

ACORN

8, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

S Medley [1853]
David Howells [1862]
James Beardmore [1863]
Frederick Coolley [1867]
William Foley [1871]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/4/1848

“William Roberts of Great Bridge will make a match to fight Sweep of Westbromwich, or Manpass of Dudley, for from £10 to £25 a side; or he will fight Shorthouse of Gospel Oak on the same terms. Money ready at the ACORN, Great Bridge.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 12/6/1853

“Thomas Chasemore of Great Bridge will run James Nichols 120 yards, if he will give two yards start, for £5 a side, or White of Dudley Port from 140 to 160 yards level for £5 a side. A match can be made on Saturday or Monday night at *S. Medley's* ACORN INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, Staffordshire.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 28/8/1853

“Thomas Cashmore of Great Bridge will run John Downes of Tipton 120 yards, for £10 or £15 a side. A match can be made any night next week at the ACORN INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Journal 7/3/1857 - Advert

“To Publicans and Others.

To be Disposed of, on or before the 25th of March next ensuing, the ACORN INN, Great Bridge.
Apply on the Premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/6/1861

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before Messrs. Jesson and Davis, Edward Wilkinson was charged with having brutally assaulted Mary, his wife. The poor woman complained of a long course of gross misconduct and neglect on the part of her husband, and stated that besides beating her in the most brutal way, he was in the habit of frequenting a disreputable public house known as the ACORN, at Great Bridge, and of spending his money in the most scandalous profligacy, while she and her children were starving at home. The Magistrates after commenting very severely upon the prisoner's conduct, sent him to prison for three months, to be kept to hard labour.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1862

“On Tuesday, at the Petty Session, Wednesbury, before J. Haines and T. Davis, Esqs, two prostitutes named Jane Daw and Emma Wilson, were charged with riotous behaviour in the ACORN yard, Great Bridge, on Monday night last. The offence was proved by Police-constable Williams who found the girls kicking at

an entry door, and creating a disturbance. During the course of the case, it appeared from the statements of the prisoners and various police officers, that three houses are situated in the ACORN yard, and the landlord of the ACORN, *David Howells*, lets out these houses as brothels, at a weekly rent of 4s each, and in addition expects his tenants to spend the greater portion of their money at his house. The brothels and the public house communicate, and after closing hours the former houses are filled with the company from the ACORN, to the annoyance of the entire neighbourhood. The landlord has been several times fined for harbouring disorderly characters. According to the statements of the prisoners, they were locked out on Monday night because they had been spending money at an adjoining public house. The prisoners were sentenced to one months' imprisonment each."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/12/1862

"Charge Of Bigamy.

At the Petty Sessions, on Saturday, before Messrs. T. Bodington and G. C. Adkins, an interesting looking young girl of seventeen, with a baby in her arms, named Jessie Walton, was brought up on remand charged with the above offence. The first witness, Elizabeth Brooks Walton, deposed that she was present at the marriage between John Walton, her husband's brother and the prisoner, at the Parish Church, Dudley, in October 1860, when the latter gave the name of Jessie *Howell* Thurstans. The next witness was the second husband, George Brooks, engineer, Gold's Green, who deposed he married prisoner at St. James's Church, Handsworth, under the name of Jessie *Howell*, on the 22nd of December, 1861. He had known the prisoner two months before he married her. He was living with her mother who keeps the ACORN beerhouse, Great Bridge. He knew that the prisoner was married before, but she told him she was properly divorced from her first husband Walton. This statement was denied. Committed to take her trial at the Assizes, but admitted to bail herself £20 and two sureties in £10 each. Mr. W. F. Travers conducted the prosecution."

Birmingham Daily Post 12/3/1863

"Staffordshire Lent Assizes.

Jessie Walton appeared to answer a charge of bigamy. The indictment charged her with feloniously intermarrying one George Brooks, her lawful husband being at the same time still alive. Mr. A. S. Hill prosecuted. The prisoner did not deny the charge but said her husband ill-treated her. She was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour."

Birmingham Daily Post 16/9/1863

"At the Police Court, yesterday, the publicans named below were fined in the sums appended for keeping their houses open during unlawful hours.....

James Beardmore, of the ACORN beerhouse, Great Bridge, for permitting two men to be drinking on his premises during prohibited hours on Sunday morning, the 30th ult, was fined 2s 6d and costs, there being no previous conviction."

Dudley Herald 27/3/1869

"William George, living in lodgings at the ACORN INN, Great Bridge out of business, previously of the PRINCE REGENT INN at Horseley Heath licensed victualler, having been adjudged bankrupt on 22nd March....."

Dudley Herald 14/1/1871 - Advert

"To be sold by auction Lot 2. a public house known as the ACORN INN, situated fronting the main road at Great Bridge with brewhouse, out offices, yard and premises included, commodious club room and cellars....."

1871 Census

8, Great Bridge – ACORN

[1] *William Foley* (28), chainmaker, born Dudley;

[2] Nancy Foley (26), wife, born Cradley Heath;

[3] Maria Foley (4), daughter, scholar, born Cradley Heath;

- [4] Emma J. Foley (2), daughter, born Cradley Heath;
- [5] Ann M. Foley (19), general servant, born Dudley;
- [6] John Holt (28), lodger, chain striker, born Dudley;
- [7] John Steele (28), lodger, chain striker, born Scotland;
- [8] Alice Foley (1), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [9] Joseph E. Foley (2 months), son, born West Bromwich:

ALBION

243, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Norton [1908]

LICENSEES

Martin [1848]
Elijah Swain [1864] – [1872]
James Norton [1881]
Enoch Penn [1891]
William Ward [] – **1892**);
George Priest (**1892** – []
William Andrews [1896]
George Dale [1900] – [1901]
William Richards [1904]
William Simpson [1908]
Mrs. Ann Bird [1908]
Amy Bird [1908]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license, including cider.

Birmingham Journal 8/1/1848

“On Monday after Christmas day a dinner was given to about sixty members of the Lodge of United Brothers, No.84, by Host *Martin*, ALBION INN, Horsely Heath, Tipton, being the seventh Christmas gift. The dinner, which consisted of substantial English fare, was served up in a manner that gave general satisfaction. On the withdrawal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, including the health of the host with three times three. The evening was spent with much harmony and enjoyment.”

Elijah Swain, beer retailer, Horseley Heath [1864], [1865]
He was described as a beerhouse keeper [1867]

1871 Census

243, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Elijah Swain* (37), miner, born Kidderminster;
- [2] Sarah Swain (32), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Ann E. Swain (12), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Emily Swain (10), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Joseph E. Swain (5), son, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 18/5/1872 - Advert

“For sale, freehold public house No.243, Horseley Heath, with brewhouse, outbuildings, yard and premises known as ALBION INN fronting the Turnpike Road from Dudley to Birmingham now in occupancy of Mr. *Elijah Swain*.”

1881 Census

243, Horseley Heath – ALBION INN

[1] *James Norton* (38), coal miner and beer seller, born West Bromwich;

[2] Sarah Norton (44), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Mary Norton (15), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] Sarah Norton (14), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[5] Samuel Norton (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Hannah Norton (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] Betsy Norton (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] Samuel Baggott (91), father-in-law, born Darlaston:

1891 Census

243, Horseley Heath – ALBION INN

[1] *Enoch Penn* (51), blacksmith and beer seller, born Deepfields;

[2] Lucy E. Penn (24), wife, bar, born Bilston;

[3] Bernard E. Penn (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] Samuel J. Penn (11 months), son, born Tipton;

[5] Gertrude J. E. Burges (25), visitor, dressmaker, born Crewe:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

“The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday..... Mr. Whitehouse applied for the renewal of the license of the ALBION beerhouse, Horseley Heath, in the name of *George Priest*, in the place of *William Ward*, a former licensee, who had been convicted of permitting drunkenness. Mr. Whitehouse said there being no objection to the character of the house which was licensed before 1860. Granted.”

William Andrews, beer retailer, 243, Horseley Heath. [1896]

George Dale, beer retailer, 243, Horseley Heath. [1900]

1901 Census

243, Horseley Heath – ALBION INN

[1] *George Dale* (57), dairyman and publican, born Tipton;

[2] Hannah Dale (63), wife, born Dudley;

[3] William Plant (37), son-in-law, plate layer, LMR Railway, born Brewood;

[4] Marian Plant (33), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Harriet Plant (31), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] William Plant (26), son-in-law, pumping engine stoker, born Tipton;

[7] Eliza Dale (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] Florence Dale (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[9] Florence Plant (11 months), grandchild, born Tipton;

[10] Alice Dale (23), daughter, born Tipton:

George Priest – see also BRITISH OAK, Dudley, ALBION, COURT HOUSE, ENGLISH OAK, BRITAN-

NIA, NAVIGATION and WATERLOO, Tipton and UNION, Coseley.

Advert 1906

“Whitbread’s Famous London Stout And India Pale Ales (In Bottles).
Large 2s 6d, Small 1s 6d, per Dozen (Delivered).
Thoroughly Matured Pure Malt Pot Still Scotch Whiskies.
Glen Spey 3s 6d. Spey Royal 4s.
Guaranteed by W. & A. Gilbey, Proprietors of these Highland Malt Distilleries.
Families Supplied With Small Casks Of Our Fine Home Brewed Ales.
Orders Receive Prompt Attention.
W. Simpson, 96, Eve Hill, Dudley, and at ALBION INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority in June 1908.

Lichfield Mercury 26/6/1908

“The principal meeting of the members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee was held at the Shirehall, Stafford. There was a full attendance of the members of the committee, Lord Hatherton presiding. The business before the committee was that of hearing and determining applications for the renewal of licenses in those cases which had been referred to the committee by the justices in petty sessions for compensation. The list contained forty public houses. There was a large attendance of barristers and solicitors, but in none of the cases were any objections raised to the reports of the justices concerning the houses referred, and the committee refused to renew the licenses in each of the forty cases which came before them. The following are the houses, the licenses of which were refused.....
ALBION, Horsely Heath, Tipton, ante-1869 beer and cider.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/6/1908 - Notice

“The Licensing Act 1904. County Of Stafford.
Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of June, 1908, to refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, All Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 20th day of July, 1908, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules 1904, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....
ALBION, 243, Horsley Heath, Tipton. Beer and Cider, ante 1869. Licensee, *Amy Bird*. Registered Owners, Joseph Norton.”

Tipton Herald 13/2/1909

“The annual licensing sessions for Tipton was held on Wednesday.....
The report of Police-superintendent Salt to the licensing justices was as follows.....
The ALBION beerhouse, Horseley Heath, and the WEARY TRAVELLER beerhouse, Owen Street, that were reported upon at the adjourned licensing meeting last year and referred for compensation have not yet been finally dealt with, and are still open.”

It closed in 1909.

Lichfield Mercury 7/1/1910

“The Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of Stafford commenced on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford.....
The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in cases referred to them in 1908.....
ALBION INN, Tipton. £420.
.....the money has been apportioned amongst the interested parties.”

By 1925 it was a clothing store.

ALBION

1, Owen Street / Albion Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Richard Nicklin [1838]
Uttoxeter Brewery Co. [1891], [1892]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1903], [1914], [1978]

LICENSEES

James Whitehouse* [1828] – [1835]
James Whitehead* [1838]
William Deakin [1841] – **1859**);
Thomas Bennett (**1859** – [1861]
James Fielding [1864] – **1871**);
William Price (**1871** – [1875]
George Littlewood [1879] – [1881]
George Henry Hall [1890]
Jane Tranter [1891]
Thomas Tranter [1892]
John Kimberley [1894] – [1896]
William Boraston [1900] – [1904]
John Henry Hobson [1908]
James Henry Hobson [1911] – [1916]
Harry Clements [1919] – **1920**);
William Robert Vowles (**1920** – **1923**);
William Charles Shaw (**1923** – **1927**);
William Henry Ford (**1927** – **1943**);
John Brown (**1943** – **1954**)
Josiah Holmes (**1954** – **1958**);
Leslie Arthur Berrow (**1958** – **1959**);
Albert James Dunkley (**1959** – **1961**);
Kenneth Joseph Worsley (**1961** – **1964**);
Harold 'Hal' Cartwright (**1964** – [1966]

NOTES

It stood opposite to Chatwin's Iron Foundry.

ALBION COMMERCIAL INN [1850], [1860]
ALBION HOTEL [1894], [1896], [1904], [1911]

James Whitehouse = James Whitehead

* probably the same person

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/10/1838 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold And Leasehold Properties In The Parish Of Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, By Mr. Jesse Wright, At the LION INN, Tipton, on Monday, the 12th day of November, 1838, precisely at three o’clock in the afternoon (by direction of the devisees in trust of the late Mr. Nicklin, being part of the property devised by his will for sale), subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced.....

Lot 3. All that substantially and modern-built Messuage, known as the ALBION INN, situate in Owen Street, Tipton, and now in the occupation of Mr. *James Whitehead*, comprising cellarage under the whole of the premises, front and back kitchens, entrance hall, parlour, bar, spacious club-room with suitable chambers, enclosed yard, brewery, stable for seven horses, and store room over the same, pump of excellent water, piggeries, and every convenience for carrying on an extensive business.....”

Black Country Bugle

“*James Whitehouse*, who owned the ALBION was an early backer of William Perry, The Tipton Slasher. The publican was quite a wealthy man, by local standards, owning a 35 acre farm in addition to his public house.”

William Deakin = William Deaking

1841 Census

Owen Street

[1] *William Deakin* (30), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Deakin* (30), wife, born Staffordshire;

[3] *John Deakin* (4), son, born Staffordshire:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 14/11/1841

“Perry, alias Slasher, will accept the challenge of the Liverpool Black, for £25 or £50 a side. His money is ready at the ALBION INN, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/12/1841

“William Perry, alias the Tipton Slasher, states, that not receiving any reply from the Black, after accepting his challenge, he wishes to understand that his money is always ready at the ALBION INN, Tipton, to make the match, for £25 or £50 a side. If the Black does not come to scratch he is ready to enter into articles with Charles Langan of Liverpool, or Brassey, of Bradford, for £25 a side.”

Birmingham Journal 29/1/1848

“The annual ball took place on Tuesday evening, at the ALBION COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Owen Street, which was numerously attended by a highly respectable company from the surrounding neighbourhood. Upwards of one hundred were present, all of whom appeared to much enjoy the amusements of the evening. Dancing was kept up with much spirit until six o’clock the next morning. A very agreeable interval in the evening’s enjoyment was created by a sumptuous supper, which reflected great credit on the worthy host and hostess.”

Birmingham Journal 12/5/1849 - Advert

“New Meeting House, Waterloo Street, Tipton.

The Corner Stone of the above Place of Worship, for Mr. Silas Henn, will be laid on Monday next, May 14th, at three o’clock in the afternoon, by Thomas Eyre Lee, Esq, of Birmingham.

The Committee, Ministers, and Friends will meet at the Assembly Room of the ALBION INN, Owen Street, at two o’clock pm precisely, and form a procession to accompany Mr. Lee to the ground.

The Rev. Hugh Hutton, M.A., of Birmingham; the Rev. Stephenson Hunter, of Wolverhampton; the Rev. John Palmer, A.B., of Dudley; Mr. Silas Henn, of Tipton; and other Minsters and Friends are expected to

attend and take part in the proceedings.

After which, a tea party will be held at the above mentioned room. Tea to be taken at five o'clock. Tickets 1s each, to be had of Mr. Silas Henn; Mr. W. Brooks, Solicitor, Dudley; and at the Doors of the Meeting. The Ministers and other Friends will during the evening address the Meeting.

W. H. Brooke, Honorary Secretary.

Dudley, 12th May, 1849."

Birmingham Journal 5/1/1850 - Advert

"Annual Ball, Tipton.

ALBION COMMERCIAL INN.

Mr. *William Deakin* begs to inform his numerous Friends that the Annual Ball will take place on Tuesday, the 8th of January, 1850."

1851 Census

Owen Street

- [1] *William Deakin* (40), licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Mary Deakin* (41), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Deakin* (9), son, scholar, born Trench Farm, Shropshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Round* (8), niece, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Lydia Nicklin* (18), barmaid, born Coseley;
- [6] *Hannah Reynolds* (24), housemaid, born Clay Hill, Shropshire;
- [7] *William Goodhead* (52), brewer, born Burton on Trent;
- [8] *John Dace* (45), ostler, born Bloxwich:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/11/1853

"W. Perry says he will be at the ALBION INN, Tipton, on Monday next, with Mon-Beck, the strongest man in the world, and that he (Perry) is ready to fight any man in the world for £200 a side."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/2/1854

"Bill Perry (the Tipton Slasher) now Champion of England, takes a benefit at the ALBION INN, Tipton, on Monday week, when the Tipton brass band will attend. Perry and Tass Parker will wind up the sports."

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

"The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

William Deakin, ALBION INN, Tipton, cautioned."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/8/1858

"The brooch colliers of Tipton, Great Bridge, and Dudley Port, who have been on strike during the last month, met in the large Assembly Room at Mr. *Deakin's* ALBION INN, Tipton, on Tuesday evening to consider the strike. The room was filled with colliers who discussed their grievances in a peaceable manner. They contended that the price of brooch coal is too high to demand any reduction in the price of their labour, and as it is a house coal as much in demand as any other, all the year round, a resolution was passed to stand out another month....."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

"The usual meeting for the examination and passing of victuallers' old licenses was held on Tuesday.....

These parties had been for the offences noted fined since the last annual licensing day.....

William Deakin, ALBION INN, Tipton, open after hours on a Sunday, fined 40s and costs.....

These parties were generally admonished or cautioned by the Magistrates."

Birmingham Journal 19/3/1859 - Advert

“To Innkeepers, Brokers, and Others.

Unreserved Sale at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton.

By Hill and Scott, on Monday Next, commencing punctually at Eleven o'clock in the morning, consisting of Household Furniture, Fixtures, Brewing Utensils, excellent 4-pull Beer Machine, modern-built Car, a very useful Brown Mare, 15½ hand high, and numerous other Effects.

Auctioneer's Offices, 3, Minories, Birmingham, and High Park, Smethwick.”

Birmingham Journal 30/4/1859 - Advert

“For Sale, Two Copper Boilers with Taps complete, 200 and 150 Gallons, with lead Pump ditto; One large Mashing and Gathering Tub, and four Vats, in good condition.

Apply at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Thomas Bennett = Thomas Bennitt

1861 Census

Owen Street – ALBION

[1] *Thomas Bennett* (54), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Eliza Bennett (49), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Emma Bennett (27), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Eliza Bennett (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Joseph Bennett (21), son, writing clerk, born Tipton;

[6] Mary Bennett (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] James Bennett (34), brother, moulder, born Tipton;

[8] Joshua Hornblower (42), visitor, registrar of birth and death, born Bromsgrove;

[9] Hannah M. H. Hornblower (39), visitor, born Belbroughton;

[10] Sarah Thomas (22), house servant, born Bristol:

James Fielding issued tokens from here.

Birmingham Daily Post 17/4/1869 - Advert

“The ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton, in the principal street, near the Railway Station, and brewing about 1,000 bushels yearly, with a large sale of Spirits. In-coming about £300.

Apply Roderick and Son.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 1/12/1869 - Advert

“Sales This Day.

By Powell and Son, at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton. This Day, at 5pm – Mineral Estate, Building Land, Canal Wharves, Dwelling-Houses, and Premises, at Tipton.”

AND

“Notice.

The Seven Lots of Land, Boiler Works, and Wharf, adjoining to and on the north-east side of the Tipton Railway Station, advertised to be Sold at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton, This Day (Wednesday), the 1st of December, are Withdrawn from the Sale. The Other Lots Will Be Sold, as advertised.

Powell and Son, Auctioneers.

Tipton, November 29th, 1869.”

Dudley Herald 8/1/1870

“Edward Hayes, a man residing in Coppice Street was charged with assaulting *James Fielding* the landlord of the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton fined 40s and costs or sentenced in default to 2 months hard labour.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/6/1870

“The Fatal Accident At Tipton Railway Station.

Yesterday morning Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, upon the body of Benjamin Cox, aged sixty, a gateman, in the employ of the London and North-Western Railway Company, at the above station. It was shown in evidence that Cox, after shutting the gate at the level crossing, on Friday night to allow the eleven o'clock mail to pass, turned round to speak for a second or two to the driver of a goods train, and that whilst so engaged the engine of the fast train struck him. His remains were found seventy-five yards from the spot where he stood talking to his friend. As stated yesterday, the body was shockingly mutilated. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Post 28/6/1870

"On Saturday night, at ten o'clock, a meeting of railway porters, book carriers, carters, and deliverymen in the Dudley and Tipton districts was held in the Temperance Hall, Stone Street, Dudley, in order to further the agitation for shorter hours and better pay.....

Last night a similar meeting was held at Tipton, at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, when Deepfields, Tipton, Dudley, Smethwick, and other places were represented."

1871 Census

1, Owen Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *William Price* (52), licensed victualler, born Barrow, North Wales;
- [2] *Mary Price* (48), wife, born Weymouth;
- [3] *Fanny Price* (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Price* (10), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Charles L. Price* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Herbert Burgoyne* (19), servant, born Lingin [Lingen?], Herefordshire;
- [7] *Mary Elizabeth Marshall* (16), servant, born Sedgley;
- [8] *William Kingham* (18), servant, born Abbots Bromley;
- [9] *Thomas Brown Jones* (52), lodger, draper, born Dawson, Herefordshire;
- [10] *Harriet Jones* (37), lodger, draper, born Farnsley, Northamptonshire;
- [11] *Thomas Townsend* (18), lodger, draper's assistant, born Aldgate, London:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/1871

"Yesterday morning, a meeting of colliery delegates was held at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, to hear an address from Mr. Thomas Halliday, the president of the Amalgamated Association of Miners. There was a fair attendance. After the chairman had been selected, Mr. Halliday pointed out that lately wages in the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire districts had improved – a state of things which was partly due to the union, among other colliers in various parts of the kingdom....."

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/3/1872

"William Beard, of Tipton, was fined 40s and costs for being drunk and refusing to quit the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton, when requested by the landlord, *William Price*; assaulting *Price* and also assaulting the police-officer who took him into custody."

William Price was also a contractor. [1874]

Birmingham Daily Post 25/11/1874

"*William Price*, landlord of the ALBION INN, Owen Street, was charged with being drunk, and with permitting drunkenness. After it was shown that the defendant was drunk and noisy in his own house, Mr. Stokes, who defended, urged that the case only called for a nominal fine, inasmuch as the defendant had been for many nights attending on a sick wife – since dead – and that a very little drink overcame him. The Bench held that the landlord of a public house should always have control of the place, and fined the defendant 20s and costs. The other charge was withdrawn."

Dudley Guardian 9/1/1875 - Advert

"In Liquidation. Re *William Price*, Innkeeper, ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton.

Unreserved Sale, on Tuesday, January 12, 1875.

To Innkeepers, Brokers, Private Families, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent (by order of the Trustees), on Tuesday, January the 12th, 1875, the Stock of Wines and Spirits, Public-house Utensils, Brewing Plant, and well-seasoned Hogshead Casks, &c, Household Furniture, Bed Linen, Piano-forte, &c. The Stock comprises two cases Champagne, Brandy, Rum, Gin, Sherry, Claret, Gingerette, Fresh Ale, Porter, Cider, Perry, and 17 Boxes well-seasoned Cigars, Six-pull Beer Machine, Seven-pull Spirit Fountain, Measures, Cups, Jugs, Glasses, &c.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock prompt.

Catalogues may be had at the Offices of Messrs. Lomas, Harrison, and Starkey, Accountants, Cannon Street, Birmingham; Mr. David Shaw, Accountant, Pierpont Street, Worcester; or the Auctioneer, No.205, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

Dudley Herald 7/6/1879 - Advert

“ALBION Brewery, Tipton.

George Littlewood, Ale And Porter Brewer, is now supplying Ales, Porters, and Stouts of excellent quality at the following prices, inclusive of delivery.

Current Price List.

Strong XXXX Ale..... 1s 8d Per Gallon.

Strong ‘A1’ Ale..... 1s 6d Per Gallon.

XXX Ale..... 1s 4s Per Gallon.

XX Ale..... 1s 2d Per Gallon.

X Ale..... 1s 0d Per Gallon.

Bitter Beer..... 1s 8d Per Gallon.

Ditto..... 1s 6d Per Gallon.

Stout..... 1s 4d Per Gallon.

Double Stout..... 1s 6d Per Gallon.

The above Ales and Stout are now in Perfection.”

Dudley and District News 12/3/1881

“William Bartlett was charged with assaulting Richard Rushton.

George Littlewood, landlord of the ALBION INN, Tipton, said complainant was doorkeeper of the clubroom at his house. On Saturday night, the 26th of February, defendant tried to force his way into the room, but was prevented by the doorkeeper, and thereupon struggled with the latter.

Defendant’s wife, who appeared for him, stated that her husband was in the room, and came out to take her in, when the doorkeeper refused to let him pass.

The complainant Rushton denied this, stating that the defendant wished to take three more men in without them paying the threepence charged for admission.

The Bench, considering the case proved, fined defendant 2s 6d and costs, or seven days’ imprisonment.”

1881 Census

1, Owen Street – ALBION INN

[1] *George Littlewood* (63), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] Clara A. Littlewood (45), wife, born Ladymore, Worcestershire;

[3] Maria Allport (15), general servant:

Birmingham Daily Post 4/6/1890

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, *George Henry Hall*, ALBION INN, Owen Street, was summoned for selling during prohibited hours. It seemed the party that had been brought together to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the landlady and of her daughter also, and the defendant had incautiously made guests of two of his customers who were in the house before closing time. *Hall* was fined 10s and costs.

Albert Jackson and Thomas Jervis, the two customers, were fined 1s each and costs; and the invited guests discharged.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/11/1890

“At Bilston Police Court, yesterday, *Henry Hall*, landlord of the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton was fined 10s and costs for drunkenness.”

There was a fire here on the evening of 26th March 1891, but only the curtains were destroyed. This was only Tipton Fire Brigade’s third call-out.

1891 Census

1, Owen Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *Thomas Tranter* (41), widower, carpenter, born Wombourne;
- [2] *Jane Tranter* (22), daughter, manageress of public house, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Tranter* (20), son, carpenter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Harry Tranter* (19), son, painter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Fred Tranter* (17), son, pavier, born Tipton;
- [6] *Sam Tranter* (15), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Annie Tranter* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Rupert Tranter* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Lucy Tranter* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] *Agnes Tranter* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [11] *Thomas Tranter* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [12] *Emma Tranter* (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [13] *Lizzie Tranter* (3), daughter, scholar, born Smethwick;
- [14] *Ann Wilde* (22), general servant, born Gornal:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/6/1892 - Advert

“To Let. Fully-licensed House, known as the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton.
Apply to Uttoxeter Brewery (Limited), Uttoxeter.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

“The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday.....
Thomas Tranter, the ALBION INN, Owen Street, applied for the renewal of his license, which was withheld because of his having been convicted in May for permitting gaming on his premises. Mr. W. S. Smith supported the application. Mr. Whitehouse appeared for the landlord, and Mr. Shakespeare, jun., for the lessees, the Uttoxeter Brewery Company, the last named stating that arrangements had been made for the transfer of the house to a tenant. Granted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/6/1894

“*Ruth Jones*, Tipton, a young woman who carried an infant in her arms, was convicted of stealing from the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton, various articles of wearing apparel, the property of *John Kimberley*, keeper of the house, and *Clara Johnson*, one of his servants. She was sentenced to seven days’ imprisonment.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/9/1896

“On Saturday M. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BURTON INN relative to the death of *Alice Elizabeth Hasdell*, aged six weeks, daughter of *Thomas Hasdell*, miner, Workhouse Lane, who had been found dead in bed. Mr. *John Kimberley*, licensed victualler, [ALBION] Owen Street, one of the jurymen, failed to attend the enquiry at the appointed time. The Coroner fined him £5 and instructed Police-constable *Wheatley* to obtain another juror. In the case under notice a verdict of Natural Causes was returned, as also in the case of another child found dead in bed with its mother.”

William Boraston = *William Burraston*

1901 Census

1, Owen Street

- [1] *William Boraston* (38), public house manager, born Bewdley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Boraston* (34), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Elsie F. Boraston* (8), daughter, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Harry Boraston* (4), son, born Wall Heath;
- [5] *Leonard Boraston* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Martha Creswell* (20), general servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Jane Creswell* (12), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 23/11/1901

“No small consternation was caused in Tipton Green on Saturday night when it became known that two of the daughters of Mr. Joseph Frost, of the lock house, off Union Street, Tipton, had been found drowned in the Birmingham Canal near their own home. All sorts of rumours were at once afloat, and as a dense fog was prevailing at the time it was with difficulty that the real facts of the case could be ascertained. It appears the two girls, Winifred (19), and Elizabeth (21), left home at 6.30 for the ostensible purpose of selling tickets for a Unionist concert and meeting. They made one or two calls in Union Street, the last place being the residence of PC Clamp, which they left about five minutes past seven in the evening. Mrs. Clamp tried to induce the girls to stay for a time, as the fog then prevailing was at its densest. This the younger sister was willing to do, but the elder insisted upon returning home. From this place to the canal is only a few yards, and their home, which stands on the side of the canal in Queens Road, and in close proximity to the locks, necessitated their going along the side of the canal the whole of the way home, which, from the last calling place, could not be more than from five to seven minutes’ walk. The girls, who had lived in their present home from birth, and knew every inch of the road, appeared not to have the least inkling of fear or danger, notwithstanding that Mrs. Clamp pointed out the danger of proceeding home at that juncture. A few minutes after leaving the last-named place, a lock-keeper, who was fastening up the locks for the night, heard a splash in the water, and at once raised an alarm, and a man named Bert Didlock, who resides near, took hold of the lamp that happened to be at hand, and made off to the spot. Together they succeeded in rescuing the two girls, although it was not until some little time after taking the first one from the water that a search for the second was made. PC Clamp rendered valuable assistance in the work of rescue, and also in conveying the bodies home, which was only some 100 yards distant. Crowds of people thronged the canal side and the vicinity of the bridge near by, and it was with difficulty that further casualties were prevented, Mr. Didlock himself having a narrow escape from falling into the water during the work of rescue. Naturally enough the calamity was a great shock to the parents, the mother especially, who has been an invalid for years, and confined to her bed for weeks. Curiously enough the fog cleared soon after the bodies were conveyed home. The scene of the disaster was visited by thousands of people on Sunday, and great sympathy is felt for the parents, who have resided in the same house for nearly 30 years, during which time Mr. Frost has been, and still is, a lock-keeper in the employ of the Birmingham Canal Company. Reference to the sad event was made at most of the places of worship on Sunday.

The inquest was held by Mr. H. A. Pearson (Coroner), at the ALBION INN on Tuesday (noon). Inspector Given, of the Tipton police, was present at the inquiry.

Mr. Joseph Frost, father of the deceased girls, was the first witness. He said he was a toll clerk in the employ of the Birmingham Canal Company, and resided at the lock house, Canal Side. The bodies which the jury-men had seen were those of his two daughters, Elizabeth aged 21 and Winifred 19. The former was a school teacher and the latter was in the employ of Messrs. Palethorpe, Ltd, Dudley Port, having started there about a month ago. About 6 o’clock on Saturday night he sent the girls on an errand, both then being in good health and spirits. About a quarter past seven the same evening William Evans, another lock keeper, came to witness’s home and said he had heard someone screaming, as though they were in the water, and asked witness to accompany him to the spot, which he did with a lamp and rake. On reaching the place where the screams were heard, viz, Howl’s Place, Evans searched and found the body of Elizabeth floating on the water. Witness did not help to pull her out, but she was laid on the side of the canal, and witness sent for the police, and PC Clamp at once went and rendered assistance. She was dead when taken from the water.

The Coroner: Is it a fact that you have often saved people from drowning?

Witness: Yes, sir; about 30.

The Coroner: And what is your impression as to how they got into the water?

Witness said he was under the impression that they were so much used to the water and the canal side, and were so certain that they were on the right path, that one's foot must have slipped and she fell in, and the other tried to rescue her and fell in also.

Inspector Given: Were they accustomed to walk arm in arm together?

Witness: I could not say.

In reply to the Coroner, witness was sure death was not due to their act.

Mr. Lyons (foreman) asked if the Canal Company were represented.

The Coroner: No.

Mr. Lyons: Is Howl's Place a public road?

Witness: No, it is not, but the girls could not get home without passing along the canal side.

Mr. Lyons: But would not that make it a public road?

A Juror: It is a private road.

Mr. Lyons: There are several houses in Howl's Place. Would it not be a public road to Mr. Tranter's house?

Witness: Mr. Tranter pays acknowledgement for the use of the way.

The Coroner: Why did you ask that, Mr. Lyons?

Mr. Lyons: If it was a public road we were wondering if the Canal Company ought not to protect the public from the water.

The Coroner: How is it to be done?

Mr. Lyons: At the top of Owen Street the canal is protected by a wall, and I think the same thing might be done with advantage there.

The Coroner: Anything you like to recommend I will forward to the Canal Company.

William Evans was the next witness called. He was a lock-keeper, of Rifle Row, and between 7.15 and 7.30 he heard cries proceeding from the canal near Howl's Place, and he at once went to Mr. Frost's home for help. Together they went to the spot from which the cries had proceeded, and by the aid of a lamp and rake, witness succeeded in pulling the body of Elizabeth out of the canal. She was quite dead. PC Ogden then came upon the scene, and they searched till about 8.15, when they found the body of Winifred. PC Ogden tried to restore animation, but without avail. Dr. H. Smith came upon the scene and pronounced life extinct.

Mr. Lyons: Was there a man named Collins there, who also tried to restore animation?

Witness: Yes, sir.

Mr. Lyons: I think everything that was possible was done.

Police constable G. R. Ogden was the next witness. He was called to the spot about 7.45 on the night in question, and there saw the dead body of Elizabeth lying on the towing path of the canal. PC Clamp was there also, and he informed witness that there was another sister missing. After searching for some time he saw something floating in the middle of the water, and by the aid of the rake he drew the body of Winifred out. He tried Silvester's and also Johnson's methods of artificial respiration, but without avail. Dr. Smith came and said she was dead. Witness afterwards conveyed the bodies home.

In reply to Mr. Lyons, witness said Mr. Collins, a member of the St. John's Ambulance, was present at the time, and did all he could.

PC H. Clamp was next called. He said about 7.30 he was sent for by Mr. Frost to the canalside, where he found the dead body of Elizabeth lying on the towing path. Witness at once sent to PC Ogden's for help, and on the latter arriving, Mr. Frost asked witness to go and break the news to his (Frost's) wife. On this errand Mr. Frost himself accompanied him. He remained at the last-named place until both bodies were brought home.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said the two deceased girls called at his house about five or ten minutes past seven, and sold a ticket for a concert which was to have been held on Thursday in the Parish Room, Canal Street, and as far as he had been able to gather, that was their last calling place before the fatality.

Emma Smith, Queens Road, wife of Henry Smith, said she was in Frost's about a quarter to eight on Saturday night last. About three quarters of an hour afterwards the dead bodies of the sisters in question were brought in, and she laid them out. They were strong healthy girls. She examined them and found no marks of violence. There was a slight scratch on Winifred's forehead.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. Frost said the deceased girls could not swim.

The Coroner said it was a most distressing thing to find two girls cut off in the prime of life by such an unforeseen accident. It seemed a strange irony of fate, that a man who had saved so many from drowning should have had his own daughters drowned without in any way being able to save them. Still, it was their duty to say how they came by their deaths. It was a foggy night, and shortly after they left their last calling place screams were heard, and they met with their death. They all sympathised with the father and mother in the loss they had sustained. They were highly respected, and well known in the locality, and to the jury. Mr. Lyons said the verdict of the jury was Accidentally Drowned in each case. He was requested by the jury to express their sincere sympathy with the bereaved family in their great loss, which was all the more painful from the fact that they were so well known to all of them, their name being a household word in the district. The father was also well known and respected, and they wished to express their sympathy with him and the family in their terrible loss. This the Coroner conveyed to the bereaved father.”

Tipton Herald 18/4/1903

“The annual dinner of the Tipton Police was held on Tuesday night at the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton. A capital repast was served up by the Host and Hostess *Burraston*. About 30 sat down.....”

Tipton Herald 9/10/1909

“A meeting of the members of all branches of the licensed trade in the licensing area of Tipton was held on Thursday evening at the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton, under the auspices of the Tipton Licensed Victuallers’ Society. Mr. Hamilton Day (president) presided, and among those present were Mr. J. Norton Griffiths (prospective Unionist candidate), Mr. Leonard Foster, JP (chairman of the society), Messrs. R. H. Fitzsimons, J. W. Berney, Charles Round, H. Lawrence Levy, E. J. Thompson (Dudley), W. A. Foster, H. Reynolds, W. E. Griffiths (secretary), &c.

The Chairman urged upon all licensed victuallers to sink minor differences, and unite in destroying this Socialist Government. It was a Government which, by the introduction of a cruel Licensing Bill, and later, by a revengeful and spiteful Budget, had tried its best to wipe the trade out of existence.....”

1911 Census

1, Owen Street

- [1] *James Henry Hobson* (29), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Alice Maud Hobson* (28), wife, married 5 years, assisting in business, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Gladys Priscilla Hobson* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *James Hobson* (67), father, widower, retired licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Lois Leah Lee* (22), bar general, born Brades Village;
- [6] *Sarah Paston* (19), general servant, born Great Bridge:

Birmingham Mail 23/5/1914 - Advert

“Barman (23 or over) Wanted; must have good references; ‘M and B’s ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton.”

South Staffordshire Times 26/11/1921

“The Tipton Fanciers’ Society held their 11th members’ show on Saturday, at their headquarters, the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton. No less than 177 entries were staged, the exhibits being of good quality.....”

South Staffordshire Times 8/12/1923

“Tipton Fanciers held their annual members’ show on Saturday, at the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton. It was the best patronised show since the society was formed. Mr. C. Craddock, of Cannock, judged the bantams, rabbits, and fancy pigeons; Mr. S. Buckley, of Small Heath, the working homer classes; and Captain Thompson, of Moxley, the utility section.....”

South Staffordshire Times 1/3/1924

“Mr. *Shaw*, licensee of the ALBION HOTEL, was granted an hour’s extension for the night of March 3rd, on the occasion of an R.A.O.B dinner. The extension was granted conditional to the fact that no others than the R.A.O.B. guests should be on the premises.”

South Staffordshire Times 5/4/1924

“R.A.O.B. At the Cameron Lodge, held at the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Bros. W. Monty and Reeves were raised to the second degree (that of primo), with all the ancient ceremonies, and in the presence of about 50 members of the G.L.E. of the R.A.O.B.”

South Staffordshire Times 19/7/1924

“Tipton Fanciers’ Society held their annual outing to Kenilworth Poultry Farm on Saturday, July 12th. This poultry farm is 22½ acres. The company set off from the ALBION HOTEL, headquarters, at 2.15pm.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 11/10/1924

“Tipton Fanciers. The eighteenth members’ show was held on Saturday last at the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton.....”

Dudley Herald 11/4/1925

“Tipton Harriers annual dinner here.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 26/9/1925

“The 21st members’ show in connection with the Tipton Fanciers’ Society was held at the ALBION HOTEL, Owen Street, Tipton, on Saturday last. For a young stock show entries were not quite as large as usual.....”

Hal Cartwright was a featherweight boxer in the 1930s and 1940s.

See also BEEHIVE.

1939 Register

1, Owen Street – ALBION

[1] *William Henry Ford*, date of birth, 04/10/1895, hotel manager, auxiliary fire service, married;

[2] Lily Beatrice Ford, dob, 22/02/1902, hotel manageress, married;

[3] Lily Irene (Ford) Woodroffe, dob, 15/12/1924, hairdresser, single;

[4] Annie Dorothy (Morgan) Sheldon, dob, 30/04/1905, barmaid, single:

A team from here competed in the Shropshire, Staffordshire and Derby division of The People National Darts Teams Championship of England and Wales in 1952/3.

John Brown was married to Mary.

They retired in 1954.

Tipton Herald 21/1/1956

“Subscribed for by former workers, a wristlet watch was presented on Friday of last week, at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton, to Mr. R. W. Blackett, who has just retired from the post of station master at Owen Street station, a position he has held for the last 14 years.

The presentation was made by Mr. Ted Moore, ex-chief foreman of the goods department.

Now aged 61, Mr. Blackett has been connected with railway life for over 43 years.....”

Albert James Dunkley – see also WHITE SWAN, West Bromwich.

It closed in 1978.

It was demolished in the early 1980s.

ALBION

21, (3), (2), (2a), Tividale Road / Danks Street, **Burnt Tree**, TIPTON

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Co., Warrington and Burton on Trent
Frederick Smith Ltd. [1920]
William Butler & Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

James Oliver [1881]
Benjamin Hollies [1891]
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Davidson [1899]
William T Mallin [1901]
William James Pagett [1903]– [1911]
Matilda Pagett [1919] – **1920**);
Herbert Edwards (**1920 – 1921**);
Alfred Bill (**1921 – 1922**);
John Samuel Walter Sidney Foley (**1922 – 1934**);
Edward Lawson (**1934 – 1954**);
Arthur Edward Evans (**1954**);
John Thomas Ratcliffe (**1954 – 1959**);
Alfred Smith (**1959** – []
John Braden [1986]
P Herbert [1993]

NOTES

2, Tividale Road [1881]
2a, Tividale Road [1901]
3, Tividale Road [1911], [1940]
21, Tividale Road [1990], [1993], [1996]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

2, Tividale Road – ALBION INN

- [1] *James Oliver* (57), millwright and beer seller, born Kidderminster;
- [2] Emma Oliver (51), wife, born Nottingham;
- [3] Agnes Jane Oliver (26), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] James Oliver (19), son, surveyor, born Tipton;
- [5] George Alfred Oliver (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Ernest M. Oliver (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Sarah Whitehouse (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Benjamin Hollies = Benjamin Hollis
See also ASH TREE, Tividale, Oldbury.

1891 Census

Tividale Road – ALBION INN

- [1] *Benjamin Hollies* (49), ball furnaceman, born Tipton;
- [2] Rachael Hollies (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Mary J. Hollies (18), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Hollies (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] William H. Hollies (10), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Lily L. Hollies (6), daughter, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1899

“Licensing Sessions. This was the annual licensing sessions for Wednesbury (County).....

The renewal of the following licenses was ordered to be considered at the adjourned sessions on objections from the police.....

ALBION INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 27/9/1899

“Wednesbury County Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. Plant (Dudley) appeared for *Mary Elizabeth Davidson*, of the ALBION beerhouse, Tividale Road, Burnt Tree, Tipton, the widow of George Davidson, the well-known Derbyshire cricketer, whose renewal was objected to by the police on the grounds that the license was not required, that the house was of a disorderly nature, that on August 8th, 1899, applicant was convicted of permitting drunkenness and fined 20s and costs, and that she had failed to produce satisfactory evidence of good character. In answer to Mr. Plant, Inspector Johnson stated that since the conviction the police had no complaints to make about the way the house had been conducted License renewed.”

1901 Census

2a, Tividale Road

- [1] *William T. Mallin* (38), publican, born Market Drayton, Shropshire;
- [2] Eliza Mallin (38), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Harry Turton (4), nephew, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Elizabeth Duffield (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 28/11/1903

“Wm. Cooper, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, was charged with stealing seven bottles of stout, value 1s 5d, the property of *Wm. Pagett*, landlord of the ALBION INN, Tividale Road, on November 21st.

William Pagett stated that on November 20th he put a case of stout containing two dozen bottles in the brewhouse. He afterwards sold one dozen from the case. Mrs. Hillman shortly afterwards came and brought three bottles of stout and made a communication in consequence of which he went and examined the case, finding that seven bottles were gone.

James Hillman, ironworker, Burnt Tree, stated that he saw defendant coming out of the Albion Yard on November 21st, with some bottles of stout in his arms. Witness asked him what he had got, and he said, ‘Some stout; here, you have some.’ Defendant gave him three bottles, which he took in the house, but thinking it had not come by fair means sent them to the prosecutor.

PC Egan charged the defendant with the theft, and he replied, ‘I don’t know what made me do it.’

Defendant said he had had too much beer, and did not know what he was doing.

Fined 10s. and costs, or fourteen days.”

William Pagett, beer retailer, 2, Tividale Road. [1904]

1911 Census

3, Tividale Road

[1] *William Pagett* (57), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;

[2] *Matilda Pagett* (57), wife, married 36 years, born Great Bridge;

[3] *Violet Pagett* (25), daughter, assists mistress, born Tipton;

[4] *Annie Pagett* (23), daughter, born Tipton:

Alfred Bill – see also MODEL, Oldbury.

John Samuel Walter Sidney Foley – see also VICTORIA, Old Hill, Rowley Regis.

Alterations were made in 1928.

Edward Lawson = Edward Lawton

The Tividale and District Darts League (founded in 1950) had its headquarters here. [1952]

A full license was confirmed on 24th April 1952.

Tipton Herald 5/5/1956

“Shortly after finishing playing at a pre-wedding celebration at the ALBION INN, Tividale Road, Burnt Tree, a Dudley pianist was butted and kicked in the face, had his nose broken and a stitch had to be inserted into his left eye-brow.

The pianist, John Clifford Bond, of 28, Woodsorrel Road, Dudley, told this to Tipton magistrates on Tuesday when two brothers, Thomas Derek Harper (28), 81, Stafford Street, Dudley, and Arthur Harper (22), of 12, Wrens Nest Road, Dudley, pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Thomas Harper also pleaded guilty to causing wilful damage to a leaded light window valued £4 1s 4d and in company with his brother both men pleaded guilty to causing damage to seven glasses valued at 9s.

The licensee of the public house, *John Thomas Ratcliffe*, said he saw Arthur Harper, who was to be married the following day, approach Bond. The next thing he knew there was a fight. Bond was seized by the throat and butted in the face. Glasses were knocked off the counter and stools overturned in the scuffle.

A glass window in the door was broken by Derek Harper who tried to get back in to help his brother after having been ejected by the licensee.

In court Derek Harper said, ‘The only explanation I can give is that I had too much to drink.’

Arthur Harper had nothing to say.

Derek Harper was fined £5 with 8s witnesses expenses for occasioning actual bodily harm, £1 for breaking the window and ordered to pay £4 1s 4d cost of replacement, and £1 fine with 4s 6d restitution for breaking the glasses, a total of £11 13s 10d.

Arthur Harper was fined a total of £6 12s 6d, £5 for occasioning actual bodily harm plus 8s witnesses expenses and £1 with 4s 6d restitution for breaking the glasses.”

Tipton Herald 6/4/1957

“Since its re-formation in 1950, the ALBION INN, Tividale Road, Tipton, darts club have won all the five major awards in the Tividale and District Darts League. At the club’s annual dinner on Thursday members celebrated their winning, during the past season, of the Pearson Cup and the League Challenge Cup, gained in competitions open to all clubs in the league. Forty-eight people, including players and their wives, were present at the dinner. Guest of honour was 77-years-old Mr. Sidney Price, who has used the ALBION INN for 54 years.”

London Gazette 4/4/1986

“*Braden, John*, unemployed previously residing at and trading from the ALBION INN, Tividale Road as a Tenant Publican Date of First Meeting 29th April, 1986.....”

[2018]

ANCHOR

223, Dudley Port, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd.

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Benjamin Blewitt [1828] – [1834]

James Brookes []

Ezekiel Pershouse [1835] – **1854**);

John Hewett Burgess (**1854 – 1863**);

Benjamin Cole (**1863 – 1864**);

Dudley Hancox (**1864 – 1869**);

Ann Cox [1865] ?

Joseph Hadley (**1869** – [1874]

Allen Wilson [] – **1881**)

Albert Ashmead [1891] – [1892]

William Bird [1895] – [1896]

Mrs. Harriet Poole [1900]

William George Poole [1901]

Ebenezer David Barrett [1904] – [1908]

William Sherwood [1911] – [1912]

John Albert Nuttall [1916]

John Alma Nuttall [1919] – **1922**);

Thomas Green (**1922 – 1928**);

Henry Jeens (**1928 – 1931**);

Thomas Healey (**1931 – 1956**);

Harold Foster (**1956 – 1957**);

Harold Barnett (**1957 – 1958**);

Ronald Walton (**1958 – 1960**);

Gilbert Swatman (**1960 – 1961**);

John Arthur Small (**1961 – 1964**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 14/3/1831 - Advert

“Freehold Messuages At Dudley Port.

To be Sold by Auction, by Griffin and Marsh, on Friday the 18th of March instant, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Blewitt*, Victualler, Dudley Port, in such lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of sale.....”

Ezekiel Pershouse = Ezekiel Purshouse

1841 Census

Dudley Port

[1] *Ezekiel Purshouse* (40), miner and publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Purshouse (40), born Staffordshire;

[3] David Herbert (15), ap, born Staffordshire;

[4] John Parkes (15), ap, born Staffordshire;

[5] Joseph Wright (13), ap, born Staffordshire;

[6] Sarah Lena Smallwood (15);

[7] Hannah Parkes (45), fs, born Staffordshire:

Birmingham Journal 18/6/1845

“An inquest was held on Thursday, at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, on the body of a little girl named Elizabeth Lego, nine years of age, whose death was caused by her clothes taking fire on the previous Monday. It appeared from the evidence of Mr. G. Plant, ironmaster, that the child was carrying a shovelful of fire from the furnaces, when by some accident her clothes caught fire, and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. Her screams speedily brought assistance, but the poor sufferer lingered in great agony until the following morning, when death put an end to her sufferings. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Journal 27/9/1845

“An inquest was held on Saturday last, at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Joseph Andrews, a boy aged twelve years, who was killed by falling down a coal pit, on the day before. It appeared that he worked at Mr. Hopkins’s pit, on the bank, and on the day in question he was sent to fetch a scraper, at another part of the works. Having to pass by the mouth of the pit, it is supposed that he incautiously approached too near the opening, and fell down the shaft. A man named Robert Seeney, who worked in the pit, was alarmed by a scream, about four o’clock in the afternoon, and immediately afterwards heard something fall heavily down the shaft. Then all was still. He went instantly to the entrance, and found the body of the unfortunate boy, quite dead, and dreadfully disfigured. The pit is upwards of sixty yards deep. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Journal 3/4/1847 - Advert

“To Coal And Ironstone Masters.

Dudley Port Colliery, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Sept. Davis, on Tuesday Next, April 6th, the property of Messrs. Lees and Field – a valuable quantity of all the usual varieties of Colliery Implements; consisting of wrought and cast-iron Rails and Sleepers, Turnouts, Waggons, Skips, and Rings; dozens of Pikes, Shovels, Hammers, Dressers, Wedges, iron Buckets and ditto Baskets, Chains, wrought and cast-iron Turn Plates, 4ft square. Mobby Chains and Tacklers, several sets of Horse Tackle, Corn Boxes, Knob Rails and sleepers, ditto old Rails and ditto; two strong Doors and Frames; nearly 1,000 feet of capital Oak Timber, Bars, &c; wood Sleepers, brooch and stone Waggons, with other Effects.

The whole to be put in suitable lots, the ironwork will be sold at per ton.

Further particulars may be had of the Auctioneer, West Bromwich; and Mr. *Pershouse*, at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, will appoint a person to show the property.

The sale to commence at Ten o’clock in the forenoon.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/8/1848

“On Monday last, at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, an inquest was held upon the body of William Ward, aged 18 years, who was killed by about three tons of coal falling upon him while at work in Mr. Haines’s pit at Horseley Heath, on Saturday morning the 29th of July. Verdict Accidental Death.”

1851 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Ezekiel Pershouse* (53), publican and coal miner, born Sedgley;
- [2] Mary Pershouse (50), wife, born Llansylen, Denbighshire;
- [3] Edward Pershouse (18), stepson, born Willesborne, Warwickshire;
- [4] Ellen Pershouse (13), stepdaughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Sarah Morris (18), niece, house servant, born Llansylin, Denbighshire;
- [6] Elizabeth Rigby (19), house servant, born Tipton;
- [7] John Lees (23), hostler and brewer, born Bhyd (?), Worcestershire;
- [8] William Harmand (18), hostler and brewer, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Journal 14/2/1852

“An inquest was held by G. Hinchliffe, Esq, on Saturday last, at the house of Mr. *Ezekiel Pershouse*, the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, on the body of John Slim, and at the BALL INN, Horseley Heath, on the body of William Holland. The deceased were at work in Messrs. Bagnall’s coal-pit at Grieveland Colliery, Tipton, on Thursday, the 5th instant, when a quantity of coal suddenly fell upon them, killing Holland on the spot, and so severely injuring Slim that he died on the following day. The Jury at the BALL INN, in returning their verdict, ‘strongly recommended that the coalmasters should direct their ground bailiffs and butty colliers to have the workings in the coal pits carefully examined before the miners are set to work, with a view, if possible, to prevent the great loss of life that occurs from frequent falling of coal in the coal pit’.”

The ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, was used as the committee rooms for the election of George Hinchliffe, jun, as Coroner of the County of Stafford, following the death of his father, in August, 1852. He was elected.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“County Court. *Mills v. Scott*.

This was an action to recover £10 damages for an assault. Mr. Smith appeared for the plaintiff, a carpenter; and Mr. Kenealy for the defendant, who is manager of an iron works at Dudley Port. On the evening of Saturday, the 18th of August last, the parties were together at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port. The defendant, in the course of the evening, was about paying out a sum of money to a third party, when the plaintiff, who said he was not intoxicated, interrupting them, said the defendant had not got sufficient money, or that he could not find sufficient when according to plaintiff, ‘He up with his fist and broke my nose, and gave me two black eyes; and I filled the spitoon which contains more than a pint and a half, with blood.’ In consequence of the assault, the plaintiff was alleged to have been prevented from attending to his business (and he had men under him), for eight days. On the part of the defence it was testified that the defendant received great provocation at the plaintiff’s hands, the latter having said to the other, ‘What property you have got you have not got the right; someone else got it for you,’ and that he (plaintiff) placed his fist in Mr. Scott’s face several times. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant had offered him £2 as compensation, but this the defendant denied, admitting, however, that he had offered to make some amends by proposing ‘a good lump of beef, and a jolly good fuddle,’ at his (the defendant’s) expense. The Judge gave the plaintiff a verdict of £2.”

John Burgess = John Burges

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/1/1857 - Advert

“Pigeon Shooting. To Be Shot For, at Mr. *J. Burgess*’s, ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, on Monday, the 9th of February, a large Fat Pig, upwards of 50 scores, very handsome and active, and capable of feeding another year. Thirty members, at £1 each. The putter-up to spend £4, and the winner £3. Guns, $\frac{3}{4}$ in bore; Shot, 1½oz; 21 yards rise, 100 yards boundary, three Birds each. Shooting to commence at twelve o’clock.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/2/1857

“At Mr. *Burgess*’s, ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, on Tuesday, 10th February (open to all), will be

shot for, a very handsome fat pig, valued at £30, by 30 subscribers at £1 each, the second best shot to receive £2; three birds, 21 yards rise, 100 yards boundary, guns $\frac{3}{4}$ bore, 2oz shot; double guns $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz shot, allowed two yards; best blue rocks by Crosbie. The winner to spend £3, and the putter-up £4. Shooting to commence at twelve o'clock. Dinner after shooting."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 15/2/1857

"At *John Burgess's*, ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, on Tuesday (the list for the fat pig did not fill), a sweepstakes was shot by seven members, at 10s each, 3 birds each, when Messrs. Handley of Oldbury, Cottis, of Westbromwich, Winnington of Wednesbury, Brown of Walsall, and Beddington of Dudley tied, killing all, shot off bird for bird up to the fifth bird, when Mr. Winnington won, killing all."

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

"The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

John Hewett Burgess, ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, cautioned."

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/1/1858

"On Monday last an inquest was held before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, on the body of a man named Thomas Braznell, aged 49 years. The deceased was at work, loading a skip, in a pit at Groveland, belonging to Messrs. Bagnall, on the morning of the 14th inst, when about a ton and a half of coal fell upon him from the roof of the pit, crushing him so severely that he died about 12 o'clock the same night. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Birmingham Journal 25/8/1860 - Advert

"ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port.

To be Let, with immediate possession, that old-established Inn and Spirit Vaults, situate as above, comprising large Bar, Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchens, large Club Room, handsomely fitted-up Spirit Vaults, seven Sleeping Rooms, excellent Cellaring, very extensive Yard and Piggeries, well arranged and convenient Brewhouse, Stabling, and Coach-house, &c, &c.

The House is well situated and has for more than twenty years done a good and profitable trade, and is being relinquished by the present proprietor solely on account of other engagements.

For particulars, apply on Premises."

Birmingham Journal 6/10/1860 - Advert

"First-Class Opportunity, Having Been Established Twenty Years.

By R. L. Courtney. To be Let, that well-known Road-side Public House and Liquor Shop, the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port. The Premises are most convenient and extensive, comprising a well fitted-up Liquor Shop, Front Bar, and Tap Room, Parlour, and Kitchen, Club Room, and seven Chambers; excellent Cellaring, Brewhouse, and Stabling, Coach-house, Piggeries, large Yard, &c.

N.B. A good Trade is being carried on at this time, and most satisfactory reasons will be given for disposing of the same.

To view, and for further information, apply on the Premises; or to the Auctioneer, High Street, West Bromwich."

Birmingham Journal 16/3/1861 - Advert

"ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port.

By R. L. Courtney. The Goodwill, Licenses, and Possession of the above named well-known and long-established Public House and Liquor Shop by Private Treaty, to be Disposed Of, on account of the present Proprietor having gone into another business. The Coming-in can be reduced to suit purchaser.

Apply on the Premises; or to R. L. Courtney, Auctioneer, High Street, West Bromwich."

1861 Census

Dudley Port

- [1] *John Burgess* (46), innkeeper ANCHOR INN, pork butcher and provision dealer, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Ann Burgess (48), wife, born Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire;
- [3] Fanny Burgess (15), daughter, born Liverpool;
- [4] Anne Burgess (11), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Hannah Smith (48), widow, visitor, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Isaac Barton (41), servant, born Northwich;
- [7] Thomas Payner (22), servant, born Huningham (?), Oxfordshire;
- [8] Mary Carr (17), servant, born Roscommon, Ireland:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/5/1861 - Advert

“A Rare Opportunity For A Publican.

To be Let, with immediate possession, in consequence of the present proprietor being engaged in other business, that old-established Inn and Road-Side House, the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, which for many years has done a heavy and thriving trade. In-coming and rent very moderate, having been considerably reduced.

For particulars apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Danks, Auctioneer, Dudley.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/10/1861

“About four o’clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the spirit shop of Mr. *Burgess*, licensed victualler, of the ANCHOR INN. It appeared that the landlord was aroused by the smell of fire, and that on going downstairs he perceived that the spirit shop was in a blaze. He made an alarm, and after having obtained assistance put out the fire, but not before the shop and contents had been almost destroyed. The flames did not extend to the house, which is separated from the shop by a thick wall. Inspector Phair, of Tipton, with some of his men were on the spot. The stock and premises are insured in the London Royal Exchange Insurance Office, for which Mr. Mellard, of Tipton Green, is agent. It is supposed that the fire arose from the gas having been left burning in the shop.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/12/1863 - Advert

“To Publicans.

To be Let, the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, that old-established Victuallers’ Inn. Large premises adapted for Porter Bottling, Stores, &c.

Apply to Mr. *Burgess*, near the Premises.”

Dudley Hancox = Dudley Handcox

London Gazette 1/7/1864

“This is to give notice, that the Court acting in the prosecution of a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Birmingham District Court of Bankruptcy, at Birmingham, on the 26th day of February, 1864, by *James Brookes*, of Brockmoor, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, Lime Burner, previously thereto of the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, and formerly of Dudley Port aforesaid, trading in partnership with George Clarke, under the style or firm of Brookes and Clarke, as Brass and Iron Founders, did, on the 15th day of June, 1864, grant the Discharge of the said *James Brookes*; and that such Discharge will be delivered to the bankrupt, unless an appeal be duly entered against the judgment of the Court, and notice thereof be given to the Court.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 28/1/1865

“Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest on Tuesday Jan 24, at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Benjamin Bennitt. Deceased was seven years of age, and the son of a miner. On Saturday he went from home, about two o’clock, and although he had been cautioned by his mother not to go on the ice, he went to a pool called the ‘Old Swag.’ Here he met some other boys, and he volunteered to go first to see if the ice would bear. He went about five yards, when the ice gave way, and the lad sank. Isaac Hale, one of the other lads, immediately went in search of aid, and a miner, called Richard Corbett, who was passing stripped

himself, and, at the risk of his life, for the pool is very deep, got the body out of the water. Deceased was quite dead. Corbett was very much cut and bruised by the edges of the ice, and so numbed with cold that he could not move, and had to be drawn out of the hole with a rope. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased was Accidentally Drowned. The Coroner called Corbett into the room, and told him that the jury and himself were of the opinion that he had done all in his power to save the lad – more than the majority of men would have done. He should allow him with the utmost which the country empowered him to do, 2s 6d! – he wished it had been more. *Birmingham Post.*”

[Was Ann Cox a mis-spelling of Hancox?]

Dudley Herald 29/6/1867

“*Dudley Hancox* fined 40s and costs prohibited hours.”

County Express 25/1/1868

“On Monday morning, shortly after nine o’clock, a serious and fatal accident, whereby two persons were killed, and a third dangerously hurt, occurred at Mr. Simeon Bradley’s, Tividale Hall Colliery, Tividale. The unfortunate men, John Davies, 48, John Sperrings, 15, and James Sperrings, 18, were employed in getting coal, when a fall took place. The two first-named received the greater portion of the coal upon them, and death was almost instantaneous, the younger Sperrings being cut in two parts. The injuries which caused the death of Davies were principally on the side of the head, the former being crushed in. James Sperrings had a narrow escape, but is dangerously hurt. Slight hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mr. Tanner (firm, Drs. Horton and Tanner) was quickly on the spot, and attended to the elder Sperrings. On Thursday, Mr. Hooper, District Coroner, opened an inquest at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, respecting the deaths of John Davies, aged 48, miner, and John Sperrings, aged 15, miner, who were killed by a fall of coal on Monday, as above stated. After the bodies had been identified, the Coroner intimated that he should adjourn the inquest, in order that Mr. J. P. Baker, the Government Inspector, might have opportunity of inspecting the pit in which the occurrence took place. Mr. Bradley was present during the inquiry.”

[At the adjourned inquest verdicts of Accidental Death were returned.]

1871 Census

223, Dudley Port

[1] *Joseph Hadley* (55), publican, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Hadley (54), wife, born Tipton:

Dudley Guardian 17/1/1874

“*Joseph Hadley*, landlord of the ANCHOR public-house, Dudley Port, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises, on the 3rd inst. Mr. Stokes appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. PC McCullum stated that about half-past nine o’clock on the night of the day in question he was passing the defendant’s house, when he saw a lad who was drunk led out of it. Witness watched for about ten minutes, when he saw the lad go in again. Witness followed him, and saw he was about to drink some ale – Mr. Stokes addressed the magistrates, and contended that the lad was not drunk, but was ill. His client gave the lad two glasses of rum and water for letting the new year in on the 1st inst. After the lad had drunk the rum and water he became sick and left the house, when his friends brought him back they thought that some ale would do him good. He called William Downing, the lad in question, who corroborated Mr. Stokes’s remarks. In reply to the magistrates, the lad admitted that before he went into defendant’s house he had drunk four pints of ale – (laughter). The defendant was sworn, and said he had kept the house for five years, and had never been complained of before. The magistrates after cautioning the defendant, dismissed the case on payment of costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1874 - Advert

“Sale at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port.

Bailey Brothers (formerly P. H. Bailey) received instructions from Mr. *J. Hadley*, the Proprietor, who is giving up the business, to Sell by Auction, on Monday Next, September 29, the Stock-In-Trade, Business

Fixtures, Household Furniture, Brewing Utensils, two Traps, and other Effects.
Sale to commence at 11 o'clock prompt.
Auctioneer's Offices, No.1 Temple Row West, Birmingham, and Owen Street, Tipton."

1881 Census

223, Dudley Port

[1] *Allen Wilson* (49), licensed victualler, born Scotland;

[2] Priscilla Wilson (49), wife, born England;

[3] Mary J. Harris (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 12/11/1881

"Isaiah Jones, labourer, Henry Tudor, miner, John Johnson, labourer, and John Scott (18), ironworker, all of Dudley Port, were charged with breaking into the ANCHOR INN there, and stealing a quantity of lead piping and pewter measures, the property of *Allan Wilson*, publican, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill. Mr. Sheldon defended Tudor.

Prosecutor left the ANCHOR INN to go to his present premises, leaving the fixtures and some of the measures in the house, which has since been closed. On the evening of Tuesday last, Johnson went into the beerhouse kept by Ann Downing, and asked her if she would buy some pewter measures, as the ANCHOR was open. She replied that she would not buy them from him. A short time after, her son who is a carrier, was in the yard adjoining the ANCHOR, when he saw a light in the brewhouse. He jumped over the wall, went to the door, and called, 'Who's there?' when the light was popped out. He entered the brewhouse and lighted a match when he saw Johnson and Jones there. They tried to escape; but he put his back against the door, and kept them in, and sent for the police. He asked what they wanted there, and Johnson said, 'We have done nothing. We had orders from Inspector Harrison to look over the premises.'

PCs Godsall and Tabberner were quickly in attendance, and on looking over the house found that all the gas pipes had been taken up, and were lying in lengths or coiled up ready for carrying away.

They then took the two prisoners into custody, the others being arrested on information received afterwards. The morning before the trial Tabberner charged the prisoners with the theft, when Johnson said to the others, 'Say nothing till you're dead; and then tell all.'

Inspector Harrison asked the Bench to withdraw the case against Scott, as he appeared to have been led away by the others; but had not taken anything.

Scott, being placed in the witness box, said he was in Bunn's public house [SWAN] when Johnson came to him and said, 'Will you go with me and I will show you where there is some lead. We'll get it at the ANCHOR. If I could get the key of the SEVEN STARS we would go there too.' Witness and Tudor, who was with him, went with Johnson to the ANCHOR. Johnson began to take up some of the lead pipes, and said, 'There's three gallons hanging here.' Johnson also took some measures which he said he could sell.

Mr. Sheldon asked the court to deal leniently with Tudor, as he had hitherto borne an irreproachable character, had a wife and children, and as there was no evidence as to his having taken anything.

He was fined £2, in default one month hard labour; Johnson, against whom several former convictions were recorded, being sentenced to six months' and Jones to three months' hard labour."

Allen Wilson – see also BRICKLAYERS ARMS.

Dudley and District News 3/11/1883

"Benjamin Dace, a fruiterer, was charged with being on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

PC Chisholm stated that on Sunday morning, the 21st ult, about 11.30, he visited the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port. As he was talking to the landlady he heard someone going up the stairs and asked who was in the house. The landlady replied that there was nobody in the house except her father. He went upstairs and found the defendant lying across the foot of a bed. Defendant pleaded that he was a lodger and had lodged in the house for three months. The Bench adjourned the case for a week to enable the defendant to bring evidence in support of his allegation."

[At the adjourned hearing the case was dismissed.]

Dudley and District News 2/8/1884

“On Wednesday, a boy named Joseph Johnson, aged 12 years, of 2, Short Street, Dudley Port, went into the canal for the purpose of bathing. His companions, seeing that he had got out of his depth, procured the assistance of a young man named Cartwright, who went to the boy’s rescue, but life was extinct before he could be got out of the water. On Thursday afternoon, E. Hooper, Esq, held an inquest at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1891 Census

223, Dudley Port – ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Albert Ashmead* (45), publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Sarah Ashmead* (46), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Alfred Ashmead* (19), son, assistant publican, born Birmingham:

Birmingham Daily Post 14/11/1893

“Yesterday Mr. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, respecting the death of Edmund Dale (63), Sedgley Road. It was shown that deceased, who had been ailing for some time, suddenly expired whilst lying on the sofa, on Friday; and a verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

Dudley Herald 5/10/1895

“Auction ANCHOR INN on main road from Dudley to Dudley Port occupied by Mr. *Baird* at £50 per annum.”

Wednesbury Herald 30/11/1895

“On Monday afternoon Mr. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the ANCHOR INN, Dudley Port, touching the death of Thomas Lappage, son of a bricklayer, residing at Dudley Port. On the 18th instant the mother was putting the baby to bed, when deceased attempted to follow her upstairs. His father coming in, the little fellow turned round to call ‘Papa’, overbalanced himself, and fell on the stone floor. His head was injured, and he died on Thursday. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/10/1898 - Advert

“To Brewers and Investors. Important Sale of Freehold Properties. Charles H. Bees is favoured with instructions to Sell by Auction, at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, on Thursday Next, October 27, commencing at Six for 6.30 in the evening, the following Valuable Licensed Properties.....
Lot 4. A Freehold Fully-Licensed Inn, known as the ANCHOR INN, Four Ways, Dudley Port, together with Butcher’s Shop and Stabling, the Shop and Stabling being let at the totally inadequate rental of £15 per annum.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/10/1898

“Mr. Charles H. Bees held a sale of licensed properties at the Grand Hotel.....
The ANCHOR INN, at Four Ways, Dudley Port, and other adjoining property, sold for £1,900.”

1901 Census

223, Dudley Port

- [1] *William George Poole* (49), innkeeper, born Helmdon, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Harriet Ann Pole* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *George Sidney Poole* (18), son, colliery clerk, born Bloxwich;
- [4] *Jacob Vaughan* (41), visitor, joiner, born Tipton;
- [5] *Harriet Franks* (16), general servant, born Tipton:

William George Poole – see also OLD CROWN.

1911 Census

223, Dudley Port – ANCHOR INN

- [1] *William Sherwood* (56), licensed victualler, born Rowley;
- [2] *Emma Sherwood* (54), wife, married 33 years, assisting in business, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Florence C. Sherwood* (27), daughter, assisting in business, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Frederick Sherwood* (23), son, brewery clerk, born Great Bridge;
- [5] *Walter Sherwood* (21), son, student in college, born Great Bridge;
- [6] *Maude N. Sherwood* (13), daughter, school, born Burnt Tree:

1939 Register

223, Dudley Port

- [1] *Thomas Healey*, date of birth, 27/12/1896, tenant public house, married;
- [2] *Mary E. Healey*, dob, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Hilda M. Marsh*, dob, 04/10/1901, barmaid, single:

Dudley Herald 11/2/1956

“The final of the Tividale Darts League five-a-side challenge cup was held at Norton’s Sports Club, Tividale, on Monday, between Vono Ltd. and the ANCHOR HOTEL, Dudley Port, Vono running out winners by three legs to nil.

This was a very unlucky match for the ANCHOR team who had every chance to win, for in each game they were on the finishing double long before Vono, who won the cup for the third time since the League was formed in 1949.

The winning team was comprised of K. Farley, G. Clarke, H. Foster, D. Wicket, S. Love, with reserve A. Chater.”

Final Order of Removal, to premises to be known as DUDLEY PORT HOUSE, were confirmed on 22nd September 1964.

ANCHOR

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

T Ward [1865] – [1867]

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Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/9/1865

“P. Ashton of Great Bridge, hearing E. Whittaker of Wednesbury wishes to run him, Ashton will make a match with him or D. Love; or will take four yards start from J. Dudley of Wednesbury. Money ready at *T. Ward’s*, the ANCHOR INN, Great Bridge. Ashton does not name any distance.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/1/1866

“Lee of Great Bridge will run S. Walker of Swan Village 120 yards and will give him two yards start, for £10; or he will take five yards start of Toddy of Dudley Port in 120 yards, for £10 a side; or he will run Mor-

ris 120 yards and give him one yard start. Money ready at *T. Ward's*, ANCHOR INN, Great Bridge. To be run at the Britannia Grounds.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/7/1866

“E. Price and Mark Guy of Great Bridge. These men ran 100 yards, for £5 a side, Mr. *T. Ward*, ANCHOR INN, Great Bridge, the stakeholder, acting as referee. The betting was even money and 5 to 4 on Price. Price got away with two yards start, kept the lead, and won easily by three yards.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/2/1867

“J. Nixon will run M. Guy with two yards start in 100, or G. Price three yards start in 100, for £5 a side. Money ready at *T. Ward's*, ANCHOR INN, Great Bridge. Fist come first served.”

ANGEL

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Farley [1858]

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Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 28/3/1858

“At Mr. *Farley's*, the ANGEL INN, Great Bridge, on Tuesday, a fat pig was shot for by ten members, at 10s each, 3 birds each, when Messrs. Norton, Brown, and Nock tied, killing all, and shot off bird for bird up to the fourth, when Mr. Brown won, killing all.”

Check STORK.

APPLE TREE

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Bridges [1860]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Post 6/2/1860

“At the Public Office, West Bromwich, on Saturday last, before Lord Calthorp, Thomas Bagnall, and W. Sharpe, Esqs, a case which may turn out of considerable importance to retail brewers came before the court. *James Bridges*, keeper of the APPLE TREE, retail beer-house, Great Bridge, Tipton, came up on an information by the Deputy-Chief Constable Major McKnight, which charged him with having his house and premises open for the sale of beer after eleven o’clock at night. Mr. H. Plunkett was retained on behalf of the defendant.

The evidence of Police-constable Allcock, confirmed by that of Police-constable Smith, went to show that at twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock at night, on the 10th January last, they found therein six men and two women (one of these was playing a ‘hurdy-gurdy’). There was on the table a quart of cider, and half a pint of ale in a jug, and Smith added, that whilst he was there, the landlady, Mrs. *Bridges*, came into the room with a glass of ale in her hand, which she placed on the table, but that he did not hear it ordered, didn’t see it paid for, nor who drank it, if it was drunk. Both officers were in plain clothes, and it was clear that Allcock, dressed as a navvy, pressed hard to have a glass of ale drawn for him, but this was refused. For the defence Mr. Plunkett, who addressed a lengthened legal argument to the Bench on an often-disputed point, which is referred to below, called Mary Ann Taylor, who on the night in question, was assisting Mrs. *Bridges* at the beerhouse, and a man named Thomas Chatwin, a moulder, who was one of the company mentioned, to show that no ale or cider was drawn after eleven o’clock, and that Mrs. *Bridges* called attention to the persons in the house to the near approach of ‘shutting-up time,’ and requested them to leave. They, however, stopped to listen to the ‘hurdy-gurdy’ woman, and then in came the police. Under these circumstances, ‘Was the beer-house open for the sale of beer after eleven o’clock?’ must be decided. The evidence he had adduced went to show that no liquor was sold or supplied after ten minutes to eleven o’clock, and he should therefore contend the offence so specifically laid down in the summons had not been proved and the summons against the defendant must be dismissed. The learned gentleman then proceeded to quote the recent case of *Cates v. South*. This was an appeal on the part of Mr. Cates, against a conviction made against him by the Magistrates of Great Dunmow (Essex), for that he, being a licensed victualler, had his house open for the sale of liquor at twenty-two minutes past twelve o’clock on Saturday night, the 12th of June last, such liquors being for the refreshment of travellers only. It was proved that no liquors were so brought into the room or paid for after twenty minutes to twelve. The Magistrates, however, considered that the evidence adduced (by Police-constable South) supported the information, and the defendant (Mr. Cates) was fined 20s and costs. An appeal being subsequently made to the Court of Queen’s Bench, the Judges, after arguments by counsel, decided that the conviction was not supported, and the case was quashed. Mr. Plunkett argued that this case and the one now before the Bench were strictly analogous, and asked the magistrates to dismiss the summons against Mr. *Bridges*. Mr. Hebbert, Clerk to the Magistrates, however, advised the Bench that the two cases were not analogous. The one quoted by Mr. Plunkett had reference to a licensed victualler, who was bound to have his house open for the reception of travellers; this was a retail brewer, who was compelled by law to shut his house at eleven o’clock. Lord Calthorp said that the Magistrates took the same view, otherwise any quantity of liquor might be drawn before eleven, according to Mr. Plunkett’s theory, to be consumed subsequently. This was clearly not the intent of the legislature and the defendant must be convicted and pay a fine of 10s, and the costs. Mr. Plunkett immediately gave the necessary notices for an appeal against this decision.”

AQUEDUCT INN

12, Dudley Port, (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Sampson Walters [1868] – 1871);
Thomas Fisher (1871);
Nathan Cooper Dixon (1871 – []
Edwin Clarke [1879]
James Beasly [1881]
Isaiah Millington []
Mrs. Ellen Pearson [1888]
Ebenezer Lees [1891] – [1896]
Mrs. Ellen Pearson [1899] – 1900);
John Lester (1900 – []
John Walters [1901]
Samuel Bentley [1904]
John Edward Southall [1910] – [1912]
Ernest Day [1919] – 1920);

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

Birmingham Daily Post 15/9/1865

“At the Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Isaac Spooner, two young men named respectively Isaac Jones and James Parry, were charged, on remand from Wednesbury, with stealing £31 from the person of Joseph Holloway, timber merchant, whilst he was in the AQUEDUCT INN, Dudley Port, on the 9th inst. On that day prosecutor was asleep in the tap room of the house named, and when he awoke he missed his money. The prisoners were the only persons who were in the room, and he had previously caught Jones feeling for his pocket. Nevertheless, when the men were searched by a police officer, the money was not found. The prisoners were committed for trial.”

[At the Sessions, Isaac Jones received 12 months', and James Parry 9 months' imprisonment.]

Birmingham Daily Post 22/7/1867 - Advert

“To be Let with immediate possession, the AQUEDUCT INN, near Dudley Port Station. Very extensive and commodious premises, suitable for a Butcher or Dealer.
Apply, to Mr. Wm. Farris, Grocer, Horseley Heath.”

Sampson Walters = Samson Walters

Samson Walters, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1868], [1870]

Birmingham Daily Post 10/3/1871 - Advert

“Found on Saturday morning at Nine o'clock, Two Donkeys and tackle; and if not claimed within three days, will be sold to defray expenses.

Apply *Nathan C. Dixon*, AQUEDUCT INN, Dudley Port, Staffordshire.”

1871 Census

12, Dudley Port

- [1] *Nathan C. Dixon* (26), publican, born Wisham, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Dinah Dixon* (28), wife, born Wisham, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Nathan S. Dixon* (2), son, born Liverpool;
- [4] *Elizabeth Dixon* (10), daughter, born Curdworth, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Charlotte Reynolds* (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;

County Advertiser 20/9/1879

“At the County Court, yesterday, *Edwin Clarke*, of the AQUEDUCT INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, filed his petition in liquidation. The liabilities are £300. Messrs. Stokes and Harper are the solicitors to the debtor.”

London Gazette 26/9/1879

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Edwin Clarke*, of the AQUEDUCT INN, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Beerseller, Carpenter, and Joiner.

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 office of Messrs. Stokes and Harper, Solicitors, 1, Priory-street, Dudley, in the county of Worcester, on the 8th day of October, 1879, at three o’clock in the afternoon precisely.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 1879.

Stokes and Harper, 1, Priory-street, Dudley, Solicitors for the said Debtor.”

1881 Census

12, Dudley Port – AQUEDUCT INN

- [1] *James Beasley* (30), beer seller, born Shustoke, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beasley* (36), wife, born Olney Bank (?), Worcestershire;
- [3] *John P. Beasley* (6), son, born Dudley;
- [4] *Emma E. Beasley* (4), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] *Elizabeth Garrett* (17), general servant, born Dudley:

Isaiah Millington also owned the DOG AND GUN, Princes End.

Mrs. Ellen Pearson, beer retailer, 12, Dudley Port. [1888]

1891 Census

Dudley Port – ACQUEDUCT INN

- [1] *Ebenezer Lees* (36), blacksmith’s striker, born Dudley;
- [2] *Phoebe Lees* (37), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Sarah Gulliford* (56), mother-in-law, born Dudley;
- [4] *Richard Gulliford* (68), father-in-law, born Bath;
- [5] *Richard Gulliford* (23), brother-in-law, galvanizer, scaler, born Dudley:

Ebenezer Lees, beer retailer, 12, Dudley Port. [1896]

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1899

“Licensing Sessions. This was the annual licensing sessions for Wednesbury (County).....

The renewal of the following licenses was ordered to be considered at the adjourned sessions on objections from the police.....

AQUEDUCT INN, Dudley Port.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 27/9/1899

“Wednesbury County Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. Ensor (Dudley) applied on behalf of *Ellen Pearson*, of the AQUEDUCT beerhouse, Dudley Port, Tipton, for a renewal of the licenses. An objection was taken by Superintendent Salt, who urged that the license was not required, that the house was of a disorderly character, and that the applicant had failed to produce satisfactory evidence of good character License renewed. Transfer granted.”

Dudley Herald 19/5/1900

“*John Lester*, landlord of the AQUEDUCT beer-house, Dudley Port, was charged with permitting drunkenness on the 25th ult. *Mr. J. S. Sharp* appeared for the prosecution, and *Mr. Foster* defended.

PS Heath stated that about nine o'clock on the night of the 26th April he visited the defendant's house. In the tap room he saw a man named Henry Ballard, sitting at a table with his wife, and he drank out of a glass of porter in witness's presence. Ballard was so drunk that witness had to take him to the police station in a handcart. He was subsequently fined at Tipton for drunkenness.

The defence was a denial of permitting drunkenness, and it was shown that the man Ballard only entered the house a few minutes before the arrival of the police.

The Bench considered there was some doubt in the case and dismissed it."

1901 Census

12, Dudley Port

[1] *John Walters* (38), iron plate grinder, born Dudley;

[2] *Elizabeth Walters* (38), wife, born Dudley:

Samuel Bentley, beer retailer, 12, Dudley Port. [1904]

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

"The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the 'long pull'. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the 'long pull' and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

AQUEDUCT, Dudley Road."

1911 Census

12, Dudley Port – AQUEDUCT INN

[1] *John Edward Southall* (36), beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Mary Southall* (32), wife, married 12 years, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *John Edward Southall* (6), son, school, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Ellen Southall* (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Alexander Southall* (1), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Minnie Street* (19), servant, born Wolverhampton:

John Edward Southall, beer retailer, 12, Dudley Port. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/1918

"The renewal of the licenses of the following public-house, opposed on grounds of redundancy, would be postponed until the adjourned sessions.....

The AQUEDUCT, Dudley Port."

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

South Staffordshire Times 17/7/1920

"The following licenses were refused at the principal meeting of the compensation authority for the county held at Stafford on Thursday.....

AQUEDUCT, Dudley Port."

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1920

"An adjourned supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Committee, acting as the Compensation Authority, was held at the County Buildings, Stafford, on Saturday, Lord Hatherton, CMG, presiding.

The following sums were approved in cases where the licenses have not been renewed.....
AQUEDUCT, Dudley Port, beerhouse, £2,200.”

It closed on 31st December 1920, after compensation of £2,200 was paid.

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

Superintendent T. Salt read the annual report which stated that the number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the parish of Tipton was 134. At the census taken in 1911 the population of the parish was given as 31,763, according to which there was one licensed house to each 237 of the inhabitants. At the time of the last annual licensing meeting the number of licensed houses was 138. The reduction in the number had been brought about by the licenses of the AQUEDUCT beerhouse, Dudley Port; the FITTERS ARMS beerhouse, Horseley Heath; the LAME DOG beerhouse, Dudley Port, and the PARK LANE TAV-ERN, Park Lane, having been referred for compensation and extinction at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions last year. The houses were closed on December 31st last.....”

ASTON STREET HOUSE

Aston Street, Toll End TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Davis [1877] – [1882]
James Nock [1891]
Thomas Nock [1895]
Thomas Perks [1896]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Charles Davis = Charles Davies

Birmingham Daily Post 23/1/1877 - Advert

“Found on the 16th inst, a spotted Dalmatian Bitch. If not owned in three days will be sold.
Address, *Charles Davis*, ASTON STREET INN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 1/2/1879 - Advert

“Sale Of Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses, Public House and Ironworks, at Toll End, Great Bridge.
Mr. Jabez Bywater, has been favoured (by the Mortgagees) with instructions to offer for Sale by Auction, at Mr. Abraham Roper’s, KINGS ARMS INN, New Road, Toll End, Great Bridge, on Monday, February 3rd, 1879, at Six o’clock in the Evening.....

Lot 2. All that Public House and Premises, known as the ASTON STREET HOUSE, and situate and being in Aston Street, Toll End, aforesaid, and in the occupation of *Charles Davis*, and comprising Tap Room, Bar, Back Kitchen, Parlour, Club Room, and Two Bed-rooms, large Cellar, Pantry, Brewhouse, Pigsty, Malt Room, Stable, two Closets, and producing an annual rent of £20.....”

Worcestershire Chronicle 4/10/1879

“On Friday, at the Dudley County Court – before Mr. Rupert Kettle, Judge – *Charles Davis*, a beerhouse keeper at Aston Street, Tipton, sued Messrs. Barnett, Goodwin, Lee, and Fisher, money lenders, for £50 as damages for illegal distress under a bill of sale. Mr. Travis was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Plumtre (instructed by Mr. Tinsley) was for the defendants. Mr. Travis claimed a verdict because the bill of sale was not attested by a solicitor. Mr. Plumtre quoted the Act of Parliament relating to the subject, and argued that the bill of sale was between mortgagor and mortgagee, and therefore there was no need for any registration or attestation. His Honour held that Mr. Travis’s argument was sound, and gave a verdict of £40. Mr. Plumtre applied and obtained a case for appeal.”

1881 Census

1, Aston Street – Public House

- [1] *Charles Davies* (63), coal miner, born Shrewsbury;
- [2] *Martha Davies* (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Charles E. Davies* (20), son, coal miner, born Tipton;
- [4] *Samuel Davies* (16), son, assistant in ____, born Tipton;
- [5] *David Davies* (14), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Joseph Davies* (12), son, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 22/4/1882

“*Comfort Sutton*, married, *Hackett Street*, Tipton, was charged with unlawfully assaulting *Solomon Gould*, an insurance agent, *Toll End Road*. The case caused no little excitement during the time it was heard, as the defendant preferred several charges of immorality against the complainant. Complainant said that on the evening of the 8th inst, he went into *Davies’s* public-house, *Aston Street*, *Toll End*, and after he had been there a short time the defendant came in in a state of intoxication with some other women and said ‘Tell that — monkey to sit down.’ She then came up to him and struck him on the nose with a jug, which cut him, and threatened to kill him.

Defendant: Oh! The Lord have mercy upon you, what a lie. Did you not put a hand upon me and asked me to go outside with you? – Complainant: No.

Defendant: Yes, gentlemen, he did, and it is not the first time he has made such proposal to me. He has done the same to other women.

Thomas Parkes, Puddler, *Toll End*, said he was in the public-house and saw the defendant come in with her brother and her brother’s wife. She said, ‘Tell that — monkey to sit down.’ Complainant turned round and said ‘What do you say, missus.’ Whereupon defendant struck him with her fist, and he put his hands up to ward off the blow; she then picked up a jug and struck complainant on the nose, cutting it and making it bleed. Complainant did not attempt to return the blow, and witness did not see him sitting near the defendant, or put his hand on her.

Defendant said the witness had his back towards her, and could not see what took place, as he was watching a prostitute dancing in cotton drawers. There were a number of bad women in the house singing and dancing. This witness denied.

Joseph Davies said he was in his father’s public house on the evening in question and saw defendant come in in a state of intoxication with her brother and sister-in-law, he corroborated the evidence of the previous witness.

Defendant here said that the witness had made indecent overtures to her the same as complainant had done. He was a life insurance agent, and came to people’s houses to get hold of their wives.

For the defence *Emmanuel Hughes* said he was in the public-house and saw the defendant come in and sit down with her brother and sister-in-law. About twenty minutes after the complainant came in and went and sat down beside her and put his hand upon her and asked her to go out the back with him. There were other persons in the house singing and dancing at the time. Defendant refused to go out with complainant, whereupon complainant struck her with his fist. She then took up a jug and stuck him with it on the nose. After she struck him he said, ‘For two — pins I’d smash you, and crunch all your bones up.’

Complainant said every word this witness had said was untrue.

Defendant: It is quite true, and you know it, how can you stand there and tell such lies.

Frank Walker, puddler, said he was in *Davies's* public-house in the evening when it was nearly dark. He saw the defendant and complainant there. Defendant came in first with her brother and sister-in-law, and sat down with them. He (witness) called her in because he knew her well, and had been reared by her parents. Not long after the complainant came in and went up to defendant and began messing and toying with her, and asked her to go round the back of the house, but she refused to go, and because she would not, complainant said he would 'split' on her; he struck her upon the face and she struck him with a jug upon his nose.

Defendant said her husband had threatened not to live with her on account of complainant and she was to summon him, and ought to have told him long ago about it. She was ashamed that she went to such a disreputable public-house, and she could not tell what induced her to do so, it was full of bad women, and such a place as no decent woman would enter.

Major Williams said the Bench considered the assault proved, and would fine defendant 5s and costs, or in default 14 days' hard labour."

1891 Census

ASTON STREET HOUSE

[1] *James Nock* (56), coal miner, born Tipton;

[2] *Harriett Nock* (54), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Jane Nock* (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *James Nock* (14), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1895

"Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Messrs. D. Hipkins and W. W. Doughty – *Thomas Nock*, landlord of the ASTON STREET HOUSE INN, Toll End, was charged with being drunk on his licensed premises.

Police-constable Myatt gave evidence.

Defendant said it was not drunkenness, but only a fit of giddiness. Fined 10s and costs, or seven days."

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/10/1896

"At the Wednesbury County Police Court, on Wednesday.....

Mr. Sharpe also gave notice of appeal on behalf of *Thomas Perks*, landlord of the ASTON STREET HOUSE, Tipton, against the decision of the magistrates not to renew the license."

BARGE AND BARREL

207, (206), Bloomfield Road / 206, Factory Road, (Factory Bridge), (Hurst Lane), (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Edwin Aston

Edward Aston, JUNCTION INN, High Street, Tipton

Exors. of Edward Aston [1920]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (leased) [1900], [1904], [1912], [1916] (acquired) [2001]

Marstons plc [2012]

LICENSEES

Joseph Aston* [1818]

Joseph Aston* [1828] – 1857);

Isaac Aston (1857 – [1872])
William Jones [1873] – [1875]
Samuel Mould [] – 1876;
Edward Aston (1876 – [1879])
William J Cox [1881] – [1882]
Benjamin Parsons [1891] – [1892]
John Laxton [1896] – [1900]
John Grainger [1901]
Sarah Hill [1911]
James Pickard Gill [1919] – 1923;
James ‘Jim’ Morgan (1923 – 1930);
Mrs. Betsy (Morgan) Hill (1930 – 1964);
Albert Smith (1964 – [1966])
Raymond Gill [] – 1967;
Enid Christine Anne Houghton (1967 – 1971);
Peter John Cashmore (1971 – 1972);
John Henry Long (1972 – 1973);
Pietro Drago Ferrante (1973 – 1977);
Paul Gordon Turton (1977 – 1979);
Clifford Frederick Vale (1979);
Graham Leonard Gardner (1979 – 1980);
Robert James Brookes (1980 – 1981);
Alan Samuel Round (1981 – 1982);
Norman Paul Hamilton (1982);
Steven Robert James (1982);
John Michael Morgan (1982 – 1983);
Peter Morgan Cox (1983 – 1984);
John Davies (1984);
Trevor Edward Smith (1984 – 1985);
Paul David Shaw (1985);
Philip Leslie Taylor (1984 – 1985);
Frederick Patrick Gordon (1985);
Carole Higginson (1985 – 1987);
Keith Trevor Bennett (1987);
Michael John Gurr (1987 – 1989);
Frederick Ernest Tibbetts (1989 – 1990);
Stella Marie Bradney (1990 – [])
J F Morgan [1993]
Mark Jennings [1996]
Penelope Elizabeth ‘Penny’ Hewitt [2012] – [2013]

NOTES

Factory Bridge [1818], [1830], [1835], [1841], [1842], [1848], [1860]

Factory [1828], [1841], [1851], [1859], [1871], [1882]

Hurst Lane [1834]

Dudley Road [1845]

206, Bloomfield Road [1871], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]

Factory Road [1882], [1891]

207, Bloomfield Road [1939], [1940]

BUSH [1828], [1836], [1849], [1864], [1875], [1881], [1896], [1901], [1903], [1904], [1912], [1916],

[1919]

OLD BUSH [1859], [1879], [1882], [1924], [1926], [1940], [1955], [1960]

* possibly the same person

Joseph Aston = Joseph Ashton

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 16/4/1830 - Advert

“The Euphrates Packet continues to run, as usual, from Tipton to Birmingham, in two hours every Monday, Thursday and Saturday, for the accommodation of Passengers and conveyance of Parcels. Leaves Mr. *Joseph Aston's*, Factory Bridge, at a quarter past eight o'clock in the morning, through Tipton Green, Dudley Port, Tividale, Oldbury, Spon Lane, Smethwick, and Winson Green, to Mr. Richard Heathcoate's, Waggon and Horses Inn, Friday Bridge, Birmingham; and returns at five o'clock the same evening.

Fares throughout. First Cabin 1s 6d. Second Cabin 1s.

N.B. the proprietor of the above begs to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Birmingham and its vicinity wishing to make parties to visit the ancient Ruins and delightful Walks of Dudley Castle, that the Euphrates Packet will be let out on hire, upon reasonable terms, any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. This will afford an excellent opportunity to School-masters, &c. wishing to take their Pupils during the summer season.

To treat for the above apply to Mr. Monk, the Proprietor, Tipton, or to Mr. Heathcoate, Waggon and Horses Inn, Birmingham.”

1841 Census

Factory

[1] *Joseph Aston* (50), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] Ellen Aston (40), born Staffordshire;

[3] Edward Aston (25), born Staffordshire;

[4] Joseph Aston (12), born Staffordshire;

[5] Job Aston (5), born Staffordshire;

[6] Charlotte Aston (16), born Staffordshire;

[7] Amelia Aston (14), born Staffordshire;

[8] Sarah Aston (12), born Staffordshire;

[9] Elizabeth Aston (10), born Staffordshire;

[10] Rebecca Aston (8), born Staffordshire;

[11] Mary Aston (6), born Staffordshire;

[12] William Cox (40), born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/7/1848

“Dreadful Boiler Explosion At Bloomfield Ironworks, Three Men Killed.....

George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, for the district in which the body of William Perry, another of the unfortunate men, lay, also lost no time in causing a jury to be summoned, of which Mr. Simeon Round, maltster, was foreman, and which assembled at Mr. *Joseph Aston's*, Factory Bridge, the same evening (Saturday).

The jury, with the coroner, having first viewed the body of the deceased, proceeded to the spot where the boiler lay, and, having inspected it, returned to Mr. *Aston's* where the inquiry was adjourned till Friday next. Mr. Canning was also in attendance on this occasion.”

[A fuller account can be found in the KINGS HEAD, Princes End, where another inquest was held.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/10/1849 - Advert

“Leasehold Property At Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by William Cluett, at the house of Mr. *Joseph Aston*, the BUSH INN, Tipton, on Tuesday, the 30th day of October, 1849, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as will be then produced and read.....

1851 Census

Factory

- [1] *Joseph Aston* (65), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Ellen Aston* (55), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Joseph Aston* (28), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Charlotte Aston* (26), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Amelia Aston* (24), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Sarah Aston* (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Elizabeth Aston* (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Rebecca Aston* (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Mary Aston* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [10] *Job Aston* (15), son, born Tipton:

Joseph Aston died in 1857.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/4/1857

“At the Police Court, West Bromwich, the following licenses were transferred.....
BUSH INN, executors of *Joseph Aston* to *Isaac Aston*.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/6/1859 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public House, The THREE TUNS, and Adjoining Houses, in Hurst Lane, Dudley Road, In the Parish of Tipton.
Mr. Charles Round will Sell by Auction, at the OLD BUSH INN, Factory, Tipton, on Tuesday Next, the 5th day of July, at six o’clock in the Evening, in two lots.....

1861 Census

BUSH INN

- [1] *Isaac Aston* (50), innkeeper, born Tipton;
 - [2] *Ann Aston* (49), wife, born Tipton;
 - [3] *Stephen Aston* (19), son, born Tipton;
 - [4] *Sarah Aston* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [5] *Richard Aston* (13), son, born Tipton;
 - [6] *Isaac Aston* (11), son, born Tipton;
 - [7] *Charles Aston* (7), son, born Tipton;
- and one servant:

Isaac Aston was also a car proprietor. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/1/1866

“An inquest was held yesterday by Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, at the BUSH INN, Bloomfield, touching the death of a child of seven years named Samuel Foster, whose parents reside in the Factory. On Thursday last, at about six o’clock, it appeared that deceased was playing ‘bedlam’ in the streets with lads his own age, when he was knocked down by a light spring trap, supposed to be driven by a person from Bilston. From the effects of his injuries he had received he expired a short time after the accident. One of the wheels of the vehicle had passed over his chest. The Coroner said he had received a private communication, stating that parties had been in the habit of driving very fast in the locality. From the evidence it did not appear that the driver of the cart was driving unusually fast. The driver of the cart had said at the time of the accident that he lived at Bilston, but the parents and the police had been unable to ascertain his address. The Coroner left it to the jury whether the inquest should be adjourned for the purpose of further inquiry and to produce the driver, but only two jurors holding up their hands in favour of the adjournment, the remainder found a verdict of Accidental Death.

The Coroner informed Sergeant Swift that several freeholders had complained of furious driving in that locality, and he hoped he would summon the next person found so offending.

The jury said the locality in which the deceased had lost his life was very dark, and suggested that a lamp

should be placed near the Stour Valley Railway bridge.

The Coroner promised to write to the proper authorities on the subject, and he also expressed his intention of doing all he could to find the driver of the cart, and directed the police likewise to continue the prosecution of their inquiries for the same purpose.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/5/1866

“The annual meeting of the Tipton Association for the Prosecution of Felons was held at the house of Mr. *Isaac Aston*, the BUSH INN, on Friday last, when about thirty of the members sat down to an excellent dinner. Mr. H. L. Whitehouse was voted to the chair, and a very pleasant evening was spent.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/6/1869

“An inquest was held yesterday at the BUSH INN, Factory Bridge, before Mr. Hooper, Coroner for South Staffordshire, on the body of John Burke (30), miner, one of three men killed on Thursday last, by a heavy fall of coal, at Barber’s Field Colliery, Princes End, under circumstances previously described in the *Daily Post*. On Tuesday morning last, deceased went to that part of the workings where the other two men were employed, about dinner time. There was a ‘slip’ in the coal, and it is supposed that a large quantity burst over the trees, and crushed the three men beneath it. A witness named George Dunkey, a deputy, said that upon the alarm being given he assisted to extricate the bodies of the unfortunate men, all three of whom were crushed in a frightful manner. They had evidently met with an instantaneous death. In reply to questions put to him, witness said that the pit was examined on the morning of the occurrence.

Mr. Roper, the mine agent, produced plans of the workings of the pit. He said he was in the habit of examining the pit once a week, and his deputies did so every morning. Every possible precaution was taken for the safety of the men, and there was no complaint about the scarcity of timber. The Coroner said he did not think it would be necessary to adjourn the present inquest, because a full investigation would take place at the inquest on the basis of the other men, when Mr. Baker, the Inspector, would attend and report the result of his inspection of the pit. The Jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by a fall of coal, but there was no evidence to show from what cause the coal fell.”

1871 Census

206, Bloomfield – public house

- [1] *Isaac Aston* (60), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Ann Aston* (59), wife, born Evesham;
- [3] *Isaac Aston* (21), son, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [4] *Charles Aston* (17), son, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [5] *Lavinia Hughes* (25), barmaid, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Ellen Blackham* (20), general servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *George J. Murray* (38), boarder, officer Inland Revenue, born York:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/5/1871

“The Society For the Prosecution Of Felons. The annual meeting of this society, which has been established more than one hundred years, was held on Friday afternoon, at the BUSH INN, Factory; Mr. H. L. Whitehouse in the chair. After dinner the Hon. Sec. (Mr. C. Round) read the report of the business of the year. The finances were in a satisfactory condition. The operations of the society during the year had been confined to assisting members to recover their property. No felons had, however, been captured. A vote of thanks to the officers brought the proceedings to a close.”

Dudley Guardian 14/2/1874

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before W. L. Underhill and Wilson Lloyd, Esqrs. Peter Craven, William Fleet, William Bridgwood, Eli Edwards, Richard Morris, James Murphy, Samuel Siddell, William Smith, and Joseph Hakin, were charged with rioting and doing wilful damage at Bloomfield, on the 5th inst. Eli Edwards, William Smith, and Joseph Hakin, were further charged with assaulting the police whilst in the execution of their duty at Tipton on the same date.

William Whitehouse stated that he was a maltster and licensed victualler, and kept the STAR HOTEL at

Bloomfield. At about ten o'clock on the morning of the day in question, he was standing outside his house when the prisoners and a number of other persons came up who were armed with sticks and stones. They came from the direction of Tipton, and were shouting 'Mills and Brogden for ever.' Witness could not swear to all the prisoners, but could to Fleet, Birchwood, and Morris. As witness was afraid of receiving injury, he went inside his house, and as soon as he went near the window a shower of stones went through it. Morris appeared to be the ringleader. The damage done to his house amounted upwards of £20. All the neighbours were very much frightened and put up their shutters. The prisoners did not attempt to break into his house. The stones produced were some of them which were thrown through the windows. I saw Bridgwood among the crowd. I saw Morris's hand up as well as others.

Samuel Moore proved seeing Fleet, Bridgwood, Morris, Murphy, Smith, and Craven, among the crowd; did not notice the other prisoners were there. Saw the crowd throw stones and a piece of timber through Mr. Whitehouse's window. Craven was one that stood in the front rank.

William Holden proved seeing Craven and Morris in the crowd.

William Jefferies saw Fleet and Bridgwood among the crowd.

Mrs. Sarah Ann *Jones*, landlady of the BUSH INN, Bloomfield, stated that shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon, a very large crowd armed with sticks paid a visit to her house. She recognised Morris, Bridgwood, Fleet, as being in the crowd. Bridgwood asked whose side she was for, and immediately afterwards threw a stone through a window. A large shower of stones followed and about thirty panes of glass broken. PC Bishop proved seeing Siddell with a stick in his hand marching the crowd towards Mr. Whitehouse's house shortly before 12 o'clock. The crowd were shouting 'Mills and Brogden for ever.'

PC Keenan also gave evidence and said he was struck on the side of the head with a stone, because he remonstrated with the mob.

PS Dutton stated that about half-past one o'clock he and three other constables were conveying some prisoners to the station, when they were attacked by a large crowd of people, Joseph Hakin, William Smith, and Eli Edwards, threw stones several of which struck witness. PC Bishop was hurt very badly, and has been disabled from duty in consequence.

All the prisoners were remanded till next Monday.

Mr. Whitehouse then applied that the magistrates would make an order upon the treasurer of the Hundred to compensate him for the loss he had sustained. He had advice upon the matter and was informed that he would have to make application within 7 days, otherwise he would be barred from taking proceedings. Mr. Fellows said he should advise the Magistrates not to make an order as he was sure that no claims for compensation could be sustained. He read sections of the Act bearing on the subject by which it appeared that a dwelling house must be wholly demolished and untenable before compensation could be allowed. Mere damage to windows was not within the meaning of the Act. He remembered a case in point which occurred in Birmingham, during the Murphy riots when a claim was set up for damage caused to the roof of a house and chimney, but it was held that the mob did it to arm themselves with weapons. Mr. Whitehouse still persisted in making his application, which Mr. Fellows took down in writing and informed him that he would take opinion relative to the case."

[Mills and Brogden were candidates in an election.]

County Express 27/2/1875

"Edward Hayes was charged with being drunk on licensed premises, at Tipton on Wednesday last. Sarah *Jones*, wife of *William Jones*, landlord of the BUSH INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, said that some three months ago the defendant went into the above named house. He was drunk, and refused to go when ordered out of the house. There were twenty-one previous convictions for offences of various kinds recorded against the defendant, who was now discharged on promising not to offend again, the learned Stipendiary saying he would try if kindness would do any good to him, as harsh treatment had seemed to fail."

Dudley Herald 8/5/1875

".....Sale by auction old established public house BUSH INN situate adjacent to the Birmingham Canal and near Factory Ironworks, Bloomfield Road, Tipton. Now in the occupancy of *William Jones*."
William Jones was also a cab proprietor.

1881 Census

206, Bloomfield Road – BUSH INN

- [1] *William J. Cox* (32), hammer man and innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary S. Cox* (32), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William H. Cox* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Thomas Cox* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *George Cox* (3), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *James J. M. Cox* (25), brother, forgerman, born Tipton;
- [7] *Thomas Cox* (31), brother, engine fitter at works, born Tipton;
- [8] *Joseph J. Cox* (20), brother, carpenter, born Tipton;
- [9] *John Summers* (64), boarder, forgerman (unemployed), born Lancaster;
- [10] *Fance (?) Perks* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [11] *Phoebe J. Perry* (13), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Wednesbury Herald 3/6/1882

“Mr. Hooper [coroner] held an inquest at the BUSH INN, Factory Road, Tipton, respecting the death of Julia Ann Hughes (10), whose parents reside in that vicinity. On Saturday the deceased was found drowned in a large water cistern. A pail was found beside her, and her mother was of opinion that the deceased had been engaged in cleaning out the cistern when she fell into it. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Dudley and District News 24/6/1882

“On Monday afternoon, Mr. F. W. Topper, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the BUSH INN, Bloomfield Road, touching the death of Wilmer Challoner, aged six years, son of a boatman. The child was in charge of an uncle named Henry Wright, and lived with him in a cabin boat, presently moored in an arm of the Birmingham Canal, adjoining Messrs. Turley furnaces, Bloomfield. On Friday Wright and his wife went to Birmingham, leaving their children in charge of Elizabeth Coombes. About seven o’clock she put Wright’s children to bed, and then went to look for deceased, whom she had seen a short time previously playing on the banks of the canal. Failing to see him, but observing his hat floating in the water, she came to the conclusion that he had fallen into the canal, and at once got assistance. On the water being searched a boatman came upon the deceased, and took him out with a boat hook. Dr. Underhill was called in, but found that life was extinct. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Dudley and District News 8/7/1882

“On Saturday afternoon the Wolverhampton and District of the Original Order of Oddfellows held its quarterly meeting at the house of Bro. *W. J. Cox*, OLD BUSH INN, the Factory, Tipton. About 60 delegates from various lodges were present, having come from Wolverhampton and other places in brakes.....”

Dudley and District News 13/10/1883

“Tipton Local Board Of Health.....

A discussion arose on the advisability of closing a well at the BUSH INN, Bloomfield, the water of which had on three previous occasions been analysed, and found to be unfit for human consumption. The occupiers of the well had written to the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company declining to use their water. Several members of the Board expressed themselves of opinion that people should be at liberty to use either the company’s water or well water at their choice, whilst others were for advising the mains should be put down in the ordinary course and compelling people to use the company’s water. Ultimately the question was adjourned till the next meeting.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/11/1884 - Advert

“The BUSH INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, to be Sold by private contract.
Apply on the premises.”

Wednesbury Herald 10/1/1891

“On Tuesday Mr. Edwin Hooper (coroner) held an inquest, at the BUSH INN, Factory Road, on the body of

John Thomas Hale, an adopted son of James Shields, of Bloomfield.

Deceased was eleven years of age, and he complained that for a year or so his fainting fits were due to his being struck on the head with a ruler whilst at school. He died on New Year's Day, in a fit.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

1891 Census

206, Bloomfield Road – BUSH INN

[1] *Benjamin Parsons* (26), moulder, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary L. Parsons* (26), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Arthur B. Parsons* (1), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Sarah J. Millington* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 23/2/1901

"Mr. H. A. Pearson (Coroner) held an inquiry at the BUSH INN, Bloomfield, Tipton, on Monday, at noon, touching the death of William Rawbone, a carpenter, Factory Road, who met with his death by drowning. Elizabeth Rawbone, 14, Factory Road, Tipton, said deceased was her son. He was a joiner by trade, in the employment of the Birmingham Canal Company, and on Friday morning she called him up at twenty minutes past six to go to work. He had a good home, and had had no quarrel with anyone. She believed he met with his death accidentally.

The foreman of the jury (Mr. Lyons) asked witness if a post mortem examination had been made at her request, and she said no.

The Coroner said the examination was made by his orders.

George Taylor, 27, Little Burton, had worked with deceased for a long time. At 9 o'clock on the day named he made inquiries at deceased's home, and found he left to go to work at six. He afterwards found the body in the water, in the lock. It was usual for people to close the lock to get across, and he had known deceased do so before.

Isaiah Whitehouse, of the Bradley Locks, said he had worked with deceased for a long time. He went in company with the last witness, and found the body in the water.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said it was rather frosty on that morning and slippery.

In reply to a juror, the Canal Company usually put ashes down when the road was slippery.

In reply to another juror, witness said there was only one foothold there to enable a man to close the lock, and it would be very easy to get into the water.

Dr. J. Naylor said he made a post mortem examination on the Coroner's orders. The body was healthy, and there were no marks of violence on it. There was a bruise on fingers on the left hand and neck, and he was of opinion deceased must have been closing the lock to get across when he slipped down on his left side, his neck striking the pole in the fall, dazing him. He would then fall into the water, and be unable to call for assistance.

The jury, in returning their verdict, said they thought it a little irregular to hold a post mortem examination on the body of a steady, sober, young man, who they know must have met with his Death by Drowning."

1901 Census

206, Bloomfield Road

[1] *John Grainger* (39), innkeeper, born Sedgley;

[2] *Alice Grainger* (34), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Martha Grainger* (75), widow, mother, born Sedgley;

[4] *William Grainger* (15), son, born Tipton;

[5] *John Grainger* (9), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Albert Grainger* (8), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Alice Grainger* (6), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] *Ellen Goddard* (14), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[9] *Mary Round* (17), domestic servant, born Dudley:

An objection to license renewal was made in January 1903 on the grounds that its boundaries were out of

repair.

A further objection was made in February 1903 on the grounds that it was not required, police supervision was difficult, and it was dilapidated.

1911 Census

206, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Sarah Hill* (68), widow, born Worcestershire;
- [2] *Ellen Hill* (42), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Frederick Hill* (24), son, hairdresser, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Elsie May Roberrrts* (18), general servant, housemaid, born Staffordshire:

It was rebuilt in the 1920s.

South Staffordshire Times 9/8/1924

“On Monday a jovial party was taken by ‘M&S’ char-a-banc from the BUSH, Bloomfield, to Evesham, where a happy day was spent under the leadership of Mr. *Jim Morgan*, the licensee. A start was made about 8 o’clock in the morning, and the party returned abundantly satisfied and pleased about 9.30 at night.”

James Morgan was the first licensee proceeded against at Tipton for seven years in February 1926, for permitting drunkenness - case dismissed.

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

BUSH INN, Factory Road, £6 (January 27th) and 5s 2½d (July 20th).....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Betsy Morgan married Mr. Hill c.1937.

1939 Register

207, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Frederick T. Hill*, date of birth, 18/02/1904, universal miller, aircraft & anti aircraft components, married;
- [2] *Betsy Hill*, dob, 15/03/1894, licensed victualler, manageress, married;
- [3] *James C. Morgan*, dob, 25/03/1918, bullaror operator, armaments tank components, single;
- [4] *Betsy Glover*, dob, 24/09/1861, unpaid domestic duties, widowed:

Tipton Herald 5/11/1955

“‘Blackie’ the cat enjoys a comfortable ride on the broad back of bull mastiff ‘Bruce’ owned by Mrs. *B. Hill* of the OLD BUSH INN, Tipton. Five-years-old ‘Bruce’ is literally a heavyweight – he weighs 13 stone 2lbs, measures 16 inches across the chest and 33 inches round the neck. He was bred by Mr. J. Monahan, the local representative of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.”

Tipton Herald 12/3/1960

“Several months ago employees of Bullers Ltd. Factory Road, Tipton, began a dinner-time darts league. Instead of sitting down and talking when their meals were over, workmen in various departments engaged in friendly rivalry in one of the district’s most popular pastimes. Play was keen and there was great competition to get into department teams. On Friday of last week presentations to league winners, Fitting Shop ‘A’ team, were made at the OLD BUSH INN, Factory Road. Runners-up were the Foundry ‘B’ team.”

It closed in the 1990s.

It was reopened as the BARGE AND BARREL in July 1996, and the first pint was pulled by Wolves goalkeeper Mike Stowell.

Mark Jennings was married to Julie.

Dudley News 1/8/2020

“A new Eat Out to Help Out postcode checker has been launched by the government that allows you to find out which business in Dudley and the surrounding areas are taking part in the scheme. Eat Out to Help Out officially begins on Monday, August 3. Customers will be able to get a 50 per cent discount on food or non-alcoholic drinks (up to a £10 discount per diner) at participating establishments. The scheme will run every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until Monday, August 31. Establishments will claim a reimbursement from the government for the discount they’ve given. Participating establishments may include restaurants, cafés, bars or pubs, work and school canteens and food halls. Here are the establishments so far registered to take part in the scheme within five miles of Dudley town centre.....
BARGE AND BARREL, Factory Road, Tipton.”

OLD BUSH Bar & Grill. [2022]

[2023]

BARLEY MOW

70+71, (70), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

J Wild [1866]

Thomas Macdonald [1866] – [1876]

John Tranter [1878]

Edward Hickenbottom [1878] – **1881**);

George Moore (**1881** – []

Frederick Simpson [1891]

NOTES

70, Dudley Port [1871]

70+71, Dudley Port [1881], [1891]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/3/1866

“J. Tudor of Dudley Port will run Knowles of Tividale 100 yards, if he will give him three yards start, or Alf Thomas of the same place on similar conditions, or J. Hughes of Toll End with two yards; any match for £5 a side. Money ready at *J. Wild's*, BARLEY MOW, Dudley Port.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 2/6/1866

“H. Tudor of Dudley Port will run T. Wareing of Wednesbury 120 yards, for £10 or £15, a side at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton or any other grounds. Money ready at *Mr. Wild's*, BARLEY MOW, Dudley Port.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 1/9/1866

“H. Tudor of Dudley Port will run W. Lee of Great Bridge, or S. Hodgkiss of Can Lane, Bilston 120 yards, for £10 a side. Money ready at *T. M. Donald's*, BARLEY MOW, Dudley Port.”

Thomas McDonald, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1870]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/2/1871

“H. Tudor of Dudley Port will run Gust of Gornal or Whitehouse of Smethwick 100 or 120 yards, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at *Mr. William's*, BARLEY MOW INN, Dudley Port.”

1871 Census

70, Dudley Port – BARLEY MOW INN

- [1] *Thomas McDonald* (27), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah McDonald* (25), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Thomas McDonald* (2), son, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Eliza Wild* (58), mother, annuitant, born Ireland:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/4/1874

“Alexandra Park Recreation Grounds, Rood End, near Oldbury.

The above beautiful grounds, which are available from all parts of England, being situated within a few minutes' walk of Oldbury, Spon Lane, and the Smethwick stations on the Stour Valley Railway, and West-bromwich, Smethwick Junction, and Rood End stations on the Great Western Railway (Rood End in particular, being only 300 yards distant), are reopen to the public, and the proprietors, Messrs. Smith and Bradley, respectfully announce that they will give £15 to be contested for in an All England Foot Race, distance 135 yards, on Saturday and Monday, April 18 and 20. First prize £10, second £4, third £1. Entrance 1s 6d, no acceptance, to be declared on or before Tuesday, April 14. Wednesday morning's letters will be in time. All entries to be made at the grounds, or at any of the following places.....

Macdonald's, BARLEY MOW INN, Dudley Port.....

Betting and gambling strictly prohibited. No one allowed to run unless in proper costume.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/4/1874

“A few men went to work in two or three of Lord Dudley's pits at Pensnett this morning. It is not known at present whether the men are union or non-union, but presumably they are the latter. The agent's instructions to the men are to let the men work without molestation. There is nothing important in the event.

The colliers on strike throughout the whole of the district have now received their second week's strike pay. This in some instances, amounts to 25s per fortnight.

Yesterday, a mass meeting of miners was held at the BARLEY MOW INN, Dudley Port. The Chairman said he was a delegate at the conference in Manchester, and he would mention, for their gratification, that the West Bromwich district, to which they belonged, was in closer union with the Executive than ever.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1876

“*Thomas Macdonald*, of the BARLEY MOW beerhouse, Dudley Port, was fined £5 and costs, and had his license endorsed, for permitting gambling with cards for ale. Two officers in plain clothes detected the de-

feudant, and Supt. Holland said he was compelled to send the men in consequence of letters he had received as to the character of the house.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1877

“West Bromwich Annual Licensing Sessions. Yesterday these Sessions were held at the Police Court West Bromwich.....

The following reports as to the convictions of publicans during last year was made by Superintendents Wollaston and Holland, for the police divisions of West Bromwich and Wednesbury.....

Thomas McDonald, BARLEY MOW, Tipton, allowing gambling, fined £5 and costs and license endorsed.”

County Express 22/6/1878

“Enoch Wood, engineman, was charged with having on the 14th inst, stolen a quantity of pianoforte wires, an umbrella, and other articles, the property of John Dingley, pianoforte tuner, Long Lane, Blackheath. It appeared that on the day in question prosecutor visited the ROYAL OAK, Springfield, kept by John Tranter. He went into the kitchen and there saw the prisoner and the landlord. He placed an umbrella and a bag containing tools and pianoforte wire on a seat at his side. After a lapse of about half-an-hour prosecutor left the room and went into the yard at the rear of the house, leaving the landlord and the prisoner with the bag and aforesaid mentioned articles. A few minutes afterwards he heard the landlord leaving the house, and at that time prisoner came to the back door and said ‘I see Mr. Tranter has gone.’ Prosecutor, on returning to the house, found that the prisoner had left and that the bag, umbrella, &c had been taken away. He made inquiries and afterwards gave information to the police. Prosecutor identified the articles produced as those he had missed.

William Grant, boat unloader, living at Dudley Port, said he was in the BARLEY MOW INN, Dudley Port, on the 14th inst, and there purchased an umbrella from the prisoner for 3d.

Police-constable Given said that on the 14th inst he visited the house of the prisoner, and found him seated on a bench examining the articles produced. Witness took prisoner into custody, and charged him. In reply he said ‘I never stole them; I bought them from a man up the hills. I did not have an umbrella off him, and I have not sold an umbrella to-day.’ Prisoner subsequently said he had bought them from a man named Round, and had given him 8d for them.

He now pleaded guilty.

He was sentenced to six months’ imprisonment with hard labour.”

Edward Hickenbottom = Edward Higginbottom = Edward Hickenbottom

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/11/1878

“Staffordshire And Shropshire Winter Assizes.

Henry Slimm, 32, miner, was indicted for having on the 3rd of August last, at Tipton, killed John Perry. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Underhill prosecuted and, in opening the case, said the facts were simple. Prisoner appeared to have been with others in the BARLEY MOW public-house, Dudley Port, on the day in question, when a quarrel ensued between deceased and prisoner about a dog race. The publican turned them out, and they resorted to a field behind the public-house and began to fight. After several rounds which seemed to have been fought fairly, the prisoner changed his tactics, and, taking deceased in the arms, let him down in such a manner that Perry fell on the back of his head. The result was an injury to the spinal chord, which brought on paralysis, and a complication of disorders having set in, the unfortunate man died on the 4th of September.

Herbert Whitehouse, a miner gave evidence to the effect that on August 3 the prisoner had words with the deceased, and that in the fight Perry, who was the smaller and weaker of the two, was taken up twice after the first six or seven rounds and let fall on his head. After the second fall he remained motionless.

Edward Higginbottom, landlord of the BARLEY MOW, Dudley Port, stated that both deceased and prisoner were sober when they quarrelled. Prisoner had had two pints and Perry two. When they became noisy he turned them out of his house. Perry went out the first into the field, jumping the wall; Perry also had struck the first blow.

Thomas Brindley, a carter, Dudley Port, deposed that on returning home from work on the night in question,

about half-past six, he saw Perry beginning to fight near the public-house. The witness then described the way in which the prisoner had taken deceased in his arms in the course of the fight and thrown him. Witness had only been five or six yards off.

Prisoner, in reply to this witness, denied he had thrown the deceased, and asserted that he had fallen backwards 'of himself.'

Dr. Golden, house surgeon at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, having given evidence to show that such a fall as the previous witness had described would account for the fatal injuries the deceased had received.

John Harrison, inspector of police at Tipton, stated that he took the prisoner into custody on the day in question. When charged he had replied that in the course of the fight he had knocked Perry down, who, falling on cinder, and been injured in the head. The prisoner had had an opportunity of cross-examining the deceased when before the magistrates.

Perry's depositions were read. They stated that while in the BARLEY MOW, when the prisoner was drinking, a quarrel began between them about a dog race. Slimm struck the deceased in the left eye. The blow was returned, and the landlord ordering them out of the house, they went to a field and fought, and then the prisoner caught him round the waist and let him fall on his head. He felt numb all over immediately after and called on Mary James to come to his help. He (deceased) had not struck the first blow. He freely forgave Slimm the injury done to him.

When asked what he had to say in his behalf, the prisoner repeated the statements in his deposition, and added that he had a witness to call. It appeared, however, from a statement made by the inspector of police that the prisoner's wife would not find the money for the expenses of the said witness.

His Lordship said that the jury must find the prisoner guilty on the prisoner's own statement, and after a very short consultation, the jury found a verdict of guilty.

In passing sentence, the learned Judge said he did not suppose he (prisoner) had intended to take the man's life; but his Lordship was quite certain the deceased had been thrown by the prisoner while fighting in the cruel way described. Moreover, the prisoner had a very bad character, having been convicted 10 times, and a warrant for his arrest now being out. His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to one year's imprisonment with hard labour."

Dudley Herald 4/9/1880 - Advert

"The BARLEY MOW INN, the Terrace, Dudley Port.

To be Let, and may be immediately entered upon, the above Beershop, doing a splendid business; satisfactory reasons for leaving.

Apply, *Edward Hickinbottom*, as above."

Dudley Herald 27/11/1880 - Advert

"To be Let, with immediate possession, that desirable Beerhouse, the BARLEY MOW INN, situated at the Terrace, Dudley Port, Tipton, and now brewing 1,000 bushels annually.

For particulars, apply to Mr. *Edward Hickinbottom*, on the premises."

1881 Census

70+71, Dudley Port – BARLEY MOW

- [1] *George Moore* (44), retail brewer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Moore* (42), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Annie Moore* (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Arthur Moore* (13), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Laura Moore* (6), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *John Moore* (4), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Alice Moore* (2), daughter, born West Bromwich:

1891 Census

70+71, Dudley Port – BARLEY MOW

- [1] *Frederick Simpson* (45), public house manager, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Eliza Simpson* (38), wife, born Birmingham;

- [3] Frederick Simpson (15), son, born Birmingham;
- [4] Winnie Simpson (9), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] Ernest Simpson (6), son, born Birmingham;
- [6] Clara Simpson (5), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [7] Lizzie Simpson (3), daughter, born Birmingham:

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/8/1893

“Darlaston And Tipton. These sessions were held on Monday, at Wednesbury.....

The license of the BARLEY MOW, Dudley Port, was not renewed last year, and had consequently lapsed.”

BARREL

10, Canal Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Leonard Foster, Glenroy, near Dudley

John Thomas Walker

Elizabeth Walker (acquired 26th September 1932)

Darby's Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Williams [1911]

John Ashmore [1915]

Bert Wilson [] – **1919**);

William Johnson (**1919 – 1920**);

John Thomas Walker (**1920 – 1932**);

Elizabeth Walker (**1932 – 1945**);

George David Wagstaffe (**1945 – 1962**);

Mary Elizabeth Wagstaffe (**1962 – []**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

License renewal objected to, in February 1903, on the grounds that it was insanitary and difficult for police supervision. It was renewed on 26th February 1903.

1911 Census

10, Canal Street

[1] *Thomas Williams* (25), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;

[2] Hannah Williams (23), wife, married 3 years, born Old Hill;

[3] Gladys Williams (1), daughter, born Old Hill;

[4] James Shaw (65), father-in-law, born Old Hill;

[5] Sarah Shaw (64), mother-in-law, married 46 years, born Old Hill;

[6] Joseph Shaw (33), brother-in-law, brewer, born Old Hill:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/10/1915

“*John Ashmore* was charged, at Tipton, yesterday, with selling intoxicating liquors without a license. Inspector Newey stated that on September 25 he visited the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, and saw defendant, who was standing behind the bar, supply two customers with a glass of ale and rum and peppermint. He asked defendant on whose authority he was selling liquor, and he replied ‘Bayliss, I suppose.’ William Bayliss, the person referred to, was the late landlord of the public-house. Witness told him that he was doing wrong.

Defendant made a statement to the effect that he had kept the BARREL INN, Canal Street, and that Mr. Jackson, the owner of the NAVIGATION INN, had asked him to take over the management of the public-house. He agreed to do so, adding, ‘If I have done anything wrong, I have done it in ignorance.’ William Bayliss, landlord of the RED LION INN, Park Lane, said he left the NAVIGATION INN on September 21.

Superintendent Salt: Did you give Mr. *Ashmore* any authority to carry on business on your account? – No sir, I have never seen him; I do not know him.

Mr. W. A Foster, who defended, pointed out that the license was transferred to *Ashmore* on September 23, and contended he had committed merely a technical offence.

The case was withdrawn on payment of costs.”

South Staffordshire Times 30/10/1920

“The third annual meeting of the Tipton and District Homing Society was held at the BARREL INN, Canal Street. It was preceded by an excellently catered and well-served dinner by host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. *J. T. Walker*. Afterwards the chair was taken by Councillor H. E. King.....”

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

1939 Register

10, Canal Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Walker*, date of birth, 04/09/1872, licensee, public house keeper, widowed;
- [2] *Arthur Walker*, dob, 02/12/1913, railway company’s permanent way plate layer, single;
- [3] *George (D) Wagstaffe*, dob, 04/04/1904, iron moulder, heavy worker, married;
- [4] *Mary (E) (Wagstaffe) Large*, dob, 19/06/1918, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1956-57]

A wine license was granted on 27th April 1959.

A full license was granted on 17th July 1962.

BARREL

93, (91), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Jeavons [1916]

LICENSEES

Josephus Roberts [1855] – **1858**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts (**1858 – 1859**);
H J Lancashire (**1859** – []
Joseph Woodhall [1860] – **1862**);
Jane Elizabeth Heaton (**1862 – 1863**);
Samuel Round (**1863** – [1865]
Mrs. Marian Round [1868] – **1870**);
Albert Round (**1870 – 1871**);
Eliza Ann Onions (**1871** – [1872]
Edward Nicklin [1873] – [1874]
Matthew Smith [1885]
Mrs. Eliza Cole [1891] – [1896]
Walter Bagnall [1900]
Arthur Bagnall [1901] – [1908]
Walter Walton [1911] – [1912]
Robert Turner [] – **1916**):

NOTES

91, Dudley Port [1873]

93, Dudley Port [1871], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

BARRELL [1868], [1896], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

Josephus Roberts, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

Josephus Roberts, BARREL INN, Dudley Port, cautioned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/12/1857

“A child, four years old, named Elizabeth Green, who lived with her mother, at Mr. *Josephus Robert*'s, the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, was dreadfully burnt about the body and head on Saturday last, it is supposed, by setting her clothes on fire while playing at the grate. She was found by Mrs. *Roberts* with her clothes in flames, but before they could be extinguished she was so badly burnt that she died in about eighteen hours afterwards.”

Josephus Roberts was married to *Elizabeth*.

He died in 1858.

Birmingham Daily Post 5/7/1858

“At the Public Office, on Saturday the following transfer of public house licenses took place.....

BARREL INN, Dudley Port, from the executors of the late *Josephus Roberts* to his widow, Mrs. *Elizabeth*

Roberts.”

Birmingham Journal 31/7/1858 - Advert

“To Butty Colliers, Coal Masters, Colliery Agents, and Others.

Sale Of Horses, Carts, Skips, and Mining Tools, &c.

To Be Sold By Auction, By John G. Wright, on Monday, August 9th, 1858, at the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, removed there for convenience of Sale, all the excellent Colliery Plant, Miners’ Tools, Horses, Carts, and other Implements, belonging to the late *Josephus Roberts*, deceased, by order of the Executors; comprising four strong Draught Horses, two light Spring Traps, strong one-horse Cart, Water Cart, Water Barrow, 30 capital Skips, 102 Skip Rings, lots of Tacklers, Lashing Chain, Crow Bars, Pikes, Rakes, Blowing Tools, 3cwt of Wedges, Prickers, quarter barrel of Blowing Powder, Anvil, Vice, Screw Tackle, Blacksmith’s Tools, 18 Drinking Bottles, Grindstones, elm Boards and Skip Feet, several sets of strong Cart Harness and other Gear, set of Gig Harness, Chaff Engine, Skip Bows and Plates, and a general variety of Mining Tools. Sale to commence at Ten o’clock in the morning.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/8/1858 - Advert

“BARREL INN, Dudley Port.

By John G. Wright, This Day, (Monday) – the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Vessels, Ale Casks, Household Furniture, Licenses and Goodwill of the BARREL INN. Sale at Ten o’clock.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port – BARREL INN

- [1] *Joseph Woodhall* (31), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Woodhall* (30), wife, born Rowley;
- [3] *Walter A. Woodhall* (9), son, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Ryland W. Woodhall* (7), son, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Joseph J. Woodhall* (5), son, born Smethwick;
- [6] *Joyce A. Woodhall* (3), daughter, born Smethwick;
- [7] *Charles T. Woodhall* (1), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 31/8/1861 - Advert

“To be Let, an Old-licensed Public House, known as the Sign of the BARREL INN, Dudley Port. Rent low. For particulars, apply on the Premises.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Thursday last.....

The following licensed victuallers, fined for various infringements of the law, and whose cases had been ordered to stand over from the former licensing meeting in August last, were called before the Magistrates, and after their respective cases had been referred to they were admonished and warned that a second offence would be of serious consequences.....

Mr. *Joseph Woodhall*, the BARREL INN.....”

Jane Elizabeth Heaton = Jane Elizabeth Eaton

Birmingham Journal 9/8/1862 - Advert

“BARREL INN, Dudley Port.

Thorough Clearing Out, Unreserved Sale By Auction, and the whole to be removed off the Premises. Comprising the Brewing plant, Public House and Liquor Shop Fixtures and Fittings, capital Ale Casks, Mash Tub, Ale Vats and Lead Piping, 120 gallons wrought iron Boiler, 80 gallons ditto, five-pull Beer Machine, Liquor Fountain, with six taps complete; Stock of Spirits, Wines, and Ales; 24 bushels of Malt, 2½ Pockets of Hops, excellent Malt Mill and Crusher, Gas Fittings, Household Furniture, and other Effects; also the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above old-licensed Public House, Liquor Shop, and Premises, Which will Be Sold By Auction, by B R. L. Courtney, on Monday, the 18th day of August, 1862, at Eleven

o'clock to a minute, being the property of Mrs. *Eaton*, who is declining the public business. Auctioneer's Offices and Residence, High Street, West Bromwich."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/2/1863 - Advert

"Sale This day, at 10.30am.

By Charles Round, at the ROSE AND CROWN INN (opposite Providence Chapel), Coseley, a portion of the useful Public House Fixtures, Brewing Utensils, and Household Furniture, belonging to Mr. *Samuel Round*, who is leaving, having purchased the BARREL INN, Dudley Port.

Auctioneer's Offices, Owen Street, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/7/1863

"At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. I. Spooner (Stipendiary) a case was heard which had been adjourned from time to time, extending over six weeks, in which a man named Frederick Morgan, a miner, was charged with assaulting Police-constable Hunter, on the 27th of May last, at Horseley Heath. There was a cross summons charging the two officers with maliciously assaulting Morgan. Mr. Travis appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Fellows, of Horseley Heath, for the defence, in the second case the positions being reversed.

Hunter, upon being sworn, said that on the 27th of May, he was passing through Horseley Heath, and when near the Post Office, he heard a noise, and went in the direction and found defendant throwing at a canister outside a grocer's shop. He told him to desist, and threatened to take him into custody. Upon this the man continued his disorderly conduct, and Hunter collared him. He struggled to get away, and his companions encouraged him, and eventually he got Hunter down, and struck him several times. He then blew his whistle, and Police-constable Langdon came up and attempted to strike defendant over the arm with his staff, but he ducked and the blow fell there, causing a wound which rendered him insensible, and he was then conveyed home.

Mr. Fellows cross-examined to show that the officers were drunk, but this they denied, although it was shown that Hunter had been in three public-houses that night.

Thomas Reed, a moulder, also gave corroborative testimony, and proved that the officers were sober, as did also the man on reserve when the man was taken in.

Mr. W. Little, assistant to Mr. Underhill, police surgeon, deposed to being called in to a man named Morgan, who was suffering from coma, produced by intoxication. The coma might have been accelerated by the blow.

This being the case, the stipendiary, before giving any decision, decided to hear the counter charge.

Mr. Fellows after opening his case, called the late defendant, Frederick Morgan, who, on being sworn, said that he was at the BARREL INN on the 27th of May. He went between twelve and one o'clock. There was a tea party there. He saw Police-constables Langdon and Hunter there. He left between three and four o'clock, in company with a man named Jos. Parkes, when they got near the canister, he saw three or four young men throwing at it. He was about ten yards from the canister when Police-constable Hunter came up to him and said, 'Is your named Morgan?' and upon answering him, he said, 'Then you must go along the road with me for throwing at the canister.' The police-constable caught hold of him from behind and pushed him along the road, and Police-constable Langdon coming up, hit him from behind on the head with a staff. He then fell down and became insensible. He was taken home and was attended by a surgeon, and kept his bed for a week. In cross-examination, he admitted having been fined by Mr. Partridge, the late stipendiary, for being drunk in April, 1862, and afterwards fined 20s and costs for assaulting a man and stealing his cap. William Johnson deposed to leaving the BARREL after the last witness. When near the canister he saw Morgan and the other man with whom he left, and saw officer Hunter come to take hold of prosecutor. He (witness) asked him what he was going to do with him, and the officer said, 'You never mind or you'll get a crack.' He then sounded his whistle, and Langdon came running up and struck prisoner, knocking him down, and the two officers then dragged him along the road. Before Langdon came, Hunter struck him with his staff.

Sarah Morris, wife of Isaac Morris deposed to seeing the officers run up and handcuff Morgan, who denied having thrown at the canister. Morgan began to wrestle, and she saw Langdon strike him three times. They then afterwards dragged him a long way, and then picked him up and supported him on either side.

Mr. Faithful, surgeon of Dudley Port, deposed to having attended Morgan from the 27th of May. He was suffering from concussion of the brain. He found a contused wound upon the head. He attended him for the concussion, which in his opinion was not produced alone from the blow, but also from drink. He was about three days before he recovered consciousness. He was cured by the 11th of June, and out of his hands, and has since been well.

This concluded Mr. Fellows case.

Samuel Round, landlord of the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, called for the defence, deposed to the man Morgan being at his house on the night in question. He asked the police to be on alert, as he had prevented him fighting three or four times during the evening. He turned him out about two o'clock as he was lying full length along the spirit shop floor. One of the officers had a glass of gin and water, and one a glass of ale during the night.

This concluded the evidence.

The Stipendiary said he considered the charge against Morgan proved, but in consideration of the punishment he had received he should not inflict a heavy punishment. He was then fined 5s and costs, or one month's hard labour.

The charge against the officers was dismissed, but the Stipendiary expressed his disapprobation at the fact of the officers having anything intoxicating in public-houses whilst on duty, and hoped the matter would be brought under the notice of their superiors."

Marian Round = Marion Round

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/2/1869 - Advert

"The BARREL INN, Dudley Port.

By Mr. Charles Round. To be Disposed Of, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above well-known and much-frequented Old-licensed Public-house, and Premises.

The House contains Liquor Shop, Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchen, large Club Room, three Chambers, and three Cellars; and the Out-buildings comprise Store Room, Malt Room, Brewhouse, Coach-house, Stabling, Piggeries, and large Yard.

Satisfactory reasons given for disposal.

Rent moderate.

For further particulars and to treat, apply Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Post 19/4/1869

"County Court. *Madeley v. Round*.

This was an action brought in the above court, before Mr. Rupert Kettle, on Saturday last, in which Edwin Madeley, of Dudley Port, claimed £10, as damages in consequence of having been kicked by Thomas Round, of the same place, and thereby prevented from following his ordinary employment. On behalf of the plaintiff, Mr. Ebsworth appeared, and Mr. Stokes defended the action. The evidence showed that on the 18th of February a fight took place between plaintiff and defendant, at the BARREL INN, Dudley Port. During the struggle Round, it was said, intentionally kicked Madeley in a part where he was suffering from rupture. On the other hand it was stated that Madeley also severely kicked the defendant. The Judge believed it to be a mutual encounter, in which both were equally to blame. At all events, he said, in point of law the plaintiff was not entitled to recover. Verdict was given for the defendant, without costs."

1871 Census

93, Dudley Port

[1] John Onions (48), no occupation, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Onions (50), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] George Onions (12), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Eliza A. Onions* (22), daughter, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[5] Hannah Onions (13), daughter, born Dudley;

[6] Edwin Onions (6), son, born Tipton;

[7] Maria Williams (20), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/7/1872 - Advert

“If the Cart left at the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, by S. Payne, is not Claimed in 3 days, it will be Sold to pay expenses.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/3/1874 - Advert

“Found, March 21, black Retriever Bitch, with white star on the breast. If not claimed in three days will be sold to defray expenses.

Apply to Mr. *Edward Nicklin*, BARREL INN, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 31/5/1877 - Advert

“BARREL INN, Dudley Port.

To be Let, that above Old-Licensed House and Premises, comprising Spirit Shop, Bar, Parlour, Smoke Room, Cooking Kitchen, four Bed Rooms, Club Room, three Cellars, Malt Room, Brewhouse, Stabling, Coach-house, large Yard, and pair of Entrance Gates, fronting the public road, and in a populated neighbourhood. This is an opportunity seldom to be met with. Coming-in £350.

Apply on the Premises, or to Hawkins and Son, Hotel Valuers, 26, Temple Street, Birmingham, and Brierley Hill.”

1881 Census

93, Dudley Port – uninhabited

Dudley and District News 9/4/1881 - Advert

“The BARREL INN, Dudley Port, old-licensed public-house. To Let; incoming low. Immediate possession. Apply, 116, Upper High Street, Dudley.”

Dudley and District News 15/12/1883

“A woman named Susan Armstrong, for being drunk and refusing to quit the BARREL VAULTS, Dudley Port, on the 1st inst, was fined 2s 6d and costs.”

Dudley and District News 3/1/1885

“Albert Holroyd (43), stonemason, Dudley Port, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and further with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr. *Mathew Smith*, the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, on August 26th. PC Myatt proved the first charge, and Eliza Cole, manager to Mr. *Smith*, the second. Defendant absconded when the summons was taken out and he surrendered the day before Christmas. Fined in the aggregate 7s 6d and costs.”

1891 Census

Dudley Port – BARRELL INN

[1] *Eliza Cole* (40), widow, publican, born Dudley:

1901 Census

93, Dudley Port

[1] *Arthur Bagnall* (30), licensed victualler, born Dudley;

[2] *Florence Bagnall* (33), wife, born Wall Heath;

[3] *Arthur F. Bagnall* (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Lilly Williams* (14), general servant, born Dudley:

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

“The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

Mr. W. A. Foster applied for the renewal of the license of the BARREL INN. The license of the BARREL INN was renewed, as were also all the other licenses objected to on the ground of convictions.”

1911 Census

93, Dudley Port

[1] *Walter Walton* (41), licensed victualler, born Great Bridge;

[2] *Clara Walton* (47), wife, married 13 years, born Tipton:

Walter Walton was declared bankrupt in 1912.

Birmingham Daily Post 4/2/1915

“The licensing sessions for Tipton were held at the Court-house yesterday.....

The whole of the licenses would be renewed with the exception of the BARREL, Dudley Port; the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, and the GLOBE, Union Street.

With regard to the BARREL, plans had been submitted but as this house must be placed on the next list for compensation the Bench considered it fair that the owners should be informed of the position.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/2/1916

“At the annual Licensing Session of Tipton, yesterday, four houses were adjourned for further consideration.

All the other licenses were renewed.

Of the four licenses referred to, two – the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Road, and the SPRING COTTAGE, Horseley Road – were scheduled with the consent of the owners; the other two were the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, and ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/3/1916

“At Tipton yesterday, *Robert Turner*, licensee of the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, was fined 20s for having no blinds to one of his windows.”

Lichfield Mercury 14/7/1916

“The Staffordshire Licensing Committee held their principal meeting at Stafford on Saturday.....

From the Wednesbury county division the houses before the Committee were the BARREL, Dudley Port, Tipton; the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Tipton, both fully licensed; the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road, Tipton, and the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, both ante 1869 beerhouses.

The case of the BARREL was agreed to on the ground of redundancy, and compensation decided upon was £850, which the local justices recommended to the Committee to sanction.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1916

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting held on the 8th day of July, 1916, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licences of the Premises specified below, all persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the Act together with the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises are requested to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims.....

BARREL, Dudley Port, Tipton, Full License. Licensee, *Robert Turner*. Registered Owner, Joseph Jeavons.”

It closed in 1916.

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1917

“Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

Supplemental Meeting. This meeting was held on the 14th of October, and by adjournment on the 11th of November and 9th of December. The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following nine cases the committee fixed the compensation, viz.....

BARREL, Dudley Port, Tipton, full, ante 1869, £850.....

In all cases (except the two referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue) the money has been apportioned amongst the interested parties.”

BARREL

11, (13), (18), Sedgley Road West, (Sedgley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. [1924]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Benjamin Dunn [1881]
Mrs. Ann Hickman [1891] – [1896]
Samuel Garland Jones [1900] – [1912]
Albert Edward Turner [1919] – **1922**);
William Aston (**1922 – 1923**);
Robert Howard (**1923 – 1932**);
Emily Howard (**1932 – 1933**);
John Connard (**1933 – 1945**);
Thomas Joseph Gwilliam (**1945** – [1976])
P Johnson [1993]
Alan Smith [c.1995]

NOTES

Sedgley Road [1881], [1901]
18, Sedgley Road West [1891], [1900], [1904]
13, Sedgley Road West [1911], [1990], [1996]
11, Sedgley Road West [1919], [1996]

It had a beerhouse license.

Painted on wall – “BARREL INN, Good Stabling, Well Aired Beds”

1881 Census

Sedgley Road – BARRELL INN
[1] *Benjamin Dunn* (37), publican, born Sedgley;
[2] *Esther Dunn* (35), wife, born Sedgley;
[3] *Daniel Dunn* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
[4] *William Dunn* (5), son, born Tipton;
[5] *Joseph Dunn* (3), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/10/1882 - Advert

“BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, Tipton. Excellent Premises, opposite foundry, brick, chain, and other

works; proof of trade; proprietor taken old license. Rent £28.
Apply Powell and Brown, Tipton.”

1891 Census

18, Sedgley Road West

[1] *Anne Hickman* (58), widow, public house keeper, born Chester;

[2] *Anne M. Harris* (25), general servant, born Tipton:

Mrs. Ann Hickman, beer retailer, 13, Sedgley Road West. [1896]

Samuel Garland Jones, beer retailer, 18, Sedgley Road West. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

Dudley Herald 27/1/1900

“*Samuel Garland Jones*, landlord of the BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, was charged with assaulting *Sarah Roper*, wife of *Richard Roper*, both of whom were charged by the landlord with refusing to quit his licensed premises. *Mr. W. A. Foster* represented *Jones*.

With reference to the assault, *Mrs. Roper* stated that on January 16th she was in defendant’s bar when he came in and took hold of her, pushing her through the door and into the gutter. At that time she had a baby in her arms.

Cross examined by *Mr. Foster*: She did not try to prevent the landlord putting her husband out. She did not scratch the landlord’s face. Defendant ‘bully-ragged’ her out of the house.

Samuel Darns stated he was present on the occasion and saw *Jones* come out of the kitchen and take hold of *Mrs. Roper*, at the same time requesting her to leave the premises. She went by the door, and *Mr. Jones* took hold of complainant’s husband and banged him up against her, but he did not see whether she fell down or not.

By *Mr. Foster*: He heard complainant having some unpleasantness with a man named *Bradley*, but did not hear *Bradley* threaten to strike her. He did hear *Mr. Jones* ask her to leave the house.

Samuel Paton stated that he saw *Mrs. Roper* go to the BARREL INN with her husband. There was a quarrel when *Mrs. Roper* went in. The landlord came in and told her to go out. *Mr. Roper* used bad language, in consequence of which *Mr. Jones* caught hold of him and pushed him out. He saw *Mr. Jones* take hold of *Mrs. Roper* and put her out before he put her husband out.

Cross-examined: *Mr. Jones* requested them both to leave. He did not see him assault her in any way only by taking hold of her shawl.

Mr. Foster, for the defence, said that a more flimsy case of assault was never brought before the bench of magistrates. Fortunately for his case the witnesses that had come forward for *Mrs. Roper*, said *Mr. Jones* did ask them to leave. She herself admitted that fact. They both declined to leave when requested. The landlord heard a noise and on going into the taproom saw a woman with a pint cup in her hand threatening to strike a man named *Bradley*, the statement was corroborated in a material degree by the evidence. In consequence of their conduct they were ordered out, at which *Roper* got into a rage and told the landlord that he could not — put him out. The landlord went into the passage, opened the door, and came back and did what he had a perfect right by law to do. While he was in the act of ejecting the man *Roper*, his wife did everything in her power to prevent him, and scratched *Jones*’s face, which bled profusely. *Mr. Jones* was a respectable licensed victualler, having kept the house for four years without a complaint. *Mr. Jones* gave evidence in support of counsel’s statement which was corroborated by several witnesses. The charge against *Jones* was dismissed. *Richard* and *Sarah Roper* were fined 9s 6d each including costs.”

1901 Census

Sedgley Road – BARREL INN

[1] *Samuel G. Jones* (48), beerhouse keeper, born Glamorganshire;

[2] *Sarah Jones* (36), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Ethel M. Jones* (8), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Edith Jones* (7), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Samuel Jones* (5), son, born Tipton;

- [6] Emily Jones (21), niece, born Tipton;
[7] Martha Jones (13), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1911 Census

13, Sedgley Road West

- [1] *Samuel G. Jones* (57), brewer, born Pontyfreed, Glamorganshire;
[2] Sarah Jones (46), wife, married 21 years, housewife, born Tipton;
[3] Ethel Mary Jones (18), daughter, mother's help, born Tipton;
[4] Edith H. E. Jones (17), daughter, student, born Tipton;
[5] Samuel J. J. Jones (15), son, school, born Tipton;
[6] Gilbert G. C. Jones (9), son, born Tipton;
[7] Elsie N. Jones (6), daughter, born Tipton;
[8] Eliza Sherwood (15), housemaid, born Tipton;
[9] Beatrice M. Taffler (14), visitor, born West Bromwich:

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

"Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following licenses had been objected to on account of the redundancy of the houses, and these licenses would be considered at the adjourned Licensing Sessions on March 4th. The BOAT, Boat Row; the COW AND CALF, Owen Street; the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street; the BARREL, Sedgley Road; and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/7/1924

"At a meeting under the Licensing Consolidation Act the Staffordshire Compensation Authority refused yesterday to renew the licenses of fifteen house on the ground of redundancy, but they renewed the license of the BARREL, an ante 1869 beerhouse, in Sedgley Road West, belonging to Messrs. Hanson, Ltd, who, however, raised no objection to the closing of another of their houses in the Tipton area – the BOAT INN, Boat Row, Tipton."

AND

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/8/1924

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Resisting the taking away of the license, Mr. W. H. Thompson said Messrs. Hanson were only a small company, with a small number of houses in the district of Tipton, and he urged that it would be very unfair that two of those houses should be taken away at the same principal meeting. [The other being the BOAT, Boat Row.]

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of the BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, Tipton.”

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

1939 Register

Sedgley Road West – BARREL INN

[1] *John Connard*, date of birth, 06/06/1871, beer retailer, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Catherine Connard*, dob, 12/09/1867, unpaid domestic duties, widowed:

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1949.

Plans were approved for alterations on 17th September 1952.

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1956-57]

It closed on 11th April 1960.

Reopened

London Gazette 21/3/1996

“*Smith, Alan*, address unknown lately trading at the BARREL INN, 13, Sedgley Road West as a Publican and a Sub-contractor in the Construction Industry Date of Filing Petition – 10th August 1995.....”

[2005]

Closed [2006]

It was converted into an Indian restaurant called the Spice Barrel. [2007]

BEEHIVE

4, (11), Elliotts Road, (Canalside, Owen Street), Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Cheshire's Brewery

Askew, Whitwell and Hand (maltsters), Stourbridge (acquired February 1903)

Alfred John Sherwood

Phyllis Sherwood, Elliotts Road, Tipton [1933]

Darby's Brewery Ltd. (acquired on 13th December 1945) [1959]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Bayley [1849] – [1873]

John F Bayley [1881]

John Timothy Perry [1891] – [1896]

James Williams [1900]

Maria Downes [1901]

Alfred George Cox [1903] – [1904]
Alfred Herbert Sherwood [1908] – [1916]
Alfred Robert Sherwood [1919] – 1930);
William Sherwood (1930 – 1946);
Norman Edward Day (1946 – 1949);
Arthur John Hill (1949 – 1952);
Jeffrey Cooper Billingham (1952 – 1954);
Kenneth Benjamin Dares (1954 – 1956);
Arthur Thomas (1956 – 1957);
John Edward Hiscock (1957 – 1958);
Harold ‘Hal’ Cartwright (1958 – 1964);
Frederick Hector ‘Fred’ Walker (1964 – 1966);
Frederick George Jacobs (1966 – []

NOTES

11, Elliotts Road [1891], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932]
4, Elliotts Road [1911], [1940]

John Bayley = John Bailey = John Bayliss

John Bayley, beer retailer, Lower Green. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *John Bayley* (50), publican, born London;
- [2] Sarah Bayley (50), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Bayley* (22), son, surgeon’s assistant, born Birmingham;
- [4] Emma Bayley (24), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] Hannah Parkes (21), servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

John Bayley, Lower Green, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Granted.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/10/1857

“On Tuesday an inquest was held at Mr. *J. F. Bayley*’s, the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of a child two years old, named Thomas Harris, who was found dead in the Birmingham Canal, near his parent’s house, on Saturday last. The child was missed from his home about noon, and was found about four hours afterwards by a man named Thomas Jordan, who was dragging the canal in search of the deceased. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/9/1859

“Tipton. Alpha Cricket Club. To close for this season a supper was held at the house of Mr. *John Bailey*, BEEHIVE INN, on Wednesday evening, September 21st, which was amply provided by the worthy host, when upwards of thirty members and gentlemen invited by circular sat down and did ample justice to the spread. The chair was ably occupied by Mr. Gough, and the vice-chair by Mr. Fletcher, who discharged their duties with great credit to all present. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal healths were given, and ‘Success to the Alpha Cricket Club,’ ‘The Secretary,’ ‘The worthy Host,’ &c, and were ably responded to. As the evening waned, the following gentlemen gave a taste of their vocal powers – Messrs. Hartland, Hodgetts, J. L. Cox, M. Gough, and Keeley; and some excellent glees were sung by Messrs. Hartland and Cox, and Messrs. Whitehouse and Cox, and a more pleasant evening could not have been spent.”

1861 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *John Bayley* (60), licensed victualler;
- [2] *Emma Bayley* (33), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Laura Bayley* (4), grand-daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Phebe Hughes* (17), general servant, born Gnossall, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Mathew Gascull* (?), brewer:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/12/1861

“On Thursday last an inquest was held before Edwin Hooper, Esq, Coroner, at Mr. *J. Bayley*’s, the BEEHIVE INN, Lower Green, on the body of a young man, twenty five years of age, named Thomas Mills. Deceased was a miner employed in the pits of Mr. Thomas Morris, Park Lane, and he, with three others, on the preceding Monday evening, was in the pit-skip in the act of ascending to the top of the shaft. The depth of this was about 130 yards, and when about thirty, poor Mills was observed to fall out of the skip down the shaft. The body of the unfortunate man, on being found at the bottom, presented a most fearful spectacle. Nothing was shown in the evidence which could throw light on the cause of the fall, as the poor man was perfectly sober, and the skip was being steadily drawn up. J. Baker, Esq, Government Inspector of Mines, was present at the inquest, and this gentleman exhibited to the jury an invention which he had originated to prevent similar accidents in future. The apparatus consists of small chains which are to be placed round the bodies of the men in the skip, and then fastened to the skip rope. The Jury and Coroner expressed themselves satisfied of the practical nature of the invention, and it is stated to be probable that the invention will speedily come into use. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 31/5/1862

“An inquest was held by Edward Hooper, Esq, coroner, on Wednesday last, at Mr. *John Bailey*’s, the BEEHIVE, Tipton, on the body of a boy, six years of age, named Samuel Spittle. The deceased was the son of a furnace man, residing in Watery Lane, and on Sunday evening last he left him in the house at eight o’clock, and on his return in twenty minutes the poor child could not be found. A strict search was made, and at last the body was found at the bottom of the well in the yard. As the wall round the well was only fifteen inches high, there is but little doubt the child went to get some water, and over-balanced himself and fell in. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned and suffocated in a well, there being no evidence to show how the deceased got there. The Coroner communicated with the landlord to have the well better protected.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/7/1866 - Advert

“Notice.

There will be a Public Meeting held at the House of Mr. *John Bayley*, BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, at half-past Seven o’clock, Tomorrow (Wednesday) Evening, July 11th, ‘to consider what shall be done in consequence of the South Staffordshire Waterworks having Raised their Water Rate’.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/7/1866

“The adjourned meeting respecting the water supply by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company was

held on Thursday evening last, at the BEE HIVE INN, Mr. H. L. Whitehouse presiding. A report was received from the delegates, who had been appointed to wait upon the directors in Birmingham, and a letter was read from the secretary of the company, stating that the subject should be taken into consideration, but suggesting that time should be given for the various alterations which were being made, and further that the state of the weather should be taken into consideration. The report and letter, were adopted, after which the meeting separated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/5/1868

“On Tuesday evening Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, on the body of James Whitehouse (65), lock-keeper on the Birmingham Canal at Factory Lock. It appears that on the night of Friday last deceased was seen alive near the locks at which he was engaged, and being missed on Saturday morning, search was made, and the body eventually found in the canal. The jury returned an Open Verdict.”

1871 Census

Low Green (Elliotts Row)

- [1] *John Bayley* (70), widower, licensed victualler, born London;
- [2] William Pincher (19), brewer, born Northfield, Worcestershire;
- [3] Alice Stanway (19), domestic servant, born Worcestershire:

Dudley Herald 29/2/1873

“Tipton LVA met at Mr. *Bayliss*' BEEHIVE INN and agreed to form a union separate from Dudley and Tipton LVA There were 83 licensed victuallers in the parish.”

County Advertiser 18/10/1873

“The Guest Hospital. A meeting of the Board was held in the Board Room on the 10th inst.....

The following sums were deposited in the Guest Hospital Boxes.....

Mr. *J. Bailey*, BEE HIVE INN, Tipton, £2 1s 8d.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/1/1876

“Yesterday afternoon, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, Mr. E. Hooper, Esq, coroner, resumed the enquiry into the death of Joseph Trayler, a fireman, of Pontypool, aged 28, who was killed in a railway collision between Tipton and Princes End, on the 3rd inst, under circumstances already reported. On behalf of the railway company, the following officials we present: Mr. Burlinson (Birmingham), Mr. Armstrong (Wolverhampton), Mr. Bentley (Worcester), Mr. Leabrook and Mr. Locke. Mr. C. B. Vincent, secretary to the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was also present.

In opening the enquiry, the Coroner said the jury would remember that the enquiry was adjourned for the identification of the body. The following evidence was the taken.

William Woodley, the guard on the goods train from Pontypool, said it was a special from there to Wolverhampton. They left Dudley at 5.3pm and the signals were ‘all right.’ The collision occurred between Tipton Station and Tipton Junction. Upon going to the spot witness found the engine off the line and the tender overturned. They were taking the deceased from under it, and the driver was on the bank. The trucks were scattered down the line. Witness ran to his post at the rear of the train to put on light and save it from a second collision.

By the jury: Had the brake on all the way from Dudley.

Sidney Evans, driver, Anbury Terrace, Pontypool, stated that the train he was driving ran into some ‘goods trucks’ which were at the Tipton branch. Witness was flung off the engine and upon looking round saw Traylor dead between the engine and tender. Neither he nor the pilotman saw anything in the way, and the signals were right for him to proceed. The goods train on which he was, was going fifteen miles an hour, and the pilotman pointed out the signals as they went along.

Richard James Paine, pilot, Blockhouse Street, Worcester, said the signals were right as they approached Tipton. When within a length of the engine from the junction the signalman ‘put the danger signals in his face.’ He did this by suddenly turning the white lights to red and waving a red light. Witness called to Tray-

ler to 'Whoa,' and the fireman began to turn the brake. That was the last he saw of him.

John Froeman, pointsman on the Great Western Railway, stated he went on duty at 11.30 on the morning of the 3rd inst. He passed a passenger train and a London goods train, and as he did so he received a signal that a train was waiting to come from Dudley. He booked the Pontypool train out at 5.8pm, and as it went through it ran into some of the trucks which were being shunted at Tipton basin. Could not account for the collision with the trucks, as the line worked on the block system. He could only imagine that they were pushed too far by the shunting going on. The foreman shunter and the goods guard should see to that. The shunted goods trucks came up at the same time and fouled the main line; they had not been standing at all, or he should have seen them. There was no stop, and the only way the main line could be kept from fouling was by blocking it each way until the train had passed. That would delay traffic considerably.

By a Juryman: There should have been a 'stop' to keep them off the line.

By Mr. Bentley: There was great incline on which the shunting was being done, and that would lessen the probability of such an over-shunting.

After putting the signals for the Pontypool train to go on, witness saw the danger and altered the signals, but too late. Had never seen anything of the sort before.

John Martin, engineer, Horse Fair, Wolverhampton, said he was engaged in shunting, and took an engine to the Tipton basin to push up the trucks. Whilst he was doing this a number of them fouled the main line. Could not account for it.

Mr. Hooper, to the engineer of the company: Could there not have been a stop put in somewhere to prevent this?

Mr. Burlinson: The trucks never fouled the main line before; the heavy incline is against such a thing.

Mr. Hooper said the trucks must have been sent with great force, and the same might happen tomorrow.

To Mr. Burlinson: Would it be any great delay to have a stop between the basin and the main line? – Answer: No.

Mr. Hooper: And as to the expense, that is not a matter for consideration? – Answer: Oh, dear, no.

By the Jury. It was unusual to shunt up the trucks without shackling them to the engine.

Samuel Jarvis, yardsman at Tipton Basin, said he gave the last witness the signal to push up the trucks, and gave him a red light when he thought they had run far enough. Was under the impression that the trucks had not run too far.

By Mr. Bentley: It was hard work to push trucks up the incline, and in heavy trains they frequently had to be parted.

The Coroner, in summing up, said it was plain that no accident had happened before, but if the jury thought a 'stop' should be put in, he was sure the company would attend to the suggestion.

A Juryman suggested that Joseph Skinner, and old signalman, should be called.

This witness said he had been twenty years in the box on the main line, and he had never known the trucks foul the main line.

The jury then returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and desired that the company would take whatever means they deemed best to prevent a reoccurrence of such an accident either by a 'stop' or throw-off points. The enquiry then concluded."

[Birmingham Daily Post 30/10/1880 - Married](#)

"On the 28th inst, at St. Paul's Church, Tipton (by the Rev. W. Cornwell, vicar), William, second son of William Law, to Eliza Jessie, third daughter of *John F. Bayley*, BEEHIVE INN, both of Tipton."

1881 Census

Elliotts Road – BEEHIVE INN

[1] *John F. Bayley* (52), publican, born Birmingham;

[2] Sarah Bayley (52), wife, born Tipton;

[3] John F. Bayley Jnr. (19), son, tobacconist, born Sedgley;

[4] Emma Bayley (17), daughter, pupil teacher, born Tipton;

[5] Thomas Bayley (15), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Arthur Bayley (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] Prudence Hartland (55), sister-in-law, domestic servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 28/9/1881

“Yesterday, Mr. Hooper held an inquest, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, on the body of David Westwood (21), grinder, in the employ of Messrs. Whitehouse.

In evidence it was stated that deceased, who had been drinking at the GLOBE INN, was walking along the canal side in Factory Road, in company with Albert Reeves, on Saturday night, when he fell into the water. Reeves made an attempt to rescue him, but failed. The body was taken out of the water by the police at one o'clock on Sunday morning.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Dudley and District News 1/10/1881

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest on Tuesday at the BEEHIVE INN, Elliotts Road, Tipton, on the body of David Westwood (22), grinder, at Messrs. J. and J. Whitehouse, Phoenix Foundry, Tipton, and residing in Foundry Street, Deepfields, Coseley, who was found drowned in the Birmingham Canal, Factory Road, Tipton, on Sunday morning last, the 25th inst.

William Waterfield, of Deepfields, Coseley, having identified the body as that of his nephew, Albert Edward Reeves was next examined. He explained that the deceased and he were on Saturday at the GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton, from about 3.30 to 6.45, drinking ale and liquors. When they left they were not sober. Going by the canal side, they both fell into a pool of water, the deceased's hat being blown into the canal. Deceased got up himself, and immediately witness saw him struggling in the middle of the canal, and heard him shouting to him. He picked up deceased's hat, and went off for assistance, having had a drop too much to render any help himself. He went on to Princes End along the canal side, and being met by a young man named Edward Povey, was taken home by him, and another person named Waite and two women. Waite went and told deceased's uncle what had happened, and subsequently witness pointed out the place where the deceased fell into the canal.

The coroner remarked that witness had told the jury more plainly than nine out of ten would. A verdict of Accidentally Drowned was returned.”

Wednesbury Herald 5/11/1881

“An inquest was resumed on Monday morning, before Mr. Hooper, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, on the body of the female child of Mary Ann Nicklin. At the preliminary inquiry, evidence was taken showing that this was the fourth illegitimate child of Nicklin, and the whole of the four had died. Mary Ann Johnson, who was the midwife, undertook to get the child buried at Kates Hill churchyard for 1s 6d, but having failed to carry this out the police found the body of the child.

Mrs. Johnson, recalled, said the child was weakly but she did not need for a surgeon. The child died in half an hour. Nothing was done for the child, for the woman was so ill that she required the first attention. She had been present at three inquests, but had never said anything about the children being ‘stiff ones.’ She called at the house two or three days after the confinement, and the grandmother gave her 1s 6d to get the child buried. She took the child away to her house, but she did not communicate with the registrar. Police-sergeant Dutton took the child away.

Mr. Hooper here said he should instruct the registrar not to let the witness have a note under any circumstances. He intended to put a stop to her practices in Tipton.

Mr. T. E. Underhill said he had made a post mortem examination of the body of the child. It was fully grown and developed. There were two marks of violence on the body. All the organs were healthy, and there were no signs of suffocation. He came to the conclusion that the child had lived a short time, but had never breathed. Death was due to imperfect respiration. A child could die if left to itself in such a case, but a surgeon would use artificial respiration, which was usually anticipated.

The Coroner in summing up said he could not bestow too much praise upon the police for the prompt manner in which they had acted. He considered that they had a very dangerous character in the parish in the person of this midwife, and he was determined to put a stop to her proceedings. He did not believe that she ever intended to bury the child at all. She very probably intended to make away with it in some other manner and drink the money. That such a practice was carried on was evident from the number of bodies of infants that were found from time to time in the coal pits and canals in the district.

The jury, having duly considered their verdict, gave it as their unanimous opinion that death had resulted from Natural Causes, accelerated by want of proper medical treatment.

Replying to the Coroner, Dr. Underhill said the examination was made at the mortuary, but there was no convenience at all.

The jury suggested that a proper place should be provided, and the Coroner said he would write to the Local Board.

Addressing Mrs. Nicklin, the Coroner then said that a child weakly at birth might with care grow up strong and healthy. He should instruct the police to keep a strict watch on her family, and he cautioned her against any repetition of the case, as it might lead to a verdict of manslaughter.

The Coroner then censured Mrs. Johnson, and said she was pursuing a dangerous calling. If it ever happened that she was charged with manslaughter he should attend and give evidence at the Assizes.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 17/12/1881

“An inquest was held on Tuesday by Mr. Hooper, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, on the bodies of Samuel Edward Oakley [9] and Samuel Henry Oakley [7], cousins, who were drowned during the fog on Friday, in the canal at the Waterloo Street Wharf.

Thomas Parker, an old man who attends to the wharf, said he heard a noise in the canal, and tried to save the boys. He was unable, however, to do so, and was with difficulty taken out himself by a man named [Daniel] Higgs. Three young men standing near were then appealed to but they declined to help in any way, and when Mr. George Henry Thompson came up and tried to recover the boys, it was too late to save them. One was dead and the other died shortly afterwards.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and recommended that in time of fog a fire should be lighted on the wharf.”

Wednesbury Herald 11/2/1882

“On Tuesday night confession was made at the Tipton Green Police Station of a shocking crime. It appears that Charles Hinderlang (18), went to the station at about a quarter past six o’clock, and stated that he had just discovered his two brothers, Lewis Hinderlang (9) and Francis Hinderlang (7), in the Park Lane Canal, behind the Guest Hospital. He knew they were drowned, for he saw them rise and fall before leaving. He added that he wished for a change in life, and wondered if he should go to Stafford with the man whom drowned his sweetheart [see WELLINGTON]. He volunteered another statement that he had not been altogether right lately, and had made up his mind to drown his three brothers, but Alfred would not go with him. Sergeant Dutton detained the man in custody, and dragged the canal for the bodies, which were recovered and removed to the Tipton mortuary. Charles Hinderlang is the son of Emil Hinderlang, a clock and watch maker, residing in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley. Mrs. Hinderlang states that her son Charles has a complaint affecting his head, and that at about five o’clock he enticed the two boys away, saying he wished them to go to Tipton for some music for his father, who is an organist. In the Market Place, Dudley, they met her son Alfred, who was asked to accompany them, and offered sweets as an inducement, but he refused. The self-accused murderer and the two boys were seen near the Guest Hospital by a man named Thomas Drury. The lads were then walking behind Charles Hinderlang. The prisoner is now in Church Lane Station, and persists in his statement. He expresses no sorrow and speaks of the subject with the utmost coolness.

At the Tipton Police Court, yesterday afternoon, before W. L. Underhill Esq, Charles Hinderlang (18), of no occupation, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, was charged with the wilful murder of his two brothers.

Police-sergeant Dutton stated that on then previous evening the prisoner came to him and stated that he had drowned his two brothers in the Birmingham Canal near to the Guest Hospital, and asked that he be locked up. Witness and other officers went and dragged the canal, and shortly after ten o’clock the bodies of the two boys were found,

In reply to the magistrate the prisoner – who appeared to be the most unconcerned person in court – said he had nothing to say why he should not be remanded – Mr. Underhill said the prisoner would be remanded in custody until Monday.”

Wednesbury Herald 18/2/1882

“On Monday, at the Tipton Police Court, before Mr. J. Solly (magistrate), Emil Charles Hindelang (19), was

charged on remand with the murder of his two brothers, Louis Benjamin Hindelang (9), and Francis Attlebert Hindelang (7). Evidence was given by Police-sergeant J. Dutton which has been contained in the reports of the circumstances of this case which have already appeared in these columns.

On the application of Superintendent Holland, prisoner was then further remanded.

The inquest on the bodies of the boys was afterwards held before Mr. Hooper, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton. Mr. Tinsley appeared for the prisoner, and Superintendent Holland and Inspector Harrison attended on behalf of the police.

Elizabeth Hindelang, the mother of the prisoner, gave evidence as to what took place within her knowledge on the Thursday on which the boys were drowned. The prisoner, she added, had suffered from a severe blow on the nose rendered when he was a boy, and the effect was a stoppage. He had been very much depressed for some years.

Thomas Drudy, labourer, and Thomas ____ gave evidence of facts which came within their cognisance.

Thomas Price, sheet iron labourer, repeated the evidence which he gave before the magistrates.

Dr. Edgar Underhill stated that there were no external marks of violence on either of the bodies. The cause of death was suffocation from drowning.

In reply to the Coroner, he said he had found difficulty in making the post mortem examination. There were no conveniences whatever provided by the authorities. The Coroner hoped for the credit of the parish that before long another mortuary would be erected.

The Coroner in summing up, said it appeared to him that Price might have used more diligence, when he saw the disturbance in the canal, which turned out to be the struggles of a drowning child.

The jury returned a verdict of Wilful Murder.

When prisoner arrived at Dudley Port in charge of an officer from Winson Green, the people shouted that he deserved hanging, and he turned round and told them to 'dry up'. At Tipton, too, a strong feeling against the prisoner was manifested.

On Wednesday afternoon the bodies of the two unfortunate children, Louis Benjamin, and Francis Attlebert Hindelang, were interred in the Roman Catholic burial ground, Dudley. For a long time before the funeral procession started a large crowd assembled in front of the house of the parents of the children in Wolverhampton Street, and also round the entrance to the churchyard. After the ceremony the people quietly dispersed."

Eddowes's Journal 10/5/1882

"At the Staffordshire Assizes, on Thursday, Emil Charles Hindelang, charged with the wilful murder of his two brothers, by throwing them into the canal, was found by the jury to be incapable of pleading, and was ordered to be detained in a lunatic asylum during her Majesty's pleasure."

Wednesbury Herald 29/7/1882

"On Thursday morning, the District Coroner (E. Hooper, Esq), held an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton Green, into the circumstances attending the death of Ambrose Williams (46), a blacksmith, who resided in Hall Street, Tipton.

Deceased, who was a blacksmith in the employ of the London and North Western Railway Company, was killed by a passing train at Bloomfield Junction, on the 24th inst.

Mr. Birks (district inspector) represented the Railway Company.

Henry Smith, foreman platelayer, said as he was passing along the embankment at Bloomfield on the previous Monday from his dinner, he saw the deceased come out of the blacksmith's shop on the Bloomfield Road and go on to the line, where he (deceased) said he was going to fetch a bolt from the flagman's cabin. They stood talking together for a few moments, and then deceased turned to go down the embankment. Suddenly, Stirling, the flagman, shouted that a man had been knocked down.

Thomas Hadley, the driver of the train, said that as he approached the cabin referred to, deceased came out of it, and attempted to cross the rails. Before he could do so, witness's engine knocked him down, and the whole train passed over him. Witness pulled up, and upon going back found that deceased had expired. The wheels had not passed over him, but his injuries were received by being crushed between the ashpan and the ground. Witness was of opinion that deceased thought the train was going to Birmingham instead of round the curve to Wednesbury. The train was running at the rate of about eight or ten miles an hour.

Deceased's son blamed no one for the occurrence, and the Coroner said there was no doubt the deceased was accessory to his own death by carelessness. He could not say that there was any blame to be attached to the Railway Company.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Dudley and District News 5/5/1883

“An inquest was held on Tuesday at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, before Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, upon the body of Clara Jones, six months old, daughter of William Jones, chainmaker, of Castle Street. The father of the child has for some time been leading a very dissolute life – drinking his earnings, and barely allowing his wife and children enough to sustain life with. About a fortnight ago his wife and eldest child were stricken with fever, and the deceased was left to the care of some kindly neighbours. She had always been very weakly, and on Friday morning last was seized with convulsions, and, in a short time, expired in the arms of a neighbour who had been fetched in by the terrified father. No doctor was sent for till some time after death, and he then very properly refused to give a certificate for the burial. The verdict of the jury was to the effect that death was the result of natural causes, accelerated by neglect. Recalling the father, the Coroner censured him sharply for his conduct. He would, he said, order the police to keep a sharp look out after Jones and his family, and if there were any similar death in the future, and he was the coroner, he should commit him for manslaughter, and use his influence to get him sentenced to the longest term of imprisonment the law would allow. He would allow Jones no expenses, and although he was leaving the room a free man, he should take care to make frequent enquiries of the police as to his behaviour. For any man to reflect that he had been accessory to the death of his offspring, was a very serious thing, and he hoped this would be a life-long warning to him. By his child's death, Jones will receive 30s from a club in which he is a member.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/1/1886

“Yesterday Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton Green, on the body of an unknown man which was found on the railway in a shockingly mutilated condition. Inspectors Leabrook and Locke attended on behalf of the Great Western Railway Company. It was shown that the man's footsteps had been traced up the bank to the edge of the rails, and there it appeared he was killed, for there were no marks beyond the edge. Some of the jury thought this pointed to suicide; but in the absence of any evidence to show how the man received his injuries, they returned an Open Verdict.”

An inquest was held here, in 1889, on Richard Stanton (35), who was found dead in Workhouse Lane.

Birmingham Daily Post 21/12/1889

“Yesterday, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton Green, Mr. Topman (deputy coroner) held an inquest on the body of Thomas Poole (50), fender-polisher, King Edmund Street.

It was shown that the man left home at seven o'clock on the morning of the 3rd inst, and nothing was heard of him until last Tuesday night. Poole's wife is in an asylum, and of late he had been queer in his manner owing to illness, which was so serious as to prevent his working for two years. He often wished he was out of his misery. When the body was found it was without coat, hat, or boots.

The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/12/1890

“On Saturday, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton Green, on the body of James Williams (62), labourer at Castle Mills. The man lived by the side of the canal at the foot of Castle Hill, and on Christmas Eve, after enjoying himself in Tipton with some companions, he went towards home. It is supposed that owing to the fog at the time he walked into the canal. He had not been in the water long when a passing boat brought his body to the surface. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Wednesbury Herald 10/1/1891

“On Tuesday Mr. Edwin Hooper (coroner) held an inquest, at the BEEHIVE INN, Canal Side, Owen Street, on the body of Josiah Bate (26), musician, New Cross Street, who was drowned during the fog on Friday

night.

It was shown that the deceased, after a long day's work, left Horseley Heath at 7.30 to go home along the canal side. When taken out of the water his watch had stopped at 10.36.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1891 Census

11, Elliotts Road

- [1] *John T. Perry* (45), widower, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] John Perry Junior (19), son, stationary engine driver, born Tipton;
- [3] Joseph Perry (18), son, iron moulder, born Tipton;
- [4] Agnes Perry (16), daughter, domestic, born Tipton;
- [5] Ellen Perry (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] James Perry (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Jessie Perry (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1893

"On Monday Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, respecting the death of Agnes Maris *Perry*, 19, daughter of *John Timothy Perry*, landlord of the BEEHIVE, from injuries sustained from falling down steps.

Ann *Perry*, deceased's mother, stated that on the 5th inst. she left home about noon, leaving deceased in charge of the house. The only person in the house besides was a carpenter named Henley, who was doing some repairs. When witness returned at half-past four she found deceased lying on a sofa in the back kitchen, with Henley and a neighbour named Raybould applying wet clothes to her head and face. The deceased remained unconscious for a long time, but it was not until eight o'clock that Dr. Brown was called in.

The Coroner: Why did you not send for a doctor at once? – Witness: I thought she would come round.

When the doctor came he at once asked whether she had been drinking spirits, and witness replied she did not know.

The Coroner: Did she take spirits? – Witness: I have suspected her, but have never seen her actually take the liquors.

The Coroner: Have you ever seen the girl worse for drink? – Witness: Yes, sir.

The Coroner: How often? – Witness: Sometimes twice a week.

Both witness and her husband had spoken to her about her drinking habits, but she was quite sober when she left on the day in question.

The Coroner: Did you consider that the deceased was a fit and proper person to leave in charge of a public-house, considering her habits?

Receiving no reply, the Coroner said the jury would have to draw their own conclusions.

In the result, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1901 Census

11, Elliotts Road

- [1] *Maria Downes* (40), widow, beerhouse manageress, born Coventry;
- [2] Frances Downes (14), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [3] Maria E. Downes (12), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] Cecilia Downes (10), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] Edward Downes (7), son, born Birmingham;
- [6] Alice Wright (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 3/10/1903

".....A First class, Substantially Built, Double Fronted, Corner, Fully Licensed Inn and Premises, which will be sold absolutely free from Trade ties, and an excellent Dwelling House adjoining.

Herbert Humphries, Slater and Johnson Will Sell by Auction, at the BEEHIVE INN, Elliott Street, Tipton, on Tuesday, October 20th, 1903, at Seven o'clock, subject to Conditions of Sale then to be read.

All that most Valuable and Important Freehold, Home Brewing, Fully Licensed House and Premises, The

BEEHIVE, as above mentioned, in the occupation of Mr. *Cox*, with early possession. The Accommodation is well arranged, and comprises Three Bed Chambers, large Assembly Room, 38ft by 18ft; Hop and Spirit Room, Comfortable Bar, Smoke Room, 24ft by 9ft, used by Gun Club; best Smoke Room, 15ft 9in by 15ft 3in; cosy Private Kitchen, Pantry, Coal house, four good Cellars, level with large paved Yard, with Side Entrance; Well built Brewhouse fitted up with 20 Bushel up to date plant; Malt Store, Brick-built Urinal, Stabling, and the usual Out-offices, together with the Excellent Dwelling House adjoining....

The Lot occupies a pleasant commanding position, has a good outlook; and situate close to Canal Bridge and Locks, a large working population, and surrounded with extensive works.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/6/1905

“Mr. A. A. Betham (deputy coroner), yesterday held an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, respecting the death of Harry Warwood, a lad, aged six, who was drowned in the canal. The lad accompanied an elder brother to take their father’s dinner. To do this they crossed a canal lock gate, and the elder lad walked on in front of the deceased. When he missed the latter he went back, and found he had just been gotten out of the lock. Another lad had seen Warwood fall into the water, and he screamed, which brought the lock-keeper to the scene. The body was in the water about ten minutes, and artificial respiration was tried, but without success. The lock-keeper, William Evans, said people used the lock gate as a public road, but they were trespassing in doing so. It was only the previous day that he had warned the deceased about walking across. He had chastised boys for doing so, but it had no effect. The Coroner suggested that witness should take proceedings against those who committed trespass. The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned, and the coroner promised to write to the Canal Company on the matter.”

Alterations were permitted in 1907.

Tipton Herald 2/1/1909

“The annual dinner was held at the BEE HIVE HOTEL, Tipton, on Saturday last, in connexion with the Sick and Draw Society held at the house. Over 100 were provided for, and the meal was excellently prepared by mine host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. *Alfred Sherwood*. The repast consisted of seven courses. Tables were afterwards cleared and an excellent programme was gone through.....”

1911 Census

4, Elliotts Road, Lower Green

- [1] *Alfred Herbert Sherwood* (39), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Phillis Sherwood* (37), wife, assisting in business, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Elizabeth Sherwood* (17), daughter, at home, born Tipton;
- [4] *Albert Edward Victor Sherwood* (13), son, at school, born Tipton;
- [5] *Alfred Sherwood* (10), son, at school, born Tipton;
- [6] *Jack Sherwood* (8), son, at school, born Tipton;
- [7] *Charles Herbert Sherwood* (6), son, at school, born Tipton;
- [8] *William Sherwood* (4), son, at school, born Tipton;
- [9] *Phyllis Sherwood* (2), daughter, at home, born Tipton;
- [10] *Edith Jukes* (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

A. and J. Sherwood had a brewery attached.
They ceased brewing c.1939.

W. Sherwood issued tokens from here.

Hal Cartwright was also a featherweight boxer in the 1930s and 1940s.

Birmingham Daily Post 3/10/1945 - Advert

“The BEEHIVE INN, Tipton. Fully-licensed Public-house for Sale by Tender.
For form of tender apply Slater & Camm, Solicitors, Dudley.”

Tipton Herald 15/9/1956 - Advert

“Guide Dogs For The Blind.

Grand Domino Competition.

A Meeting Will Be Held on Wednesday, Sept. 19th, 1956, at 7.30pm at the BEEHIVE INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton.

Open to Clubs and Pubs, Works, etc.

Entrance Fee 10/- Per Team (to be paid in same night).

First Prize (Winning Team): £20 and Cup.

Runners Up: £10.

Come along chaps and have a go. Let us help those who cannot see. Volunteers wanted for this great cause. Please write to Mr. R. Turley, 17, Bridge Road, Tipton; or C. Blackout, 197, Horseley Heath, Tipton. Telephone TIP1973.”

Tipton Community Association held their inaugural meeting here on 22nd May 1964.

Tipton Herald 26/6/1965

“Examinations appear to be the order of things at the moment for the *Walker* family of Tipton.

Two weeks ago 11-years old Graham heard he had passed the 11-plus for entry to Tipton Grammar School. Naturally he was very pleased.

But Mum was not to be outdone and last week she learned she had passed the Licensed Trade’s catering examination with flying colours. Mrs. *Walker* is the wife of Mr. *Fred Walker*, licensee of the BEEHIVE INN, Elliotts Road, who passed the Licensed Trade’s exams last year.

I spoke to Mrs. *Walker* on her night off this week. Naturally we were in familiar surroundings – a Tipton bar. She told me that 12 entrants took part in the examination, which was held at Wolverhampton Technical College. This was the climax to an eight-month’s intensive course and for the examination she had to cook a four course meal for four. But she didn’t get a chance to taste her own cooking. ‘The examiners ate it,’ she said ruefully.

Now Mrs. *Walker* is hoping to build up the catering side of the business at the BEEHIVE. ‘I hope we can attract wedding parties now that I can do meals,’ she told me.”

It closed in 1978.

Demolished

BELL

56, (54), (55), Bell Street, (High Street), Upper Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Brewery [1900], [1903], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1919], [1926]

LICENSEES

Joseph Hawkins [1818] – [1831]

Henrietta Hawkins [1834] – [1835]

John Twist [1837] – **1872**;

William Lightbound (1872 – [1873])
Joshua Austin [1875] – [1881]
Samuel Davies [1891]
Joshua Austin (1891 – [1892])
Denis Lyons [1896]
William J Cox [1900] – [1901]
Henry Poole [1903] – [1905]
Joseph Steventon (1910 – [])
George Bowcutt [c.1911]
Samuel Huskins [1911] manager
Joseph Steventon [1913]
William Aston [1919] – 1922);
Henry Edward Malugani (1922 – 1926):

NOTES

High Street [1818]
Upper Green [1849]
56, Bell Street [1871], [1873], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1919]
55, Bell Street [1881]
54, Bell Street [1911], [1912], [1916]

Tokens were issued from here.

Birmingham Journal 17/3/1827 - Marriages

“On Tuesday last, at St. Thomas’s, church Dudley (by the Rev. Luke Booker) Mr. *Joseph Dawkins* [sic], of the BELL INN, Tipton, to Miss *Henrietta* Dixon, of the former place.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 12/9/1831 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. John Orme Brettell, on Wednesday, the 14th of September, at the house of Mr. *Hawkins*, the BELL, in Tipton, precisely at four o’clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions, all that substantial and well built Messuage, now used as a Public House, and known by the sign of the PEACOCK, with Fendermaker’s Shop, Brewhouse, and Garden thereto, situate at Summer Hill, in the parish of Tipton.....”

John Twist, bachelor, licensed victualler of Tipton Green, married Mary Robinson, spinster of Guns Lane, on 28th August 1837.

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 30/5/1842 - Advert

“To Pawnbrokers, Grocers, and Others.

To be Let, with immediate possession, a well-built and commodious House, situate at Tipton Green, Tipton, near Dudley. This will be found an excellent opportunity for any person wishing to commence in the Pawnbrokery and Grocery Business. The situation being one that seldom offers.

There is excellent Cellaring, and the Shop is well fitted with counters, shelves, canisters, &c. The rent is also moderate.

For further particulars and to view the premises apply to Mr. *John Twist*, BELL INN, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/2/1844 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold Property at Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell, without reserve, at the house of Mr. *John Twist*, the BELL INN, Upper Green, Tipton, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1844, at six o’clock in the evening, in one or more lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions which will then be

produced.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/7/1850

“On Monday last, and aggregated Anti-Truck Meeting was held in one of the Castle meadows, Dudley Road, Tipton, which had been lent for the occasion by Mr. Comeley, the tenant. The object of the meeting, as stated in the bills by which it had been convened, was to afford opportunity for the expression of public opinion against ‘the abhorred system of truck, and to pass resolutions that means be immediately taken for the purposes of obtaining from the legislature and alteration and extension of the present Truck Act, whereby offenders may be more summarily and effectually dealt with, by way of deterring masters from attempting to evade, with impunity, the law’

Shortly after the conclusion of the meeting the delegates and other friends of the cause partook of a sumptuous repast at the BELL INN, Tipton, provided by Mr. *Twist*.”

1851 Census

Upper Green

[1] *John Twist* (49), victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary Twist* (39), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Emma Robinson* (17), niece, clerk’s daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Ann Hartopp* (17), servant, born Walsall Wood:

The BELL INN, Tipton, was used as the committee rooms for the election of George Hinchliffe, jun, as Coroner of the County of Stafford, following the death of his father, in August, 1852. He was elected.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/7/1854

“The Invincible Lodge. On Monday about 120 members of the above Lodge met at the house of Mr. *J. Twist*, BELL INN, Tipton, and thence proceeded, headed by the Dudley brass band to the Wesley Chapel, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Mr. Thompson, of Tipton. After parading the streets, the members returned to Mr. *Twist*’s, and there partook of very excellent repast. Subscriptions were entered into for several members who were in distress, owing to having been injured in their various occupations.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/7/1859 - Notice

“Sedgley Turnpike Roads.

Notice Is Hereby Given that the next Meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads, commonly called the Sedgley Roads, in the county of Stafford, will be holden at the house of *John Twist*, called the BELL INN, at Tipton, in the same county, on Friday, the 22nd day of July now instant, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, to consult and decide upon, and if thought expedient and advisable, to order and direct the taking down, removal, and discontinuance of the Bar called Tividale Side Bar, upon and across the new line of the road at Tividale, in the parish of Rowley Regis, in the same county; and also to consult and decide upon if thought expedient and eligible, to order and direct in lieu of the above-mentioned bar so proposed to be removed and discontinued, the erection of a Bar upon and across another part of the new line of the road at Tividale aforesaid, at or near a dwelling house and premises in the occupation of John Roberts, lying to the west side of such new line of road, by the side of and adjoining a road or way leading thereout towards Birmingham, Dudley, and Wolverhampton, and at or near a marlhole or waste land in the possession of William Gilbert, lying to the east of such new line of road, which said proposed Bar, if ordered to be erected, is intended to be called ‘Tividale New Bar’, and at which said proposed bar it is intended that the various tolls shall be demanded and taken which are authorised and directed by the Act of Parliament made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of her present majesty Queen Victoria, entitled ‘An Act for repairing and improving roads commonly called the Sedgley Roads, in the county of Stafford, and making a new line of road connected therewith in the said county’.

Wm. Fellows, Clerk to the Trustees.

Dudley, July 2nd, 1859.”

[Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 18/8/1860](#)

“The Vacant Coronership for South Staffordshire.

There is every appearance of a sharp contest for the coronership of the southern division of the county, rendered vacant by the melancholy death of Mr. G. H. Hinchliffe. At first there were three candidates in the field, but Mr. R. Caddick having retired in favour of Mr. E. Hooper, several meetings of that gentleman’s friends, as well as those of Mr. Jackson, have been held during the week.....

On Wednesday evening, a numerous assembly met at the BELL INN, Tipton, to hear an address from Mr. Jackson.....”

[Edwin Hooper, Deputy Coroner, was elected.]

1861 Census

Bell Street – BELL INN

[1] *John Twist* (60), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary Twist* (49), wife, born Darlaston;

[3] *Louisa Winsper* (22), niece, born Birmingham;

[4] *Ellen Jones* (19), servant, born North Wales:

Birmingham Daily Post 17/9/1863 - Advert

“.....To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Joseph S. Parkes, on Monday, September 28, at Six o’clock in the evening, at the House of Mr. *John Twist*, the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton, subject to conditions then to be produced, all that well and substantially built New Licensed Inn, Dwelling House and Premises, situate at Hall Street, Tipton, called the COOPERS ARMS, and a Dwelling House, in the occupation of Tranter and Mills, and produces, at a very low rental, £10 per annum.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/7/1865

“At the Wednesbury Police Court yesterday, before Messrs. J. Marshall and T. Davies, *Mary Whitehouse*, an elderly woman, residing in Tipton, was charged with stealing a pilot coat from the house of Mr. *Twist*, BELL TAVERN, Bell Street. The prosecutor stated that on the 7th of July the prisoner came into his house and called for some porter. After remaining for about three quarters of an hour she left. After she had gone the prosecutor missed his coat. He went after the prisoner and caught her. He then found that the prisoner had pawned the coat at one shop, and then again had stolen the coat and pawned the coat at the shop of Mrs. Brown, Owen Street. The prisoner was also charged with stealing some shirts, from the house of Mr. *Wellington*, WHITE HORSE, Tipton. On the same day the prisoner visited the house of a publican named Ford, and after remaining there for some time she left, taking a shawl with her. Information was given to the police, and the prisoner was apprehended by Sergeant Smith, with all the above things in her possession. She said nothing in her defence, and was committed for trial.”

[At the Stafford Assizes, *Mary Whitehouse* was sentenced to three months’ imprisonment.]

Birmingham Journal 10/2/1866 - Advert

“Capital New Iron Boat.

To Iron And Coal Masters, Boatbuilders, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Charles Round (by direction of Messrs. Watts and Whitehouse), at the House of Mr. *John Twist*, the BELL INN, Tipton, on Monday Next, February 12, at Seven o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions then to be read. One Share in the Tipton BELL INN Iron Boat Society, No.2, upon which the sum of £68 has been paid, including bonus and interest.

The Boat is nearly new, having only worked Ten Months, and was built by Mr. James Allbut, Boatbuilder, Tipton, and may be seen at the Britannia Foundry Wharf.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Owen Street and Bloomfield, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/10/1866

“Letter to the Editor of the *Birmingham Daily Post*.

Sir. I have been anxiously waiting for some time past to hear whether the Tipton Reform Association is still in existence. Perhaps through the medium of your columns I shall be able to ascertain the truth about this dormant society, for really, Mr. Editor, I have not heard of any meeting; not one since the public meeting, at

the BELL INN, Tipton, nearly twelve months ago. There seems to reign a spirit of procrastination which is really astonishing. Other towns are up and doing their share of Reform with spirit and determination, but where is Tipton? In perusing your accounts of Reform meetings in the surrounding neighbourhoods I have seen the name of the Tipton secretary proposing or seconding some motion; but, we, the Reformers of Tipton, wish to see some work done at home first, and to push onward this question with meetings &c. Surely this is not the way to make the affair a success. 'Charity should begin at home'. I hope that for the future we shall hear more than we have hitherto done, and if those who will and do accept office are not able to fulfil the duties connected with it, I say let them stand aside, and give the place to men of energy and not lethargy. I am, sir, A Tiptonite."

John Twist served on the Tipton Local Board of Health in the 1850s and 1860s. He was also a trustee of the Park Lane Methodist Church [1867]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/9/1868

"On Monday evening, a meeting for the upper side of Tipton parish was held at Mr. *Twist's*, the BELL INN, for the purpose of forming a committee to assist Mr. Brogden in his candidature for the representation of the borough in Parliament, and for the transaction of other business connected with the election....."

1871 Census

56, Bell Street – BELL INN

- [1] *John Twist* (70), victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Twist* (59), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Annie White* (10), niece, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/7/1873

"East Staffordshire Election.

A meeting of electors was held yesterday evening, at the BELL INN, Tipton. Mr. A. Brogden, MP, occupied the chair, and the room was crowded almost to suffocation....."

Dudley Guardian 7/3/1874 - Advert

"Wanted, a Strong Girl, as Servant of all work, age 17 or 18.
Apply at the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton."

County Express 2/11/1878

"The Miners And Their Working Hours.

It may be said that the whole of the working miners in South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire have been consulted on this, to them, important question. They have distinctly said that they will not accept upon any terms the proposition to work an extra hour per day. The proposition is considered to be 'the thin end of the wedge'.....

On Tuesday night the miner's delegates of the East Worcestershire and South Staffordshire districts met at the BELL INN, Tipton, to discuss the decision arrived at by the miners in reference to the proposed increase of working hours. It appeared the whole of the miners in the district referred to had been unanimous in their determination to resist the proposal of the master, and it was unanimously resolved 'That this district meeting of delegates pledges itself to use every legitimate means to resist any encroachment on the working hours in the mines'."

Dudley and District News 17/1/1880

"Mr. Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquiry yesterday afternoon, at the BELL INN, Tipton Green, into the causes attending the death of *Harriet Bate* (74), widow.

Mary Whitehouse said the deceased was the widow of *Edward Bate*, a butty collier. Mrs. Bate had been in good health until four months ago, when she fell down stairs. Her wrist was broken, and she was severely shaken. Recently she had complained very much of her head and back, and had kept her bed. Deceased was not pushed downstairs. Her relatives, with whom she lived, had been very kind and attentive to her. There

had never been any quarrelling.

James Smith, butcher, said the deceased lived with him. She was going to bed when she fell.

The Jury returned a verdict that deceased Died from Natural Causes, accelerated by the fall.

Herbert Packwood, hosier, Owen Street, was summoned as a jurymen, and came to the BELL INN, but declined to attend the Coroner's Court.

Coroner: I shall make an order of commitment if he don't come in. He is on licensed premises, and it is contempt of Court.

Mr. Packwood (who came into the room): I shan't attend, I have three times this year.

The Coroner: That is no matter, there is no limit, and if you had served fifty times you must attend.

Police-sergeant Dutton: You are evidently in beer.

Mr. Packwood (indignantly): What is that you say sir? – P.S. Dutton: That you are not sober.

Coroner: He is not fit then, but see that he is summoned in the next jury."

Dudley Herald 24/1/1880 - Advert

"Notice Is Hereby Given that the Vittoria Friendly Society, Register No.2025, held at the BELL INN, Tipton, in the County of Stafford, is Dissolved by Instrument, registered at the Office, the 20th day of January, 1880, unless within three months from the date of the *Gazette* in which this advertisement appears, proceedings be commenced by a member or other person interested in or having any claim on the funds of the Society to set aside such dissolution, and the same be set aside accordingly.

J. M. Ludlow, Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies.

28, Abingdon Street, Westminster, the 20th day of January, 1880."

1881 Census

55, Bell Street – BELL INN

[1] *Joshua Austin* (32), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Naomi Austin (32), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Amy Austin (5), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Gertrude Austin (3), daughter, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 24/2/1883

"A public meeting of the Tipton gas consumers was held in the lodge-room of the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton on Wednesday evening last, for the purpose of taking into consideration the extraordinary consumption of gas during the quarter ended December 1882. The Local Board of Health, it will be remembered a short time ago took over from the Birmingham Corporation, the manufacture and supply of gas for Tipton and district. There was a good attendance....."

Dudley and District News 17/3/1883

"A public meeting of the rate-payers of Tipton, was held at the BELL INN, Tipton, on Monday evening to protest against Tipton taking any part in the Wednesbury Union Drainage scheme. The chair was taken by Mr. Aston....."

1891 Census

56, Bell Street – BELL HOTEL

[1] *Samuel Davies* (49), moulder (iron), born Wednesbury;

[2] Sarah Davies (49), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Arthur Davies (19), son, moulder, born Tipton;

[4] Lilian Davies (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Laura Davies (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Mary Jones (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

"The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday..... *Joshua Austin*, the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton, whose renewal had been objected to because of the

licensee being non-resident and being a brewer's traveller, was represented by Mr. A. Whitehouse, who said the license had been transferred granted, subject to transfer to Messrs. Smith and Barton."

Denis Lyons, beer retailer, 76a, and boot and shoe maker, 77, Owen Street, and BELL INN, Bell Street.
[1896]

Check also HARE AND HOUNDS.

Dudley Herald 20/1/1900

"The annual dinner in connection with the Sick and Draw Club, held at the BELL INN, was held on Wednesday evening. A capital repast was served up in Host and Hostess *Cox's* well-known style. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. W. Robbins was voted to the chair, and Mr. Smith to the vice-chair. The secretary (Mr. Ashley) submitted the annual report, which showed that there was 30 members in the club. After meeting all expenses during the year there was a dividend of 11s 11d per member.

Replying to the health of the host and hostess, Capt. *Cox* said he was pleased to see that the club was flourishing so well. It was always a pleasure to him to be connected with friendly society men. Anything he could do for the interest of the club would be a pleasure to him. He always did his best to advise men to join a society, and thus make themselves independent....."

1901 Census

Bell Street – BELL INN

- [1] *William J. Cox* (55), hammer smith, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Cox* (53), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Fred Cox* (28), son, barman, born Tipton;
- [4] *Alice Cox* (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Simcox* (19), domestic servant, born Sedgley;

Lancashire Evening Post 7/2/1905

"A Dudley boat builder sued Elizabeth Baugh, barmaid, to recover certain goods value £29. He told the judge that the girl had been barmaid at the BELL INN, Tipton.

On October 5 he took her to Wolverhampton and bought her a brooch. On the following day he again went to the BELL INN, and, after having six 'whiskies' he, at the suggestion of the defendant, agreed to take her to Wolverhampton and buy her a watch and chain. They drove in a cab to Dudley Port Station, but a railway official, seeing his condition, refused to allow him to get into the train, and they went by tramcar to Dudley. After they had a glass or two of beer at a public house at Dudley, defendant again expressed her desire to possess a watch and chain.

After inspecting some jewellery, he gave defendant his cheque book and signed a cheque without having any idea of the amount for which it was made out. They returned to the BELL INN in a cab, and he had no recollection of how he got home from there. Two days later the jeweller went to see him about the cheque, and on looking up the counterfoil he was surprised at the amount. He did not see defendant again until they met at Dunstall Park races in November. After hearing what she had to say, he instructed his solicitor to write to her requesting the return of a gold watch, long guard and pendant, diamond ring, and wedding ring. In reply, she threatened an action for breach of promise of marriage. He admitted having flirted with defendant 'while drunk' but in point of fact he was engaged to another girl.

The jeweller, at whose shop the articles were bought, said plaintiff seemed nervous, and said something about not being much of a scholar, and Miss Baugh ultimately took the book and made out the cheque, which plaintiff signed. Plaintiff was not sober when he called at the shop. Defendant was sober enough. Witness heard some conversation about a 'special license'.

Elizabeth Baugh, defendant, said she had known plaintiff for about two years. Twelve months ago he gave her the key of an empty house to keep for him. He also brought her some blankets, which he said would keep them warm when they were married. (Laughter.)

Mrs. *Poole*, BELL INN, Tipton, said plaintiff had courted defendant for about two years. He said defendant was a poor girl, but that he had plenty of money, and intended to make the poor rich. (Laughter.) When he gave defendant the key of the house he said he had plenty to put in it. He regularly called her 'Lizzie dear'.

(Laughter.)

After a lengthy hearing, the Judge gave judgement for the defendant.”

1911 Census

54, Bell Street

[1] *Samuel Huskins* (37), public house manager, born Wilnecote, Warwickshire;

[2] *Catherine Eleanor Huskins* (32), wife, married 1 year, assisting in business, born Cheltenham:

London Gazette 3/10/1911

“*George Bowcutt*, the VICTORIA INN, 40, Dudley Road lately residing and carrying on business at the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton aforesaid, Public House Manager, lately Licensed Victualler. Date of Order, September 29th 1911.”

George Bowcutt – see also VICTORIA, Dudley Road.

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1913

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

Joseph Steventon, licensee of the BELL INN, Tipton appealed against a conviction by the Tipton magistrates for selling intoxicating liquor, to wit, whisky, during closing hours, on November 2nd. Mr. H. G. Farrant appeared for the respondents, and Mr. G. Milward for the appellant.

Information having been given to the police, Pc Arthur was ordered to observe the BELL INN, and, in particular directed to observe a room which adjoined the bar, and upon the door of which were the words ‘No.3, Private’.

About 10.30pm Pc Arthur went to the inn and, on entering No.3 room, found in it nine men and one woman, who were drinking. Among the customers was a man named James Tyrer, of Dudley, who at the time was the manager of the Alhambra Theatre. The officer saw Tyrer drink two glasses of whisky, finishing drinking the second one about a minute before eleven o’clock. Tyrer then ordered a glass of whisky and a glass of beer, which were not served whilst Arthur was in the room. ‘Time’ was called, and seven men, including the constable, and also a woman, left the premises, leaving Tyrer and two other men behind. Outside Pc Arthur saw Ps Challinor, and they watched the front door of the inn, whilst Pc Croxall watched the back door. A few minutes after eleven two men left the house by the front door, and they were allowed to go. About twenty-five minutes past eleven Nellie Bayliss and Mary Bayliss, two women who were helping in the house, came out, and went to a fried fish shop. They were away about five minutes, and then returned to the house by the front door. Ps Challinor asked them if he might be allowed to look inside the house and one of the girls ran in front and shouted, ‘Look out, the policeman is here’.

The Sergeant went into the room, and saw several persons who were connected with the house, and the man Tyrer. Challinor saw Tyrer pulling a glass away from his lips, and it had apparently contained whisky. Questioned by the Sergeant as to what he was doing there, Tyrer replied ‘I am not drinking.’ Later he said he came in at ten minutes to eleven to pay two artistes.

On both occasions, when Pc Arthur went into the house, Tyrer had his hat and coat on, which, it was suggested, negative the allegation that he was there as a guest.

Evidence was given by Pc Arthur, Ps Challinor, and Pc Croxall.

Mr. Milward submitted that he had no case to answer, as the licensee had been convicted not for any consumption of drink on the premises, but for a ‘sale at 11.50pm’. The sole evidence before them was that a man was seen taking a glass from his lips. It was not necessary to show that any money passed, but was the Court satisfied that there was any sale at all? The case for the licensee was that there was no drinking at all, and that if there were any, it was a gift. Where was the evidence of any sale at 11.30, always remembering that it was a criminal case in which the prosecution must prove their case to the satisfaction of the Court.

Mr. Farrant submitted that there was ample evidence of a sale. There was the evidence of Pc Arthur that an order was given almost immediately before 11 o’clock, at the time when it was impossible that the actual sale could take place during opening hours.

The Chairman said the Court wished the case to go on.

The witnesses for the appellant were called, and their evidence was to the effect that the licensee had occu-

pied the BELL INN since September, 1910. The licensee's wife died about eighteen months ago, and since her death his mother-in-law, and her two daughters had assisted in the management of the house. He had a pianist, Mrs. Hadley, on Saturday night, and his brother-in-law, Davies, also assisted in the house. Tyrer had partaken of many meals in the house, and, on the afternoon in question, had tea there. Rabbit and pig-tail was a favourite dish of Tyrer, and as the assistants were going to have supper that night, Tyrer was invited to the meal. It was denied that Tyrer had consumed any liquor after eleven o'clock, and the witness also asserted that the girl never shouted, 'Look out, here is the policeman' when the sergeant entered the house. It was also stated that the sergeant was never heard to accuse Tyrer of pulling a glass away from his lips. Tyrer had no glass in his hand, nor could he reach the table from where he was sitting.

The witnesses were the licensee, *Joseph Steventon*; James Tyrer; Mrs. Bayliss, licensee's mother-in-law; David Bayliss; Mrs. Hadley; Mary and Nellie Bayliss.

Counsel on both sides summed up at considerable length, and the magistrates considered their case in private. On the return the Chairman said the appeal would be dismissed.

Mr. Farrant: With costs? – The Chairman: Yes.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year's Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

BELL INN, Bell Street, 2s 9d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/7/1926 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice as to sending in Claims to be treated as Persons Interested in Licensed Premises.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of June and the 12th day of July, 1926, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

BELL INN, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *Henry E. Malugani*. Registered Owner, Atkinson's Brewery Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1926

“The Licensing Committee for the County have fixed the following sums as compensation.....

BELL INN, Tipton, alehouse, £1,650.”

It closed on 31st December 1926.

It was demolished in the 1960s.

BELL

115, (108), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Alice Bunn, Dudley Street, Tipton

Exors of Alice Bunn

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1903], [1904], [1908]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Bunn [1861] – [1876]

Evans [1880] manager

Mrs. Alice Bunn [1881] – [1890]

Mrs. Mary Ann Walters [1891]

George Walters [1892]

Mrs. Emma Jane Watts [1896]

Samuel Henry Bodin [1900]

Mark Baugh [1901]

J S Sharpe [1903]

Sherwood [1909]

Joseph Stevenson [1912]

Joseph Woodhall [1916]

Lottie Woodhall [] – 1919);

Joseph Woodhall (1919 – 1924);

Robert Alfred Collins (1924 – 1930);

Fanny Parkes (1930 – 1932);

Bernard Dagnan (1932);

Jane Willis (1932 – 1940);

Wilfred 'Wilf' Billingham (1940 – 1943);

Edwin Joseph Stansfield (1943 – 1949);

Lewis Leslie Mills (1949 – [1966])

NOTES

108, Dudley Port [1871], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1908]

115, Dudley Port [1912], [1916], [1932], [1939], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Bunn, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1861]

1861 Census

Dudley Port – BELL INN

[1] *James Bunn* (42), coal miner, born Sedgley;

[2] *Alice Bunn* (40), wife, dressmaker, born Wales;

[3] *Elizabeth Shiley* (17), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/9/1863

“The adjourned licensing meeting was held yesterday, at the Scott’s Arms, Great Barr.....

Tipton: Ten applications, the following were granted.....

James Bunn, Tipton, supported by Mr. Motteram, instructed by Mr. Fellows of Tipton.”

James Bunn, beer retailer and wine dealer, Dudley Port. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/8/1869

“The annual licensing meeting for the West Bromwich district was held yesterday.....

The following list of victuallers brought before the magistrates during the year ending 25th August, was handed to the magistrates by Superintendent Woollaston.....

James Bunn, BELL INN, Dudley Port.”

1871 Census

108, Dudley Port

[1] *James Bunn* (51), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] *Alice Bunn* (49), wife, born Ardwen, Flintshire;

[3] James B. Walters (9), grandson, scholar, born Dudley Port;

[4] Abraham Walters (7), grandson, scholar, born Dudley Port;

[5] Maria Pritchard (13), general servant, born Dudley Port:

Dudley Herald 16/12/1876

“At the Tipton Police Court, on Monday, before J. Solly and Wilson Lloyd, Esqs, *James Bunn*, landlord of the BELL INN, and James Nurse, landlord of the HORSELEY TAVERN, applied for an extension of hours for the Christmas holidays, until twelve o’clock on the 23rd inst, until twelve o’clock on the 26 inst, and until half-past twelve on the 1st of January. The Bench granted the applications with the exception of the 23rd, and in that case the Bench allowed an extension of half an hour, believing that would not so much interfere with the Sunday as another half-hour would.”

Dudley Herald 24/7/1880

“Enoch Price, Dudley Port, was brought up in custody, charged on remand with having assaulted PC Reynolds, on the 13th inst. The defendant was also charged with being drunk and riotous at the BELL INN, Dudley Port. Mr. *Evans*, manager for Mrs. *Bunn*, stated that he went into the kitchen about half-past five o’clock and saw that the prisoner had a strange man on his back on the floor, and was trying to strangle him. Witness pulled prisoner off the man and ordered him to leave the house, but he refused. He then ejected him. When he got him into the street defendant tried to get into the house again. PC Reynolds came up at that time and requested him to go away. He refused and struck the officer and kicked him. He was taken into custody and locked up. PC Reynolds spoke as to the assault upon himself, and defendant was fined 30s for refusing to quit, or 14 days, and 40s, or in default one month, for the assault.

Mrs. Price, mother of the above-named prisoner, was summoned for having assaulted PC Reynolds while he had her son in custody, and was ordered to pay costs.”

1881 Census

108, Dudley Port – BELL INN

[1] *Alice Bunn* (59), mother, widow, licensed victualler, born Flintshire;

[2] James Bunn (19), grandson, pattern maker, born Tipton;

[3] Abraham Walters (17), grandson, born Tipton;

[4] Walter Walters (14), grandson, born Tipton;

[5] Elizabeth Foster (20), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[6] Martha Cox (46), sister, visitor, nail maker, born Harding, Flintshire;

[7] Martha M. Cox (2), niece, visitor, born Gornal:

Dudley and District News 17/6/1882

“Edward Cherrington (16), Bradley Street, Burnt Tree, was charged with being drunk at Burnt Tree on the 3rd inst. PC Corbishley said he saw defendant in the Coneygre Road, drunk and disorderly, he was throwing

his arms about and using bad language, he fell down twice. Defendant denied the charge, and said he had only had a share of two pints of beer, he was going home from his brothers, who lived at the City. For the defence he called William Phipps who said he was with the defendant at the BELL INN, Dudley Port, he sat next to the defendant but did not drink with him. A man paid for two pints for defendant, when defendant left the BELL INN witness left with him, he could walk straight and did not fall down, and was well able to take care of himself. The case was dismissed on defendant paying 15s 6d costs.”

Wednesbury Herald 21/10/1882

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, before Messrs. Bennett and Pearson, (magistrates), *Alice Bunn*, of the BELL INN, Dudley Port, was charged with permitting drunkenness at her house.

Police constable Price said he found Harry Pritchard in the house, and he was drunk.

Pritchard was also noisy.

The landlady denied that the man was drunk.

Police constable Taberner said he saw Pritchard in the house and he was drunk. He was quiet, and ultimately went home with two women. He could, however, have got along alright by himself.

Mrs. *Bunn* and Pritchard repeatedly said the latter was sober.

There were other contradictions in the evidence of the two officers, and Mr. Stokes, who defended, pointed them out.

The Bench dismissed the case.”

Wednesbury Herald 18/11/1882

“A conference of the colliers of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire was held at the BELL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on Wednesday.

The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Breakwell and the vice chair by Mr. Rust.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/11/1883 - Advert

“Comic Singer or Negro Act, Wanted, Saturdays and Mondays.

Apply, BELL INN, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/1/1890

“*Alice Bunn*, BELL INN, Dudley Port, was charged with having her house open during prohibited hours.

The police found twenty-seven persons present on the 26th of December at 11.30pm. Mrs. *Bunn* said that she thought there was a general extension of hours on the 24th and 26th. She saw something of the sort in the papers. The police replied that the extension was only for those that applied. Fined 2s 6d and costs. The Bench stated that had the house been opened under other circumstances the fine would have been heavier.”

1891 Census

108, Dudley Port – BELL INN

[1] *Mary Ann Walters* (49), married, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] *Abraham Walters* (28), son, engine fitter, born Tipton;

[3] *George Walters* (26), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Elizabeth Grant* (22), general servant, born Tipton;

[5] *George Watts* (57), servant, brewer, born Bascote, Warwickshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 17/8/1892

“‘Shake Hands and Be Friends.’ This was the advice given yesterday by Messrs. G. Heaton and R. Williams, the residing magistrates at the Police Court, Wednesbury, to *George Walters*, landlord of the BELL INN, Tipton, and his wife *Mary Ann*, the former having been brought up on a warrant, charged with assaulting the latter.

The lady said she and her husband had been married thirty-two years and had had eight children, and this was the first time things had come to such a pass as to land them in a police court. Yes, she was content to make it up; and it would have been settled on the previous day if her husband had met her at Tipton. She would not have taken the proceedings against him, but he dared her to do it.

The defendant began some allegations about excessive drinking, and his wife was entering upon something recriminatory, but one of the magistrates cut in with ‘Shake hands, and be friends’, both of them adding advice which in substance came to ‘Let the dead past bury its dead’. The husband moved towards the end of the dock, smiling; and the wife stepped out of the witness-box towards him, and both stopped. ‘Come, shake hands’, said the magistrates, encouragingly; and at once the hands were clasped and shaken, and the couple were friends again, the reconciliation causing some amusement in court.”

Dudley Herald 13/10/1900

“One of the most successful benefit concerts, both in respect of the attendance, and the quality of the programme, took place on Tuesday evening last in the Assembly Room of the BELL INN, Dudley Port. The chair was taken by Councillor G. S. Peake, and Councillor W. T. Whitehouse was vice-chairman. Both gentlemen spoke a few words of sympathy for the beneficiaries, and also helped on the good cause by donations, remarking that Tipton recognised the fact that many could help one, whereas one could not help many, and that they hoped much good would result from the concert. The concert included items from Messrs. Joss Parker, J. Morris, T. Painter, Foster, Stokes, Byrom, Ward, Bros. Leone, Banks, Booth, &c, &c. Where all did well it would be invidious to mention the particularities, but the concertina playing of Mr. Joss Parker was very clever. The concert was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.”

1901 Census

108, Dudley Port

- [1] *Mark Baugh* (32), publican, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Hatty Baugh* (38), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] *Gladys Baugh* (7), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Norah Baugh* (3), daughter, born Droitwich;
- [5] *Regynal Baugh* (2), son, born Netherton:

License renewal objected to at the 1903 Tipton Licensing Sessions on the grounds that police supervision was difficult.

The license was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/2/1903

“This being the adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

The objections generally – other than where there had been various convictions – were the licenses not required – that the premises were dilapidated and insanitary, and lacked the necessary accommodation, and the house not duly qualified by law. After hearing evidence of witnesses and statements by counsel.....

The license of the BELL INN, Dudley Port, was renewed on consideration that the land at the rear was purchased to cut with premises at the rear.”

Tipton Herald 16/1/1909

“A supper was given at Mr. *Sherwood*'s, the BELL INN, Dudley Port, on Wednesday night last, to celebrate the coming of age of the eldest son of Mr. Ernest W. Reid, coal merchant, Dudley. Between 30 and 40 sat down to partake of an excellent spread, which reflected the greatest possible credit on the host and hostess. By giving the supper, it afforded Mr. Reid another opportunity of displaying that generous, genial, and whole-hearted spirit which he is known to possess. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Herbert Sproson was elected chairman for the remainder of the evening.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

At the Sessions plans were submitted for the improvement of.....

BELL INN, Dudley Port.”

It had a bowling green. [1932]

1939 Register

115, Dudley Port

[1] *Jane Willis*, date of birth, 20/11/1879, manageress public house, married;

[2] Stanley Tomkins, dob, 20/08/1906, electrical fitter, (electric motors), single;

[3] Fred Willis, dob, 09/10/1913, upholsterer, (furniture), single;

[4] Sarah Aston, dob, 01/08/1906, bar general, single:

Tipton Herald 11/9/1948

“Tipton Chess Club held its annual meeting at the BELL INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, on Wednesday. The secretary, Mr. A. E. Oliver, reported a sound financial position.

Mr. K. Henn, the County player, was elected team captain for the coming season, and Mr. E. Hooper vice captain, in place of Messrs. N. G. and N. Blackmore respectively, who retired.....

As usual the club will enter the Wolverhampton and District Chess League.”

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich Bowling League, Division A. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies' Darts League. [1948]

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960

“Miss Iris Atkinson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Atkinson, of 80, Hawkesley Road, Russells Hall Estate, Dudley was married at St. James's Church, Dudley, on Saturday, to Mr. John Terence Mills, only son of Mr. and Mrs. *L. L. Mills* of the BELL INN, Dudley Port, Tipton.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long crinoline nylon dress with a coronet headdress of pearls and roses. She also wore a gold and pearl necklace with matching earrings. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and orange blossom. Miss J. Atkinson (sister of the bride), the bridesmaid, was wearing a short pink satin dress and a headdress of flowers. She was carrying cream roses and freesias.

Mr. Goer was playing the organ and the Rev. Jennings conducted the service. Best man was Mr. H. Reed, the groomsmen being Mr. D. Field and Mr. P. Atkinson.

Dudley Town Hall was the scene of the reception given by the bride's parents for 86 guests. The groom presented his wife with a dressing table set and the bride gave him a gold cigarette case.

After the reception, the newly married couple left for a honeymoon in Scotland. The bride's going away dress was a grey costume and shoes and white hat, gloves and handbag.”

Closed

It was demolished in 1978.

BIRD IN HAND

182, (182+183), (183), Dudley Port, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Greenway [1856] – [1860]

Joseph Fullard [1871] – [1891]

Daniel William Barnett [1896] – [1904]

Ralph Nicholls [1911] – [1912]
Phoebe Elizabeth Nicholls [] – 1919);
Ralph Nicholls (1919 – 1924):

NOTES

183, Dudley Port [1871]
182+3, Dudley Port [1881]
182, Dudley Port [1891], [1901], [1911]

It had a beer and cider license.

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Joseph Greenway = Joseph Greenaway

Birmingham Journal 7/6/1856

“On Monday G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, held an inquest at the house of Mr. *Greenway*, BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port, on the body of a man named John Lee, an engineer employed at Lord Ward’s Furnaces at Coneygre, and who was killed on the afternoon of Saturday last. The deceased was last seen alive between two and three o’clock on Saturday afternoon, by a brother engineer, John Evans, and he was at that time cleaning a portion of the engine machinery. In a few minutes afterwards, Evans happening to go again to that portion of the engine, observed the deceased’s body entangled in the machinery, with the head nearly severed from the trunk. The engine was quickly stopped by Evans, and an alarm being raised, help was procured, and the body, which was dreadfully mutilated, was then extricated. The deceased was lifeless. He was a single man, aged 30, and was known to be very temperate. He was sober at the time. There was no evidence to show how the deceased got entangled. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/6/1860 - Advert

“Important And Unreserved Sale, at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Dudley Port, near Burnt Tree Toll Gate.

To Publicans, Brokers, Parties Furnishing, and Others.

To be Sold By Auction, by Charles Round, This Day (Friday), June 15, under an execution from the Sheriff, all the extensive Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, superior Household Furniture, &c, belonging to Mr. *Joseph Greenaway*.

Sale to commence at Ten o’clock to a minute.”

1871 Census

183, Dudley Port

[1] *Joseph Fullard* (45), beerseller and grocer, born Tipton;

[2] Charlotte Fullard (42), wife, born Tividale;

[3] John Fullard (6), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 16/7/1872

“A mass meeting of limestone miners was held at the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port, yesterday afternoon. After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the men at play at Dixon’s, Bradley’s, and Bagnall’s collieries, remain out till consent be given for them to go down at seven o’clock in the morning, have one hour for mealtime, and return at four o’clock on the first five days, and on Saturdays commence at seven o’clock and return at one o’clock.”

1881 Census

182-183, Dudley Port – BIRD IN HAND

[1] *Joseph Fullard* (55), beer seller and grocer, born Tipton;

- [2] Charlotte Fullard (52), wife, dress maker, born Tipton;
- [3] John Fullard (16), son, medical student, born Tipton;
- [4] William Barnett (42), brother-in-law, brewer, born Tipton;
- [5] Matilda Barnett (37), sister-in-law, domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [6] Sarah Single (?) (26), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] Matilda Rich (8), visitor, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 4/10/1884

“Mr. Hooper held an inquest at the BELL INN, Horseley Heath, respecting the death of Charles Fletcher, aged eight weeks, late of 34, Ballfield. The deceased was subject to fits and died suddenly on Thursday morning. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

1891 Census

182, Dudley Port – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Joseph Fullard* (65), brewer and grocer, born Tipton;
- [2] Charlotte Fullard (62), wife, born Tipton:

Daniel William Barnett, beer retailer, 182, Dudley Port. [1896], [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

182, Dudley Port

- [1] *Daniel W. Barnett* (63), widower, publican, born Deepfields;
- [2] Charlotte Fullard (71), sister, widow, born Deepfields;
- [3] Elizabeth Rich (22), servant, born Tipton:

1911 Census

182, Dudley Port – BIRD IN HAND INN

- [1] *Ralph Nicholls* (32), beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Nicholls (32), wife, married 5 years, born Sedgley;
- [3] Gladys Mabel Nicholls (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Phoebe Elizabeth Nicholls (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Hannah Rich (19), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Ralph Nicholls, beer retailer, 182, Dudley Port. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1922

“Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

Last year the justices drew attention to one or two matters which might, they thought, be arranged between the parties themselves, the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port, and the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port, it was thought, might come together, and the owners arrange to rebuild one of the houses and surrender the other by way of compensation. The licenses of the two houses would be referred back to the adjourned day for proper consideration.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/6/1923 - Notice

“Licensing Consolidation Act. County of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1927, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportu-

nity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....

BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Ralph Nicholls*.”

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday

Lord Hatherton C.M.G. (chairman of the County Licensing Committee) presided.....

With reference to the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port, a beerhouse ante-1869, Mr. J. Wylie (barrister) appeared for the magistrates, and Mr. C. H. Darby for the licensee, *Ralph Nicholls*. The average trade for the three years ended March 31st, 1921, was stated to be 571 barrels and 639 dozen bottles per annum.

The license was refused.”

South Staffordshire Times 8/9/1923

“In the course of the Licensing Sessions at Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday (councillor Doughty presiding).....

Mr. Sharpe (West Bromwich) asked for the approval of plans for alteration and rebuilding of the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port Road, as proposed by Messrs. Mitchell and Butlers.

Mr. Doughty said the justices had examined the plans and approved.

Mr. Sharpe said the work would be commenced at once, but the BIRD IN HAND might continue on until the new house was up.

Mr. Doughty said this could not be done. As soon as the compensation was paid the house must be closed. Temporary accommodation could surely be provided while the house was being re-built.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/10/1923

“We understand that the following amounts of compensation have been fixed in the cases of the Staffordshire licenses, the renewal of which was refused under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910.....

BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port, beerhouse ante '69, £1,500.”

[The compensation was paid on March 24th, 1924.]

South Staffordshire Times 1/12/1923

“Tipton Police Court. Mr. Sharpe applied for the transfer of the license of the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port, to Mr. *George Challinor*, so as to enable him to carry on the business of the COTTAGE SPRING at the BIRD IN HAND, while the house was being re-built. The license was granted.”

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

One fully licensed house and two beerhouses ‘on’ had been closed during the year under the redundancy clauses of the Licensing Act, and for the same reason another beerhouse, the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port will close about the end of March.....”

It closed on 31st March 1924.

BIRD IN HAND

1, Tibbington Terrace / Tibbington Road, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Maybury [1849] – 1854);
Samuel Partridge (1854 – 1861);
John Maybury (1861 – 1864);
Joseph Gould Mott (1864 – 1866);
John Croft (1866 – 1869);
Charles Maybury (1869 – 1871);
John Seedhouse Jnr. (1871 – [1873]
George Aston [1881] – [1901]
Israel Jukes [1904]
John Whitney [1908] – [1912]
Henry Samuel Harris [1911] – [1916]
Alice Innes Hamblett [] – 1919):

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It had a beerhouse license.

John Maybury, beer retailer, Princes End. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Tibbington Terrace

- [1] *John Maybury* (48), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Maybury* (47), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Maybury* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Birch* (16), house servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/10/1857

“On Thursday afternoon last an inquest, which had been adjourned from the previous Monday, was resumed at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Princes End, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, Corner, and a respectable jury, on the body of William Turley. From the evidence of a number of witnesses it appeared that the deceased was a roll turner, aged 43 years, and on the 21st day of September last he was returning towards home about half-past nine in the evening. He was much intoxicated. When he had gone some distance he met a man named Samuel Handley, who was on the opposite side of the road. The latter called out ‘Hallo!’ and asked deceased who he worked for. He replied, ‘Mr. Nicklin,’ and repeated the same question to Handley; the latter said for Mr. Turner, and added something about Mr. Turner being a rogue, and deceased and Handley commenced quarrelling; when some one present told Handley not to fight with the deceased, as he was intoxicated. Handley came across the road, and the deceased then struck him two blows, and pulled off his jacket. Handley walked into the horse-road, the deceased followed him, and they exchanged blows. Four of the witnesses stated that Handley then put his arm round the deceased’s neck, and, placing his foot behind him, threw him down. He fell flat on his back, and the back part of his head struck the ground with considerable violence. Two of the witnesses stated the deceased fell from a blow given him by Handley. The latter did not make any remark after the deceased fell, but walked away. Turley, the deceased, was unable to rise, and some parties carried him home, where he was laid upon the floor, and remained there the greater part of the night. He afterwards became sensible and complained much of his head. No surgeon was sent for until the following Saturday, when Mr. Underhill attended. He found the deceased suffering from headache, giddiness, and inability to move his head. Upon being asked how he had been injured, he replied he did not know, and that he was very drunk, and that if anyone had struck him he dare say it served him right, and that it was more

his fault than theirs; but he remembered nothing about it. Mr. Underhill continued to attend him, but delirium tremens came on, and he died on Friday, the 23rd inst. Upon a post mortem of the body being made, it was found that there was considerable extravasation of blood and a fracture of the occipital bone about four inches long passing down to the base of the skull. Mr. Underhill minutely described the other appearances, and stated that death had been caused by delirium tremens arising from the injuries to the head. He was also of opinion that a violent fall would have caused the injuries. Samuel Handley was present, and having been cautioned by the coroner made a statement to the effect that when he met deceased the latter pushed against him, and pulled off his jacket and said, 'I'll make you have it whether you will or no'; that the deceased hit him; and that he (Handley) struck him and he fell. The coroner summed up the evidence, and explained the law to the jury; and after consulting for a short time, the returned a verdict of Manslaughter against Handley, and he was committed for trial."

[At the Stafford Assizes, in March 1858, Samuel Handley appeared, charged with manslaughter, the jury found that there was 'no bill' and he was discharged.]

1861 Census

Tibbington Terrace

- [1] *Samuel Partridge* (39), puddler in forge, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Partridge (36), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Emily Partridge (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah Partridge (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Holden (22), relative, servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/5/1862

"Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest, on Friday last, at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Tibbington, Princes End, Tipton, on the body of John Mills, bricklayer, aged 42 years. The deceased was head bricklayer in the employ of Mr. Joseph Howells, brick maker, of Tipton. On Wednesday, the 14th inst, about seven o'clock in the morning, the deceased got upon one of the wagons, as it was started from the marl pit to ascend the incline, and getting within about ten yards of the top of the incline, here the wagons have to pass under an archway, deceased instead of alighting, continued on the wagon, and his body coming into contact with the archway, he was severely crushed between the wall and the wagon. Assistance was promptly rendered, and the injured man removed to his home, where he died in a few minutes, and before Mr. Underhill, surgeon, who had been summoned, could attend. It was quite unusual to allow men to ride on the wagons, and no one had ever been allowed to do so before. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The deceased bore an excellent character, and had been upwards of sixteen years in the service of Mr. Howells. He leaves a widow, but no children, to lament his untimely death."

John Maybury was described as a beer retailer of Tibbington, Princes End. [1864], [1865]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 27/1/1866

"J. Chenutt of The Pleck, near Walsall, will run Tom Vernon of Wednesbury 100 yards if he will give three yards start, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at Mr. *Mott's* BIRD IN HAND, Princes End, Tipton."

John Croft = John Crofts

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1867

"The annual licensing meeting for the West Bromwich district was held in the Public Office, West Bromwich....

The following publicans against whom convictions were recorded, were reprimanded, but had their licenses renewed.....

John Crofts, BIRD IN HAND, Tipton, keeping a disorderly house."

Stourbridge Observer 14/5/1870

"At the Police Court, on Thursday, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *Charles Maybury*, landlord of the

BIRD IN HAND, Princes End, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 2nd instant. Mr. Stokes appeared for the defence.

Police-constable Wade said he visited defendant's house on the above date, about 5.35pm, and found two men in the kitchen. One of them was stripped, and challenging the other to fight. He was very drunk. There were five or six people in the room. Witness asked the landlady how she accounted for such conduct, and she told him they had not been there long.

Cross-examined: She told me they had come from the public house opposite. Looked on the table, but could not see any ale there. She did not say her husband was out, and she had sent for a policeman to turn the men out.

Mr. Stokes, in defence, said the defendant and his father had kept the house for thirty years, and had not had such a charge as this brought against them. The two men came into the house, but they had no drink. The landlady ordered them to leave the house, and they refused. She then sent to the police station for an officer. Sarah *Maybury* said she was daughter of the defendant. Recollected the policeman going to their house on the 2nd of May. There were two men in the house. They were quarrelling, and her mother ordered them out. They refused to go away, and her mother sent witness to fetch the police. Witness did not go inside the station. She saw a little girl, who told her that Sergeant Shenstone was not in.

By Mr. Spooner: I am thirteen years old. The men had been in the house about three quarters of an hour. There was no one in the room, but the two men and two women. It was about six o'clock when I went for the police, and it was about quarter past five when the men came in. My mother went to send them out because they did not have any ale. They were quite drunk when they came in. My mother said they were drunk.

Re-examined by Mr. Stokes: Mother asked them to go out, and they refused.

Superintendent Mills said he had had complaints made to him about the house.

Mr. Spooner fined defendant £5 and costs, and ordered defendant's license to be endorsed."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

"Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.

At the previous Sessions several applications for renewals of spirit licenses were adjourned in consequence of the applicants having infringed the terms of their licenses in various way. These cases were taken first.....
Charles Maybury, BIRD IN HAND, Tipton. License renewed."

John Seedhouse = John Shedhouse

1871 Census

1, Tibbington Terrace

[1] *John Shedhouse* (28), shingler, born Deepfields;

[2] Ann Shedhouse (27), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Thomas Shedhouse (1), son, born Tipton;

[4] Sarah Head (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

J. B. Mott issued tokens from here.

1881 Census

1, Tibbington Terrace – BIRD IN HAND

[1] *George Aston* (28), shingler and licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Susannah Aston (26), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Eliza Ann Nicholls (4), visitor, born Oldham;

[4] Ann Maria Ashfield (15), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[5] Isaiah Hickman (50), servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 1/10/1890

"At the Dudley County Court, yesterday, before Judge Sir Rupert Kettle, *George Aston*, innkeeper, of Tibbington Terrace, Princes End, sued William Grazier, of Dudley Wood, chainmaker, and William Regan,

pugilist, of Wade's Passage, Tipton, for £12, the value of a dog and damages for its detention. Mr. Foster was for the plaintiff.

Aston lost a fox-terrier, and afterwards found it in the possession of the defendants, who were served with summonses to produce it. Yesterday Regan pleaded that he handed it over to Grazier to bring to court, and that the latter had not done so.

Grazier said the animal was at home, and his 'missis' was out, and so he could not get at it. It was alleged that the defendants were using the dog for running purposes, and that they derided all plaintiff's applications for it, although they had promised to give it up after a certain race.

Plaintiff, in answer to the judge, said he would rather have his dog than £10, the alleged value, and the Judge made an order in favour of the plaintiff that the dog should be given up within fourteen days.

Mr. Foster asked for the £2 for detention, and said it was a modest request, for the defendants had won a valuable prize with the dog. This was agreed to."

1891 Census

1, Tibbington Terrace

[1] *George Aston* (38), victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Susannah Aston* (36), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *George H. Aston* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Alice Aston* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *John E. Aston* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Maud Aston* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Fred Aston* (7 months), son, born Tipton;

[8] *Eliza A. Nicholls* (14), niece, scholar, born Oldham;

[9] *Louisa Jevons* (17), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/8/1893

"Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BIRD IN HAND, Princes End, on the body of *William Pewton* (61), miner, Tibbington Terrace. Mr. W. B. Scott, Government Inspector of mines, and Mr. W. J. Hayward, deceased's employer was present.

The foreman of the jury intimated that the body was in an advance state of decomposition, and enquired whether it was absolutely necessary that they should view it. Mr. Hooper replied that such was the law, and if they did not like it they must try and get it altered. He ran the same risk as they did, and it was equally objectionable to him.

Deceased's wife stated that on July 22 her husband complained of pains in his hips and bowels, stating that whilst following his employment that day a horse knocked him down and trampled on him. She formented the parts affected, but as he got worse she sent for Dr. Underhill on the following Tuesday, and he attended her husband until his death last Monday. During his illness she had 10s a week from the Employers' Liability Insurance Company.

Dr. Underhill stated that he found no marks of injury, but deceased was suffering from acute inflammation of the lungs, and some inflammation of the bowels, the latter being the result of the former accident. As, however, the man had an accident he went to the pit to try and get something for the family, but distinctly stated that his illness was not the result of the accident. He considered himself justified in giving such a certificate as would obtain the insurance money. Death was the result of the lung trouble, but deceased suffered pain in his hip, which, he said, was due to the accident.

Mr. Hayward said he thought the case was one in which the insurance company would not object to pay.

Dr. Underhill said the company would pay, but had told the widow that she would not get nothing for the death.

The Coroner observed that it was not really a matter for that court, but the reason he had asked the question he had with regard to it was because he was anxious that justice should be done.

Abraham Tudor, a fellow workman, stated that on the 23rd inst, deceased had told him that he had 'kenched' himself while carrying a bag of corn.

Dr. Underhill said the pain of inflammation of the lungs was very similar to that of a 'kench'.

Peter Pewton said his father was carrying a bag of corn, when the horse kicked him, knocking him down,

and trampled on him.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

Mr. Hayward said that a coffin would be supplied from the colliery, and he had no doubt the insurance company would do something for the widow.”

Wednesbury Herald 30/3/1895

“William Willetts, James Heath, and William Sharp, young men, were charged with stealing a watch, the property of James May, Dudley Road, Tipton Green.

On the previous day the parties were together in the BIRD IN HAND public house, and whilst there, or when he got home, he did not know which, the prosecutor missed the watch, or his wife discovered that he had lost it.

His account of the affair was so confused that the magistrates, after patiently trying to reduce it to order, dismissed the accused, and told the prosecutor to take his watch, which had been recovered, and look after it better in future.”

1901 Census

1, Tibbington Terrace

[1] *George Aston* (48), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Susannah Aston* (46), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *George H. Aston* (19), son, pattern maker, born Princes End;

[4] *Alice Aston* (18), daughter, born Princes End;

[5] *John E. Aston* (15), son, born Princes End;

[6] *Maud Aston* (14), daughter, born Princes End;

[7] *Bert Aston* (10), son, born Princes End;

[8] *John Underwood* (50), visitor, colliery engine driver, born Kidderminster;

[9] *Phoebe Mills* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

License renewal objected to at Licensing Sessions 1903, on the grounds that it was not required and police supervision was difficult. It was renewed on 26th February 1903.

1911 Census

1, Tibbington Terrace

[1] *Henry Samuel Harris* (44), publican, manager, born Birmingham;

[2] *Maria Harris* (25), wife, married 2 years, born Lye;

[3] *Abigail Wright* (73), grandmother, widow, born Lye:

Wednesbury Leader 9/9/1911

“At the BIRD IN HAND INN, Tibbington Terrace, Princes End, Tipton, on Monday afternoon, Mr. G. C. Lewis held an inquest concerning the death of *Elizabeth Pitt* (55), of 20, Tibbington Terrace, who died under unusual circumstances.

The evidence of the husband, *Benjamin Pitt*, an elderly collier, and of a neighbour, showed that deceased had been ill for some time. She refused to see a doctor, and even though she was taken much worse on Friday, the husband did not call in a medical man.

Dr. H. S. Brown stated that he was called in shortly after midday on Saturday, and found the deceased in the last stage of consumption. It was hopeless to attempt to treat the case, and he gave a note for the Workhouse, believing that she would have more comfort there. However, she became rapidly worse, and died shortly after midnight on Saturday.

In reply to the Coroner as to whether the woman’s life could have been saved if the husband had called in medical assistance earlier, Dr. Brown replied that the most that could have been done for the woman would have been to remove her to the Workhouse, where her existence would have been slightly prolonged.

The jury returned a verdict of Natural Causes, and at their request the Coroner censured the husband for not calling in medical aid earlier.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/1918

“The renewal of the licenses of the following public-houses, opposed on grounds of redundancy, would be postponed until the adjourned sessions.....

The BIRD IN HAND, Tibbington Terrace, Princes End.”

The license was transferred to STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton on 12th March 1919.

Closed.

South Staffordshire Times 28/5/1921

“In the Divorce Court, on Thursday, Mr. Justice Horridge granted the petition of Ernest William Hamlett, music warehouse manager, of Edward Street, Nuneaton, asking for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Alice, on the grounds of her misconduct with the co-respondant named Gooderidge.

The marriage was in 1900, said petitioner, and in May, 1912, his wife left him, and some time later he found her the licensee of a public-house at Tipton, and she refused to return to him.

Subsequently she was served with divorce papers in Birmingham, and the co-respondent at Cartwright Street, Wolverhampton.”

[This referred to *Alice Innes Hamblett*.]

BIRD IN HAND

Ocker Hill Road, Gospel Oak, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Cresswell [1841]

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Aris's Birmingham Gazette 24/5/1841 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling House, at Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs. Taylor and Bills, at the house of Mr. *Cresswell*, known by the sign of the BIRD IN HAND, at Gospel Oak, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, this present Monday the 24th of May, at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions to be then produced, in the following or such other lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of sale.....”

Birmingham Journal 28/1/1860 - Advert

“To Grocers, General Dealers, And Others.

J. Whitehouse will Sell by Auction, on Monday Next, January 20, at the BIRD IN HAND, Ocker Hill Road, in the parish of Tipton.....”

BLACK BOY

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Mills *[1845] – [1851]*

BLACK COCK

17, Owen Street / Union Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons [1891]

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Mills *[1828] – [1851]*

Daniel Smith **(1855 – 1861)**;

John Warr **(1861 – [1873])**

Phoebe Wall *[1874]* [Could this be Phoebe Warr?]

Mrs. Warr [1879]

William Ward *[1879]*

William Hipkins [1880]

Samuel Stanton [1881]

William Hipkins [] – **1882**);

John Proctor Gray and Robert Henry Fitzsimmons **(1882 – []**

Ellen Stanton [1891]

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons [1891] – *[1892]*

Henry Burrows *[1895]*

John Robert Beaumont [1895]

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons *[1896] – 1922*);

Betsy Maddox [1900] – [1901] manageress

Evan Jones [1911] manager

Percy Fitzsimmons **(1922)**;

William Davies **(1922 – 1923)**;

William Robert Vowles **(1923 – 1926)**;

Joseph William Marriott **(1926 – 1929)**;

George Morris **(1929 – 1933)**;

Percy Trickett **(1933 – 1941)**;

William George Manders (?) **(1941 – 1946)**;

William 'Bill' Brown **(1946 – 1961)**;

Florence Minnie Brown **(1961 – 1964)**;

Thomas Sutton **(1964 – [1966])**

NOTES

COCK INN [1828], [1830], [1834], [1835], [1841], [1842], [1872]

BLACK COCK [1849], [1869], [1881], [1895], [1932], [1940]

It had windows depicting fighting cocks.

1841 Census

Owen Street

[1] *Thomas Mills* (45), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] Elizabeth Mills (40);

[3] Julia Mills (15), born Staffordshire;

[4] Thomas Mills (15), born Staffordshire;

[5] Daniel Mills (13), born Staffordshire;

[6] William Mills (8), born Staffordshire;

[7] Margaret Mills (6), born Staffordshire;

[8] Ann Willetts (35), fs, born Staffordshire;

[9] Phoebe Chambers (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/11/1842 - Died

“On the 12th inst, in her 20th year, Julia Adeline, daughter of Mr. *Thomas Mills*, BLACK COCK INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 13/6/1846

“About eleven o'clock in the morning of Friday week, as a man named David Onions was at work in Mr. J. Hopkins coal pit, a quantity of coal suddenly gave way and buried him underneath. The unfortunate man was quickly extracted from the mass by his fellow miners; but he was found to be so dreadfully injured, that he expired on the road home, in less than three quarters of an hour from the time of the accident. An inquest was held on his body, before G. Hincliffe, Esq, the following day at Mr. *T. Mill's*, the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

Shortly before nine o'clock in the morning of Saturday last, another accident of a similar nature happened in the same pit, to a young man named James Lem, by which he was killed on the spot. In the evening an inquest was held on the body, before the same coroner, at Mr. W. Hill's, the SEVEN STARS, and a similar verdict recorded. In each case it was shown that the pit was properly worked and managed, and the melancholy occurrences were purely accidental and altogether unexpected.”

Birmingham Journal 22/8/1846 - Died

“On Wednesday, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Mills, wife of Mr. *Thomas Mills*, of the COCK INN, Tipton.”

1851 Census

Owen Street

[1] *Thomas Mills* (57), widower, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Daniel Mills (23), son, roller of iron, born Tipton;

[3] David Mills (20), son, born Tipton;

[4] William Mills (18), son, born Tipton;

[5] Margaret Mills (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] John Lewis Mills (29), visitor, grocer, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 17/11/1855

“On Tuesday evening last, an inquest was held at the BLACK COCK INN, Tipton, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, on the body of John Fisher, aged nineteen years. The deceased was employed on the bank, at Mr. Samuel Rowley's pit. There are two shafts, and when one is not required to be used for drawing coals, an iron weight is hung at the end of the chain, and goes up and down the shaft to balance the chain at the

other shaft. On the previous Saturday some of the men left the pit, and Mills, the butty, asked the deceased to descend, and he immediately got on to the iron weight. The butty requested him to have a skip, but he replied he could descend on the weight, and gave the signal, and the horses drawing the gin started, and he commenced descending, but had only gone a short distance when the chain attached to the weight became unfastened, and the latter, together with the deceased, fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of seventy yards. Deceased when taken up was quite dead. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and the butty was reprimanded by the Coroner for allowing deceased to attempt to descend without a skip.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 31/8/1856

“The Tipton Slasher and Tom Paddock. Another deposit of £10 a side, between these heroes was made on Thursday last, and Mr. Battle’s, Leather Lane, Holborn. The next £10 a side is to be made at the BLACK COCK, Tipton, on Thursday next.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/5/1857

“On Tuesday last an inquest was held at the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, by G. Hinchliffe, Esq, on the body of a man named John Nicholls, aged 39 years, who died on Sunday last from injuries received on the previous Friday, whilst at work at the Tipton Green Colliery, belonging to Messrs. Roberts and Co. The deceased was engaged in filling a skip when a quantity of coal fell upon him from the roof. At the inquest the coroner reprimanded Turner, the doggy, for not having the place made more secure. Turner stated that he was at work close to the place, and had that morning tried to get the coals down, but was unable to do so. Mr. Brough, the Government inspector was present at the inquiry. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/9/1859

“An inquest was held on Saturday last at the BLACK COCK INN, Tipton, on the body of William Whittle. The deceased worked at Messrs. Cresswell’s, and was 17 years of age. On the previous Monday he met with two companions named Sockett and Fisher, and they all three went to the FOUNTAIN INN and had some ale. They left about eleven o’clock and walked some distance to Fisher’s house, where they stood singing, as they were practising for Christmas. Fisher went home and Sockett parted from the deceased, the latter going towards home and promising to meet Sockett on the following morning. The deceased never reached home, and although every inquiry was made about him nothing could be heard respecting him. On the following Thursday as a boatman was passing along the canal he found the deceased in the water, dead, and where the canal was about 10 feet in depth. There were no marks or bruises upon him, and the place where he was found was not on his nearest road home. There had not been any quarrel with him and his companions, and when he left Sockett he was not intoxicated. He had only one arm. The jury after hearing the evidence of several witnesses returned a verdict that the deceased was Found Dead in the canal, but how he came to his death or in the canal there was no evidence to show.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/1/1860

“Yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, Mr. Hinchliffe, Coroner, opened an inquest at Mr. *Smith*’s, the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, Tipton, on the body of Benjamin Owen, who was killed on Saturday afternoon last by a fall of a skip down the shaft of one of Mr. Robert’s pits, at the Three Furnaces. Four witnesses were examined, and their evidence was in accordance. Mr. Brough, the Government Inspector, was present, and stated that he had examined the skip and found it to be a very good one. He also exhibited to the jury the doghook upon which the skip was so carelessly hung. Ultimately an adjournment till the 1st of March was agreed upon, in order, if possible, to secure by that time the attendance of one of the injured men, as he naturally must be able to give a clearer account of the accident, and its cause, than anyone who was not in the skip at the time.”

1861 Census

Owen Street – BLACK COCK

[1] *Daniel Smith* (35), puddler and publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Smith* (34), wife, born Tipton;

- [3] Hannah Smith (12), daughter, born Tipton;
[4] Emily Smith (9), daughter, born Tipton;
[5] Mahala Smith (7), daughter, born Tipton;
[6] Joseph Smith (5), son, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 22/6/1861

“Sam Harris of Dudley Port, Tipton, will run either Jos. or Jas. Taylor of Tipton 140 yards, Stevenson of the same place 160 yards, or T. Price of the same place if he will give him eight yards start, or any collier in Tipton can have a match of 120 yards level. Harris will be at Mrs. *Ward*'s, BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Saturday evening, June 21, prepared to make a match.”

[I am not sure who Mrs. Ward is, Warr maybe.]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/8/1862 - Advert

“By Mr. Powell. Sale To-morrow, at 6pm.

By Mr. Solomon Powell, at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton – Two Freehold Houses, Waterloo Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/1/1863

“On Thursday night, Mr. *John Wall*, of the COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, was driving along the Birmingham Road, near to Castle Gates, when the trap was overturned. There were three parties in the trap at the time, and the speed at which the horse was being driven was about ten miles an hour. The whole of the occupants of the trap were thrown violently out, but fortunately none of them were seriously injured.”

John Warr, beer retailer, Owen Street. [1864]

Birmingham Journal 30/1/1864 - Advert

“Jas. Allbut respectfully informs the Public that his No.3 Iron Boat Society will commence at Mr. *John Warr*'s, BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Monday Next, February 1, 1863, at Seven o'clock in the Evening.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/10/1865

“On Tuesday, at Wednesbury Police Court, John White, a labourer, was placed before Messrs. J. Haines and J. Solly, charged with having stolen a quantity of cigars, worth 10s, the property of Mr. *John Warr*, BLACK COCK INN, Tipton. It was shown that on Monday evening the prisoner went to the house in question, and while there took the cigars from a shelf and went away with them. The police were communicated with, and the prisoner was apprehended with the stolen goods in his possession. The prisoner, who pleaded drunkenness as an excuse, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment, with hard labour.”

Birmingham Journal 22/3/1866 - Advert

“Found, last Saturday afternoon, a large Black and White Newfoundland Dog, at Upper Green, Tipton. The Owner can have the same by applying to Mr. *John Warr*, the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street; and if not owned in three days the Dog will be Sold to defray expenses.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 6/12/1866

“Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest yesterday, at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, concerning the death of a child four months old, named Jane Timmins, whose parents reside at Tipton. On Sunday night last about a quarter-past ten o'clock, the deceased went to sleep by the side of her mother, and about half-past five o'clock the following morning she was found dead. Mr. Underhill, surgeon, was sent for, but was unable to give a certificate of the death of the deceased. Verdict, Found Dead.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 14/12/1867

“D. Hodgetts of Tipton will run Davis of Princes End 100 or 200 yards level, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at the BLACK COCK INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/12/1868

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, respecting the death of William Baker (47), a hanger-on at No.15 Pit, Moat Colliery. From the evidence of Mrs. Baker and a boy named Collier, it appeared that for some days previous to the 24th instant the deceased had complained of giddiness in the head. On that day he was engaged in the pit at his ordinary work, when the cage descended upon him, inflicting such injuries that he died in a short time. It is supposed that he was attacked with the giddiness of which he had complained, and that he was rendered incapable. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Dudley Herald 9/1/1869

“An inquest was held on Monday last, at the house of *John Warr*, BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, before Mr. E. Hooper Esq, coroner, respecting the death of Sarah Ann Hasdell, aged 13 years, who was found in the Birmingham Canal at Summerhill on the 31st ult. The first witness examined was Thomas Hasdell, shoemaker, Union Street, father of the deceased, who said he saw his daughter alive about 7.30 on the evening named, when she went out to play. About half past eight, a girl named Davies came to him, and told him that his daughter had fallen into the canal. He ran to the place stated, and was there when the body was found. She was dead when brought out. Roseannah Davies, on being sworn, stated that the deceased went with her to take supper to the Old Church Ironworks. Deceased was skipping about and fell into the water, she began to scream, and ran home, and told her parents. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/7/1869

“Staffordshire Assizes.

John Bennett (42), blacksmith, on bail, was indicted for feloniously wounding George Brigwood, Eli Edwards, and Thomas Rose, with a knife, at Tipton, with intent to do them grievous bodily harm.

Mr. Brown prosecuted, and Mr. Motteram was for the defence.

Mr. Brown, in opening, said he should withdraw the charge of ‘intent’, and proceed upon the charge of unlawfully wounding.

On the 30th of March the prisoner and several companions were drinking at the BLACK COCK, Tipton, and the prosecutor and some associates were there. A quarrel started, which ended in a general ‘scrimmage’, and when the fighting was at its highest the prisoner stabbed prosecutor. Fortunately the wounds were not serious.

The defence was that there was great provocation, that prisoner was as badly treated as prosecutors; and a letter produced by Mr. Motteram, in which the manager of the factory at which the prisoner was employed gave the prisoner good character.

The learned counsel said he was requested on the part of the prosecutor to recommend the prisoner to mercy. The learned Judge said the prisoner said the practice of using the knife was so dangerous and cowardly that he felt it to be his duty to mark such offences by passing the heaviest sentence he could. The jury had found the prisoner guilty of unlawfully wounding, and he had also been recommended to mercy by the prosecution. He must, however, be imprisoned for six months.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/7/1870 - Advert

“Tipton Green Iron Boat Dock, Tipton.

James Allbutt respectfully informs the Gentlemen of Tipton and surrounding neighbourhood that he intends to commence No.5 Iron Boat Society, at the House of Mr. *John Warr*, BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton.

First night, August 1, 1870, at Seven o’clock. References upon application, as above.”

1871 Census

17, Owen Street – BLACK COCK

[1] *John Warr* (48), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Phoebe Warr (50), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Rachael Warr (23), assistant to licensed victualler, born Tipton;

- [4] Eliza Warr (16), scholar, born Tipton;
[5] Isabella Whitehouse (23), barmaid, born Tipton;
[6] Mary Kirkham (19), general servant, born Tipton:

County Advertiser 18/10/1873

“The Guest Hospital. A meeting of the Board was held in the Board Room on the 10th inst.
The following sums were deposited in the Guest Hospital Boxes.
Mr. *John Warr*, BLACK COCK INN, Tipton, 20s.”

Dudley Guardian 9/5/1874

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, before W. C. Underhill and A. Elwell, Esqs., *Phoebe Wall*, landlady of the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her premises on Owen Street, on the 25th April. Mr. Stokes appeared for the defendant.

PC Gray said that on the day in question he went to her house about seven o'clock at night. He saw a man named Sherwood there drunk and making a disturbance. Mrs. *Wall* was there and he said to her you had better have that man out. She said she wished he would go. The brewer was there but appeared to be frightened. I told the man he had better go and he said he had done nothing wrong, he had paid for all he had had. He at length came out into the street, and struck me. He fell down and the man had to be carried home. Mr. Stokes said that the defendant had carried on the business with her husband for 14 years without a single complaint. He thought that the fact spoke trumpet-tongued in her favour. He showed that the defendant had asked the man to leave the house and that she eventually sent for a police constable, and contended that having done this she had done everything that a woman could do.

Solomon Timmins was called and said he was at the BLACK COCK on the evening in question. The man was at that time sober but quarrelsome. Defendant asked him to leave the house and said that she would put him out if he did not go. He said that no ——— man could get him out. The police came and the defendant at length left the house through being bribed with half an ounce of tobacco. The defendant had refused to serve him with more drink with money or without. The bench having consulted dismissed the case.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/10/1877 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction.

By Mr. Charles Round, at the BLACK COCK INN, Tipton, on Monday Next, October 22, subject to the usual conditions of sale, an excellent Oak Cabin Boat, The Edmund, nearly new, with Side and Top Cloths, Stove, Planks, &c, &c, hired by Messrs. Pickford and Co., and at work at Spon Lane Basin.
Sale to commence at Six o'clock in the evening.”

1881 Census

17, Owen Street – BLACK COCK INN

- [1] *Samuel Stanton* (53), manager, licensed victualler, born Rowley Regis;
[2] *Ellen Stanton* (49), wife, born Bromsgrove;
[3] *Matthew Stanton* (17), son, railway clerk, born Dudley Port;
[4] *Charles H. Stanton* (8), son, scholar, born Dudley Port;
[5] *Martha Cadwallader* (24), general servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 20/8/1881

“About half past eleven o'clock on Tuesday night, a boatwoman passing along the canal side near Wood Street, saw what appeared to be a bundle of clothes floating in the water. She procured the assistance of a woman who lives near, and, having taken it out, they found it to be the body of a man. Information was given to the police, who at once identified the body as that of William Felix Joseph, and had it conveyed to Union Street, where he resided.

The deceased left the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, at an early hour the same evening, and being almost totally blind, it is conjectured that he missed his way and walked into the canal. Mr. Joseph was a brother of the late Dr. Joseph, of Tipton, and was well known in the neighbourhood. He was a man of varied accomplishments, and possessed an extraordinary retentive memory, being able to recite the whole of Milton's 'Paradise

Lost', Cowper's 'Task', and also several of Shakespeare's plays, besides a number of shorter poems. Of a genial and kindly disposition, his untimely end has cast a gloom over the neighbourhood.

The inquest was held in the BLACK COCK INN, by the county coroner (Mr. E. Hooper), on Wednesday afternoon.

Louisa Joseph, sister in law of deceased, said he resided with her, in Union Street, Tipton. He was 66 years of age. He left the house on Tuesday evening to go to Mr. Nicklin's shop in Owen Street. She did not see him again until his body was brought home. His life was not insured.

William Whitehouse, landlord of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, said deceased came to his house about half past eight on Tuesday night. He remained in the bar until 9.20, when he left, saying he was going home. He was quite sober then.

Martha Daine, residing at the bottom of Wood Steet, said that shortly after eleven o'clock on Tuesday night she heard cries that some one was in the canal. She ran out, and, seeing something floating in the water, with the assistance of a boatwoman, had it taken out. She immediately informed the police, and, finding it to be deceased, she went and informed his sister in law and saw the body taken home.

The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned."

Birmingham Daily Post 19/12/1882

"At the Police Court, yesterday the following transfers were sanctioned.....

The BLACK COCK INN and adjoining liquor vaults, from *William Hipkins* to *John Proctor Gray and Robert Henry Fitzsimons*."

Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/1886

"On Saturday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, on the body of Elizabeth Allsop (62), a washerwoman. It was shown that the woman was at work over the washing-tub all day, and in the evening she suddenly sank down by its side and expired.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

Lichfield Mercury 10/2/1888

"On Saturday Mr. Hooper (Coroner) held an inquest at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, on the body of William H. Hayes (22), miner, Dunn's Place. Deceased was a horse driver at Messrs. R. Mason and Son's Crown Meadow Colliery, Toll End, and on the 19th December the animal he was working with kicked him on the forehead whilst it was being attached to a tub. Although a deep wound was inflicted Hayes made light of the injury and continued to work, but blood poisoning ensued, and he died last Tuesday.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/9/1890

"Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, on the body of Hannah Warmington (74), Old Cross Street. The deceased ate a hearty meal on Saturday, and died directly afterwards.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1890

"Last night a meeting of miners was held at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, to consider the question of organisation and to support the present Wages Board. A working miner occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. H. Rust and Mr. Isaac Ramsell. After the speeches on the subject before the meeting by the men and Mr. Rust and Mr. Ramsell, a resolution was passed that the Wages Board was of benefit to the miners of the district, and that a lodge in connection with it should be started in the district. It was also agreed to organise. A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Henry Barnes on the death of his wife was passed."

Ellen Stanton = Ellen Stainton

1891 Census

17, Owen Street – BLACK COCK INN

[1] *Ellen Stainton* (59), widow, manageress of inn, born Bromsgrove;

[2] Charles H. Stainton (18), son, barman, born Tipton;

[3] Mary A. Cox (13), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday.....

Mr. A. Young mentioned two cases in which he was concerned, one of which was the renewal of whose license had been objected to on the ground that the licensee was non-resident. He pointed out that under the Acts of Parliament residence was not necessary in the case of holders of alehouse licenses, though necessary in the case of beerhouse licenses. Mr. Elwell said the magistrates had given every consideration to this question, and had decided to renew all licenses where the holders were bona-fide owners or tenants. This decision affected the following cases.....

Robert Henry Fitzsimons, BLACK COCK, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons was also licensee of the GRAPES, simultaneously. [1892], [1896], [1904]

Birmingham Daily Post 23/10/1894

“James Angus McDonald, a groom, in the employ of Sangers’ Circus Company, was charged with unlawfully wounding Enoch Howells, Stoke Street, Bradley.

Evidence was given showing that on the 15th inst a number of circus men, including the prisoner, and others, assembled in the BLACK COCK INN, Tipton. A disturbance took place, and the landlord ultimately ejected the prisoner. Subsequently, in Owen Street, prisoner, it was alleged, struck complainant three violent blows in the face, breaking his jaw in two places. Complainant was knocked down, and whilst on the ground, according to the statement of a witness named Edwards, prisoner ‘stamped his feet on the back of Howell’s head.’

Complainant, it was stated, was an inmate of the Guest Hospital in consequence of the injuries received; and prisoner was remanded in custody.”

Wednesbury Herald 2/2/1895

“Frank Horobin, employed by the London and North Western Railway Company, at Tipton, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and refusing to quit the BLACK COCK INN, Tipton, on Monday night. *John Robert Beaumont*, the landlord, said that defendant and his wife came into the house drunk. He behaved in a disorderly manner, and complainant ordered him out. He refused to go, and the police were sent for. This was between seven and eight o’clock. Defendant pleaded guilty. He was also charged with assaulting the landlord, who said that in struggling to get him out he blackened his eye and nearly bit his thumb off. Owing to his previous good character, defendant was let off on payment of £1.”

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons was also described as also being a wine and spirit merchant of Canal Street. [1896], [1904], [1912]

Dudley Herald 2/7/1898

“Henry Ballott, Dudley Port, was summoned for obstructing Union Street, from 9.10 to 9.40pm, with a horse and trap. PC Donnellan said the defendant was in the BLACK COCK INN at the time. PC Yeomans and Inspector Johnson corroborated.

Defendant called Joseph Ballott, aged 12, who said he held the horse’s head for ten minutes, whilst his father was in the BLACK COCK INN.

Defendant was fined 1s and costs.”

Betsy Maddox = Betsy Maddocks

Dudley Herald 10/2/1900

“Christopher Stephenson, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, was charged with attempting to commit an indecent

assault on a girl named Emma Langford, domestic servant, at the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on February 3rd. The girl stated that on Saturday evening she was standing on a table to light the gas, when the offence complained of was committed. The bench decided to reduce the charge to one of common assault and fined defendant 10s.”

AND

“Charles Henry Cotterill, Owen Street, was charged with being disorderly and refusing to quit the licensed premises of the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, on January 30th. Mr. C. Round, Tipton, prosecuted, and Mr. Skidmore, Wolverhampton defended.

Mr. Round, for the prosecution, said it was not the first occasion on which complaint had been made of defendant’s conduct. The licensee was anxious that defendant should not attend the house at all. It was with great reluctance that the charge was brought. All that the licensee desired was to be enabled to conduct the business of the house in a proper manner.

Betsy Maddocks, manageress, stated that about 10.40pm on the date in question defendant was in the house with a man named Williams. She went to the door and then heard a bang, and on going into the room found both Williams and defendant on the floor, the latter having his arms round William’s neck. She told defendant he must go or she would fetch an officer. Defendant then said he should not go, as he had as much right to be there as anyone else, to which she replied ‘Yes, if you behave yourself.’ Defendant refused to go, and two officers came in, and in their presence she requested defendant to leave, which he did.

By Mr. Skidmore: Mr. Williams had gone when the officers came.

PC Heath stated that he was in Owen Street on the date in question in company with PC Ogden. When they were passing the BLACK COCK INN, he heard the landlady saying to someone, ‘you will have to go or I shall fetch the police.’ He and Ogden went in and saw Cotterill there. The landlady was trying to get him out, but he refused to go, saying he had as much right there as anyone else. In my opinion defendant was drunk.

PC Ogden corroborated, also adding that he did not see any disorderly conduct. Defendant was covered with sawdust.

Mr. Skidmore, for the defence, urged that the case was of a trivial character, Cotterill and the man Williams went into the house together, and had been in nearly two hours. They were friends and were still so. An argument ensued with reference to wrestling, Cotterill saying it should be done one way, and Williams the other. To illustrate it they tried the experiment, during which Cotterill fell on the floor. Mrs. *Maddocks* had complained about the noise, and Williams said he should go. When the police came in Mrs. *Maddocks* asked defendant to leave, which he did at once.

Robert Williams and defendant each corroborated the solicitor’s statement.

The case was dismissed on payment of costs.”

1901 Census

17, Owen Street

[1] James Maddox (51), fitter, tube trade, born Tipton;

[2] *Betsy Maddox* (48), wife, born Bedworth, Warwickshire;

[3] Fannie Jones (15), servant, born Wednesbury:

Tipton Herald 24/1/1903

“Licensing Sessions 21 January. Mr. C. Round applied on behalf of Mr. *R. H. Fitzsimmons* to retain the licenses of the BLACK COCK and the GRAPES, Owen Street, he being practically occupier of both premises and using them for his business as wholesale wine and spirit merchant and brewer. He held complete supervision over both premises, and the managers of both houses were under his personal supervision and control. Under the exceptional circumstances the Magistrates agreed to grant the application, but intimated that such must not be taken as a precedent.”

The Tipton branch of Birchfield Harriers had a run starting here on 14th November 1903.

Lichfield Mercury 3/4/1908

“On Saturday afternoon, at Tipton Police Court, Sidney Griffiths, Port Lane, Tipton, West Tipton, metal

dealer; Walter Jones, Hurst Lane, Tipton, plasterer; and William Beebee, the FIGHTING COCKS, Sedgley, commercial traveller, were charged with unlawfully and maliciously administering a noxious drug to David Pearson.

Inspector Burgess stated that on the 20th inst, the three prisoners and David Pearson were at the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, and were, it appeared, drinking together. Enquiries he had made showed that the prisoners whilst at the public-house administered the drug to Pearson. On the following evening Pearson was found in a hovel at the brickyard at Bloomfield, and he was then in an exhausted condition. Mr. Pearson was removed on an ambulance to Dudley Union Workhouse, where he died on the same night. Subsequently certain rumours got abroad, with the result that the witness obtained warrants for the arrest of the prisoners. On Friday Jones and Griffiths came to witness's place to see him in reference to the matter. Witness then told them it was alleged they had administered jalap to Mr. Pearson to the extent which, in his opinion had caused his death, and intimated that he should detain them on the warrants he had in his possession. Witness then read the warrant. Jones said, 'I admit I fetched a pennyworth. I am very sorry now the thing has occurred.' Griffiths said, 'I admit I was in the BLACK COCK. I sent for one pennyworth. I am very sorry now that I did it. None of us thought that serious consequences would follow when we gave him the jalap.' On witness's instructions Beebee was arrested at Wolverhampton. Replying to the warrant Beebee said, 'I am very sorry I was there and took part in it. Nobody thought that the thing would result as it has done.' Beebee now stated that he gave Pearson the first dose, and asked witness if he thought it was that dose that killed Pearson.

Witness: The prisoner Beebee admitted to me he administered the first dose of jalap to deceased, and that he was present when the second dose was administered by the other prisoners. In my opinion the first dose did not cause the death of Pearson, but that the second dose being administered on the top of it might have caused his death.

Prisoners were remanded, bail in £100 each being allowed.

Mr. Pearson was a well-known personality at Tipton, and also at Dudley, where some years ago he held a responsible position at a wholesale woollen merchants establishment. For some time he had been lodging in Hurst Lane, Tipton. On Saturday, 21st inst, he was missed, and a search resulted in his being found in a hovel at Bloomfield, seriously ill. The police and relieving officer were communicated with, and a doctor sent for. The man was then removed on an ambulance to the workhouse, where, as stated in the police court, he died the same night. The funeral had been arranged to take place on Wednesday last at Wordsley, but deceased's brother stopped the funeral, having heard it stated that powder was placed in the deceased's beer at the public-house. He also communicated with the coroner, a solicitor, and the police. The postponed funeral, however, took place on Thursday at Wordsley, the circumstances of the alleged administration not being considered sufficiently grave to cause further delay."

[At the Summer Assizes, in July 1908, Sidney Griffiths, Walter Jones and William Beebee, pleaded not guilty to a charge of feloniously killing David Pearson, and were discharged.]

It was used by Powell and Brown, auctioneers and valuers, for their auctions. [1909]

1911 Census

17, Owen Street

[1] *Evan Jones* (42), inn manager, born Aberdare, Glamorgan;

[2] *Phoebe Jones* (45), wife, married 14 years, assisting in the business, born Blaina, Monmouthshire;

[3] *Harriet Laughton Parry* (31), niece, assisting in the business, born Blaina, Monmouthshire;

[4] *Phoebe Jane Parry Attwood* (17), niece, assisting in the business, born Blaina, Monmouthshire;

[5] *Annie Atkiss* (20), general servant, born Princes End:

South Staffordshire Times 5/6/1920

"At Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. J. T. Homer and Simeon Webb, Chas. Hodgkinson (38), 1 Alexandra Street, Dudley; Walter Flavell (34), 28 Ivy House Lane, Coseley; and Alfred Wm. Hart (34), 27, Ivy Lane, Coseley, were charged with breaking into the warehouse of Mr. *Fitzsimmons*, Factory Road, and stealing therefrom six dozen bottles of stout and ale.

Mr. C. Round prosecuted and Mr. W. Lees defended and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Round said defendants were charged with breaking and entering the warehouse and stealing the ale and stout. As the firm were desirous of having the matter settled, they were willing, with the permission of the Bench, to withdraw the charge of breaking and entering and reduce it to common larceny. Mr. *Fitzsimmons* had a store in Factory Road of which the father of Hodgkinson had been the storekeeper for many years. The defendant Hodgkinson was the son, but did not live with his father. He, however, knew that the key of the store was kept in a certain place when the father was away. On Sunday the key was in its usual place, and on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, the housekeeper Mrs. Nelly Gutteridge, saw Hodgkinson and the other defendants come up in a motor, and then, after the defendant, Hodgkinson had been to the verandah, the key was gone. Later it was brought back.

In answer to Mr. Lees, witness said she had never seen defendant in the bottling stores or in the house but once. On that particular day, while the father was away at Burton, the defendant Hodgkinson came and asked for his brother at half-past one. He was neither drunk nor sober. She directed him to the stables, and when he came back again, he had evidently had a lot more. She had no reason to expect the key to be taken, but was struck by the fact that it was not in its usual position. When the key was taken the second time the defendant was so drunk she did not believe he was accountable for his actions. He nearly fell in the canal when he went away.

Hannah Harris, aged 15, employed at the store, gave evidence of being near on the Sunday afternoon about half-past four, and seeing a grey motor-car near the door. Mr. Hodgkinson's son was near the open door of the stores with two bottles in his hand. The other two defendants were also there, and each had two bottles. One of the men (Hodgkinson) asked the crowd round to lend him a pen-knife, and said he would then give them all a drink. Under a rug she saw some dozens of bottles.

In answer to Mr. Lees, witness said there was no other motor about. There did not seem to be any secret about it, and she heard the folks around say it was Hodgkinson after the car drove away. Hodgkinson, who was very drunk, started to sing and was told by the other men, who were repairing the car, to shut up, she only saw the other two men on the step with bottles in their hands.

Thos. Rowlatt, carter, gave evidence of Hart looking through the doors of the stores, and the three men by the motor car.

Witness further said that Hodgkinson was very drunk, and the other two men were not far off. (Laughter).

PC Balance said when he interviewed Hodgkinson, that defendant said it was all a drunken folly, and that they took the drink and consumed it. When charged he said: 'We didn't have that much, what we had we carried away in our pockets.' The others said that Hodgkinson told them they would give them a drink.

When their homes at Coseley were visited, the bottles produced, bearing *Fitzsimmons* name were found in the car. When cautioned and jointly charged, Hodgkinson said when he started he had no intention of going into the stores, and they had had only two bottles each.

By Mr. Lees: The car had been to the Owen Street garage, and that probably was the reason the car was in the vicinity. Flavell said he had bought two bottles locally, and Sergt. Flavell afterwards found that was so. Mr. *Fitzsimmons*, son of the prosecutor, said Hodgkinson Snr. had been employed by the firm for about 33 years, and was a most respected man. He lived opposite the stores. Witness could say nothing about anything being missing, except from what he had been told him. He had received a letter from Hodgkinson expressing regret at the occurrence, which happened when he was very drunk, and promised not to offend again. When putting in the machinery, he knew where the key was put, and so he imagined he had the old privilege.

By Mr. Lees: This man had had no connection with the stores for the last 10 years. Anyone in the father's house could see the stores. Having had the letter he was instructed not to press the case.

Mr. Round: We have agreed to have it dealt with as a case of larceny only.

Gutteridge was recalled, and said Hodgkinson was alone after 4 o'clock, and he then was so drunk that he nearly fell into the canal. She could hear no motor car about at that time. She saw him again at ten at night, and he was then the same as at four o'clock.

The defendant Hodgkinson, engineer, at Thompson's said he had several drinks, went into the stores to look round as he was in the habit of doing, and had a drink. He came out, locked the door and left the premises. At the garage he met the other two defendants. He had not seen them before on that day. He had two bottles in his pocket, and being in a talkative mood and jolly, he gave them a drink. He did not remember them going into the store. His condition was such that he was in a haze as to what did happen. Everything had been

told him since then, and he was really surprised. He enlisted in September, 1914. He was discharged on February 1st 1919. He was wounded, had shell shock, and was in the last big push. He was told he ought never to have beer. He was 38 on the previous day, had never been charged before, was married with two children, was in a responsible position, and was willing to sign and keep the pledge.

By Mr. Round: He was so hazy he could not contravert the evidence that the other two defendants did go into the stores. He did not think he was doing wrong in going into the stores, as he was designer of the bottling machines there, and hankered to see them.

By the Clerk: At most he should say they had about two dozen bottles, which the three of them put into their pockets. The interest in machines was at the first visit. He had some drink then, but it was on the next visit that the bottles were taken. He must have visited the stores more than once, because one of the bottles burst in his pocket.

Mr. Homer: Burst! Why I though it was very weak nowadays. (Laughter).

Hart said he and Flavell met Hodgkinson, but thought he walked with him about 20 yards away from the stores he did not go in, nor did he take any bottles from the stores. They took Hodgkinson 'who was very rocky,' to Dudley, but they could not get rid of him. They acted on the advice of his wife who said: 'Take him to Tipton and leave him there to walk back.' While witness was putting the tyre on after a puncture, Hodgkinson got into the car, and they had to take him to Coseley, where they got him out, and left him to walk home by himself.

Mr. Round: He denied the statement that any witness saw him with bottles in his pocket.

Witness admitted that Hodgkinson put somewhere about a dozen bottles into the car, and produced them out of his pockets.

The Clerk: A bit of a conjurer wasn't he?

Mr. J. T. Homer: I don't think that statement is 'Jonick.' This very drunken man carried nine bottles safely to the car.

Flavell, on oath, said Hodgkinson was drunk when they first met him. He gave them and the man at the garage a drink, and they then took him home. He insisted on getting into the car, and then Hodgkinson took them to the street the stores were in. He did not assist in the theft, nor put any in the motor car, but did take two bottles in his pockets. He did not go into the stores nor anywhere near them.

By the Bench: The only reason for running Hodgkinson up and down to Tipton, was to get him home, and they did not think of the cost of the petrol. (Laughter).

Mr. Lees argued that there was no evidence against Flavell and Hart, and that Hodgkinson's act was only a piece of drunken folly.

The magistrates retired, but before they did so, Mr. Round asked that if they decided to convict they would allow the prosecutor the costs of the prosecution.

On their return, Mr. Homer said it was a very distressing and very grave case, and the magistrates could do no less than fine each defendant £20, and £3 special costs, or £1 each in addition to the £20. The money to be paid in one week."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 15/11/1924

"A special gathering of the members of R.A.O.B. was held at the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, for the purpose of raising to the second degree Bro. *W. Vowles* (proprietor of the house), Bro. W. A. Robbins, C.C., and Bro. P. S. Hinds, all members of the 'Forward' Lodge, held at the house....."

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

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Alterations were carried out in 1933.

1939 Register

17, Owen Street – 4 people

[1] *Percy Trickett*, date of birth, 04/10/1887, hotel keeper, married;

[2] Clara Trickett, dob, 29/11/1890, assisting husband, married;

[3] Florence (Guest) (Layland) Carrington, dob, 24/02/1916, engraver of plates for attaching to electric stoves, single;

[4] Doris (Layland) Williams, dob, 16/12/1923, unpaid domestic and hotel duties, single:

Bill Brown was married to (Florence) Minnie.

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960

“The wife and family of the late *William Brown*, licensee of the BLACK COCK INN, wish to express their most grateful thanks to relatives and friends for the floral tributes and sympathy in their sad loss. Wreaths and flowers sent by directors and staff of Julia Hanson & Sons Ltd; customers of the BLACK COCK (bar); customers of the BLACK COCK (smoke room).....”

AND

“A funeral service was held on Wednesday at Bushbury Crematorium for Mr. *William Brown*, who was licensee of the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, Tipton, for 15 years.

Mr. *Brown*, who was 62, was first a licensee at the GREYHOUND, Bradley, from 1943 until 1945 when he left to come to Tipton.

He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.”

Closed

It was demolished in 1978.

BLACKCOUNTRYMAN

29, Lower Church Lane / Churchyard Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. [1930]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Perks [1849] – **1850**);

James Tate (**1850** – [1854]

Samuel Beddow [] – **1858**);

John Beddow (1858 – [1865])
John Smith [] – 1869);
Phoebe Beddow (1869 – 1870);
John Beddow (1870 – [1872])
Robert Gardner [1874]
Isaiah Gardiner [1880]
Gideon Gehazi Gardiner [1880] – [1881]
Lizzie Badger [1891]
Louis Badger [1892]
Edward Parry [1896]
Alfred Day [1900] – [1904]
John Taylor [1908] – 1931);
Samuel Harbach (1931 – 1952);
William Golby (1952 – 1962);
Percy Wardley (1962 – 1965);
William Powell (1965 – [1966])
Tommy Paskin [1976] – [1987]
Ken Barber [1993]

NOTES

Church Lane [1849]
29, Lower Church Lane [1904], [1908], [1916], [1932], [1940]

It was originally the BRITANNIA.

Birmingham Journal 1/5/1847

“On Wednesday, an inquest was held at the BRITANNIA, Church Lane, before George Hinchliffe, Esq., on the body of a man named Joseph Gilbert, 62 years of age, who was found lying on the turnpike road, near this place, on the previous day. There were no marks of violence on the body, and the opinion of Mr. Davies, surgeon, of Tipton, was, that he had died from Natural Causes, as the deceased had formerly been a patient of his, from disease of the lungs. The jury found a verdict to that effect.”

Birmingham Journal 5/1/1850

“Transfer of Public House Licenses.....

BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, from the late Mr. *Joseph Perks* to his widow and her brother-in-law, Mr. *James Tate*, a forgerman.”

1851 Census

Church Lane

- [1] *James Tate* (36), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Hannah Tate* (39), wife, born Bradley;
- [3] *Mary Walton* (20), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/5/1857

“On Friday morning the body of a man was found in the Birmingham and Wolverhampton Canal, near Dudley Port Railway Station, by two boatmen who were passing along the canal in a boat, by which the body was raised to the surface of the water. The deceased appeared to be a man about thirty years of age, and from his dress and the fact that several hand and finger leathers were found in his pocket, is supposed to have been a bricklayer’s labourer or a brickmaker. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday last, at the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq., when a verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/6/1857

“A dreadful accident happened on Monday last to a man named John Clark, engineer, at the ironworks of Messrs. Plant and Fisher. The boiler the deceased superintended is raised on brickwork the distance of sixteen feet from the ground, and he ascended to do some repairs, and while in the act of descending the ladder (an iron one) he missed his footing, and was precipitated head foremost to the ground, among some sharp cinders. He was conveyed home insensible, and bleeding profusely from the head. Mr. S. F. Acton, from the surgery of Mr. Davies, was immediately fetched, and upon examination found he had sustained a frightful scalp wound, extending from one ear to the other. His head was sewn up, and every attention shown him, but he expired about twelve hours after from concussion of the spine and other injuries received. He leaves a widow and three children. An inquest was held on Wednesday, by Mr. Hooper, deputy coroner, at the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Samuel Beddow = Samuel Beddoe

Birmingham Daily Post 26/10/1860

“Some days since the body of a newly-born infant was discovered in the canal near this town, and on Wednesday, the adjourned inquest upon the body, before E. Hooper, Esq., Coroner, at the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane. The principal witness was Mr. Thomas Underhill, surgeon, who, under the Coroner’s precept, had made a post-mortem examination of the body. The medical opinion formed by the gentleman was that the body was that of an infant eight months old, and that the child had breathed independently; but Mr. Underhill was unable to say whether death had occurred before or after it had been thrown into the canal. Several other witnesses were examined, and after hearing their testimony, the Coroner sent the case carefully to the Jury, pointing out the law as bearing upon the case, and after some consideration, they returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown.”

John Beddow = John Beddows = John Beddoe

1861 Census

Church Lane – BRITANNIA

- [1] *John Beddow* (50), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Phoebe Beddow (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] William Shadman (29), nephew, brewer, born Sedgley;
- [4] Joseph Stokes (61), visitor, born Sedgley;
- [5] Emma Prince (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/12/1861

“An inquest was held on Thursday, before Edwin Hooper, Esq, Coroner, at the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, on the body of John Evans, aged two years and eight months. It appeared that on the morning of the 28th November, the mother of the deceased went out washing for the day, leaving deceased and two other children (the oldest of whom was only four years of age) in the kitchen by themselves. In the afternoon the children raised an alarm, and on the neighbours going to them one was found with its clothes on fire and fearfully burnt. Mr. Underhill, surgeon, was sent for, and attended deceased until Sunday, when death terminated his suffering. The coroner gave the mother a reprimand for having left children of such tender years in the house alone. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Phoebe Beddow = Phoebe Beddoe

Birmingham Daily Gazette 13/5/1870

“Yesterday, at the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, before Mr. Hooper, coroner, an inquest was held upon the body of Joseph Peach, who was killed at the London and North-Western Railway Station on Monday last, under circumstances described in the *Gazette*, on Tuesday. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

John Beddow = John Beddoe

1871 Census

29, Lower Church Lane

- [1] *John Beddow* (31), land and mine surveyor, born Sedgley;
- [2] Sarah Beddow (34), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] Harriet M. Beddow (6), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [4] Annie E. Beddow (5), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [5] Florence M. Beddow (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] Carry S. M. Beddow (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Betsy Bate (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Midland Counties Evening Express 2/11/1874 - Deaths

“On the 25th ultimo, after a short illness, in the 68th year of her age, Hannah, the beloved wife of *Robert Gardner* of the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 24/1/1880

“John Davies (residence unknown) was charged with uttering and having in his possession a quantity of counterfeit coin. Mr. Travis prosecuted.

Isaiah Gardiner, licensed victualler, BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, said on Thursday evening last the prisoner came to his house, and asked for a glass of ale. He tendered a shilling, and received 10½d back in change. Immediately after prisoner left, prosecutor went into his sister’s house, and found prisoner had been there and passed a bad shilling, and another one at Mr. Harris’s grocer’s shop. Witness went after him, and accused him of passing bad money, whereupon he became very violent. After a struggle he secured him and sent for PC Godsall, who took him into custody.

PC Godsall corroborated, and said when prisoner was searched more than £7 of counterfeit money was found upon him.

Mr. Travis asked for a remand, in order that the police might make inquiries as to prisoner’s antecedents, as it was thought he was an old offender.

Remanded for a week.”

Dudley Herald 7/2/1880

“John Davies, alias John Taylor, bricklayer, Manchester, was brought up on remand, charged with uttering and having in his possession a quantity of counterfeit coin. *Gideon Gehazi Gardiner*, licensed victualler, BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane Prisoner was committed to the Sessions for trial.”

[At the Staffordshire Quarter Sessions John Davis pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eighteen months’ hard labour.]

Gideon Gardiner = Gidion Gardner

1881 Census

29, Lower Church Lane

- [1] *Gidion G. Gardner* (38), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Martha Gardner (38), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Robert H. Gardner (13), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Sarah S. Gardner (11), daughter, scholar, born Erdington;
- [5] Gidion Gardner (7), son, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Ernest G. Gardner (2), son, born Tipton;
- [7] Rose H. Hopson (19), domestic servant, born Kates Hill;
- [8] Joseph W. Gardner (10), son, scholar, born Erdington:

Dudley and District News 15/10/1881

“Mark Westwood, striker, and Thomas Sparkes, ironworker, Lower Church Road, were charged with stealing a couple of red cabbage, from the garden of *Gideon Gardiner*, Licensed Victualler, Churchyard Road, on the 2nd inst.

John Ganner saw the two prisoners in the garden on the morning of the day in question. They came out of a foul pen, and Westwood cut the cabbages, one of which he handed to Sparkes.

Prisoners, having pleaded guilty, were fined 10s each, including costs, or 7 days.”

Evening Express 5/12/1881

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, on the body of William Smith (54), miner, Churchyard Road, who died on the 30th November last, from injuries occasioned by a fall of coal which occurred in one of the pits at Messrs. Mason and Son’s colliery, Toll End.

Mr. W. B. Scott (Assistant Government Inspector) attended the enquiry.

According to the evidence of Julius Grainger – who was working with the deceased when the fall of coal took place, and who was slightly injured – they were both together in the bolthole of the gateroad, and standing about four yards apart. Suddenly a quantity of coal fell from the roof, and struck some more loose coals which had been got, and which were stacked at a height of about five feet. These coals commenced to slip, and before the deceased could get clear the mass was upon him and crushed him up against a tub. The place had been a short time previously examined by the pit deputy.

Thomas Patrick, another miner, bore out this evidence; and deceased’s son said that after the occurrence his father blamed no one for what had happened.

Mr. Scott said he had inspected the place, and it was just exactly as the witnesses had described. There seemed to have been no neglect on the part of anyone connected with the pit, and he attributed deceased’s death entirely to an accident.

The jury thereupon returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Evening Star 27/4/1882

“Yesterday, Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, Lower Church Lane, on the body of Albert Frederick Broadway (24). On Easter Monday deceased, along with his wife, went out driving a trap. When opposite Horsley Works the horse suddenly bolted and the occupants of the trap were precipitated into the road. Both were seriously injured, but Mrs. Broadway has since recovered. Deceased, however, never rallied, and lockjaw supervening, he died on Monday last. He was attended by Drs. Hudson and Pace.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/11/1882 - Advert

“BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, Tipton. For Sale, that superior Old-licensed House, near the Police Station, and surrounded by iron and other works, now doing an excellent trade. Rent £40. Ten years’ lease. Stock & Fixtures, &c, at valuation.

Apply Joseph Whitehouse, Auctioneer and Valuer, Wednesbury.”

1891 Census

29, Lower Church Lane – BRITANNIA ARMS

[1] *Lizzie Badger* (38), widow, licensed victualler, born Oldbury;

[2] *Esther Seedhouse* (14), servant, born Tipton:

1901 Census

29, Church Lane – BRITANNIA TAVERN

[1] *Alfred C. Day* (38), publican, born Stafford;

[2] *Harriet Day* (41), wife, born Stafford;

[3] *Alfred Victor Day* (7), son, born France (British subject):

1911 Census

Church Lane – BRITANNIA

[1] *John Taylor* (53), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Frances Ellen Taylor* (50), wife, married 26 years, born North Leach, Gloucestershire;

[3] *Phoebe Taylor* (15), daughter, born Walsall:

London Gazette 21/1/1913

“Advertisement of Dissolution by Instrument No.982, Nottingham Ancient Imperial United Order of Oddfellows Friendly Society, held at the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane.....”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

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Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/9/1929 - Advert

“By Order of Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Limited and Messrs. Peter Walker & Co. Limited.

In The Black Country Industrial Area, and Embracing Properties in Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

Important Sale In Separate Lots, of 45 Freehold Licensed Houses, some with adjoining properties, and including 36 Fully-licensed Houses, 8 On-Beer Houses and 1 Off-License, situate in.....

Tipton and District.....

BRITANNIA and two Cottages adjoining, Lower Church Lane.....

Boswell & Tomlins, FAI, in conjunction with William Fowler, Bewlay & Co., will submit the above for Sale by Public Auction, in 45 Lots (subject to Conditions of Sale), at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Monday, October 14, 1929, commencing at 3.30 pm promptly.

Printed particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors, Messrs. Redfern and Co., 25, Colmore Row, Birmingham; or from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, FIA, 88 and 89, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton (Tel. No.1116 (two lines), Telegrams ‘Auctions’), and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and Co., 59, Temple Row, Birmingham (Tel. Midland 6120).”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/10/1929

“An important sale of freehold licensed premises in the Black Country was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday, when Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, Wolverhampton, and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and and Co., Birmingham, offered 45 lots, the vendors of which were Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Ltd, and Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.

Of the 45 lots which were situate at West Bromwich, Tipton, Dudley, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, and Stourbridge, 32 were sold at the sale, and these realised over £80,000.....

BRITANNIA, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, was sold for £3,500.”

1939 Register

29, Lower Church Lane – 2 people

[1] *Samuel Harbach*, date of birth, 24/10/1886, licensee, married;

[2] Beatrice E. Harbach, dob, 06/09/1892, assistant licensed trade, married:

Tipton Herald 15/1/1955

“Licensee of the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, Tipton, Mr. *W. Goldby*, was chief prize winner at the annual supper and distribution of awards of the HORSELEY TAVERN Angling Club on Wednesday. Always a keen angler, Mr. *Goldby* told our reporter that patience and optimism were two of the salient features of the sport. But according to the general trend of conversation amongst the less successful anglers on Wednesday, it seems that patience and optimism are rarely rewarded, for the biggest fish always seemed to be those still at liberty. Artistes at a concert which followed the prize distribution were William Campbell (tenor), Derek Walker (baritone), George Freeman (Black Country comedian) and Madam Eaton.”

Black Country Bugle - Pub of the Month

“For 150 years, until 1975, it was known as the BRITANNIA. Indeed, the building is much older than that. Records suggest that the BRITANNIA was originally two cottages which were converted into a public house in 1825.

Early in 1975, disaster hit the pub. The front of the old building collapsed. It had doggedly resisted the earth-shaking tremors of industrialised Tipton and of mining subsidence for probably 200 years until its foundations could stand no more the front was rebuilt, the interior redesigned. On December 19th 1975 the old BRITANNIA was renamed the BLACKCOUNTRYMAN.”

It was originally part of a terrace - the other houses were demolished.

Closed [2006]

It was damaged by fire.

Demolished [2007]

BLACK HORSE

37, Bloomfield Road, (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

James Whitehouse

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896) [1900]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

William Henry Simpkins

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Hale [1861]

George Austin [1867] – [1881]

Thomas Middleton [1887] – [1904]

Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton [1911] – **1923**);

William Collins (**1923 – 1926**);

James Mills (**1926 – 1927**);

Charles Walters (**1927 – [1939]**)

Ron Lloyd [] – **1981**)

Rob Harris [1993]

NOTES

It was first licensed on 7th March 1818.

It had a beer and cider license.

1861 Census

Dudley Road – BLACK HORSE

- [1] *Samuel Hale* (41), coal miner, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Jane Hale* (35), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Louisa Hale* (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Sampson Hale* (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
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- [7] *Ann Mariah Hale* (5), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Fanny Hale* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/9/1867 - Advert

“For Sale, the largest Pig in the world, weighing upwards of 60 score, measuring 10 feet 7 inches, at *George Austin*’s BLACK HORSE, Bloomfield, Tipton.”

George Austin, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

37, Bloomfield Road – public house

- [1] *George Austin* (58), licensed victualler, born Trent Vale, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Austin* (54), wife, born Halesowen;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Insley* (15), niece, born Halesowen;
- [4] *Catherine McNulty* (20), domestic servant, born Dudley:

1881 Census

37, Bloomfield Road – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *George Austin* (68), publican, born Potteries, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Austin* (66), wife, born Potteries, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Hannah Millard* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 3/2/1883

“*William Thurman*, who gave no address, was charged with assaulting *Mary Weaver*, on the 22nd August, 1881. Complainant at the time of the assault was a single woman, and was engaged as general servant at the BLACK HORSE INN, Bloomfield. On the date mentioned the prisoner and his brother were in the taproom drinking. They soon got to quarrelling and to blows. *Weaver* requested them to be quiet, and told them if they wanted to fight they would have to go outside. Prisoner immediately struck her several times on the face and body. He got her up in a corner and turning round asked his brother if he had given her enough. The brother said ‘No; give her some more.’ Prisoner then knocked her about again till she was nearly insensible. Her face was greatly disfigured, and her body bruised. A summons was afterwards taken out against the prisoner, but he absconded. In defence the prisoner said he only struck her once because she interfered with his business.

The Bench considered the assault a most aggravated one, and fined prisoner 20s and costs, or 21 days’ hard labour.”

1891 Census

37, Bloomfield Road – BLACK HORSE

[1] *Thomas Middleton* (52), beer seller, born Rowington, Warwickshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Middleton* (52), wife, born Collington, Herefordshire;

[3] *William Middleton* (32), son, iron moulder, born Sedgley;

[4] *Annie M. Middleton* (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Alfred Phillips* (23), boarder, foreman, chain factory, born Dudley:

Wednesbury Herald 30/11/1895

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, Tom Anderton Twist, Byrne Road, Blakenhall, was charged with stealing 23s, the money of *Thomas Middleton*, landlord of the BLACK HORSE, Bloomfield.

The evidence went to show that prisoner and another man went into the public house and called for drinks. Whilst they were being served a woman came in and asked for change for a 5s piece. The landlord gave her the change, and put the coin in a cupboard, which he locked. A short time after the accused asked for pen and ink, and began to write, at the same time telling his companion to copy what he had written. The landlord thinking they had private business left the room. When he got back the men had gone, and so had 23s out of the cupboard. When arrested prisoner had a key in his possession that would unlock the cupboard. Prisoner attempted to prove an alibi, but the magistrates convicted him, and sent him to gaol for a month. He was acquitted on a charge of stealing 7s, the money of *Thomas Price*, landlord of the JUNCTION INN, Sedgley Road.”

Thomas Middleton, beer retailer, 37, Bloomfield Road. [1896], [1904]

Dudley Herald 27/1/1900

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, before A. H. Partridge and C. H. Barrows, Esq., *Thomas Middleton*, landlord of the BLACK HORSE INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness and riotous behaviour on his licensed premises. Mr. S. Sharpe, West Bromwich, prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. A. J. Glover defended. Mr. W. H. Thompson, Dudley, watched the case of behalf of the North Worcestershire Brewery Company, who are the owners of the house.

Mr. Sharpe, for the prosecution, said it appeared that from a complaint that he had received the police went to the house on December 9th. When they got there they saw two men named Inett and Box leaving, they were both drunk and quarrelsome and creating a disturbance. PC Insley spoke to them and told them to get off home and then the men made a remark about what had happened in the house. The officers stood outside and heard loud shouting going on in the house. Upon entering the house they found some 14 or 15 men in the taproom, two of whom were very drunk. There was shouting and swearing going on and some of them were challenging other men to fight. One man drank several times out of a pint cup. The attention of the landlord was called to the condition of the men by Insley, who said, ‘What do you mean by having that disturbance in your house?’ and he remarked about the trouble the men had caused. The officer called the landlord’s attention to the condition of the two men, and from what he could understand the landlord practically admitted that they were the worse for beer, but not aware that they were in so bad a condition as they were. Even then the landlord did not take the trouble to get them out. The two men did not leave till about eleven o’clock, when they staggered away.

PC Insley, stationed at Tipton, stated that in consequence of what he had heard, he, in company with another officer, visited the defendant’s house on December 9th at 10.40 and saw two men come out. They were drunk, quarrelling and swearing. He had some conversation with them. They could hear a large noise in the house, and on going inside he saw the landlord in the taproom with 14 or 15 men, he noticed a man named Onions with a cup of beer in front of him, also a man named Parkes was sitting there with a pint cup. He was swearing and he said he intended to have his right before he went out. He drew the landlord’s attention to Parkes’s condition and the landlord said he had been there some time; he was drunk when he came in and had not been served with anything; he might have been drinking with his mates for all he knew. He then called the landlord’s attention to Onions, and he said ‘Yes, he’s a quiet man though, he don’t make any bother; he has been in the house for some time and I have filled him several half-pints.’ Witness then called the landlord’s attention to the condition of the two men that had just left, and he replied ‘Those are the two men

that have caused a bother. I wish I had not filled them anything at all; they have been the very devils this night.’ Defendant then said to witness ‘Come on this way,’ and took them into the kitchen, and said ‘I am very sorry it had turned out like this to-night. They had a glass of beer each. I hope you won’t say anything about it; it will be alright.’ He asked witness and his companion to have a glass of beer, which he refused. They went outside and waited until eleven o’clock. Parkes left at 10.55 and Onions at 11 o’clock. On leaving the house they both staggered.

PC Ogden corroborated the evidence of the last witness.

Mr. Glover, for the defence, said that defendant had kept the license for 12 years without any complaint. PC Ogden said that during the last 12 months he had visited the house occasionally and had found the house conducted very properly. What was suggested by the officers was a proper place for enquiry. On the night the man Parkes went into the house, but was not supplied with beer, and had not been in the house more than two minutes when the officers came in. The officers remarked to the landlord that there were drunken men on the premises, at which the landlord was astonished. The landlord took the officers into the taproom, where the two men were found. As to Parkes, the landlord would say that Parkes had no beer in the house, but he may have had some elsewhere. None of the others were worse for beer, and did not stagger when they went away. The man Onions was one of the quietest men in the neighbourhood, and on the day in question the landlord had not the slightest suspicion that he was drunk, and admitted filling him a pint of ale, the landlord believing that he was absolutely sober. The landlord denied taking the officers into the kitchen, or asking them to have beer. The men had been reading the papers, and were holding a heated argument about the present war.

Thomas Middleton, the landlord, stated that he had been at the house for 12 years, and had never had a complaint against him. On the date in question he was in the bar when the officers came in. His wife showed them round the house. The officers then came into the bar and said there were some drunken men in the house, and pointed out Parkes. He told them he had not been out of the taproom three minutes and Parkes was not in then. When the officers took Parkes’s name he said he had had but one pint of ale all day. He walked out of the house and staggered just a little, and he said he would not have come in for £20 if he had known. Onions had been in the house four or five minutes before the officers came in and had had one pint of beer, and was perfectly sober. When the officers took his name he said ‘If this is it I will go.’ The men were arguing about the Boer War. The men said what they would do if they were there and what the generals ought to have done.....

For permitting drunkenness a fine of 10s and costs was inflicted. Other charge dismissed.

Parkes and Onions, both of Bloomfield Road, were then charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Parkes was fined 2s 6d and costs, and the case against Onions was dismissed.”

1901 Census

37, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Thomas Middleton* (60), beerhouse keeper, born Rowington, Warwickshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Middleton* (60), wife, born Collington, Herefordshire;

[3] *William Middleton* (40), son, iron moulder, born Sedgley:

1911 Census

Bloomfield Road – BLACK HORSE

[1] *Elizabeth Middleton* (70), innkeeper, widow, born Colington, Herefordshire;

[2] *William Collins* (49), son, brewer, born Sedgley;

[3] *Aleathea Hickman* (22), general servant, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Elizabeth Middleton*, beer retailer, 37, Bloomfield Road. [1912]

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

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A pigeon flyers' club was based here. [1928]

Dudley Chronicle 13/2/1930

“The general annual Licensing Sessions for Tipton were held at the Police Court on Tuesday February 4..... Police Superintendent J. Adams reported.....

Compared with last year's report there is a reduction of two beerhouses 'on.' The CROSS INN, Park Lane West, and the CROWN INN, Lower Church Lane, both beerhouses 'on,' which were referred for compensation at the adjourned annual licensing meeting last year, were closed on December 28th last. The BLACK HORSE, beerhouse 'on,' Bloomfield Road, which was also referred to the compensation authority at the same meeting, was renewed at the preliminary meeting of the Compensation Committee at Stafford.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/5/1938

“At their adjourned meeting at Stafford yesterday, Staffordshire County Licensing Confirmation Committee dealt with a number of applications for removal of licenses or extended facilities.....

Confirmation was granted for wine licences for the BLACK HORSE INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton all beerhouses.”

1939 Register

Bloomfield Road – BLACK HORSE Public House

[1] *Charles Walters*, date of birth, 28/08/1902, licensee public house, married;

[2] Gladys (Walters) Newell, dob, 23/04/1903, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] Marjorie (Turner) Hughes, dob, 15/11/1920, bar general, single:

[Gladys married Newell in 1964, Marjorie married Hughes in 1945.]

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1949.

It closed in 1995.

It was converted into a café.

BLACK HORSE

87, Park Lane West, (27, Park Lane), TIPTON

OWNERS

Mary Kirkham

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Hopkins [1844]
James Bellingham [1861] – [1865]
Mrs. Mary Anne Bellingham [1865]
William Pearson [1881] – [1882]
George Cox [1882] – [1901]
Mrs. Mary Kirkham [1904] – [1912]
Richard Kirkham [1909] – [1911]
Archibald Reynolds (1913 – 1919);
Noah Hingley (1919 – 1929);
Albert Edward Barnett (1929 – 1932);
James Henry Butler (1932 – 1938);
Edwin Herbert Barker (1938 – 1940);
Louisa Jane (Barker) Lovett (1940 – [1960])

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27, Park Lane [1881]
87, Park Lane West [1891], [1901]

It had a beer and cider license.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 8/7/1844 - Advert

“Freehold Public House And Premises at Tipton in the county of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Newbold, at the house of Mr. Plant, called the DUDLEY PORT INN, in the parish of Tipton, on Wednesday the 17th day of July, 1844 at six o'clock in the evening (by order of the Mortgagee, and subject to conditions then to be produced) – a newly erected and very desirable Dwelling House and Premises, situate in Park Lane, in the parish of Tipton, now occupied by Mr. *Thomas Hopkins* as a Public House, and known by the sign of the BLACK HORSE; comprising excellent cellarage, entrance-hall, bar, spacious tap-room, parlour, back kitchen, lodge-room, front and back staircase, and four good bedrooms; at the back are a well arranged Brewhouse, with a Malt-room over the same, Cart Shed, Stable and Loft over it, Harness-room, Pigsties, and other Outbuildings, Pump and Well of excellent water, soft-water Cistern, large Yard, containing (with the sites of the Buildings) 351 square yards, and every other convenience for carrying on an extensive business.

The premises are in good repair, and eligibly situated in a very populous and thriving neighbourhood, and offer an excellent opportunity either for occupation or investment.

For further particulars apply at the respective offices of Mr. Boulton, Solicitor, or of the Auctioneer, in Dudley.”

1861 Census

Park Lane – Public House

- [1] *James Bellingham* (55), miner, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Anne Bellingham*, (40), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Phillis Bellingham* (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Betsey Bellingham* (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Ann Bellingham* (10), daughter, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 22/2/1863

“G. Richards of Tipton will fight Fred Morgan at catch weight, for £10 a side. Money ready at *J. Belling-*

ham's BLACK HORSE INN, Tipton, or at Fleet's, CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, at any time."

Birmingham Daily Post 19/12/1865 - Advert

"Left his Home, on Monday, 11th instant, Mr. *James Bellingham*, of Park Lane, Tipton, and was last seen at Tipton on Tuesday morning, near the Railway Station, without shoes or hat. He stands 5 feet 11 inches, and about sixty-five years of age.

Whoever can give any information respecting him to Mrs. *Bellingham*, at the BLACK HORSE, Park Lane East, Tipton, will be Rewarded for their trouble."

1881 Census

27, Park Lane – BLACK HORSE

- [1] *William Pearson* (40), chain maker, born Dudley;
- [2] *Ellen Maria Pearson* (36), wife, born Longport, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Pearson* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Martha Pearson* (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *William Pearson* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Richard J. Pearson* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Fanny Pearson* (2), daughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 25/3/1882

"In re *William Pearson*. The debtor, who is described as a beerhouse keeper, of Park Lane West, Tipton, filed his petition in the Dudley County Court on Saturday. The liabilities are estimated at £260. Mr. Travis is the debtor's solicitor."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/12/1882

"At the County Court, yesterday, before Mr. W. D. Griffiths, judge, an action was brought by *George Cox*, of the BLACK HORSE INN, Park Lane, Tipton, to recover from Wm. Brookes, of Loveday Street, West Bromwich, horse dealer, £13 13s, damages for breach of warranty. Mr. Wm. Shakespeare appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sharp defended. On the 27th of October, plaintiff bought a horse of defendant for £18, when a warranty was given, which stated that the animal was a good worker and sound in wind. Plaintiff alleged that after working the horse for two days he discovered that it was broken-winded. It was afterwards taken to Cave's Repository, and sold for £6 19s. Mr. A. Green, veterinary surgeon, Dudley, said he thoroughly examined the horse on 3rd of November, and found the wind defective. For the defence the warranty was admitted, but it was contended that the horse was sound in wind, as represented by the warranty. Harry Hadlam, farmer, near Northampton, said he sold the horse to defendant for £12 at Harborough fair, about a month ago, and at that time it was perfectly sound. Joseph Baugh, the present owner, was also called, and said he believed the horse to be sound in wind.

The case was not concluded when the court rose."

[At the adjourned hearing, the judgement was for the defendant with costs.]

Dudley and District News 18/8/1883

"An inquest was held on Monday, at the BLACK HORSE, Park Lane, Tipton, on the body of Leonard, the infant son of Edward Price, of 7, Brewery Street. On the 18th ult. the deceased was climbing up a chair in order to get to his grandfather's knee, when he slipped and fell backwards on to the floor. He was attended by Dr. Price, of Dudley Port, but died from his injuries on Thursday last. Verdict Accidental Death."

1891 Census

87, Park Lane West

- [1] *George Cox* (55), married, publican and haulier, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Baxter* (40), house keeper, born Tipton;
- [3] *Louisa Cox* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Alice Rose* (14), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *James Wright* (14), errand boy, born Oakengates, Shropshire:

George Cox, beer retailer, 87, Park Lane West. [1896]

Birmingham Daily Post 2/4/1900

“On Saturday, Mr. E. P. Jobson (coroner) held an inquest at the Town Hall, Dudley, relative to the death of George Roberts (38), Wellington Road, Tipton. On Wednesday last he was asked by the landlord of the BLACK HORSE INN, Park Lane, Tipton, to give a horse a feed in the stable. He did not return, and on a search being made he was found lying unconscious on the stable floor. He was removed to the Guest Hospital, and died the following day.

A post mortem was made by Dr. Harold Brown, who found evidence of kidney disease, old pleurisy, and chronic alcoholism, and attributed death to apoplexy. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

1901 Census

87, Park Lane West

- [1] *George Cox* (62), beer retailer, caster, born Tipton;
- [2] Jane Cox (56), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Jane More (17), domestic servant, born Dudley Port:

County Express 31/8/1901

“William Baker, of Park Lane, Tipton, was charged with working a gelding in an unfit state on the 19th inst; and *George Cox*, of the BLACK HORSE, Park Lane, Tipton, was charged with causing the animal to be worked. Police-sergeant Harris said the horse was attached to a heavy cart, and was lame on both fore feet, and was sweating badly. When he stopped it the horse first rested one foot, and then the other. It was most lame on the off fore foot. He spoke to Baker, who was driving it, and said he did not see much the matter with it, but he knew something was wrong. Inspector Baker, APCA, and Mr. Green, jun, veterinary surgeon, also gave evidence, the latter saying the horse had side bones and also ring bone on the fore off foot. It was totally unfit for work. Baker was fined 2s 6d, and *Cox* 10s and costs.”

The license renewal was objected to on the grounds of “dilapidation, dirty, and lack of accommodation” in February 1903.

The license was renewed on 27th February 1903.

Tokens were issued from here bearing ‘KIRKHAM’S BLACK HORSE INN, Tipton’.

Mrs. *Mary Kirkham*, beer retailer, 87, Park Lane West. [1904]

Tipton Herald 30/10/1909

“A very enjoyable evening was spent at the BLACK HORSE, Park Lane West (Mr. *R. Kirkham*’s) on Tuesday evening when twenty members of the money club wound up a successful year, and started afresh. Mr. James Stanton presided, and Mr. Albert Pursehouse was at the piano. Songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings.”

1911 Census

87, Park Lane West

- [1] Richard Kirkham (47), widower, coal merchant, born Tipton;
- [2] Richard Kirkham Jnr. (23), son, coal merchant, born Coseley;
- [3] Alfred Kirkham (19), son, brewer, born Coseley;
- [4] Lilian Kirkham (12), daughter, student, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Mary Kirkham*, beer retailer, 87, Park Lane West. [1912]

Tipton Herald 22/2/1913 - Advert

“Alfred W. Dando and Co. have received instructions to Sell By Auction upon the premises, on Monday, March 10th 1913.....

The Exceedingly Valuable and Admirably Situate On Beerhouse, known as the BLACK HORSE INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, close to the works of Messrs. Palethorpe’s Limited, the South Staffordshire Waterworks, several Collieries, and one of the entrances to the Park, containing excellent Business and Living Accommodation, including Bar, Tap and Smoke Rooms, Passage and Verandah leading to Larder, Kitchen and Sitting Room, with four good Bedrooms and Club Room on one floor and two good Cellars and Rollingway in the Basement. Approached by double Gateway Entrance in a spacious and fully paved Yard in which are the usual Outbuildings, including a two floor Brewery, Stabling for two horses and Harness Room.....”

Archibald Reynolds was also a haulier. [1917]

Birmingham Daily Post 17/1/1918

“At Dudley Crown Court, yesterday, *Archibald Reynolds*, residing and carrying on business at the BLACK HORSE INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, licensed victualler and general haulage contractor, was publicly examined in bankruptcy. The liabilities amounted to £624, and there was a deficiency of £476.

The debtor attributed his failure to ‘loss of hauling business through bad luck with horses, high price of horse keep, and low price for work done.’

Replying to the Official Receiver, Mr. Fairbairn, debtor, aged 39, said he started business as a haulier in April 1912, with no capital. He bought the business for £100, which he agreed to pay within twelve months. In April 1913, he had about £60 towards this amount, but he then agreed to take the BLACK HORSE INN, Tipton, and used the money to pay for the ingoing of £51 and expenses. He was afterwards pressed for the £100, and paid it by borrowing from a friend, and on this loan there was now owing £25 balance of principal and interest. He made a good profit on his public-house business, but it had been used in meeting losses incurred on the hauling business. The examination was concluded.”

South Staffordshire Times 4/9/1920

“On Sunday the customers from the BLACK HORSE, Park Lane West, had a pleasurable outing, their destination being Stratford-on-Avon.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

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1939 Register

87, Park Lane West

[1] *Edwin A Barker*, date of birth, 26/04/1882, inn beer keeper, married;

[2] *Louisa J. Barker*, dob, 02/06/1884, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Louisa Jane Barker married a Mr. *Lovett* c.1943.

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A full license was confirmed on 25th April 1960.

[1968]

Closed

It was demolished c.1970.

BLACKSMITHS ARMS

Queen Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Andrews [1850s]

NOTES

The London Gazette 3/7/1860

“In the Matter of the Petition of *James Andrews*, now and for three months and upwards last past residing in King Street, Princes End, Tipton and carrying on in Bilston Street, Princes End aforesaid, the trade or business of a Blacksmith, and previous thereto residing at the BLACKSMITHS ARMS, Queen’s Street, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trade or businesses of a Licensed Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Ale, Porter and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, also carrying on the business of a Blacksmith, at Bilston Street, Princes End aforesaid, and previous thereto residing in High Street, Princes End aforesaid, and previous thereto residing at Pelsall, near Walsall an Insolvent Debtor. Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, acting in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on the 17th day of July instant.....”

BLACK SWAN

Bloomfield Road, (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Price [1849]

Edward Aston [1851] – [1868]

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 23/6/1849 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Houses & Premises, at Bloomfield, in the parish of Tipton.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, at the House of Mr. Benjamin Whitehouse, the BLOOMFIELD INN, at Bloomfield aforesaid, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be produced – all the Freehold Public House, known by the Sign of the BLACK SWAN, with the Out-buildings, Stables, and Premises thereto belonging; together with the Dwelling House adjoining the same, situate at Bloomfield aforesaid, and now in the occupation of the Proprietor, Mr. *John Price*, and George Garland.

The above Property has a large frontage to the Turnpike Road, and is very eligibly situated, and well adapted for business purposes, has a good supply of water, and the Stables are calculated to hold ten horses, is nearly adjoining the Birmingham Canal, Lord Ward's Coal Wharfs, and the extensive Iron Works of Messrs. Barrows and Hall, and others.

For further particulars, apply at the office of Messrs. Fellowes, Coldicott, and Canning, Solicitors, Dudley; or the Auctioneer, Tipton.”

1851 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *Edward Aston* (36), brewer, born Tipton;

[2] *Alice Aston* (29), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Edward Aston* (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Eliza Aston* (2 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Charlotte Jewkes* (15), house servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/8/1853

“*Downes v. Aston*. Plaintiff is a tailor, and the defendant a publican, keeping the BLACK SWAN, Bloomfield Tipton. The action was to recover £10 19s, for money received by the defendant for the plaintiff, as a treasurer of a clothes club held at defendant's house. Mr. Lower was for the plaintiff and Mr. Holland for defendant, who denied having received the whole of the money. Mr. Holland objected that the action could not be maintained, as defendant was a member of the club. The objection was overruled, and the plaintiff having proved by the club book (which had been in defendant's possession up to the breaking up of the club) that the money had been received by the defendant, the Judge gave a verdict for the full amount claimed.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/3/1866

“W. Jones of Hinckley, Leicestershire, and T. Woodcock of Arnold. These well-known pedestrians have signed articles to run six score yards, for £10 a side. Woodcock giving Jones two yards start. To come off at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Monday, March 19. £1 is down; to be made into £5 a side on Monday. Mr. *Aston*, BLACK SWAN, Bloomfield, Tipton, stakeholder and referee.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1868

“West Bromwich. On Wednesday last, the Annual Licensing sessions for the renewal of licenses already granted to houses in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division, and for receiving applications for new ones, were held at the Public Office twenty-one applications were nominally received for new licenses from the following persons, the whole to them to be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting on September 23rd.....

Edward Aston, BLACK SWAN, Bloomfield.”

BLOOMFIELD

54, Bloomfield Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Henry Round

Atkinsons Ltd.

Bloom Smythes Colliery Co. Ltd, Bloomfield Hall Colliery, Tipton

Rhodes and Jeavons, brewers, Bloomfield Road, Tipton

Henry Mills and Miss Florence Maud Mills, West Midlands Brewery, Willenhall (acquired in 1923)

LICENSEES

Benjamin Whitehouse [1845] – **1859**);

Henry Round (**1859** – [1872]

Thomas Burley [1873] – **1876**)

Miss Eliza Thompson [1881] manager

Emma Roper [1891] manager

Henry Round [1892] – **1896**)

John Clement Gould [1900]

John Cotterill [1901]

Jeptha Wilkinson [1904]

Charles William Knight [1908]

Edwin Alfred Holden (**1909** – **1910**)

Joseph Charles Cox [1911] – [1912]

John Perks [1916]

Francis Rhodes [1919] – **1923**);

Horace Edwin Price (**1923** – **1927**);

John Aston (**1927** – **1929**);

George Gill Webber (**1929** – **1930**);

Albert Elwell (**1930**):

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It was on the left going towards Princes End.

Birmingham Journal 7/3/1846

“On Tuesday last, an inquest was held at the BLOOMFIELD INN, Tipton, on the body of a very fine little girl named Esther Hopkins, the daughter of a labourer who is employed at Bloomfield Ironworks, who met with her death in a very melancholy manner. It appeared that about a week previously, while the unfortunate girl was kneeling at the fender before the grate, her clothes caught fire, and she immediately made towards the pantry, for the purpose of obtaining water to put out the flames. In this the poor child was disappointed, and half frantic with pain and despair, she rushed into the street, where her screams brought a neighbour to her assistance, who poured a bucket of water, and extinguished the fire. Before this was accomplished, however, the unfortunate girl was so dreadfully injured that she expired on Tuesday morning. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/4/1847

“Inquests Before George Hinchliffe, Esq.

On Wednesday, at the BLOOMFIELD INN, Tipton, on the body of Charles McGowan, aged 24 years. It appeared that the deceased, whilst at work at Messrs. Hipkins's, Tipton, suddenly fell off the place he was standing, down a flight of stairs, and when taken up was quite dead. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 2/6/1849 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses, Land, and Premises, at Bloomfield in the parish of Tipton.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. T. Danks, on Wednesday, the 13th day of June (by order of the Mortgagee under a power of sale), at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Whitehouse*, the BLOOMFIELD INN, at Bloomfield aforesaid, at Five o’clock in the evening, and subject to conditions then to be produced.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/6/1866

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the BLOOMFIELD INN, Dudley Road, touching the death of a boy named Samuel Geary, aged 9, who was found dead in the canal the previous Tuesday. It appeared from the evidence that the boy was seen playing near the spot where the body was found on the previous Saturday, and he was then told by a woman, named Jukes, to go home. He replied that he should never go home again, as his mother had taken his cap from him. It was denied by the father of the lad that he had been ill-used. A verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/2/1867

“A singular case of sudden death occurred yesterday, at Bloomfield. A puddler named John Davies, who had lately been acting as watchman at the Bloomfield Works, returned home to rest. A few hours afterwards his wife found him dead in bed. Death is supposed to have been the result of either disease of the heart or apoplexy. Mr. Hooper has fixed the inquest for Monday (this day) at ten o’clock am, at the BLOOMFIELD INN.”

1871 Census

54, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Henry Round* (34), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Round* (33), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Thomas Henry Round* (8), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Ann E. Round* (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *James Round* (5), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *William Round* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Rose Ashmore* (21), general servant, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Mary A. Hacey* (20), general servant, born Sedgley:

Midland Counties Evening Express 22/12/1874

“*Mary Heathcock*, a young woman, who has within the past few days been employed as a domestic servant at Mr. *Thomas Burley*’s, the BLOOMFIELD INN, was brought up in custody charged with stealing 16s 8½d from the drawer of her master on Friday last.

Eleanor Burley, wife of the prosecutor, said that last Friday afternoon, in consequence of what *Maria Martin*, a servant, stated to her, she accused *Mary Heathcock*, a fellow servant, of taking money from the money drawer in the bar. The accused thereupon denied it, and offered to be searched, at the same time turning her pockets inside out, but there was no money in them. Witness said she should search her box, and in company with the accused and *Maria Martin* went up stairs and looked into it, and they found in the box two small parcels of money, containing in the whole 15s 9d in silver and copper. On touching the second parcel, *Heathcock* seized it, and in the scramble it was scattered about the room, she all the time asserting that it was her own money, and it should not be interfered with.

The other girl, *Maria Martin*, said that she saw prisoner sweeping the bar about 3 o’clock on Friday afternoon, and saw her abstract some silver from the drawer. On seeing the money in her hand witness cried out ‘Oh Mary’, and then the accused ran away into the kitchen.

Other evidence went to show that 1s 2½d in various coins was found on a shelf in the kitchen, and it appeared that 10s had been missed from the drawer on Thursday, but nothing was missing on the day in question.

The prisoner was remanded for a week, the case to be completed at Bilston.”

Midland Examiner 26/2/1876 - Deaths

“On the 22nd inst, *Thomas Burley*, of the BLOOMFIELD INN, Tipton, late of Great Hampton Street, Wolverhampton, aged 48 years.”

Wednesbury Herald 29/5/1880

“Mr. Hooper held an inquest on Saturday, at the BLOOMFIELD INN, Tipton, on the body of Simeon Didlock (43). Mrs. Didlock said her husband worked at a colliery at Wednesbury Oak, and on the 14th inst he returned. He said he had been hurt, but could not tell how the accident occurred. He went to bed, and although at first he said he was not much injured, he became worse, and in a few days expired. The inquiry was adjourned in order that the Coroner might communicate with the Government Inspector and the Local Government Board.”

Dudley Herald 25/9/1880

“An inquiry was held by Mr. E. Hooper, the district coroner, at the BLOOMFIELD INN, Princes End, on Thursday, touching the death of William Henry Nibbs (20), who was found dead down one of the pits at Round’s Hill Colliery, belonging to the Earl of Dudley.

Moses Price, engineer at the colliery, said he drew Nibbs up the pit about seven o’clock on Saturday night. He then went away somewhere and returned about eleven o’clock to go down the pit again. At that time there was a banksman near the pit, but it was too dark to tell who it was. He received the signal, and let the cage down with the deceased in it. Was not near enough to tell whether he was sober, but he believed he was. When the cage reached the bottom he received the signal ‘all right’, and drew the cage some distance up the pit.

Cross-examined by the Coroner, witness said Samuel Hood was the banksman. He was at the pit when he drew deceased up at seven o’clock, but did not see him again till five o’clock on the Sunday morning. He left the colliery at six o’clock.

John Hughes (16) said he went down the pit about seven o’clock on Sunday morning, in company with his father and another person. There was no one on the bank when they went down. He attended to the pumps, and was then going to take Nibbs off, but on reaching the bottom he could not see him. Witness’s father went round the workings looking for him, but could not see anything of him. His father went up the pit after feeding the horses at ten o’clock, leaving him and the other person to attend to the pumps. Between twelve and one o’clock, on looking in the cage hole, discovered the body of Nibbs, he appeared to be dead. He signalled the engineman, and was drawn up. He then told his father and another man what he had seen, and they descended the shaft and brought the body up the pit.

Ann Persall said she knew deceased. She last saw him alive on Saturday night, about half-past ten o’clock. He stopped opposite her house door, and they had a few words together. She thought he was the worse for beer, and told him he was not fit to work in such a state, but he replied he was all right for work.

It was stated that Samuel Hood, the banksman, has not been seen since the accident, and the coroner therefore adjourned the inquest, so that he may be found and summoned to attend.”

[At the adjourned inquest, the banksman had still had not been found, and, after more testimony, the jury returned a verdict of Found Dead.]

1881 Census

54, Bloomfield Road – BLOOMFIELD INN

[1] *Eliza Thompson* (46), unmarried, manager, born Coventry;

[2] William Fownes (28), brewer, born Sedgley;

[3] Mary A. Harris (18), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Dudley and District News 1/10/1881

“John Turner, Bloomfield, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit a public house on the previous Saturday.

Eliza Thompson said prisoner came to her house the worse of liquor, and refused to go out, until removed by PC Houston.

Prisoner was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days.”

1891 Census

Bloomfield Road – BLOOMFIELD INN

[1] *Emma Roper* (45), widow, manageress of public house, born Sutton Coldfield;

[2] *Emma Roper* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Mary Bourne* (26), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[4] *William Fownes* (37), brewer, born Coseley:

Henry Round died on 8th June 1896.

1901 Census

54, Bloomfield Road

[1] *John Cotterill* (31), brewer, born Tipton;

[2] *Alice Cotterill* (31), wife, born Holly Hall;

[3] *Elsie Maud Cotterill* (5), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *George Thomas Cotterill* (3), son, born Tipton;

[5] *Agnes Cooper* (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/11/1904 - Advert

“Highly Important Sale, of Four Freehold Full-Licensed Inns, with Retail Shops, and Cottages, at and near Wolverhampton, Walsall and Tipton.

To Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Home-Brewing Publicans, and Others.

Walter Hughes, FAI, has received instructions to Offer for Sale by Auction, at the STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, Wolverhampton, on Wednesday, the 7th of December, 1904, at Five o’clock in the Evening.....

Lot.5 BLOOMFIELD INN, Tipton.

The Free, Freehold, Fully-Licensed, Double-Fronted Public-House, with the Brewhouse and Brewing Plant, Stables, and other Outbuildings, and Yard thereto, known as the BLOOMFIELD INN; also the Three Cottages adjoining, situate at the corner of the road leading from Dudley to Gospel Oak, and opposite Messrs. Bunch’s Ironworks.

The House contains five bedrooms, clubroom, bar with snug, smokeroom, taproom, out-door department, two sitting-rooms, spirit-room, large kitchen, good cellars, and outer scullery in Yard, which is very capacious, with a capital Brewery, Stables, &c.

The Beer Trade for the past twelve months to September 1904, amounted to 306 Barrels, in addition to which there is an excellent Bottled Beer and Stout, and Wine and Spirit Trade.

The House is under management, and possession can be had on completion.

The Cottages front the street, are numbered 55, 56, and 57, are in good condition, well-let, and produce £35 2s a year. Landlord paying rates.

The Mines are reserved, subject to compensation for damage to the Cottages, but without compensation for a portion of the Yard and Outbuildings at the back.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the ‘long pull’. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the ‘long pull’ and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

BLOOMFIELD INN, Bloomfield Road.”

1911 Census

54, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Joseph Cox* (38), beerhouse keeper, born Edgbaston;
- [2] *Mary Cox* (38), wife, married 8 years, born Edgbaston;
- [3] *Fannie Allen* (15), stepdaughter, lang (?) clerk for die sinker, born Balsall Heath;
- [4] *Arthur Allen* (13), stepson, scholar, born Balsall Heath;
- [5] *John Cox* (4), son, born Balsall Heath:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

The licenses of the BLOOMFIELD INN and the FITTERS ARMS, upon the holders of which notice of opposition had been served by Superintendent Salt, were renewed.”

South Staffordshire Times 2/6/1923

“To Brewery Engineers, Brokers and Others. The BLOOMFIELD INN, Princes End, Tipton. Friday, June, 8th, 1923. George H. Kidson, FAI, has been instructed by Henry Mills, Esq, Midland Brewery, Willenhall, who has purchased the above Licensed Property, to Sell Without Reserve the Whole of the Valuable Brewing Plant and Effects comprising: Cooler 12ft x ___ 6in., under Carriage; Copper refrigerator 3ft 6in x 2ft 6in, complete with ___; Hot Liquor Tank and Coil, Wood ___.

Mash Tuns ___ diam, 3ft deep with false metal bottom; Three-Quarter Brewing Copper in excellent condition, together with furnace and underworks; 2hp Motor and Starter complete with Shafting and Pulleys, two ___ Belting; Hopback, 4ft 6in x 3ft 6in deep, with false bottom; Rotary Wort Unions and Copper Tubing, complete with ___ and Connections; Double Fermenting Vessel, 7ft x 4ft 6in x 3ft 6in, and attemperator; Fermenting Vessel, 6ft x 4ft 6in x 3ft 6in, with Attemperator, both by Potterson and Sons, Two Sets Steps, Six Rolled Steel Joists 5ft 6in, 3 x ___, Length Copper Tube, 11ft; Vertical Steam Boiler, ___ x 3ft 6in, with Safety Valve and Gauge, in excellent working order; Cold Liquor Tank, 7ft x 3ft 6in x 3ft; ___ Chaff Cutter, etc, etc.

Sale to commence at 11.30am. The Brewing Plant will be on view the day prior to the sale, Thursday June 7th, and Morning of Sale, on application to the tenant of the BLOOMFIELD INN. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers Offices, No.2 New Road, Willenhall.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/8/1930 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of July, 1930, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 20th day of September, 1930, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

BLOOMFIELD INN, Princes End, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *Albert Elwell*. Registered Owner, Henry Mills and Florence Mills.”

Provisional license renewal to expire 31st December 1930.

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/1/1931

“County Quarter Sessions.

At the Principal Meeting of the Compensation Authority, on July 28, 14 licenses out of 16 referred were refused and at the Supplemental Meeting the committee fixed the compensation sums as follows.....

BLOOMFIELD INN, Tipton, alehouse, £1,775.”

Dudley Herald 17/1/1931 - Advert

“Monday Next, January 19th, at 11am.

BLOOMFIELD INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton.

John Layton, FAI, favoured with instructions from A. Elwell, Esq, will Sell By Auction on the premises, owing to the delicensing of the property, the Public House Fittings And Effects, including Full-size Bagatelle table 28ft run, Upholstered Mahogany Seating, Nearly-new ‘Dalax’ 4-Pull Beer Engine, 120 Stamped and other Glasses, Sweet-toned Pianoforte, capital 3-piece Chesterfield Suite, Carpeting, &c, &c.

Catalogues from the BLOOMFIELD INN, and from the Auctioneer’s Office, 6, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.”

Dudley Herald 16/5/1931 - Advert

“Announcement of Sale By Auction of Freehold Delicensed & Dwelling House Properties in Dudley and Tipton.

Alfred W. Dando and Co, have received instructions to Sell By Auction at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Monday, June 1st, 1931, at Seven o’clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced, as follows.....

Lot 3. The excellent roomy delicensed property formerly known as the BLOOMFIELD INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, occupying a large area of land and suitable for business premises.....”

BLUE BALL

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. [1903]

LICENSEES

John Groves (1903 – [])

BLUE PIG

22, Horseley Heath, Blue Pig Row, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Henry Swain, Albion Brewery, Oldbury
Showells Brewery Ltd. (acquired in 1915) [1926]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Hannah Webley [1856]
Joseph Shorthouse [1857]
John Charles [] – 1870);

Edmund Staley [1871]
William Higgins (1870 – 1871);
William Weigh (1871);
James Chadbourn (1871 – [1876]
Edmund Staley [1878] – [1881]
Philip Bushell* [1896] – [1900]
Philip Buswell* [1901] – [1904]
David Easthope [1910] – [1912]
Elizabeth Eastley [1919] – 1920);
Samuel Baker (1920 – 1922);
Joseph Beaufort Fereday (1922);
William ‘Bill’ Amor (1922 – 1926);
Albert James Redding (1926);
John Bertram Shephard (1926):

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22, Horseley Heath [1912]

It stood next door to the FITTERS ARMS.

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Journal 26/7/1856 - Advert

“Excellent Old-Established Public House and Premises.

The BLUE PIG, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To be Let, and may be entered upon at Michaelmas next (in consequence of Mrs. *Webley*, the present occupier retiring from business) that capital old-established and well-known Public House, the BLUE PIG, situate at Horseley Heath, Tipton, on the main Turnpike Road from Dudley to West Bromwich and Birmingham; with the Grocer’s and Flour Dealer’s Shop and Premises attached thereto, and now doing, and for many years past having done, an excellent business.

The Stock-in Trade, Utensils, Fixtures, Licenses, Goodwill, &c. to be taken to at a valuation.

For particulars and to treat, apply to Mr. Bateman, Auctioneer, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 13/9/1856 - Advert

“The BLUE PIG, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

Sale Of Household & Chamber Furniture, Kitchen Utensils, Casks, And Sundry Other Effects.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Bateman, on Monday, the 22nd of September instant, upon the Premises known as the BLUE PIG Public House, situate at Horseley Heath. The Household and Chamber Furniture, Kitchen Requisites, Casks, and various other Effects, belonging to Mrs. *Hannah Webley*, who is declining the Public Business; descriptive particulars of which will be given in catalogues, to be had from the Auctioneer, Dudley; and at the Place of Sale.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock.”

Birmingham Journal 19/12/1857

“On Monday, at Dudley, before Captain Bennitt and C. Cartwright, Esq, Mr. *Joseph Shorthouse*, a licensed victualler, landlord of the BLUE PIG, Horseley Heath, Tipton, was charged with assaulting Mr. Frederick Loveridge, formerly a licensed victualler, of Hill Street, Dudley, on Thursday the 10th instant.

The case for the complainant was that on Thursday, Mr. Loveridge and Mr. John Pearson, agent for the Broad Street Brewery, Birmingham, called on the defendant for an account, and went into a private room of his house. On joining them the defendant, as alleged, said, ‘You —, you have called for that money I owe you, but I will see you at — before you have it.’ There were a number of fitches of bacon in the room, and

the defendant said, 'If you will give me 9d a pound for one you shall have it towards what I owe you.' Mr. Loveridge went for a pair of steelyards to weigh it, but on returning the defendant said, 'I will see you at — before I pay you; you may Court me if you please.' He then commenced fighting, and called a 'fighting man' out of the bar to his assistance. Both then belaboured Loveridge and Pearson, who, as they said, were obliged in self-defence to fight also.

The defence was that Loveridge and Pearson went into the defendant's private room, turned out a little girl and a child; that because the defendant would not pay him £2 4s, Pearson took off his coat and commenced beating him, and that he had to shout 'Murder' before any assistance came. Thomas Cashmere, the 'fighting man' referred to, was also charged with assaulting Mr. Loveridge on the same occasion. The Magistrates thought the cases were not proved, and they were accordingly dismissed. Mr. Pearson said he should try his case in another Court."

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/11/1859

"Edward and William Wale were charged with the offence of passing bad money. The former was proved to have offered a base shilling at the BLUE PIG INN, Horseley Heath, and when he and the other prisoner were taken into custody William Wale had several counterfeit coins in his possession. The prisoners were remanded in order that the Mint authorities might be communicated with."

[At Stafford, Edward and William Wale were found guilty of having counterfeit coin in their possession with intent to utter it and each were sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.]

1871 Census

22, Horseley Heath (Blue Pig Row)

[1] *Edmund Staley* (44), widower, publican BLUE PIG INN, born Stanton, Derbyshire;

[2] William Weigh (23), nephew, collier, born Tipton;

[3] Selina Weigh (22), niece, born Tipton;

[4] John Weigh (5 months), born Tipton;

[5] Unity James (26), domestic servant, born Tipton:

James Chadbourn = James Chadburn

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1876

"*James Chadburn*, of the BLUE PIG INN, Dudley Port, was charged with allowing men to gamble with a button at a game called 'tip it'. Mr. Sheldon defended and urged that his client knew nothing of the affair. Mr. Fellows, the magistrates' clerk said that did not matter; the law had struck out the word 'knowingly' to meet the cases where landlords permitted gambling by keeping out of the way. The defendant was then fined £5, and his license was endorsed. Mr. Sheldon said he did not agree with the Clerks' law, and that he would appeal."

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/11/1878

"*Edmund Staley*, beer-house keeper, of the BLUE PIG, Horseley Heath, was fined 20s and costs, for keeping an unlicensed bagatelle board."

1881 Census

22, Horseley Heath

[1] *Edmund Staley* (53), licensed victualler, born Stanton, Derbyshire;

[2] Elizabeth Staley (40), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Betsy Staley (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Joseph Chadburn (16), nephew, errand boy, born Wednesbury:

* probably the same person

Philip Bushell, beer retailer, 22, Horseley Heath. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

2, Horseley Heath – BLUE PIG INN

- [1] *Philip Buswell* (48), machine minder bridge works, publican, born Fewcott, Oxfordshire;
- [2] *Amelia B. Buswell* (47), wife, born Princes End;
- [3] *Mary A. Buswell* (22), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Harriet Buswell* (20), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Albert Buswell* (19), son, gas engine minder, born Darlaston;
- [6] *James Buswell* (14), son, born Great Bridge;
- [7] *George Buswell* (11), son, born Great Bridge;
- [8] *Arthur Buswell* (7), son, born Great Bridge;
- [9] *Fred Buswell* (6), son, born Great Bridge:

Philip Buswell, beer retailer, 22, Horseley Heath. [1904]

1911 Census

Horseley Heath – BLUE PIG INN

- [1] *David Easthope* (51), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Easthope* (50), wife, married 30 years, assisting in the business, born Tipton;
- [3] *Joseph Easthope* (30), son, fish fryer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Alice Easthope* (27), daughter-in-law, married 3 years, born Tipton;
- [5] *David Easthope* (21), son, rivet maker, born Tipton;
- [6] *Charles Easthope* (18), son, butcher, born Tipton;
- [7] *W. Henry Easthope* (13), son, school, born Tipton:

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

BLUE PIG, Dudley Port, £1 15s 1d.....

BLUE PIG, Horsley Heath (second instalment), 15s 9½d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

The license renewal was refused.

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/7/1926 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice as to sending in Claims to be treated as Persons Interested in Licensed Premises.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of June and the 12th day of July, 1926, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

BLUE PIG, Horseley Heath. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Albert J. Redding*. Registered Owner, Showell’s Brewery Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1926

“The Licensing Committee for the County have fixed the following sums as compensation.....
BLUE PIG, Horseley Heath, ante '69 beerhouse, £1,550.”

It closed on 31st December 1926.

Demolished

BOAT

15, Boat Row, (15, Factory Road), (Park Lane West), Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mr. Wilson, Pattingham

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. (acquired on 2nd June 1915 for £560)

LICENSEES

William Whitehouse [1818] – [1828]

Mrs. Whitehouse [1831]

William Whitehouse [1837] – [1842]

John Guest [1849] – [1851]

Abraham Sheldon [1861] – **1867**);

Elizabeth Cartwright (**1867** – []

Benjamin Tranter [1871] – [1873]

Joseph Parkes [1881]

Elizabeth Stanton [1891]

John Price [1896]

Smith [1898]

John Hickman [1900] – [1901]

Benjamin Hadley [1904]

John Johnson [1908] – [1913]

Joseph White [1916] – **1921**);

Martha Elizabeth Bradley (**1921 – 1923**);

George Guest (**1923 – 1924**):

NOTES

15, Boat Row [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1908], [1912], [1916]

15, Factory Road

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/1/1828 - Married

“On the 1st inst. at Tipton, by the Rev. John Howells, Mr. John Pershouse, of the BALL INN, Great Bridge, to Miss Phoebe Whitehouse, third daughter of Mr. *Wm. Whitehouse*, of the BOAT INN, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/1/1831 - Advert

“Sale At The BOAT, Public House, Tipton Green.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Septimus Green, the 11th and 12th of January Inst on the Premises of Mrs.

Whitehouse, the BOAT INN, Tipton Green (who is retiring from Business), part of the Household Furniture, all the valuable Materials for conducting the Public Trade, a very excellent Four-motion Beer Machine, Piping and Taps, Beer Barrels, which are in the best condition, and run from 40 to 700 Gallons each, brewing Vessels, Copper Furnaces from 60 to 100 Gallons, 18-Strike Mashing-tub, capital square Backs, with lead piping to Cellar, large new Gathering-tub, oval Coolers, and round Tubs, square Mahogany, Oak, Pillar, and Deal Tables, three Dozen Ash Chairs, Rail-back Seats and Screens, with the usual Variety of Household Effects.

Also will be sold in the first Day's Sale, at Two o'clock, a capital Canal Cabin Boat, newly decked, with a Set of Cloths, with Stands, Planks, Mark, Helm, Tiller, and Bottoms, new Wings, &c, a useful and well-known Boat Horse and Gearing, the Property of Mrs. *Whitehouse*.

N.B. the above Property is worthy of the Notice of the Public.

Catalogues to be had of the Auctioneer, Great Bridge, Tipton, and at the Place of Sale."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/5/1837 - Advert

"The BOAT INN, Tipton.

To Be Let, By Mr. Newbold, With immediate possession.

That excellent and well-accustomed Public House, The BOAT INN, Tipton, together with the extensive ready money hay and corn trade. The coming-in will be moderate. The stock, &c, to be taken to in the usual manner.

For particulars apply, if by letter post-paid, to Mr. Newbold, auctioneer, public house agent, and general valuer, at Dudley or Stourbridge."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 16/10/1837 - Advert

"Sale This Day. BOAT INN, Lower Green, Tipton.

To Maltsters, Publicans, and Others.

To be Sold by Auction, on the Premises, by Mr. Newbold, this day (Monday) the 16th of October, the neat and genteel Household Furniture, handsome Chimney Glasses, five pockets of prime Hops, copper Furnaces, capital Brewing Vessels, well-seasoned iron-bound Casks, excellent four-pull Beer Machine, Public House Fixtures, and other effects, belonging to Mr. *William Whitehouse*, of the BOAT INN, aforesaid.

The sale to commence precisely at half-past ten o'clock in the morning."

John Guest, beer retailer, Lower Green. [1849], [1850]

Birmingham Journal 31/8/1850

"The annual licensing day for the hundred of Offlow South was held on Wednesday last.

The old applications for renewal of licenses, numbering two hundred and twenty, were granted, but the following publicans having been fined during the current year for Sunday trading, were respectively admonished, and cautioned as to a repetition of this offence, and a notice to this effect was by order of the Court endorsed on the licenses.

John Guest, Tipton."

1851 Census

Lower Green

[1] *John Guest* (45), retailer of beer and coal miner, born Coseley;

[2] Elizabeth Guest (44), wife, born Tipton;

[3] John Guest (15), son, at home, born Sedgley;

[4] Emma Guest (14), daughter, at home, born Sedgley;

[5] Issabella Bowdler (13), house servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/6/1851

"The members of a sick and draw club assembled at their meeting house (Mr. *John Guest*'s, the BOAT INN, Tipton) on Whit Monday, on the occasion of their annual dinner, and passed a happy evening, during which the customary toasts were honoured, among which was the health of the surgeon to the club (Mr. Timmins)."

Birmingham Journal 9/6/1855 - Advert

“BOAT INN, Tipton Green.

To be Let, the well-situated Licensed House, with good Stabling, of which immediate possession may be had.

Apply to Mr. Thomas Bennett, National School, Horseley Heath.”

1861 Census

Low Green

- [1] *Abraham Sheldon* (33), victualler and bricklayer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Phoebe Sheldon* (31), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Abraham Sheldon* (9), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Amy Sheldon* (7), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Ann Sheldon* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Ann Roberts* (18), servant, born Tipton:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 26/11/1870 - Advert

“The Ash Meadow Estate, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. Powell and Son, at the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Monday, the 12th day of December next, at Four o'clock in the Afternoon, in 54 lots (subject to conditions) the undermentioned highly-valuable Freehold Estate.

Lot 1. The Old-licensed Public-House, known as the BOAT INN, with Out-buildings and Stables; and also Four Dwelling Houses adjacent thereto, situate in Boat Row, Park Lane West, Tipton, containing about 420 square yards or thereabouts.....”

1871 Census

15, Boat Row

- [1] *Benjamin Tranter* (59), cooper, born Wombourne;
- [2] *Elizabeth Tranter* (58), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Joseph Tranter* (25), son, cooper, born Tipton;
- [4] *Charles Tranter* (17), son, puddler, born Tipton;
- [5] *William Tranter* (16), son, no occupation, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 6/10/1871 - Advert

“Wanted, a Young man, to Play Piano, &c.

Apply, *Benjamin Tranter*, BOAT INN, Boat Row, Tipton.”

Benjamin Tranter was also a cooper. [1873]

1881 Census

15, Boat Row

- [1] *Joseph Parkes* (40), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Rhoda Parkes* (38), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *Joseph Parkes* (19), son, born Dudley;
- [4] *Maud M. Parkes* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Elizabeth Parkes* (14), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/11/1882 - Advert

“To be Disposed of, the Licenses, Fixtures, and Possession of the BOAT INN, Boat Row, Tipton, adjoining the Birmingham Canal. This Old-Licensed Inn, now doing a good business, is in the market in consequence of the proprietor about to enter into other engagements. In-coming low. No stock to be taken to, and rent very moderate.

For further particulars, apply on Premises; or to Charles Round, Auctioneer, Tipton.”

Dudley and District News 16/6/1883

“Yesterday morning the District Coroner (E. Hooper, Esq.) held an inquest at the BOAT INN, Tipton Green, on the body of Albert Curtis (12), son of John Curtis, steerer in the employ of Messrs. Pickford and Co., and residing in Park Lane. Deceased was drowned whilst bathing in the Birmingham Canal near Fisher’s Bridge, near Park Lane West, on Wednesday.

Edwin Curtis, a grown-up brother of the deceased’s stated that on the afternoon on the day named, while in his father’s garden, he heard a shout that someone was drowning. After a minute or two witnesses ran to the spot on the canal side, and was told by two boys that his brother was drowned. Witness then went back and gave an alarm.

The Coroner: Didn’t you get into the water? – Witness: No, sir I was too much excited, and I did not know where he was. Three men came with a little boat and pulled him out.

The Coroner: What part did you take in that? – Witness: I had to go home to my mother, she was so put about.

The Coroner: I don’t think you would like to have been left in that condition yourself by a brother. I don’t think you acted the part of a brother, certainly – Witness: I did all I possibly could.

In the course of more evidence the witness said he had cautioned his brother that morning not to enter the water unless someone was with him.

After the body was recovered Dr. Brown was sent for, and he, upon arriving, pronounced life to be extinct. William Cashmore, a boy who was bathing with deceased, said the latter crossed the canal once; then he sank, and after rising to the surface three times finally disappeared. Witness and another companion raised the alarm, and deceased’s big brother (the previous witness) arrived in about half a minute after deceased had sank, and in time to see his hand above the water. There was a man on the bank when the deceased went down, and he was told the boy was drowning, to which he replied ‘that he had brain fever, and was not going in the water.’

PS Dutton: We cannot find the man. There doesn’t seem to have been the measures taken for this boy’s rescue which there ought to have been.

The witness, continuing, said the deceased could only swim a few strokes, and he it was that proposed that they should go and bathe.

Edward Monk, boatbuilder, spoke to going with a small boat and recovering deceased’s body, which had become entangled in a big thorn bush that was embedded in the mud at the bottom of the canal. The water at that spot was only four feet six inches deep.

The Coroner said the case appeared to be one of those drowning fatalities which often occurred at this season of the year. There, however, certainly appeared to be a want of feeling on the part of the deceased’s brother in acting as he did.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1891 Census

15, Boat Row – BOAT INN

[1] Samuel Stanton (25), fitter, born Sedgley;

[2] *Elizabeth Stanton* (22), wife, public house keeper, born Tipton;

[3] Samuel H. Stanton (3), son, born Tipton;

[4] Percy G. Stanton (1), son, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 15/1/1898 - Advert

“To Brewers, Licensed Victuallers, Capitalists & others.

Important Sale of Fully-licensed Properties in Walsall, Bilston, Moxley, and Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction by Messrs. Bill & Son, on Monday the 24th day of January, 1898 at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, at Six for Seven o’clock in the evening

Lot 3. The Freehold Fully-licensed Public House, known as the BOAT INN, situate near the canal side, in Boat Row, Tipton, now in the occupation of Mr. *Smith* at an annual rental of £22 10s, together with cottage adjoining, producing at a weekly rental £6 18s 8d per annum. The whole property thus producing £29 8s 8d [sic] per annum.”

1901 Census

15, Boat Row – BOAT INN

- [1] *John Hickman* (39), innkeeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Annie J. Hickman* (38), wife, born Gornal Wood;
- [3] *Elizabeth E. Hickman* (11), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [4] *Marion E. Hickman* (9), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [5] *Florence T. Hickman* (4), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [6] *Elizabeth Evans* (16), niece, born Gornal Wood:

1911 Census

Boat Row – BOAT INN

- [1] *John Johnson* (59), license holder, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Johnson* (58), wife, married 33 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel John Johnson* (21), son, labourer on bank of coal mine, born Rowley Regis:

County Express 19/7/1913 - Advert

“Highly Important Announcement of Sale by Auction of Fourteen Freehold Fully-Licensed and On-Beer-house Properties, in and around Coseley, Bilston, Darlaston, Sedgley, and Tipton.

Alfred W. Dando & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Auction, at the STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1913, at 6.30 for 7 o’clock in the Evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale then to be produced, as follows.....

- Lot 1. The SWAN INN, Darkhouse Lane, Deepfields, Coseley (fully-licensed), as occupied by Mr. Davies, together with the Two Dwelling Houses adjoining, being Nos.10 and 16, Darkhouse Lane.
- Lot 2. The PAINTERS ARMS INN, Avenue Road, Coseley (fully-licensed), as occupied by Mr. Davies.
- Lot 3. The RED LION INN, Castle Street, Coseley (Beerhouse-on), with large area of Land, as occupied by Mr. John Groves.
- Lot 4. The IVY HOUSE INN, Ivy House Lane, Coseley (fully-licensed) as occupied by Mr. Cahill or his under-tenant, together with the Dwelling House, Numbered 23, Ivy House Lane, occupying a large area of land.
- Lot 5. The SUMMER HOUSE INN, School Street, Roseville, Coseley (Beerhouse-on), as let to Mr. G. W. Davies.
- Lot 6. The ROLLING MILL INN, Millfield Road, Bilston (Beerhouse-on), extending to and fronting Union Street, with large area of Land, as occupied by Mr. Eli Cresswell.
- Lot 6a. Union Street. Two Unnumbered Dwelling Houses adjoining the above, with large walled-in Yard and Outbuildings, as let to John Beaton and David Lloyd.
- Lot 7. The BARLEY MOW INN, Oxford Street, Bilston (Beerhouse-on), as occupied by Mrs. Sarah Hughes.
- Lot 8. The CALIFORNIA INN, Hatton Street, Bradley, near Bilston(Beerhouse-on), as occupied by Mr. John Morgan, with the Five Dwelling Houses, being No.38, California Street, and Nos.1 to 7 (odd numbers), at the rear of same.
- Lot 9. The PRINCE OF WALES, Walsall Road, between Darlaston and Wednesbury (Beerhouse-on), as occupied by Mr. Thomas Burfoot.
- Lot 10. The NEW INN, The Green (opposite Horton Street), Darlaston (6-day Licence Beerhouse-on), as occupied by Mrs. Snape.
- Lot 11. The MINERS ARMS INN, Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal (fully-licensed), as let to Mr. Enoch Smart.
- Lot 11a. Nos.90 and 91, Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal. Two Excellent Cottages adjoining the above, with pleasant Gardens and the usual Outbuildings.
- Lot 12. The SHAKESPEARE INN, Kent Street, Upper Gornal (fully-licensed), as occupied by Mr. Isaac Smart.
- Lot 13. The CABIN INN, Kent Street, Upper Gornal (Beerhouse-on), as occupied by Mr. Joshua Bradley.
- Lot 14. The BOAT INN, Boat Row, off Park Lane West, Tipton (fully-licensed), as occupied by Mr. *John Johnson*, with the Dwelling House, No.14 adjoining.

Auctioneers' Notes: The foregoing 14 Licensed Houses, 6 of which are Fully-licensed and 8 On-Ber-houses, form as a whole, one of the most important lots of Licensed Properties brought under the hammer in the district within recent years. They have been carefully acquired from time to time, and are situate in well-populated localities, for the most part within easy distance of the largest works in Staffordshire. The Houses are held either on short tenancies or under management, and in most cases possession may be had of the goodwill of the various businesses upon completion of the purchases; a fine opportunity therefore presents itself to Brewers wishing to increase their barrelage, or to private individuals desiring to embark in the trade. The Houses as a whole are in good order, commodious, well arranged, and doing genuine trades. Further detailed particulars may be obtained from of Messrs. Hall, Pratt and Pritchard, Solicitors, Bilston; or the Auctioneers, Dudley."

Birmingham Daily Post 8/5/1915 - Advert

"Under A Deed Of Assignment.

Re Richard Sidney Wilson, trading as R. S. Wilson & Son.

Preliminary Announcement Of Sale By Auction of Eleven Freehold, Fully-Licensed and On-Berhouse Properties, Brewery Premises & Dwelling Houses in and around Darlaston, Sedgley, Coseley, Bilston, Tipton, Ackleton, and Bridgnorth.

Alfred W. Dando & Co. have received instructions from R. H. Jonson, Esq. (Messrs. Muras and Co., Chartered Accountants, Wolverhampton), the Trustees as above, to Sell by Auction early in June, the following Properties.

The PRINCE OF WALES INN, Walsall Road, between Darlaston and Wednesbury (Beerhouse-On).

The MINERS ARMS INN, Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal (Fully Licensed), and Two Cottages.

The SWAN INN, Darkhouse Lane, Deepfields, Coseley (Fully Licensed), and Two Dwelling Houses.

The BARLEY MOW INN, Oxford Street, Bilston (Beerhouse-On).

The ROLLING MILL INN, Millfield Road, Bilston (Beerhouse-On), and Two Cottages.

The CALIFORNIA INN, Hatton Street, Bradley, near Bilston (Beerhouse-On), and five Dwelling Houses.

The BOAT INN, Boat Row, off Park Lane West, Tipton (Fully Licensed).

The RED LION INN, Castle Street, Coseley, (Beerhouse-On).

The SUMMER HOUSE INN, School Street, Roseville, Coseley (Beerhouse-On).

The CABIN INN, Kent Street, Upper Gornal (Beerhouse-On).

The Folly Inn, Ackleton, 5½ miles from Bridgnorth and Albrighton, and about 10 miles from Wolverhampton (Beerhouse-On), with Cottage Residence.

The Castle Brewery, Bridgnorth, with Fixed Plant.

Further particulars will appear in future announcements.

Auctioneer's Offices, 193, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley. (Tele.56)."

Catalogue for Auction on 2/6/1915

"Under a Deed of Assignment. Re Richard Sidney Wilson, trading as R. S. Wilson & Son.

Highly Important Announcement of Sale by Auction of Eleven Freehold Fully Licensed and On-Berhouse Properties, Brewery Premises and Dwelling Houses.....

The following Eleven Licensed Houses, Three of which are Fully-Licensed and Eight On-Berhouses, together with the Brewery, form as a whole, one of the most important lots of Licensed Properties brought under the hammer in the district within recent years. They have been carefully acquired from time to time and are situate in well populated localities, for the most part within easy distance of some of the largest works in Staffordshire, and as they are being offered by direction of the Trustee under a Deed of Assignment, a fine opportunity presents itself to Brewers wishing to increase their barrelage or to private individuals desiring to embark in the trade, of acquiring houses which as a whole are in good order, commodious, well arranged, doing genuine trades, and possession of which may be obtained in most cases upon completion and otherwise at early dates afterwards.....

Lot 7. The BOAT INN, Boat Row (off Park Lane West), Tipton (Fully-Licensed). Under Management.

The old-established Public House situate on the towing path of the Birmingham Canal and containing Entrance Passage, Vaults 20' x 16', Smoke Room 10' 6" x 10' 6", large Club Room 22' x 11', living Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Cellars, together with Yard, Brewhouse, Piggeries and the usual Outbuildings. Also the

Three-roomed Cottage adjoining being Numbered 14, of the gross annual rental value of £6 10s 0d.”
[Sold to Hanson for £560.]

Birmingham Daily Post 4/6/1915

“At Wolverhampton on Wednesday Messrs. W. Dando and Co. of Dudley offered for sale a number of licensed houses in the Black Country, and the lots disposed of realised a total of £6,835.....

The BOAT INN, Boat Row (off Park Lane West), Tipton, a fully-licensed house under management, with the three-roomed cottage adjoining, let at £6 10s gross, realised £560.”

South Staffordshire Times 29/10/1921

“About 11o'clock on Tuesday night, Herbert Bradley, aged 17, who lives at the BOAT INN, Tipton, was found unconscious on Sedgley Hill, and was conveyed to the surgery of Dr. Millington, Woodsetton, who dressed the injuries and sent for Mr. North and the ambulance, by which the injured young fellow was conveyed to the Guest Hospital, where he was detained. It was ascertained that he met with an accident while proceeding down the hill, which is abnormally steep, on his bicycle. The bicycle was found lying on the side of the road.”

South Staffordshire Times 26/5/1923

“Mr. F. L. Steward applied for the license of the BIRD IN HAND, Ettingshall, to be transferred to Mrs. *Bradley*, who has been holding a license in Tipton [BOAT, Boat Row]. He said she intended to give up the Tipton license.

Supt. Higgs said Mrs. *Bradley* had conducted the house at Tipton in a satisfactory manner, and the only objection to the present application was that her husband, who was living with her, was employed at a neighbouring works. It was for the Bench to use their discretion whether they would grant a transfer under such circumstances as those.

After consideration, the Chairman said this application would be granted.”

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following licenses had been objected to on account of the redundancy of the houses, and these licenses would be considered at the adjourned Licensing Sessions on March 4th. The BOAT, Boat Row; the COW AND CALF, Owen Street; the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street; the BARREL, Sedgley Road; and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/7/1924

“At a meeting under the Licensing Consolidation Act the Staffordshire Compensation Authority refused yesterday to renew the licenses of fifteen house on the ground of redundancy, but they renewed the license of the BARREL, an ante 1869 beerhouse, in Sedgley Road West, belonging to Messrs. Hanson, Ltd, who, however, raised no objection to the closing of another of their houses in the Tipton area – the BOAT INN, Boat Row, Tipton.”

AND

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/8/1924

“The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority (Licensing Consolidation Act) for the county of Staffordshire was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday.....

In regard to the BOAT INN, Boat Row, Tipton, a full license, Inspector Challinor said there were three full licensed houses close at hand. This house was in bad condition.

Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Dudley, for Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd, said he did not oppose the taking away of the license.

After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the BOAT INN, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1924

“The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority (Licensing Consolidation Act) for the county of Staffordshire was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday.....

In regard to the BOAT INN, Boat Row, Tipton, a full license, Inspector Challinor said there were three full licensed houses close at hand. This house was in a bad condition.

Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Dudley, for Julia Hanson and Sons, Ltd., said he did not oppose the taking away of the license.....

After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the COW AND CALF, the BOAT INN, the COTTAGE SPRING, and the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, all at Tipton, but they renewed the licensed of the BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, Tipton.”

It closed on 31st December 1924.

Lichfield Mercury 9/1/1925

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee, in their report for 1924, stated that they had fixed the compensations in respect of a number of houses as follows.....

BOAT INN, Tipton, £600.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/1/1925

“On Monday morning the doors of the COW AND CALF, Owen Street, the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, the BOAT, Lockside, Park Lane West, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane, were closed to the licensed trade, the houses having been referred for compensation on the grounds of redundancy.”

Dudley Herald 7/2/1925

“.....For sale now delicensed.....”

Tipton Herald 27/2/1960

“The BOAT INN, a disused public house on the canal side near Owen Street, Tipton, was gutted early on Wednesday morning. Mrs. May Roberts who lives next door, said that at about 3am she and her husband smelled smoke and saw sparks outside the bedroom window. The fire brigade was called by Mrs. I. Williams, whose home overlooks the inn. The premises have not been used as a public house for about 15 years. An elderly couple, who left about seven years ago, were the last occupants.”

BOAT

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Winwood [1855] – [1862]

NOTES

London Gazette 1/2/1859

“In the Matter of the Petition of Edmund *Winwood*, commonly known and trading as *Edward Winwood*, at present and for four years and upwards last past residing at the BOAT INN, Dudley Port, in the parish of

Tipton, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Retail Brewer and Dealer in Beer, Ale, Porter, Cider, Perry, and Tobacco, and during the latter part of the said period following the occupation of a Butty Miner, under Messrs. Aston, at Burnt Tree Colliery, Tividale, and Messrs. Giles and Company, Dudley Port Colliery, and during a portion of the said time of four years also being in partnership with Joseph Bradnack, as Butty Miners, for the said Messrs. Giles and Company, and with the said Joseph Bradnack and John Winwood, as Butty Miners, for the said Messrs. Aston, and with Thomas Tudor, Henry Morris, Joseph Richards, and William Ward, as Butty Miners, for Mr. Jones, at the Harborne Hill Colliery, Dudley, and since the 6th day of November instant acting as Manager to Mr. Gillam, at Dudley Port Colliery, an Insolvent Debtor.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port – BOAT INN

[1] *Edward Winwood* (37), labourer and publican, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Winwood (35), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Honor Winwood (15), daughter, servant, born Tipton;

[4] Ann M. Winwood (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Bertha Winwood (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Richard Bird (16), lodger, coal miner, born, Shropshire:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/4/1862

“B. Bowater of Dudley Port will run S. Stockton of Burntree, or M. Dial or J. Jackson of Dudley, or J. Williams or H. Smith of Dudley Port 100 yards level, for £5 a side. Either match can be made any night next week, at Mr. *Winwood's*, BOAT INN, Dudley Port.”

BOAT

Toll End Road, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Wheale [1856]

John Harris [1861]

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 27/4/1856

“Thomas Jones (alias Cloggy) of Dudley will run Hewett (the Brettle Lane Pet) 140 yards, for £5 a side; or Ruiser of Dudley the same distance for the same sum; or Harper of Wednesbury 120 yards for his own sum; or Barnsley of Rowley his own distance for £5 a side. Any of these matches can be made any night next week, at Taylor’s PEDESTRIAN TAVERN, Kates Hill.

Jones is matched to run Brighton of Great Bridge, tomorrow, the 28th inst, for £3 a side, 10s a side now down in the hands of Mr. *Wheale*, BOAT INN, Toll End.”

1861 Census

Toll End Road – BOAT INN

[1] *John Harris* (55), corn dealer and beerseller, born Tipton;

[2] Rachel Harris (55), wife, born Tipton;
[3] Mary Harris (17), daughter, born Tipton;
[4] Rebecca Cox (17), house servant, born Tipton:

BOAT +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Sheppard [] – **1871**)

BOSCOBEL

31, (33), (28), Boscobel Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1903], [1919]

LICENSEES

Charles Bannister [1861] – [1871]

Nancy Bannister [1881]

Pamela Roberts [1891]

William Smallwood [1911]

William Bates [1919] – **1953**);

Eric Hill (**1953 – 1954**);

James Pugh (**1954 – 1956**);

George Sheldon (**1956 – [1960]**)

NOTES

28, Boscobel Street [1871], [1881]

33, Boscobel Street [1891]

31, Boscobel Street [1911], [1939]

BOSCOBEL TAVERN [1911], [1920]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Charles Bannister was also a retail brewer.

He was fined 5s and costs for selling beer during prohibited hours in January 1869.

1871 Census

28, Boscobel Street

[1] *Charles Bannister* (51), sawyer and publican, born Balsall, Warwickshire;

[2] *Nancy Bannister* (56), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Susannah Bannister* (16), daughter, general servant, born Tipton:

1881 Census

28, Boscobel Street – BOSCOBEL INN

[1] *Nancy Bannister* (67), widow, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Susan Bannister* (25), daughter, born Tipton:

1891 Census

33, Boscobel Street – BOSCOBEL INN

[1] *Pamela Roberts* (54), married, beer seller, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Roberts* (18), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] *William Roberts* (12), son, born Tipton:

The license renewal was opposed, on 26th February 1903, on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervision, and its annual value was less than £15. It was renewed on appeal in April 1903.

1911 Census

31, Boscobel Street – BOSCOBEL TAVERN

[1] *William Smallwood* (43), licensed victualler, born Bromsgrove, Worcestershire;

[2] *Mary Ellen Smallwood* (32), wife, married 9 years, born Lower Gornal;

[3] *Gladys Mary Smallwood* (8), daughter, no birthplace given;

[4] *William Ernest Smallwood* (5), son, no birthplace given:

South Staffordshire Times 21/8/1920

“About 50 women customers of the BOSCOBEL TAVERN, Boscobel Street, Tipton (licensee Mr. *Bates*) had a delightful outing on Thursday. They were taken in Allsop’s well-appointed ‘sharries’ to Bridgnorth, where a happy and enjoyable time was spent. The ride in and out was most happy and comfortable, and the party arrived home before 10 o’clock, everyone testifying to the enjoyable nature of the outing.”

South Staffordshire Times 17/12/1921

“.....Mr. *W. Bates*’ application for the BOSCOBEL TAVERN on Wednesday night, on the occasion of the annual prize presentations of the Tipton Bowling Club, was granted, subject to the condition that only members of the club should be served during the extra hour.....”

South Staffordshire Times 8/12/1923

“The annual dinner of the Tipton Bowling Club was held at headquarters, BOSCOBEL TAVERN, on Thursday of last week, Mr. Dickins presiding.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 29/11/1924

“At the Police Court, on Tuesday, Mr. *W. Bates*, licensee of the BOSCOBEL INN, Boscobel Street, was granted an hour’s extension for November 29th. The occasion is the annual dinner and prize distribution in connection with the Tipton Park Bowling Club.”

AND

“Tipton Bowling Club. The annual supper and presentation of prizes takes place at the BOSCOBEL TAVERN tonight (Saturday).”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 7/11/1925

“The annual dinner and meeting of the Tipton Bowling Club was held last night (Friday), at headquarters, the BOSCOBEL INN, Boscobel Street.....”

Requirements here had been carried out, it was announced at the adjourned Licensing Session, on 4th March 1930.

1939 Register

31, Boscobel Street

[1] *William Bates*, date of birth, 03/07/1878, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Eliza Bates*, dob, 24/03/1879, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Samuel Merrick*, dob, 16/12/1915, electric welder, married;

[4] *Ivy Merrick*, dob, 24/08/1919, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Tipton Herald 15/10/1955

“After serving a customer with half a pint of beer, the wife of the licensee of a Tipton public house went into the living quarters of the building. When she returned to the bar a few minutes later she found that both the customer and £4 from the till had gone. This was stated at Tipton Magistrates Court on Tuesday when the customer, *Lionel Herbert Gristwood* (39), of 38, Davis Avenue, Tipton pleaded guilty to stealing the money from the till.

Before announcing that *Gristwood* would be placed on probation for two years, the Chairman of the Bench, *Mr. T. A. Sanders*, said this was ‘a very compassionate case.’ Neither the defendant, his wife or his widowed mother, with whom he lived, were able to work and the only money going into the house was his mother’s old age pension and state sickness benefit for *Gristwood* himself.

Prosecuting, *Inspector J. W. Adams* said that *Ellen Kathleen Pugh*, wife of the licensee of the BOSCOBEL TAVERN, Tipton, placed a total of £20 12s 6d in the bar till of the morning of August 16th. This was made up of seven ten shilling notes and a large amount of silver and coppers.

The first customer in that morning was *Gristwood*. *Mrs. Pugh* served him with half a pint of beer and then went into the living quarters at the rear. When she returned she found that the defendant had drunk his beer and left. Later she had cause to look in the till and it was then she discovered four of the ten shilling notes and a further £2 in silver were missing.

When seen by a police officer, said *Inspector Adams*, *Gristwood* denied taking the money but later he admitted the offence.

DC Butters said he commenced inquiries into the theft of the money and when he saw defendant he denied taking it. Later he admitted the charge and said, ‘Get on with it, get on with it. I had the money to pay for the coal and I cannot repay it.’

The officer added that *Gristwood*’s mother offered him £2 towards restitution but he refused it.

In court *Gristwood* said, ‘There is nothing I can say except that I am very sorry.’

Defendant, it was stated, had been under doctor’s orders for some time and was unable to work. He had no previous convictions.”

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 11/5/1957

“At a ceremony held at the BOSCOBEL TAVERN, Tipton, on Monday, a chiming clock, fully inscribed, was presented to *Bro. R. Gould, R.O.M.*, on behalf of all brothers of the Queen Victoria Lodge, No.836 R.A.O.B. for services to the Order. Many brothers from *Wulfruna Knights Chapter*, the *Woden Knights Chapter* and Grand Lodge officers attended the presentation. *Bro. Gould*, initiated in 1927, has held the office of Grand Primo of the *Wednesbury Province* and Knight Commander of the *Wulfruna Knights Chapter*, *Wolverhampton*.”

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1960.

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960 - Thanks

“The wife and family of the late William Brown, licensee of the BLACK COCK INN, wish to express their most grateful thanks to relatives and friends for the floral tributes and sympathy in their sad loss. Wreaths and flowers sent by Mr. and Mrs. *Sheldon* of the BOSCOBEL.....”

[1972]

Closed

BOSCOBEL

Park Lane West / Hill Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Brian Shipley [1983]
Tony Long [1986]
Dave Gales []
Mal Walton [1993]
Mick Bargota (2007 – 2008) lessee

NOTES

It was built to replace the pub of the same name in Boscobel Street.
It opened on 10th March 1978.

[Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1979](#)

“Full marks to Banks’s and Hanson’s for their ‘pint ’n platter’ guide – not simply for listing 140 pubs where you can find food to accompany traditional draught beer, but for indicating that six of them have facilities for the disabled. Six out of 140 may not sound many – but at least it is a sign that somebody has not forgotten the less fortunate among us.

Certainly, it has pleased Mr. Tom Glasgow, of Marston Green, who is a consistent campaigner for the disabled and who tells me he is in touch with the British Tourist Authority, the United Nations and the World Health Organisation about their needs. For the record the helpful half dozen are.....

BOSCOBEL, Tipton.

So far, so good. What we really need now is a comprehensive list, embracing not only breweries but theatres, night clubs and other places of entertainment which have been designed in an awareness of the wheelchair. Who is going to get it moving?”

Dave Gales was married to Carol.

Mick Bargota was married to Mamta.

[Express & Star 23/4/2007](#)

“Darts legend Eric Bristow has thrown his weight behind the campaign to preserve a traditional Black Country boozer. The trophy laden star was back in the region last night showing off his skills at an exhibition at the THREE CROWNS pub in Coseley. But he also took time out to add his voice to the ongoing campaign to save pubs in the area from the bulldozers. The arrows star, known as ‘The Crafty Cockney’ has already signed his name to the petition to save the BOSCOBEL TAVERN in Tipton from closure, the latest in a long line of Black Country pubs facing the axe in recent months. He is a close friend of BOSCOBEL landlord *Mick Bargota* and was keen to once again show his support to the Park Lane West venue. ‘I’ve known *Mick* for ages, we’re family friends,’ he said. ‘It’s a nice pub and it’s doing well. It’s a family pub and that is what it’s all about.’”

[2008]

It closed in 2008. [2011]

It was converted into a nursery. [2012]

BREWER AND BAKER

21, Queen Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Rolinson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Walters (1885 – [1891]

George Mountford [1898]

Joseph Fletcher [1903] – 1908);

William Millington (1908 – 1909);

Joseph Fletcher (1909 – 1911):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Express and Star 28/8/1885

“Bilston general annual licensing meeting.....

Joseph Walters, beerhouse keeper, Queen Street, Princes End, and the holder of a six-days ‘off’ license, applied for a six-days ‘on’ beer license, urging that he had conducted a licensed house for over 25 years without any offence being alleged against him. Granted.”

1891 Census

21+23 Queen Street

[1] *Joseph Walters* (61), widower, grocer and publican, born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary Marston* (24), servant, born Sedgley:

Wolverhampton Express and Star 26/8/1898

“Bilston annual licensing sessions.....

Superintendent Walters objected to the renewal of the license to *George Mountford*, BREWER AND BAKER INN, Princes End. The then holder was fined £5 and costs in November last for supplying drink on Sunday, the house being only a six days license.

Mr. R. A. Willcock said there had only been one conviction, and the house had been well-conducted. License renewed.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1898

“The annual Licensing Meeting of the Petty Sessional Division of Bilston was held yesterday.....

Mr. Willcock, on behalf of *George Mountford*, BREWER AND BAKER, Princes End applied for the renewal of their licenses, which were objected to by the Superintendent of Police. Renewed.

Mr. R. A. Willcock asked for a seven days license in lieu of a six days at the BREWER AND BAKER INN, Princes End , but it was refused.”

Joseph Fletcher, beer retailer, 21, Queen Street, Princes End. [1904]

1911 Census

21, Queen Street

[1] *Joseph Fletcher* (54), widower, labourer, coal mine bank, born Princes End;

[2] Thomas Henry Fletcher (26), son, labourer, coal mine bank, born Princes End;

[3] Albert Fletcher (19), son, labourer, air pipe factory, born Princes End;

[4] Ellen Fletcher (16), daughter, beer seller, born Princes End;

[5] George Fletcher (15), son, iron moulder's assistant, born Princes End;

[6] Bert Fletcher (12), son, school, born Princes End:

The license renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 6th July 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

BREWER AND BAKER, Queen Street, Princes End. Beerhouse (6 days). Licensee, *Joseph Fletcher*. Registered Owner, John Rolinson and Sons, Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1911

“At a recent meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority, held at Stafford, the claims for the total amount of compensation to be paid in respect of licenses refused at the principal meeting in July last were dealt with. The following are the decisions arrived at in the various cases.....

BREWER AND BAKER, Princes End, (six days), £150.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented their annual report.....

The Committee at the supplemental meeting went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard upon oath evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested, and the compensation fund. The Committee fixed the compensa-

tion as follows.....

BREWER AND BAKER, Princes End, beerhouse (six days), £150.

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and paid.”

Compensation of £150 was paid on 16th December 1911.

BREWER AND BAKER

35, (34a), Upper Church Lane (34, Church Lane) / Salter Road, (34, Summer Hill), ~~Princes End~~, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd.

Ansells Ltd. (acquired in 1937)

LICENSEES

Joseph Walters [1866]

John Walters [1871]

John Plant [1891] – [1901]

Frederick Plant [1911] – **1936**);

Reginald Edwin Harris Dorsett (**1936 – 1937**);

George McCall Kennedy (**1937 – 1943**);

William Windmill (**1943 – 1947**);

Samuel Frederick Shaw (**1947 – 1955**);

Christopher John Fellows (**1955**);

Samuel Thomas Paul (**1955** – [1966]

Ronald Higgison (**1969** – []

Anthony Trevor Wallace [c.1988]

NOTES

34, Church Lane [1871], [1891]

34a, Upper Church Lane [1901]

It was originally called the BREWER AND BAKER.

It had a beer and cider license.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/6/1866 - Advert

“Valuable Public-House And Premises, Situate at Summer Hill, Church Lane, Tipton, in the County of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Bateman, on Monday next, the 25th June, at Six o’clock in the evening, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, and subject to conditions then to be produced, the following very desirable Property, viz, all that Public-House, known as the BREWER AND BAKER INN, with Brewhouse, Bakehouse, Store Room, Yard, and Premises, situate at Summer Hill, Church Lane, in the parish of Tipton, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Walters*, at the yearly rent of £24.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs. Bourne and Owen, Solicitors; or the Auctioneer, all of Dudley.”

1871 Census

34, Church Lane – Public House

- [1] *John Walters* (40), baker, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Phebe Walters* (39), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Martha Walters* (14), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Martha Nash* (42), sister-in-law, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Fanny Harris* (15), servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

34, Church Lane – BREWER AND BAKER

- [1] *John Plant* (43), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Plant* (50), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *William Plant* (17), son, clerk, born Tipton;
- [4] *Frederick Plant* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Maria J. Whittle* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

“The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday.....
John Plant, BREWER AND BAKER, Dudley Port, applied for the renewal of his license, which had been suspended on the grounds of failure to produce good character, house of a disorderly character, and a conviction for permitting drunkenness. Granted.”

1901 Census

34a, Upper Church Lane

- [1] *John Plant* (53), brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Plant* (59), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *William Plant* (27), son, clerk at colliery, born Tipton;
- [4] *Fred Plant* (19), son, collector for cattle(?) company, born Tipton;
- [5] *Eliza Keeling* (23), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

1911 Census

Summer Hill – BREWER AND BAKER INN

- [1] *Frederick Plant* (29), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Harriet Victoria Plant* (26), wife, married 2 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *Willfred Plant* (6 months), son, born Tipton:

A full license was transferred from the LION on 22nd September 1920, and it was renamed the VICTORY INN.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 5/12/1925

“At the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday.....

Plans for alterations of the VICTORY INN were presented by Mr. W. H. Thompson and approved, the chairman saying a start could be made as soon as they liked.”

It was rebuilt in 1927.

1939 Register

Upper Church Lane – VICTORY INN

- [1] *George M. Kennedy*, date of birth, 12/06/1888, manager public house, married;
- [2] *Maud M. (Kennedy) Durkin*, dob, 08/01/1891, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *George A. Kennedy*, dob, 17/11/1916, rivetter, bedsteads, single;
- [5] *Winifred (Mary) (Kennedy) Lort*, dob, 08/06/1931, at school, single;

[6] Agnes Hunstone, dob, 19/11/1882, unpaid domestic duties, single;

[7] Betty (Rogers) Kinsey, dob, 23/11/1922, bar general, single:

[Maud married Durkin in 1949, Winifred married Lort in 1957.]

London Gazette 24/1/1947

Notice is hereby given dated the 21st day of January, 1847, cancelled the registry of Lion of Tipton Sick and Dividend Society, (Register No. 2590, Staffs.), held at the VICTORY INN, Upper Church Lane.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/2/1952

“Draw for the quarter finals of the Dudley Town FC darts cup competition is as follows: CALIFORNIA INN B (Blackheath) v GPO (Wolverhampton) or NELSON INN A (Wednesbury), VICTORY INN A (Tipton) v BUSH INN A (Lower Gornal), Belgrave Sports A (Blackheath) v CALIFORNIA INN A (Blackheath), Vono Sports (Tipton) v Ex-Servicemen’s Club (Bradley). These matches must be completed by Saturday March 8.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/3/1952

“Draw for the semi-finals of the Dudley Town Football Club’s darts challenge cup is: CALIFORNIA A v CALIFORNIA B (Blackheath); VICTORY A (Tipton) or BUSH INN (Lower Gornal) v Vono Sports Club.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55]

Two teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Three teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1957-58]

A team from here took part in the Princes End Darts League. [1956-57]

Birmingham Daily Post 13/9/1969

“The manager of a Tipton public house said last night that every effort was being made to tidy up car parking facilities.

Mr. *Ronald Higgison*, who took over the VICTORY INN in Upper Church Lane, Tipton, a few days ago, agreed that the car park was not in a satisfactory state at the moment. He said that one abandoned car had been removed and he was trying to get rid of a second one. Cans of sand and gravel had been dumped on the car park and children were playing on it.

A letter has been sent to the West Bromwich, Smethwick and Oldbury Licensed Trade Association complaining that it was the untidiest car park in the area.”

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

Its name was changed to BREWER AND BAKER [1970s]

An air rifle club was based here. [1988]

London Gazette 24/4/1989

“*Wallace, Anthony Trevor* latterly residing at the BREWER AND BAKER, Upper Church Lane formerly residing at the GEORGE, Lower Church Lane [?], Wednesbury, aforesaid and previously residing and carrying on business at the SPRING COTTAGE, Harvills Hawthorn Discharge granted subject to consent to judgment.....”

[1990]

Closed

BRICKLAYERS ARMS

28, Ocker Hill Road, (Church Street), (Bilston Road), Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Nock
Arthur Bagnall
Messrs. Robinson, Burton upon Trent [1925]

LICENSEES

Henry Nock [1834] – [1845]
Mrs. Mary Nock [] – **1849**);
Samuel Nock [1851] – [1854]
Solomon Nock [] – **1860**);
Miss Margaret Nock (**1860** – []
Henry Nock [1861] – **1864**);
John Allcock [1863] – [1873]
Richard Hill [1880]
John Hale [1881]
Allen Wilson [1881] – [1896]
William Smart [1900] – [1908]
Arthur Bagnall [1911] – [1912]
Frank Walls [1914] – 1925);
Arthur Charles Marsh (**1925 – 1927**):

NOTES

Hocker Hill [1849]
Church Street [1868], [1870]
28, Ocker Hill Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1908], [1916]

BRICKMAKERS ARMS [1925]

Birmingham Journal 1/1/1848

“On Wednesday last, an inquest was held at the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Hocker Hill, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, on the body of Levi Hall, sixty-two years of age, who died on the previous day in consequence of injuries received whilst at work on Monday week, on the premises of Mr. Walker, ironfounder, Gospel Oak. He was engaged in moving a casting-box, weighing upwards of two tons, for the purpose of putting a joint together, but it proved too heavy for him, and knocked him with violence against another box, by which he was severely injured in various parts of his body, and in consequence thereof died on Tuesday last. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 9/6/1849 - Died

“On the 29th ult, Mrs. *Mary Nock*, of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, Tipton, in her 69th year, much beloved of her family and friends.”

1851 Census

Bilston Road – BRICK LAYERS ARMS

- [1] *Samuel Nock* (38), unmarried, victualler, maltster and miller, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Nock* (43), sister, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Hill* (71), servant, day labourer, born Atherstone, Warwickshire;
- [4] *William Hooper* (36), servant, day labourer, born Beverton, Staffordshire:

Birmingham Journal 18/2/1854 - Advert

“Valuable Flour Mill, at Great Bridge, in the Parish of West Bromwich, and County of Stafford. To be Sold by Private Contract, all that Freehold Flour Mill, with the Office and Premises thereto belonging, situated at Great Bridge aforesaid, and now occupied by Mr. *Samuel Nock*.

The Mill comprises two pairs of French Stones, Flour Machine, with full sized 16-inch Cylinder, Bolter and Smut Machine, connecting Shafts and Bevel Gears; a Separator, Bean Splitter, with Drying Kilns; also a 12 horse-power condensing Steam Engine, with Boiler, 21ft by 5ft, wrought iron Cistern, and other Machinery attached.

The Property is well situated for business, in the midst of Collieries, Ironworks, and Manufactories; it ad-joins the Birmingham Canal, and is within a short distance of the Great Bridge Station, on the South Staffordshire Railway, and near to the Turnpike Road, leading to Birmingham.

The purchaser may have immediate possession, as the present occupier is about to withdraw from the Flour Trade, on account of other engagements.

For further details, and to treat, apply to Messrs. Adams and Son, Solicitors, Darlaston; or to Mr. *Samuel Nock* at the Mill, or at his Residence, the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 30/10/1858

“The General Hospital. At the Weekly Board, held yesterday, the Secretary reported the following new annual subscription, viz.....

The Loyal Independent Beehive Lodge, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, (increased) £2 2s to £3 3s.”

Birmingham Journal 3/3/1860 - Died

“On the 19th ult, aged 47 years. Mr. *Samuel Nock*, of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS INN, Ocker Hill, and for several years churchwarden of that parish; much respected.”

Birmingham Journal 14/4/1860

“The usual weekly sessions held at the Public Office on Saturday last, were made special for the usual transfer of licenses.....

BRICKLAYERS ARMS INN, Ocker Hill, from the executors of the late Mr. *Solomon Nock*, to his sister, Miss *Margaret Nock*.”

Birmingham Journal 1/9/1860 - Advert

“Take Notice! Valuable Freehold Land and Property.

To be Sold by Private Contract, on Wednesday afternoon, September 19th at the house of Mrs. *Margaret Nock*, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, Tipton; Sale to commence at Six o'clock p.m.....”

1861 Census

Church Street – BRICKLAYERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Nock* (50), miller and victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Nock* (48), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] *Henry Nock* (25), son, roll turner, born Tipton;
- [4] *Solomon Nock* (20), son, pudler, born Tipton;
- [5] *James Nock* (18), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Phoebe Nock* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Noah Nock* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *William Nock* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Samuel F. Nock* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Thursday last.....

The following licensed victuallers, fined for various infringements of the law, and whose cases had been ordered to stand over from the former licensing meeting in August last, were called before the Magistrates, and after their respective cases had been referred to they were admonished and warned that a second offence would be of serious consequences.....

Mr. *Henry Nock*, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill.....”

Birmingham Journal 5/12/1863 - Advert

“To Publicans And Maltsters.

Valuable Public House and a Six Quarter Malthouse Adjoining, situate at Ocker Hill, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, on Thursday Next, the 10th day of December, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced and read.

All that Old-licensed and well-established Public House, known as the BRICKLAYERS ARMS INN, situate at Ocker Hill, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, and comprising spacious Tap Room and Bar Parlour, with Bay Windows, Hall, Smoke Room, Kitchen and Pantry, large Club Room, two Bed Rooms, two Attics, and good Cellarage, Yard, with ample supply of Water, and a very large Brewhouse.

And also all that Six-quarter Malthouse attached. The whole of the Premises are now in the occupation of Mr. *John Allcock*, at a rental of £28 per annum.

The Inn is well situated for business purposes, and has carried on a good trade for many years.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Richard Caddick, Solicitor, Victoria Street, West Bromwich; or to the Auctioneer, High Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 26/3/1864

“On Thursday, Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, resumed, at the house of Mr. *John Allcock*, the BRICK-LAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, the enquiry into the death of Thomas Grainger, a sinker, aged eighteen years, who had met his death by an explosion of gas at No.23 pit of the Moat Colliery, on the night of the 14th inst. Mr. J. P. Baker, the Government Inspector of Mines, Mr. Macdonald, manager of the works, and Mr. A. Bowkley, mine agent, were present. The inquest was opened on Thursday, the 17th inst. It appeared that the deceased and a man named Priest, who was killed on the same occasion, were engaged, shortly after eight o'clock on the night of the 14th inst, on a scaffolding or stage, in repairing the shaft, and were using naked candles, when an explosion took place, blew up the stage, and the unfortunate men fell a considerable depth. Their lifeless bodies were found in the water sump. The evidence on the former occasion went to show that the ventilation of the pit was good, but the enquiry was adjourned till yesterday for the attendance of the banksman, William Bryan Gwilt, who was not in attendance on the 17th instant. On Thursday, the latter stated that the deceased went down about seven o'clock on the night in question, and having put in a couple of 'biets,' ascended and told him to unhook the bowk. He did so, and they then stuck a lighted candle on the 'log,' which the engineer lowered, and drew up again, when it was found the candle burned – a sign that there was no gas then in the pit. They then had the bowk rehooked, and again descended, taking with them some of the materials required for the scaffolding. Witness said there must have been more than a space of one foot between the scaffolding and the sides of the shaft, so as to allow for ventilation. The explosion occurred about twenty minutes after eight o'clock.

Thomas Dudley deposed to having taken the body of the deceased with a drag from the 'sump,' the water of which was about six feet deep. He saw no burns on it.

Mr. Baker said that his opinion was that the current of air up the shaft had been impeded by not leaving a sufficient space between the scaffolding and the sides of the shaft; that gas had escaped from some place underneath it; and that the explosion had been caused by the men working with naked candles.

The Coroner, in summing up, told the Jury there was no evidence to show whether the deceased had met his death by burning or drowning, and left it to them to say what the verdict should be. The jury at once found a verdict of Accidental Death. A similar verdict was returned in the case of the other man (Priest), at an inquest held before Mr. T. M. Phillips, Coroner, on Saturday last.”

London Gazette 30/8/1864

“*Henry Nock*, of Brick House Lane, Great Bridge, Westbromwich, out of business, previously thereto of BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Oker Hill, Tipton, both in, Stafford, licensed victualler and haulier.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1870 - Advert

“To be Let, a 7-Quarter Malthouse, at Ocker Hill, Tipton.
Apply at the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill.”

1871 Census

28, Ocker Hill Road – Public House

[1] *John Allcock* (44), miner, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Mary Allcock* (43), wife, born Gornal;

[3] *William Povey* (22), relative, miner, born Gornal;

[4] *Phoebe Povey* (24), born Gornal:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/11/1871 - Advert

“To be Disposed of, a good Coal Wharf, situate at Ocker Hill, Tipton.
Apply to *John Allcock*, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill.”

Dudley and District News 29/5/1880

“*Richard Hill*, landlord of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, was charged with permitting gaming on his licensed premises. Mr. Whitehouse defended.

PC Hobbs said that on Saturday, the 15th inst., from information received from Samuel Stubbs, he visited defendant’s house, about 9.45pm. In the back kitchen Stubbs pointed out a drawer to him, where the cards were kept. Defendant’s wife was present, but he did not know where defendant was. Witness called the landlord in while Stubbs was there, and Stubbs said he had been playing at cards with Joseph and William Holland. The landlord denied knowing anything about gaming, until he heard a dispute in the room, when he went and found them playing for 4s a side. The cards had been taken out of the drawer without his permission, and he wished to prosecute the parties for doing so.

Samuel Stubbs said he was at the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, on the 15th inst. He and William Holland went into Mr. *Hill*’s about half-past six, and calling for a pint of drink, sat down till seven o’clock. Joseph Holland then came in, and asked defendant for the cards. The defendant answered ‘You know where they are; in the parlour – the old place.’ The landlord afterwards went into the parlour and showed them the cards. Four of them played for a pint of beer. Defendant brought in beer several times and saw them playing. They were playing for about two hours. They afterwards played for 2s. The ‘gaffer’ came in, and said ‘Do not mention money; play for what you like, but say spills.’ (Laughter). He could swear defendant was present when he took the cards out of the drawer. No one entered the room except defendant and Joseph Holland’s wife while the playing was going on. A disturbance took place when they were playing for 4s a side. Mr. *Hill* came in and acted as referee, but ‘did not use him (witness) fair.’ That was the reason he gave information.

Joseph Holland said he was at Mr. *Hill*’s on the 15th of May, and asked if he might have a game of cards. Defendant said ‘You know where the cards are, but be very quiet.’ They went into the back parlour, reached out the cards, and played for two hours. They played for a shilling and a quart of ale. They afterwards played for 8s, when there was a dispute, and defendant came into the room and said ‘Go on; play them up again, I will stand between you and see which wins.’ The servant, Mrs. Proctor brought in the ale, except the first two quarts and the last pint, which the defendant brought in himself.

By Inspector Holland: I have played there before. We do not lock the door. The defendant told us to give a signal of three raps, without which the door would not be opened.

Naomi Holland, wife of Joseph Holland, deposed to going to defendant’s house to look for her husband on the night in question. Defendant told her he was not there, but Mrs. *Hill* came in and said ‘Yes; he is in the back parlour, playing with a young man for 8s.’ She went into the room, and found her husband playing, while Mr. *Hill* stood by.

Charles Stanton said he was holding the money while the game for 8s was being played. Mr. *Hill* did not act as referee. He came in while the row was going on, and said he would allow no such games. He did not see

Mr. *Hill* until then. He left the others in the room immediately defendant entered. Mrs. Proctor came into the room several times while cards were being played.

Mr. Whitehouse addressed the Bench for the defence, saying there was the most wilful and corrupt perjury either upon one side or the other. Witnesses for the prosecution had differed most materially upon the points which had been sworn to by others.

Defendant being sworn denied most emphatically pointing out where the cards were, or giving permission for them to be used. He did not take any ale into the parlour, while the men were there. Ale had been supplied to them by his son, and Mrs. Proctor received the money. When he went in at the row they were wrangling about some money. It appeared from what he heard that Stubbs had been cheating Holland, and Holland disputed it. There were no cards visible to him then. He ordered the men to quit the premises. Hannah Proctor waitress and assistant to defendant, said she went into the room several times while the men were there, but saw no cards. She went once to fetch a table cloth from the drawer in which the cards were kept, and the cards were still there. There was afterwards a bother, and when she went in the cards were on the table. She told Mr. *Hill*, who ordered the men out of the house.

Mrs. *Hill*, defendant's wife, denied telling the woman Holland that her husband was playing at cards.

The Bench retired to consider their verdict, and after a short absence returned and said that the evidence was insufficient to warrant a conviction, although it was sufficient to show that defendant was to blame. They dismissed that case, but thought defendant ought voluntarily to pay the costs."

1881 Census

28, Ocker Hill Road – BRICKLAYERS ARMS INN

[1] *John Hale* (48), boatman, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Harriet Hale* (46), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *John Hale* (21), son, boatman, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Mary Ann Hale* (19), daughter, barmaid, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Pritchard Hale* (17), son, moulder, born West Bromwich;

[6] *Elizabeth Hale* (13), daughter, dress maker, born West Bromwich;

[7] *Tamar Hale* (11), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[8] *Mary J. Hale* (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[9] *Ada Hale* (7), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[10] *Clara A. Hale* (4), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich:

Dudley and District News 12/11/1881

"*Isaiah Jones*, labourer, *Henry Tudor*, miner, *John Johnson*, labourer, and *John Scott* (18), ironworker, all of Dudley Port, were charged with breaking into the ANCHOR INN there, and stealing a quantity of lead piping and pewter measures, the property of *Allan Wilson*, publican, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill. Mr. Sheldon defended Tudor.

Prosecutor left the ANCHOR INN to go to his present premises, leaving the fixtures and some of the measures in the house, which has since been closed. On the evening of Tuesday last, Johnson went into the beerhouse kept by Ann Downing, and asked her if she would buy some pewter measures, as the ANCHOR was open. She replied that she would not buy them from him. A short time after, her son who is a carrier, was in the yard adjoining the ANCHOR, when he saw a light in the brewhouse. He jumped over the wall, went to the door, and called, 'Who's there?' when the light was popped out. He entered the brewhouse and lighted a match when he saw Johnson and Jones there. They tried to escape; but he put his back against the door, and kept them in, and sent for the police. He asked what they wanted there, and Johnson said, 'We have done nothing. We had orders from Inspector Harrison to look over the premises.'

PCs Godsall and Tabberner were quickly in attendance, and on looking over the house found that all the gas pipes had been taken up, and were lying in lengths or coiled up ready for carrying away.

They then took the two prisoners into custody, the others being arrested on information received afterwards. The morning before the trial Tabberner charged the prisoners with the theft, when Johnson said to the others, 'Say nothing till you're dead; and then tell all.'

Inspector Harrison asked the Bench to withdraw the case against Scott, as he appeared to have been led away by the others; but had not taken anything.

Scott, being placed in the witness box, said he was in Bunn's public house [SWAN] when Johnson came to him and said, 'Will you go with me and I will show you where there is some lead. We'll get it at the ANCHOR. If I could get the key of the SEVEN STARS we would go there too.' Witness and Tudor, who was with him, went with Johnson to the ANCHOR. Johnson began to take up some of the lead pipes, and said, 'There's three gallons hanging here.' Johnson also took some measures which he said he could sell. Mr. Sheldon asked the court to deal leniently with Tudor, as he had hitherto borne an irreproachable character, had a wife and children, and as there was no evidence as to his having taken anything. He was fined £2, in default one month hard labour; Johnson, against whom several former convictions were recorded, being sentenced to six months' and Jones to three months' hard labour."

West Bromwich Weekly News 8/10/1887

"Mr. George Thomas in consequence of the death of Mrs. Nock has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on Monday, October 10th, 1887, at the house of Mr. Job Calloway, the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill.....

All that very valuable Freehold, Old-Licensed Inn, known as the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill Road, Ocker Hill, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, being No.28, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Allan Wilson*, at a rental of £28 per annum. The House contains Large Club Room, Two Bedrooms, Two Attics, Tap Room, Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Kitchen, spacious Brewhouse, large Malt Room, and good Cellaring; together with those Three Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses, adjoining, and being Nos.27, 29, and 30....."

1891 Census

28, Ocker Hill Road – BRICKLAYERS ARMS

- [1] *Allen Wilson* (58), licensed victualler, born Dundee;
- [2] *Priscilla Wilson* (59), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Sarah A. Guest* (13), general servant, born Tipton:

Allen Wilson – see also ANCHOR, Dudley Port.

1901 Census

28, Ocker Hill Road

- [1] *William Smart* (41), house painter, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Smart* (41), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Hannah E. Smart* (7), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Florence Smart* (4), daughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 3/8/1901

"The National United Order of Free Gardeners, Bilston, Walsall, and Cannock District, Rose Bud Lodge 1521, held their annual dinner on Saturday last, at Bro. *Smart's* BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, when a good number sat down....."

1911 Census

28, Ocker Hill Road – BRICKLAYERS ARMS

- [1] *Arthur Bagnall* (41), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Florence Bagnall* (43), wife, married 13 years, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Arthur Bagnall* (12½), son, born Dudley;
- [4] *Lucy Coxall* (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/12/1914

"The Closing Day. Midlands' Gifts for Soldiers and Sailors on Service.

Many readers of the *Gazette* will earn the deep thanks of the soldiers at the front. Over 3,000 very acceptable Christmas Boxes have been sent off, and the majority were in possession of the soldiers and sailors yesterday. One can imagine the feeling of the men in the trenches upon receiving the gift from home.

Late subscriptions will be used to send gifts which will arrive for the New Year. These should reach us not later than today, when the lists will close. So, if you have not sent already, and feel that something is due to the men who have made Christmas possible, you should send at once.

Subscriptions.....

Frank Walls and Customers, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, Tipton, 3 Boxes, 15s."

Birmingham Mail 13/7/1918 - Advert

"Dog Cart for Sale, good as new; maker, Cunda.

F. Walls, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, Tipton."

The license renewal was refused on 3rd March 1925.

It was renewed on appeal.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/3/1925

"At the annual licensing sessions at Tipton yesterday three licenses were refused, two – the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street – on the grounds of redundancy, and the third, the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Gospel Oak Street, Ocker Hill, on the ground of structural deficiency and unsuitability without compensation."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 7/3/1925

"Extraordinary conditions were alleged to prevail at a licensed house at Ocker Hill, during an application before the Tipton licensing justices, at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions, held in the Police Court on Tuesday. The justices present were Mr. W. W. Doughty (presiding), Mrs. Hartland, Mr. D. Hipkins, Mr. G. S. Peake, Mr. E. H. Hipkins and Mr. J. Richards.

The license under review was that of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, to which objection was taken under the grounds of structural defect.

Mr. F. Jones (Jones, Son and Vernon), who described himself as an expert, said he visited the house and carefully examined it, not only from a structural, but also a decorative point of view. The whole place was extremely dirty and filthy, dilapidated, and utterly unfit, not only for a public house, but for ordinary occupancy, the conditions being such as to render the place really unfit for human habitation. The witness went on to describe the conditions, and referred to the blackened and stripping paper on the walls, the dangerous staircase, the broken skylights and windows, the absence of sashes, and the novel way of holding up the sashes by pieces of wood, and the filling in of broken panes by bricks. The club room, with its club furniture sodden with water, was, he said, used as one of the bedrooms for the tenant, his wife and 12 children. There was only one whole window in the place and only one whole window sash. The paper where it was not off altogether, hung in festoons, and the plaster was rotten and falling. The cellar floor was flooded, and he had to side step over the various accumulated puddles sitting in sections. The pigeon loft was broken, and the door and frame of the coal house had gone. The yard abutted on the canal and was half unfenced, the drains were choked and the suds from the house lay in pools. He had considerable experience of licensed property, but in all his experience he had never seen a place in such a bad condition.

In answer to Mr. H. H. Jackson, witness said both licensee and owner could have but little interest to allow the place to get into such a filthy condition, and no reasonable brewery would keep a house which was unfit for human habitation and trade.

Mr. Jackson said there had been no complaint with regard to the way the house was conducted.

Inspector Challoner said he quite agreed with all Mr. Jones had said.

Mr. H. H. Jackson, for the owners, Messrs. Robinson of Burton, asked the Bench to have a little sympathy for the brewery company, seeing that for the last 12 months they had been at the mercy of the tenant. The filthiness was admitted, but the tenant would do nothing and the company could not turn a man and wife and a dozen children into the street, even if they had the power, which they had not. No rent had been paid for 12 months, and the brewery had had to pay rates and taxes to keep the house going at all. He pointed to the splendid condition of their other house, the GOLDEN CUP, Ocker Hill, as an indication of how the company would keep the house if they could get possession of it. The structure was good, even if they admitted all that had been said about the filth and dilapidation, and it would be absolutely unfair to take the license away

without compensation.

Mr. Thos. Jenkins, J.P. (Burton) gave it as his opinion the house, buildings, walls, roofs and floors were perfectly sound, and if any necessary repairs were done, and plenty of scrubbing brushes, soft soap, hot water and elbow grease applied a wonderful difference would be made. The house had not had a fair chance, because a housewife with 12 children had not a ghost of a chance of keeping such a place clean. The house could be reconstructed and made good. In 1920 it was in apple pie order.

Albert Samuel Poxton, district manager said the house was thoroughly done in 1920. It was the tenant who had brought about the absolutely filthy conditions they acknowledged existed. They could not get the tenant out.

Mr. D. Hipkins: have you taken any legal steps? – Mr. H. H. Jackson: No; it would be quite hopeless. The rent restriction Act would not allow it.

Mr. Poxton said the house would have the same treatment as the ‘CUP’ if the company could have got possession.

Frank Walls said he had been tenant for 12 years at £40 a year. Nothing had been done at the house, except a little four years ago. The upholstering and necessary structural repairs had not been touched. He had spoken of it many times, but the reply he always got was ‘We will come to you next,’ and then it was put off for another year.

The Clerk: Have you any other business there? – Witness: I sell milk.

The Chairman: What! On premises in such a condition as those? – Witness: Yes; but I sell it on the premises at the back. He admitted he owed £40 or £50 rent.

Mr. Poxton: Nearer £200.

Witness declared that the premises were scrubbed every day, ‘but’ he added, ‘there’s nothing to scrub, I’ll tell you.’ (Laughter). He had been four or five years trying to get another house, but what could they do with 12 children? He had lost over £1,000 since he had been in the house, and could prove it.

The magistrates retired, and on their return into Court, the Chairman said: ‘The Court is unanimous in declining to renew the license. At the adjourned licensing session, on March 3rd, the license was refused renewal on the ground that the house was structurally deficient and unsuitable, and that is the decision today.’ This meant that no compensation would be given.”

AND

“An appeal has been entered by Messrs. Robinson, brewers, Burton, against the decision of the Tipton Justices on Tuesday refusing the license of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill (report in another column).”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 19/9/1925

“Messrs. Robinson, of Burton, applied at the Police Court, on Tuesday, through Mr. H. V. Argyle, solicitor, for the acceptance of new plans for the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill. For some time the house was in the occupation of a tenant, until finally the Brewery refused to send beer without cash, and the premises fell into such a dirty and dilapidated state that the house was sent to the Quarter Sessions. Mr. Argyle was stating the case, and produced the new plans, when the Chairman said the ‘house is well-known to us. It has been through our hands recently. We have given considerable attention to these plans, and believe it the proper course to adjourn the consideration of them till the next Licensing day in February. The matter will be considered then.’ Mr. Argyle: Meantime we shall not be able to carry on? – The Chairman: We realise that, but for many years you have been able to do without it. That is the decision of the Court. Mr. Argyle said the Sessions. Chairman: The Quarter Sessions has no jurisdiction here. The Clerk: The Brewery Company are in the position that something is being done to put the property in repair, and they may be in exactly the same position next February as they were last. It may be that they would not be wise to do any alterations at all. The Chairman: I hope you will not take that as opinion of this Bench.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 3/10/1925

“At the Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday, the justices granted a temporary transfer to.... and also the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill to *Arthur Charles Marsh*.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 5/12/1925

“At the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, the justices confirmed the following temporary licenses.....
BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Ocker Hill, to a manger, who said he had no agreement with the brewery, but was satisfied with the wages he was getting. The license was granted on condition that an agreement with the brewery was at once delivered to the Clerk.....”

London Gazette 8/12/1925

“*Walls, Frank*, the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill Licensed Victualler Last Day for Receiving Proofs – Dec. 22 1925.....”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/5/1926 - Notice

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1926, at 11 o’clock am.

And Notice is Hereby also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list.....
BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee *Arthur Charles Marsh*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/7/1926

“No fewer than 34 licensed premises were scheduled for consideration at the Principal Meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. In 23 cases the authority decided to refer licenses for compensation, four were renewed, and the remaining seven were adjourned to be dealt with on July 12.....

In the case of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS alehouse, Tipton, Mr. H. Argyle (Burton) for the owners, stated that in 1925 the local licensing justices refused renewal on the ground of structural unfitness, but an appeal to Quarter Sessions against that decision was allowed, and the owners were directed to submit plans for certain alterations. These were prepared, but although they had been twice presented, so far as he was aware they had not been considered by the justices below. In these circumstances his clients felt a certain degree of hardship in having the house put on the compensation list. If the Bench thought the license was redundant he would offer no objection, but he asked them to bear in mind the facts stated. Mr. McGregor Clarkson, barrister, for the justices explained that after the plans were submitted the matter was adjourned to the annual licensing meeting at Tipton, when the license was referred. As purely formal objection only was made, the plans did not require to be considered at that time, or subsequent to the appeal, which was allowed without costs. The Bench agreed to renew the license.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/5/1927 - Notice

“Notice Of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 19th day of July, 1927, at 11 o’clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).
List of Licensed Premises.....

BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee *Arthur Charles Marsh*.”

Lichfield Mercury 22/7/1927

“Sixteen licenses were scheduled for consideration at the principal meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority at Stafford on Tuesday.....

Renewal of the licenses was refused in the following cases.....
BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/1/1928

“At the meeting of the Compensation Authority held on July 19, the Committee refused 13 out of 16 licenses referred to them. At the Supplemental Meeting the Committee fixed the compensation of the undermentioned cases as follows.....

BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Tipton, alehouse, £1,400.

In all the before-mentioned cases the money had been apportioned amongst the interested parties, and would be paid on 24th December instant.”

It closed on 31st December 1927.

BRICKLAYERS ARMS

Wednesbury Oak, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Dutton [1828] – [1834]

William Ray [1835] – [1842]

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Aris's Birmingham Gazette 14/5/1832 - Notice

“Notice is Hereby given, that *Thomas Dutton*, of Wednesbury Oak, in the parish of Tipton, Victualler and Bricklayer, has executed an Assignment of Property to Mr. Jesse Wright, of Dudley, Auctioneer, in trust for the benefit of his Creditors, who are requested to execute such deed at my office without delay.

Wm. Fellows, Jun.

Dudley, May 12, 1832.”

Check Daisy Bank, COSELEY

BRIDGE

New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin George [1854]

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Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/8/1854

“Staffordshire Assizes.

Benjamin George (on bail), surrendered to take his trial on an indictment for assaulting Abraham Neunem, at Great Bridge, and stealing from his person ten shillings, his property. Mr. Chance conducted the prosecution, and Mr. Scotland the defence.

The prosecutor, who is a Jew, stated that he was a furniture broker, living at Dudley, and the prisoner kept the BRIDGE TAVERN, at Great Bridge, near West Bromwich. On the 30th of May he was passing that house, when the wife of the prisoner called him in and gave him a brooch to be mended. Seeing that she had no wedding ring on her finger, he handed one over to her, and there was some conversation about it. She told him to follow her up to the bagatelle room, where the prisoner was. When they got into the room Mrs. *George* said to her husband, ‘My ring is broken, and you ought to buy me another.’ The prisoner asked whether the new ring was a gold one, and he (witness) and prisoner’s wife went out to inquire. On their return, *George* inquired how much he asked for the ring, and he replied 15s. Ultimately he (witness) agreed to allow 4s 6d for Mrs. *George*’s broken ring. She afterwards said to the prisoner, ‘You pay 10s 6d to Mr Neunem for my ring.’ The prisoner was agreeable. He (witness) called for two glasses of ale afterwards, and prisoner wanted him to play on the bagatelle board for a glass. No payment had been made to him then. They played two games; he lost in one game and the prisoner another. This was about six o’clock in the evening, when he said, ‘Mr. *George* it gets late – pay me for my ring, and I’ll go.’ Prisoner took out three of four shillings and said he must go down stairs to fetch some more money, as he had not enough in his pocket. He came back again and gave him 10s 6d. He (witness) took sixpence from it and gave it to *George* to pay for the two glasses of ale, and put the rest of the money in his pocket. After that *George* said, ‘Neunem, put down the ten shillings upon the ring I bought of you, and let us play for who shall take the lot.’ He (witness) refused, saying that he was no gambler, that he sold the ring and wanted the money. *George* then shut the door, laid hold of him by the neckerchief, and said, ‘Will you play?’ He replied, ‘No, I won’t play.’ Prisoner tried throttling him, and he (witness) cried out ‘Murder.’ As *George* would not loose him, he threw two of the bagatelle balls through the window to obtain assistance. As soon as he (witness) had broken the window, *George* knocked him down, put his knee on his chest, searched all his pockets till he came to the one where the ten shillings was, which he ripped, and took out the money. Prisoner beat him till the blood ran out of his ears. Prisoner’s wife came up and said ‘*George*, what is the matter?’ he replied, ‘D— you, bring a knife up.’ She went down stairs and met a man. She made a great noise, and then the prisoner loosed him. He (prosecutor) went to the police and had the prisoner taken into custody.

In cross-examination, the prisoner said that the ring belonged to his wife, and that he offered to sell it because he was short of money. He had worked for the prisoner as a glazier. *George* did not offer to put his wife’s old ring and ten shillings against the new ring. Nothing was said about playing for money before he gave it to him. *George* did not say as he put the money into his hand, ‘We will play.’ He did not say, ‘If you don’t play, give me back my money.’ (The witness repeated this two or three times.)

The depositions were then put in, by which it appeared that prosecutor said, when before the magistrates, that *George* laid hold of his handkerchief and said, ‘If you touch me I’ll break your windows.’

Prosecutor on hearing this, said there was some ‘fault’ in the deposition. In further cross-examination he said there were a good many people passing backward and forward at the time of the struggle. He (prosecutor) did not say, before *George* touched him, ‘If you touch me I’ll break your windows.’

James Davis, a bricklayer, of Gold’s Green, proved having heard cries of murder, and seeing a bagatelle ball come through the window. The witness added the prosecutor afterwards said, in the presence of the prisoner, that he (*George*) had knocked him down, robbed him of 10s, and attempted to strangle him. The prisoner replied, ‘Robbing you, eh! Out of my own money.’

Police-officer Baxter proved that when prisoner was charged at the police station, he replied, ‘Oh it’s very fine it was my own money.’ (This witness produced the two rings.)

Mr. Scotland then addressed the jury for the prisoner, contending that it would be a most unsafe proceed-

ing if the prisoner were to be convicted upon the testimony of the prosecutor. His story looked like one in which there was a great deal of deliberation and tact. The learned counsel proceeded to animadvertise on the prosecutor's evidence, particularly having stated before the magistrates, namely, that prisoner said, 'If you don't play, give me back my money;' and asked the jury whether they would convict a man upon the testimony of a witness who said one thing before the magistrates, and at the trial flatly contradicted having said so. The prisoner had acted very improperly no doubt. His proper course would have been to have sent for a police officer. Mr. Scotland concluded by submitting to the jury that it would be very unsafe to rely on the statement of such a witness as prosecutor, and said he left the case in their hands with the greatest possible confidence that they would acquit the prisoner.

Mr. John Hodgkins, maltster, of Great Bridge, and Mr. Cooksey, nail master, two respectable looking witnesses, gave the prisoner a good character for honesty, sobriety and industry.

Mr. Chance replied, contending that the main portion of the prosecutor's evidence agreed with the statement before the Magistrates.

His Lordship summed up, the jury, after some consultation, returned a verdict of guilty, accompanied by a recommendation to mercy, in which the prosecutor joined. The Judge, in passing sentence, said, in consequence of the recommendation to mercy by the jury and prosecutor, he should pass upon him a sentence more merciful than perhaps he was warranted in doing, but he was induced to believe that he had committed the robbery from sudden impulse, and that he was not in the habit of so conducting himself. He (the prisoner) must himself see there would be an end to men's lives and all property, if persons guilty of such offences escaped punishment altogether. His Lordship concluded by sentencing the prisoner to six months' hard labour.

The Court then adjourned."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/1/1864

"Ash Tree Grounds, Tividale. T. Thomas of Tividale and Sam (Not Simon) Burns of Darlaston. The 120 yards match, for £5 a side, between these well-known district men is progressing. £2 a side is down in the hands of Mr. B. Hawkins, CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Wednesbury, who is final stakeholder. A further deposit of £1 a side is to be made good at *J. Thomas's*, BRIDGE INN, New Road, Great Bridge, on Monday, Jan 18. The match to come off at the above ground on Monday, Feb 8."

Birmingham Daily Post 26/1/1865 - Advert

"To be Let immediately, the BRIDGE INN, New Road, Great Bridge, situated near the Railway Station, now doing a good business. Satisfactory reasons given for leaving. Apply on the Premises."

Birmingham Daily Post 11/2/1865 - Advert

"Clearing Out Sale By Auction.

By R. L. Courtney, This Day (Saturday), the 11th instant – of all the iron-bound Ale Casks, Ale Vats, capital Ale Machine complete, long Tables and Benches, Household Furniture, and other Effects. The whole will be sold without reserve."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/7/1866 - Advert

"To be Disposed Of, the BRIDGE INN (new licensed), Great Bridge. Illness the cause of leaving it. Apply to Courtney and Son, High Street, West Bromwich."

London Gazette 19/7/1870

"In Chancery - Haines v Haines.

To be Sold by Auction, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in the above cause with the approbation of the Master of the Rolls, in one lot, by Mr. Edward Cox, the person appointed by the said Judge, at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, in the county of Stafford, on Tuesday, the 9th day of August, 1870, at six o'clock in the evening.

All that freehold public house fronting to New-road, Great Bridge, in the county of Stafford, adjoining the South Staffordshire Railway, known as the BRIDGE INN, with the brewery, malt room, outbuildings, and

appurtenances, together with a double fronted grocer's shop adjoining, and five cottages at the rear, in the occupation of Frederick Dyson and John Packwood, and others, producing an annual rental of £66 4s. The site contains a frontage to the main turnpike road of eighteen yards, and in the whole 540 square yards or thereabouts."

BRIDGE

74, Park Lane West, (74, Park Lane), TIPTON

OWNERS

Alice Bloomer

Thomas Henry Scriven

Eli Scriven (acquired on 18th May 1932)

Bernard Harvey Yardley, 170, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham

John Seedhouse and Sons Ltd. (leased from 30th June 1936)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 3rd January 1951)

LICENSEES

Frederick Dyson [] – **1871**);

John Rhodes (**1871** – []

Mrs. Emma Ebery [1871] – [1872]

James Phillips [1881] – [1884]

Alice Bloomer [1891]

Mrs. Alice Scriven [1896] – [1900]

Thomas Scriven [1905] ?

Mrs. Alice Bloomer [1901] – [1912]

Thomas Henry Scriven [1919] – **1931**);

Annie Elizabeth Scriven (**1931** – **1932**);

Eli Scriven (**1932** – **1936**);

George McCall Kennedy (**1936** – **1939**);

Mrs. Annie Harvey (**1939** – [1958]

NOTES

It was known locally as "Annie Harvey's".

It had a beer and cider license.

Staffordshire Advertiser 89/6/1860

"An inquest was held before Mr. Hinchliffe, on Tuesday evening, at the BRIDGE INN, Park Lane, Tipton, on the body of a child one year and eight months old, named Thomas Batson, who was severely scalded about the back and neck on Wednesday, the 30th ult, by a pot of hot coffee falling off the fire upon him, which caused his death on Sunday afternoon. The mother was engaged in frying bacon over the fire at the time. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Journal 30/11/1861 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, At The BRIDGE INN, Park Lane, Tipton, of Household Furniture, Public House Fixtures & Other Effects, upon the Premises as above, Which Will Be Sold By Auction, by J. Ovens, on Tuesday Next, the 3rd day of December, at Eleven o’clock precisely (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract) – comprising mahogany Four-post Tent, and other Bedsteads, feather and flock Beds and Bedding, mahogany Chest of Drawers, mahogany Dining, Dressing, and Tap Room Tables, cane-seated and other Chairs, eight-day Time-pieces, Casks and Brewing Utensils; with an assortment of Culinary Utensils. Further particulars of J. Ovens, Auctioneer and Valuer, 429, Bristol Road, Birmingham.”

1871 Census

74, Park Lane – BRIDGE INN

- [1] John Guest (65), widower, miner, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Emma Ebery* (34), married, daughter, publican, born Sedgley;
- [3] Frederick Ebery (13), grandson, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] John Ebery (8), grandson, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] George Henry Ebery (5), grandson, scholar, born Auckland, New Zealand;
- [6] Elizabeth Kendall (21), general servant, born Dudley:

1881 Census

Park Lane – BRIDGE INN

- [1] *James Phillips* (26), beer retailer and joiner, born Birmingham;
- [1] Sarah Ann Phillips (32), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Mary Phillips (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Bertha Phillips (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Percy V. Phillips (1), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Martha Timmins (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 13/9/1884

“*James Phillips*, landlord of the BRIDGE INN, Park Lane, Tipton, was charged by the police with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 31st ult.

A man named Lester Holt said he went into the house soon after seven o’clock in the morning, and had one pint of fourpenny. David Thomas and Wm. Allen were with him, and they had a quart. They sat in the brewhouse. They paid defendant for the beer.

William Allen said Holt came up to him and Thomas and a man named Billingham, and said, ‘I know where we can get some beer.’ They asked where, and they said the BRIDGE INN. The man Thomas said the defendant brought the beer into the brewhouse. On being further questioned, the witness admitted that upon leaving the BRIDGE they went to Scriven’s, a public-house a short distance off. Defendant denied the charge, and called a neighbour named Timmins, who said nobody entered defendant’s house on the morning named. Nobody could get to the back of the public house without passing his door in the entry.

The Clerk: Were you walking about that morning? – Witness: Yes.

The Clerk: Why were you? – Witness: Cos I cart sleep if you please. We cart allus sleep, ca’ we.

The magistrates adjourned the case for a week in order to have the man Billingham before them.”

Alice Scriven married Benjamin Bloomer in the 3rd quarter of 1885.

1891 Census

74, Park Lane West

- [1] Benjamin Bloomer (52), iron shackle smith, born Rowley Regis;
- [2] *Alice Bloomer* (50), wife, beer house, born Coseley;
- [3] *Thomas Scriven* (29), son of wife, iron roller, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Alice Scriven*, beer retailer, 74, Park Lane West. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

74, Park Lane West – Tavern – BRIDGE INN

[1] *Alice Bloomer* (60), widow, beer retailer, born Coseley;

[2] *Thomas Scriven* (39), son, beer brewer, born Tipton;

[3] *Lizzie Rose* (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Alice Bloomer*, beer retailer, 74, Park Lane West. [1904], [1912]

Tipton Herald 10/4/1909

“The sixteenth annual dinner and prize distribution in connection with Palethorpe’s Cricket Club, Tipton, was held on Tuesday evening at the headquarters of the club, BRIDGE INN, Park Lane West, Tipton. Mr. F. Latham (a former prominent member of the club, now at Stafford) was asked to preside.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The renewal of the licences of the following public houses would be opposed on the ground of redundancy.....

BRIDGE INN, Park Lane.”

1911 Census

74, Park Lane

[1] *Alice Bloomer* (70), widow, innkeeper, born Coseley;

[2] *Thomas Henry Scriven* (49), son, brewer, born Tipton;

[3] *Alice Scriven* (23), granddaughter, assisting in the business, born Tipton:

Annie Harvey was born in Fox Street, Swan Village, Sedgley, in 1901, the daughter of Isaac and Margaret Whitehouse.

Alice Bloomer died in the 1st quarter of 1915.

Annie Harvey married Harry Harvey in 1920 at St. Chad’s Church, Coseley. He died in 1935. She introduced live music and waiter service to the pub.

1939 Register

74, Park Lane West – BRIDGE INN

[1] *Annie Harvey*, date of birth, 28/03/1901, manageress, beerhouse, widowed;

[2] *Harry Harvey*, dob, 02/05/1921, brewer’s apprentice, single:

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 29/12/1956

“For anyone to be able to play eight musical instruments is in itself an achievement. But to be blind and be able to do it deserves of the highest praise.

Such a champion over adversity is Mr. Alan Beasley, of 25, Coppice Street, Tipton.

He is best known throughout the district for his playing of the piano, and instrument he learnt early in life and has played both at religious and social functions over the past 36 years.

To add to his repertoire, Mr. Beasley has taught himself the clarinet, flute, oboe, cornet, violin, harmonica and accordion.

A former British Legion pianist, he continues to play for his local lodge of the R.A.O.B. At weekends he can be seen and heard strumming out tunes at the BRIDGE INN.

In addition to his playing, he puts in a full day’s work as a basket-maker at a factory for the blind in Wolverhampton, tunes pianos and carries on his hobby of working in wood.”

Black Country Bugle 17/9/2009

Letter sent by Mrs. Pat Wright (nee Goodman), 17, Station Street, Tipton

“I have so many happy childhood memories of this charismatic lady [Annie Harvey] and the photograph taken on the steps of the BRIDGE INN the gentleman in the light suit and the ‘cady’ hat was my father, Ken Goodman (known to many as ‘Sailor’) Just before the war, I remember, as children, we spent many happy hours going to the pictures. These were shown in a loft, a room at the top of a flight of wooden stairs at the back of the BRIDGE INN, sat on a couple of wooden benches, and the pictures, were operated by Annie’s boys. Charge was one old penny each! Annie’s was very very popular, she was a no nonsense landlady, no swearing allowed, no card games, no gambling, always kept warm and friendly, fresh flowers in a tall vase could always be observed.....”

A full license was confirmed on 15th April 1954.

Closed

It was demolished in 1972.

BRIDGE

1, Howls Row, Wednesbury Oak, (Bridge End), (Gospel Oak), Brierley, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Neal, farmer, Sedgley

Walter Williams, iron master, Wednesbury Oak, Tipton

LICENSEES

George Whittle [1867] – **1874**);

Edward Lloyd (**1874 – 1875**);

Robert Myatt (**1875 – 1878**);

Thomas Jeavons (**1878 – 1887**):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

George Whittle = George Whittler

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 31/8/1867

“Yesterday the annual Bilston Licensing Meeting was held at the Public Office.....

Mr. Stephens then made an application for *George Whittle*, Bridge End, Gospel Oak, which was opposed, in person, by Mr. Caddick, keeper of the FOX INN. Refused.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 31/8/1867

“Yesterday, the annual meeting of Magistrates for the granting of victuallers licenses, in the Bilston Police Division, was held at the Police Court in that town.....

Mr. Watson, of West Bromwich, sought on behalf of Mr. *Whittle*, for a license to the GREAT BRIDGE INN,

at Wednesbury Oak. The house was situated on the bank of the canal, and he was informed that there was a great necessity for a spirit license in cases of persons falling into the canal as, although there was another licensed house on the opposite bank, persons had to go some distance before it could be reached. Mr. Cad-dick, landlord of the house referred to, opposed the application in person, upon the ground that there were two other public houses very close to the BRIDGE INN, exclusive of his Refused.”

George Whittle, beer retailer, Wednesbury Oak. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

1, Howls Row, Brierley

[1] *George Whittle* (31), retail brewer and iron roller, born Sedgley;

[2] Ann Whittle (34), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Joseph Whittle (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley;

[4] George Whittle (8), son, scholar, born Sedgley;

[5] James Whittle (3), son, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/7/1871

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, *George Whittle*, publican, Princes End, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 9th inst. The case was proved by Police-constable Walton, and defendant was fined 40s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 6/12/1871

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, *George Whittler*, beerseller, BRIDGE HOUSE INN, Princes End, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house. The case was proved by Police-constables Chapman and Wade, and defendant was fined £5 and costs.”

Dudley Herald 27/12/1873

“To be sold by auction all that freehold beerhouse and premises situate on the side of the canal at Wednesbury Oak, Princes End and known by the sign of the BRIDGE INN and in the occupation of Mr. *George Whittle* at the net annual rental of £22.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/4/1878 - Advert

“Wednesbury Oak. Princes End. BRIDGE INN.

This well-known Beerhouse to Let, situated in centre of collieries, ironworks, and close to the canal side, of great traffic.

Apply on the Premises.”

1881 Census

1, Howls Row, Brierley

[1] *Thomas Jeavons* (38), labourer and beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] Elizabeth Jeavons (32), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Thomas Henry Jeavons (10), son, born Sedgley;

[4] William Jeavons (8), son, born Sedgley;

[5] Sarah Ann Jeavons (7), daughter, born Sedgley;

[6] James Jeavons (3), son, born Sedgley;

[7] Edwin George Jeavons (2), son, born Sedgley:

The license was abandoned in 1887.

BRITANNIA

90, (67), Leabrook Road, (Wednesbury Road), Leabrook, TIPTON

OWNERS

Millward Brothers, Leabrook, Wednesbury
Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired on 26th July 1926)
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. [1928]
Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired on 9th July 1942)
Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Abraham Roper [1845] – **1859**);
Mrs. Sarah Roper (**1859** – [1871]
Abraham Roper [1872] – [1877]
Mathias Sheldon [1881]
Thomas Fox [1891] – [1892]
Edmond Lewis Hammond [1893]
Thomas Fox [] – [1896]
Edmund Louis Hammonds [1896] – **1903**)
Edward Elcock Jones []
John T Challinor [1908]
Mrs. Annie Bray [1911] – [1912]
Samuel Stackhouse [1916]
Mabel Florence (Stackhouse) Shutt [1919] – **1920**);
Joseph William Brotherton (**1920** – **1921**);
Adelaide Brotherton (**1921**);
William Thomas Randall (**1921** – **1923**);
Job Dooley (**1923** – **1924**);
Thomas Edward 'Tom' Whitehouse (**1924** – **1927**);
Leonard Smart (**1927** – **1928**);
Daniel Lee (**1928** – **1929**);
George Tromans (**1929** – **1930**);
Eliza Tromans (**1930** – **1931**);
George Stanley (**1931** – []
William Henry Billington [1932] – **1936**);
Thomas Statham (**1936** – **1942**);
Frederick Noakes (**1942** – **1947**);
Daniel Gibbons (**1947** – **1949**);
Samuel Ernest Hayward (**1949** – **1957**);
Edward Thomas Smith (**1957** – **1961**);
William Smith (**1961** – **1962**);
Eric Cole (**1962** – **1963**);
Frederick Lootes (**1963**);
William Henry Turner (**1963** – **1964**);
Albert Henry Cook (**1964** – [1966])

NOTES

Wednesbury Road [1851]

Lea Brook [1851], [1859], [1860]

Wednesbury Road South [1861]

67, Leabrook Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904]

90, Leabrook Road [1911], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1939], [1940]

It was frequented by puddlers and shinglers from Bagnall's.

It had a large room upstairs used for sparring by local boxers.

1851 Census

Wednesbury Road

- [1] *Abraham Roper* (50), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Roper* (45), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Phoebe Shaw (23), daughter-in-law, house servant, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Shaw (20), daughter-in-law, house servant, born Tipton;
- [5] Martha Shaw (17), daughter-in-law, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Shaw (14), daughter-in-law, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Elizabeth Shaw (10), daughter-in-law, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Eliza Roper (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] Matilda Roper (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] Selina Roper (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [11] Abraham Roper (2), son, born Tipton;
- [12] William Roper, (1), son, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/2/1859 - Deaths

“On the 20th ultimo, at his residence, the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, near Wednesbury, and late of Bilston, after a long and severe illness from cancer, *Abraham Roper*, aged 60 years.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/4/1859

“At the Public Office, on Saturday last, the Sessions were special for the following transfers of licenses..... BRITANNIA INN, Lee Bank, from the executors of Mr. *Abraham Roper*, deceased, to his widow, Mrs. *Sarah Roper*.”

1861 Census

Wednesbury Road South – BRITANNIA

- [1] *Sarah Roper* (50), widow, victualler, born Leabrook;
- [2] Eliza Roper (18), daughter, born Leabrook;
- [3] Matilda Roper (16), daughter, born Leabrook;
- [4] Selina Roper (14), daughter, born Leabrook;
- [5] Abraham Roper (12), son, born Leabrook;
- [6] William Roper (10), son, born Leabrook:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/2/1864

“On Tuesday morning Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mrs. *Sarah Roper*, the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, on the body of a boatman named Thomas Cornwall, who died suddenly on Saturday night last in the cabin of his boat, which was lying near Lea Bridge, in the Birmingham Canal. It appeared from the evidence of two of the sons of the deceased that on Saturday last he was drinking at the BRITANNIA INN, and that he had spent the previous day in a similar manner, being very intemperate in his habits. The deceased and his family resided at Newcastle-under-Lyme, and were all employed in a similar manner. Deceased left the public-house at a late hour, and with the assistance of his son, William Cornwall, was got into the cabin of his boat, partially undressed, and placed in the ‘side bed.’ The next morning his youngest son, David Cornwall, a lad of about twelve years, went to awake his father, and found him dead. An alarm was raised, and Mr. Horton, surgeon, sent for, but only to confirm that life was extinct. Some

further evidence was received, but it did not appear that there was the slightest cause for supposing that deceased had met his death by other than natural means, and a verdict was returned 'That deceased had been found Dead in Bed'."

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/4/1864

"A sad accident has happened on the new Tipton line of the London and North-Western Railway during the week. Mr. Richard Done, a master brickmaker, living in King Street, who is employed by Messrs Brassey and Field, the railway contractors, to execute their masonry repairs, was on Tuesday walking along the line from Ocker Hill to Wednesbury, when a passenger train approached in the rear. He was upon the right side of the line to be safe, but, in the excitement of the moment, he stepped onto the rails in the direct path of a train, and ran along for a few yards. The driver whistled and put on the brake, but it was too late, for the engine caught Mr. Done upon the head, and threw him across the rails, and the train passed over him. A labourer working on the line and Mr. Edward Nayler witnessed the accident and came up. The driver, too, stopped the train and returned to the spot. The unfortunate man was then quite dead. His head had been injured by the engine, and his feet cut off by the wheels. The police were sent for, and the body taken to Mrs. Roper's, the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, where it awaited the inquest. The inquest was held on Thursday morning by the Coroner (Mr. Hooper), and after hearing the evidence of the engine-driver, the labourer referred to, and Mr. Stinson, inspector, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/6/1864

"On Wednesday, Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest, at the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, respecting the death of James Sheldon aged one year and eight months, who died on Monday from injuries received on the 12th inst. On the afternoon of that date it appeared that the child had been left in the care of a neighbour named Budworth, as the father John Sheldon, a miner, was at work, and the mother was absent from her home for a short time, having gone to make a small purchase. The child wandered out into the road, and was run over by Mr. Hunt's gig (of the alkali works), which was passing down the road. The deceased was badly injured on the head and the right arm and body. A surgeon was sent for and Mr. Garman first saw deceased, and Mr. Thomas Underhill attended him up to his death. The jury, after consulting for about a quarter of an hour, found a verdict of Accidental Death. They considered that the occurrence had been occasioned by the vehicle of Mr. Hunt passing over the body of deceased, although not the slightest blame was attachable to that gentleman, as from the evidence, he was evidently unconscious of the accident having taken place."

Birmingham Daily Post 5/5/1865 - Advert

"For Sale, a Pony Phaeton, in good condition, at Mrs. Roper's, BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, near Wednesbury."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/11/1870

"An inquest was held yesterday, at the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, by Mr. E. Hooper, in reference to the death of Richard Phillips (7), who lived with his parents at Lea Brook. Yesterday morning deceased was picking coal on a large cinder mound, when he slipped and fell down the side of the bank. He was burned in a shocking manner by the hot cinders on his face and legs, and died a short time afterwards. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1871 Census

67, Leabrook Road

- [1] Sarah Roper (60), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Abraham Roper (22), son, forge and mill man, born Tipton;
- [3] William Roper (21), son, forge and mill man, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Roper (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/8/1877 - Advert

"Valuable Freehold Licensed Public House, and other Property, at Lea Brook, in the parish of Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. James Taylor, at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, on Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1877, at Six for Seven o'clock, subject to conditions.

Lot 1. The important Freehold, Old-Licensed Public-House, called the BRITANNIA INN, at Lea Brook, in the parish of Tipton, and in the occupation of Mr. *Abraham Roper*, at a rental of £40 per annum.

The lot contains an area of 563 square yards.....”

Wednesbury Herald 18/1/1879

“An inquest was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook, by Mr. E. Hooper, on Monday, touching the death of John McLaoughlin, 26 years of age, who disappeared from his home, 57, Lea Brook Square, on Christmas Eve. The father of the deceased stated that when he last saw his son alive, about eight o'clock on Christmas Eve, he said he was going out for a short time. He was not then under the influence of liquor, and did not seem depressed in spirits. It was a very foggy night. As his son did not return, he became anxious, and he placed the matter in the hands of the police. Search was made but no tidings of his whereabouts could be obtained. The affair rested until Sunday morning, when he was told that the body of his son had been recovered from the canal, at Bradley Locks, near Coseley. Witness immediately proceeded to the place and there identified the body, and he (witness) had no reason to suppose that there had been any foul play. Other evidence having been taken, the jury found that deceased met his death by drowning, but how and by what means he got into the water, there was no evidence to show.”

1881 Census

67, Leabrook Road

- [1] *Mathias Sheldon* (50), licenced victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Sarah Sheldon (46), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Mathias Sheldon (20), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah Sheldon (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Lizzie Sheldon (17), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Lucy Beaman (22), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Samuel Lacy (14), servant, born Wednesbury:

1891 Census

67, Lea Brook Road – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Thomas Fox* (39), publican, born Sibford Sower, Gloucestershire;
- [2] Eliza Fox (34), wife, born Hill Top;
- [3] George J. Fox (14), son, grocer's assistant, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Edwin Fox (12), son, pot boy, born Wednesbury;
- [5] William Fox (10), son, scholar, born Hill Top;
- [6] Florence M. Fox (5), daughter, scholar, born Hill Top;
- [7] Gertrude Fox (4), daughter, scholar, born Hednesford, Staffordshire;
- [8] Nelly B. Fox (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] Elizabeth Peasley (21), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

London Gazette 26/1/1892

“Receiving Orders.

Fox, Thomas, BRITANNIA INN, Leabrook, Wednesbury, Staffordshire.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/4/1893

“*Edmond Lewis Hammond*, keeper of the BRITANNIA INN, Lea Brook Road, was summoned for keeping open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 2nd inst. Mr. W. S. Smith appeared for the defence. Evidence was given by Detective Platt and Police-constable Wright in support of the charge their statement being that the house was open and found beer being served at 12.23 mid-day. The defence was that there was a mistake as to the time; and the Stipendiary agreeing that it was not a serious case, fined defendant 10s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

“The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at **Wednesbury**, yesterday..... The renewal of the license of **Edward Lewis Hammond**, of the BRITANNIA alehouse, 67, Leabrook, was **opposed** on the grounds of failure to produce good character, house of disorderly character, and **conviction for having the house open during prohibited hours**. Mr. **Sharpe** appeared for the applicant..... The license to **Edmund Louis Hammond** was granted.”

Wednesbury Herald 22/6/1895

“On Tuesday Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, Ocker Hill, relative to the death of Mary O’Brien (40), single woman, Lea Brook Square. Bridget O’Brien, sister of deceased, stated that the latter had resided with her and her brother. Deceased was a breeze burner, but during the last twelve months, owing to illness, she had not followed any occupation. She suffered severely from bronchitis, and, being unable to lie down in bed, had been accustomed to sleep in a sitting position in a room downstairs. She had also been in the habit of smoking, believing that it assisted her respiration, and usually sat near the fire. When witness retired to rest at about 11.15 on Saturday night there was only a little fire in the room occupied by deceased, and no fuel to replenish it. At about 1.30 the following morning she was aroused from her sleep and found her bedroom filled with smoke. She ran downstairs and raised an alarm. She indistinctly saw deceased lying behind the door of the room she occupied. She was badly burned and witness was informed that she was dead. Witness did not hear any cries of distress during the night.

The Coroner: Have you informed the police that you heard deceased call out?

Witness: She did not call out.

The Coroner: Well, why did you tell the police that you heard your sister call out?

Witness: I must have been excited when I said that.

The Coroner: It is unnatural to suppose that your sister was burnt to death without her making any alarm. Continuing, the witness said Dr. Dingley’s assistant was called in, and pronounced life extinct. Deceased had only share of one pint of ale on Saturday night, and was perfectly sober when witness retired. There was no protection of any kind around the fire, near to which there was only the bench on which deceased slept. There was no tobacco in the pipe her sister was in the habit of smoking. Deceased was insured.

The Coroner said he did not consider the evidence of the witness at all satisfactory, but the jury would have to take it for what it was worth.

John O’Brien stated that when he went to bed deceased was sitting on a chair in the back room. He and his brother were aroused from their sleep in consequence of smoke in their bedroom, and his brother jumped through the window. On going downstairs witness found Bridget’s child, who was slightly burned, on the floor, and his sister was arousing the neighbours. Witness would receive £4 insurance money in respect of the death of his sister.

The Coroner said it appeared to him that there had been great negligence shown by the relatives of the deceased in not providing a fireguard, knowing that she was accustomed to go to sleep near the fire.

Bridget O’Brien, recalled, said the door of the room occupied by the deceased was bolted on the night in question, and was burst open by the neighbours.

Police constable Winfield said he received information of the occurrence at about two o’clock on Sunday morning. When he arrived at the house it was partly full of smoke, and the body of deceased was lying behind the door of the front room. It was shockingly burned, and nearly all the clothing was destroyed. There was a good fire in the back room, and there was only a chair in front of it. Bridget O’Brien was perfectly sober. She told him distinctly that she heard deceased call out.

The Coroner said it was quite possible that deceased fell on the fire. Assuming that to be the case, her life might have been saved if there had been a fireguard. A jurymen also expressed the opinion that there had been negligence on the part of some member of the family in not having a fireguard or some other protection.

The Coroner: There is a certain amount of mystery about the case. An open verdict was returned.”

Edmund Louis Hammonds = Edmund Louis Hammond

1901 Census

67, Leabrook Road

- [1] *Edmund Hammond* (50), licensed victualler, born France (British subject);
- [2] *Alice Hammond* (34), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Theresa Hammond* (5), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Alice Hammond* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Alice Humphries* (12), niece, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Gertrude Riley* (19), boarder, barmaid, born Lobury, [Oldbury?], Staffordshire;
- [7] *Millie Fellows* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Edmund Louis Hammonds was married to *Mary Ann*.

He died in 1903 aged 53.

He played the cornet.

See also GREYHOUND, and ROYAL EXCHANGE, Wednesbury.

Edward Elcock Jones was married to *Elena*.

This was his first pub.

See also GEORGE AND DRAGON, Wednesbury.

1911 Census

90, Lea Brook Road

- [1] *George Thomas Bray* (42), engine driver (drill), born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Louisa Bray* (35), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Lily Bray* (21), daughter, fish business assistant, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Eveleen Bray* (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Noah Bray* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Doris Challinor* (8), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *John Challinor* (7), stepson, born Walsall;
- [8] *Gladys Challinor* (2), stepdaughter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Harriet Turner* (16), house servant, born Tipton:

Joseph William Brotherton died in 1921.

Thomas Edward Whitehouse was a boxer known as Tom.

See also PIE FACTORY.

South Staffordshire Times 5/1/1924

“Mr. A. J. Glover applied at the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday for the transfer of the license of the BRITANNIA, Lea Brook Road, from Mr. *Dooley* to *Thomas Edward Whitehouse*, formerly of Burnt Tree. The applicant admitted that about 11 months ago he applied for a license at Dudley, but it was refused because he had been connected with bookmaking. The applicant said he spoke the truth then, and was speaking it now, when he said he had had nothing to do with betting in any shape or form for over 12 months. Mr. Glover said the applicant was in the army for four years and two months; he had an excellent character from Major G. H. Green, of the Worcesters, also one from the Vicar of Tividale, one from Mr. W. H. Edwards, churchwarden of Tividale, Mr. A. Williams (chief tramway inspector), and Mr. W. H. Scriven. If he (Mr. Glover) thought the applicant was not ‘a fit and proper person’ to hold a license he would not press the matter, especially as Messrs. Millward, the owners of the house, had put a stipulating clause in the agreement that nothing in the nature of betting or gambling should be indulged in or allowed.

With the observation from Mr. Simon Webb, who with Mr. Peake, was on the Bench, ‘We are inclined to give the young fellow a chance,’ the transfer was granted.”

South Staffordshire Times 24/5/1924

“*Tom Whitehouse* the well known boxer, who is now the licensee of the BRITANNIA INN, Ocker Hill, has been matched with Jack Davies, of Wednesbury, articles having been signed to box the best of fifteen rounds at 10st 2lbs, for £25 a side, and the best purse submitted. The contest is to take place on a date fixed by the promoter securing it. Boxing at Birmingham on Monday, *Whitehouse* lost the verdict on points in a fifteen round bout with Jack Hood, of Aston.”

Plans for alterations were approved by the licensing justices in April 1927.

No alterations had been made by February 1928, and the justices threatened to withdraw the licence unless they were begun soon.

Dudley Chronicle 13/2/1930

“The general annual Licensing Sessions for Tipton were held at the Police Court on Tuesday February 4..... *Eliza Tromans* was granted the licence of the BRITANNIA, Leabrook, she having explained to the justices that her husband, the former licensee, had recently died.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/5/1931

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1901, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1931, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

List of Licensed Premises.....

BRITANNIA INN, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *George Stanley*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/8/1931

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday, Mr. T. B. Adams (chairman) presiding. Ten cases had been referred to the Authority by the Licensing Justices below, and in three of these applications were successfully made for the renewal of the licenses.....

Two licenses were referred from the Tipton division, the CROWN AND ANCHOR and the BRITANNIA. Mr. E. Brown, who appeared for Messrs. Holts Brewery Co. (owners of the BRITANNIA), said the Inn was the first licensed house in Tipton when approaching from the direction of Wednesbury. In 1928, the brewery company, at the request of the Licensing Justices, spent £600 in making improvements to the house, and he urged that they should be given an opportunity to recoup themselves.

George Stanley, the licensee, who, it was stated, had come voluntarily to give evidence in support of the Justice's report, declared that the trade of the house was not more than three-quarters of a barrel and half a bottle of spirits per week. He had been licensee of the house for 43 years and had lost money.

Mr. Brown: Do you feel sore at the position you are in today? – Yes, I do. They told me that the house would make me a living.

Mr. Brown directed attention to the fact that 54 new houses were being built on a site close to the BRITANNIA INN.

The Justices agreed to the renewal of the license of the BRITANNIA, but the application in respect of the CROWN AND ANCHOR failed.”

Midland Advertiser 7/1/1933

“The story of how a motor van crashed into the front of the BRITANNIA INN, Leabrook, damaging the wall and shaking the window frame was related to the Tipton magistrates on Tuesday, when Arthur Thomas Harrison (22), 2, Bagnall Street, Ocker Hill, Tipton, was charged with driving without due care and attention..... The magistrates found the case proved, and it was stated that at Tipton in December 1931, the defendant was fined 20s and ordered to pay £3 costs, for driving a motor vehicle without due care and attention.

The Chairman (Mr. F. H. Hipkiss) characterized the case as a very serious one. The defendant knew the district, and that particular spot was a very dangerous one. He would be fined £5, and have to pay special costs of 15s 6d.”

1939 Register

90, Leabrook Road

[1] *Thomas Statham*, date of birth, 29/05/1888, public house manager, married, rank sergeant;

[2] Amy Statham, dob, 17/04/1889, unpaid domestic duties, married;

Frederick Noakes was fined £20 and £10 10s 0d special costs, on 16th January 1945, for aiding and abetting George Henry Robinson in consuming intoxicants during other than permitted hours.

[1968]

Closed

It was demolished in the mid 1970s.

BRITANNIA

11, Owen Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

William Butler Ltd. [1929]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Aston* [1818] – [1836]

Edwin Aston* [1840]

Edward Aston* [1842] – [1851]

Isaac Aston [1854] – **1857**);

Henry W Lamb (**1857**);

Thomas Bennett (**1857 – 1859**);

Thomas Royd** (**1859 – []**)

David Jeavons [1860]

Thomas Round** [1860]

Richard Merris [1861]

Thomas Round** [] – **1862**);

James Ralph (**1862 – [1865]**)

Edward James Mallin [1868] – [1873]

John B Jeavon [1881]

Thomas Charles Price [1891] – [1892]

Herbert Rutter [1893]

Mrs. Eleanor Law [1896]

Joseph Wood Ellcock [] – **1900**);

E H Lindsay (**1900 – []**)

James Dolan [1900] manager

Frank Myatt [1904]
John Jeavons [1908]
Thomas Walton [1912]
George Priest [pre 1925]
Joseph Nicholls [1916] – 1921);
Phillip William Hazell (1921);
Charles Henry Albutt (1921 – 1924);
Thomas Pittaway (1924);
Elizabeth Pittaway (1924 – 1928);
Walter Edwin Cholmondley (1928 – 1930);
Samuel Brassington (1930 – 1935);
Chriss Troman (1935 – [1940]
George Jeavons [1958] – 1961);
Kenneth ‘Ken’ Lowndes (1961 – 1965);
Victor Alec ‘Vic’ Dale (1965 – [1966]

NOTES

Tipton Green [1873]

It was situated opposite to St. Pauls Church.

Commercial hotel [1842]

* possibly the same person

Edward Aston was also a maltster. [1818]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 31/5/1830 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling Houses At Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, at the BRITANNIA INN, in Tipton, kept by *Edward Aston*, Tomorrow (Tuesday), the 1st of June, at four o’clock in the afternoon, together or in lots, as may be agreed upon – all those nine Dwelling Houses, Outbuildings, yards, and Premises, situate at that part of a place called Tipton Green, near the turnpike road leading to Bilston and Dudley, most of which Dwelling Houses front a road leading to other parts of Tipton Green, and the others are in a yard behind the same.....”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 13/12/1830 - Notice

“The Creditors of Richard Foster the elder, of Great Bridge, Tipton, Staffordshire, are requested to meet the Assignee of his Estate and Effects on Wednesday next, at three o’clock in the afternoon, at the house of *Edward Aston*, the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, in order to determine what steps are necessary to be taken in the present state of his affairs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/10/1836 - Advert

“The BRITANNIA INN, Tipton. To be Let, with immediate possession.

The BRITANNIA INN, in Owen Street, Tipton, replete with every convenience, and possessing the most decided advantages for commanding an extensive business.

There is a capital malthouse attached to the Inn.

This important situation, which is too well known to require further comment, is open to competition in consequence of Mr. *Edward Aston*, the proprietor, having decided on retiring from trade of an innkeeper.

The Freehold of the premises may be purchased if required.

The Stock, Fixtures, &c, to be taken at a valuation.

For all particulars apply at the office of Mr. William Fellowes, solicitor, Dudley.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/8/1837

“An inquiry into the cause of a serious accident at Whitehall colliery, in the parish of West Bromwich, and which terminated in the committal of John Lester, the man who worked the Whimsy engine, took place before H. Smith, Esq, the coroner, at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, on Friday last. Richard Morris, a miner, living at Tipton, and several other men, were employed at the Whitehall colliery, which it was stated belonged to Mr. Whitmore Jones, of Wednesbury, coal-master, and on Tuesday evening, in consequence of an increase of water in the pit, Morris and a man named Fisher descended in order to clean a sump (a small pit in which the water accumulates) at the bottom of the pit shaft. While they were thus engaged, and after the water barrel had reached the bottom, the pit rope, which was a flat one and 240 yards in length, became detached from the engine-shaft, and falling down the pit struck Morris on the head and knocked out his brains, part of which flew in Fisher’s face and over his clothes. Fisher, whose fears were awakened by observing a quantity of spare rope about six or seven yards, let down the shaft, escaped by retreating into an outlet from the side shaft, and was endeavouring to assist deceased into the same place at the moment that the whole of the rope fell down the pit and passed the outlet. On an investigation into the cause of the accident, it was found that the rope was fastened to the engine-shaft by only three spike nails, driven through it into a wooden curb, instead of having what is called ‘a screw glans’ affixed to it; and Fisher declared had he known it was so fastened he would not have gone down. A workman named Mears proved that he assisted Lester, the engineer, to fasten the rope in the manner in which it had been fastened, and the evidence being given to prove that this was highly improper and dangerous method; that it was the duty of the engineer to see everything was secure and firm; and that no spare or additional band ought to have been allowed to descend after the water barrel had reached the bottom of the sump, the jury, considering that Lester had not exercised proper caution in any of these particulars, returned a verdict of Manslaughter against him, and he was committed, on the coroner’s warrant, for trial at the next assizes.”

[At the Assizes, in March 1838, John Lester, was found not guilty of Manslaughter.]

Staffordshire Gazette 28/11/1840

“On Wednesday evening last, a meeting was held at Mr. *Edwin Aston*’s, BRITANNIA INN, Tipton Green, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Tipton Operatives Conservative Association. Mr. Simeon Round, in the chair. Resolutions were passed appointing officers, and adopting the rules of the association; after which the meeting was addressed by Capt. Phillpotts, E. L. Cresswell, Esq, Mr. W. S. Naylor, and Mr. F. J. Blades. During the evening forty members subscribed to the declaration, and paid their subscriptions. The following are the officers appointed: Mr. Simeon Round, chairman; Mr. Wm. Round, vice-chairman; Mr. Josiah Cresswell, treasurer; Mr. Wm. Howells, hon. sec.; and Mr. R. Turner, assistant sec.”

Birmingham Mail 21/6/1941 - Advert

“Bar-General Wtd, safe area good wages pd.
App, BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Edward Aston was also a maltster. [1842]

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/10/1846

“Inquests. On Wednesday, at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, on the body of a male infant, which had been found in the church-yard, at Tipton. Verdict, Found Dead.”

Birmingham Journal 6/5/1848

“On Friday week the sixty-fourth anniversary of the Tipton Association for the Prosecution of Felons, was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, after partaking of an excellent dinner, the accounts of the past year were presented, when it was found that not a single depredation had been committed upon property belonging to any of the members, and consequently no expenses had been incurred. The payment of each member, when a call is made is 10s 6d, and it is now two years since the last payment was made which leaves a considerable balance in hand. The chair was most ably occupied by Richard Haines, Esq, to whom the treasurer and secretary, who has held that office gratuitously for many years, the thanks of the meeting

were cordially voted. The chair was vacated about six o'clock p.m.”

Birmingham Journal 9/3/1850 - Advert

“Tipton Anti-Truck Meeting.

At a numerously attended Meeting, held at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, on Monday, the 4th instant, for the purpose of forming an Anti-Truck Association, Mr. Edward Hipkins in the chair; the following Resolutions were unanimously passed.

1st. That an association be formed, called ‘The Tipton Anti-Truck Association,’ for the purpose of abolishing this illegal system of payment in Truck, as increasingly adopted in the locality of Tipton and its vicinity, and that a Committee of twelve persons, with power to add to their number, be appointed to carry out the purpose of this Meeting.

2nd. That a fund be raised, by means of public subscription, to be appropriated for the payment of expenses attendant on the means which shall be used for abolishing this illegal system of Truck, and which fund shall be made use of from time to time as the Committee may deem advisable.

3rd. That a deputation be formed for different districts to collect monies for this Association; to wait upon and urge the necessity of influential individuals aiding in every possible way, so as to make a combined, simultaneous, and determined resistance to this abominable, hateful, illegal system of Truck.

4th. That W. H. Duignan, Esq, of Walsall, be the Solicitor for this association.

5th. That aid and protection, by all proper and legal means, will be given to those workmen who shall give such evidence as shall lead to the conviction and punishment of Masters guilty of offences under the Truck Act.

6th. That Mr. Edward Hipkins be Treasurer for the Society, and Mr. T. E. Ward, its Secretary.
Edward Hipkins, Chairman.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1852

“An inquest was held at the BRITANNIA, Tipton, on Saturday last, the 1st of May, before Mr. George Hayes Hinchliffe, deputy coroner, on the body of Thomas Moore, aged 14. The deceased was employed in Mr. Roberts coal pit, at Tipton Green Colliery, to carry slack, and whilst in a new gateroad in the pit, on the previous Thursday, a quantity of rock fell from the roof and struck deceased on the back, and before he could be taken from under it he was dead. The place where he was killed was not so wide as gateroads usually are, and a man had sounded the place a short time previous to the rock falling, and it then appeared quite safe. The pit was proved to be properly worked and managed, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/3/1854

“Staffordshire Adjourned Sessions.

Margaret Hogan was tried for stealing three-halfpence, the property of *Isaac Aston*, landlord of the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton. From the evidence of the principal witness for the prosecution, Samuel *Aston*, the brother of the prosecutor, it appeared that the prisoner was engaged as a servant, and being suspected of stealing money from the till, he on the 5th instant marked some halfpence, which he put into the till, and shortly after missed them. He charged the prisoner with having stolen the money, but she denied the charge. He called in his daughter to search her, and while this was being done, he observed the prisoner take a purse out of her bosom, and put it into her shoe. He took it from her, and found it contained 5s 6d in silver, and some halfpence; among the latter he found three marked halfpennies which he had placed in the till a quarter of an hour previously. She was found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/11/1856

“Ancient And Honourable Society of Freemasons, Staffordshire.

The Annual Meeting of the P.G.L. of Staffordshire is appointed to be held at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, on Friday, the 21st instant, at twelve o'clock at noon.

By order of the R.W. the P.G.M. Frederick Dee, P. Grand, Secretary.
5th November, 1856.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/1/1857

“At the Police Office, on Saturday the following transfers of licenses, adjourned from the last sessions at Great Barr, were granted.....

Tipton BRITANNIA INN, from the executors of the late *W. H. Lamb* to *Thomas Bennett*.”

Birmingham Journal 24/4/1857 - Advert

“An Opportunity Rarely To Be Met With. BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton.

To be Disposed of by Private Treaty, the Licenses and valuable Possession of the above Commercial Inn and Car Office, very eligibly situated for business, and near the Railway Station, successfully carried on by the present Proprietor and his late uncle for the last fifty years, and doing up to the present time a capital trade. Satisfactory reasons can be given for leaving.

To treat, &c, apply upon the Premises; or at the Offices of Mr. S. Powell, Surveyor, &c, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 5/3/1859 - Advert

“To be Let, with immediate possession, that excellent Commercial Inn, the BRITANNIA, Owen Street, Tipton, near to the Stour Valley Line. No Stock to be taken to.

For particulars, apply on the Premises.”

** possibly the same person

Birmingham Daily Post 2/8/1860 - Advert

“To be Let, The BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, with immediate possession. Coming-in about £120.

Apply to Mr. *Jeavons*, on the Premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/10/1860 - Advert

“To be Let, in a good part of Tipton, a Grocer’s and Bread and Flour Shop, now doing a capital trade. Coming-in very low. May be entered upon immediately.

Apply to *David Jeavons*, BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

1861 Census

Owen Street – BRITANNIA

[1] *Richard Merris* (40), widower, innkeeper, born Halesowen;

[2] *Fanny Merris* (9), daughter, born Halesowen;

[3] *James Merris* (7), son, born Halesowen;

[4] *Hannah Wright* (23), servant, born West Bromwich:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/10/1861

“E. Harper, Esq, Coroner, held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, on Saturday last, on the body of James Harris, three years old, who had been drowned in the canal. On the Saturday previous the deceased had been sent out to play with some more children, and soon afterwards he was missed. Search was made for him for several days, and at length his body was found in the canal lock. The Jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned. It was stated that the mother of deceased, who has a large family, had lost two other children by a similar casualty.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/4/1862

“Association For The Prosecution Of Felons. On Friday afternoon the annual dinner connected with this association was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton to which about twenty sat down. Mr. Simeon Round occupied the chair, and Mr. George Smith the vice-chair. The business of the meeting was not very onerous, inasmuch as there have been no prosecutions for the past two years. The society has been in existence since 1784, and has rendered important services in the conduct of criminal proceedings. The Committee of Management were re-elected.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/5/1862

“1862. For This Season. Open to Trot any Travelling Stallion in Great Britain.

Champion, the property of W. Yeomans and Brothers, Pennymore Hay, near the Four Ashes, Wolverhampton, will serve Mares this season. He was bred by Mr. Charles Groom, Snape Abbey, Suffolk. At £3 3s each Mare, and 5s the Groom, the Groom’s fee to be paid at the time of serving, and the remainder at Midsummer next.

Champion as a trotter stands unrivalled in England, and for colour, temper, symmetry, constitution, and actions, is not to be surpassed. He is a splendid and well-bred horse; stands 16 hands high; colour, a rich bay; perfectly sound; he has proved himself sure, and his colts are universally popular.....

On Tuesday Champion will be at the COACH AND HORSES, Stourbridge, from nine till ten; the CASTLE INN, Dudley, from one till three; BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, at four; WHITE HORSE, High Street, Wednesbury, all night.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/2/1863

“At the West Bromwich Police Court, on Saturday, William Davis, a fitter, late secretary of the Pride of England Lodge of Foresters, held at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, was charged with embezzling about £6, belonging to the funds of the society. Mr. Travis, who conducted the prosecution, applied to have the accused remanded for a week, and the Magistrates acceded to the request.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/5/1864

“On Saturday Mr. E. Hooper, the District Coroner, held an inquest at the house of *James Ralph*, the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, on the body of Mary Cartwright, aged eighteen, an extremely fine grown young woman, whose death had occurred under the following circumstance: the deceased had been staying with her aunt, Mrs. Lloyd, the wife of a fitter, who resides at Dudley, for some weeks before her death, and had been apparently in good health up to the previous Friday, when she complained of headache. Every care was taken of her, but as she became more ill, her aunt, on Tuesday morning, conveyed her to Tipton, where she was attended by the assistant of Mr. Wm. Underhill, but she expired the same afternoon at three o’clock. Police-sergeant Swift stated that Mr. Smith, Mr. Underhill’s assistant, had declined to grant a certificate, on the grounds that he had been called into the case so short a time before death. The Coroner said that if the Jury required further evidence he would adjourn the enquiry; but he might state that, in his opinion, Mr. Smith was perfectly right, under the circumstance, in refusing the certificate. It was evident that there was no cause for suspicion in the case. The Jury said they were quite satisfied, and found a verdict of Died by the Visitation of God.”

During the collier’s strike, in October 1864, nineteen colliers, were charged with illegally assembling, with assaulting the police, and conspiracy, after a meeting held at the BRITANNIA INN, some of them were found guilty at the Staffordshire Assizes in December, 1864, and received lenient sentences.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/6/1865

“A man named Abraham Roberts was on Saturday charged, before the West Bromwich magistrates with having feloniously wounded an old man named James Dudley. On Thursday afternoon prisoner, with several companions, were drinking in the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton Green, and a quarrel arising between them, the accused drew a knife containing two blades, one a dagger blade about six inches long, and rushed out of the kitchen with the weapon open in his hand to chastise his associates. Not being able to find them he returned to the tap-room in a dreadful passion, and, swearing he would have his revenge on somebody, rushed at the man Dudley, who was employed at the inn, and was sitting quietly in a corner partaking of refreshment, and stabbed him in the face with the knife. The wound was about an inch and a half in length and about the same in depth. A compromise appears to have been effected between the parties as complainant did not appear to prosecute. The prisoner, therefore, who was apprehended by Police-sergeant Swift, was discharged.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1866

“On Friday last, an inquest was held before Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, at the BRITANNIA INN, on the body

of Thomas Hunt, nine years of age, who was found drowned on Tuesday, in the canal near the Groveland Works. It appears that there is a plank across the canal, near the works, and the boy in crossing must have accidentally slipped in. As there was no evidence to show how the deceased got into the water, a verdict of Found Drowned was returned, with a recommendation that a properly railed bridge should be placed at the spot where the accident occurred.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/6/1867 - Advert

“Sale This Day, At 6 P.M.

By Messrs. Fallows and Smith, at the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton.

Life Policy of £1,500, in the Star Life Insurance Company.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/4/1868 - Advert

“County of Stafford. Weights and Measures. District C, or South Staffordshire.

I hereby give notice that I shall attend at the undermentioned times and places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining such Weights and Measure as shall be brought to me for that purpose, and stamping such items as shall be found correct.....

BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Friday, April 24th, 1868, at Ten o'clock am.....

All Persons residing in the said District desirous of having their Weights and Measures stamped should bring them or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be most convenient; or to my residence, at Goldthorn Hill, near Wolverhampton, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Persons within any local jurisdiction, for which a separate Inspector is appointed, cannot have their Weights and Measures Examined or Stamped by the County Inspector.

J. George Horder. Inspector of Weights and Measures for the said District.

Brueton Villa, Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton. April 1, 1868.”

Dudley Herald 15/1/1870

“.....10th January conference of miners of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire held at BRITANNIA, Owen Street.....”

Edward Mallin = Edward Mallen

1871 Census

11, Owen Street – BRITANNIA INN

[1] *Edward Isaac Mallin* (32), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Annie Mallin (31), wife, born Hanfut (?), Oxfordshire;

[3] Lizza Mallin (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Sue (?) Mallin (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Mary Whackham (24), general servant, born Sedgley;

[6] James Hastings (21), man servant, born Gloucestershire:

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/3/1872 - Notice

“County of Stafford. Weights and Measures, District C, or South Staffordshire.

Notice is hereby given, that I shall attend at the undermentioned times and places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to me for that purpose, and Stamping such of them as shall be found correct.....

At the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Thursday, June 6th, 1872, at ten o'clock am.....

All persons residing in the said District desirous of having their Weights and Measures stamped should bring or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be most convenient, upon the days and at the hours mentioned.

Persons within any local jurisdiction for which a separate Inspector is appointed cannot have their Weights and Measures Examined or Stamped by the County Inspector.

J. George Horder. Inspector of Weights and Measures for District C, or South Staffordshire.

Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton, March 16th, 1872.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/9/1873

“*Edward Mallin*, of the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, was charged with unlawfully permitting drunkenness on his premises on the 15th inst. Mr. Underhill, barrister, appeared for the defendant, and took a preliminary objection to the summons as being informal. The summons contained in a statement of some previous conviction against the defendant, which he submitted was opposed to all the cardinal principals of criminal law. There ought to be no statement in the indictment of any previous conviction. He wished to have Mr. Spooner’s opinion on the point.

The Stipendiary ruled that there was no informality, on the ground that it was necessary to give the defendant knowledge of the offence with which he was charged.

Mr. Underhill remarked that at the last Staffordshire Assizes the Judge decided that it was improper for a statement of a conviction to be read to a jury in the indictment.

Mr. Spooner admitted that it was formerly the law, but the Act of Parliament had been altered. In his opinion the summons was good in its present form.

Police-constable Dutton, stationed at Tipton, stated that at half-past twelve, on the 15th inst, he went to the BRITANNIA INN and saw a man lying asleep in the malt room. Witness woke him, and perceived that he was drunk. The landlord then came up and witness asked him why he allowed a drunken man on his premises. Mr. *Mallin* replied that he saw the man go into the yard, and had ordered him out. The man, however, stated that the landlord had brought him there. In reply to witness he added that his name was Phillips, and that he came from Leamington. The witness was cross-examined by counsel, and admitted that he was a teetotaler. He had not taken any steps to find out where Phillips went after he left the defendant’s premises. Superintendent Holland, of Wednesbury, stated that Mr. *Mallin* had admitted to him that the man was in the malt-room.

Mr. Underhill, in defence, pointed out that Mr. *Mallin*’s malt-room formed an outlying part of his premises. The malt-room was unlocked, and the door opened into yard, which opened into the street. The man, Phillips, who was a painter, now living at Birmingham, had come over to Tipton station, on the London and North-western Railway, to work for the company. On the morning of the 15th, he went to the BRITANNIA INN, and had some coffee and whisky for his breakfast. He then returned to his work, but shortly afterwards was obliged to leave, owing to a sudden illness. He walked through defendant’s yard into the malthouse, where he lay down and fell asleep.

Several witnesses were called in confirmation of counsel’s statement, and Mr. Spooner decided that the evidence was not sufficient to justify a conviction, and he therefore dismissed the case.”

County Express 4/11/1876

“The Wages Agitation Among Local Colliers.

On Tuesday night a meeting of colliers was held in the large club room attached to the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street. After the chairman had been elected, Mr. Gething addressed the meeting, and detailed the proceedings at Dudley on Monday. Ultimately the following resolution was adopted: ‘That this meeting regrets the decision arrived at by the Dudley meeting on Monday, but hopes that circumstances will soon change, so as to enable our employers to give us the advance asked for.’ The meeting was quiet and earnest throughout, but the speeches showed that the men were disappointed.”

Wednesbury Herald 29/11/1879

“On Tuesday evening a meeting of colliers was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton. Speeches in favour of union and general combination were made by Messrs. Griffiths and Barnes, who urged the necessity in the present prospect of a revival of trade. They had already a rise of wages, and another advance might be expected on the 1st of December; but they would be all the more likely to get satisfactory wages if the 20,000 miners in South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire were more united.....”

1881 Census

11, Owen Street – BRITANNIA INN

[1] *John B. Jeavon* (42), licensed victualler, born Lower Gornal;

[2] *Ann Jeavon* (47), wife, born Imbleton, Worcestershire;

[3] Emma Perks (27), general servant:

West Bromwich Weekly News 17/9/1881

“An inquest was held at the BRITANNIA INN, [Owen Street] Tipton, on Tuesday, before Mr. E. Hooper, touching the death of William Cooper (25), farmer, Yeaveley, near Ashborne, Derbyshire, who was killed at the level crossing at Tipton Station, on Monday. Mr. J. Whitehouse, of Tipton, appeared on behalf of the relatives of the deceased, and Mr. Stoker watched the proceedings for the London and North-Western Railway Company.

Arthur James Pegge, grocer, No.2, The Strand, Derby, identified the body.

William Walker, signalman of the level crossing said, at 12.23 on Monday, there were three trains due, as the Liverpool express was coming into the station he saw deceased run at full speed from the down platform, and proceed to cross the metals as if to go to the up platform, when the express, which was twenty-five minutes late, struck deceased under the left arm with the buffer of the engine, and carried him a distance of about 30 yards. Deceased lay near the rails, and the upper part of his head was torn off.

By the Coroner: I heard the driver of the express train sound the whistle as he approached the station.

By Mr. Whitehouse: There are about fifty trains, besides luggage trains passing through the station every day. He did not see any official of the Railway Company either on the up line or down line, although there were three trains due, and the express was coming at the rate of thirty miles per hour. The place where deceased attempted to cross was the only one provided for passengers. There was an old lady killed near the same place a few years ago, and at that time the jury recommended that something should be done to make the crossing of the line more safe.

William Jeffries, watch and clock dealer, Tipton, was on the down platform, saw the deceased rush out of the booking office and run to cross the line when he was struck by the engine. He shouted, but deceased did not seem to hear.

By Mr. Whitehouse: The porters were on the same platform as witness, but he could not tell how many there were.

By Mr. Stoker: When deceased ran out of the office he did not look to see if there was any train coming.

George Duffield, the master at Tipton station, said his attention was called by the ring of a bell from the signal box, when he saw the deceased.

By the Coroner: There is no one appointed to see that persons do not cross the line when trains are due. There was one porter on duty, he was in the booking office with witness. There was no porter connected with the station on the down platform.

By Mr. Whitehouse: If passengers used due caution in the crossing of the metals, it would be quite safe.

John Edward Dunn, grocer, Tipton, was on the up platform, when deceased was killed, he did not see anyone in the uniform of the Railway Company on the platform at the time.

John Howard Ketley, mineral merchant, said he was on the down platform when he saw the deceased run hurriedly out of the booking office and pass witness to cross the line, when he was struck by the engine. Deceased did not look either up or down the line to see if any trains were coming. He did not see any of the officials on the platform,

By a Juryman: If a porter had been stationed between the door of the booking office and the slope, he might with physical force have stopped the deceased.

The Coroner in summing up said the evidence seemed to him to have been given in a very clear manner. It appeared to him that deceased was guilty of a very rash act in trying to cross the line when a train was approaching the station.

The jury, after a short consultation, returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and added that there had been great neglect on the part of the Railway Company in not either placing a man to warn passengers of the danger of crossing the line when trains are due, or in not providing some means for passengers to cross the line without running the risk of being killed by express trains.”

Evening Express 18/11/1881

“On Wednesday night a meeting of miners was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, when it was unanimously agreed to form a union among the local miners.

It was also resolved that the minimum wages for thick coal miners should be 3s 6d per day, and 2s 9d per

day for thin coal miners; and that wages should advance 4d in the shilling instead of 3d in the shilling.”

Evening Star 4/2/1882

“On Thursday night a meeting of colliers was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, to consider the new scheme of insurance. Mr. W. J. Hayward presided. Mr. William Pickard, who has had great experience of the working of the insurance scheme in the North, delivered an address on its advantages, and the meeting unanimously agreed to join, and help to make the movement a success.”

Wednesbury Herald 21/10/1882

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on the body of Harriet Hannah Griffiths (10), of Horseshoe Row.

The child was playing on a pit bank, and received a blow on the head from a stone thrown by a boy named Whitehouse. She went home, and some time afterwards her head was swollen and her eyes blackened. She lingered nearly twenty weeks and then died. Several times the girl said the boy did not throw at her intentionally. The services of Drs. Underhill and Brown were called in.

After a long discussion the jury returned a verdict of Homicide by Misadventure, and the Coroner cautioned the boy, telling him that had he been over fourteen years of age he should have directed the jury to find a verdict of Manslaughter.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1883 - Advert

“BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton; long-established and noted inn; capitably situated, near market place and railway station, and large works. Every convenience, including brewery. Free Gardeners’ Lodge and miners meetings held here. Rent £60. Part may be sublet. Books &c may be inspected. In-coming about £300. Powell and Brown, Auctioneers, Tipton.”

1891 Census

11, Owen Street – BRITANNIA INN

[1] *Thomas C. Price* (55), licensed victualler, born Rowington, Warwickshire;

[2] *Annie Price* (45), wife, born Birmingham:

Birmingham Daily Post 20/9/1893

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Neville (Stipendiary), *Harriet Rutter*, wife of *Herbert Rutter*, of the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton Green, was summoned for being drunk on her husband’s licensed premises. The evidence of two police officers was to the effect that they found the defendant behind the counter drunk, and the place was bestrewn with broken jugs and glasses. The husband asked them to take her into custody, and he said he could do nothing with her. They did not take her into custody, but reported the matter, and a summons was issued. A fine of 10s and costs was imposed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1894 - Advert

“Barmaid Pianist Required; Good wages to suitable person.
Apply, BRITANNIA SPIRIT VAULTS, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/6/1894

“Yesterday, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, respecting the death of the twin infant children (male and female) of David Haynes, a watchman, residing in Churchyard Row, Tipton.

Mrs. Parkins, grandmother of the deceased children, said she visited her daughter’s house on Sunday evening, and found her ill. As she became worse, a doctor was sent for, but both the children had been born alive about half an hour prior to the arrival of an assistant to Dr. Price (Tipton). She asked him to look at the babies, who were wrapped in flannel, but he said he must see the mother first. About twenty minutes or half an hour afterwards the assistant looked at the children, and they were then both dead. On Monday night witness and a neighbour went to the doctor’s house for a certificate of burial, and the assistant made out a note, but Dr. Price said it would not do, and promised to send one the next day, which he did. The Coroner

read the note in question, which certified that Mrs. Hayes had been attended by Dr. Price's assistant, and that the children had died through being prematurely born. The Coroner said the note was not legal, and he was glad that the registrar had refused to give a certificate, otherwise he would have had the bodies exhumed. A case had come under his observation where a doctor had given a certificate thirty-six hours before a child's death, and there was no doubt that if graveyards could speak they could tell many a tale about the irregular practices on the part of doctors. The frequent representations made on the subject of death certificates had, however, made registrars very careful. In this case Dr. Price could not have given a certificate, because he was not present before death, and the assistant was unable to do so because he was unqualified. He did not believe that Dr. Price would intentionally do anything to mislead, and he had no doubt that the children were prematurely born. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Premature Birth.

Subsequently at the same place, Mr. Hooper held an enquiry relative to the death of John Read (38), clay-miner, Horseley Heath, who was suddenly taken ill on Wednesday night and died shortly afterwards. It transpired that deceased had been ill for thirty weeks, and received medical attendance at Dr. Underhill's surgery. He was taken ill in the street, and after being removed to his home was seen by an assistant to Dr. Underhill, who informed one of the witnesses that he was not at all surprised at his dying suddenly. In reply to the Coroner, Police-constable Smith said the police did not apply to Dr. Underhill for a certificate, and that the assistant was not asked for one, he being unqualified. The Coroner said that if deceased had been attended by a qualified medical man an inquest would have been necessary. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned."

Birmingham Daily Post 6/2/1900

"Yesterday, at the Police Court, Patrick Paton, Coppice Street, was charged on remand with unlawfully wounding Thomas Jones, New Cross Street, labourer. It was stated that on the 24th ult, the men were in the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, where a discussion took place respecting the war, complainant informing the prisoner that he was a reservist, and was going to fight with his regiment (Worcestershire) on the 26th for service in South Africa. Prisoner impugned his courage and nationality, struck him in the mouth with a pint cup, cutting his lip, shortly afterwards knocked him down in the street, and kicked him in the left eye. The sight was completely destroyed, and then he was removed at the Wolverhampton Eye Hospital.

James Dolan, manager of the public-house, stated that complainant said to prisoner, 'You Irish would like to see the English shot down like dogs.'

On behalf of the prisoner Mr. C. Round said that complainant fell whilst in the public-house, and his eye came into contact with a piece of broken pottery.

Prisoner was committed to the Sessions."

It was offered for auction in July 1900.

1911 Census

Owen Street – BRITANNIA

- [1] *George V. Turton* (34), licensed victualler, born Willingsworth;
- [2] *Sarah Turton* (34), wife, married 9 years, born Wood Green;
- [3] *Leslie G. Turton* (8), son, born Ocker Hill;
- [4] *Solomon Turton* (6), son, born Gospel Oak;
- [5] *Kenneth L. B. Turton* (3), son, born Lawley Street, Birmingham;
- [6] *Polly Stokes* (17), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

Charles Henry Allbut died in 1924.

Thomas Pittaway was married to *Elizabeth*.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

"The funeral took place on Monday of a Tipton licensee, who for the last 23 years had been a well-known train driver in the districts of Stourbridge, Netherton and Dudley. This was Mr. *Thomas Pittaway*, who had only reached the age of 41. Six months ago he obtained the license of the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street,

and he soon made many friends. He died on Thursday last week, from enteric fever, after an illness scarcely a week's duration. He was a native of Netherton, and was buried in the church graveyard there, the Rev. G. Lythgoe officiating. He leaves a widow and two sons. The mourners were his wife and sons, and the bearers were old friends, Messrs. Mansell, Baker, Haden, and Wilkinson. There were many beautiful wreaths and other tokens of sympathy."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 8/11/1924

"At the Police Court on Tuesday.....

A temporary transfer on the BRITANNIA, Owen Street, was granted to Mrs. *Dora Pittaway*, from her husband, *Thomas Pittaway* (deceased)."

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

"Hospital Helping. A Year's Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, 5d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/9/1929 - Advert

"By Order of Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Limited and Messrs. Peter Walker & Co. Limited.

In The Black Country Industrial Area, and Embracing Properties in Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

Important Sale In Separate Lots, of 45 Freehold Licensed Houses, some with adjoining properties, and including 36 Fully-licensed Houses, 8 On-Beer Houses and 1 Off-License, situate in.....

Tipton and District.....

BRITANNIA, Owen Street.....

Boswell & Tomlins, FAI, in conjunction with William Fowler, Bewlay & Co., will submit the above for Sale by Public Auction, in 45 Lots (subject to Conditions of Sale), at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Monday, October 14, 1929, commencing at 3.30 pm promptly.

Printed particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors, Messrs. Redfern and Co., 25, Colmore Row, Birmingham; or from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, FIA, 88 and 89, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton (Tel. No.1116 (two lines), Telegrams 'Auctions'), and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and Co., 59, Temple Row, Birmingham (Tel. Midland 6120)."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/10/1929

"An important sale of freehold licensed premises in the Black Country was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday, when Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, Wolverhampton, and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and and Co., Birmingham, offered 45 lots, the vendors of which were Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Ltd, and Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.

Of the 45 lots which were situate at West Bromwich, Tipton, Dudley, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, and Stourbridge, 32 were sold at the sale, and these realised over £80,000....."

[The prices realised by 15 pubs were listed but did not include the BRITANNIA, Owen Street, so it is not known whether it was sold.]

Birmingham Gazette 6/7/1936

“More than 100 guests were entertained at the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Saturday, when the coming of age of Miss Ellen Alexandra Payton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Payton, of 39, Locarno Road, Tipton.

During the celebrations Miss Payton’s engagement was announced to Mr. Thomas Austin, of 60, Maple Road, Dudley.”

1939 Register

11, Owen Street – BRITANNIA

[1] *Chriss Troman*, date of birth, 21/12/1908, licensee, married;

[2] Mabel (Eleanor) Troman, dob, 16/03/1908, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] Doreen Troman, dob, 07/07/1929, at school, single;

[6] George Parry, dob, 26/07/1909, bricklayer and oven builder, married:

Birmingham Daily Post 6/12/1957

“The Duke of Bedford congratulating Mr. James Sherwood, captain of the BRITANNIA INN, Tipton, dominoes team after presenting him with the Blackout Trophy at Tipton last night.

Left to Right: the Duke of Bedford; the Mayor of Tipton (Ald. W. Hiron); the Mayoress; Mr. Sherwood, and Mr. James Sherwood, and Mr. James Monhan, local secretary of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

The Duke of Bedford presented cups and shields at a works canteen last night to members of teams from public houses who had won darts or dominoes competitions organised in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.....”

Tipton Herald 4/6/1960

“Twelve-years-old Jean Jeavons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *George Jeavons*, of the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, is a precocious little girl with a heart as big as herself.

She loves animals and on her way back to the Park Lane County Secondary Modern School for Girls on Tuesday morning she was horrified to find a very large cat about to make a meal of a very small sparrow. Hurrying crowds of people went out of their way to ignore the scene of the impending slaughter and ‘passed by on the other side’ of the road but Jean stopped and waited. As he did so, the cat dropped the tasty morsel from its saliva-drooling jaws and Jean snatched the victim to safety. Carefully carrying the young bird, which had miraculously escaped injury, to school she gave it into the safe-keeping of her teacher who made it comfortable in a cardboard box until Jean had a chance to release it. And, realising that Jean had shown great presence of mind and kindness, the teacher praised her action in front of the class.

Jean’s only comment afterwards was, ‘I did feel a fool because I only did what everyone else should have done.’”

Tipton Herald 18/6/1960

“Pretty Jean Jeavons, aged 12, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *George Jeavons*, of the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, has a way with animals, and, as you can see from the picture, ‘Socks’, a six weeks old kitten, and ‘Tess’, a 14-months-old Alsatian puppy, are getting on well together.”

Tipton Herald 19/11/1960

“An 80-years-old Tiptonian will be celebrating her birthday tonight (Saturday) with a family reunion in the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street. She is Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Onions, who lives at 39, Newhall Street, Princes End.....”

George Jeavons – see also CAPE.

Kenneth Lowndes was married to Flo.

Victor Dale was married to Thelma.

He was an ex-painter and decorator.
See also STAR, Bloomfield.

[1978]

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BRITANNIA

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“An inquest was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Dudley Port, on Saturday, before Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, touching the deaths of Samuel Beddow, a lad of sixteen years of age, and Benjamin Cornfield, a labourer 57 years of age. The circumstances under which the deceased met with their deaths are as follows. On Friday morning they were engaged in pulling down some old brickwork at the Horseley Colliery, under the direction of Mr. John Stanford, foreman of the labourers. Shortly after eleven he visited them, and set them to other work, expressly warning them to do no more at that place. The two deceased were then left to themselves, and it is supposed they must have returned to the place where they were first working, for at about half-past three in the afternoon a lad named James Thomas went into the works, and finding no one there, went searching about. Near the furnace he saw that a quantity of bricks had fallen, and from the midst of these Samuel Beddows was protruding. He obtained assistance as quickly as possible from some neighbouring workmen, who removed the bricks, but the two unfortunate men were quite dead. The Jury unani- mously returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

BRITISH OAK

16, Chapel Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Bate [1861]

Richard H Bate [1881] – [1882]

William Pearce [1888]

Isaac Allen [1891]

John Flavell [1893]

Samuel Hale [1896]
William Pearce [1901]
Elijah Edwards [] – 1901);
John Green (1901 – []

NOTES

1861 Census

Chapel Street – BRITISH OAK INN

- [1] *Richard Bate* (61), miner, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Bate* (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Thomas Bate* (24), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Emily Bate* (19), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Richard Bate* (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary R. Bate* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Catherine Bate* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Hannah Snape* (64), visitor, born Tipton;
- [9] *Sarah Beaumont* (18), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 15/4/1869 - Advert

“A Large Greyhound Dog (light brown), white breast and feet, followed a party from Dudley on Sunday night, April 11, and may be had by paying expenses, on application at the BRITISH OAK, Chapel Street, Tipton.”

Richard Bate = Richard Bates

1881 Census

16, Chapel Street – BRITISH OAK INN

- [1] *Richard H. Bate* (28), carpenter, born Coseley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Bate* (25), wife, born Pendlebury, Lancashire;
- [3] *Richard Bate* (7), son, born Ashton under Lyne;
- [4] *Tubal Bate* (3), son, born Pendlebury, Lancashire;
- [5] *Ann Cordwell* (31), wife's sister, born Pendlebury, Lancashire;
- [6] *Mary Bate* (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Lichfield Mercury 10/10/1882

“*Richard Bates*, landlord of the BRITISH OAK, Tipton, who did not appear, was summoned for unlawfully assaulting *John Ingram*, labourer, Shenstone Woodend, on October 26th. Complainant in his evidence said that about 10pm he was in bed, when defendant came upstairs, and because he would not get up began to abuse him. Defendant knocked him about very much. The only reason he could give for defendant's conduct was that he would not get up to drink with him. A fine of £2 and costs 16s 6d was imposed, and the Bench allowed complainant 5s.”

William Pearce, beer retailer, 16, Chapel Street. [1888]

1891 Census

16, Chapel Street – BRITISH OAK

- [1] *Isaac Allen* (35), boiler maker, born Ocker Hill;
- [2] *Eleanor Allen* (32), wife, born Fallings Heath;
- [3] *Arthur Allen* (8), son, scholar, born Coseley;
- [4] *Laura Allen* (7), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;
- [5] *Alice Elsie Allen* (5), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;

[6] Martha Beach (19), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

Birmingham Daily Post 23/8/1893

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, *John Flavell*, the BRITISH OAK, Tipton Green, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his premises, and for selling liquor to drunken persons. Mr. Foster, Wolverhampton, defended. The evidence was to the effect that two women named Betsy Brookes and Eliza Brookes were drunk in the house, and so violent that the police had to be fetched. *Flavell* was fined 20s and cost, and the women 4s each and costs, or seven days’ imprisonment.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

“The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at Wednesbury, yesterday..... Superintendent Salt objected to the renewal to *John Flavell*, of the license of the BRITISH OAK beerhouse, Chapel Street, Tipton, on the ground of failure to provide good character, and house of a disorderly character. Mr. Foster appeared for the applicant..... The license to *John Flavell* was granted.”

Samuel Hale, beer retailer, 16, Chapel Street. [1896]

1901 Census

16, Chapel Street

- [1] *William Pearce* (42), groom, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Pearce* (41), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Rebecca Pearce* (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Pheobe Pearce* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Elijah Edwards* (34), boarder, own means, employer, born Tipton;
- [6] *William Jinks* (25), boarder, labourer at iron works, born Tipton;
- [7] *Hannah Willetts* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/10/1901

“Notices of appeal were lodged at Wednesbury yesterday, against the refusal of the licensing justices at Tipton to renew the licenses of the BRITISH OAK, Chapel Street, and the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Princes End.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/10/1901

“The general Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County begin at Stafford on Tuesday..... There is already a heavy list of appeals, and the following having been entered for hearing..... The Wordsley Brewery Company (Limited) v. Justices of the Wednesbury Division against the refusal to renew the license of the BRITISH OAK, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/10/1901

“*Elijah Edwards*, haulier, also came up for his public examination. He formerly kept the BRITISH OAK, Chapel Street, Tipton, and his deficiency amounted to £115 17s 2d on total liabilities of £145 12s 2d. He was allowed to pass.”

Wednesbury Leader 30/11/1901

“At the adjourned Quarter Sessions held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday, Lord Hatherton presiding. Mr. R. E. C. Kettle and Mr. Vachell were for the appellants and Mr. W. J. Disturnal (instructed by Mr. J. G. Thursfield) was for the respondents. This was an appeal against the refusal of the justices to renew the license of the BRITISH OAK beerhouse, Tipton. In opening, Mr. Disturnal said the house was dirty and dilapidated, and was the resort of disorderly characters, and convicted thieves. The late manager, a man named *Edwards*, was convicted for keeping a disorderly house, and he then went to live in the cottage next door, and the license was transferred to *John Green*,

the present appellant, who was a relative of his. An inspection of the house revealed the fact that there was a window in the back of the inn communicating with *Edwards's* cottage, which appeared to have been used for passing something through.

Mr. Kettle addressed the Court for the appellants, contending that the house had been better conducted lately. He denied that the house was the resort of reputed thieves, and disorderly characters, and thought that it had not been proved, pointing out that it had been only shown that these people were seen there sometimes, but the landlord could not refuse to serve them, and it was not shown that he harboured them there.

The appellant, *John Green*, said that he paid £110 to the late tenant in order to get it. This he did on the strength of the Tipton Justices granting him the transfer, when no question was asked either as to the condition of the house, or as to the applicant. No complaint had been made as to appellant's conduct of the house. In cross examination, appellant said that he paid the money to *Pearce*, the late tenant, but afterwards he admitted that the payment was really paid to *Edwards*, who lived next door. Part of this payment was reckoned as payment of a debt owing by *Edwards* to appellant. He could not explain how he came to pay *Edwards* and not *Pearce*. He did not know that the Official Receiver in *Edwards's* bankruptcy had investigated this alleged payment and reported to the Court that it required further investigation. Appellant swore that *Edwards* was not the manager of the business at the UNICORN in his (appellant's) absence. Appellant could not say whether or not *Edwards* managed the business in *Pearce's* time.

The Court dismissed the appeal with costs."

BRITISH OAK

Burnt Tree, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Emers [1881]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Dudley Herald 2/5/1868 - Advert

"To be sold by auction all that newly and substantially erected retail public house and premises known by the sign of the BRITISH OAK INN, confronting the Birmingham and Dudley Turnpike road, near Burnt Tree....."

Dudley Herald 20/12/1879 - Advert

"To Be Let, the BRITISH OAK, Burnt Tree; a capital out-door licensed house. Apply, 22, Burnt Tree."

Dudley and District News 24/12/1881

"Mary Beardmore, Burnt Tree, was charged with being on the licensed premises of *James Emers* there, during prohibited hours on the 3rd inst.

PC Steward saw defendant come out of the BRITISH OAK with a jug of ale at 20 minute past eleven.

Defendant said she came out of the beerhouse before eleven, and was talking to a woman outside when the constable came up.

She was discharged on paying costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

“Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The following houses would be reported for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....

Many of the off beerhouses were not required, and the renewal of the license of the FACTORY STORES, Horseley Heath, and the BRITISH OAK, Burnt Tree, would be deferred until the Adjourned Sessions.”

BROWN LION

32, Brown Lion Street, Bloomfield, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Summers, Tipton

Florence Sirrell

LICENSEES

Edward Whitehouse [1864] – **1870**);

Mrs. Mary Whitehouse (**1870** – [1881]

William Summers [1891] – [1912]

Florence Sirrell [1919] – **1938**):

NOTES

Lion Street [1864]

It had a beer and cider license.

It had a shooting club.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/12/1864 - Advert

“A Bull and Mastiff young Bitch to be sold cheap, eight months old. A suitable one for a Yard, watchman, or Gamekeeper.

Apply, Mr. *E Whitehouse*, BROWN LION, Bloomfield, Tipton.”

Edward Whitehouse, beer retailer, Lion Street, Bloomfield. [1865]

Edward Whitehouse, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1868]

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/1870 - Died

“On the 4th inst, aged 58 years, *Edward Whitehouse*, of the BROWN LION INN, Bloomfield, Tipton; much respected.”

1871 Census

32, Brown Lion Street

[1] *Mary Whitehouse* (49), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Emma Whitehouse* (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] Elizabeth Whitehouse (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

32, Brown Lion Street

[1] *Mary Whitehouse* (60), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Emma Whitehouse (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] James Whitehouse (59), brother, roll turner in iron works, born Tipton:

1891 Census

32, Brown Lion Street – BROWN LION INN

[1] *William Summers* (43), coal merchant and innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Hannah Summers (43), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Edward Summers (29), son, striker in iron works, born Sedgley;

[4] Samuel Whitehouse (19), stepson, millman, iron works, born Tipton;

[5] Phoebe Whitehouse (20), stepdaughter, born Tipton;

[6] Betsy Whitehouse (15), stepdaughter, born Tipton;

[7] Sarah Summers (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] *Florrie Summers* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[9] Mary Summers (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[10] Willie Summers (3), son, born Tipton;

[11] William Roberts (56), lodger, coal miner, born Tipton:

[It appears that William Summers was only 14 when his son Edward was born.]

William Summers was described as a beer retailer and coal dealer, 32, Brown Lion Street. [1896], [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

32, Brown Lion Street

[1] *William Summers* (53), brewer and publican, born Tipton;

[2] Hannah Summers (54), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Edward Summers (32), son, maltster, born Tipton;

[4] *Florence Summers* (20), daughter, teacher (elementary school), born Tipton;

[5] Mary Summers (18), daughter, teacher (elementary school), born Tipton;

[6] William J. Summers (15), son, born Tipton;

[7] Phoebe Whitehouse (33), stepdaughter, born Tipton;

[8] William Roberts (65), lodger, widower, coal miner (hewer), born Lowesmore, Worcestershire;

[9] Noah Roberts (23), nephew, coal miner (driver), born Sedgley:

1911 Census

32, Brown Lion Street – BROWN LION INN

[1] *William Summers* (63), widower, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Florence Sirrell* (30), daughter, married 7 years, born Tipton;

[3] William Summers (23), son, brewer, born Tipton;

[4] William Sirrell (39), son-in-law, elementary school teacher certificated, born Tipton;

[5] William Leslie Sirrell (6), grandson, born Tipton;

[6] Mary Sirrell (4), granddaughter, born Tipton;

[7] William Roberts (74), boarder, widower, colliery labourer above ground, born Worcester;

[8] Eliza Love (17), servant, born Tipton:

William Summers, beer retailer, 32, Brown Lion Street. [1912]

Florence Sirrell was the daughter of *William Summers*.
She married William Sirrell.

It was the headquarters of Bloomfield FC.
They changed in an outbuilding at the rear. [1927]

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/7/1938

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee was held at the County Buildings, Stafford, on Wednesday, when the renewal of the licenses of eight houses, which had been referred by the local justices, was considered.....

The renewal of the license of the BROWN LION, Princes End, Tipton, stated to be the only free house remaining in the district was refused.

Inspector Haynes expressed the view that the license was redundant. The population of Tipton was decreasing, and there were three other houses within a short distance.”

The license renewal was refused.

It closed on 31st December 1938.

Demolished

The site became a car park.

BROWN LION

22+23, (23), Coneygre Road / Tudor Street, (Randles Lane), Dudley Port, (Puppy Green), (Coney Green),
TIPTON

OWNERS

Ann Morris

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired on 26th October 1931)

LICENSEES

John Tudor [1861]

Charles Pearson [1862] – [1866]

John Tudor [1867] – [1872]

Henry Morris [1880] – [1882]

William Tudor [1887]

Henry Morris [1891]

William Tudor [1896]

Sidney Young [1900] – [1912]

Ann Morris [1919] – **1931**;

Henry Morris **(1931)**;

David Baker **(1931 – 1936)**;

Edwin Herbert Barker **(1936 – 1937)**;

NOTES

Puppy's Green [1853]

Randles Lane [1861]

Conygree Lane [1866]

23, Coneygre Road [1871], [1881]

22+23, Coneygre Road [1891]

Tudor Street

OLD BROWN LION [1867]

It had a beer and cider license.

It was a home brew house.

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/9/1853

“On the night of Saturday week, two men, named Joseph Evans and Charles Jackson, quarrelled, in a state of drunkenness, at the BROWN LION beerhouse, Puppy’s Green, near Tipton, and on getting into the street were about to commence fighting, when Evans turned his back towards Jackson, upon which the latter pushed him and he fell heavily upon the ground. Evans was taken up insensible, and after lingering until the Thursday following expired from the effects of the injuries he sustained. Jackson was apprehended on a charge of manslaughter; but at the inquest held on the body of deceased on Saturday last, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq., coroner, the jury, not deeming the evidence sufficient to show how the injuries were produced, the prisoner was formally remanded for his further appearance before the magistrates.”

1861 Census

Randles Lane – Public House – BROWN LION

[1] *John Tudor* (37), miner, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Tudor* (36), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Phoebe Tudor* (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *William Tudor* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *John Henry Tudor* (3), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Thomas Tudor* (1), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Phoebe Hayes* (18), servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/6/1862

“At the West Bromwich Petty Sessions of Saturday, before T. Jesson, T. Bodington, and T. G. Round, Esqs, James Burns, hawker, and Henry Gordon, labourer, were charged with uttering bad half-sovereigns. The first witness, Esther Wylde, the wife of a beer-house keeper at Tipton, deposed that on Monday night last the two men came into the house at about half-past ten o’clock, and asked for a pint of ale, and Gordon gave her a half-sovereign in payment. She returned him 9s 9d as change. She put the half-sovereign in the till, and shortly after Gordon left the house. Burns then said he did not care if his ‘mate’ was gone, as he had plenty of money, and tendered another half-sovereign for more drink. She discovered that it was a bad one, and after it had been examined and proved to be counterfeit the prisoner suddenly snatched it out of the hand of a young man who was looking at it, put it in his mouth and swallowed it, before the police, who had been meanwhile sent for, could prevent it. The witness then fetched out of the till the first half sovereign which the prisoners had given to her, and that was found to be base also. There were two other charges against Burns of a similar character, he having passed a bad half sovereign at the TALBOT INN, Dudley Port, on Saturday, the 24th, and another on Friday, the 23rd at Mr. *Pearson’s*, BROWN LION, Tipton, the coins being all of the same date and evidently from the same mould. The prisoners were remanded until next Saturday, in order that the authorities at the Mint might be communicated with.”

[At the Staffordshire Summer Sessions, in July 1862, James Burns, 36, no occupation, was convicted on a charge of uttering a counterfeit half-sovereign, as this was his second like offence he was sentenced to six years’ penal servitude.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1866

“The annual sessions for the granting of spirit licenses was held on Wednesday, when the Magistrates on the Bench were T. Jesson, W. Atkins, R. Bagnall, H. Williams, T. Marshall, and W. Lewis, Esqs. The following

were the applications for the West Bromwich district Tipton.....
Charles Pearson, BROWN LION INN, Conygree Road, no opposition refused.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/2/1867

“T. Tudor of Dudley Port will run T. Worton of Tipton, Young Hodson of Wednesbury, Young Sheldon of West Bromwich, or Young Jones 100 yards for £5 a side. Money ready at Mr. *John Tudor*’s, OLD BROWN LION, Coney Green Road, Dudley Port.”

John Tudor, beer retailer, Coneygre. [1868]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/4/1868

“H. Smith of Dudley Port will run W. Price of Oldbury or J. Lee of Great Bridge 120 yards, for £5 or £10 a side; or W. Cooper of Dudley 100 yards, for from £10 or £25 a side. Money ready at *H. Tudor*’s, BROWN LION, Dudley Port, who will take two yards in 100 of Sam Hodkiss of Can Lane.”

Dudley Herald 3/4/1869

“*John Tudor*, landlord, BROWN LION, Tudor Street, Dudley Port fined 40s and costs for selling alcohol during prohibited hours.”

John Tudor, beer retailer, Coneygre Road. [1870]

Dudley Herald 25/6/1870

“*John Tudor*, BROWN LION, Puppy Green, Tipton beerhouse fined £3 and costs for selling during prohibited hours - Sunday.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

John Tudor, BROWN LION, Tipton, applied personally for the renewal of his beer certificate. No opposition. Granted.”

1871 Census

23, Coneygre Road – BROWN LION

- [1] *John Tudor* (47), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Hannah Tudor (46), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] William Tudor (17), son, coal miner, born Tipton;
- [4] John H. Tudor (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Thomas Tudor (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Rebekah Pots (18), general servant, born Darlaston:

John Tudor, beer retailer, Coneygre. [1872]

Dudley and District News 11/12/1880

“*Henry Morris*, landlord of the BROWN LION INN, Dudley Port, was charged that on the 7th day of November, he opened his house at half-past twelve, contrary to the statute, Mr. Sheldon defended.

PC Goodsall said that on the Sunday morning in question he was on duty in the Coneygree Road, Dudley Port, from half-past six in the morning till twelve at noon. During that time he saw from twelve to thirteen men enter the house and leave again. He saw the landlady take something in a jug to a private house next door, and he also saw the landlady leave again at half-past ten with a pint of ale, and take it to the same house. He went in and asked the landlady why she had taken in the ale, and she replied that it was a club drink due to the man from the night before.

Mr. Sheldon, for the defence, denied that anyone had entered the house that morning, or that any ale was taken to the house next door.

Hannah *Morris*, wife of the defendant, said the only ale served for the person next door was served on the

Saturday night, the yard was a yard belonging to about ten more houses, and the inhabitants had to fetch their water from the brewhouse.

Samuel Austins, watchman, the neighbour in question, corroborated.

Inspector Harrison said he had had numerous complaints of the house.

The Bench considered that they must take the constable's evidence, and fined defendant 40s and 12s costs. There was a great deal of this secret Sunday drinking going on."

1881 Census

23, Coneygre Road – BROWN LION

[1] *Henry Morris* (52), brewer, born Tipton;

[2] Hannah Morris (48), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Edward Morris (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] William Tudor (42), brother-in-law, coal miner, born Tipton;

[5] Thomas Yard (19), nephew, coal miner, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 25/6/1881

"At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, *Henry Morris*, landlord of the BROWN LION INN, was charged with keeping open during prohibited hours on the 5th instant.

Police-constable Godsall saw a woman, named Maria Cherrington go to the door of the public house and receive a bottle from the landlady. Witness spoke to the landlady, who said that the woman was her daughter, and that she had given her the bottle of porter for her supper.

Mr. Stokes, who defended, admitted that all that the other had stated was perfectly true. *Morris* chose to give her daughter a bottle of porter at two o'clock in the morning, and the law said that she had a perfect right to do so.

Inspector Harrison mentioned that the defendant was fined about six months ago for keeping open on the Sunday.

The Bench imposed a fine of £5 and costs, or one month's imprisonment."

Henry Morris issued tokens from here.

Dudley and District News 2/12/1882

"At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, *Henry Morris*, landlord of the BROWN LION, Congre, Dudley Port, Tipton, was charged at the instance of the Chief of Police, with having on the 28th and 30th October, allowed gambling in his house; also with having, on the latter day, permitted violent and riotous conduct in his house. Mr. Jackson (Jackson and Sharpe) appeared to prosecute; and Mr. Haden Corser (instructed by Mr. Sheldon) appeared for the defence.

Mr. Jackson, in opening the case, said on the evening of the 28th November PC Hayward and another officer in plain clothes went into the taproom of the defendant's house, where there were some twelve persons.

There was a general conversation going on among them as to pigeon flying, and bets were freely made on a match. Two bets of 2s 6d each were made, and the money handed to a man named Smith to hold. There was a third bet for two cigars, and the whole of those three bets were made in the presence of the defendant's son and daughter. The language used on that occasion was very bad. On the 30th Hayward again visited the house, and saw men tossing with coins – three tosses for 6d – which was continued from seven o'clock till ten minutes to eight. The landlady was in and out of the room whilst the tossing was going on, but she did not take the slightest notice, and several of the bets were made in the presence of the landlord and his son.

At eight o'clock Hayward went out to the back of the premises, and looking through the kitchen window he saw a number of persons playing cards, and the landlord and his wife were looking on at the players. The disorderly conduct consisted of the bad language which was used on both occasions. The police authorities in prosecuting, considered that this was a case of systematic gambling, and could not be overlooked.

The opening statement was corroborated by several witnesses.

Eleven witnesses were called for the defence. All positively swore that on the evening in question there was no gambling or card-playing, and the language used was of a similar character to the generally used in the district.

The learned Stipendiary said he did not believe the witnesses for the defence, and sentenced defendant, who had been twice fined for offences against his license, to pay a fine of £10 and costs, the license to be endorsed. Notice of appeal was given.”

Wednesbury Herald 27/1/1883

“On Thursday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the BROWN LION INN, Dudley Port, respecting the death of John Tudor (50), who committed suicide on Monday.

The deceased had for some time been depressed, and during the absence of his wife on Monday, he committed suicide by hanging himself.

A verdict of Committed Suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity was returned.”

Dudley Mercury 2/4/1887

“*William Tudor*, landlord of the BROWN LION INN, Coneygre, Dudley Port, was summoned for selling drink during prohibited hours.

PC Myatt said that on Sunday morning, the 13th ult, at quarter to eleven o'clock, he saw the landlady hand a bottle filled with ale to a man named Tyler. Some coppers in Tyler's hand were given to the landlady.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. Whitehouse, who appeared for the defendant: the landlady told witness that she had given Tyler the beer.

Mr. Whitehouse submitted that Tyler was a poor miserable man who lived on the charity of the district, and on the date in question was given the ale and some food.

The Bench fined the defendant 20s and costs, the license not to be endorsed.”

1891 Census

22+23, Coneygre Road – BROWN LION

[1] *Henry Morris* (61), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Morris* (58), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Edward Morris* (21), son, born Tipton;

[4] *William Tudor* (53), lodger, coal miner, born Tipton;

[5] *Edward Cherrington* (14), grandson, born Tipton:

William Tudor = William Tuder

William Tudor, beer retailer, 23, Coneygre Road. [1896]

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Sidney Young, BROWN LION, Coneygree, Tipton.”

1901 Census

Coneygree Road

[1] *Sydney Young* (57), brewer, born Oving, Buckinghamshire;

[2] *Ann Young* (57), wife, born Pitchcott, Buckinghamshire;

[3] *Samuel Young* (22), son, general labourer, born Tipton;

[4] *Sydney Young* (19), son, horse driver, born Tipton;

[5] *Louisa Young* (17), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] *Richard Young* (12), son, born Tipton:

The license renewal was objected to in February 1903, on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervi-

sion and it was insanitary.

Sidney Young, beer retailer, 23, Coneygre Road. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

Coneygre Road – BROWN LION INN

[1] *Sidney Young* (66), beerhouse keeper, born Oving, Buckinghamshire;

[2] Ann Young (63), wife, married 46 years, born Pitchcott, Buckinghamshire;

[3] Richard Young (23), son, brewer, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“That her daughter was still suffering serious nerve trouble as the result of the air-raid at Tipton in January, 1916, and that it was consequently necessary for her to live close to her mother, were reasons advanced at the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, in support of an application for an ejection order, which was made before Mr. J. Richards and Mrs. Hartland.

The application was made by Mrs. *Annie Morris*, landlady of the BROWN LION INN, Coneygree, for whom Mr. Clark (instructed by Messrs, Powell and Brown, the agents) appeared. The defendant was Edward Cherrington, of 20, Coneygree Road, and he was represented by Mr. A. J. Glover, Wednesbury. A great deal of feeling was introduced during the hearing of the case, between Mrs. *Morris* and Mrs. Cherrington, and this, said Mr. Clark, due to the fact that for some time considerable unpleasantness had existed between the families.

Mr. Clark said Mrs. *Morris* was the owner of the house near her public house, and she wanted the house occupied by the Cherringtons for her daughter, Mrs. Sidaway, who now resided in one of the terraces on the Park Estate, and whose health was such that her mother's attention was constantly necessary. This daughter, he said, has received such a terrible shock when the air-raid visited Tipton that she had never been well since. The law did not require that alternative accommodation should be provided, although it did provide that there should be reasonable ground for ejection. He submitted that the case of an invalid daughter was a reasonable ground, especially as all friendly efforts had failed to get the tenant out. That, he thought, showed the spirit which existed between the parties.

Mrs. *Morris* said she owned five houses in the row, of which four were occupied by her sons, grandson, grand-daughter, and one by the Cherringtons. When she purchased them she intended them for her children. Her daughter, Mrs. Sidaway, had one child. Ever since the air-raid, she had been so nervous that she was in the habit of dropping things, and ‘no end of money’ had been spent in treating her. Five shillings a week had also been paid to a girl to look after her. Witness found the money for this girl. It was because of the expense and the difficulty of getting across the park to her daughter's house that she made the application.

In answer to Mr. Glover, who urged the Court not to consider the application reasonable, Mrs. *Morris* admitted that seventeen months ago she got another tenant out of one of the houses, had it repainted and decorated, in order that her daughter, Mrs. Sidaway, could come. She admitted that the Cherringtons had lived in the house twenty one years, and that it was a great convenience to be near the Coneygree Works, where Mr. Cherrington was a furnaceman, and had to be at work at six o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Cherrington had eight children, and also one she had adopted. She also admitted that in the public house there were three bedrooms, one of which was never occupied. She denied that that would be reasonable accommodation for her daughter, because her son-in-law ‘had never tasted beer and would not come and live at a public house.’ In the course of her evidence, Mrs. Cherrington said she had nine children. Their ages ranged from six to twenty one. In the house were two very large bedrooms, and each of them contained two full-sized beds and, in addition there were two places downstairs. She had tried for years to get another house. In 1922, she applied to the Clerk of the Council, and was then told she was the 390th on the list. Since then she had made every possible endeavor to get a house. Since her family had ceased dealing with Mrs. *Morris*, and since she would not spend her money there, there had not been a minute's peace. Because of this she was most anxious to get out and, she added: ‘I'd sit up all night to-night if I could shift tomorrow.’

In giving the decision of the Court, Mr. Richards said the magistrates had taken all the facts into consideration, and although they admitted there was bound to be a hardship on the tenant, they really did think that if there were eleven people living in a small house like that, the tenant really ought to try, if possible, to get

another house. Taking all things into consideration, they must make the order. Mr. Cherrington must find another house within three months, and the magistrates hoped the promise which it was stated had been made some time ago by the agent to give them the first house at their disposal, would be carried out. Mr. Jeffreys said he would associate himself with that promise, and carry it out if possible at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Richards: If the agent will find you a house in less than three months, will you promise to go into it?

Mrs. Cherrington: I'll promise to go into it tomorrow, or to-day, if he will find me one.

Later, the magistrates were engaged in hearing a charge of assault preferred against Mrs. *Morris's* daughter, by Mrs. Cherrington's daughter, and *Morris* was bound over in £5 for six months, and ordered to pay 8s 6d costs."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/2/1936

"Superintendent Hall objected to the renewal of the licenses of the VINE INN, Horseley Heath, and the BROWN LION, Coneygre, and they were not renewed."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/3/1937

"At the adjourned licensing sessions yesterday, Tipton magistrates referred for compensation the licenses of the GRAPES, Owen Street; the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath; and the BROWN LION INN, Coneygre Road.

They renewed the licenses of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, and the VINE INN, Horseley Heath."

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/8/1937 - Notice

"The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 20th day of July, 1937, and at their Adjourned Principal Meeting, held on the 30th day of July, 1937, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their Claims before the 20th day of September, 1937, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

BROWN LION, Coneygree, Tipton. Beerhouse, Ante 1869. Licensee, *Edwin Herbert Barker*. Registered Owner, W. Butler & Co. Ltd, Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton."

It closed on 1st November 1937.

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1938

"The Epiphany Quarter Sessions for the County were held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

The report of the County Licensing Committee for 1937 stated that the number of licenses referred from three divisions and two boroughs was 15, and it was decided to proceed on all cases.....

The supplemental meeting was held on October 30, when the Committee went in great detail into the figures submitted, and upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. Compensation was as follows.....

BROWN LION, Tipton, beerhouse, £3,150."

It was demolished.

BROWN LION

55, Lower Church Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Pearson [1868] – [1872]

Matilda Perry [1881] – [1891]

John Williams [1893] – [1896]

Thomas Edwards [1901]

John Cartwright [1911]

Charles Stuart Price [1914]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Dudley Herald 29/8/1868

“*Charles Pearson*, publican, BROWN LION, Tipton fined 6d and costs for serving during prohibited hours (Sunday).”

Charles Pearson, landlord of the LION beerhouse, Upper [?] Church Lane, Tipton was ordered to pay costs for serving during prohibited hours in October 1870.

1871 Census

55, Lower Church Lane

[1] *Charles Pearson* (42), labourer, born Woodside, Dudley;

[2] Rhoda Pearson (41), wife, born Pensnett;

[3] Ellen Pearson (17), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Ann Pearson (8), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Benjamin Pearson (5), son, born Tipton;

[6] William Pearson (1), son, born Tipton:

Charles Pearson, beer retailer, Church Lane. [1872]

1881 Census

55, Lower Church Lane

[1] Zerah Perry (31), engineer, born Tipton;

[2] *Matilda Perry* (29), wife, born Wallbrook;

[3] Alfred Perry (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Matilda Perry* (4), daughter, born Tipton:

West Bromwich Weekly News 13/8/1881

“*Zera Perry* (32), landlord of the BROWN LION, Lower Church Lane, was brought up in custody, charged with being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and cart.

PC Beardmore proved the offence and defendant was fined 10s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/10/1883

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Mr. C. Holcroft and Mr. W. L. Underhill – *Zera Perry*, BROWN LION, Lower Church lane, was charged with keeping open during prohibited hours, and further with selling a quart of ale during prohibited hours. Mr. Hooper (Messrs. Stokes and Hooper) defended.

PC Chisholm said he saw the house open after eleven at night. At the time there were several persons in

front of the house, and the door was open. A man named Shelley came out with a jug, and witness found some beer in it. A question arose as to the time, and witness stated that it was twenty minutes past eleven. There was a slight difference between his watch and the public-house one.

Mr. Hooper for the defence, called *Perry*, who said he had a club dinner at his house on the night in question. No drink whatever was supplied to Shelly that night. At eleven witness cleared the room, and Shelly, according to the custom of the club, took up the surplus ale to take home.

Joshua Whiteacre, an officer of Inland Revenue, said he had been to the supper, and heard Chisholm say it was twenty minutes past eleven. Witness had then been out of the house some seven minutes.

Two other witnesses were called, and one of them, George Shelley, swore that the beer he was found with was the collection from the jugs and glasses after the club dinner.

The Bench thought there was a doubt in the case, and they gave the defendant the benefit of it. At the same time they thought it a very proper case to bring before the Court.”

1891 Census

55, Lower Church Lane – BROWN LION

[1] Zerah Perry (40), engineer at colliery, born Tipton;

[2] *Matilda Perry* (38), wife, publican, born Coseley;

[3] Alfred Perry (16), son, engine driver at colliery, born Tipton;

[4] Matilda Perry (13), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Minnie Perry (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Fanny Perry (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] Prudence Perry (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] Nelly Perry (1), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

“The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at [Wednesbury](#), yesterday.....

The objection against *John Williams*, the BROWN LION, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, was that his house was of a disorderly character. Mr. Sharpe, who appeared for the applicant, said the former tenant had left, and a lease had been granted to Mr. *Williams*.....

[The license to John Williams was granted.”](#)

Worcestershire Chronicle 12/9/1896

“At Tipton, on Monday, Sarah Jane William and Frederick Ward were charged with stealing £400 belonging to *John William*, landlord of the BROWN LION INN, Tipton, the husband of the female defendant. The pair, it is alleged, eloped together, taking the money with them. They sailed to America, where they were arrested, and were brought back to this country in the custody of Inspector Hicklin. Defendants were remanded on bail.”

1901 Census

55, Church Lane – BROWN LION TAVERN

[1] *Thomas Edwards* (51), bricklayer’s labourer at Electric Works, born Tipton;

[2] Emma Edwards (50), wife, born Tipton;

[3] John Cartwright (24), wife’s son, coal boat loader at colliery, born Tipton;

[4] Thomas Edwards (24), husband’s son, bricklayer’s labourer at Electric Works, born Tipton;

[5] Hannah Edwards (21), daughter, dressmaker, born Tipton;

[6] Emma Cartwright (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] Maria Edwards (17), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] Eliza Edwards (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[9] Joseph Edwards (14), son, chaff cutter at colliery, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 3/1/1903

“The tenth Annual Dinner in connection with the Sick and Dividend Society was held at the BROWN LION INN, Church Lane, on Wednesday evening, to which about 40 persons sat down. The catering was of a most

commendable character, and thoroughly sustained the traditions of the house. Mr. A. H. Perry was elected to the chair, and Mr. J. Williams to the vice chair.....”

The license renewal was refused on the grounds of lack of accommodation on 27th February 1903.

Tipton Herald 25/9/1909

“The 20th annual Sunday service of the Friendly Societies of Dudley Port, Great Bridge, Toll End, and Swan Village, took place on Sunday last, and was in aid of the Guest Hospital, the Dudley Dispensary, West Bromwich and Birmingham Eye Hospitals, and Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital.

As usual there were two processions. The first one (headed by Hill Top Prize Band, and marshalled by Mr. J. Williams), started from the TURKS HEAD INN, Great Bridge Street, at 12.45pm, and paraded the main road to Market Place, thence up New Road, Toll End Road, Bridge Road, Aston Street, to Toll End Road, Horseley Road to Dudley Port Post Office, to meet the other band. The second procession (headed by Tipton St. Martin’s Prize Band), was headed by Mr. W. Holyhead. It started from the BROWN LION, Church Lane, parading Churchyard Road, Station Street, Howard Street, Keeling Street, Park Lane East, Horseley Heath, Hallfields, Sheepwash Lane, to COPHALL HOTEL, Whitehall Road, thence main road to Dudley Port Post Office, there to form final procession to the Church. At the Post Office the procession was joined by the Tipton Fire Brigade, under Captain W. J. Cox. Mr. Norton Griffiths, the prospective Unionist candidate for Wednesbury and Tipton, intended being present, but was unavoidably prevented at the last minute from attending. Among those giving the parade their patronage were Lord Lewisham, Mr. Clarendon Hyde, MP, Rev. G. R. Wynn-Griffith, Rev. W. T. de Vine, Councillors G. S. Peake, T. Mansell, JP, and J. R. Baker, Dr. Hazel, MP, Mr. Norton Griffiths (Unionist candidate, Tipton), &c.

At the service at the church a very able address to working men was given by the esteemed Vicar (Rev. G. R. Wynn-Griffith).

The donations for this year were not yet all collected. For last year they amounted to £16 15s. In boxes £8 15s 9d was totaled, the church collection was £2 7s 9d; programmes realised £2 13s 11d, and the small balance of 2s 4½d from 1907 made the gross total £30 14s 9½d. The disbursements to institutions included £7 17s to Dudley Dispensary, £5 6s to West Bromwich Hospital, £4 4s Dudley Guest Hospital, £2 2s Birmingham Eye Hospital, £1 1s to Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital. Since the year 1890, when the parade started, the sum of £447 has been paid to various charitable institutions. Mr. C. Vaughan and Mr. S. W. Nicholls are the chairman and vice chairman respectively of the parade. Mr. J. Holt is the treasurer, and Mr. J. T. Davies, of Slater Street, Great Bridge, and Mr. J. Perry are the hon. secretaries.”

1911 Census

55, Lower Church Lane – BROWN LION INN

- [1] *John Cartwright* (32), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Emily J. Cartwright (24), wife, married 1 year, born Dudley;
- [3] Walter William Cartwright (2), son, born Tipton;
- [4] John H. Cartwright (2 months), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

Mr. W. W. Doughty (presiding magistrate) congratulated the parish upon the decrease in drunkenness. With regard to the condition of the licensed houses, the magistrates had found that in a few cases greater cleanliness was desirable, and this would be insisted upon. There were still too many licenses, and at the adjourned sessions the justices would consider the reported unsuitability of the GROVELAND BROOK TAVERN and the alleged redundancy of the BROWN LION, Church Lane; the VIOLIN, Bloomfield; the PLOUGH, Dudley Port; the BULLS HEAD, Dudley Port.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/6/1914 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at 11.15 o’clock am, on

Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1914.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).

List of Licensed Premises.....

BROWN LION, Lower Church Lane, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Charles Stuart Price.*”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/7/1914

“The Staffordshire Compensation Authority had under consideration at Stafford yesterday twenty-five licenses referred to them for consideration by the justices in the various petty sessional divisions. In fifteen cases there was no opposition to the non-renewal of the licenses.....

Two cases, those of the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton; and the BROWN LION, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, were adjourned. In these cases an interesting point of procedure arose. The brewer had refused to supply figures as to the trade done in the houses to the justices below; and they were also not supplied to the committee, and the cases were adjourned until the figures were supplied.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1915

“Report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1914.....

The committee of the Compensation Authority went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants.....

BROWN LION, Tipton, beerhouse, ante-1869 were referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1916

“The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year was presented as follows.....

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in three of the four cases referred to them last year as follows.....

BROWN LION, Tipton (beerhouse ante 1869), £390.”

BUILDERS ARMS

87, Park Lane West, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw [1864] – [1872]

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Mrs. *Elizabeth Shaw*, beer retailer Park Lane. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Post 23/11/1864

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. I. Spooner, Stipendiary, *Elizabeth Shaw*, landlady of the BUILDERS ARMS beerhouse, Park Lane, Tipton Green, was fined 20s and costs, for having kept her house open for the sale of ale during prohibited hours, on the morning of Sunday, the 13th inst. The case was proved by Police-constable Whale, who deposed to having found two men drinking in the house at half-past nine o’clock on the morning of the day named.”

Mrs. *Elizabeth Shaw*, beer retailer, Park Lane West. [1868], [1872]

Elizabeth Shaw was fined 5s and costs for serving during illegal hours, in June 1869.

1871 Census

87, Park Lane – BUILDERS ARMS

[1] *Elizabeth Shaw* (60), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Annie Dodd (21), daughter, dress maker, born Tipton;

[3] William Felton (42), boarder, brewer, born Tipton:

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Horseley Heath, TIPTON

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Birmingham Daily Post 6/5/1863

“On Monday evening last, an accident of a very distressing character occurred to a miner named Connor, employed at the Gospel Oak Colliery, belonging to Messrs. Grazebrook and Aston. The deceased, it appears, was about to ascend the shaft in company with other workmen, when the ‘skip’ started before he had stepped into it, and struck him with such violence that his arm was completely severed from his body, and the head nearly so. The lifeless remains of the deceased, who leaves a widow and five children, were at once removed to the BULLS HEAD INN, Horseley Heath, where an inquest will be held in due course.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/2/1877

“The School Board Election. Mr. Griffiths, the working man’s candidate, writes: ‘The monthly meeting of the West Bromwich District of the National Union of Miners, was held yesterday, at the BULL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton. There was an attendance of delegates representing between two and three thousand miners, when it was unanimously agreed to use every effort, both by forming committees and appointing canvassers and agents, to secure the triumphal return of Thomas Griffiths, miners’ agent on the day of election, as a member of the West Bromwich School Board. It was also considered that the Liberal Association had ignored their claims and the claims of labour generally, as they had not fulfilled the pledges by giving him a seat on the Board which they had promised three years ago.’”

Evening Express 30/12/1881

“A meeting of miners’ delegates was held at the BULL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on Thursday, when a

resolution was passed strongly urging the men at the collieries to be ready to support the Permanent Relief Fund on the 1st February, and recommending them to consider who should be elected general secretary. The wages question was also discussed, but the proceedings in reference to this matter were private.”

BULLS HEAD

2, High Street, (2, Princes End Road), (Dudley Road), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Messrs. John Bagnall and Thomas Bayley [1828]
W. Butler and Co. Ltd. [1914]

LICENSEES

John Chandler [1823]
John Holland []
Thomas Hodgins [1825]
Joseph Holland [1827] – [1828]
William Holland [] – **1828**);
John Skidmore (**1828** – []
Thomas Skidmore [1833] – [1835]
William Horton [1841] – [1845]
Mrs. Charlotte Horton [1849] – **1850**)
Charles Millington [1851] – [1865]
Mrs. Matilda Millington [1865] – [1867]
William Millington [] – **1868**);
Robert Millward (**1868** – []
Mrs. Matilda Millington [1868] – [1870]
Willerd [1869]
Abraham Beresford [1871] – [1872]
Daniel Garbett [1873] – [1881]
James Clarke [1891] – [1892]
Joseph Danks [1895]
Silas John Summers [1901] manager
Joseph Danks [1904]
J Harvey [1908]
William Henry Thomas [1911] – [1914]

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2, Princes End Road [1871], [1881], [1891]
2, High Street [1901], [1904], [1908], [1911]

A wooden boat society was formed here in 1823.

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/10/1825

“On Tuesday last, the Sandwell Troop of Staffordshire Yeomanry held their anniversary meeting at the house

of Mr. *Hodgins*, BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton. At five o'clock upwards of fifty of the members, together with a number of the neighbouring gentlemen, sat down to a most excellent dinner, Captain Yates in the chair, Cornet Bourne, Vice-President. After the health of the King had been drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, the national anthem was sung in a most impressive manner by the vocal gentlemen present. The Duke of York and the Army, The Duke of Clarence and the Navy, His Majesty's Ministers, and a number of other patriotic toasts followed. The evening was spent in the greatest conviviality and harmony until a late hour."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/2/1827 - Advert

"To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, this present Monday, February 12, at two o'clock in the afternoon, four very superior open Boats, two of them are nearly new and the other two in the best condition. They are now out at hire, and may be seen on application to Mr. *Joseph Holland*, Princes End, and this day they will be in the Basin near Merssrs. Round and Caddick's Iron-Works, Princes End."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/8/1827 - Notice

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, being Commissioners named and appointed in or by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the twenty-third year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal and Collateral Cuts from the same to several Coal Mines Do hereby appoint a General Meeting to be holden at the house of *Joseph Holland*, called or known by the name or sign of the BULLS HEAD, at Princes End, in the parish of Tipton, in the said county of Stafford, on the seventeenth day of September now next ensuing, between the hours of nine and eleven in the forenoon, in order to ascertain and fix the line, course, and distance of one railway or road to the said Collateral Cut from the said Coal Mines as owners of such mines cannot agree, as is alleged, with the owner or owners of the said lands and grounds over which the said railways are intended to pass, concerning the recompence....."

Indenture 9/10/1828

"This Indenture made the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight Between *William Holland* of the parish of Tipton in the county of Stafford victualler of the one part and *John Skidmore* of the parish of Tipton aforesaid miner of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings of lawful money of Great Britain to the said *William Holland* in hand paid by the said *John Skidmore* at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged He the said *William Holland* Hath bargained and sold and by these presents Doth bargain and sell unto the said *John Skidmore* his executors administrators and assigns All that messuage tenement or public house commonly called or known by the name of the BULLS HEAD with the outbuildings yard land and appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being at Princes End in the parish of Tipton in the county of Stafford late in the occupation of *John Holland* deceased afterwards of *Thomas Hodgins* then of *Joseph Holland* but now of the said *William Holland* And also all those two messuages tenements or dwellinghouses with the yard land and appurtenances thereto near or adjoining to the said messuage or public house late in the respective occupations of Murriss and Craddock but now of William Garrett and Widow Murrell Except and always reserved unto *Thomas Hodgins* his heirs and assigns and his and their tenants occupiers servants agents and workmen at all times and upon all occasions the free and uninterrupted use and enjoyment of a road or way four yards wide set out and intended to be used to and from the back door belonging to the messuage tenement or dwellinghouse now in the occupation of the said *Thomas Hodgins* by the side of the said dwellinghouse through the yard belonging to the said public house and the boundary wall belonging to the said yard into the Road or Lane their called Old Church Lane Together with all houses outhouses edifices buildings barns stables mines minerals ways paths passages waters watercourses yards gardens lights easements profits commodities advantages emoluments rights members and appurtenances whatsoever to the said messuages or tenements hereditaments and premises hereinbefore described or to any of them belonging or appertaining And the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders yearly and other rents issues and profits thereof To have and to hold the said messuages tenements or dwellinghouses land hereditaments and all and singular other the premises above mentioned and intended

to be hereby bargained and sold with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said *John Skidmore* his executors administrators and assigns from the day next before the day of the date of these presents for and during and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended Yielding and paying therefore unto the said *William Holland* his heirs and assigns the rent of one pepper corn on the last day of the said term if the same shall be lawfully demanded to the intent and purpose that by virtue of these presents and by force of the statute made for transferring uses into possession he the said *John Skidmore* may be in the actual possession of the said messuages hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances and may be thereby enabled to accept and take a grant and release of the same and of the reversion and inheritance thereof to him the said *John Skidmore* and his heirs to for and upon such uses trusts ends intents and purposes as by an Indenture already prepared and intended to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these presents and to be made between the said *William Holland* of the one part and the said *John Skidmore* of the other part shall be declared or expressed of and concerning the same In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.
Signed *William Holland*

Signed sealed and delivered (being first duly stamped) by the within named *William Holland* in the presence of us

E Caddick, Atty., West Bromwich
Chas. Hunt, Atty., Wednesbury.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 14/1/1833 - Advert

“Freehold Public House and Dwelling Houses at Princes End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by J. P. Lucas, on Thursday, the 24th day of January inst. at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Princes End, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, subject to conditions then and there to be produced.

All that Freehold Inn, or Public House known by the name or sign of the BULLS HEAD, situate at Princes End aforesaid, with the Fixtures, Brewhouse, Stable, Pigsties, Yard, Garden, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, now in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Skidmore*, tenant from year to year.

The above premises are very extensive and commodious, well supplied with water, and in a populous and manufacturing district.

Also two Messuages or Dwelling Houses adjoining to the above-mentioned Public House, and let to yearly tenants.

For particulars apply to Mr. John Skidmore, Princes End, or to Mr. Caddick, Solicitor, West Bromwich.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/10/1833 - Advert

“Buildings And Lands, at Summer Hill, Tipton. To Be Sold By Auction, by Richard Corbett (By Order of the Executors named in the Will of the late Mr. Joseph Yardley, of Tipton, deceased) at Mr. *Thomas Skidmore*'s, the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, on Friday, the 11th day of October, 1833, at Five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions then to be produced....”

William Horton was also an iron hinge maker. [1845]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/8/1846

“On Friday week, an inquest was held at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of Joseph Newman, aged 13 years. Deceased worked in a pit belonging to Mr. Howle, and while at work a quantity of rock fell upon him, which killed him on the spot. The rock was considered to be perfectly safe at the time it fell, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/7/1847

“On Wednesday last, an inquest was held at the BULLS HEAD, Princes End, on the body of Samuel Bevan, an iron refiner at Messrs. Burrows and Hall's, Bloomfield. The deceased, who was about 38 years of age, was engaged on Monday last in removing a piece of iron from a waggon, and while doing so, the iron slipped, and caused one of the pigs in the waggon to strike him on the back of the head; he instantly fell down insensible, and although medical assistance was immediately at hand, expired in about three hours

afterwards. The occurrence appearing to be entirely accidental, the jury returned a verdict to that effect.”

Birmingham Journal 7/8/1847

“On the morning of Wednesday last, an accident of a dreadful nature occurred to a boy named Thomas Baker, fifteen years of age, who was then employed in a pit belonging to the Messrs. Walker, at Gospel Oak, Tipton. He was engaged in riding a horse along a ‘gate-road’ in the pit, when from some cause or other, he was crushed against the roof, and received such injuries that he died almost immediately. The inquest was held on Thursday evening at the BULLS HEAD, Princes End, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, when the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 15/9/1849 - Advert

“Tipton, Staffordshire.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. B. Smith, on Monday, the 24th day of September instant.

The whole of the valuable and splendid Silver Regalia, comprising Thirty Pieces; also N.G. and V.G. canopies, beautifully painted, and gold lettered; a splendid Dispensation, with gilt frame, enclosed in case; grained rosewood N.G, V.G., and P.G. Pedestals, equal to new, with Shelves and Folding Doors complete, Secretary’s Desk; large square Cupboard; splendid Gothic Insertion Board, in-laid with gilt mouldings, &c, &c, belonging to Lord Hill Lodge, held at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, Staffordshire. Descriptive catalogues may be seen at most of the respective Inns where the Lodge Societies are held; may be had on application to the Auctioneer, Lower Green, Tipton; or to Mrs. *Horton*, BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, where the whole of the valuable Effects can be viewed.

Sale to commence at one o’clock precisely.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/1/1850 - Deaths

“On Sunday morning, *Charlotte*, relict of the late Mr. *William Horton*, of the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton.”

1851 Census

Princes End

- [1] *Charles Millington* (22), widower, victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Millington* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mary Millington* (2 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Matilda Cartwright* (34), visitor born Tipton;
- [5] *Hannah Cartwright* (8), visitor, born Tipton;
- [6] *Matilda Millington* (16), sister, born Tipton;
- [7] *Isabel Capper* (16), servant, born Lichfield;
- [8] *Louisa Smith* (11), servant, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/6/1852

“Daniel Whitehouse of Princes End will run Enoch Townsend of Summerhill 100 yards level, or give him two yards start, for £5 or £10 a side, or run William Hunt of the same place 160 yards, for £25 a side. Money ready at the BULLS HEAD, Princes End.”

Charles Millington married *Matilda Cartwright* in the 2nd quarter of 1854.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1855

“Daniel Watkins was charged with passing base coin. It appeared that the prisoner went into a greengrocer’s shop at Princes End, and asked for 2d worth of onions and 2d worth of turnips, in payment for which he tendered to the mistress a crown piece. She examined the coin, and afterwards gave the prisoner change. The prisoner then left the shop, and directly afterwards the witness ascertained from a neighbour that the coin was a base one. She followed the prisoner, overtook him, and demanded her money, offering him the crown piece. The prisoner returned the money, and afterwards went into the BULLS HEAD, where he offered the crown piece in payment for some ale. Mr. *Millington*, the landlord, pronounced the coin to be spurious, and

the prisoner was given into the custody of police constable Hodgkins, by whom he was charged with passing it knowing it to be base. He replied that he had received it from a man, but knew it was bad. He was remanded, in order to afford time to ascertain from the Mint authorities whether they would prosecute.”

AND

“Daniel Watkins, who was on Friday remanded on a charge of passing counterfeit coin, was yesterday (Tuesday) brought before the magistrates and discharged, the Mint authorities declining to prosecute.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/7/1859

“The Outrage Near The Moat Colliery

The inquest in this case was resumed on Saturday last, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End. The coroner, Mr. G. H. Hinchliffe, stated the result of his correspondence with the Home Office, regarding the bringing up of the men charged with abusing and suspected of murdering the unfortunate female whose death was the subject of the enquiry, the result being that the Secretary of State could make no order for the appearance of the accused, and the coroner did not think himself justified in going to the expense of a writ of habeas corpus. The inquiry then proceeded. Police-sergeant Tubman having given similar evidence to that tendered by him before the magistrates, Mr. Underhill, surgeon, who made the autopsy, deposed that deceased had died from drowning. There was no indication of any injury which would have rendered her incapable of walking had she been sober.

In summing up the evidence the Coroner said he thought it was one of the most disgusting cases which had ever been presented to a jury, and their feelings in investigating it must have been very painful. In commenting upon the evidence of Bates, he remarked that no person who had one spark of feeling, or the smallest amount of sympathy, could find words to express their indignation at the disgraceful conduct exhibited by this witness and his companions Priest and Pardon, who witnessed an outrage upon the deceased without offering the slightest assistance. If they had done so the life of the unfortunate woman would have in all probability been spared. With respect to the verdict that the jury would return he pointed out, that in order to find a verdict of wilful murder, the jury must be satisfied that the deceased died from having been put into the water by some persons, and to find a definite verdict they must be satisfied who those persons were. It was for them to say whether they considered that the men therefore placed her in the canal, or whether she might not have been left in the hovel and gone to sleep, and on awakening in a strange place, stupefied by the effects of drink, walked into the canal and thereby drowned.

The jury deliberated about an hour, when they returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against Joseph Allen, Thomas Walker, Edward Acton, and Edward Fereday, four of the six youths who are now awaiting their trial on a charge of criminally assaulting the deceased. They also expressed great satisfaction at the excertions made by the police, particularly Sergeant Tubman, and the coroner said he quite concurred in these observations.”

[At the Stafford Assizes, on 25th September 1859, the charges of wilful murder were abandoned, and on the charge of the rape of an unknown female on the 2nd June 1859, Thomas Watkins, Edward Acton, and Edward Fereday were sentenced to a term of penal servitude for the rest of their natural life; Joseph Allen was sentenced to five years, and it was deemed that there was insufficient evidence for a conviction against Richard Castor and William Acton.]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/8/1860 - Advert

“Hooper For Coroner.

A Public Meeting will be held at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, on Friday Next, the 17th instant, at Eight o'clock in the Evening, when all supporters of Mr. Hooper are requested to attend.”

1861 Census

Dudley Road, Princes End – BULLS HEAD INN

[1] *Charles Millington* (33), victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Matilda Millington* (40), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *Hannah Cartwright* (19), daughter-in-law, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Sarah M. Millington* (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Eliza Rudge* (21), general servant, born West Bromwich;

[6] George Watkins (26), general servant, born Shen Heath, Gloucestershire:

Charles Millington died in the 3rd quarter of 1865.

Birmingham Daily Post 13/11/1865 - Advert

“For Sale by Private Treaty, at Mrs. *Millington*’s, the BULLS HEAD INN, a Silver Regalia, about 50 pieces, in Oak Box, with three locks. Price £15; cost £50. Also a Silk Flag, in good repair.

Apply to Mrs. *Millington*, BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton.”

[Was this the same regalia as offered in 1849?]

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/5/1867 - Marriages

“On the 23rd ultimo, at the Parish Church, Sedgley, by the Rev. W. Lewis, vicar, Elijah, son of Mr. Thomas Smith, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late *Charles Millington*, Esq, of Princes End.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/9/1867 - Marriages

“On the 2nd inst, by license, at All Saints’ Church, West Bromwich, by the Rev. Gordon, Mr. Frederick Holland to Hannah, eldest daughter of Mrs. *Millington*, the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/11/1868

“Mr. Brogden, last evening, addressed a meeting of the electors of the borough of Wednesbury, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End. If Dr. Kenealy has any strong-hold in the borough the BULLS HEAD is certainly in the centre of it, and to this fact it probably is owing that Mr. Brogden was interrupted so shamefully as he was last night. The room was crowded, a very large majority being supporters of Mr. Brogden, and for the rest they were evidently, both from their language and appearance, followers of Dr. Kenealy, and of the class commonly called ‘lambs’.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/12/1868 - Advert

“Wanted a Pianist and Two Comic Niggers for a Free and Easy Saturday and Monday nights.

Apply, stating terms, per letter, BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End.”

Dudley Herald 23/1/1869

“BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End. To be let, the above well-known, old established inn. Stock and fixtures at a valuation, good stabling, lock up coach houses.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/11/1869 - Advert

“Two Second-hand Iron Doors, with Frame, 16½ feet wide, 12 feet high, very strong.

Apply, Mr. *Willerd*, BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End.”

1871 Census

2, Princes End Road – BULLS HEAD

[1] *Abraham Beresford* (45), licensed victualler, born Belper, Derbyshire;

[2] Louisa Beresford (47), wife, born London;

[3] Louisa Beresford (21), daughter, born London:

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/3/1872 - Notice

“County of Stafford. Weights and Measures, District C, or South Staffordshire.

Notice is hereby given, that I shall attend at the undermentioned times and places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to me for that purpose, and Stamping such of them as shall be found correct.....

At the BULLS HEAD, at Princes End, on Monday June 3rd, 1872, at ten o’clock am.....

All persons residing in the said District desirous of having their Weights and Measures stamped should bring or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be most convenient, upon the days and at the hours mentioned.

Persons within any local jurisdiction for which a separate Inspector is appointed cannot have their Weights and Measures Examined or Stamped by the County Inspector.

J. George Horder. Inspector of Weights and Measures for District C, or South Staffordshire.
Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton, March 16th, 1872.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1872

“Yesterday, *Abraham Beresford*, landlord of the BULLS HEAD, Princes End, was fined by the Stipendiary £5 and costs, for having drunken men in his house on the 13th inst.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1872 - Advert

“Lost, a small Gold Brooch, on Monday, 22nd inst, between New Street and New Street Station. Anyone returning the same to the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, will be suitably rewarded.”

County Express 7/7/1877

“On Monday afternoon an inquest was held, at the BULLS HEAD, Princes End, on the body of Elizabeth Jobson, aged 64, who was reported to have died from starvation.

Phoebe Parkes said the deceased was the wife of a miner living at a distance. She had no mean of subsistence during the past month, except one shilling from her daughter at Durham and the proceeds of the pawning of her shawl and apron. On Thursday night she asked witness to give her lodging. This was granted, and some bread and cheese was given her, after which she went to sleep on the screen. During the day she had been to the house of her sister, who was not very well to do. Could not tell whether deceased had had enough to eat that day, but had sufficient at night. She had complained of pains in her legs and between her shoulders. On more than one occasion she said she would apply to the parish but witness could not tell whether she did so. She had a loaf from the church on the previous Sunday, and witness gave her a jug of broth. She had applied to Mr. Smith, surgeon, for some medicine, but as she had not a bottle he said he could not supply her. Mr. Smith was not the parish surgeon for the district in which she lived; he was for Sedgley but she had resided in that parish.

A sister of the deceased said that on Wednesday previous to her death she had a dinner of rice pudding and a good tea. She was short of food sometimes. Her sister only applied for relief on the Wednesday before her death. She lived in Sedgley but had resided in that parish.

Mr. John Smith, Coseley, parish surgeon for Sedgley, No.2 District, said he had attended the woman many times. On the 27th ult. she called him, representing that she resided in Castle Street, in his district. She had no bottle, and he gave her a powder, for she was suffering from chronic rheumatism. He was not surprised at her death, believing that the rheumatism had fled to her heart. Did not believe the woman was suffering from starvation; if he had, he should have certified for her to have entered the house.

Benjamin Whittle, a son of deceased by her first husband, said his mother called at his house on the Wednesday, and had a good dinner and tea, and a sixpence. She always had the same when she called on him. The jury returned a verdict the deceased had died from Natural Causes.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/1/1880 - Notice

“East Staffordshire Election, 1880.....

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee for securing the election of S. C. Allsopp, Esq, and Sir John Hardy, Bart.....

Daniel Garbett, BULLS HEAD, Princes End, Tipton.”

1881 Census

2, Princes End Road – BULLS HEAD

[1] *Daniel Garbett* (57), charter master and licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Garbett (56), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Annie Garbett (23), daughter, born Pelsall;

[4] Benjamin Garbett (21), son, born Tipton;

[5] Daniel Garbett (17), son, born Tipton;

[6] Louisa Garbett (14), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] Frank Garbett (11), son, born Tipton;

[8] Ann Tyler (21), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

Darlaston Weekly Times 15/12/1883 - Advert

“Wines and Spirits for Christmas.

H. Plant and Sons, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants, Market Place, Bilston, supply Wines and Spirits, well matured, to Families and the Trade at very reasonable prices.

Wholesale and Family orders may be left at any of the following Branch Establishments.....

BULLS HEAD, High Street, Princes End.....

H. P. & S. will be glad to forward to the Trade, in bond or duty paid, samples or prices.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/2/1886

“On Saturday evening a meeting of ironworkers was held at the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, Tipton, to consider the advisability of forming an association for the protection of their interests. It was unanimously resolved to form branch lodges at the various works represented, and to forthwith join the Millmen’s Association, whose headquarters are at Bilston.”

1891 Census

2, Princes End Road

[1] *James Clarke* (29), publican, manager, born Bilston;

[2] *Sarah Clarke* (25), wife, born Princes End;

[3] *William Clarke* (2), son, born Bilston;

[4] *Gertrude Clarke* (8 months), daughter, born Princes End;

[5] *Harriet Dudley* (17), domestic servant, born Sheffield:

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/12/1895

“*Joseph Danks*, of the BULLS HEAD INN, Princes End, was fined 20s and costs for adulterating whisky.”

1901 Census

2, High Street

[1] *Silas John Summers* (38), public house manager, born Sedgley;

[2] *Sarah E. Summers* (35), wife, born Warwickshire;

[3] *Edith A. Summers* (11), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] *Bert Summers* (8), son, born Sedgley;

[5] *Walter Summers* (4), son, born Sedgley;

[6] *George Summers* (1), son, born Sedgley;

[7] *Henry Summers* (76), father, retired ironworker, born West Bromwich:

1911 Census

2, High Street – BULLS HEAD INN

[1] *William Henry Thomas* (42), publican (manager), born Princes End;

[2] *Fanny Thomas* (25), wife, married 5 years, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Gladys May Thomas* (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Eliza Sleeth* (21), domestic servant, born Princes End:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

Mr. W. W. Doughty (presiding magistrate) congratulated the parish upon the decrease in drunkenness. With regard to the condition of the licensed houses, the magistrates had found that in a few cases greater cleanliness was desirable, and this would be insisted upon. There were still too many licenses, and at the adjourned sessions the justices would consider the reported unsuitability of the GROVELAND BROOK TAVERN and the alleged redundancy of the BROWN LION, Church Lane; the VIOLIN, Bloomfield; the PLOUGH, Dudley Port; the BULLS HEAD, Dudley Port.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/8/1914

“At the Principal Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Authority, held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Wednesday, 25 licenses which had been referred by justices from petty sessional divisions and boroughs came under review. Of these, no opposition to the refusal of the license was offered by the parties interested in 15 cases, eight which were opposed were refused renewal, and the remaining two were adjourned for evidence of the trade done at each house.....

The full license of the BULLS HEAD, High Street, Princes End, and the ante-1869 beerhouse license attached to the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road, Tipton, were both refused renewal.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/8/1914

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 29th day of July, 1914, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 7th day of September, 1914, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

BULLS HEAD, High Street, Princes End. Full License. Licensee, *William Henry Thomas*. Registered Owner, W. Butler and Co. Limited.”

Closed

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1915

“Report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1914.....

The committee of the Compensation Authority went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following 18 cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

BULLS HEAD, High Street, Princes End, full licence, £750.

The money has been apportioned amongst the interested parties, and will be paid on the 28th instant.”

BULLS HEAD

New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Rabone [1861] – [1862]

Joseph Smith [1868] – [1870]

Daniel Round [1872]

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1861 Census

New Road

- [1] *Thomas Rabone* (30), publican, born Alvechurch;
- [2] *Susannah Rabone* (30), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *William Rabone* (9), son, born Wombourne;
- [4] *Samuel Rabone* (6), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Maria Martin* (19), servant, born Tipton;
- [6] *Thomas Gibbs* (36), lodger, labourer, born Uppershem, Worcestershire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/11/1862

“At the West Bromwich Police Court, on Saturday, *Thomas M’Gregor*, a resident of Park Street, Birmingham, was brought up in the custody of Inspector Phair, on the following charge.

Mrs. Susannah Rabone, wife of *Thomas Rabone*, landlord of the BULLS HEAD, New Road, said that, on Wednesday night, the prisoner and another man entered the house, and the latter stood in the passage while the former came into the bar, and asked for a glass of ale. Having supplied him with the ale, he handed her a crown piece, and she gave him in change four shillings, a sixpence, and fourpence half-penny in copper. He then inquired whether she could give him a half-crown piece, in change for 2s 6d, and on her replying in the negative, he requested her to return the 5s piece, observing that he had sufficient halfpence to pay for the ale. She handed him the coin, and he gave her three halfpence and the fourpence halfpenny she had placed on the counter in the first instance, and holding the remaining 4s 6d in his hand, pretended to drop the money into the till. On glancing into the draw she at once discovered that he had only placed 2s there, retaining 2s 6d. She instantly charged him with cheating her, and he took 2s from his pocket, handed them to her, and, with his companion, immediately decamped with the remaining sixpence. She gave information to the police, and the accused was apprehended, but his confederate escaped. Mr. Inspector Phair stated that the prisoner and his companion had victimised nearly twenty persons in the town by a similar trick. The prisoner, after some hesitation, pleaded guilty, and was committed to hard labour for three months.’

Thomas Rabone – see also TIPTON TAVERN.

Joseph Smith was fined £5 and costs for serving during illegal hours in August 1869.

Joseph Smith, beer retailer, Great Bridge. [1868], [1870]
He issued tokens from here.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

Joseph Smith, New Road, Great Bridge applied personally. No opposition. Refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/5/1872

“On Friday afternoon week a small boiler situated at the rear of the premises of Mr. *Daniel Round*, the BULLS HEAD, Great Bridge, and used for the purpose of working a malt-crushing engine, exploded with great force. The engineer, who was on the spot at the time, had his thigh broken by one of the many fragments that were hurled in various directions. A brewhouse adjoining was partly blown down, and other property in the immediate vicinity was damaged by the flying brickwork and debris.”

BURNT TREE TAVERN

49, Burnt Tree, Tividale, TIPTON

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. [1912]

LICENSEES

William Stockton [1861]
Mrs. Sarah Stockton [] – **1868**)
Thomas Rabone [1871]
John Baker [1881] – [1882]
Samuel Millichamp []
William Fisher [1891] for 13 years
Richard Aston [1901]
James F Johnson [1903]
Daniel Austin Ashman (**1909** – [1911])
Harry Jones [1912]

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It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 7/1/1828 - Advert

“Freehold Messuages, Malthouse, and five smaller Tenements, at Burnt Tree.

To be Sold by Auction, by E. and C. Robins, on Wednesday the 23rd of January inst. at Mr. Williams's, the DUDLEY PORT INN, at four o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions then to be produced, either together or in lots.

All that Messuage or Dwelling House formerly occupied as the BURNT TREE TAVERN, situate at Burnt Tree Toll-gate, with spacious Malthouse, large walled Garden, Stables, and other commodious Out-buildings, now in the tenure of Mr. Brain.

Also five smaller Dwelling Houses, nearly adjoining to the above, with suitable Out-buildings thereto, in the occupations of Grey, Corbett, Baker, and others. The whole producing an annual rental of £30 and upwards. The above premises are most substantially erected, and eligibly situated near the town of Dudley, and good part of the Land may be let off or sold in lots for building purposes.

For further particulars apply to R. T. Lane Parker, Solicitor, or the Auctioneers, all of Birmingham.”

1861 Census

Burnt Tree – OLD BURNT TREE INN

- [1] *William Stockton* (43), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Stockton* (44), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Mary A. Stockton* (20), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [4] *Samuel Stockton* (18), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] *Joseph Stockton* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Emma Stockton* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Eliza Stockton* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Jane Stockton* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/6/1862

“James Pritchard, waggoner, in the employ of Mr. Gilbert of Tividale, was found dead in the canal at Rowley, on the morning of the 6th instant. He had left the BURNT TREE INN, Tipton, on the previous night

intoxicated, the landlord refusing to serve him with any liquor, and went along the canal.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/6/1862

“An inquest was held at James Stevens’s, the RED LION INN, by Edwin Hooper, Esq, on the body of James Pritchard, age forty-five, a waggoner in the employ of Mr. Gilbert, Tividale. The first witness deposed that about half-past four in the afternoon of the 6th inst, he was coming along the side of the canal when he saw something floating on the water, and with assistance he got it out, when it proved to be the body of the deceased, who was last seen alive on the night previous at the BURNT TREE INN, Tipton, about eleven o’clock, where he called for some ale, the landlord refusing to serve him, as he was intoxicated. The deceased then turned down by the canal side as his nearest way home, and there being a bend in the canal he must have walked in. The body was searched by the police, who found a tobacco box and 3d in coppers upon him. The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned.”

Dudley Herald 12/9/1868

“To be sold by auction [21/9] the whole of the excellent brewing plant, public house fixtures etc, consisting of well seasoned ale casks, mash tubs, coolers, hogshead and half hogshead casks, three store pigs, three excellent milking cows, cow shedding, gearing, harness and numerous other effects belonging to *Mrs. Stockton* who is declining the business.”

1871 Census

49, Burnt Tree

- [1] *Thomas Rabone* (62), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Martha Rabone* (63), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza Rabone* (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Richard Masefield* (62), brother, hawker, born Brierley, Shropshire:

1881 Census

49, Burnt Tree

- [1] *John Baker* (42), labourer, born Netherton;
- [2] *Phoebe Baker* (42), wife, born Kates Hill;
- [3] *John R. Baker* (20), son, labourer, born Kates Hill;
- [4] *Annie Baker* (18), daughter, born Kates Hill;
- [5] *Edward Baker* (11), son, scholar, born Carnforth, Lancashire;
- [6] *Joseph Baker* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Clara Baker* (3), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

London Gazette 15/5/1881

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *John Baker*, of BURNT TREE TAVERN, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Beerhouse Keeper and Furnace Keeper.

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 office of Messrs. Stokes and Co., 1, Priory-street, Dudley, in the county of Worcester, on the 26th day of May, 1881, at four o’clock in the afternoon precisely.

Dated this 11th day of May, 1881.

Stokes and Co., 1, Priory-street, Dudley, Solicitors for the said Debtor.

Dudley and District News 23/7/1881

“Timothy Perry, puddler, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Burnt Tree, at eleven o’clock on the 2nd of July, pleaded not guilty, alleging that he had been wrongfully arrested and assaulted by PC Gaunt.

PC Gaunt said that hearing a noise in the BURNT TREE TAVERN, he went in, and found Perry drunk, and asked him to go out quietly, which he refused to do, also refusing to give his name. He took him into custo-

dy.

Thomas Phillips said he saw the policeman and Perry struggling together, with a crowd around them shouting, 'give it the b——.' He heard Perry call the policeman an Irish b——.

Samuel Morris said he saw Perry in the BURNT TREE TAVERN. He was not drunk then. He asked the policeman to drink with him, but he refused.

PC Beardsmore said he saw Perry drunk early in the evening, along with a militiaman.

Joseph Webb said he saw Perry come out of the public house quite sober. The policeman followed him, struck him on the head with a pair of handcuffs, knocked him down, and handcuffed him. Perry asked what he was being arrested for, telling the policeman to let him go home, and then summon him.

Webb's sister and his wife corroborated.

The Bench, considering the contradictory nature of the evidence, dismissed the case."

1891 Census

49, Burnt Tree

[1] *William Fisher* (30), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Maria Fisher* (30), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Sarah Fisher* (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Maud Fisher* (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Betsy Houghton* (17), domestic servant, born Kates Hill:

William Fisher – see also VINE, Burnt Tree.

1901 Census

49, Burnt Tree

[1] *Richard Aston* (47), beerhouse keeper, BURNT TREE INN, born Sedgley;

[2] *Martha Aston* (47), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *John Aston* (24), son, out of employment, born Sedgley;

[4] *James Aston* (21), son, out of employment, born Worcestershire;

[5] *Beatrice Aston* (19), daughter, born Worcestershire;

[6] *Nellie Aston* (21), daughter-in-law, born Worcestershire;

[7] *John Dixon* (36), boarder, working maltster, born Rowley;

[8] *Mary James* (22), visitor, refreshment house waiter, born Dudley Port:

Tipton Herald 17/1/1903

"The North Worcestershire Brewery Company were charged with permitting drunkenness on their licensed premises at the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, on December 21st 1902, and also with supplying drink to a drunken person. Mr. Darby prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Mr. Darby said he was instructed by the chief constable to prosecute. The defendant company was charged with two offences.

Mr. Waldron: You cannot take both summonses. You must take either one or the other.

Mr. Darby: Alright, if you want to go over the evidence twice.

Mr. Waldron: I don't object to it.

Mr. Darby said he would take the case of selling to a drunken person. The case arose on Sunday, December 21st. There was a disgraceful scene in the street between half past two and three o'clock. A woman named Richards was in a beastly state of intoxication and was in the street helpless for a considerable time, and ultimately she was put on a trolley and wheeled away in the direction of her home. She was met by a man with whom she lived, and he, together with another man, took her home. This set the police enquiring, and from the enquiries about one o'clock the woman Richards went into the house of a man named Turner, who was a beerhouse keeper of the sign of the ROYAL OAK.

Mr. Waldron: I must object to it. Anything that occurred at Turner's house could not affect them. The allegation was that it was the North Worcestershire Brewery Company's house where the offence was committed.

Mr. Underhill: The facts leading up to it are admissible.

Mr. Darby continuing, said that Mr. Turner refused to supply Mrs. Richards, and he could tell then that she was drunk.

Mr. Waldron: It cannot be evidence.

Mr. Underhill: It can be evidence, as it proved that she was drunk at the time.

Mr. Darby, proceeding, said that shortly afterwards she was on the premises of the VINE INN. If she was drunk at one house one minute, she would be at the next. He would prove by the admissions made to the police that Mrs. Richards went to the VINE INN shortly after 12.30, and was supplied with whisky by the manager and his wife. While Mrs. Richards was in the house a number of people went in and two or three of them would state that it was apparent to them as casual customers that the woman was drunk. She was lolling against the wall and her voice was thick, so that she could not talk properly. As though the whisky was not sufficient the manager supplied her with a bottle of stout to take away. He submitted that it was a case where no other conclusion could be come to but that the woman was unfit to be supplied.

Albert Edward Turner, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, Burnt Tree, stated that his house was about 100 yards from the VINE INN. On Sunday, December 21st he saw Mrs. Laura Richards in his house and refused to supply her with anything as though she was not practically drunk she had had some beer. He could tell that by her eyes and her talk. She asked for a glass of ale and he refused. Then she went away. That was about one o'clock.

By Mr. Waldron: He had been a beerhouse keeper for ten years, and had known Mrs. Richards for two years. He had not been cautioned by the police for supplying her. He did not know that she was a habitual drunkard. She lived with his brother. He was not friendly disposed towards Mrs. Richards. He would not say she was drunk.

Re-examined by Mr. Darby, he would not say she was sober.

Elizabeth Brien, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that shortly after two o'clock on the date in question she went to the VINE INN, and saw Mrs. Richards behind a door in the passage with a glass of spirits in front of her. She was standing alone. Mrs. Richards was drunk. Witness afterwards saw her put on a trolley and taken away.

By Mr. Waldron: She had known Mrs. Richards about three months. Mrs. Richards was no friend of witness. When she went to the VINE INN Mrs. Richards spoke to her. The reason she concluded that Mrs. Richards was drunk was because she had seen her so many times. She did not know that Mrs. Richards was thrown out of a Mr. Pardon's.

Mary Jane Evans, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to visiting the VINE INN a few minutes after two o'clock. She saw Mrs. Richards come out of the snug into the passage. Mrs. Richards called for two two's of whisky for Mrs. Stevens and herself. She was not supplied. Mrs. Richards was quite drunk. Witness afterwards saw Mrs. Richards lying in the street.

By Mr. Waldron: Her husband used to be a customer. He had been refused by the landlord. Mrs. Richards did not speak alright, and she had not sworn so. She had known Mrs. Richards for about six months. Witness drank with Mrs. Stevens in the passage.

Re-examined by Mr. Darby, she had nothing against Mr. *Fisher*, the manager

Annie Gray, Gilbert Street, stated as to going to the VINE INN about 2.20pm. Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Stevens were there behind the door. Mrs. Richards had something in a glass. Mrs. Richards was drunk and when witness opened the door she reeled. Witness afterwards saw her in the street, in such a condition that it would be impossible for anyone to be worse.

By Mr. Waldron: She had known Mrs. Richards for two years, and had on many occasions seen her drunk. The reason she thought Mrs. Richards was drunk was because she staggered in the passage. She did not see Mrs. Richards supplied with anything.

Martha Stevens, Bank Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going to the VINE INN between 2 and 2.30. When she got there Mrs. Richards was in the snug. Mrs. Richards asked witness if she would have something to drink and then came into the passage and called for two two's of whisky, which was supplied by Mrs. *Fisher* and paid for by Mrs. Richards. Witness and Mrs. Richards drank one glass each.

By Mr. Waldron: She could not tell whether Mrs. Richards was drunk or not, and it would puzzle anyone to tell.

Re-examined, she had been subpoenaed by the Brewery Company.

Elisha Parton, greengrocer, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that Mrs. Richards came to his house between

2.30 and 3pm. She was beastly drunk and was propping the wall up. She had a bottle of stout which she dropped four times and he picked it up each time. She also had a sixpence but he did not know whether she swallowed or not. With great difficulty she was got out of the house and lay on the footpath for about twenty minutes. Witness and his brother in law put her on the trolley and took her away.

By Mr. Waldron: Witness's wife pulled Mrs. Richards on the trolley. Neither he or his wife had had any trouble with the North Worcestershire Brewery Co. She ought not to have been served, she was very drunk. Inspector Given stated that on December 22, in consequence of information supplied, he visited the VINE INN, and saw the manager. He asked the manager what time Mrs. Richards went to the house on Sunday, and he replied about two o'clock. He supplied her with two twopenny worths of whisky and a bottle of stout, and she left at closing time. Witness called Mrs. *Fisher* in the room and asked her the time Mrs. Richards came in. She said soon after opening time. Mr. *Fisher* said 'No! No! It was about two o'clock'. Mrs. *Fisher* said she supplied Mrs. Richards with two pennyworth of whisky in a little room, meaning the snug. Witness then asked Mr. *Fisher* where he supplied her and he said in the passage.

By Mr. Waldron: Mr. *Fisher* did not say that so far as he could see, the woman Richards was sober. Neither did Mrs. *Fisher*.

PC Egan bore out the statements of the inspector.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, said that anything that happened before or after the time she was at the VINE INN was immaterial so far as the present case was concerned. The bench would have to be satisfied that at the time the woman was supplied she was drunk. There was no evidence of a reliable character to show that the woman at the time was drunk. The bench were asked to convict on prejudice and because something subsequently happened. He claimed that the first witness proved the innocence of Mr. *Fisher*, the manager. The witness Turner told them that the woman Richards was not drunk when she left his house. It was important for the police to have found out where the woman Richards was between the time she left Turner's house and the time when she went to the VINE INN. One witness told them they could not tell whether Mrs. Richards was drunk or not unless they knew her, and it was an important element in the case. He ventured to submit that there was no evidence to show that Mrs. Richards was drunk. Mr. *Fisher* had previously kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN for thirteen or fourteen years without a complaint.

William Fisher, manager of the VINE INN, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that previous to going to his present place of business he kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN for thirteen years. On December 21st Mrs. Richards came to the VINE INN about ten minutes or a quarter past two. He served her with two twopenny-worths of whisky and a bottle of stout. He looked at Mrs. Richards and considered she was sober. He saw her go towards the door and saw a police officer that night and made a complaint about the woman. Previously that day he saw some people passing the window with a handcart, with a woman on. Inspector Given came to see him about it and he told him the inspector the woman was sober, as did also his wife.

By Mr. Darby: He told the inspector that it was about two o'clock when Mrs. Richards came in. He did not tell the inspector that she stayed till closing time. She left about 2.25pm. He saw her go out.

Re-examined by Mr. Waldron, there was no necessity for him to order her out as he considered she was sober.

Maria Fisher, wife of the last witness, stated as to serving Mrs. Richards with twopennyworths of whisky in the little bar. She told the inspector the woman was sober.

By Mr. Darby: She told the inspector that Mrs. Richards came in shortly after opening time, but she found it was a mistake.

Thomas Hunt, 26, Burnt Tree, stated that he saw Mrs. Richards coming up the street shortly after one o'clock. They spoke to one another, and she was not drunk then.

By Mr. Darby: He saw her go down the street about a quarter of an hour later.

John Long, 12, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going in to the VINE INN about twenty minutes to two. He saw Mrs. Richards there about a quarter past two o'clock and she appeared sober.

Hannah Harris, 15, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going to the VINE INN and seeing Mrs. Richards there. She appeared sober. It was about five minutes before closing time.

The bench adjourned for lunch and on returning Mr. Doughty said they had given the case their serious consideration and were unanimously of opinion that the woman Laura Richards was drunk. It was practically proved by her being taken away on handcart in a beastly state of intoxication a few minutes after she had left the public house.

Fined 40s and costs. Total £7 3s 6d, including solicitor's fee.

Laura Richards, Burnt Tree, was then charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Defendant did not appear although she had been sat in court nearly all the time the previous case was being heard.

Elizabeth Brian stated as to seeing defendant in the public house in a drunken state.

Mr. Doughty said defendant was evidently the person who got the conviction against the public house.

Fined 40s and costs, or one month."

Tipton Herald 5/9/1903

"William Bowles, Brewery Street, Kate's Hill, Dudley, was charged with stealing money belonging to *James F. Johnson*, landlord of the BURNT TREE TAVERN.

Prosecutor stated that on the afternoon of the 22nd August, whilst in the kitchen, he heard a shuffling in the bar, where he saw prisoner leaning over the counter, with his hand in the till. When prisoner saw witness he dropped the money, remarking 'I only tried it.'

There was then 16s. in the drawer.

Defendant: I never touched a penny, as God is my Saviour and my Judge.

P.C. Eagan deposed to serving a summons on defendant, who remarked, 'I am sorry. I did not intend to steal anything. I was only looking in the drawer.'

Defendant, who stated that the landlady's daughter left the till open, and he was merely leaning across the counter, was fined 20s, including costs."

1911 Census

49, Burnt Tree – BURNT TREE TAVERN

[1] *Daniel Ashman* (26), iron worker (plater), born Netherton;

[2] *Ada Ashman* (24), wife, married 2 years, born Tipton;

[3] *Irene Sybil Ashman* (5 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Elsie Nicklin* (15), cousin, servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

"Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The following houses would be reported for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....

BURNT TREE TAVERN."

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/6/1912 - Notice

"The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at Eleven o'clock am, on Thursday, the 18th Day of July, 1912.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).

List of Licensed Premises.....

BURNT TREE TAVERN, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Harry Jones*."

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/8/1912 - Notice

"The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of July, 1912, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises)

are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 26th day of August, 1912, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

BURNT TREE TAVERN, 49, Burnt Tree, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Harry Jones*. Registered Owner, John Rolinson and Sons Ltd, and the Trustees for Debenture Holders.”

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1913

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented the following report. The committee went into great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.

In the following twenty-five cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

BURNT TREE TAVERN, 49, Burnt Tree, Tipton, beerhouse ante 1869, £600.....

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and will be paid out on the 21st of December.”

£600 compensation paid in 1912.

It closed in 1912.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/1/1928 - Interview

“To have been a reader of the *Gazette* for close upon fifty years is the happy boast of Mr. *Samuel Millichamp*, a retired publican now living in Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge. He first remembers taking it when about 21 years old, at which time he was licensee of the BURNT TREE TAVERN, Tipton, and at various licensed houses he has been in charge of in the Black Country and Birmingham he has always had a *Gazette* on the premises.

When I called to have a chat with him, yesterday, Mr. *Millichamp* commented upon the great changes which had been effected in the licensing trade since the time he first became associated with it. In his early days most of the drink was home brewed, but he considered the bog breweries of today could supply just as good a beverage as that of fifty years ago.

He thought that there was more drinking amongst women today than in the old days. Unfortunately a lot was done in secret, but when he started in the business it was nearly all done openly. Then there were the hours of opening. ‘I was open,’ he said, ‘from six in the morning and did not close my doors until eleven at night, and sometimes later than that. In comparison, the publican of today almost has a gentleman’s life. Years ago it was the custom to allow credit, and many colliers and puddlers who were customers of mine had credit to the extent of £5 or more. Sometimes they paid up, sometimes they didn’t. Nowadays it is practically all ready money.’

Mr. *Millichamp* then alluded to an incident which he said revealed the honesty and straightforwardness of the average Black Country worker. While at the BURNT TREE TAVERN one of his customers ran up a ‘score’ and then emigrated to America without having paid his beer debts. Twelve months ago he received two dollars from the man, who had since made good in settlement of his account. ‘So you see,’ commented Mr. *Millichamp*, ‘he squared up after 45 years.’

The facilities for drinking on licensed premises were next touched upon, Mr. *Millichamp* observing that in his younger days they had not the necessary number of glasses or mugs to supply all with drink. ‘I had 30 to 40 men in my tap-room at one time,’ he said, ‘and one would order a pint and pass it round for his friends to drink. If any refused, it would be looked upon as an insult, and I have seen many a fight develop from such a refusal.’ ‘How different it all is now,’ he added reminiscently, and then, as the mood deepened, he began to relate some of the fiery happenings which are now only recounted in well-upholstered seats by real old timers.

‘You don’t hear tell of rat pits at pubs now, do you?’ he said, after musing awhile. ‘Years ago they were one of the greatest assets of the Black Country publican. I had one when I was at the GOLDEN LION, Daisy Bank. It was in the club room, and at times there were as many as 30 rats in the pit when the dogs were put

in. A lot of money changed hands in bets, and there was often a ratting competition for which the stake was a good supper. Dog fights were also staged in the tap-rooms at many houses, and I have seen lots of them end with their owners stripping to the waist and fighting each other in the same room when a dispute arose. Those were the days when tap-rooms often resembled a slaughterhouse in so far as blood was concerned.’ I asked Mr. *Millichamp* if any one incident of his earlier licensing days stood out more prominently than any other. He said there was one, and the affair would never be forgotten by him or those who were present. ‘When I got married,’ he began, ‘my wife’s people kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN, and on our wedding day they gave me the Tavern for a present. My father and mother died when I was a baby, and my uncle who had reared me stocked the Tavern anew as his wedding present. One night not long afterwards two men, one probably weighing 8 stone and the other at least 20 stone, were playing cards in the tap-room, when, for some reason or other, a dispute arose. The little man was sitting in a corner, and the other man, leaning across the table started punching him in the face. He got the little man in such a position that he could not fall, and in a short time he was practically unrecognisable. The tops of his eyebrows were hanging down over each eye and his nose was almost knocked out of shape. My wife and I were terrified, and locked ourselves in another room because of the man’s threats to kill everyone in the house. Another customer, a man who is now a minister of religion in another part of the world, came upon the scene, and thought the man had really carried out his threat. Noticing what was called a tally board – a piece of oak about 18 inches long, five inches wide, and an inch thick – on the table, he picked it up and rushed into the passage a few seconds before the big man approached. Jumping on to a stool by the door he waited for the man, and then dealt him a terrific blow on the head which laid him out. His life was despaired of for a time, but he gradually recovered, as did the little man, but many years elapsed before the ‘giant’ learned who was responsible for putting him out of action.’ Mr. *Millichamp* said the affair happened about 45 years ago, and the story was included in the life experiences of the minister which were published some two years ago.”

BURTON INN

42, Hall Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909), [1911]

LICENSEES

William Elliott [1861] – [1872]

Mrs. Ann Elliott [1881]

Mrs. Ann York [1891] – [1896]

Edward Brookes [] – **1900**;

Joseph Tuckley (**1900** – [1901]

Thomas Haines [1904]

Thomas Hyde [1911] – [1912]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Hall Street – BURTON INN

- [1] *William Elliott* (51), publican and carter, born Bilton, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Ann Elliott* (44), wife, born Badley, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Elliott* (20), daughter, born Daventry, Northamptonshire;
- [4] *Joseph Elliott* (22), son, coal miner, born Daventry, Northamptonshire;
- [5] *Ann Elliott* (18), daughter, dress maker, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Hannah Elliott* (16), daughter, scholar, born Middlewich, Cheshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 20/11/1862

“On Tuesday, at Wednesbury Petty Sessions, before J. Marshall and T. Davis, Esqs., the following beerhouse keepers were summoned for breaches against their licenses, Mr. Travis, of West Bromwich, prosecuting in each case.....

Joseph [sic] *Elliott*, BURTON INN, Tipton Green, was charged with having his house open for the sale of ale during prohibited hours, on the 9th instant. The evidence was not very satisfactory, and the case was dismissed. Mr. Ebsworth appeared for the defence.”

William Elliott, beer retailer, Hall Street. [1868], [1870], [1872]

William Elliott = William Elliot

1871 Census

42, Hall Street – BURTON INN

- [1] *William Elliot* (62), publican, born Warwickshire;
- [2] *Ann Elliot* (54), wife, born Northamptonshire;
- [3] *William York* (6), grandson, born Tipton:

1881 Census

42, Hall Street – BURTON INN

- [1] *Ann Elliott* (64), widow, laundress, born Northamptonshire;
- [2] *William E. York* (16), grandson, piler, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary A. Elliott* (13), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary A. E. Baker* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1891 Census

42, Hall Street – BURTON INN

- [1] *Ann York* (48), widow, publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Thomas York* (28), son, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [3] *Elizabeth York* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Levi Walters* (23), boarder, iron worker, born Princes End;
- [5] *Francis Bradley* (22), boarder, coal miner, born Roath, Worcestershire:

Mrs. *Ann York*, beer retailer, 42, Hall Street. [1896]

Edward Brookes, beer retailer, 42, Hall Street. [1900]

1901 Census

42, Hall Street – BURTON INN

- [1] *Joseph Tuckley* (38), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Tuckley* (38), wife, born Wrexham;
- [3] *Edwin Tuckley* (14), son, errand boy, born Oldham;
- [4] *William Tuckley* (11), son, born Oldham;
- [5] *May Tuckley* (8), daughter, born Flintshire;
- [6] *Joseph Tuckley* (5), son, born Flintshire;
- [7] *Isabella Tuckley* (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] Harry Tuckley (18), brother, blacksmith, born Bridgnorth:

Thomas Haines, beer retailer, 42, Hall Street. [1904]

Indenture 28/10/1909

“All that plot or parcel of land situate at Tipton fronting a certain street called Chapel Street and containing in the whole 837¾ square yards or thereabouts And also those eight (formerly nine) messuages or dwelling-houses erected and built thereon one of which is used as a beerhouse and known as the BURTON INN.”

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 8th March 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

“The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The licenses of the following six houses were opposed on the ground of redundancy: MOULDERS ARMS, Bridge Road; BURTON INN, Hall Street; the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road; QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield; RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane; and RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street. The Bench renewed the licenses of the COUNTRY GIRL and the RAILWAY INN, and referred for compensation the MOULDERS ARMS, the BURTON INN, the QUEENS ARMS, and the RAILWAY TAVERN.”

1911 Census

42, Hall Street

- [1] *Thomas Hyde* (52), labourer and public house manager, born Dudley;
- [2] Demarious Hyde (51), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] Wilfred Hyde (28), son, pianist public house, born Blackheath;
- [4] Minnie Hyde (23), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Harold Hyde (21), son, labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Gladys Hyde (15), daughter, helping, born Wallbrook [Coseley];
- [7] Willie Hyde (12), son, school, born Coseley;
- [8] Lily Hyde (8), daughter, school, born Coseley;
- [9] Frederick Hyde (1), grandson, born Coseley;
- [10] Louie Peberdy (28), visitor, barman, born Northampton:

Thomas Hyde, beer retailer, 42, Hall Street. [1912]

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

BURTON INN, Hall Street, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Thomas Hyde*. Registered Owner, Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1911

“At a recent meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority, held at Stafford, the claims for the total amount of compensation to be paid in respect of licenses refused at the principal meeting in July last were dealt with. The following are the decisions arrived at in the various cases.....
BURTON INN, Tipton, £350.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented their annual report.....

The Committee at the supplemental meeting went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard upon oath evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested, and the compensation fund. The Committee fixed the compensation as follows.....

BURTON INN, Tipton, beerhouse, ante-1869, £350.

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and paid.”

BUSH

91, (68), Leabrook Road, (Wednesbury Road South), Leabrook, (Ocker Hill), TIPTON

OWNERS

Ann Woolley

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns [2002]

Penn Street Taverns [2012]

LICENSEES

Josiah Gibbons* [1828]

Joseph Gibbons* [1830] – [1834]

Josiah Gibbons* [1841] – [1842]

John Stringer [1845] – [1850]

Hannah Jevons [1851]

William Bailey [] – **1855**);

John Savage (**1855 – 1865**);

Benjamin Rowley (**1865 – [1866]**)

George Rowley [1866] – **1876**);

Benjamin Rowley [1881]

Mrs. Rowley [1886]

George Griffiths [1891] – [1892]

Benjamin Smith [1896] – [1901]

Edwin Beesley [1904] – [1908]

Solomon Henry Beesley [1911]

Mrs. Kate (Beesley) Jenkins [1916] – **1937**);

Samuel Jenkins (**1937 – 1948**);

Percy Walter Pamplin (**1948 – 1956**);

Dennis John Quant (?) (**1956 – 1959**);

Robert Jenkins (**1959 – 1963**);

Ernest Turley (**1963 – 1968**)

F K Taylor [1990]

Trevor Taylor [1998] – [2001]

NOTES

Lea Brook [1828], [1849], [1850], [1870]

Ocker Hill [1851]

68, Leabrook Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904]

91, Leabrook Road [1908], [1911], [1916], [1932], [1939], [1940]

OLD BUSH [1828], [1830], [1841], [1842], [1845], [1849], [1850], [1851], [1860], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1882], [1891]

BUSH [1904], [1908], [1997]

* possibly the same person

1841 Census

Lea Brook

[1] *Josiah Gibbons* (30), keeper, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Ann Gibbons* (25), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Thomas Gibbons* (10), born Staffordshire;

[4] *William Gibbons* (8), born Staffordshire;

[5] *Edward Gibbons* (6), born Staffordshire;

[6] *Hannah Gibbons* (10 months), born Staffordshire;

[7] *Sarah Hill*, (65), born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/6/1846

“On Monday se’night an inquest was held at the OLD BUSH INN, Lea-brook, Tipton, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of George Slater, aged 22 years, who came to his death while bathing. It appeared that the deceased went to bathe with a man named John Small, in the Birmingham Canal, on Sunday last. Small cautioned the deceased not to get into a certain part of the water, as it was very deep, but the deceased heeded not his caution, and sank in the deep water. Small went to deceased and got hold of him, and tried to save his life, but found it necessary to loose him to save his own life. It was a quarter of an hour before deceased was got out of the water, when he was found quite dead. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/1/1847

“Edward Thomas was charged by Mrs. *Stringer* with obtaining 9s 6d from her bar maid, on Saturday night the 16th instant, under false pretences, at Lea Brook, Tipton. The prosecutrix did not press the case, and the prisoner was discharged.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/7/1853

“William Otway (on bail) was indicted for an indecent assault upon Mary Ann Cooke, at Tipton. Mr. Scotland conducted the prosecution; Mr. Wade defended the prisoner.

The prosecutrix, an old lady, mother of ten children, resided at Gospel Oak, and was returning on the evening of the 24th instant, from Wednesbury, where she had been to her club. On the way home she called at the BUSH INN, Leabrook, and had half-a-pint of ale, where she saw the prisoner, a young married man, of rather respectable exterior. When she left about midnight, he said he would accompany her, and after walking a short distance, he struck her a violent blow on the left eye, threw her on the ground, and, as alleged in her evidence, thrice endeavoured to effect his purpose, but she successfully resisted. On arriving at home she was very faint and covered with blood, and her face even at the present time showed marks of violence. For the defence, on cross-examination, it was shown that both the prisoner and the prosecutrix were inebriated when they left the public-house at Leabrook, and that there were houses on both sides of the road through which she passed to her husband’s house. From these facts it was contended by the learned counsel for the prisoner that the bruises on the face of the prosecutrix might have been the result of falls produced from intoxication, and that it was improbable she should be the subject of such an attack, without making an alarm, and demanding assistance at some of the houses she passed.

The learned counsel then called Mr. Henry Pitt, coal master, and George Baugh, engineer, both of whom stated the prisoner had previously borne a good moral character.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to six calendar months' imprisonment to hard labour."

Its roof was damaged by the explosion at Hickman's in January 1856.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/1/1856

"Early on Monday morning last an accident occurred at the iron-works of Messrs. G. and A. Hickman, at Lea Brook, near Wednesbury, by which four men were killed, and eight others injured, two of them very severely. At a quarter before eight a steam-engine boiler exploded with a loud crash. The roof of the mill and other portions of the works were much injured by the descent of the pieces of the boiler and the mass of material thrown up by the force of the explosion, a high-pressure engine of twenty-horse power was broken, and three men close to it were killed on the spot. The damage done to the works is estimated about £500. On Wednesday an inquest on the bodies of the deceased was commenced before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook. After hearing some preliminary evidence the investigation was adjourned, in order that the remains of the boiler might be examined by a practical engineer."

Birmingham Journal 18/7/1857

"Tipton. On Saturday last, E. Hooper, Esq, deputy Coroner, held an inquest at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, in this parish, on the body of William Grimes, aged three years. The deceased was the son of a labourer, and on the previous day he left home about two o'clock, and in about half-an-hour afterwards a little boy said he had fallen into the canal, and a search was immediately made, when he was found in the water dead – and in a part where the canal was about nine feet in depth. There were no marks or bruises on the body, and none of the witnesses could state by what means he had got into the water. The Jury returned a verdict of Found Dead in the canal."

Birmingham Journal 24/7/1858

"Some excitement prevailed on Saturday night last, at Hill Top, in consequence of a report that a collier named Robert Vincent had been killed in a contest with another collier from Wednesbury, named Samuel Caddick. It is also said that deceased was a man of irregular habits, fond of boasting of, and exhibiting, his pugilistic power. He was also of quarrelsome temper. An inquest was opened at the STRUGGLER INN, Hill Top, before W. W. Ward, Esq, who in the absence of the Deputy Coroner, opened the enquiry. Only one witness was examined, as Mr. Woodall, the surgeon in the case, could not, without making a post mortem examination of the body, give an opinion as to the cause of death. The witness called before the Coroner stated that about six o'clock on Saturday evening last he was at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook. Deceased and Caddick were also there, and had been drinking. Some words ensued, and Vincent being excited, a fight challenge was made, and the parties went out of doors. Before any regular blows were, however, given, deceased, who stood near but not opposite Caddick, struck one of the bystanders. Caddick then hit out a back-handed blow, which alighting on Vincent's neck, near to the left ear, deceased fell down instantly to the ground, and although Mr. Woodward of Wednesbury, was fetched immediately, yet on his arrival Vincent was quite dead. At this stage of the enquiry the Coroner said it was necessary that an adjournment should take place, and the inquest will be resumed at one o'clock on Monday next."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/3/1859

"Staffordshire Assizes.

Samuel Caldric [sic] was charged with manslaughter at Wednesbury. He was fighting another man named Vincent, at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, when Vincent suddenly fell down dead. There were no marks of violence on the deceased's person, but it was proved that he was suffering from congestion of the brain, and a slight blow, or a fall, under such circumstances, might occasion death. A witness for the defence said that Vincent's head came in contact with a table. Vincent was a prize fighter, and was known in the locality as 'Brummagem Bob.' The prisoner was acquitted."

1861 Census

Wednesbury Road South – BUSH INN

- [1] *John Savage* (52), publican, born Slimbridge, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Savage* (50), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Eliza Savage* (25), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Sampson Savage* (19), son, puddler, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Ann Savage* (15), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *George Savage* (13), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Sarah Savage* (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Rachael Savage* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 1/9/1864

“An inquest was held yesterday by Mr. E. Hooper at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, concerning the death of Bridget Gray, aged thirty-five years, the wife of a labourer in the neighbourhood. From the evidence it appeared that on Saturday morning last, at about ten o’clock, deceased was returning from the butcher’s where she had been purchasing meat, when she stumbled in the middle of the road, and fell upon her side. A cart was passing at the same time, but did not touch her. A neighbour, named Sarah Turner, assisted her home, deceased complaining of having hurt her arm. She was very near her confinement, and a Mrs. Smith, a midwife, residing at Wednesbury, was sent for, deceased having previously consulted her regarding her attendance at the accouchement. Mrs. Smith, on hearing of the accident, advised the husband to send for a medical man; and as Mr. Thomas Underhill had occasionally attended deceased for the past seven or eight months, he was sent for, and shortly attended. He forwarded medicine a second time on the Sunday morning, but did not visit his patient in person. The midwife was then fetched, as it was feared the woman had been thrown into premature labour. In the afternoon, between one and two o’clock the husband of the deceased sent a second time to Mr. Underhill’s house, but he was out. He, however, found him at Ocker Hill. Gray offered to pay Mr. Underhill 10s at the end of the week, and the remainder of the money at the expiration of a fortnight, if he would attend his wife, who was in a dying state. Mr. Underhill replied that he had another patient whom he was about to visit, and declined to visit deceased unless her husband would pay him 15s at once; he subsequently attended, but the woman was dead. Gray admitted that he had not paid Mr. Underhill for his previous attendance. The Coroner, in summing up, observed that there could be little doubt but that the deceased had lost her life in consequence of the fall and the injuries she had sustained, which had thrown her into premature labour, and death had resulted from these combined causes. The husband of deceased did not appear satisfied with the conduct of the medical gentleman. There appeared to have been some mistake, as if Mr. Underhill had imagined that the case was entirely in the hands of the midwife, but he (the Coroner) certainly thought that the surgeon ought to have told the husband at first he could not attend unless he was paid for his services, and of course they could not compel a medical man to attend unless they were to be paid for their trouble. Mr. Underhill was very well known, and bore a high character for his general kindness and humanity, and he should not like to censure him unless he were present to hear the evidence. If the jury considered it at all necessary or desirable he would adjourn the inquiry for the presence of that gentleman, as it would be manifestly unjust to censure him in his absence. Several of the jurors testified to the worth and kindness of Mr. Underhill, and endorsed the opinion of the Coroner that the surgeon was labouring under some mistake as regard himself and the midwife, and returned a verdict to the effect the death had resulted accidentally from the effects of a fall.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/1/1865

“On Saturday the following licenses were temporarily transferred.....
BUSH INN, Leabrook, from *John Savage* to *Benjamin Rowley*.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1866

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, the Stipendiary presiding. William Fisher, of the SHRUBBERY INN, Shrubbery Lane, was fined 10s and costs for having his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 19th instant; and *Benjamin Rowley*, of the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, was fined 1s and costs for a similar offence.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 22/9/1866

“W. Lee (the Boatman) of Great Bridge and J. Wilcox of Hill Top, have signed articles to run 120 yards, for £10 a side at the Westley Grounds, Hall Green, Wednesbury on Oct 29. £1 a side is down in the hands of Mr. B. Hawkins of Wednesbury, who is final stakeholder and referee; to be made into £3 10s a side at Mr. G. Rowley’s, BUSH INN, Lea brook, this (Saturday) evening.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 1/12/1869

“Jemmy Shaw. This London veteran is now in Staffordshire for five days, and will be this day (Wednesday) at his friend’s (Mr. *George Rowley*, BUSH INN, Lea Brook, Wednesbury), glad to see all friends previous to his departure on Monday next. He hopes to commence business in the W.C. district, London, within a few weeks.”

John Savage died in 1871.

See also OLD CROSS KEYS, Wednesbury.

1871 Census

68, Leabrook Road

- [1] *George Rowley* (50), retired publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] Sarah B. Rowley (31), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Benjamin Rowley* (57), brother, publican, born Sedgley;
- [4] Mary Mills (14), domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [5] Clara Harvey (5), adopted daughter, born Smethwick:

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/6/1876

“On Wednesday Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, Tipton, on the body of *George Rowley*, aged 54, landlord of that house. On the 18th ult, while in Birmingham, the deceased met with Mrs. Emma Bagnall, the cousin of his housekeeper, with whom he went to the London and North-Western Stores, Queen Street. They partook of a glass of port wine each in the commercial room upstairs, and as they were returning downstairs the deceased slipped and fell, injuring his head, and became insensible. An attempt to find a medical man failing, Mrs. Bagnall obtained a cab and took him home, where he died on Monday, never having regained full consciousness. A communication from Mr. Kerr, surgeon, who had attended him, was put in, showing that death had resulted from concussion of the brain and presumable fracture to the base of the skull. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

68, Leabrook Road

- [1] *Benjamin Rowley* (67), widower, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] Sarah Rowley (43), mother-in-law, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Edith Rowley (6), daughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 26/8/1882

“On Wednesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the OLD BUSH INN, Lea Brook, respecting the death of Maria Harding (40), wife of Thomas Harding, a marine store dealer, residing at Lea Brook, who died after confinement, on Monday morning.

The husband stated that the deceased gave birth to a male child between five and six o’clock on Sunday evening. Mrs. Harper, a midwife, was present at the confinement. At about ten o’clock deceased was seized with violent pains, and some mustard plasters were applied which gave her relief. The midwife afterwards left. At about one o’clock deceased was seized with pains, and he went in search of the midwife. On returning to his house he found the deceased considerably worse and he went to Dr. Underhill’s surgery and obtained some medicine. The deceased grew worse and expired at about four o’clock on Monday morning. The deceased was a mother of fifteen children.

Phoebe Harper said she had been a midwife 24 years, and stated that on Sunday night she attended the de-

ceased give birth to a child. It was a blind birth. After she left she was seized with spasms, and before she was able to return she expired.

The Coroner said he did not think any person was to blame. The husband appeared to have done all he could in the matter.

A verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.

A brother of the deceased who was present at the enquiry stated that he thought medical aid ought to have been sought earlier.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/7/1886 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction (by direction of the Trustees of the late Ann Woolley), on Tuesday, July 27, 1886..... Lot 10. A Valuable and Important Freehold Property, Nos.68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75, Lea Brook Road, consisting of a Long-established Old-Licensed Public House, known as the BUSH INN, with Brew-house, Stabling, Yard, and Out-offices thereto; and Seven Front Dwelling Houses, Yard, and Out-buildings adjoining. The BUSH INN, together with No.69 is occupied by Mrs. *Rowley*, as annual tenant, at the low rent of £51, and the remaining Houses are let to weekly tenants at rents producing £65. Total yearly rental £116. Area of land, 1,291 square yards.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/4/1890 - Advert

“BUSH INN, Lea Brook, near Wednesbury.

Messrs. Powell & Brown will Sell by Auction (by direction of Mr. *Griffiths*, who is relinquishing brewing), on Tuesday Next, April 22 – the excellent Brewing Plant, consisting 390-gallon copper Boiler, 190-gallon steel Boiler and Fixings, 32-bushel Mash-tub, excellent Cooling Vats, angular Gathering Tubs (zinc-lined); English oak Ale Casks, from 60 to 250 gallons; Working Barrels, Tubs, and other Brewing Utensils; Wood Shed and other Effects, the whole in splendid condition.

Sale at 10.30 a.m.

Further particulars from Mr. James J. Wood, Accountant, Wednesbury; or Auctioneers, Tipton.”

1891 Census

68, Lea Brook Road – BUSH

[1] *George Griffiths* (35), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Eliza Griffiths* (32), wife, born Lye;

[3] *George Griffiths* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Harry Griffiths* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Frederick Griffiths* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Albert Griffiths* (10 months), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Jane Griffiths* (74), mother, widow, living on her own means, born Newport, Worcestershire;

[8] *Ada Raby* (15), general servant, born Brierley Hill;

[9] *Lottie Priest* (14), general servant, born Brierley Hill;

[10] *William Wright* (16), servant, general labourer, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 8/7/1891

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday – before Messrs. J. Naylor and A. Elwell – Emanuel Heilbrow, 83, Alexander Road, Birmingham, described as a wine and spirit dealer, was brought up in custody charged with having attempted to steal money from the till at the OLD BUSH INN, Lea Brook, the property of *George Griffiths*. Mr. W. S. Smith appeared for the defence.

The evidence in support of the case was that on Monday evening the prisoner went to the OLD BUSH INN, and was served with ginger beer in one of the rooms. Mrs. *Griffiths* went into the backyard for a few minutes, and whilst she was absent one of the servant girls went out at the front of the house to call her fellow servant. Mrs. *Griffiths* returned into the house at the time, and found the prisoner in the bar with his hand in the till. She asked him what he was doing, and he replied, first, that he wanted change for half a sovereign, and next that he was looking for the servant, at the same time dropping some money from his hand into the till and closing the drawer. She told him that it was not the place either to get change or to look for the servant, and that she intended to keep him until a policeman came. She then locked him in the bar, and sent for

a policeman; and Police-constable Mycock came and received him into custody.

Mr. Smith said his case was that the accused was the worse for drink, and that as he was going towards the yard he staggered into the room, and seeing the till open pushed it to, that act causing the jingling of the coins. He did not need money, for he had £11 in his possession at the time; and he had uniformly borne a good character. He represented one firm for fourteen years, and at the present time he was travelling for a Liverpool firm.

Councillor Oldbury, who was called as a witness to character, said he should think the prisoner was the last man to be guilty of a felonious act. Unfortunately he was addicted to drink, and when drunk he was more foolish than most men.

John Cuxson, manufacturer, and Job Callear, shingler, also gave the accused an excellent character.

The magistrates said it was a most painful case that a man who had so long borne a good reputation should forfeit it; but they could not do less than impose a fine of 40s and costs or one month's imprisonment."

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

"The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday.....

George Griffiths, the OLD BUSH INN alehouse, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton, applied for a renewal; Mr. W. S. Smith supporting. The ground of opposition was a conviction for selling during prohibited hours *George Griffiths*, renewed."

Birmingham Daily Post 29/12/1891

"Yesterday, Mr. Topham, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, Wednesbury, on the bodies of Sarah Ashwood, a young woman, and Joseph William Wade, her half-brother, a little boy, who were drowned in the canal between their home and Lea Brook Chemical Works, on the night of the 23rd inst. The evidence bore out the statement already published showing they started together to take some herb beer to the works, and would have to pass along the canal side – a very dangerous way, the fog being very instituted. They did not return, and a search being instituted, their bodies were got out of the canal on the following day by Police-constables Whistance and Mycock. An Open Verdict was returned."

1901 Census

68, Leabrook Road

- [1] *Benjamin Smith* (54), licensed victualler, born Smethwick;
- [2] Sarah Ann Smith (48), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Thomas W. Smith (27), son, commercial clerk, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Lillie Smith (17), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Louisa Smith (14), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Clara E. Smith (13), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Nellie Smith (7), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] Mary Ann Smith (21), daughter, domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

Benjamin Smith – see also UNION, Oldbury.

1911 Census

91, Lea Brook Road – BUSH INN

- [1] *Solomon Henry Beesley* (32), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Kate Beesley* (30), wife, married 7 years, assisting in business, born Chasetown, Staffordshire;
- [3] Dorothy M. Beesley (6), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Ruth Greenfield (18), servant, born Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Osborne (16), servant, born Tipton:

Kate Beesley married *Samuel Jenkins* on 3rd March 1920.

Boxers trained here in the 1930s.

1939 Register

91, Leabrook Road

[1] *Samuel Jenkins*, date of birth, 02/09/1892, publican, widowed;

[2] *Alice Evans*, dob, 21/03/1873, char woman, married;

[3] *Samuel Smith*, dob, 28/01/1875, labourer, married:

Birmingham Daily Post 11/11/1966

“Moves are being made at some Tipton public houses for cash gifts to be earmarked for the Aberfan disaster fund to be used to buy equipment for a hospital near the village.

Mr. E. Turley, licensee of the BUSH INN, Leabrook Road, said last night, ‘The promoter of our tote is approaching others to form a committee with the idea that donations should be diverted to buying hospital equipment in the name of the children and others who died. We felt that money will not bring them back and that with so much being contributed to the disaster fund our money could be better used to preserve life in hospital. Our tote committee will meet on Saturday for reports on the reactions of other totes.’

Mr. R. J. Reaney, licensee of the HARRIER, Powis Avenue, and the treasurer of the tote, said the HARRIER tote committee felt similarly. ‘What we are doing at the moment is presenting £1,000 for a kidney machine for Dudley Guest Hospital,’ he said. The committee had been promised it would be ready for mid-December. It was also committed to providing £1,050 for Christmas parcels for old people.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/12/1966

“Brewery: No colour bar at inn.

Officials of Bass, Mitchells and Butlers (Midlands) Limited are satisfied that there is no colour bar at the PLOUGH AND HARROW public-house, Overend Street, West Bromwich after an incident there on Sunday night. A spokesman said, ‘Our investigations are not yet complete, but we are satisfied that the PLOUGH is not operating a colour bar.’ He added that when an area manager called at the premises coloured customers were being served.

The investigations followed a visit of a deputation of 14 Indians formed to test feelings towards coloured customers in the town.

The possibility that deputations of this kind could cause trouble was expressed by *Mr. E. Turley*, licensee of the BUSH INN, Leabrook Road, Wednesbury, and president of Wednesbury, Darlaston and District Licensed Victuallers Association. He said last night, ‘I have no objection to serving coloured customers in the ordinary way, but if they go in parties to seek out feelings they are only going to get licensee’s backs up. It would set my back up if I knew they were coming into my place purely for that purpose.’”

Ernest Turley was president of Wednesbury and District LVA from 1955. [1968]

Walsall Observer 16/2/1968

“At the annual meeting of the Wednesbury and Darlaston Ladies Licensed Victuallers Association officers elected were.....

Mrs. M. Turley, BUSH INN, Leabrook, vice-president.”

Trevor Taylor was married to Christine.

Black Country Bugle 24/12/1998 - Advert

“The BUSH, Leabrook Road, Wednesbury.

Christine and Trevor wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Banks’s Smooth pour and Bass Beers served here.

Hot and Cold Food served every day 12-2pm 7-9pm. Daily Specials Available.

Sunday 3 Course Lunch only £4.99.

Dominoes. Darts. Crib.”

Closed [2007], [2008]

It reopened in 2008.

[2011]

Closed [2012]

It was demolished in June 2012.

BUSH

127, Park Lane West, TIPTON

OWNERS

Charles Darby, West Bromwich

Darby's Brewery Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Griffiths [1845] – [1851]

John Smith [1855] – [1892]

Benjamin Perrins [1896] – [1904]

William Hems [1908]

Elizabeth Bishop [1911]

Joseph Boulter [1912]

Thomas 'Tom' Taylor [1916] – **1927**;

Howard Marklew **(1927 – 1948)**;

James William Stevens **(1948 – 1959)**;

James Hartshorne **(1959 – 1961)**;

Geoffrey Fletcher **(1961 – 1963)**;

William Lambert Frank Walford **(1963 – [1966]**

Jim Copeland [1985]

NOTES

Park Lane [1849], [1851], [1861]

127, Park Lane West [1871], [1901], [1904], [1932], [1940]

OLD BUSH [1860]

1851 Census

Park Lane

[1] Sarah Griffiths (67), widow, innkeeper, born Stortorton, Shropshire;

[2] Sarah Pugh (20), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 3/11/1855 - Advert

“Malt Crushers.

Parties requiring Malt Crushers would do well before purchasing to inspect those made by Richard Thompson, Pot House Bridge Foundry, Bilston, Staffordshire.

They can be seen at work at the following places.....
Mr. *Smith*'s, BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/7/1858 - Advert

"Caution.

Having seen a large bill relative to Tipton Wakes, which take place in this present month, July 1858, as stated in the bill; and being a well-wisher of fair play, I hope that I may not to be thought to be intruding when I ask whether the Racing extends to the two Wake Grounds, viz, ye old Piece Farm, near the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, and Ash Leasow Meadow Wake Ground, they being separate premises, or whether it means the Pieces Farm Ground only. This I ask in order to put the Booth-keepers on the safe ground, knowing that without racing booths-keepers will be liable to conviction by the Magistrates; for, as it appears in the bills, I take it for granted that the Old Ash Leasow had nothing to do with the Pieces Farm ground, and if so, the booth-keepers would be liable to a conviction, which in all probability will follow.

R. W. (Dudley)."

County Advertiser 9/4/1859

"On Saturday last, at the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, an inquest was held before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, on the body of Abraham Duffield, collier, 49 years of age, who was killed on the preceding Thursday by falling out of a skip, while it was ascending the shaft of a pit belonging to Mr. Dixon, at Horseley Heath. It appeared from the evidence adduced by the Coroner, that on Thursday morning deceased was at work in a water pit, and between ten and eleven o'clock, wanting something, he with three others commenced ascending the shaft. When about twenty yards up, deceased, who was a very heavy man, was observed by one of the men with him to be falling out of the skip, and an effort was made to save him by catching hold of him in his descent. The effort, however, was unsuccessful, and in addition placed the life of the would-be rescuer in imminent peril by nearly dragging him out of the skip also. As soon as deceased had fallen a signal was given, and the skip was lowered to the bottom of the shaft, where the unfortunate man was found lying near to a loaded skip, upon which it is supposed he fell, as he had a severe cut on one of his temples. He only exclaimed 'O Lord! O Lord!' twice, and expired in a few minutes. Deceased had not complained of any indisposition during the morning, but on the contrary, had been working very comfortably, and – in the language of one of the witnesses – appeared quite 'pert.' The Coroner stated that he had received a letter from the Government Inspector, in which the latter stated that he had examined the pit, but could find nothing the matter with it. In answer to questions put by the Coroner, the witnesses all concurred in stating that the shaft was in a very good state of repair, and that therefore the deceased could not have been jerked out by the skip coming in contact with its side; in addition to which – to prevent the possibility of anything falling on the men while ascending – the skip was covered by a projection called a 'bonnet.' Having heard the evidence, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. Deceased has left a widow and six children."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/7/1860 - Advert

"Tipton races will take place on the old ground, Park Lane, on Monday and Tuesday, July 23 and 24, 1860, when the following stakes will be run for.

Monday. Saddle and Bridle and Purse.

Tuesday. Silver Cup and other stakes, for horses and ponies all ages.

Any Information for booths, stalls, and shows, may be obtained from Adrian Blakesly, TOD'S END HOTEL, near Tipton, or *John Smith*, BUSH INN, Tipton."

1861 Census

Park Lane

- [1] *John Smith* (42), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Smith* (39), wife, born Newcastle, Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Smith* (11), son, born Dudley;
- [4] *Phebe Smith* (10), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Samuel Smith* (6), son, born Tipton;

- [6] Maryann Smith (5), daughter, born Tipton;
[7] William Smith (2), son, born Tipton;
[8] Elizabeth Vaughan (19), servant, born Habden, Shropshire:

Birmingham Journal 7/4/1866 - Deaths

“On the 26th ult, after a long illness, aged 44, Mary Smith, wife of *John Smith*, of the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton; deeply regretted.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/5/1866 - Advert

“Wednesday, 10th of May, 1866. Sale at the BUSH INN, near the Factory Ironworks, Tipton. Messrs. Powell and Son will Sell by Auction, upon the above named premises (and removed to there for the convenience of sale), superb Household Furniture, a few choice Oil Paintings, Fire-Proof Chest, and other useful Effects, belonging to a Gentleman who has changed his residence, and has no further use for them, comprising a magnificent telescope dining table, cheffoniere, sofa, damask window curtains, elegant wardrobe, steel-mounted and other fenders, excellent mahogany corner beaufet, two handsome chimney glasses, gas chandeliers, garden chairs and table, flower stand upon castors, oak writing desk, corn bin, stable cupboards, one large and two small dog kennels, and numerous other effects. Catalogues may be had at the Offices of the Auctioneers, Tipton. Sale to commence at 10.30 am.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/8/1866

“T. Didluck of Tipton will match a dun cock pigeon to fly from Oxford station against any other fancier’s pigeon either in Dudley or Kate’s Hill, with three minutes start, or he will fly any pigeon in Tipton level from the same place, for £5 or £10 a side. A match can be made at any time by calling at *J. Smith’s* BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton.”

1871 Census

127, Park Lane West

- [1] *John Smith* (52), widower, anchor maker, born Tipton;
[2] John Smith (21), son, born Dudley;
[3] Phoebe Smith (20), daughter, born Tipton;
[4] Samuel Smith (16), son, roll turner, born Tipton;
[5] Mary A. Smith (15), daughter, dressmaker, born Tipton;
[6] William Smith (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
[7] Ellen Cluly (17), visitor, born Tipton:

Dudley Guardian 14/2/1874

“David Holt was charged with assaulting Phoebe Smith and Emanuel Yarnold, at Tipton, on the 5th inst. Mr. Sheldon appeared to prosecute.

Phoebe Smith, stated she lived with her father, who kept the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton. On the morning of the day in question the defendant went into her father’s house and began abusing her and assaulting Mr. Yarnold. She went to his assistance and was struck by the defendant on the eye. Emanuel Yarnold stated that he was in the BUSH INN when defendant came in drunk and said ‘Who did you vote for?’ Witness replied that he had not voted at all, as he had been busy all day. Defendant said, ‘If you say you voted for Mills you shall die.’ Witness, thinking to pacify him, said he voted for Mills. Defendant then called him an ugly old devil (laughter) and pulled his hat off and lifted him up by the hair of his head (loud laughter). Samuel Smith corroborated, and said that when he went to protect his sister, defendant also struck him and knocked his head against the wall.

Defendant was fined 5s and costs, or fourteen days’ imprisonment in each case.”

1881 Census

127, Park Lane West – BUSH INN

- [1] *John Smith* (64), widower, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

- [2] Phoebe Smith (30), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] Mary A. Smith (25), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] William Smith (22), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Alice Wilson (12), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 28/7/1883

“Free Gardenry. The members of the Hand-in-Hand Lodge celebrated their anniversary at the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday evening last. After the removal of the cloth, Bro. Clark was called upon to preside, and the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Allen. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. During the evening a number of songs and recitations were given in good style by several of the members, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.”

1891 Census

127, Park Lane West – BUSH INN

- [1] *John Smith* (72), widower, licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Phoebe Smith (39), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] William Smith (32), son, brewer, born Tipton;
- [4] Alice Wilson (21), general servant, born Tipton;
- [5] John Curtis (6), grandson, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 11/11/1893 - Deaths

“On the 9th inst., aged 40, at the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, Samuel, the second son of the late *John Smith*; deeply lamented.”

Benjamin Perrins was also a haulier. [1896], [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

127, Park Lane West – BUSH INN

- [1] *Benjamin Perrins* (35), publican and coal dealer, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah J. Perrins (36), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Ellen Perrins (14), daughter, at home, born Tipton;
- [4] Walter Perrins (12), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Benjamin Perrins (10), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Percy Perrins (8), son, born Tipton;
- [7] Laura Perrins (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] Harold Perrins (1), son, born Tipton;
- [9] Henry Perrins (20), brother, coal haulier, born Tipton:

Its license was renewed at the adjourned licensing sessions in September 1901 after the owners undertook to rebuild it.

It was rebuilt in 1902.

Tipton Herald 28/3/1903

“On Wednesday afternoon a large meeting of licensed victuallers assembled at the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Free License-holders’ Association. Mr. G. Tookey (Birmingham) presided.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/12/1903

“The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the E (Tipton) Company 3rd V.B. South Staffordshire Regiment was held on Tuesday evening at the BUSH HOTEL, Park Lane.....”

Wednesbury Leader 2/2/1906

“It was discovered on Monday morning that the house tenanted by Joseph Holloway (60), a shoemaker, of

34, Park Lane, Tipton, was not open as usual for business, and suspicion being aroused, his brother was sent for, who forced open the door. Seeing the dead body of his brother hanging from the ceiling by a rope, he at once sent for the police, and on Police-sergeant Harrison and Police-constable Clamp putting in an appearance the body was cut down, being quite dead. Deceased, who had resided in Tipton all his life, and belongs to a respectable family, was very depressed, having a delusion that he would come to the workhouse, whereas in reality, he was not short of money, having gold in the house as well as money in the bank. Deceased had never been married, and lived a very quiet and temperate life. Nothing beyond the reason already stated can be advanced to account for his taking his life.

On Tuesday morning, at the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, Mr. G. C. Lewis (Coroner) held an inquest on the body of Joseph Holloway (60), shoemaker, 34, Park Lane.

William Holloway, brother to the deceased, stated that they lived and worked together until seven years ago he opened a business of his own. Deceased subsequently lived by himself at his shop, and was attended to by witness's sister in law. On Monday witness noticed that the shutters were still up, and on entering the premises found that deceased had hanged himself in his kitchen. He had £5 in his purse, £70 in the bank, and his shop was well stocked. He had been seen about the premises the previous evening.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind.”

1911 Census

127, Park Lane West – BUSH HOTEL

[1] *Elizabeth Bishop* (44), widow, licensed victualler, born Haselor, Warwickshire;

[2] Alice Bishop (20), daughter, born Worcester;

[3] Minnie Groves (40), domestic servant, born Milton, Oxfordshire:

It was damaged in a Zeppelin raid on 1st February 1916.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/4/1916

“Pte. Jack Taylor, RsF.A., son of Mr. *Tom Taylor*, of the BUSH INN, Tipton, is serving abroad.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year's Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

BUSH INN, Park Lane, 17s 10½d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Rebuilt

Dudley Herald 7/2/1931

“On a charge of stealing a pony, value £7, the property of Wisdom Smith, a caravan dweller at the rear of the BUSH INN, Park Lane West, David Naylor, stated to be of no fixed abode, was committed to the Quarter Sessions at the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday.

Smith, in evidence, said that about September 1930 he bought a cream-coloured pony for £4 15/0. Since that time the pony had been sold and exchanged about three times. On January 2nd 1931 he put the pony in

a field off the new Birmingham-Wolverhampton Road. About 3.30pm, on January 7th he went to the field, but found that the pony had gone. On January 25th he went to Kidderminster, and there saw two men in a yard. After some conversation a pony was brought out. It was his. He visited the Kidderminster Police Station, and with a police officer went to the yard again, when the pony was handed to him by a Mr. Frank Smith.

In reply to Naylor, witness said that on January 18th he did ask him if he had seen the pony, and he replied that he had not. He also asked him (Naylor) on the following day if he had seen the pony, and he replied, 'Do you think I have had your pony? I will bet you £10 to £1 that I have not had your pony.' Witness said he had never lent the pony out.

Frank Smith, a horse dealer, of 38, Hurford Lane, Kidderminster, said that at about noon, on January 17th, a man went to him with a cream-coloured pony to slaughter. The man was known to him as 'W. Watton'. The man who took him the pony was the man in the dock. He said he had bought the pony from a Mr. Fellows, from the Black Pits, and that there were three more. He asked 50/- for the pony, but witness gave him 45/-. On January 25th witness handed the pony over to Smith.

Witness produced his deal book containing an entry relating to the sale of the pony.

Charles Hughes, 45, Queen Street, Kidderminster, said that on January 17th he was in the Horse Fair Tavern, Stourbridge Road, Kidderminster, where he saw Frank Smith and Naylor. He heard Naylor say something about a pony, and Smith said he would give him 45/- for it. 'He gave the name of William Watton' but his name is David Naylor. I've known him all my life.

Inspector Heath said that he received the defendant from the Stourbridge police on Thursday last. On his arrival at that station witness cautioned him, and read over the warrant. He said, 'When was the 17th Mr. Heath?' He said nothing else for a minute, but then added, 'I bought a cream-coloured pony on Saturday morning.' When asked if he wished to say anything, the defendant made a statement in which he said that on January 17th he was going to an inn in Pensnett when he met a man leading a pony. He asked him if he wanted to sell it. He said it had come from the Black Pits, and that there were three more they were going to sell, owing to the mines being filled with water. He (Naylor) asked him what he wanted for it, and he said £3. He gave the man, who gave the name of Fellows 35/- for it. As soon as he got hold of the money he went away. He took the pony to Frank Smith, and sold it for 45/-. He had no idea it was Wisdom Smith's pony, or he would have returned it to him. As far as he knew he had never seen the pony before in his life. Supt. Adams objected to bail, owing to Naylor having no fixed abode, and owing to his previous record. The chairman (Mr. C. H. Barrows) in committing Naylor to the Sessions, said that on his record the magistrates could not allow bail."

[David Naylor, alias David Sheldon, received 4 years' penal servitude.]

Dudley Herald 10/1/1931

"William Garrett, of 'The Caravan', Park Lane, made his 16th appearance at Court, being charged with using obscene language....."

Dudley Herald 14/2/1931

"When the name of William Garrett, a caravan dweller at the rear of the BUSH INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, was called his wife said her husband again wanted the case, in which he was summoned for using obscene language in his caravan, adjourned. His daughter, who was his witness, was ill with influenza. The magistrates adjourned the case for a week."

Dudley Herald 21/2/1931

"The magistrates decided to issue a warrant for the arrest of William Garrett, a caravan dweller at the rear of the BUSH INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, summoned for using obscene language in his caravan.

When the case was called a fortnight ago, Garrett appeared, but asked for an adjournment. The magistrates acquiesced. Last week Garrett's wife appeared and asked for a further adjournment, as the witness, their daughter, was ill. Again this was granted.

'He wants it adjourned again,' said Garrett's wife, but, as stated, the magistrates decided to issue a warrant for his appearance in Court next Tuesday."

Dudley Herald 28/2/1931

“William Garrett, a caravan dweller at the rear of the BUSH INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, was fined 40s on each of two charges of using obscene language in a caravan.

Mr. J. A. Shepherd (magistrates' clerk) explained that the first case had been adjourned twice, and that last week the magistrate issued a warrant for the defendant's arrest.

PC Ball said he was in Park Lane West, with PC Moore, at 11.10pm, on January 19th when he heard the defendant making use of obscene language. Two of his daughters had previously complained to witness. Within an hour of his first visit, witness received another complaint about defendant's language. Defendant turned one of his daughters out all night, and she had to stop in another caravan, because she had made a complaint to witness.

PC Moore gave corroborative evidence.

Garrett denied using obscene language and said he was in bed when the police officers arrived.

Giving evidence on her husband's behalf, Elizabeth Garrett said they had had a lot of trouble. They had got a baby dead in the van now. She was sure her husband would try and lead a better life if given a chance. There was no better husband when he had had no drink.

Caroline Garrett, a daughter, also gave evidence on her father's behalf.

PS Shaw said that on February 13th at about 5.40pm, he heard Garrett using obscene language. He had turned out his wife and daughter, with a baby six week old.

The Chairman (to Garrett): You are a very bad lot, and have got a very bad record.

Mrs. Hartland: I do wish you would turn over a new leaf. You are a nuisance to the whole of Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 18/4/1931

“That well-known Tipton character, William Garrett, who resides in a caravan at the rear of the BUSH INN, Park Lane West, again failed to put in appearance to answer a charge of obscene language.

Mr. Shephard explained that the previous Tuesday the magistrates has issued a warrant for his arrest. It was understood that the previous day he had borrowed a pound and gone away.

Inspector Heath added that the police had done all they could to find him.

The case was adjourned sine die.”

Dudley Herald 27/6/1931

“William Garrett (50), a caravan dweller at the rear of the BUSH INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, did not appear when summoned for using obscene language in his caravan.

PS Shaw said that at 11.45pm, on June 12th he was in Park Lane West, with PC Moore, when he heard the defendant shouting and making obscene language. The defendant was in his caravan, around which a number of people had gathered. The language could be plainly heard in Park Lane West, where there were also a number of people.

The magistrates ordered a warrant to be issued.

About ten minutes later, however, Garrett appeared in Court, and asked for an adjournment of the case for him to obtain witnesses.

Mr. J. A. Shepherd (magistrates Clerk): If it is adjourned, shall you come? – Oh, yes, sir!

Mr. Shepherd: It is in consequence of the way you have treated the Court on previous occasions that I asked you that.

The Chairman of the Magistrates wanted to give the defendant full opportunity of getting his defence ready, and the case would be adjourned for a week.”

Dudley Herald 1/8/1931

“At Tipton Police Court on Tuesday eight Tipton parents were summoned by Mr. Benjamin Mathews (chief attendance officer) for failing to send their children to school. They were: Thomas Barnfield, 3 Powis Avenue; John Richards, 68, Bloomfield Road; Richard Burnside, back 140, Dudley Port; William Dyoss, caravan, back of BUSH INN, Park Lane West; William Sheldon, 5, Gilbert Street; John Butler, 3 house, 1 court, Horseley Road; Annie Pemberton, 24, Tividale Road; Emma Ball, 30, Bourne Avenue.

Mr. Mathews said Barnfield's girl had lost 83 attendances.

The Chairman: How is it that it has run on for so long as 83? – The mother was posing, and saying she had

to go to hospital.

The Chairman: It is a terrible number. – The mother said she had been attending the hospital every morning, and the girl in question had to stop in and get the others off to school. She told the committee she could not do without her.

The Chairman: The child has got to be educated, and you have got to do without her. It's her right to be educated, and you have got to send her. If you do not, she will be taken away from you and made to attend. A fine of 10s was imposed.

Richard's two sons had stopped away 25 and 28 times respectively, and he was fined £1 in each case.

Burnside's girl, too, had 26 absences, and he was fined 5s.

In the case of Dyoss, Mr. Mathews remarked that the girl had been absent 39 times, and added, 'These are people living in caravans. We are pestered with them in this parish. They take advantage of my committee and simply send their children to school when they like.'

Fined 10s.

'This case had been going on for years and my committee have been extremely lenient with the man on account of his wife's ill-health. This girl, who has 35 absences, is actually doing the work in the home.' So said Mr. Mathews in the case of Sheldon, who handed up a doctor's certificate showing that his wife had been confined to bed for a considerable time.

Fined 10s.

Butler's boy had been absent 40 times and the fine was 10s.

Mr. Mathews pleaded for leniency in the case of Mrs. Pemberton, whose girl had been absent 30 times. 'It is a rather hard case,' he explained, 'as the mother is a widow, and has to go out to work.'

'The child has nevertheless got to be educated,' was the Chairman's observation in imposing a 10s fine.

The two sons of Ball had been absent 27 and 29 times respectively. 'She has been fined four times before and persists in keeping the children away from school,' said Mr. Mathews.

'It's a hardy annual then,' observed Mr. John Richards.

A fine of 20s in each case was imposed."

1939 Register

Park Lane West – BUSH INN

[1] *Howard Marklew*, date of birth, 25/06/1886, licensed victualler, (manager), married;

[2] Florence Marklew, dob, 29/09/1887, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[4] William Marklew, dob, 16/10/1920, motor car manufacturer's machine hand, single:

Evening Despatch 28/9/1945 - Advert

"Dog Show (K.C.). Four Classes, Exemption, at the BUSH INN, Park Lane, Tipton, Sunday, Sep 30th, at 11.30 a.m. Entries taken at show. Judge Mrs. Payton Smith. In aid of Wounded Forces. Particulars: Phone NOR.4329."

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

Two teams from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1956-57]

It closed in 1995.

Reopened

Closed

It was converted into a shop. [2008]

BUSH

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Alfred Pearson [1870]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

Mr. Travis applied on behalf of *Alfred Pearson*, BUSH HOTEL, Dudley Port. No opposition. Granted.”

CAPE

Sedgley Road West / Chapel Street, (45, Hall Street), Tipton (Upper) Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Salt

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. [1900], [1903], [1904], [1908], [1912]

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Davidson Inns

LICENSEES

Hannah Hodgetts [1851] – **1869**);

John Hodgetts* (**1869** – [1871]

John Hodgetts* [1872] – [1885]

Samuel Clifton ‘Sam’ Timmins [1890] – [1892]

Lewis [1894]

David Jukes [1896] – [1898]

Thomas Vincent [1901]

Joseph Nicholls [1903] – [1906]

Albert Henry Clarke [1911]

Samuel James Whitehouse [1916] – **1927**);

John Henning (**1927** – **1932**);

Reuben John Barlow (**1932** – **1936**);

Sidney Christie Gardom (**1936** – **1961**);

Augusta Victoria May Gardom (**1961** – **1962**);

George Jeavons (**1962** – **1966**);

Arthur Sutton (**1966** – []

NOTES

Hall Street [1866], [1868]

45, Hall Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1903], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1916], [1919], [1921]

Sedgley Road West [1932], [1940], [1959]

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE [1871], [1872], [1873], [1880], [1881], [1890]

CAPE HOTEL [1881], [1882], [1891], [1906], [1911], [1940]

Hannah Hodgetts = Hannah Hodgess = Hannah Hodgers

1851 Census

Upper Green

[1] *Hannah Hodgess* (47), widow, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *John Hodgess* (14), son, at home, born Tipton;

[3] James Hodgess (12), son, born Tipton;

[4] David Hodgess (9), son, born Tipton;

[5] Richard Hodgess (4), son, born Tipton;

[6] Elizabeth Mills (24), visitor, dress maker, born Tipton;

[7] Elizabeth Rhodes (17), house servant, born Tipton:

1861 Census

Hall Street – CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

[1] *Hannah Hodgess* (56), widow, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *John Hodgess* (24), son, shingler, born Tipton;

[3] James Hodgess (22), son, shingler, born Tipton;

[4] David Hodgess (19), son, shingler, born Tipton;

[5] Richard Hodgess (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Jemima Corbett (19), servant, born West Bromwich;

[7] John Whitehouse (6), grandson, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Mr. Fellows applied for *Hannah Hodgers*, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE INN, Hall Street, Tipton Green, whose house was situated 91 yards from the nearest licensed house. No opposition. Granted.”

* possibly the same person

1871 Census

45, Hall Street – CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

[1] *John Hodgetts* (34), victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Phoebe Hodgetts (33), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Hannah Hodgetts* (68), mother, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/12/1872

“*Hodges v. Shannon*.

This case came up by adjournment from a previous court. The plaintiff, Mr. *John Hodges*, licensed victualler and horse dealer, Tipton, sued Mr. S. Shannon, Walsall, for £30 2s 11d as compensation for breach of

warranty of a horse sold by the defendant to the plaintiff. The point in dispute was whether the horse was or was not suffering from chronic laminitis at the time of the sale; and the evidence was not only voluminous, but, as usual, very contradictory. The evidence showed that on the 6th August, the horse was sold by Mr. Gregg, horse dealer, Birmingham, to Dr. Cooke, of Aldridge, being warranted as 'sound and quiet in the stable.' The latter part of the warranty being found incorrect, Dr. Cooke sent the horse for sale in Walsall market on the 13th of the same month, and it was bought by Mr. Shannon, who, on the 23rd, sold it to plaintiff for £36 10s, and warranted it 'sound, quiet in harness, and free from vice.' On the 26th it was returned on the ground of unsoundness, but was not accepted, and in the end the present proceedings were taken. For the defence it was said that the horse was sent back on the ground of it being a 'slug' (i.e. a slow-going animal), and the laminitis did not make its appearance until afterwards. His honour, in summing up, said he did not impute intentional want of veracity to the witness on either side; but, after carefully considering all the circumstances of the case, he came to the conclusion that the horse was not unsound on the day of sale. He accordingly gave judgement for the defendant."

Birmingham Daily Post 19/1/1874 - Advert

"Two fine-going Ponies to be Sold, four years old each; one 12 hands, the other 14 hands high. Warranted sound and quiet. With or Without Trap and Harness. Apply, *John Hodges*, CAPE INN, Hall Street, Tipton."

Dudley Herald 28/10/1876

"David Hodges was charged with refusing to leave his brother's public-house, and breaking four panes of glass.

John Hodges, landlord of the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE INN, Hall Street, said on the 16th inst. defendant went to his house about eight o'clock at night, and commenced using very bad language. He ordered him out, but defendant refused to go, upon which complainant put him out, and as he was doing so defendant struck him in the face. After that defendant broke four panes of glass, doing damage to the amount of 2s 8d. Defendant was continually doing that sort of thing, notwithstanding he had forgiven him many times. Not so long ago defendant went to the house and pulled the gas fittings down in the tap room and they had to run down the cellar and turn the gas off.

The Bench ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 5s and costs, and 2s 8d for the wilful damage, and for being disorderly he was fined 20s and costs, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. The money, amounting to £2 8s 8d, was paid."

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/12/1876

"Thomas Knibbs was committed to prison for three months, William was fined £10, and his wife Mary £2. The three had fallen savagely on Police-constable Dutton because in the discharge of his duty he sought to eject Jabez Langford, who was drunk and disorderly in the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE INN, Tipton."

Wednesbury Herald 3/1/1880

"An inquest was held on Monday by Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) at the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE INN, Tipton, relative to the death of Thomas Thornton, aged one year and five months. The deceased was found dead in bed by his mother. He had, of late, been unwell, and the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes."

Dudley Herald 24/1/1880

"Adeline Burrows (23), domestic servant, Tipton, was charged with stealing two bodices, three handkerchiefs, and one woollen necklet, the property of Annie Eliza *Hodgetts*, licensed victualler, Hall Street, Tipton, and three Holland aprons, the property of Emily Little, UNICORN INN, Tibbington Terrace.

Mrs. *Hodgetts* said on Friday, January 6th, prisoner was in her service as a domestic servant, and not being satisfied with her gave her notice to leave. Before prisoner left witness searched her bundle and clothes, and found the articles belonging to herself and Mrs. Little which the prisoner was charged with stealing, and were now produced in Court.

Emily Little said prisoner was formerly in her employ, and the aprons produced were her property.

PS Dutton proved apprehending the prisoner on both charges.

The Bench said they would take a merciful view of the case, and sentenced prisoner to seven days' imprisonment on each charge – 14 days in all.”

Dudley Herald 28/2/1880

“Walter New, carter, brought up on remand, was charged with feloniously embezzling 6s, 4s 4d, and 3s 4d, the moneys of his master, James Trenham. Mr. Sheldon prosecuted, and Mr. Sharpe defended.

Prosecutor said he was a soda water and ginger beer manufacturer, and resided in New Road, Great Bridge. The prisoner had been in his employ, and his duty was to take out in a trap soda water and ginger beer to his customers. His duty was also to receive moneys from the persons whom he supplied, enter them in his book, and pay the cash over the next morning to his son Henry, who managed the business. Prisoner's wages varied. In winter he received about 23s a week, and in summer 25s. He had a commission of 4d per dozen on all empty bottles he brought in. Prisoner left his employ on 3rd January without notice. Prosecutor caused him to be apprehended and charged with embezzlement. He did not take out the warrant until the 13th February. Prisoner left on January 3rd, but returned on Wednesday, the 7th January. Since his apprehension he had seen the prisoner who wanted to make up the matter by paying his deficiencies. When prosecutor was asked some questions by Mr. Sheldon he said he could not answer them, as his son managed the business for him, and knew more about it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sharpe: He never offered to settle the matter for 20s. Prisoner did not return on Saturday, the 3rd January, to settle up. Prosecutor did not know whether his son gave prisoner permission to be absent for a few days to visit his mother. Sometimes prisoner's wages were not paid, he used to stop them out of the moneys he received. When the offer was made by prisoner to settle the matter prosecutor did make use of a bad oath, and said, ‘No, you had the summer, and now I'll have you.’ Prisoner had applied for extra wages, which much annoyed prosecutor, and he gave him a rise. He did not send for the Inspector and say, ‘If he likes he can make it up.’

Sarah Ann Williams, Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton, the wife of Joseph E. Williams, said on December, 1879, she had 6 dozs. of ginger beer from the prisoner. The price was 6s and she paid him for it at the time. She always paid prisoner when he came.

Henry Trentham, son of prosecutor, said he was clerk and manager to the prosecutor. He produced a book kept in the office, and on referring to it, said there was an entry of 6 dozs. of ginger beer to Mr. Williams, on December 18th. It was entered by Henry Whitely, the clerk. Prisoner ought to have paid him each morning and not kept any at all. He had not received 6s for William's account. The entries were made in the book produced, each morning from prisoner's pocket book. To this account there was a T. which meant that the prisoner had trusted the customer. Referring to another entry, December 22nd, *Hodges*, 2 dozs. ginger beer, 1s 8d; 3 dozs. split soda, 1s 8d; and 2 dozs. split beer, 1s; total 4s 4d; this money the prisoner had received and had not accounted for; also on the 14th December, to Perry – 2 dozs. ginger beer, 2 dozs. split sodas, which came to 3s 4d. This, the prisoner had not paid in.

Cross-examined: When a man wanted to leave he could give him permission. He did not see prisoner on the 3rd of January; he went away before his time in the morning, at 8.30. Witness saw him on the evening of the 2nd, and he received his money. He did not see prisoner in company with a man named Morris, on the 3rd. He saw prisoner on the following Wednesday, and he offered to go through the books and pay all that was due. He had had the money that was booked as credit for some weeks.

Mr. Sharpe submitted to the Bench that there was no case. It was one for County Court, and he was sure that Mr. Sheldon had been wrongly instructed. The fact was, as had been shown, that there was an account between the prisoner and his employer, and between the employer and the prisoner.

The Bench retired to consult, and on returning into Court, proceeded with the case.

Annie Elizabeth *Hodges*, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, Hall Street, Tipton, said the prisoner brought some ginger beer and soda water to her house in December. She could not say how many but she knew he was paid whenever he called, which was about three times a week. When she had no change she had the goods from prisoner on credit but paid him next time he called.

Moses Perry, publican, ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, Tipton, said prisoner came to his house several times in December last, and he had ginger beer and soda water, &c, he could not say how many, or the date. He remembered having before Christmas, two dozen of ginger-beer and one dozen of soda water.

Henry Whitley said he was formerly employed as clerk at the prosecutor's, but now he travelled in place of the prisoner. He produced a book which contained entries partly in his handwriting. He referred to three entries, Williams, *Hodges* and Perry, and said that the amounts standing against their names had not been paid by the prisoner. Prisoner had not paid any money into the office since December 24. He would swear this. On being told to look at the book again, he said he had made a mistake, for prisoner had paid up to January 2.

Cross-examined: He would swear that the moneys prisoner received on Friday were not paid on Saturday, the 3rd January. He had been acting as clerk for eighteen months, but there were no entries in the book in his handwriting until Christmas. The prosecutor used to make the entries.

Henry Trentham, son of prosecutor, was recalled, and being cross-examined, said he knew that his father owed prisoner for clipping six horses. He had frequently been paid for such work. The prisoner paid up on Friday evening, January 2, but not on Saturday morning, January 3. Neither did he give him permission to be absent from his employment.

Mr. Sharpe again submitted to the Bench that there was no case. The prosecution had given their evidence in a very loose manner indeed, and they had shown a spiteful animus against the prisoner, and he would ask the Bench to dismiss the case.

Prisoner, through his solicitor, pleaded not guilty, and objected to the case being tried by the Bench. He reserved his defence, and desired the case to go before a jury, that he might clear his character of the imputation cast upon it.

The Bench committed prisoner for trial, and admitted him to bail, himself in £40, and two sureties of £20 each."

[At Stafford Quarter Sessions, in April, 1880, Walter New was found not guilty of embezzlement.]

1881 Census

45, Hall Street – CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

[1] *John Hodges* (44), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Eliza Hodges* (30), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *John Guest* (16), visitor, born Wednesfield:

Dudley and District News 31/12/1881

"An inquest was held on Tuesday, at the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton Green, before the district coroner (E. Hooper, Esq.) touching the death of William Henry Perkins (50), miner, Hall Street, Tipton, who, on the 23rd inst, was killed in No.7 pit of the Round Hill Colliery, Coseley, belonging to the Earl of Dudley. Mr. J. H. Wainwright, the certified manager of the colliery, attended the enquiry.

Samuel Perkins, a brother to the deceased and who worked in the same pit, stated that on the morning of the date named, deceased was going to remove, with a pike, a portion of the pit's roof, which had been cut down in the airway. Deceased and his fellow workmen knocked on the roof and thought it would require blasting. They then went on removing the loose stuff that was about, and as they were doing so a portion of the roof suddenly fell on them. When extricated, witness's brother was dead, and his fellow-workman, named Daniel Harrington, of Tower Street, Dudley, was found to have three of his ribs broken. There was what is known as a 'slip thing' running through the stuff which fell. Witness would not have objected to work in the place as he believed every precaution had been taken to secure safety.

Joseph Dando, the deputy in the pit, said on the morning of the occurrence he examined the spot where it happened with a pike, and then found it safe. He then gave orders for the timber to be taken out, because they were going to make the place bigger as an airway and travelling road. When the timber was removed the coal would not come down, and the deceased proceeded to cut it on the right hand side to get it down. He had also announced his intention of asking for powder to blow the coal down, because it was so hard. Witness's opinion was that the 'slip thing' deceived the deceased and his fellow-workman.

The Coroner said it appeared to him that some props should have been set under the coal to prevent it falling whilst the men were cutting it.

The witness replied that the place appeared quite safe, and if the props were set the men would have to go under the coal to remove them.

The Coroner said as Mr. Baker, the Government Inspector, nor Mr. Scott, his assistant, had attended that day,

he took it they were satisfied with the result of their examination of the place, and had no blame to attach to anyone.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

Deceased who, was a single man, was the main support of his aged mother and a blind brother.”

Dudley and District News 21/1/1882

“*John Hodges*, landlord of the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness. Mr. Stokes appeared for the defence.

On the 4th inst. PS Dutton went into the house about noon, and there found John Summers lying on the floor incapable, and John Regan and Anthony Macdad sitting at the table, also drunk. On the table there were two quart jugs and two glasses. The landlady, when interrogated by the sergeant, said the men had not had any drink for two hours and a half. Just then, defendant came in and said the men had no drink, and that what was in the jugs and glasses was filled for another party, who were in the house before these men came in. The men were ejected, and walked away, Summers requiring assistance.

John Regan said he went into the house at seven in the morning, had had eleven glasses of whisky, and was just finishing a quart when the sergeant came in. He was drunk, whether the other two were or not. The landlady did not refuse to fill them any liquor.

For the defence, Mr. Stokes said the defendant was absent of business, and although the landlady had told the men time after time to go out, they would not go, and she was unable to eject them until the police-sergeant came and assisted her. There was, therefore, no permission of drunkenness in the case at all. Summers was an old man to whom Mrs. *Hodges* had given some breakfast out of charity, and who had got some drink from the other men in the room without her knowledge.

Corroborating, defendant stated that he was unavoidably detained while engaged on some business, or the offence would not have happened. He served the men with some drink before ten o'clock, when he went out, but there was no sign of intoxication about any of them. Mrs. *Hodges* said she had given the men no drink, and had ordered them out several times. One of the men asked her to give Summers some whisky in his tea, but she refused. She knew nothing about the men being in the house at seven in the morning. The drink which the sergeant saw on the table was left by a man named Carter, who went out, being insulted by some of the others.

The Bench considered the charge sufficiently proved, seeing the men had got drunk in the house.

Mr. Stokes said they could not convict, as the landlady had done all she could to eject the men as soon as she knew that they were becoming intoxicated. There was no evidence to show that defendant knew of them being on his premises drunk.

The Bench said the landlord might easily have known the men would get drunk from the quantity of drink he had filled for them.

Mr. Stokes said it was not the quantity of drink that would make that the men drunk, as one man might get drunk on a single glass, whilst another might drink a dozen glasses without being very drunk.

The Magistrates said they felt they must inflict a small penalty, leaving it optional for the defendant to appeal. He would be fined 5s and costs, or seven days, the license not to be endorsed.”

Dudley and District News 28/1/1882

“John Regan, Wade’s Passage, Tipton, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street there on the 4th inst. This was one of the men who was found drunk in the house by PS Dutton when he summoned the landlord for permitting drunkenness. The landlady alleged she ordered the prisoner out several times. He was fined 21s 6d including costs, or 14 days.”

Dudley and District News 4/2/1882

“John Somers, of Handsworth, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises. At a quarter past 12 noon, on the 4th inst. PS Dutton visited the CAPE HOTEL Hall Street, Tipton, and found the defendant lying on the floor in a drunken sleep. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s including costs, or 7 days.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/4/1883 - Advert

“To Brewers, Maltsters, Innkeepers, and Others.

To be Sold or Let, one of the oldest and best Full-Licensed Inns in Tipton, known as the CAPE HOTEL, only changed hands once in fifty-seven years. The House comprises extensive Cellaring, well fitted-up Liquor Shop, Smoke Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen, three Bed Rooms, large Club Room, 63ft long (four good clubs attached). Premises comprise Brewhouse and Plant, Coach-house, Stabling, Cowhouses, Piggeries, and other Outbuildings, Quoit Ground, Bowling Green and Summer-house, Entrance Gates at the back from the main road between Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

The House is situated at the corner of four-ways, and adjoins large Chain and Anchor Works, Ironworks, Foundries, Brickworks, Boat Docks, &c. &c.

The Proprietor retiring from business is the only reason for leaving.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, High Green, Tipton; or at the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton, Staffordshire.”

County Express 13/6/1885

“On Thursday at the County Court – before Mr. Amphlett, deputy judge – Joseph Glover, builder, of Great Bridge, sued *John Hodges*, CAPE HOTEL, Tipton, for £21 5s 6d for damages, owing to the death of a cow sold by the plaintiff to the defendant. Mr. Boycott (from the office of Mr. R. A. Willcock, Wolverhampton) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Hugo Young (instructed by Messrs. Stokes and Hooper) for the defendant. Plaintiff and his witnesses stated that the cow was purchased for £18, on the ground that it was the ‘soundest, honest, and truest’ cow within twenty miles. It was also stated that *Hodges* had agreed to take the animal back if it was not as represented. A week afterwards the cow was ill, and the defendant gave the plaintiff oils and medicine to cure it. He refused to take it back, and the animal died within a month. Plaintiff further alleged that *Hodges* had told him, if the worst came to the worst, he should not lose a penny. After some two hours had been spent in hearing the plaintiff’s case, the parties arrived at an agreement, the plaintiff accepting £10, with costs on the £20 scale.”

Dudley Herald 15/2/1890 - Advert

“Pro Bono Publico!

Since the Arrival of *Sam Timmins* at the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, Tipton, He has Sold Hogsheads of Salt’s Famous Ales, Direct from the Brewery, Kates Hill, Dudley, Trade Mark Triple Gateway Dudley Castle.”

1891 Census

45, Hall Street – CAPE HOTEL

[1] *Samuel Clifton Timmins* (50), licensed victualler, born Oldbury;

[2] *Annie Timmins* (39), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Mary Plimmer* (24), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/4/1894 - Advert

“The Estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, Brewer, Deceased.

To Brewers and Others. Highly important Sale by Auction of the Kates Hill Brewery, Maltings, Stores, and Land, together with Twelve Freehold and Two Leasehold Public Houses, in and around Dudley.

Alfred W. Dando has been favoured with instructions from the Trustee of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, to Sell by Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday Next, May 1 (unless an acceptable offer for the whole is in the meantime made), at Seven o’clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced.....

Lot 8. The Important Fully-Licensed Premises, known as the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton, containing Vaults, Smoke Room, Club Room, three Bed Rooms, together with Coach-house, Stabling, Bowling Green, &c, at rear, now let to Mr. *Lewis*.

N.B. The whole of the foregoing houses were purchased by the late Mr. Samuel Salt with excellent judgment, and are nearly all occupied by respectable and old tenants under agreements (copies of which may be seen upon application), and are well worth the attention of brewers desirous of increasing their trade and private individuals wishing to start in the public business.....

Further particulars and plans may be obtained at the Offices of Messrs. A. G. and S. Hooper, Solicitors; or the Auctioneer, all of Dudley.”

County Advertiser 5/5/1894

“On Tuesday evening, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, Mr. Alfred W. Dando, auctioneer and valuer, of Dudley, offered for sale by auction valuable properties belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, brewer. There was a large attendance. The biddings throughout were very spirited, and the sale was a very successful one. The total amount realised was £8,941.....

CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton, sold for £560.”

Dudley Herald 22/1/1898

“In the Divorce Division on Monday, Mr. Justice Barnes heard the case of *Jukes v. Jukes*, in which case Mrs. Clara Amelia *Jukes* sued for a dissolution of marriage by reason of cruelty and misconduct of her husband, *David Jukes*, stated to be the proprietor of the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton. The suit was undefended. Mr. Barnard appeared for the petitioner, and stated that the marriage took place on the 5th September, 1888, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Park Lane, Tipton, and the parties afterwards lived together in Dudley Road, Tipton. There were two children of the marriage. The husband had given way to drink on a number of occasions, and had stayed out late at night. He had been guilty of violence to his wife on several occasions. In June, 1896, when her child was ill, he ordered his wife out of the house, and in a struggle her leg got jammed between the door and hurt badly. On another occasion he threw a bottle at her. With regard to the misconduct, it appeared that the husband had stayed away from his wife from time to time, and that he had gone to the CAPE HOTEL, Hall Street, Tipton, of which he was the proprietor, and had there misconducted himself with a barmaid named Nellie Walton.

Mrs. *Jukes* having given evidence bearing out counsel’s statement, and corroborative evidence of cruelty having been given, Kate Gilbert, who had been employed at the hotel, said that she had seen respondent and Nellie Walton at the hotel under suspicious circumstances.

The Judge on this granted the petitioner a decree nisi for the dissolution of the marriage, with costs and custody of the two children of the marriage.”

Dudley Herald 2/4/1898

“About seven o’clock on Sunday morning, PC Heath discovered that a fire had broken out at the CAPE HOTEL, Tipton Green. The constable gave the alarm to the volunteer fire brigade, and the firemen were soon on the spot, under the command of Captain W. J. Cox. After an hour’s hard work the fire was extinguished, but considerable damage was done.”

1901 Census

45, Hall Street – CAPE INN

- [1] *Thomas Vincent* (44), innkeeper, manager, born Princes End;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Vincent* (44), wife, born Princes End;
- [3] *Thomas Henry Vincent* (22), son, ironworker, born Princes End;
- [4] *Bathsheba Vincent* (15), daughter, born Princes End;
- [5] *Maud Vincent* (12), daughter, born Princes End;
- [6] *John Vincent* (10), son, born Princes End;
- [7] *Joseph Vincent* (8), son, born Princes End;
- [8] *Beatrice Vincent* (8), daughter, born Princes End;
- [9] *Gertrude Vincent* (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Alfred Ernest Vincent* (3), son, born West Bromwich;

County Advertiser 29/9/1906

“*Joseph Nicholls*, CAPE HOTEL, Tipton, was fined 10s and costs for being drunk in charge of a horse and gig at Brierley Hill on the 20th inst. Police-constable Walters gave evidence.”

1911 Census

45, Hall Street

- [1] *Albert Henry Clarke* (35), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

- [2] Clara Clarke (37), wife, married 12 years, born Tipton;
- [3] Josiah Clarke (11), son, school, born Tipton;
- [4] Ham Clarke (9), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Albert Clarke (7), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Harriet Wordsworth (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 29/11/1919

“An enjoyable gathering was held on Monday evening at the CAPE HOTEL, Tipton, when Mr. *Whitehouse* provided a free supper of excellent proportions and quality. There were over 60 guests, and after the cloths had been withdrawn, Mr. Thomas Astley was voted to the chair. A happy evening was spent in mirth and melody; songs were given by Messrs. J. Parsons, Paskin, Foxall (senior), Foxall (junior), F. Parsons, J. Homer, S. Sharrat and others. Mr. and Mrs. *Whitehouse* were heartily thanked for their generosity, and the proceedings ended with the singing of ‘God Save the King’.”

John Henning = John Fleming

1939 Register

Sedgley Road West – CAPE HOTEL

- [1] *Sidney C. Gardom*, date of birth, 03/12/1888, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Augusta V. M. Gardom*, dob, 24/05/1892, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Doris C. (Gardom) Cotterill*, dob, 13/12/1914, clerk, shorthand typist, single;
- [5] *Horace S. Gardom*, dob, 08/11/1919, electrician improver (wiring), single:

Demolished

Rebuilt

Tipton Herald 5/11/1955

“The annual meeting of the Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild was held at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday. There was a good attendance.....”

Tipton Herald 10/11/1956

“The annual meeting of the Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild, held at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday evening, was well attended The retiring president, Mrs. H. M. Goer, presented a bouquet of carnations to Mrs. *Gardom*, hostess, in appreciation of her many kindnesses.....”

Tipton Herald 6/4/1957

“The monthly meeting of Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild was held at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday, when a talk was given to members by a representative of Bakelite Ltd. on his company’s products.”

Tipton Herald 7/12/1957

“The Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild celebrated its ninth birthday with a party at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday evening After buffet refreshments the drama and music groups combined to provide entertainment, which included charades, community singing and finally ‘Auld Lang Syne’.”

Tipton Herald 9/7/1960

“The monthly meeting of Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild was held at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday, Mrs. E. Hamilton presiding. The speaker was Mr. W. Hughes, the Bilston science-fiction author, who writes under the name of Hugh Walters.

A letter of thanks to the guild was received from W.V.S headquarters for four blankets, knitted by members of the guild, for world refugees, and acknowledgement of a cheque for £30 for the Mayor of Tipton’s Refugee Appeal Fund. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Miss W. Jeffery.”

Tipton Herald 8/10/1960

“The monthly meeting of the Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild was held at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Hamilton.

After a short guild business meeting a sale of work by the handicrafts and homecrafts groups, including a hand-made woollen rug, made and donated by the chairman, resulted in £28 being raised for the guild general and charity funds.

The next meeting of the guild will be held on November 8th.”

Tipton Herald 5/11/1960

“A well attended annual general meeting of Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild was held at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday.....”

Tipton Herald 10/12/1960

“Tipton South Townswomen’s Guild held its 12th birthday party at the CAPE HOTEL on Tuesday evening. The Mayoress, Mrs. A. Morton, was present at the party, which was presided over by Mrs. B. Mitton.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/6/1961

“Photographs and descriptions of a six-year-old Dudley girl and her father, who have been missing from the town for almost three weeks, have been forwarded to Dublin police, and Irish newspapers. This is the latest development in the case of the missing Jane *Gardom*, and her father, Mr. Horace *Gardom*, whose home address is the CAPE HOTEL, Tipton.

The possibility that Mr. *Gardom* and his daughter may be in Eire, was put forward by a Dudley man, who having read of the girl’s disappearance yesterday contacted the police and told them that between May 17 and 19 he had received a letter from Mr. *Gardom* post-marked Dublin.

In this letter Mr. *Gardom* enclosed a sealed letter which he asked should be forwarded to his wife, Mrs. Ruby *Gardom*, a Dudley hairdresser, who is separated from her husband. This is the letter which Mrs. *Gardom* had already given to the Dudley police, and in which her husband says that Jayne ‘is happy and the spots are almost cured.’

The letter was delivered to Mrs. *Gardom* on May 20. She saw Dudley police again yesterday, having at the suggestion of her solicitor, searched her former home in Somery Road, Dudley, in the hope of finding a clue.”

[1983]

It was renamed THE FIRE STATION

[1990]

Closed

It was converted into flats.

CASTLE

1, Castle Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Martin [1862]

Richard Hodgkiss [1870] – 1871);
Thomas Wright (1871 – []
George Henry Perks [] – 1874);
James Whitehouse (1874 – []

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 2/12/1862

“Ann Jackson, domestic servant, in the employ of Mr. *Martin*, of the CASTLE INN, Great Bridge, was charged with robbing her master of £2, and some articles of domestic use. She was sent to the House of Correction for two months.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/2/1870

“At the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Spooner (Stipendiary), James Randall, a boatman, aged 28, who has recently been a soldier, was charged with feloniously entering the house of *Richard Hodgkiss*, beerhouse keeper, Great Bridge. The case was proved by the prosecutor, Elizabeth Whane, domestic servant, and Police-constable Wright. It appeared that on Sunday morning about two o’clock, the prisoner broke open one of the windows of the house. The prosecutor heard the bar of iron, which the window had been fastened, fall to the ground, and he came down in his shirt. The prisoner jumped through the window, and thus got away, but not before he had been seen by the prosecutor, who had known him previously. On the same morning the prisoner was apprehended by Police-constable Wright. The prisoner was committed for trial.”

[James Randle was found guilty of attempting to commit a felony and was sentenced to imprisonment, with hard labour, for 6 calendar months in the House of Correction at Stafford.]

Dudley Herald 14/1/1871

“To be sold by auction Lot 1. The CASTLE INN with house, brewhouse, out premises and a nail shop the property has a frontage to Main Road at Great Bridge and abuts the back on the Birmingham Canal. The CASTLE INN has a pump and well and a soft water cistern.....”

1871 Census

Great Bridge – CASTLE INN

- [1] *Richard Hodgkiss* (47), moulder, born Ironbridge, Shropshire;
- [2] Ellen Hodgkiss (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Samuel Hodgkiss (12), son, labourer’s boy, born West Bromwich;
- [4] William Hodgkiss (9), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Emily Hodgkiss (6), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Eliza J. Hodgkiss (4), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Ann M. Hodgkiss (2), daughter, born West Bromwich:

It was described in the Dudley Herald 8/7/1871 as CASTLE (NEW QUEENS HEAD).

CASTLE

1, High Street / 1, Castle Street, (Upper Green), (High Green), (Tipton Green), TIPTON

OWNERS

Penn Brewery

James Whitehouse (acquired November 1882 for £1,500)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1901], [1903]

William Henry Cox [1911]

R. A. Harper Ltd.

Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd. [1924]

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired on 29th May 1940)

LICENSEES

Joseph Whitehouse* [1837] – [1841]

Joseph Whitehouse* [1849] – [1876]

William Jones [1877]

Benjamin Rollason (1879 – [])

James Clark [1881]

James Whitehouse [1882]

James Challinor [1891]

Frederick George Thompson (1891 – [])

George Frederick Thompson [1892]

Job Parker [1896]

Joseph Woollett [1900]

Arthur Smith [1901] manager

Joseph Woollett (1903 – [1904])

William Henry Cox [1908] – 1922);

Ernest Arthur Jones (1922);

Sarah Ann Hamblett (1922 – 1924);

Frank Langford (1924 – 1940);

Mrs. Vera Langford [] ?

Thomas Christopher Gray (1940 – 1944);

Henry Thomas King (1944 – 1951);

Leonard Louis Carey (1951 – 1953);

William Douglas Whitehouse (1953 – [1956])

NOTES

High Green [1860]

Castle Street [1861], [1896], [1912], [1932], [1940]

1, Castle Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1911]

1, High Street

CASTLE HOTEL [1868], [1879], [1891], [1924]

It had a dance room.

*probably the same person

Joseph Whitehouse, beer retailer, High Green. [1841]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/7/1845

“The Tipton Slasher will be in Tipton, on Thursday next and during race week, headquarters, Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse*’s, the CASTLE INN, Tipton. He will have a sparring booth on the racecourse, accompanied by Charley Jones and some others.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/11/1848

“An inquest was held on Saturday last, at the CASTLE INN, Tipton, before George Hinchcliffe, Esq, upon the body of Emily Swatkin, a little girl, who, while in the act of washing her hands in the canal fell in, and was drowned. Verdict accordingly.”

Joseph Whitehouse, beer retailer, Upper Green. [1849], [1850]

Birmingham Journal 13/7/1850 - Advert

“Sale Of Hops, at Upper Green, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell, on Monday Next, July 15th, 1850, at Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse*’s, CASTLE INN, Upper Green, aforesaid.

Twenty-four Pockets of prime Worcester, Sussex, and Kent Hops, in good condition, which have been consigned for immediate disposal, and will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Sale to commence at two o’clock in the afternoon.”

1851 Census

Upper Green

- [1] *Joseph Whitehouse* (36), victualler and boat keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Catherine Whitehouse (36), wife, born Compton, Worcestershire;
- [3] Kate Whitehouse (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Rosa Whitehouse (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Mary James (40), general servant, born Shenstone, Staffordshire;
- [6] Sarah Lowe (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“On Wednesday, the annual petty sessions for the Hundred of Offlow South was held.....

The following publicans were cautioned only.....

Joseph Whitehouse, CASTLE INN, Tipton, open on Sunday.”

Staffordshire Sentinel 21/4/1855 - Deaths

“April 10, Lizzie, third and youngest daughter of *Joseph Whitehouse*, CASTLE INN, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/9/1856

“The Tipton Slasher and Tom Paddock. Harry Broome is still engaged on behalf of his old opponent-in-arms previous to his going into active training to fight Tom Paddock for the championship, and the beautiful classical belt which is to accompany it. As the best means of assisting the Tipton to defray the heavy expenses attendant upon this great match, and also to give him a social cheer before commencing ‘his abstemious fare and vigils long,’ it is proposed that he should be regaled with a good old English dinner at Mr. *Whitehouse*’s, CASTLE INN, Tipton, Staffordshire, on Monday, September 15. The dinner given before the fight will be a much more substantial one than given to our Crimean heroes after the fight. The chair will be taken by a distinguished patron of the ring faced by Harry. The Tipton relies on his old Staffordshire friend to come forward on this occasion to assist him, and enable him to make all snug with regard to his deposits before he departs for country quarters.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/9/1857

“On Tuesday evening last, an old woman, seventy-one years of age, named Mary Watts, who resided with her son and his family in Castle Street, Tipton, was found dead in a large cistern in the brewhouse adjoining his house. An inquest was held at the CASTLE INN, Tipton, on Thursday, before G. H. Hinchcliffe, Esq,

coroner and adjourned until the 24th instant, for a post mortem examination to be made. The deceased was seen in her son's house a short time before she was discovered, but no one can tell how she got into the cistern, or why she went into the brewhouse."

Birmingham Daily Post 14/1/1865 - Deaths

"On the 30th ult, aged 35 years, Esther Catherine, the beloved wife of Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse*, CASTLE INN, Tipton; deeply regretted."

Birmingham Daily Post 10/4/1865 - Advert

"Boats. To be Sold, or Let, or Hired. One Oak Cabin Boat, and One Open Deal Boat. Can be seen in working condition.

Apply to *Joseph Whitehouse*, CASTLE INN, Tipton."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/8/1866

"The adjourned inquest on the body of Ann Edwards, aged 20, who died on Monday night week from the effects of poison, was held at the CASTLE INN, Tipton, on Friday, before Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, and a Jury of which Mr. R. L. Whitehouse was chairman.

Sarah Edwards, the widow of Thomas Edwards, boat builder, said: The deceased was my daughter, and would have been twenty in the course of a few days. On Monday evening last, between eight and nine o'clock, she put on her things to go out, and I asked her where she was going. She said she was only going for a little walk and should be back in a few minutes. She returned in half an hour. I noticed nothing strange in her manner on that day. I knew she felt hurt because the young man, John Whale, with whom she used to keep company, had slighted her; but it did not appear to make any difference with her on Monday. She was in the family way. I had accused her of it, and she did not disown it. When she came back on Monday night I asked her if she would have any supper, but she said she did not want any, and sat down to her work. She remained up longer than the rest that night, and at last came up to bed without a candle. A short time after she had got into bed, her sister, who slept with her, complained that her legs were cold, and about ten minutes after that the deceased began to scream. She said, 'Oh, mother do forgive me, I have killed myself.' She begged of her sister to hold her, but said nothing more. A doctor was sent for at once, but she only lived about half an hour after. The cup produced, containing blueish dregs, was found under a chest at the top of the bed.

Mr. Daniel Kerr, assistant to Dr. Underhill, stated that he and Dr. Underhill made a post mortem examination of the deceased's body. From the symptoms immediately preceding death, and also from the post mortem appearances, he was clearly of opinion that death was caused by strychnia.

Dr. Underhill coincided in Mr. Kerr's opinion, and produced a packet of Battle's vermin-killer, which he said he had analysed, and found to be similar to the sediment at the bottom of the cup.

It appeared the deceased purchased a packet of vermin-killer on Monday evening, at the shop of Mr. Wilkinson, druggist, Owen-street.

John Whale, the young man who formerly kept company with the deceased, was sworn. He said he had known deceased about two years, and had promised to marry her. The promise was broken off on Monday night week – the night of the Tipton wake – when they had a few words and parted. He did not know she was in the family way.

The Coroner, in summing up the case for the Jury, said unless they had evidence before them that deceased was in an unsound state of mind, it would be their duty to return a verdict of *felo de se*, however painful such a course might be to their own feelings. He should be sorry to conclude this case without expressing his regret that poisons of this kind were so accessible to all classes of the public. During the last twelve months no fewer than five cases had occurred within his district in which young women had died from taking vermin powder. He intended to make a special report of this case to the Home Office, and he had no doubt steps would be taken to alter the existing law on the subject.

The Jury returned a verdict of *felo de se*, and expressed a wish that this poison should not be sold unless in the presence of two independent persons, so that in cases of suspicion it might lead to an inquiry.

The Coroner said he would be happy to forward their recommendation to the Secretary of State."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/6/1868 - Advert

“Staffordshire. County Conservative Registration Association (Eastern Division), Tipton Branch.

A Meeting of Persons favourable to the objects of the above Association will be held on Monday Next, at the House of Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse*, CASTLE INN, Tipton Green, at Eight o'clock in the Evening, for the purpose of Enrolling Members of the Association and of transacting other business, when the presence of all Persons interested in the Conservative Cause is particularly requested.

Wm. H. Fellows, Hon. Sec.

Tipton, June 26th, 1868.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/7/1868

“On Monday last a meeting was held at the CASTLE HOTEL, Tipton, for the purpose of apportioning the parish into districts for the purpose of registration in behalf of the Conservative party. There was a good attendance, and arrangements were made for looking after every district within the parish. We may mention that Mr. W. H. Fellowes, of Horseley Heath, solicitor, acting in the Conservative interest, will gladly register any claimant for a vote upon application.”

1871 Census

1, Castle Street

[1] *Joseph Whitehouse* (56), widower, victualler, born Bilston;

[2] Catherine Whitehouse (24), daughter, born Bilston;

[3] Frederick J. Whitehouse (13), son, born Bilston;

[4] Joseph Whitehouse (12), son, born Bilston;

[5] Albert H. Whitehouse (10), son, born Bilston;

[6] Fanny L. Whitehouse (8), daughter, born Bilston;

[7] Mary E. Whitehouse (6), daughter, born Bilston;

[8] Eliza Whitehouse (22), general servant, born Bilston;

[9] Jane Whitehouse (16), general servant, born Bilston:

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/8/1873

“A largely attended meeting of the supporters of Mr. Allsopp was held on Monday afternoon at the CASTLE INN, Tipton. Mr. L. Whitehouse presided.....”

Dudley Herald 22/1/1876

“*Joseph Whitehouse*, landlord of the CASTLE INN, Tipton Green, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 2nd inst. Mr. Stokes defended.

Police-sergeant Dutton, stationed at Tipton Green, stated that at a quarter-past one o'clock on Sunday morning, the 2nd inst, he was on duty in Castle Street, Tipton, when he saw a cab standing by the back premises of defendant's house. Upon going down to the cab he saw Mr. Llewellyn being led by the defendant's son out of the back door in the direction of the cab. Mr. Llewellyn was very drunk. Witness went in the bar, where he saw the defendant lying on the sofa, and six empty champagne bottles standing on the table and two others under it. Mr. *Whitehouse* did not seem drunk, but he was not sober. Witness spoke to him and said, ‘This is a nice state of things, a man being led out of your house drunk at this time of morning.’ Defendant replied, ‘Who is drunk, or who is drunk in my house?’ Witness replied, ‘Mr. Llewellyn, of Blackheath,’ and then left the house and walked away, Mr. *Whitehouse* calling him back. As he would not return, Mr. *Whitehouse* followed him with the cab, the whole party shouting after him. Witness then went and spoke to Mr. *Whitehouse*, who called him all the names he could. The party then went away for the purpose of calling Mr. Underhill up.

Cross-examined: Mr. Llewellyn was not in the cab when I went up to the back door. I did not speak to Mr. Llewellyn by the door of the cab. I saw him get into the cab, but I did not go to him. He got in the cab before I went inside the house. When I first saw him he was about a yard from the steps. I saw he was drunk by his unsteady gait and appearance. I have ascertained that he came from a distance that night. He was standing on the footpath when I came back to him. When I asked for his name and address he gave it to me. He asked me if he was drunk and I told him he was. He demanded my number, and I gave him my name

and address. I gave it him eight or nine times in succession. As I told him he was drunk he insisted upon going to the Police Station, and when he got there PC Mainwaring told him he was drunk. Mr. *Whitehouse* then said he should like Dr. Underhill to be called to prove that Mr. Llewellyn was not drunk, but as I would not fetch him they went and rapped at Dr. Underhill's door. Dr. Underhill refused to come down and see the party. I saw them rap the door, and I heard Dr. Underhill's assistant say that he thought that Mr. Llewellyn was very drunk.

By Mr. Spooner: Mr. *Whitehouse* did not say how Mr. Llewellyn went to his house. He said it was a shame he could not have a gentleman there at Christmas time without being interfered with by the police.

PC Mainwaring stated that when he saw Mr. Llewellyn at the Police Station he was very drunk.

Cross-examined: I said he was drunk as soon as I saw him. Sergeant Dutton asked me what my opinion was of the man and I replied drunk.

PC Webb stated that he saw Mr. Llewellyn go to Dr. Underhill's surgery but he was some time before he could find the speaking tube. One of Dr. Underhill's assistants opened an upper window and inquired what was the matter, and Mr. Llewellyn replied that he wished to see Dr. Underhill for him to see if he was drunk or not. Mr. Allen (Dr. Underhill's assistant) said he should think he was very drunk, and immediately shut the window. Mr. *Whitehouse* was with Mr. Llewellyn. Witness went up to the party and told them it was no use knocking there, and then they went away.

Mr. Stokes addressed Mr. Spooner for the defence and contended that his client was not guilty of permitting drunkenness in his house inasmuch as he would be able to prove that Mr. Llewellyn was not drunk and that he was on a visit to Mr. *Whitehouse*, who had been thirty years in the town and never had a conviction recorded against him.

He called the defendant, who stated that he had been in business for thirty-five years and that was the first time that such a charge had been preferred against him.

By Mr. Spooner: Thirty-two years ago a charge was preferred against me for a nominal offence but it was dismissed.

Re-examination continued: Mr. Llewellyn was an old friend of his and has always been in the habit of visiting him on new year's day. Mr. Llewellyn went to his house in a cab about nine o'clock on the night in question and he (defendant), received him as his guest. He joined the family circle and remained with them until Sergeant Dutton came. They had been drinking champagne, and when Mr. Llewellyn rose to go home he was not drunk. He rolled about a little but he (defendant) attached no importance to that as Mr. Llewellyn had a habit of rolling about when he was perfectly sober (laughter) and he is always a long time getting up. Hearing a noise outside his house he went outside, when he saw Sergeant Dutton standing near the cab, and he told the officer that he was surprised he should accuse an old friend of his of being drunk. After they left the Police Station they went to Dr. Underhill's, but they did not see him. A little boy about 13 or 14 years old opened the window and said the doctor could not come down stairs. He did not hear him say Mr. Llewellyn was drunk.

By Mr. Spooner: Mr. Llewellyn is a Town Councillor of Dudley. We had eight bottles of champagne, but there were eight or ten persons to drink it. They began drinking at nine o'clock but Mr. Llewellyn drank nothing but champagne all evening. Several of the servants partook of the champagne. I generally give the servants some on such occasions.

Mr. T. Llewellyn was called and stated that he was an old friend of Mr. *Whitehouse*'s, and had known him for forty years. The witness corroborated the evidence of Mr. *Whitehouse* and said he was perfectly sober. Mr. Spooner considered the case was fully proved against the defendant, who had no right to entertain his guests in such a manner as to make them drunk, but taking into consideration of the fact that the defendant never had a conviction recorded against him he thought the justice of the case would be met by his paying the costs. There was a summons set down for hearing against Mr. Llewellyn for being drunk and riotous, but it was not gone into upon the understanding that the costs were paid."

Dudley Herald 12/2/1876 - Advert

"Re *Joseph Whitehouse* Deceased.

Notice Is Hereby Given that all Persons having any Claims or Demand against the Estate of *Joseph Whitehouse*, late of the CASTLE INN, Tipton, in the County of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, deceased, are requested to Send Particulars thereof to me, the undersigned, forthwith, in order that the same may, if correct,

be discharged. And all Persons indebted to the above Estate are requested to pay the amount of their Debts to me without delay.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1876.

Jos. Stokes, 1, Priory Street, Dudley, Solicitor for the Executors of the Deceased.”

Dudley Herald 27/1/1877

“To be sold by auction all that well known and old established freehold licensed inn, the CASTLE INN, Tipton, which was occupied by the late Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse* for forty years and is now occupied by Mr. *William Jones* as a yearly tenant. This well known inn is situated in one of the best and most commanding situations in the town of Tipton at the Junction of High Street with Castle Street and close to the main road leading from Dudley to Gospel Oak, Bilston etc. The house contains front bar, tap room, parlour, two kitchens, four chambers, large and lofty room used for public meetings and as a dining hall (being one of the largest rooms in the parish) with three bay windows overlooking Castle Street and there is an ante room (used as a parlour) divided there from by a moveable partition, which is very frequently removed for the holding of large meetings for which the house is noted.

There are also four capital cellars, liquor cellar and bottling store. The out offices comprise an excellent brewery, with every convenience for carrying on a large and lucrative business, besides there is good stabling, malt room, man’s room, enclosed covered in yard, with large entrance gates to Castle Street. There is a very ample supply of soft water, and the mains of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. are laid on to the premises.”

Wednesbury Herald 19/4/1879 - Advert

“CASTLE HOTEL, High Street, Tipton. Change of Proprietorship.

Benjamin Rollason, having taken to the above Hotel, and Stocked it with First-class Wines, Spirits, Ales and Porter hopes to receive a liberal Share of Public Support.

A Well Fitted Smoke Room. A New Billiard Table, by Burroughes and Watts has just been erected.

Benjamin Rollason, Proprietor.”

Dudley Herald 20/9/1879 - Notice

“Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Refuge Friendly Society, Register No.964, held at the CASTLE INN, Tipton, in the County of Stafford, is Dissolved by Instrument, registered at the Office, the 16th day of September, 1879, unless within three months from the date of the Gazette in which this advertisement appears, proceedings be commenced by a member or other person interested in or having any claim on the funds of the Society to set aside such dissolution, and the same be set aside accordingly.

E. W. Brabrook, Acting as Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies.

26, Abingdon Street, Westminster. The 16th day of September, 1879.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/10/1879 - Advert

“To be Disposed of, with immediate possession, that well-known old-established House, the CASTLE HOTEL, Tipton, being situated in close proximity with ironworks and collieries, and capitally situated for a large and extensive business, having a small brewery attached.

For particulars, apply J. Morrell and Son, Valuers, Bilston.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/8/1880 - Advert

“CASTLE INN, Tipton. To Let, immediately, this excellently situated Old-licensed Public-house. Valuation low and part can remain if required.

Apply on the premises; or Penn Brewery, near Wolverhampton.”

1881 Census

1, Castle Street – CASTLE INN

[1] *James Clark* (48), licensed victualler’s manager, born Huntingdon;

[2] *Charlotte Clark* (40), wife, born Cheltenham;

[3] *Jane Clark* (14), daughter, scholar, born Huntingdon;

- [4] Harry Clark (15), son, scholar, born Huntingdon;
- [5] Joseph Clark (13), son, scholar, born Huntingdon;
- [6] Elizabeth Clark (9), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [7] Charles E. Clark (7), son, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

1, Castle Street – CASTLE HOTEL

- [1] *James Challinor* (28), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Jane Challinor* (27), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Louisa Challinor* (3), daughter, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday..... For the application of *Frederick George Thompson*, the CASTLE alehouse, High Street, Tipton, which had been objected to on the ground that the licensee was non-resident, Mr. Lawrence said the house and license had been transferred to the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company Granted, subject to transfer to the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company.”

Dudley Herald 15/10/1898

“At the CASTLE INN, Tipton, on Monday, Mr. H. A. Pearson, coroner, held an inquest respecting the sudden death last Friday, of *William Woodward Turner* (38), Wade’s Passage. The evidence showed that deceased was in the CASTLE INN with another gentleman, when he suddenly became sick and expired. Dr. H. Brown, who arrived immediately after death, said death was the result of apoplexy. He was a very stout man and suffered from gout. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned. The jury protested against having to view bodies at inquests. The funeral took place on Tuesday.”

Joseph Woollett = Joseph Woollatt

Birmingham Daily Post 11/8/1900

“On Thursday evening a meeting of the Friendly Societies Committee was held at the CASTLE INN, to make final arrangements for the parade to be held on September 1st. The arrangements for the bands and the compiling of the programme were completed. The next meeting is called for next Thursday at the SHAKE-SPEARE INN, Toll End.”

1901 Census

1, Castle Street – CASTLE INN

- [1] *Arthur Smith* (31), public house manager, born Tipton;
- [2] *Lucy H. Smith* (31), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mirada M. Smith* (9), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Hannah Clee* (17), general servant, born Oldbury:

It was put up for sale in March 1905.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/11/1910

“At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dudley and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association, recently held at Cradley Heath, it was unanimously decided to authorise Mr. G. T. S. Plant, solicitor, to instruct counsel to apply to the High Court for a mandamus to compel the West Bromwich District Commissioners of Inland Revenue to hear expert evidence on behalf of the owner and occupier of the CASTLE INN, Tipton, as to the annual value of such premises. The importance of the application lies in the fact that under the recent Financial Act, the licensed duty is based on the annual value of the licensed premises, and it is contended by the legal advisors of the society that it would be manifestly unfair for such annual value to be fixed by the Commissioners without expert evidence on behalf of the licensee being heard. It is anticipated that the application will be heard in the King’s Bench Division during the present week.”

1911 Census

1, Castle Street – CASTLE INN

[1] *William Henry Cox* (41), inn proprietor, born Tipton;

[2] *Susannah Cox* (42), wife, married 13 years, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Harold Cox* (3), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Sarah Tate* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

William Henry Cox – see also WHITE HORSE.

South Staffordshire Times 29/10/1921 - Advert

“*Alfred W. Dando and Co.* have received instructions from *Mr. W. H. Cox*, who has owned and occupied the house for nearly seventeen years, and is retiring from business, to Sell By Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday, November 8th, 1921, at seven o’clock in the evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale then to be produced.

The CASTLE INN.

A very prominently situated old-established home-brewing and roomy property, fronting Castle Street and High Street, and within a few yards of the Dudley Road, containing long double fronted Bar and Outdoor department at the side. Smoke Room, Sitting Room, Covered Way leading to Kitchen, Coal-house and Spirit Store, Four Bedrooms on one floor, one fitted with Bath (h. and c.), Spacious Assembly Room, with separate entrance from High Street; Six arched and other Cellars under entire house, a Capital Brewery, together with double covered gateway entrance, three-stall Stable, and other Out-buildings.

The Auctioneers desire to direct the attention of Home Brewers and others to the above important house, which is one of the best known in the locality, and adjacent to a number of large works in the midst of a thickly-populated district.

Further particulars may be obtained of Messrs. Clulow & Rudge, Solicitors, Brierley Hill; or of the Auctioneers, 193, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

South Staffordshire Times 22/3/1924

“A most unusual license extension was granted by the Tipton Justices on Tuesday, to *Mrs. Sarah Ann Hamblett*, licensee of the CASTLE INN, High Street. It was the hours of the afternoon from 2 till 6 o’clock. It was explained that the celebrations attending a Jewish wedding would be held there, and the marriage would not be solemnised at the Wolverhampton synagogue till half past one. The stipulation was made that none but the wedding party and its guests should be allowed on the premises.”

South Staffordshire Times 23/8/1924

“*Mr. Frank Langford*, of the CASTLE HOTEL, has arranged a flower and vegetable show, to be held on Monday, September 15th, and will be pleased to supply all details respecting the classes. Messrs. Eley, of Stafford Brewery, are supplying a championship cup and gold medal towards the event.”

South Staffordshire Times 13/9/1924

“The first annual vegetable and flower show will be held at the CASTLE INN, High Street, Tipton, next Monday. The show will be opened by Councillor Joseph Baker and there will be a concert from 8.30 till 10 o’clock. The classes number twelve, and in addition there will be a special prize offered for the best collection of six vegetables. The CASTLE championship cup and gold medal presented by Messrs. Eley’s Stafford Brewery Ltd., will be awarded to the competitor with the highest aggregation of points. The show is open to anyone living within a three mile radius of High Street. Entrance forms may be obtained from *Mr. Frank Langford*, CASTLE INN. It has been suggested that a Tipton and District Allotment Holders’ Association should be formed. Anyone interested in this project should communicate with the secretary or the host of the CASTLE INN.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

CASTLE INN, High Street, 4s 3½d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/12/1930

“Pit Disaster Fund. Contributions arrived yesterday for the *Birmingham Gazette* and *Evening Despatch* Fund for the relief of dependants of the victims of the Grove Pit disaster are.....

Customers, CASTLE INN, Tipton, per *F. Langford*... £2 0s 0d.”

It had a gym where Bill Tibbs trained boxers, including Jack Addison.

1939 Register

Castle Street – CASTLE INN

[1] *Frank Langford*, date of birth, 18/01/1892, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Vera E. Langford*, dob, 04/10/1893, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Vera D. Langford*, dob, 04/10/1914, unpaid domestic duties, single:

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies' Darts League. [1948]

Tipton Herald 25/6/1955

“Excitement mounted among spectators and players when the final of the Claude Butler darts competition was played between CASTLE INN, Tipton, and OLD SWAN ‘C’, Netherton, at Netherton Conservative Club on Friday of last week.

After a very close start, in which the scores ran nearly equal, OLD SWAN INN drew away quickly, with J. Cooksey scoring 125. CASTLE INN fought back bravely, but the first leg was snatched by OLD SWAN with a score of 100 by J. Johnson.

In the second leg, CASTLE INN fought bravely in an effort to draw level with their opponents. J. Johnson, of the Netherton team, excelled his previous score by scoring 140, and with a further 100 being added to their score, OLD SWAN INN romped home to win the cup. Play for the highest score was equally keen, but again, despite the determined efforts of CASTLE INN, OLD SWAN were successful with a score of 180 being made by Mr. W. Taylor.

The cup was presented to Mr. J. Beal (captain) by Mrs. J. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Butler, and the Tommy Lawton Cup was presented to Mr. W. Taylor for the highest score.

Prize for the highest collection throughout the season was awarded to the SALTWELLS team, and Mr. H. Price, Vice-President of the Netherton Old Folk's Darts and Crib League accepted it on their behalf. Later, prizes to the value of £20 were shared between winning and losing team members.

The Butler competition has been in existence for about five years, and its object is to raise money for the Netherton Old Folks' Fund. Since its beginning the competition has raised £150 for the fund.

Mr. F. C. Newman, Hon. Secretary of the Netherton Old Folks' Darts and Crib League, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Harris for presenting the prizes, and expressed his appreciation for the work done throughout the season by Mr. Charles Bartlett, Chairman of the competition for the past five years.

Playing in the final were – OLD SWAN INN: J. Beal (captain), B. Billingham, J. Johnson, A. Cooksey (W.

Taylor and T. Aston non-playing members). CASTLE INN: S. Jones (captain), I. Vanes, S. Paskin, L. Ma-
son, R. Langford (T. Burton and J. Shaw non-playing members).”

Closed

Tipton Herald 2/2/1957

“The former CASTLE INN at the junction of High Street and Castle Street, which is now de-licensed and vacant, has been acquired by Tipton Corporation. The premises are to be demolished and the site utilised for street improvement purposes. Arrangements are to be carried out immediately.”

CASTLE MILL

39, Bell Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Goodright [1870] – [1872]

Mary Ann Goodreds [1880] – [1881]

Herbert Lloyd [1891] – **1892**;

David Allport (**1892** – []

James Smith [1893]

John Hill [1896]

Samuel Hale [1898] – [1900]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 28/11/1868 - Advert

“For Sale, a first-class Bagatelle 9 feet long; two pockets, Slate bottom, &c, complete.
Apply CASTLE MILL INN, Bell Street, Tipton.”

John Goodright, beer retailer, Bell Street. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

39, Bell Street – CASTLE MILL INN

[1] *John Goodright* (43), iron founder, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary A. Goodright* (42), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Alfred Goodright (15), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Bence (18), general servant, born Tipton:

Mary A. Goodreds = Mary A. Goodright = Mary Ann Goodrede = Mary Ann Goodred

Dudley Herald 17/1/1880

“*Mary Ann Goodred*, Bell Street, Tipton, beerhouse-keeper, was charged with unlawfully having her house and premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, the 4th inst, before the hour of half-past 12

o'clock in the forenoon, to wit, 8.30 in the forenoon of the same day.

PS Dutton said he visited the CASTLE MILL beerhouse kept by the defendant, on Sunday morning last, and found a woman named Jane McDadd, in the passage near the bar. She was being served with a quart of ale. Defendant admitted the offence and was fined 10s and costs."

AND

"Jane McDadd was charged with being on the licensed premises of *Mary Ann Goodred* during prohibited hours on Sunday last, and was fined 6d and costs."

Dudley Herald 31/7/1880

"*Mary Ann Goodred*, landlady of the CASTLE MILL beerhouse, Bell Street, Tipton, was charged with keeping her house open before six o'clock in the morning, to wit at twenty minutes past one on the 2nd inst.

PS Dutton said he visited the house, and in the parlour found two men, one sitting in a chair and the other hiding under a table. A jug which had contained porter, and a glass containing porter, were underneath the sofa. The defendant's son said the persons mentioned were friends of his. He would swear they did not pay for anything.

Mr. Stokes defended, and said he was pleased to say Sergeant Dutton had given his evidence very fairly, and that he should be able to call witnesses he would prove that the persons in the house were invited guests, it being Mr. *Goodreds*'s wife's birthday.

Alfred *Goodred* stated that it was his wife's birthday, and that on the Tuesday previous he invited some friends to spend the evening with him, and they were there as his private guests.

Cross-examined by Sergeant Dutton, he admitted that two other men were in the house a few minutes before Sergeant Dutton came in, but he did not know where they were gone. They were also invited guests.

Evidence having been given in corroboration of the defendant's plea, the bench dismissed the case, remarking that the police had done right in bringing the case before them, as it was one for investigation."

1881 Census

39, Bell Street

[1] *Mary A. Goodreds* (52), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;

[2] Elizabeth A. Edge (22), domestic servant, born Bilston;

[3] Alfred Goodreds (25), head, music teacher, born Bilston;

[4] Charlotte S. Goodreds (23), wife, born Bilston;

[5] Mabel (?) S. Goodreds (1), daughter, born Tipton:

London Gazette 26/5/1882

"The Bankruptcy Act. 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Mary Ann Goodrede*, of the CASTLE MILL INN, Bell Street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Widow and Beerhouse Keeper.

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 GEORGE HOTEL, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, on the 8th day of June, 1882, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1882.

Wm. Bowen, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, Solicitor for the said Debtor."

Birmingham Daily Post 1/6/1882 - Advert

"By Powell & Brown, This Day (Thursday), at 10.30, at the CASTLE MILL INN, Bell Street, Tipton. The Public-House Fixtures, Household Furniture, Stock, and Effects."

Birmingham Daily Post 22/12/1882 - Advert

"CASTLE MILL, Bell Street, Tipton. Capittally-fitted Beerhouse; thickly populated district. In-coming low; part may remain. In present hand twenty years.

Full particulars from Powell and Brown, Valuers, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Post 18/8/1884 - Advert

“Tipton. Free beerhouse. Good brewing plant. Quoit ground. Rent and in-coming low. CASTLE MILL, Bell Street.”

1891 Census

39, Bell Street – CASTLE MILL INN

- [1] *Herbert Lloyd* (36), shingler, born Wallbrook, Sedgley;
- [2] Sarah Lloyd (36), wife, born Daisy Bank;
- [3] Lily Cartwright (18), general servant, born Tipton;
- [4] George Harrison (62), uncle, brewer, born Kidderminster;
- [5] Mary Ann Harrison (59), aunt, born Wolverhampton:

Birmingham Daily Post 7/10/1891

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Neville (Stipendiary), *Herbert Lloyd*, the CASTLE MILL INN, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his licensed premises on the 15th September. Mr. Lawrence appeared for the defence. The evidence was to the effect that police-officers saw two men named Hawthorne and Willet in the house at 4.45, 6.30. and 7.10, and that Hawthorne was drunk. Several witnesses were called for the defence. The Stipendiary deemed the evidence unreliable on account of the discrepancies which it disclosed, but the accused, having kept his house well previously, a fine of 20s and costs (19s 6d) was imposed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

“The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday..... Mr. Lawrence applied for the renewal of the license of the CASTLE MILL, Bell Street, in the name of *David Allport*, in the place of the former tenant, *Herbert Lloyd*, who had been convicted for allowing drunkenness. Granted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/1893

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Messrs. R. Williams and G. S. Guy, James Frederick Marshall and Walter D. Burke, described as advertising photographers of Leeds, were charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences.

Henry Beasley, landlord of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, stated that on September 15 Marshall called on him, and requested permission to take a photograph of his premises. Two days afterwards Marshall called with a proof, and witness paid him 11s for half a dozen photographs, and was given a receipt headed ‘Marshall and Company, Portland Crescent, Leeds.’ Prisoner promised to forward the photographs in eight or ten days, but they had not yet arrived, although witness had written for them.

James Smith, landlord of the CASTLE MILL beerhouse, Bell Street, Tipton, stated that Burke took a photograph of his premises. Witness was shown a negative and paid 5s 6d for three photographs, which had not yet arrived.

Prisoners were remanded.”

John Hill, beer retailer, 39, Bell Street. [1896]

Dudley Herald 2/4/1898

“At Darlaston Police Court on Monday, John Parkes, a rough-looking young man, whose alias is ‘Jackey Doo Dah’ of Chapel Street, Tipton Green, was charged with indecently assaulting *Annie Hale* (6), whose parents keep the CASTLE MILL public-house, in Bell Street, Tipton Green.

The little girl’s statement was that the defendant had been a customer at the public-house, and on the 21st inst, she was sitting on his knee in the bar when he indecently assaulted her and gave her some coppers. A puddler named Job Langford said he was in the inn when he saw Parkes give the little girl a drink and then indecently assault her. There were half-a-dozen or more other persons in the bar at the time. After hearing other witnesses Mr. Partridge said that the magistrates thought there was no evil intentions on the defendant’s part in anything he did, and the case would be dismissed.”

Dudley Herald 21/5/1898

“Mercy Baker and Honor Williams, Tipton Green, were summoned for refusing to quit the CASTLE MILL INN, Bell Street, on the 9th inst.

Mrs. *Hale*, the landlady, said whilst Mercy Baker was talking to a young man named Paskin, a man of the name Joseph Stone saw them and made the remark, ‘If I can stand this I can stand anything.’ A few minutes later Mercy Baker came in the house and he began to speak about her talking to Paskin. She said: ‘I went out with him before I went out with you, and I shall speak to whom I like.’ Then Paskin came in and further quarrelling took place, witness eventually getting the two men into another room. She then asked her to leave the house but she refused. Honor Williams came in, and witness told her her brother (Paskin) was all right and she had better go. She refused and the row commenced. In the ‘scuffle’ the gas was torn down, and Mercy Baker threw a pint cup at Stone but missed and it caught witness in the mouth. She then tried to force them out of the house, and the police whom she had sent for arrived and restored order.

Witnesses were called on either side, those for the defence stating that Mrs. *Hale* turned the gas out and that only Baker was ordered out. Defendants were fined 5s and costs each.”

Dudley Herald 28/5/1898

“Richard Fisher, Hall Street, and George Green, Factory Road, were charged, the former with stealing and the latter with receiving, a brass tap, valued 10s, the property of Thomas Doughty, landlord of the HEN AND CHICKENS beerhouse, Summer Hill, Tipton, the latter stated the he visited the CASTLE MILL beerhouse, Tipton, having in his possession the brass tap which he wished to show the landlord. The latter, however, said he did not want it, and witness then showed him some knives. He last saw the tap in Fisher’s hands, and saw him go out. Afterwards he missed it, and eventually discovered it in his brewhouse. Other evidence was called, but the magistrates considered it so inconclusive that they dismissed the case.”

Samuel Hale, beer retailer, 39, Bell Street. [1900]

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Samuel Hale, CASTLE MILL, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/9/1900

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for Darlaston and Tipton were held yesterday at Wednesbury. Mr. Alfred Elwell, who presided, announced that in future Licensing Sessions would be held at Tipton and Darlaston. The magistrates dealt with the ‘black list’ and renewed the whole of the licenses with the exception of that of the CASTLE MILL beerhouse, Bell Street, Tipton, which was refused on a personal objection to the landlord, and also because the premises were in a dilapidated condition.”

CLARENCE

165, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Clements [1870] – [1874]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/10/1869 - Advert

“Rare Opportunity. To be Let, at Horseley Heath, on the main road to Dudley, the CLARENCE INN (Beerhouse), situated in the midst of many large Works, and doing a large Ready-Money Business. The in-coming tenant may have possession at any time by taking to the Fixtures, &c, &c, at a fair Valuation. The present Landlord is the owner of the property.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/7/1870 - Advert

“Peremptory Sale Of The CLARENCE INN, and Three Messuages at Horseley Heath Tipton. By Davies and Halford, on Monday next, the 4th of July, at the House of Mr. Henry Beddow, the BALL INN, Horseley Heath aforesaid, punctually at Seven o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions then to be produced, in One Lot. All the valuable Retail Beerhouse, and Premises, known as the CLARENCE INN, situate in and being No.165 Horseley Heath, now in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Clements*, having Spacious Shop, with Bay Window, roomy Kitchen or Parlour, three comfortable Bed Rooms, Closet, Brewhouse and Wash-house, with excellent Malt Room over, paved Yard, two Privies, good supply of Water, two capital Cellars, with Rolling Way approach, Coal Place, Cart Entrance at back, and all the usual Appurtenances; together with the three Dwelling Houses and Premises, situate in and being Nos.7, 10, and 17 in Court 19, at the back thereof, each having Living Room, Pantry, Coal Place, and two Bed Rooms, party Brewhouse, party Privy, Yard, &c, in the respective occupations of Michael Garvil, Peter Cavanagh, and Luke Fletcher, the whole estimated to be worth an annual rental of £45. Immediate possession of the Public House may be had. For further particulars, apply to Mr. Fellows, Solicitor, Dudley Port; or to Davies and Halford, 11, Cherry Street, Birmingham and Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

1871 Census

Horseley Heath

- [1] *Joseph Clements* (42), hairdresser, born Tipton;
- [2] *Ellen Clements* (41), wife, born Evesham, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Joseph Clements* (16), son, hairdresser, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Clements* (14), son, forge lad, born Tipton;
- [5] *George Clements* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Richard Clements* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Robert Clements* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Nathan Clements* (1), son, born Tipton:

Dudley Guardian 1/8/1874 - Notice

“To the Overseers of the Poor and Peace Officers of the Parish of Tipton, in the County of Stafford, and to all others whom it may concern.

I *Joseph Clements*, Hair Dresser, of Horseley Heath, in the Parish of Tipton, in the County of Stafford, Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the next Annual General Licensing meeting for the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall Division of the County of Stafford, to be holden at the Public Office, at West Bromwich, on Wednesday, the Twenty-sixth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four, for a Certificate authorising the grant to me of a license to Sell Beer, Porter, and Cider by retail, not to be consumed on the premises, in the House, Shop, and Premises situate and being No. Horseley Heath aforesaid, now occupied by me; which said shop and premises are my own freehold property, and have not heretofore been licensed for the sale of Ale, Beer, Porter, or Cider.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1874.

The mark of X *Joseph Clements*.

Witness – Jabez Smith, Clerk to Mr. W. H. Fellows, Solicitor, Tipton.”

COACH AND HORSES

Dudley Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

J Parkes [1865] – [1867]

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Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/11/1865

“H. Smith of Dudley Port and J. Turner of Tipton. The 100 yards match, for £5 a side, between these district men, is going on, and the match comes off at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Monday, Nov. 13. Mr. Chillingworth, of the BULLS HEAD, Dudley, who is final stakeholder and referee, has £3 a side in hand, and a further deposit of £1 a side is to be made this evening at Mr. *Parkes*’, COACH AND HORSES, Dudley Road, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/5/1866

“J. Dudley of Wednesbury and E. Morris of Tipton. These men have signed articles to run 100 yards, for £10 a side, at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Monday, June 11. Mr. Shenstone, SEVEN STARS, Princes End, is appointed stakeholder and referee. The next deposit for the same is to be made at *J. Parkes*’s, COACH AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, this day.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/1/1867

“G. Skeldon of Princes End and H. Smith of Dudley. The 100 yards match, for £10 a side, between the above men, is progressing. £4 a side is down in the stakeholder’s hands, to whom a further deposit is due. The match is down to come off at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton on Feb 4. £4 10s is down. Next deposit of 30s a side to be made on Monday at Mr. *Parkes*, COACH AND HORSES, Tipton, between eight and ten o’clock.”

COACH AND HORSES

194, (160), High Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Evans, miner, Princes End

Isaiah Millington

Hereford and Tredegar Brewery Co. Ltd. [1915]

Thomas Plant Ltd, Netherton.

Ansells Ltd.

K. W. Chan (acquired on 25th October 1985)

LICENSEES

W Corbett [1866]

Benjamin Garbett [1866] – 1875);

Samuel Wesson (1875 – 1876);

William Hughes (1876 – 1880);

John Lee (1880 – 1882);

Thomas Wardell (1882 – 1883);

Edward Evans (1883 – 1884);

Thomas Jones (1884 – 1886);

Thomas Thomas (1886 – 1887);

Samuel Shaw (1887 – 1888);

William Hughes (1888 – 1898);

Isaiah Millington (1898 – 1903);

William James Harris (1903 – 1904);

Rachel Westwood (1904 – 1905);

Mark Owen Baugh (1905 – 1906);

Henry Benfield (1906);

William Douglas (1906 – 1907);

Frederick George Horton (1907);

Charles Smith (1907 – 1910);

Augustus Sylvanus Phillips (1910);

George Spare (1910 – 1912);

Joseph Richards (1912 – 1914);

Samuel Flavell (1914 – 1915);

Walter Woolley (1915 – 1917);

Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall (1917 – 1922);

Thomas Henry Taylor (1922);

John Randall (1922 – 1930);

Charles Smith (1930 – 1933);

Frederick Cherrington (1933 – 1935);

Ernest John Langford (1935 – [1938]

Thomas George Buckley [1940]

Bert Evans [1964] – 1966);

David Whitehouse (1966 – 1967);

David Thomas Aston (1967 – 1968);

Edgar Vincent Roden (1968 – 1969);

Lily Sylvia Higginson (1969);

George Barnett (1969 – 1970);

Michael Henry Coxshall (1970);

John Freeman (1970 – 1971);

Harry Armstrong Dodds (1971 – 1977);

Ivan John Hughes (1977 – 1978);

Margaret Rose Mullen (1978 – 1980);

Maureen Cynthia Atkins (1980 – 1981);

Michael Leslie (1981 – 1987):

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[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

160, High Street [1871], [1881], [1901], [1940]

194, High Street

It had a beerhouse license.

The boundary line between Tipton and Coseley ran through the middle of the pub. The front was in Coseley and the rear in Tipton.

Birmingham Journal 13/6/1863 - Advert

“COACH AND HORSES, Princes End, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Jabez Bywater, on Monday Next, June 15. The Brewing Vessels, Barrels, &c, in first rate condition; part of the clean Household Furniture, Piano-Forte, in Rosewood Case; Breeding Sow, about twenty score, &c, and other effects.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/7/1866

“S. Hollihead of Princes End will run Alf. Wood of Daisy Bank 100 yards, with two yards start; or Skeldon of the same place 100 yards level. Either match for £10 a side. Money ready at *W. Corbett's*, COACH AND HORSES INN, Princes End. To run on Monday, July 23, at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/11/1866

“J. Skeldon of Princes End will run W. Hunston of Ocker Hill 100 yards level, or take one yard in 120 of H. Smith of Dudley Port or two in 100 yards, or run J. Tranter of Tipton with three yards in the like distance. Money ready at *B. Garbets's*, COACH AND HORSES, Princes End.”

Benjamin Garbett, beer retailer, Princes End. [1868], [1870], [1872]

Benjamin Garbett issued tokens bearing ‘OLD COACH AND HORSES, Princes End’.

1871 Census

160, High Street, Brierley

[1] *Benjamin Garbett* (49), miner and publican, born Tipton;

[2] Eliza Garbett (46), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah Garbett (16), daughter, born Bloxwich;

[4] Benjamin J. D. Garbett (4), son, born Princes End;

[5] Ester Turner (14), domestic servant, born Oldbury:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/8/1872

“S. Hollihead of Princes End will run W. Hinson of Ocker Hill 100 yards if he will give him a yard start, for £5 a side, and will run him at the Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury. Money ready at the COACH AND HORSES INN, Princes End.”

Dudley Herald 26/6/1880 - Advert

“To Let, COACH AND HORSES INN, High Street, Princes End, doing a good trade; incoming £120; reason for leaving bad health.

For further particulars apply to Jabez Bywater, Princes End.”

1881 Census

160, High Street, Brierley

[1] *John Lee* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Kidderminster;

- [2] Sarah Ann Lee (44), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] Sarah Ann Lee (11), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [4] Ellen Lee (8), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [5] Thomas Lee (6), son, born Kidderminster;
- [6] Arthur Lee (4), son, born Kidderminster:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1884

“The Bilston annual Brewster Sessions took place yesterday.....

After consulting for a short time, the Bench decided to renew all the old licenses, with the exception of the following, whose holders have been fined during the past year, and who will have to apply again at the adjourned meeting on the 26th prox.....

COACH AND HORSES, Princes End.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1884

“Yesterday Bilston adjourned Brewster Sessions was held.....

Chief Superintendent Longden presented the list of publicans who had been convicted during the year. The Bench, after severely cautioning the persons in question, agreed to renew the licenses.”

William Hughes, beer retailer, 160, High Street, Princes End. [1896]

Dudley Herald 18/6/1898

“A concert was held at the COACH AND HORSES INN, Princes End, on Saturday evening, for the benefit of Mr. Edward Jones, of Gospel Oak, who met with a serious accident at Willingsworth Furnaces on April 2nd, 1897 and had been unable to follow any employment since. The artistes included Mr. C. Gwinnett who was well received in his comic recitation ‘The News Boy,’ Messrs. J Cocklin, Tom Hughes, Joe Banks, Tom Tolley, T. Slater, &c. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. *William Hughes* the concert was a great success and as a result a good sum will be handed to Mr. Jones.”

1901 Census

160, High Street

- [1] *Isaiah Millington* (60), beerhouse keeper, born Princes End;
- [2] Harriett Millington (34), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] Emma E. Millington (24), daughter, barmaid, born Bloxwich;
- [4] George Millington (8), son, born Bloxwich;
- [5] Thomas Millington (7), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Ivy Millington (2), daughter, born Princes End;
- [7] Eliza Morris (22), general servant, born Tipton:

William Harris, beer retailer, High Street, Princes End. [1904]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/2/1907

“According to the report of Police-Superintendent Spendlove read at the annual brewster sessions for the Bilston Petty Sessional Division yesterday, there are 356 licenses of all kinds within the division, or one to every 174 of the population.

The Clerk (Mr. Pratt) said the Bench had decided to recommend the following eleven houses on the ground of redundancy to be referred for compensation, and the cases would be adjourned to the adjourned meeting, and in the meantime notices would be given to the owner.....

COACH AND HORSES, High Street, Princes End.”

Tipton Herald 27/11/1909

“At Bilston Police Court, Elizabeth Thomas (married), Upper Church Lane, Princes End, was summoned for being disorderly and refusing to quit the licensed premises of the COACH AND HORSES INN, High Street, Princes End, on the 13th inst. A cross summons was taken out by Mrs. Thomas charging Mrs. *Smith*, the

landlady, with having assaulted her.

Mr. R. Tildesley represented the complainant, and said that on the night in question there was a club supper at the COACH AND HORSES, and Mrs. *Smith* was assisting her husband in the management. Mrs. Thomas was in the house with her husband, and became quarrelsome. Mrs. *Smith* remonstrated with her, but she made use of bad language, and when requested to leave declined to go. Mrs. *Smith* went towards her with a view to putting her out, and Mrs. Thomas then caught hold of her by the hair, and also struck her.

Mrs. *Smith* said a club supper was being held at the house on the night in question and there was a dispute between some of the members over the beer. Mrs. Thomas took up the dispute and assaulted her.

A young son of Mrs. *Smith*, named George, said those at the supper were to have thirty quarts of beer, but only eighteen were sent in.

Mr. Pratt (magistrate's clerk): Why?

Witness: Because father thought they had had enough that night. He told them there was another day to live besides that Saturday night.

Mrs. Thomas' story was that the landlady threw a glass at her, which cut her finger, and also struck her with her fist.

Edward Thomas said he was at the supper, and his wife and Mrs. Screen were having some words together. His wife made a remark which the landlady asked her to repeat. She did so, and Mrs. *Smith*, came round the bar and gave his wife a blow on the mouth, afterwards throwing a stout glass at her. He took no part in the bother because it was between two women.

The magistrates having retired, Dr. Smith said they were satisfied Mrs. *Smith* threw the glass at Mrs. Thomas, and she would be fined 20s and costs. The charge against Mrs. Thomas was dismissed."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/2/1915

"John Price, formerly a publican and valuer at West Bromwich, and at 58, the Delph, Brierley Hill, was charged at Brierley Hill yesterday, with obtaining by false pretences £5 from Samuel Flavell, 39, Dibdale Road, Lower Gornal, on May 30, 1914, with intent to defraud.

Prosecutor stated that in March, in reply to an advertisement he saw prisoner, and agreed to take the COACH AND HORSES INN, Princes End. He paid £5 deposit to prisoner, who said he would at once forward it to the owners, the Hereford and Tredegar Brewery Company (Limited), and that witness would have possession of the house in about a month's time. A week later, at the BUSH HOTEL, Dudley, Price informed him the brewery company were willing to let him have the FIVE WAYS HOTEL, Brierley Hill. Witness agreed to the alteration, and paid Price another £5 and received a receipt. Witness had not heard anything further about the two houses, neither had he seen his money.

Frederick Shaw, for the Hereford and Tredegar Brewery, said Price had not been authorised to negotiate a change of tenancy in respect of either of the licensed houses named, neither had he received any money on the firm's behalf. No money had, in fact, been received from Price.

Thurza Davies, general dealer, High Street, Quarry Bank, stated that in May last she went to Price's house at the Delph and saw him about an outdoor beerhouse, which he had advertised as being to let, at Great Bridge, by Messrs Harmer and Co., brewers, Wolverhampton. After inspecting the house she agreed to take it, and paid £5 deposit to Price. Some time later she met prisoner, when he told her he had put the money in the Post Office. He also offered her £1 in return.

Mr. J. Gee, manager to Messrs. Harmer and Co., said no money had reached the firm from Price in respect of the house referred to. It was true prisoner saw him about this house, and witness, for special reasons, told prisoner he must on no account pick up any money for the firm.

Prisoner was committed for trial at the Staffordshire Sessions."

[John Price was sentenced at the Staffordshire Sessions, on the 4th of April, 1915, to three years' imprisonment for fraud.]

Walter Woolley, beer retailer, 160, High Street, Princes End. [1916]

Birmingham Gazette 6/10/1917 - Advert

"Handsome Cob, 15 hands, 6 years; warranted sound, quiet to ride and drive; exceptionally fast, fine mover; vet examination; trial; £30.

W. Davis, COACH AND HORSES, Princes End, Tipton.”

Mrs. *Elizabeth Marshall*, beer retailer, 160, High Street, Princes End. [1921]

A team from here took part in the Princes End Darts League. [1956-57]

Birmingham Daily Post 23/3/1964

“Seven people were killed in road accidents in the Midlands over the week-end. In a two vehicle crash at Tipton Road, junction of the Birmingham to Wolverhampton trunk road, a woman was killed and seven people were injured.

The dead woman was Mrs. Lily Johnson, aged about 60, of High Street, Princes End. She was a passenger in a car driven by Mr. William Bowater, aged 34, of Manby Road, Tipton, who was treated in Dudley Guest Hospital for head and leg injuries.

Other passengers in his care, Mrs. Ada Beckett, of St. Ann’s Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, and Mrs. Dora *Evans* of the COACH AND HORSES INN, High Street, had treatment for head and leg injuries.....”

[1976]

Sandwell Evening Mail 24/2/1986

“Another 50 Sandwell publicans are campaigning for rate cuts after complaining that beer sales are sinking. The latest applications come after 300 Sandwell pubs last year applied for rate cuts because of dwindling trade. The BARREL in Pound Road, Oldbury, is objecting against a rateable value of £2,284 and the ROWLEY RAG at Throne Road, Rowley Regis, is contesting a rateable value of £3,513 in the latest applications. The COACH AND HORSES at High Street, Princes End, Tipton, the PARK TAVERN at Dudley Road, Smethwick, the COACH MAKERS ARMS at Bridge Street, Wednesbury and the FLOWER POT at Spon Lane, West Bromwich, are also seeking rate cuts.

The applications are due to be heard in March at the West Midlands Valuation Panel offices at Dudley. A Panel spokesman said, ‘Rates on pubs are based on sales.’

Some Sandwell publicans have already warned that they will not be able to carry on if rents and rates are increased.”

The license was not renewed on 5th March 1987.

COCK AND WHEATSHEAF

166, Bloomfield Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Edward Aston
Francis Rhodes

LICENSEES

Henry Thompson [1864] – [1865]
Edward Aston [1865] – [1868]
Henry Thompson [1867] – [1870]
Edward Aston [1870] – [1887]
Henry Mason [1891] – [1892]

Benjamin Marsh [1896]
Frederick Hall [1900]
Francis Rhodes [1901] – [1921]

NOTES

COCK [1867], [1869]
COCK AND SHEAF [1868], [1870], [1873], [1879], [1882]
WHEATSHEAF [1892]
COCK AND WHEATSHEAF [1896], [1904], [1908], [1912]

Henry Thompson, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1864], [1865], [1870]

Edward Aston, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1865], [1868]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/5/1867

“The 200 yards match for £10 a side, between Wilkinson’s bitch Polly of Tat Bank and Turner’s (of Tipton) red dog Nelson, for £10 a side is going on. £3 is down, to be made into £5 a side, at *H. Thompson’s*, the COCK INN, Bloomfield, on Monday, the match to come off at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, near Dudley on May 27.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1868

“Yesterday, a special licensing session for the purpose of granting victuallers’ licenses was held at the Public Office, West Bromwich.....

Edward Aston, Bloomfield, Tipton. Refused.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/2/1869

“Mr. Thompson of Bloomfield not feeling satisfied with his late match at Burnt Tree, will match his bitch Lady against Mr. Wall’s Gip of Summerhill, at catch weight, to run 200 yards, for £10 or £15 a side. Money ready at *Thompson’s*, COCK INN, Bloomfield.”

Edward Aston, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1870], [1872], [1885], [1887]

1871 Census

166, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Edward Aston* (56), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Alice Aston (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Edward Aston (21), son, shingler’s assistant, born Tipton;
- [4] Eliza Aston (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] George Aston (17), son, born Tipton;
- [6] James Aston (15), son, born Tipton;
- [7] Henry Aston (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Emily Aston (10), daughter, born Tipton:

1881 Census

166, Bloomfield Road – COCK AND WHEATSHEAF

- [1] *Edward Aston* (66), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Alice Aston (57), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Edward Aston (32), son, shingler in ironworks, born Tipton;
- [4] Henry Aston (24), son, puddler in ironworks, born Tipton;
- [5] Emily Aston (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Phoebe Seiney (?) (22), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[7] Eliza H. Mould (4), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 30/9/1882

“At the Sedgley Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs. J. R. Cartwright, B. Whitehouse, and F. A. Cromer, *Edward Aston*, landlord of the COCK AND SHEAF INN, Bloomfield Road, Princes End, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours, on the 10th inst.

Mr. Fellows, of Bilston, prosecuted.

PC Houston visited the defendant’s house at 11 o’clock on the morning in question, and found two men drinking.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and the Bench fined him £5 and £1 11s 6d costs.

The two men, William Somers and James Cartwright, who were found on the premises were each fined 5s and costs.”

1891 Census

166, Bloomfield Road – COCK AND WHEATSHEAF INN

[1] Sarah *Mason* (39), wife of innkeeper, born Slebech, Pembrokeshire;

[2] Annie Mason (13), daughter, born Llanelli, Carmarthenshire;

[3] Florence Mason (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Albert Mason (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] Charles Mason (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] Reginald Mason (3), son, born Bilston;

[7] Roland Mason (11 months), son, born Tipton;

[8] Annie Morris (47), sister-in-law, unmarried, living on own means, born Slebech, Pembrokeshire:

1901 Census

166, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Francis Rhodes* (33), unmarried, home brewer, born Sedgley;

[2] Mary Ann Rhodes (62), mother, widow, born Dudley;

[3] Phoebe Rhodes (19), sister, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 30/10/1909

“At Bilston Police Court on Friday, James Harris (61), alias George Roberts, of no fixed abode, was charged on remand with stealing two sweeping brushes from the shop of Kate Fellows at 113, Bloomfield Road, Tipton.

The evidence was repeated to the effect that on the 14th inst, the man was seen to enter the shop, unhang two brushes off the wall, and walk off with them into the COCK AND WHEATSHEAF INN where he asked the licensee to give him a drink for one of them. Mrs. Fellows followed him into the house and claimed the brushes, and gave him into the custody of PC Hill.

Superintendent Pilliner said the man had been identified by his finger-prints as there was a record of previous convictions against him.

He was committed for trial at the adjourned Quarter Sessions.”

[James Harris pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months’ hard labour.]

1911 Census

166, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Francis Rhodes* (43), brewer, born Bilston;

[2] Edith Florence Rhodes (29), wife, married 5 years, born Tipton;

[3] Phyllis Foley Rhodes (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Francis Alec Rhodes (3), son, born Tipton;

[5] Arthur Clifford Rhodes (2), son, born Tipton;

[6] Beatrice Hickman (26), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/6/1917

“Notice Of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the County Buildings, at 10 30 o'clock a.m., Stafford, on Saturday, the 14th day of July, 1917.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).....
COCK AND WHEATSHEAF, Bloomfield Road, Tipton. Full license. Licensee, *Francis Rhodes*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/7/1917

“County Licensing. Meeting of the Compensation Authority.....

Mr. J. B. Thursfield, on behalf of the licensing justices of the Wednesbury division, appeared to oppose the renewal of the license of the COCK AND WHEAT SHEAF alehouse, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, and there being no opposition the Court refused renewal.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/1/1918

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1917 was as follows.....

The Principal Meeting of the Compensation Authority refused to renew.....

COCK AND WHEATSHEAF, Tipton, beerhouse.

The Supplemental Meeting the committee went into great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants.

The committee consider that the amount (£500) of compensation agreed upon and fixed in the case of the COCK AND WHEATSHEAF is satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund, and the amount will be paid on the 22nd December 1917.”

It closed in the 1920s.

COOPERS ARMS

Owen Street, (Hall Street), (Sedgley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Tranter [1858] – [1862]

Benjamin Tranter [1866] – [1867]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 27/4/1858

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before Captain Bennett, Samuel Lockley, Joseph Lockley, William Wheel-

er, and Richard Price, were brought up on remand from Wednesday, charged with stealing a large quantity of saws and other articles from the Dudley Station of the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton railway. Mr. Croxall, the station master, repeated the evidence he gave at the preliminary hearing, to the effect that on the morning of the 13th of April a box in a truck lying at the station was broken open, and a quantity of saws, screw drivers, and other articles stolen. Mrs. Elizabeth *Tranter*, the wife of *Benjamin Tranter*, the landlord of the COOPERS ARMS public house at Tipton, stated that on the evening of last Thursday week, three of the prisoners – the two Lockleys and Price – came to the house, and Samuel Lockley offered to sell a saw. He had a bundle of saws in his hand, which he said he had picked up on the road. Mr. Burton, the Chief Superintendent of Police, stated at this stage of the proceedings he had other information, that he was not in a position to offer any further evidence at present; he had other information but could not produce it at present; he had other information, but could not produce it without making disclosures that might frustrate the ends of justice. He had reason to believe that the ringleader of the gang was still at large. Captain Bennett said he did not think the evidence adduced was sufficient to justify a further remand, and ordered the prisoners to be discharged. Mr. Warmington appeared for Wheeler.

A charge was then preferred against Joseph Lockley and Wheeler for being upon the premises of the Company on the night of the 14th of April, with intent to commit a felony. John Smith, foreman of the goods yard at the Dudley Station deposed that between eleven and twelve o'clock on the night in question he was on duty, and saw the two prisoners in the break van of a goods train standing at the station. On seeing him they leapt from the van, and having a loaded pistol in his hand, he fired it over the head of Lockley, who then called out, 'Bill, we shall be taken.' He called to them, and said his pistol was a revolver, and that he had five more barrels to discharge, and would shoot them if they attempted to run away. They then stood still until he got within about a few yards of the place where they were. He had a lamp with him, and turned the light full upon them; they then got over the fence and made their escape. He was certain of their identity. Mr. Warmington, on behalf of Wheeler, called John Walker, who said he had worked as a 'legger' at Dudley tunnel for fifteen years. Wheeler had worked with him for the last twelve years. On Tuesday morning the 14th inst, he called Wheeler up at two o'clock, and they worked together until ten at night. They parted at Queen's Cross at his own house. At two o'clock the next morning he called up the prisoner at his house in Greystone Street. James Jackson was also examined: He said he lived with the prisoner Wheeler, and remembered him coming home on the night in question. It was about ten o'clock. After having his supper he went to bed, and was called up at two o'clock the next morning. Both these witnesses were cross-examined by Captain Bennett and the Clerk to the Magistrates, as to their reason for remembering that particular day. Jackson became confused and faltered considerably in his statements. In reply to Captain Bennett, he said he was brother-in-law to Wheeler. Sarah Randle, aunt to Wheeler, said she was at his house on the night in question when he came home from work. It was about ten o'clock, and he went to bed as soon as he had had his supper on account of having to get up early the next morning. Sergeant Davies, who apprehended Wheeler, was examined at the request of Mr. Burton, and contradicted some of the assertions of Jackson, with respect to the clothes Wheeler had been wearing lately. Captain Bennett, discrediting both statements of the witnesses for the defence, committed both prisoners to the House of Correction for three months."

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/1/1861

"The undermentioned appeared to summonses, charging them with being present and aiding and assisting at a prize fight at Hednesford, on the 27th November last.....

Benjamin Tranter, of Tipton, victualler.....

The defendants were ordered to find a surety in the sum of £25, and to enter into their own recognisances for a similar amount to keep the peace for twelve months."

1861 Census

Owen Street – COOPERS ARMS

[1] *Benjamin Tranter* (49), cooper and publican, born Wombourne;

[2] Elizabeth Tranter (49), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Mary Tranter (22), daughter, born Dudley;

[4] Rhoda Tranter (18), daughter, born Wombourne;

[5] Thomas Tranter (16), son, cooper, born Wombourne;

- [6] Joseph Tranter (15), son, cooper, born Tipton;
- [7] John Tranter (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Henry Tranter (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] Agnes Tranter (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] Elizabeth Tranter (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [11] Charles Tranter (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [12] William Tranter (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [13] Mary Ann Adams (25), visitor, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1861 - Advert

“Lost, on Sunday, September 29, a light-brown Greyhound Dog. Answers to the name of Moonah. Whoever has found him and will bring him to Mr. *Benjamin Tranter*’s, COOPERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton, will be Rewarded for their trouble. Any person detaining him after this notice will be prosecuted.”

London Gazette 18/7/1862

“In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley.

In the Matter of *Benjamin Tranter*, now in lodgings at the RED LION INN, Great Bridge, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Cooper, previously thereto of Owen-street, Tipton aforesaid, Beer Retailer, a Bankrupt.

Whereas at a public sitting of the Court, held this day, the Court granted an Order of Discharge to the said bankrupt. Notice is hereby given, that an Order of Discharge will be drawn up and delivered to the said bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless, in the meantime, an appeal be duly entered against the judgment of the said Court.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1862.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/9/1863 - Advert

“Tipton. To Capitalists and Others.

Eligible Freehold New Licensed Inn, Dwelling House and Premises, situated at Hall Street, Tipton, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Joseph S. Parkes, on Monday, September 28, at Six o’clock in the evening, at the House of Mr. John Twist, the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton, subject to conditions then to be produced, all that well and substantially built New Licensed Inn, Dwelling House and Premises, situate at Hall Street, Tipton, called the COOPERS ARMS, and a Dwelling House, in the occupation of *Tranter* and Mills, and produces, at a very low rental, £10 per annum.

This Property is in excellent order, well tenanted and situated, and will be found a good investment for a small Capitalist.

For further particulars apply to Thomas Griffiths, Esq, Wellington Road, Dudley; John Chambers, Esq; Messrs. Hayes and Wright, Solicitors; and Joseph S. Parkes, Auctioneer, Surveyor, and Estate Agent, all of Oldbury.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/9/1863 - Advert

“Sale On Monday Next.

By Mr. Joseph S. Parkes, at the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton – Freehold new Licensed Inn, called the COOPERS ARMS INN, and a Dwelling House, situate at Hall Street, Tipton.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 24/11/1866 - Advert

“For sale, a capital Spring Waggon, suitable for a Maltster, or a Hay and Corn Dealer.

Apply at *Benjamin Tranter*’s, COOPERS ARMS, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 14/12/1867

“R. Aston of Tipton will run Coppom 100 yards with a yard start, or he will run H. Smith of Dudley Port 100 yards with four yards start. Either match to be made for £5 a side. Money ready at Mr. *Tranter*’s, COOPERS ARMS INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/1/1870

“At the County Court, on Saturday.....

Re *Benjamin Tranter*, publican, Tipton. Supported by Mr. Stokes; opposed by Mr. Lowe. In his examination the bankrupt said, ‘I live in a house built at Tipton. It belongs to Joseph Tranter, my son. He purchased the land. I have not put into my accounts any payments on the house. I have paid no money. I have not paid anything for labour on the house, and nothing for materials for the house.’ In cross-examination by Mr. Lowe, bankrupt said, ‘My son ordered the bricks in my name, with my authority. My son, who claims the house, is a journeyman cooper at England’s Brewery.’ Adjourned until the 12th of February.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 5/2/1870 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public House And Premises, Tipton Staffordshire.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. S. Powell and Son, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1879, at the house of Mr. Joseph Whitehouse, the CASTLE INN, Castle Street, Tipton (by order of the Assignees of *Benjamin Tranter*, a Bankrupt), with the concurrence of the Mortgagee, subject to conditions then to be read – all that recently-erected Freehold Public House, Workshops, and Premises, known at the COOPERS ARMS INN, situated in the Sedgley Road, Tipton, opposite the Britannia Foundry, and the Chain and Anchor Works of Messrs. Wright and Co., now in the occupation of *Benjamin Tranter*, and of the annual value of £32.

The House contains two large Cellars, Hall, Bar, Tap Room, Pantry, Kitchen, large Saloon, fitted with Singing Stage. The Upper Storey consists of four large Chambers (capable of being made into five). The Outer Premises are a large Brewhouse, two-stall Stable with Loft over, Cooper’s Shop and Workshop over, Yard, Fence Walls and Brick Piers. The Premises contain an area of 360 square yards, or thereabouts, with the Site of the Buildings, and the whole is well situated for Business purposes, and in an improving locality, as several acres of Land adjoining are set out for erection of Houses, and will be ready for sale immediately. Sale to commence at Six o’clock in the evening.

For further particulars apply to Mr. William H. Fellows, Solicitor, Dudley Port, Tipton; or Mr. G. B. Lowe, Solicitor, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley; or the Auctioneer, High Street, Tipton.”

COP HALL INN

13, (3), (5), Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

Joseph Haines [1835] – [1851]

Mrs. Mary Haines [1855] – [1865]

Mrs. Mary Harries [1868] – **1869**);

Thomas Smitheman (**1869 – 1871**);

William Plant (**1871 – [1873]**)

Edward Wilkins* [1881] – [1882]

Edward John Wilkins* [1883] – [1889]

George Edward Buller [1891] – [1901]

Andrew Clarke [] – **1904**);

Walter Brompton (**1904 – []**)

Joseph Taylor [1908] – [1921]

H E Malugani [1929]
Edward Edwards [1932] – [1940]
Albert Wilson [1954] – [1957]
Mary Ann Mason [1959]

NOTES

Sheepwash Lane [1849], [1860]
5, Sheepwash Lane [1888]
3, Sheepwash Lane [1889], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1932]
13, Sheepwash Lane [1940]

It stood next door to the OLD CROWN.

CAP HALL INN [1838]
COP HALL HOTEL
COP HALL INN [1849], [1932]

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a bowling green.

Joseph Haines = Joseph Haynes

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 13/9/1841 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Buildings, near Great Bridge.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Bunch, on Friday the 24th day of September, at the house of Mr. *Joseph Haines*, COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, near Great Bridge, precisely at six o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as will be then produced.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/12/1846 - Advert

“Sale At COP HALL INN, Sheep Wash Lane, Great Bridge, West Bromwich.

To Railroad Contractors, Coal and Iron Masters, Farmers, Carriers, Brewers, Horse Dealers, & Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Newbold, at COP HALL INN, aforesaid, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1847, Nine very superior Waggon Horses, of great power, in high condition, excellent workers, good constitutions, and even fit for London dray work; also a handsome Grey Hackney Mare, fourteen hands high, exceedingly fast, and quiet in harness, the property of Mr. Richard *Haines*, jun., and sold in consequence of his having no further use for them.

The sale to commence at eleven o'clock.

Catalogues may be had at the place of sale, Inns in the neighbourhood, and at the Offices of the Auctioneer, at Dudley and Stourbridge.”

Birmingham Journal 14/9/1850 - Advert

“COP HALL INN, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, and Retail Shops and House, Toll End, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Jesse Wright, on the 29th day of September, 1950, at the house of Mr. *Joseph Haines*, COP HALL INN, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, at Five o'clock in the afternoon, under conditions to be then produced – the above Premises, in the following or such other lots as may be decided at the time of sale.

Lot 1. An excellent, modern-built and well-arranged Inn, now in full business, called COP HALL INN, situate at Great Bridge, West Bromwich, at the junction of Sheepwash Lane with the road leading from Great Bridge to Oldbury; now and for many years in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Haines*. These desirable Premises contain a Bar, front and back Parlours, Tap Room, Kitchen, Cooking Kitchen, front and back En-

trance-halls, excellent Staircase, large Club Room, suitable Bed Rooms, Cellaring for 40,000 gallons of ale, Malt Room, Coach-house, ample Stabling, Piggery, and other convenient Out-offices, extensive Yard, and ample supply of hard and soft Water, large and productive Garden and Summer-house. The Premises are Freehold, and in excellent repair, and possess accommodation for an extensive Business.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“On Wednesday, the annual petty sessions for the Hundred of Offlow South was held.....

The following publicans were cautioned only.....

Joseph Haines, COP HALL INN, open on Christmas Day. The defendant explained that he was giving his workmen a holiday feast, but the Bench said this was no excuse for breaking the law.”

Joseph Haines had an interest in the Cop Hall Colliery.

Birmingham Daily Post 7/2/1859 - Advert

“Sales By Auction This Day. Freehold Property.

By R. L. Courtney, This Day (Monday), at the COP HALL INN, Great Bridge, at Eleven o’clock, at Six o’clock. Freehold Dwelling Houses, situate in High Street, Newtown.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/9/1861 - Advert

“West Bromwich. Valuable Freehold Houses, at Great Bridge, and land at Dunkirk.

Messrs. Fereday and Evans will Sell by Auction, on Monday, the 7th day of October, 1861, at the Copenhall Inn, West Bromwich, at six o’clock in the evening, in the following or such other lots as may be agreed at the time of sale, subject to conditions then to be produced.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/10/1861 - Advert

“Notice. Sale Of Property at Copenhall Inn, Great Bridge.

This Sale, which is advertised for the 7th October, 1861, at six o’clock in the evening, Will Not Take Place. Fereday and Evans, Auctioneers, Wolverhampton, 2nd October, 1861.”

Birmingham Daily Post /10/1862

“At the Petty Sessions, West Bromwich, on Saturday, before T. Bodington and H. Williams, Esqs, John Wood and John Cope, labourers, were charged with stealing thirty-four bottles of porter, the property of Mrs. *Haines*, of the COP HALL INN. The principal witness, Police-constable Dutton, deposed that he was on duty in Sheepwash Lane, about half-past two on Sunday morning, when he saw the two prisoners in company with another man come off a field into the road carrying some bags, he and Police-constable Hoths followed them and arrested two, the other getting away by slipping out of his coat. On searching the prisoners several bottles of porter were found on them, and the bags which the prisoners dropped were full of bottles of porter packed in grass. On examining the field which was at the back of the COP HALL INN, he found marks on the wall as though someone had got over, and also a place where the grass had been pulled up, and also a cork which corresponded with those in the bottles. John Warner, brewer to Mrs. *Haines*, deposed to missing the bottles from the porter store, and could identify them from the number stamped on the bottom. The prisoner Wood stated that he had been having a pint of ale after his week’s work, and he was very late in coming home, which he did in company with Cope and another man, whom he did not know, and in crossing the field they saw two men running away. They then saw some bottles lying in the ditch, and they took one or two, and then the officers arrested them. Committed for trial at the ensuing Stafford Sessions.”

[At the Sessions, John Wood and John Cope, charged with ‘breaking into a warehouse and stealing therefrom’, were found guilty and each sentenced to six months.]

Birmingham Daily Post 16/7/1864

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper, district Coroner, opened inquests on the bodies of the unfortunate lads whose deaths had been caused, as already reported in the *Daily Post* of Thursday last, in consequence of a skip in which they were ascending a pit belonging to Mr. James Solly, at Toll End Colliery, having been drawn over the pulley. The first enquiry took place at the Copenhall Inn, Sheepwash Lane, where the proceedings

were simply confined to the identification of the body of William Ponn (12), one of the deceased, who resided in that locality, and had been removed to his home. The Coroner said that he had only taken this evidence with the object of an adjournment, and that the inquest would be resumed at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, the 26th inst. The next inquest was held at the house of Mr. Wm. George, the PRINCE REGENT, Horseley Heath, on the body of Abraham Cooper (11), where identification of the body having been finally proved, the further proceedings were postponed until noon on the 25th inst, the Coroner stating that the Government Inspector of Mines, Mr. Baker, would be present at the third inquest that day (yesterday).

The third inquest was opened at the house of Mr. Daniel Smith, the GROVELAND BROOK INN, Dudley Port, and Mr. Baker attended it. The inquest was on the body of Thomas Evans (14). The only witness called was Sarah Evans, who was deeply affected. She said: I am the wife of James Evans, a miner, and mother of the deceased, who worked for Mr. Solly, at the Toll End Colliery. He left home for work on Tuesday morning, at half-past five o'clock, and he was brought home dead in the evening at eight o'clock. Most of his bones were broken. It was only his second day in Mr. Solly's employment.

The Coroner here, as on the former occasions, suggested an adjournment, in order that the Jury might from being nearer the spot where the fatal occurrence took place, have an ample opportunity of inspecting the works and the machinery.

A Juror, Mr. Abraham Lewis, landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, protested against any such arrangement, giving as his reason that it 'would not suit his personal convenience.' The Foreman and the other gentlemen of the Jury, having expressed a strong opinion on the subject of Mr. Lewis's ideas of 'personal convenience' where human lives were at stake, it was ultimately decided that the Jury should proceed, with the Coroner and the Government Inspector, to examine the machinery, after which they should resume the enquiry at ten o'clock on the morning of the 23rd inst."

Mary Haines, beer retailer, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge. [1865]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/2/1867 - Advert

"Sale To-Morrow, At 6 p.m.

By Mrs. Thomas Danks, at the COP HALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, Staffordshire.

Freehold Ironworks, known as Sheepwash Lane Iron Works, with Mines and Minerals, &c."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/7/1868 - Advert

"The COP HALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge. An old-established and well-known Inn capital-ly situated in the centre of a great manufacturing district, and now doing a ready-money trade. In-coming £700.

Apply Roderick and Son."

Birmingham Daily Post 17/6/1869 - Advert

"Sale Of Excellent And Modern Household Furniture, China And Glassware.

Two Thousand Gallons Store Casks, Spring Cart, Rolling Casks, and Other Effects, at the COP HALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, by Roderick and Son.

To be Sold by Auction, by direction of Mrs. *Haines*, who has disposed of the business, on Friday, June 25, at Eleven o'clock.

The very excellent and modern Household Furniture, comprising mahogany and painted Bedsteads, fine feather Beds, best hair, wool, and flock mattresses, mahogany Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Night Com-modes, Wash Stands, and Toilet Tables, Blankets, Couterpanes, Carpets, Toilet Services, mahogany Toilet Glasses, capital set of mahogany Dining Tables, a valuable Office Bookcase, suitable for a Surveyor; ma-hogany Trafalgar Chairs, Pillar Tables, Chimney Glasses, Loo Tables, handsome mahogany Couches and Sofas, ironstone and delf Dinner Services, China Tea and Breakfast and Desert Services, Culinary Utensils; two 1,000-gallon store Ale Casks, Rolling Casks, Maltster's Spring Cart, and a variety of other Effects, cata-logues of which may be had on Monday next."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 19/6/1869 - Advert

"Clearing-Out Sale, at the UNION CROSS, Greet's Green, West Bromwich.

To Publicans, Brokers, And Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Tuesday Next, June 22nd.

The whole of the valuable Public-House, Fixtures, modern Brewing Plant, part of the Household Furniture, well-seasoned casks, varying from 18 to 750 gallons, six-pull Beer Machine, Spirit Fountains and Casks, superior panelled metal-top Counter, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Smytheman*, who has taken to the COB HALL INN [sic], Sheepwash lane.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.

Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale, or from the Auctioneer, High Street, Brierley Hill."

Thomas Smitheman = Thomas Smytheman = Thomas Smithyman

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 4/2/1871

"An inquest was held yesterday, before Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, at the COPHALL INN, Sheepwalk [sic] Lane, Greet's Green, on the body of Sarah Hincks, aged 55, who lived in Cophall Street. On Wednesday morning last, the husband of deceased left to go to work at a little after four. The deceased then appeared to be quite well. At about nine o'clock, Hannah Hancock, a daughter of the deceased, sent one of her children to call the deceased up. She returned, saying she could not wake her; and on the mother herself going to the house, she found the poor woman dead in bed. The Jury returned a verdict of Death by Natural Causes."

Birmingham Daily Post 13/3/1871 - Advert

"Found, a Retriever Bitch. If not owned in three days, will be sold. Apply at the COPHALL INN, Great Bridge."

1871 Census

33, Sheepwash Lane

- [1] *William Plant* (42), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Plant* (41), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Sarah Plant* (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Charles Smith* (21), lodger, groom, born Islington, Middlesex;
- [5] *Charles Thorpe* (22), lodger, groom, born Islington, Middlesex:

Birmingham Daily Post 16/8/1871

"Last night, a meeting of working men, convened by the local branch of the Amalgamated Engineers, was held at the COP HALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, in order to aid the nine-hours movement now being fiercely contested in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. Alexander occupied the chair, and there was a moderate attendance of members....."

Midland Examiner 30/9/1876

"On Tuesday afternoon, an inquest was held at the COPHALL INN, before Mr. E. Hooper, touching the death of John Haywood (61), who was killed by an explosion on Thursday morning last, at Messrs. Bagnall's Colliery, Great Bridge.

Sarah Allen, who gave evidence of identification, stated that the deceased before he died, had told Bebb (the butty collier) that Phillips had fired the sulphur. Phillips, the witness added, was so dreadfully injured that one could not say when he would be able to appear.

Police-sergeant Smith said that he saw Phillips (a pikeman) on the previous night, and that he was really more badly burned than was deceased.

The Coroner said that the case was of so much importance to the district and the relatives of the deceased as to render it imperative to adjourn the inquest for the attendance of Phillips and the Government Inspector of Mines, Mr. Scott.

The inquest was then adjourned for a month."

[At the adjourned inquest verdicts of Accidental Death were returned on John Haywood and also David Phillips (45).]

1881 Census

3, Sheepwash Lane

[1] *Edward Wilkins* (34), publican COP HALL INN, born Handsworth;

[2] Sarah Wilkins (33), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Arthur Willie(?) Wilkins (13), son, scholar, born Walsall;

[4] Ellen N. Wilkins (10), daughter, scholar, born Oldbury;

[5] Albert E. Wilkins (6), son, scholar, born Oldbury;

[6] Edward J. Wilkins (3), son, born Oldbury;

[7] Eliza Bennington (60), widow, mother-in-law, born Birmingham;

[8] Mary A. Southall (18), general servant, born Dudley Port:

* possibly the same person

Wednesbury Herald 30/9/1882

“The anniversary dinner was held on Saturday last, at the house of Mr. *Wilkins*, COPHALL INN, in connection with the John Bridge Lodge of the Bilston, Walsall, and Cannock District of the National United Order of Free Gardeners. The chair was occupied by Mr. Hooper, and the vice chair by Mr. H. T. Finch, of Wednesbury.....”

Wednesbury Herald 31/3/1883

“An inquest was held at the COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, Greets Green, on Wednesday, before Mr. E. Hooper (District Coroner), on the body of William James Lawley Danks (25), an ironstone miner, who was killed whilst at work in Messrs. Round’s mine at Tividale on Monday. Deceased and another man named John Burns had been working together, when witness brought down two trees with his bar. Burns requested him to replace them, but witness said the place ‘would not hurt’ till they got the stuff cleared away, and then the trees could be replaced. During the time the stone and earth was being removed a fall took place, which killed deceased, and also injured Burns, although not severely.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

Mr. Scott, Mines Inspector, was present.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/10/1883 - Advert

“Important Sale Of Valuable Freehold Public-House And Other Properties, situate in Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge; Horseley Heath, Tipton; Lyttleton Street, West Bromwich; Valuable Foundry, Greets Green, West Bromwich.

Walter A. Parker had received instructions to Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 9th day of October, 1883, at the WAGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, at 6 o’clock, for half-past 6, subject to conditions incorporating the common form conditions of the Birmingham Law Society – the following Valuable Freeholds.....

Lot 3. The valuable Freehold Public-House, fully licensed, known as the COP HALL INN, containing front and back Parlours, Halls, front and back Kitchens, two Brewhouses, large Malt Room, with Store Room underneath; and on the First Floor three good Bed Rooms, private Parlour, about 20ft by 14ft; large Club Room, about 48ft by 14ft; and on the Second Floor two Attics and two Store Rooms; capital Cellarage under the whole of the house; also, large Boiler embedded in brickwork; together with large Garden, and substantially-built brick Summer House in the rear, containing in the whole 2,093 square yards or thereabouts; and let on a repairing lease for fourteen years from March 25, 1881, to *Ed. Jno. Wilkins*, at the very inadequate rental of £45. The Mines are reserved.....”

Dudley and District News 13/10/1883

“On Tuesday evening a sale of property was held.....

Lot 3, the old-licensed public house, the COPHALL INN, with an area of 2,093 square yards, let on repairing lease for 14 years from 1881 at £45 per annum, realized £880.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/9/1885

“Yesterday an inquest was held by Mr. Hooper, coroner, at the COPPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, respecting the death of William Wardley (60), a miner, of Cophall Street, who met with an accident on the 21st ult, whilst a work in a pit belonging to the Ebenezer Colliery Company, Hill Top, and which terminated fatally on Saturday last. Mr. Pickering, assistant Government Inspector, was present, and Mr. T. Parton represented the proprietors.

Joseph Davis, miner, stated that he was at work near the deceased on the day the accident occurred. The latter was setting timber, when about 10cwt of coal fell upon him. He was extricated in about ten minutes, but was found seriously injured. Before deceased began to work witness examined the place with a pick, and it appeared quite safe. The stall in which deceased was at work was about 4ft wide, and he (witness) attributed the accident to a ‘slip thing.’

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/1/1886

“On Saturday night a meeting of sheet-iron workers was held at the COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, to take into consideration the position of the men on strike at Messrs. Lee’s ironworks, Albion Street. There was a large attendance, and all the principle sheet mills in the district being represented.....”

West Bromwich Weekly News 17/9/1887

“Mr. E. Hooper (Coroner), held an inquest at the COPHALL INN, relative to the death of Sarah Ann Hownes (51), of White Hall Road, who died suddenly on Monday evening. It appeared that deceased was taken suddenly ill whilst taking tea with Mrs. Bradley, the wife of the Vicar of St. Peter’s. She was removed to her house and died before medical aid could be procured.

The Jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

1891 Census

Sheepwash Lane – COPHALL INN

- [1] *George E. Buller* (33), public house keeper, born Rocester, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Buller* (34), wife, born Ratcliffe, Leicestershire;
- [3] *Emily Buller* (13), daughter, scholar, born Ratcliffe, Leicestershire;
- [4] *Charlotte M. Buller* (10), daughter, scholar, born Hatton, Derbyshire;
- [5] *Maria Matthews* (18), domestic servant, born Ratcliffe, Leicestershire:

Smethwick Weekly News 23/3/1901

“The annual meeting of the West Bromwich and Tipton District Quoits Club was held at the COPHALL INN, Great Bridge, on Wednesday of last week. Mr. T. Cappy presided over a good attendance.....”

1901 Census

3, Sheepwash Lane – COPHALL INN

- [1] *George E. Buller* (43), publican, born Rocester, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Buller* (44), wife, born Ratcliffe, Leicestershire;
- [3] *Emily Buller* (23), daughter, born Ratcliffe, Leicestershire;
- [4] *Clarlotte M. Buller* (20), daughter, born Hatton, Derbyshire:

Wednesbury Leader 19/10/1901

“Free Gardeners at Great Bridge. On Saturday last John Bright Lodge 1503 held at Bro. *G. H. Butler*’s, COPHALL INN, Great Bridge, their annual dinner, when upwards of 50 sat down After the cloth was withdrawn Bro. T. Harper, G.M. was voted to the chair The Grand Master said how pleased he was to be amongst them that night and to see so many kind faces before him, and so many young men amongst them, which spoke volumes for the success of the Lodge. He was glad they were getting on so well and getting so many young men amongst them. He also spoke of the progress the Order was making; their increases compared very favourably with other friendly societies, for after making deductions for deaths and withdrawals they had an increase of 1,020 members and £7,911 10s 6d increase of capital, which was a cause for much thankfulness.....”

Tipton Herald 31/1/1903

“National United Order of Free Gardeners. Bilston, Walsall & Cannock District. At the annual district meeting of the above held at the COPHALL INN, Great Bridge.....

Gospel Oak Lodge, Tipton, was fined according to rule for not sending a delegate.

The District Master [Thomas Peake] gave his annual address.....”

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich and Tipton Quoits League. [1903]

Tipton Herald 4/7/1903

“A grand benefit concert, promoted to aid the widow and seven children of the late brother Tom Rigby, by the members of the ‘Pride of Oak’ (RED LION) and ‘John Bright’ (COPHALL) lodges of the National United Order of Free Gardeners, was given on Tuesday evening last, in the Miners’ Hall, Great Bridge. The hall was filled to its almost capacity.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 1/4/1904

“At a special licensing sessions at West Bromwich yesterday an application was made for the transfer of the license of the COPHALL INN, Sheepwash lane, from *Andrew Clarke* to *Walter Brompton*.

In answer to the magistrates, the applicant said there was an air-gun club carried on at the house, and it was affiliated to a League, which included all the houses of Messrs. Atkinson, of Aston, who were the owners of the premises. They had put up a silver cup and medals for competition.

In answer to Mr. Bywater (magistrate), the applicant said he was not compelled to have an air-gun club at his house, but he was expected to do so, and in answer to Mr. Field (chairman), he said the members of the club were chiefly young men, and admitted that they were attracted to the house by the club being held there.

Mr. C. H. Darby, who represented Messrs. Atkinson, said their desire was not to increase the amount of drinking at their houses by means of these clubs. Indeed, the men drank very little, in order to be able to shoot straight. They relied on attracting a larger number of customers and selling a smaller amount to drink each.

Mr. Bywater: Do you expect the Bench to believe that? Atkinson ought to give you a medal.

Mr. Field (to applicant): The object of these clubs is to attract more people to the house. – The Applicant: Yes.

Mr. Field: That is sufficient.

After a private consultation of the magistrates, Mr. Field announced that there was a strong feeling among them in reference to air-gun clubs on licensed premises, and those justices present were unanimously against the practice.

In all cases where air-gun clubs existed on licensed premises the magistrates would seriously consider whether the license should be renewed at the next annual licensing meeting. There was a strong feeling that the clubs were intended to attract young people, and he made that announcement in order to give ample notice to the licensed trade.

The application was granted.”

Wednesbury Leader 7/9/1906

“Under the auspices of the National United Order of Free Gardeners, an open air concert was held on the grounds of the COPHALL INN, on Thursday evening, for the benefit of juveniles’ outing of the Pride of the Oak and John Bright Lodges. There was a good attendance.....”

Tipton Herald 25/9/1909

“The 20th annual Sunday service of the Friendly Societies of Dudley Port, Great Bridge, Toll End, and Swan Village, took place on Sunday last, and was in aid of the Guest Hospital, the Dudley Dispensary, West Bromwich and Birmingham Eye Hospitals, and Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital.

As usual there were two processions. The first one (headed by Hill Top Prize Band, and marshalled by Mr. J. Williams), started from the TURKS HEAD INN, Great Bridge Street, at 12.45pm, and paraded the main road to Market Place, thence up New Road, Toll End Road, Bridge Road, Aston Street, to Toll End Road,

Horseley Road to Dudley Port Post Office, to meet the other band. The second procession (headed by Tipton St. Martin's Prize Band), was headed by Mr. W. Holyhead. It started from the BROWN LION, Church Lane, parading Churchyard Road, Station Street, Howard Street, Keeling Street, Park Lane East, Horseley Heath, Hallfields, Sheepwash Lane, to COPHALL HOTEL, Whitehall Road, thence main road to Dudley Port Post Office, there to form final procession to the Church. At the Post Office the procession was joined by the Tipton Fire Brigade, under Captain W. J. Cox. Mr. Norton Griffiths, the prosective Unionist candidate for Wednesbury and Tipton, intended being present, but was unavoidably prevented at the last minute from attending. Among those giving the parade their patronage were Lord Lewisham, Mr. Clarendon Hyde, MP, Rev. G. R. Wynn-Griffith, Rev. W. T. de Vine, Councillors G. S. Peake, T. Mansell, JP, and J. R. Baker, Dr. Hazel, MP, Mr. Norton Griffiths (Unionist candidate, Tipton), &c.

At the service at the church a very able address to working men was given by the esteemed Vicar (Rev. G. R. Wynn-Griffith).

The donations for this year were not yet all collected. For last year they amounted to £16 15s. In boxes £8 15s 9d was totaled, the church collection was £2 7s 9d; programmes realised £2 13s 11d, and the small balance of 2s 4½d from 1907 made the gross total £30 14s 9½d. The disbursements to institutions included £7 17s to Dudley Dispensary, £5 6s to West Bromwich Hospital, £4 4s Dudley Guest Hospital, £2 2s Birmingham Eye Hospital, £1 1s to Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital. Since the year 1890, when the parade started, the sum of £447 has been paid to various charitable institutions. Mr. C. Vaughan and Mr. S. W. Nicholls are the chairman and vice chairman respectively of the parade. Mr. J. Holt is the treasurer, and Mr. J. T. Davies, of Slater Street, Great Bridge, and Mr. J. Perry are the hon. secretaries."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/9/1929 - Advert

"By Order of Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Limited and Messrs. Peter Walker & Co. Limited.

In The Black Country Industrial Area, and Embracing Properties in Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

Important Sale In Separate Lots, of 45 Freehold Licensed Houses, some with adjoining properties, and including 36 Fully-licensed Houses, 8 On-Beer Houses and 1 Off-License, situate in.....

West Bromwich and District.....

COPHALL INN and Land, Great Bridge.....

Boswell & Tomlins, FAI, in conjunction with William Fowler, Bewlay & Co., will submit the above for Sale by Public Auction, in 45 Lots (subject to Conditions of Sale), at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Monday, October 14, 1929, commencing at 3.30 pm promptly.

Printed particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors, Messrs. Redfern and Co., 25, Colmore Row, Birmingham; or from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, FIA, 88 and 89, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton (Tel. No.1116 (two lines), Telegrams 'Auctions'), and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and Co., 59, Temple Row, Birmingham (Tel. Midland 6120)."

It sold at auction, on 14th October 1929, for £1,825.

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Darts League. [1951]

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Darts League. [1956-57]

Albert Wilson was married to Deborah.

Tipton Herald 13/7/1957

"The Mayor and Mayoress of West Bromwich presented the awards at the annual prize distribution of Greets Green Darts League, held at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Tipton, on Tuesday, and attended by more than 200 people.

League winners: 1. SWAN, Swan Village; 2. GRIFFIN INN; 3. DUNKIRK, Whitehall Road, West Bromwich.

League knock-out cup: BIRD IN HAND; runners-up DUNKIRK.

British Legion knock-out cup: DUNKIRK; runners-up COPHALL, Sheepwash Lane.

The Pairs cup was won by two brothers, R. and S. Paul, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Tame Bridge, Tip-

ton.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1959 - Notice

“In The County Borough Of West Bromwich.

The Licensing Act, 1953. Notice Of Principle Meeting.

Notice Is Hereby Given that the Principal Licensing Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules 1910 by the Compensation Authority for the above area will be held at the Law Courts, Lombard Street West, West Bromwich, on Tuesday the 12th day of May, 1959, at 2.30pm.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given that the Compensation Authority will at the meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the renewal of the licenses of the premises specified in the subjoined list, all those persons to whom under the Licensing Act 1953, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the persons interested in the licensed premises in question and unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the justices of the licensing district).

List Of Licensed Premises.....

COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane. Nature of License, Publican. Licensee, *Mary Ann Mason.*”

Closed

COTTAGE SPRING

97, (49), (45), Alexandra Road, (45, Workhouse Lane), TIPTON

OWNERS

Phoebe Gould

Sidney John Gould (acquired on 6th February 1933)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Richard Taylor [1861] – [1881]

John Whitehouse Jevons [1891] – [1905]

Mrs. Phoebe Gould [1911] – **1931**;

Sidney John Gould (**1931 – 1949**);

Alice Maud Gould (**1949 – 1950**);

Howard Booth Gould (**1950 – 1951**);

Cyril Thomas Cotterill (**1951 – 1954**);

William Henry Huband (**1954 – [1958]**)

Ted Peschel [1991]

Roland Atkins [1993]

Keith Frank Thomas []

Anthony Hughes [1999]

Joan Duzura [] – **2008**); manager

Mick Bargota (**2008 – [2009]**)

NOTES

45, Workhouse Lane [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1904], [1912]
49, Alexandra Road [1911]
45, Alexandra Road [1916]
97, Alexandra Road [2007]

It had a beer and cider license.

It was a home brew house.

Richard Taylor, beer retailer, Workhouse Lane. [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

1861 Census

Workhouse Lane – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *Richard Taylor* (40), publican, born Coseley;
- [2] *Mary Taylor* (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *John Jevons* (14), son-in-law, unmarried, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Taylor* (15), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Rebecca Taylor* (9), daughter, born Coseley;
- [6] *Ann Hingley* (24), general servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *James James* (40), servant, brewer, born Tipton:

1871 Census

45, Workhouse Lane

- [1] *Richard Taylor* (50), publican and mill furnaceman, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Taylor* (54), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *William Taylor* (25), son, roller in ironworks (unemployed), born Tipton;
- [4] *John W. Jevons* (24), son-in-law, unmarried, clerk, born Tipton;
- [5] *Phoebe Jevons* (21), daughter-in-law, unmarried, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary Haden* (16), general servant, born Netherton:

Dudley Herald 6/3/1880

“An inquest was held at the COTTAGE SPRING, Workhouse Lane, Tipton, yesterday, on the body of *John Palmer* (57), a sheet mill furnaceman, who was found drowned in the Tipton Canal, near Tipton Green Furnaces, on Tuesday last.

The deceased was last seen alive on Saturday last, when he stated that he was going to a meeting of workmen concerning the wage question. As he did not go home that evening enquiries were made, but no tidings could be gained of his whereabouts.

The canal was dragged, and deceased was found on Tuesday evening about 6.30. A person named *Paul Dilger*, clock and watchmaker, Owen Street, Tipton, said deceased called at his house about eight o'clock on Saturday evening for his watch, which he had brought to be repaired. After deceased left Mr. Dilger's shop he went down the road towards the station, and was quite sober.

John Hick, gave evidence showing that he saw the body of the deceased in the water. The witness stated that Saturday night was a very windy night, and the place where deceased was found was very much exposed. A verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

Dudley Herald 24/7/1880

“*Thomas Combes*, Churchyard Road, Tipton, was summoned for assaulting *Stephen Mill*. The complainant was a labourer, and worked for the Tipton Local Board of Health. The complainant said on the 12th inst. he called at the COTTAGE SPRING, Workhouse Lane, to have a pint of ale. The defendant was in the kitchen. When he sat down the defendant called him a b—— pauper. The complainant told him he was not a pauper, but worked for what he had. Without the slightest provocation defendant struck him on the mouth, cut his top lip, and knocked out one of his teeth. Defendant was fined 30s, or in default one month.”

1881 Census

45, Workhouse Lane – COTTAGE SPRING

[1] *Richard Taylor* (61), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] *John Jevons* (34), son-in-law, unmarried, clerk, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Ann Howse* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

AND

45, Workhouse Lane

[1] *Thomas Gould* (34), iron worker, born Sedgley;

[2] *Phoebe Gould* (31), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *John Jevons Gould* (7), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Howard Gould* (4), son, born Tipton:

John Whitehouse Jevons = John Whitehouse Jeavons

1891 Census

45, Workhouse Lane – Public House

[1] *John Jevons* (44), married, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Thomas Gould* (44), lodger, born Sedgley;

[3] *Phebe Gould* (41), lodger, born Tipton;

[4] *John Gould* (17), lodger, labourer, born Tipton;

[5] *Howard Gould* (15), lodger, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *James Gould* (6), lodger, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Thomas Gould* (4), lodger, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] *James Wilkins* (37), lodger, labourer, born Bilston;

[9] *Sarah Dyer* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

It was well-known for its pet monkeys, at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Wednesbury Herald 19/10/1895

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Neville (stipendiary), Joseph Smith, boat builder, Tipton, was charged with cruelty to a monkey, and William Davis, railway porter, and Joseph Gittings, builder, were charged with aiding and abetting. The prosecution was instituted by the Birmingham Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, on whose behalf Inspector Reans attended. Mr. Waldron appeared for Smith, Mr. Tildesley for Davis, and Mr. Foster for Gittings. Mr. A. Whitehouse watched the proceedings on behalf of the owner of the house in which the cruelty is alleged to have taken place.

It seemed that a monkey was kept tied up in the yard of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Workhouse Lane, Tipton, and on the 11th of September the three defendants went into the yard, Smith having made a bet of £2 to £1 that he would compel the monkey to perform certain tricks, and would afterwards fight him. The first part of the programme was carried through successfully, but when it came to the second part the monkey showed fight and bit his tormentor severely. It was alleged that the animal was roughly treated by Smith.

In reply to representations for the defence it was denied that the monkey was vicious except when teased. After a long hearing Mr. Waldron took the objection that according to the case of *Harper v Marks* a monkey was not a domesticated animal within the meaning of the Act of Parliament, and that therefore the prosecution must fail. It was not an animal which had been tamed so as to be subservient to the need of man. He had other points to raise.

The Stipendiary said there was no necessity to go further. It was quite clear this was a wild animal not kept for any purpose subservient to the use of man, but for the purpose of giving people who were perhaps lower in the scale of intellect than the animal itself opportunity to tease it. He was glad that the monkey had given proof of its higher order of intellect by taking care of itself, and he hoped that if anyone else went to tease it he would be bitten more severely than Smith.

The defendants were discharged.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/12/1895

“Yesterday, at the MOULDERS ARMS, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest relative to the death of Mary Ann Bradley, whose body was discovered in a brook on Monday.

Elizabeth Hitchiner, Walsall, identified the body as that of her sister. Deceased, who led a wandering life, called upon her in the middle of last month. When she left the house she told witness that she would see her again, but she did not return. Subsequently, during the same day, she saw her in the street, the worse for drink. Deceased would be about sixty years of age.

Dr. Underhill said that the corpse was that of a well-nourished woman. The internal organs were healthy. There were no marks of violence and death was due to drowning. One side of the face and right arm had been gnawed by rats after death. The woman had evidently been dead for about three weeks.

David Bradley, Little Burton, Tipton, nephew of deceased stated that his aunt called at his house on November 30, when she was under the influence of drink. She made some enquiries about her relatives and went away, but witness did not know in what direction.

Phoebe Gould, COTTAGE SPRING INN, Little Burton, Tipton, stated that on the 30th ult. the deceased visited the public-house, singing, but as she was drunk witness's brother ordered her out, and she went away.

Isaac Hughes, Castle Fields Cottage, deposed to finding the body in the brook, and to giving information to the police. He went by the place on the Friday previous, but did not see the body.

Police-constable Farrell stated that the place where the body was found was accessible from a private foot-path on Lord Dudley's property, but it was partially fenced.

Mr. W. H. Jules (surveyor to the District Council) produced plans of the place, pointing out that it was private property, being eighty yards from the main road. In answer to a jurymen, who suggested that the spot would be safer fenced, witness said there were numerous canals nearer to the road which were unfenced.

Police-sergeant Hopkins stated that deceased had led a wandering life, sometimes sleeping in hovels and outhouses. She sold cough-drops for a living. He made every enquiry, but could not trace the movements of the woman after November 30.

A verdict of Found Dead was returned.”

John Whitehouse Jevons, beer retailer, 45, Workhouse Lane. [1896], [1900], [1904]

He was a home brewer, teetotaler and a strict disciplinarian.

1901 Census

45, Workhouse Lane

[1] *John Jeavons* (54), single, beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] *Phoebe Gould* (51), sister, widow, born Tipton;

[3] James Gould (16), nephew, born Tipton;

[4] Tom Gould (14), nephew, born Tipton;

[5] Martha Dyer (18), servant, born Bilston:

Phoebe Gould = Phebe Gould

1911 Census

49, Alexandra Road

[1] *Phebe Gould* (61), widow, brewer, born Tipton;

[2] James Gould (26), son, brewer, part time carter for brewery, born Tipton;

[3] Tom Gould (24), son, clerk in stone and slag grinding works, born Tipton;

[4] James Wilkins (60), boarder, coke and breeze dealer, born Devonport, Devonshire;

[5] Lawrence Seymour (10), adopted, school, born Worcester;

[6] William Payton (48), labourer in brewery, born Tipton;

[7] George Hassall (75), visitor, farm labourer, born Great Saredon;

[8] Alice Broadbent (30), visitor, born Darlaston:

Phoebe Gould, beer retailer, 45, Workhouse Lane. [1912]

She died in 1931.

A three storey brewery was built alongside in the 1920s.
It was demolished to make way for a toilet block.

Dudley Herald 9/5/1931

“Regret will be felt at the passing of a well known and respected old Tiptonian. Mrs. *Phoebe Gould*, of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Alexandra Road, Tipton, who was the wife [?] of the late Mr. *John Whitehouse Jevons*. She was 82 years of age, and held the license for a quarter of a century. She was born in the same house, as also were the two previous generations. It was extremely interesting to hear her stories of Tipton in bygone days. She will be sadly missed by old and young, for even the children loved her. The interment took place on Saturday last at the Tipton Cemetery. Along the route all blinds were drawn and heads bared, showing the respect in which she was held.....”

1939 Register

Alexandra Road – COTTAGE SPRING

[1] *Sidney J. Gould*, date of birth, 15/12/1884, licensed publican, married;

[2] *Alice M. Gould*, dob, 14/02/1879, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Domino League. [1946]

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1956.

Tipton Herald 26/1/1957

“Mine host and hostess of the COTTAGE SPRING, Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. *W. H. Huband*, were toasted by their customers on Monday, the occasion being the couple’s silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. *Huband*, who have been in Tipton for just over two years, are both natives of Wolverhampton. Before becoming a licensee, Mr. *Huband* worked for over 30 years as a moulder at Bilston Foundries, Bilston. In 1932 he joined the Territorials and after seven years service he was called to the Regular Army for war service. He was posted to the Royal Artillery and went with the B.E.F. to France. After Dunkirk, he served in London during the blitz and then saw action in the North African landings, Sicily, Italy and Austria. On his demobilisation Mr. *Huband* returned to Bilston and two years ago left to take up his new duties as a licensee. Mrs. *Huband*, who was employed during the early part of the war in the factories, later became manageress of the Household Stores in Wolverhampton and then the new shop of Marins, the Dyers, in Bilston. The couple, who were married at St. John’s, Wolverhampton, on January 21st 1931, celebrated with a party for family guests and regular customers on Tuesday. A domino league match caused a postponement of festivities from Monday. Mr. and Mrs. *Huband* have a daughter and two grandchildren.”

Tipton Herald 3/8/1957

“Angered at the continual flooding of their homes which occurs whenever there are very heavy downpours of rain, 150 residents of houses in the Little Burton area of Tipton have signed a petition which will be presented to the next meeting of the local Council Alexandra Road is the area most deeply affected by the flooding and during the heavy rain storms of just over a month ago, the water in the road was 18 inches to two feet deep During the flooding Mr. *W. H. Huband*, landlord of the COTTAGE SPRING, in Alexandra Road, has had three feet of water in his cellar. ‘When the water eventually runs away, the floor is black and slimy,’ he told a reporter.....”

It was refurbished c.1991.

London Gazette 2/3/1998

“*Thomas, Keith Frank* carrying on business as the ANGEL Public House, Wednesfield, WHITE ROSE Public House, Temple Street, Bilston, BIRD IN HAND, Hill Street, Bradley, SHEPHERDS COTTAGE, Princes End, Tipton, HORSELEY TAVERN, Dudley Port, COTTAGE SPRING, Alexandra Road, Tipton

..... Date of Filing Petition – 26th January 1998.....”

London Gazette 19/8/1999

“*Hughes, Anthony*, address unknown, trading at 97, Alexandra Road as a Publican, at the COTTAGE SPRING, also trading at High Street at the TILTED BARREL Date of Filing Petition – 22nd June 1999 Date of Bankruptcy Order – 10th August 1999.....”

Mick Bargota was born c.1962.

See also BOSCOBEL.

Closed [2009]

It was put up for auction [Anchor property and land auctions] with planning consent for the erection of 10 properties with a £280,000 guide price, in September 2009.

It was demolished in December 2012.

COTTAGE SPRING

186, Dudley Port, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Milward Brothers, Wednesbury

J. Sherwood, Tipton

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1923]

LICENSEES

Thomas Clifton [1834]

Mrs. Elizabeth Clifton [1841]

John Clifton [1861] – [1866]

Mrs. Elizabeth Clifton [1867] – **1869**);

John Clifton (**1869** – [1881]

Mrs. Clifton [1888]

William Gregory [1891] – [1896]

George Challinor Snr. [1900] – [1911]

George Challinor Jnr. [] – **1924**);

Ralph Nicholls (**1924 – 1930**);

Isaac Goodson Jukes (**1930 – 1938**);

Ernest Vann (**1938 – 1941**);

William Edward Tonkinson (**1941 – 1947**);

Joseph Henry Bailey (**1947 – 1955**);

Claude Sippett (**1955**);

Samuel Norton (**1955 – 1960**);

Harold Johnson (**1960** – [1966]

E C Johnson [1976]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

[1827]

Thomas Clifton, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1834]
He married *Elizabeth* Phillips at All Saints, Sedgley in 1819.

1841 Census

Dudley Port

- [1] *Elizabeth Clifton* (40), beer seller;
 - [2] *Harriet Clifton* (20);
 - [3] *John Clifton* (15), iron puddler;
 - [4] *Thomas Clifton* (10);
 - [5] *Mary Ann Clifton* (5);
 - [6] *Elizabeth Clifton* (3);
 - [7] *George Clifton* (4 months):
- [*Harriet Clifton* married *Philip Stackhouse*, mine agent and newsagent, Dudley Port.]

1851 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Elizabeth Clifton* (54), widow, publican, born Dudley Port;
- [2] *Eliza Clifton* (19), daughter, dress maker, born Dudley Port;
- [3] *Mary Ann Clifton* (18), daughter, bonnet maker, born Dudley Port;
- [4] *Elizabeth Clifton* (14), daughter, scholar, born Dudley Port;
- [5] *George Clifton* (10), son, scholar, born Dudley Port:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr.....
The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows.....
John Clifton, Dudley Port, supported by Mr. Hinchliffe..... Refused.”

John Clifton, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1861]

1861 Census

Dudley Port

- [1] *John Clifton* (38), limestone miner and beer seller, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Clifton* (36), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Clifton* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Emma Clifton* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Hannah Clifton* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Richard Clifton* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Margaret Clifton* (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Alfred Clifton* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [9] *Mary Ann Hale* (17), servant, born West Bromwich:

John Clifton, beer retailer and hay and corn dealer, Dudley Port [1864], [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1866

“The annual sessions for the granting of spirit licenses was held on Wednesday, when the Magistrates on the Bench were T. Jesson, W. Atkins, R. Bagnall, H. Williams, T. Marshall, and W. Lewis, Esqs. The following were the applications for the West Bromwich district Tipton.....

John Clifton, COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port, no opposition refused.....”

Birmingham Journal 28/9/1867

“A special Session for the hearing of new applications for victuallers’ license, from West Bromwich, Handsworth, Wednesbury, Darlaston, Smethwick, and Tipton, was held on Wednesday, at the Public Office, West Bromwich.....

The Magistrates granted *Elizabeth Clifton*, of the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port. The house has been in the family for forty years, and there has never been a complaint made against it.”

London Gazette 19/11/1867

“This is to give notice, that the Court acting in the prosecution of a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Birmingham District Court of Bankruptcy at Birmingham, on the 9th day of July, 1867, by *John Clifton* and James Thomas Sheldon, lately carrying on business at Cox’s Rough, Rowley Regis, in the county of Stafford, as Charter Masters, in partnership under the firm of *Clifton* and Sheldon, the said *John Clifton* also until recently carrying on business as a Beerseller, at Dudley Port, Tipton, in the said county, but now living in lodgings with Abraham Nash, in Hill-street, King’s-hill, Wednesbury, in the said county, out of business, the said James Thomas Sheldon also, until recently, carrying on business as a Beerseller and Furnace Builder, at Cinder Hill, Sedgley, in the said county, now living in lodgings with William Lewis, at Ruiton, in the parish of Sedgley aforesaid, Furnace Builder, did, on the 13th day of November, 1867, grant the Discharge of the said *John Clifton* and James Thomas Sheldon, and that such Discharge will be delivered to the bankrupts, unless an appeal be duly entered against the Judgment of the Court, and notice thereof be given to this court.”

John Clifton, publican and miner, Dudley Port. [1869]

1871 Census

186, Dudley Port

- [1] *John Clifton* (48), coal miner, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Clifton* (46), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Emma Clifton* (21), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Hannah Clifton* (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Margaret Clifton* (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Alfred Clifton* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Mary Ann Clifton* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

186, Dudley Port – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *John Clifton* (58), coal miner and publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Clifton* (56), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Emma Clifton* (31), daughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 20/5/1882

“On Saturday morning a destructive boiler explosion, attended with the immediate loss of three lives and injury to three others, took place at Great Bridge. The scene of the catastrophe was the Brick Works of Messrs. Barrows and Barrows, which are situated near the London and North Western Railway Station. The persons employed were not numerous, as brickmaking is here carried on by machinery, or the loss of life from so terrible an explosion might have been much more serious.

At a quarter to seven o’clock, when everybody was busy at work there was a rush and a roar, and the boiler shot out from its solid brickwork surroundings. It shattered the roofs of the shedding, knocked down a stack, and did considerable other damage, the debris being scattered about in all directions. When the steam and dust cleared away a sad wreck of life, health, and property presented itself to view. It was found that three persons were killed and three injured. Of the former *Minerva Parry* and *John Parry* (brother and sister) lay horribly mutilated inside the works, whilst the third was Mr. *John Clifton*, chartermaster and licensed vict-

ualler, of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Dudley Port, who was killed as he was standing at his own colliery a hundred yards away. The girl, Minerva Parry, resided at Horseley Heath and was usually employed at the works as an errand girl. Her body was subsequently found in a horrible mangled condition, the head being severed from the trunk and the arms torn from their sockets. Her brother, John Parry (23), was a married man with one child, and he resided in Ballfields, Great Bridge. His employment was that of wheeling bricks to the kilns, and he was in the act of wheeling a barrow when the force of the explosion blew down a stack, which fell upon him, and killed him on the spot. The third person killed, *John Clifton*, leaves a widow and six children. The latter, however, being all grown up. *Clifton* met his death in a singular manner. He was the chartermaster of the Brickhouse Pits, belonging to the West Bromwich Colliery Company, the pits being close to the scene of the explosion. At the time it occurred *Clifton* was standing near the pit talking to some colliers who were about to descend to their work. A brick which was hurled in that direction from the brickworks struck him on the forehead, felling him to the ground, his death ensuing a few minutes later.....”

Dudley Herald 27/5/1882

“.....*John Clifton* (60), (and three others), late of COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port killed by boiler explosion at F. W. and W. A. Barrows, Blue Brick Works, Great Bridge, Tipton on 13th inst.”

Wednesbury Herald 24/3/1883

“On Wednesday, the District Coroner, (E. Hooper Esq) held an inquest at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Allen Weaver (64), labourer, Tividale Street, Dudley Port. Deceased was seized with sudden illness on the 14th inst and died immediately. A verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

Dudley and District News 5/4/1884

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest on Friday morning, at the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port, on the body of Thomas Whitehouse (6), son of a labourer residing in Coneygree Road, Dudley Port. The child was in a club in connection with a Sunday school, and the father and mother are both in clubs. On Tuesday night deceased ran out of his grandfather’s house after the Salvation Army band. At the canal bridge the procession was overtaken by a horse and trap, belonging to Mr. Noah Dunn, of the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, and driven by Joseph Walker. The horse took fright at the Salvation Army and bolted. Walker tried to control the animal, but was unable to do so, until the band had stopped, and then it was seen that the deceased had been run over. A witness named Hughes said the child was knocked down as he was getting out of the way of the trap, and one of the wheels passed over him. The band stopped as soon as they saw the child run over.

The Coroner said he did not wish to express any opinion on the Salvation Army, but so long as these exhibitions took place, accidents were sure to occur. It was very dangerous for horses to pass while these people were marching, with bands playing and handkerchiefs and flags waving.

The jury considered the captain of the army should be cautioned, and the Coroner said he should do so. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

County Advertiser 12/5/1888 - Advert

“Notice of Sale by Auction of a Freehold Beerhouse, at Lower Tividale.

Alfred W. Dando has received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell by Auction, at the house of Mrs. *Clifton*, COTTAGE SPRING INN, Dudley Port, on Tuesday, May 15th, 1888, at Six o’clock in the Evening for Seven, precisely, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced.....”

William Gregory = William Gregson

1891 Census

186, Dudley Port – COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *William Gregory* (56), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Betsy Gregory (59), wife, born Tipton;

[3] William Gregory (31), son, shingler, iron works, born Tipton;

[4] Emily Ganner (8), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Alice Bordley (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 9/12/1895 - Advert

“For Sale by Private Treaty, a well-accustomed home-brewing free old-licensed Public House, the COTTAGE SPRING, INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, close to large ironworks.

Particulars from E. Percy Johnson, Esq, Solicitor, Dudley; or Powell and Brown, Auctioneers, Tipton.”

1901 Census

186, Dudley Port

[1] *George Challinor* (29), publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] Harriet Challinor (24), wife, born Dudley;

[3] George W. Challinor (6 months), son, born Dudley Port;

[4] Sarah J. Pearson (18), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

186, Dudley Port – COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *George Challinor* (39), brewer, born Wednesbury;

[2] Harriett Challinor (34), wife, married 11 years, assisting in business, born Dudley;

[3] Arthur Challinor (3 months), son, born Dudley Port;

[4] Harriett Malpass (17), niece, born Wednesbury;

[5] Eliza Ann Wilkinson (21), domestic servant, born Dudley Port:

South Staffordshire Times 27/1/1922 - Deaths

“On January 24th, at her residence, Dudley Port, Harriet, the beloved wife of *George Challinor*, COTTAGE SPRING, aged 46. Deeply lamented by all who knew her. Funeral, Kate’s Hill Church, Dudley, on Tuesday afternoon.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1922

“Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

Last year the justices drew attention to one or two matters which might, they thought, be arranged between the parties themselves, the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Port, and the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port, it was thought, might come together, and the owners arrange to rebuild one of the houses and surrender the other by way of compensation. The licenses of the two houses would be referred back to the adjourned day for proper consideration.”

South Staffordshire Times 8/9/1923

“In the course of the Licensing Sessions at Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday (councillor Doughty presiding).....

Mr. Sharpe (West Bromwich) asked for the approval of plans for alteration and rebuilding of the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port Road, as proposed by Messrs. Mitchell and Butlers.

Mr. Doughty said the justices had examined the plans and approved.

Mr. Sharpe said the work would be commenced at once, but the BIRD IN HAND might continue on until the new house was up.

Mr. Doughty said this could not be done. As soon as the compensation was paid the house must be closed. Temporary accommodation could surely be provided while the house was being re-built.”

South Staffordshire Times 1/12/1923

“Tipton Police Court. Mr. Sharpe applied for the transfer of the license of the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port, to Mr. *George Challinor*, so as to enable him to carry on the business of the COTTAGE SPRING at the BIRD IN HAND, while the house was being re-built. The license was granted.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/7/1937

“William Batson, aged 60, of 13, Dudley Port, was sent to prison for 14 days at Tipton yesterday, and his son, Harold Batson, aged 26, to prison for a month, for an assault on *Isaac Goodson Jukes*, licensee of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Dudley Port.

It was stated that Mr. *Jukes* had refused to supply his son with beer. On Tuesday night the son attacked him in the street. Having knocked him down, both he and his father kicked him.”

Birmingham Mail 5/6/1939 - Advert

“Bar-General, M and B’s, experience preferred.
COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port.”

1939 Register

Dudley Port – COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *Ernest Vann*, date of birth, 02/12/1899, licensee public house, married;
[2] Constance M. Vann, dob, 01/09/1900, unpaid domestic duties, married:

It closed in 1996.

It was converted into a hair and beauty studio.

COTTAGE SPRING

83, (23), High Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Foster, Woodsetton
Arnold and Bates Ltd.

LICENSEES

W Jukes [1863] – **1870**);
James Potter (**1870 – 1871**);
James Davies (**1871 – []**)
Thomas Edwards [1881] – [1885]
Benjamin Powis [1891] – [1892]
David Wootton [1901] – [1910]
George Griffiths [1917] – **1922**);
William Mooney (**1922**);
Joseph Stanford (**1922 – 1934**):

NOTES

23, High Street [1881]
83, High Street [1901]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/12/1863

“W. Bowen of Tipton, hearing that W. Williams wishes to have another spin, he will run him 120 yards at

Tivdale Grounds, if he will give a start of five yards, for £5 a side; to run on the 26th Dec; or he will take the same start of any man in Tipton of his own age (38) in the like distance. Money ready at Mr. *Jukes's*, COLLEGE INN [sic], High Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/7/1870

“Sarah Garrett (44), no occupation, was indicted for feloniously wounding *James Potter*, COTTAGE SPRING public-house, High Street, Tipton, on the 24th May last. Mr. Piggott appeared for the prosecution. From the evidence it appeared that on the 24th of May the prisoner went into prosecutor’s house, where she quarrelled with a woman who was there respecting some pledge-tickets, and began to fight her. The prosecutor interfered for the purpose of parting them, and the prisoner struck him with her fist, and went out of the house. She returned almost immediately, and went behind the prosecutor and struck him a violent blow on the head with a billhook, which inflicted a large wound, which had the effect of rendering him nearly insensible, and he was afterwards attended by a surgeon for about a fortnight afterwards. It was stated that the prisoner was greatly enraged and excited at the time of the offence, and the Judge, in summing up, instructed the jury that they had to find, if the prisoner was guilty, whether she did it with felonious intent to maim the prosecutor.

The jury found the prisoner guilty without the intent, and she was sentenced to twelve calendar months’ imprisonment.”

1881 Census

23, High Street – COTTAGE SPRING

[1] *Thomas Edwards* (44), smith at works, born Tipton;

[2] Ann Edwards (49), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Elizabeth S. Edwards (17), daughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 18/6/1881

“Mr. Charles Round, Peremptory Unreserved Sale at the WHITE SWAN INN, No.7, High Street, Tipton. To be sold by auction, by Mr. Charles Round, on Monday next, June 20th 1881, all the surplus public house fixtures, 4½ inch wheel Cart, and Effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Edwards*, who has taken to the COTTAGE SPRING INN, High Street, Tipton.”

County Advertiser 25/7/1885

“*Thomas Edwards*, COTTAGE SPRING, Tipton, was summoned for furious driving at Kingswinford on the 12th inst.

Police-constable O’Brien gave evidence that he saw the defendant driving a horse and trap along the highway. There were about seven men in the trap besides the defendant, and the horse was galloping. The animal ran on the footpath twice, and people had to run out of the way.

Corroborative evidence was given by two other witnesses.

Edwards, in defence, said he took pleasure parties out, and had been accustomed to stop at the LION public house. On this occasion the horse wanted to stop, and when ‘checked’ went off at a canter.

Witnesses were called by defendant, but the Bench fined him 10s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/7/1891

“At West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday – before the Stipendiary (Mr. Neville) – *Benjamin Powis*, landlord of the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, Tipton, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 5th inst. Mr. W. Foster (of Wolverhampton) defended.

Police-constable Rowland stated that at 7.50am, he was standing in Chapel Street, Tipton Green, when he saw a woman named Parker go up a passage leading to the COTTAGE SPRING INN. When she returned she had in her apron six bottles of stout. The landlord said the woman had not paid for the stout.

The defence was that the landlord had been invited to supper by Joseph Parker, a professional athlete, and the stout was fetched by Mrs. Parker at the request of *Powis* for consumption at the supper table. The case was dismissed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

“The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at [Wednesbury](#), yesterday.....

The objection against *Benjamin Powis*, of the COTTAGE SPRING beerhouse, High Street, Tipton, was that in May last he was fined £5 for permitting drunkenness on his premises. Mr. Sharpe appeared for *Powis*, and Mr. Foster for William Harris, to whom it was proposed to transfer the license.....

The license to *Benjamin Powis* (conditionally on the license being transferred forthwith) was granted.”

[David Wootton married Hannah Ellen Lane.](#)

[Hannah Ellen Lane was the daughter of Joseph James Lane – see GLOBE, Ash Street, Bradley, Bilston.](#)

1901 Census

83, High Street – COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *David Wootton* (37), publican and blacksmith, born Darlaston;

[2] *Hannah E. Wootton* (34), wife, born Bradley;

[3] *David Wootton* (11), son, born Bradley;

[4] *Matilda Wootton* (9), daughter, born Bradley;

[5] *G. Leonard Wootton* (7), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Laura Wootton* (5), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] *Prudence L. Wootton* (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] *Emma Taylor* (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

D. Wootton issued tokens from here.

David Wootton married *Hannah Lane*.

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/9/1917

“Goldenhill. There was a pretty wedding at the Parish Church on Sunday, when Miss Harriett Follows, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, of Gill Bank Farm, Goldenhill, was married to Mr. *George Griffiths*, of the COTTAGE SPRING HOTEL, High Street, Tipton. The bride is exceedingly popular in the village, and for the past 28 years has been a teacher at the Council Schools. She was recently presented with a beautiful Doulton tea service by the Head-master (Mr. W. C. Jones) and the staff as a mark of their appreciation and esteem.....”

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following licenses had been objected to on account of the redundancy of the houses, and these licenses would be considered at the adjourned Licensing Sessions on March 4th. The BOAT, Boat Row; the COW AND CALF, Owen Street; the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street; the BARREL, Sedgley Road; and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/7/1924

“At a meeting under the Licensing Consolidation Act the Staffordshire Compensation Authority refused yesterday to renew the licenses of fifteen house on the ground of redundancy.....

The houses in respect of which the authority declined to renew the licenses were as follows.....

The COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, Tipton, ante 1869 beerhouse.”

[Staffordshire Advertiser 2/8/1924](#)

[“The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority \(Licensing Consolidation Act\) for the county of Staffordshire was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday.....](#)

[In the case of the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, Tipton, a beerhouse, Mr. Wylie said four years ago Messrs. Arnold purchased the house for £2,500, and had since spent a considerable sum of money on alter-](#)

ations and repairs. This was the only house his clients had in Tipton, and they were desirous of preserving it. After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the COTTAGE SPRING, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1924

“The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority (Licensing Consolidation Act) for the county of Staffordshire was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday.....

The COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, Tipton, next came under consideration. Mr. Wylie said four years ago Messrs. Arnold purchased the house for £2,500, and had since spent a considerable sum of money on alterations and repairs. This was the only house his clients had in Tipton, and they were desirous of preserving it.....

After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the COW AND CALF, the BOAT INN, the COTTAGE SPRING, and the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, all at Tipton, but they renewed the licensed of the BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, Tipton.”

It closed on 31st December 1924.

Lichfield Mercury 9/1/1925

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee, in their report for 1924, stated that they had fixed the compensations in respect of a number of houses as follows.....

COTTAGE SPRING, Tipton, £1,650.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/1/1925

“On Monday morning the doors of the COW AND CALF, Owen Street, the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, the BOAT, Lockside, Park Lane West, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane, were closed to the licensed trade, the houses having been referred for compensation on the grounds of redundancy.”

COTTAGE SPRING

5, Horseley Road, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Bruford and Co. [1890]

Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd. [1916]

LICENSEES

David Rogers [1864] – **1871**);

William Holden (**1871** – []

Benjamin Hall [1878] – [1881]

Harry Golding [1891]

Bott [1893]

Joshua Bailey [1896]

Abraham Gray [1900]

George Lusher [1901]

Arthur Barton [1904]

Joshua Spencer [c.1908]

John Horton []

Mrs. Sarah Sargeant [1911] – [1912]
John Power Webb [1916]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

David Rogers = David Rodgers

David Rogers, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1864], [1865], [1870]

Midland Advertiser 6/4/1878

“*Benjamin Hall*, landlord of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Horseley Heath, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defence.

Inspector Harison said that, on the 9th ult, from information he received, he went, in company with two constables, to the defendant’s house. He went into the house and found two men there. He saw a jug and a glass on the table, in which there was some ale. The men had their coats off, and one had his shoes off. They said they lodged there, and had been lodging there for three months, but he had since found out that they were both married men, and that one lived at Ocker Hill, and the other at Spon Lane.

In cross examination witness stated that the men gave him wrong names. The landlord said he had not filled any ale since eleven o’clock.

Mr. Sheldon then addressed the Bench for the defence, and said that one of the men included upon being in the house, as they had known the landlord for 24 years, because he had had a quarrel with his wife and did not wish to go home that night. The defendant then let them remain in the house, and a bed was made up for them.

The magistrates, after a long consultation, fined the defendant 40s and costs, but the license was not endorsed.

Richard Davis and Thomas Shelley, the two men mentioned in the previous case, for being on the premises during prohibited hours, were fined 20s and costs.

Mr. Underhill remarked that the defendants had entirely brought it upon themselves, and that upon the landlord through them issuing so many falsehoods.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/8/1878

“The licensing session for West Bromwich and Wednesbury districts took place yesterday.....

The following beerhouse keepers in the Wednesbury district have been convicted during the year.....

Benjamin Hall, COTTAGE SPRING, Horsley Heath, Tipton, 40s and costs, for keeping open during prohibited hours.....

The licenses were not endorsed in any of these cases.

Those whose fines were 40s or upwards were directed to apply for their licenses at the adjourned Sessions.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/12/1880 - Advert

“General Servant Wanted, about 18; country preferred.

Apply, COTTAGE SPRING, opposite Horseley Works, Dudley Port.”

1881 Census

5, Horseley Road – COTTAGE SPRING

[1] *Benjamin Hall* (48), beer seller, born Dudley;

[2] Ann Hall (48), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Charles Hodgett Hall (18), son, clerk, born Dudley;

[4] John Hodgett Hall (16), son, clerk, born Dudley;

[5] Sarah Hodgett Hall (15), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[6] Harry Hodgett Hall (9), son, scholar, born Dudley;

[7] Mary Ann Pitt (13), general servant, born Dudley;

Birmingham Daily Post 15/7/1881 - Advert

“To Let, COTTAGE SPRING, opposite Horseley Ironworks, Tipton, where 1,000 hands are employed. Brewed last year 1,000 bushels. For further particulars, apply on premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/7/1882 - Advert

“To Let, COTTAGE SPRING, opposite Horseley Works, Tipton. In-coming low. Doing good trade. Apply on Premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1890 - Advert

“Beerhouse called COTTAGE SPRING, opposite Horseley Heath Works, to Let, on easy terms to a good tenant. Apply Bruford and Co, Brewers, Market Street, Wolverhampton.”

1891 Census

5, Horseley Road – Public House

- [1] *Harry Golding* (34), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Alice Golding* (33), wife, born Bishops Frome, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Harry Golding* (14), son, blacksmith, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Lilian Golding* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Joseph Golding* (9), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Frank Golding* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Lydia Taylor* (21), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Midland Sun 17/6/1893

“Joseph Bird, of 28, Railway Street, Horseley Heath, was charged with being on the licensed premises of the COTTAGE SPRING beerhouse, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on the 2nd inst at 11.30pm.

Sergeant Hopkins and Police constable Collier noticed the back door open, and saw defendant sitting at a small table apart from the principal table, eating bread and pickles, and drinking porter from a glass.

The landlord said defendant was a friend, and was having his supper with them, it being the landlady’s birthday.

Mr. Sharpe, who defended, said that was a sort of speculative moment in order to see whether the landlord had committed an offence. Both were respectable people, and had never been charged before. Defendant was not having any of the cold meat for supper.

Evidence was given bearing out this statement by the defendant and the landlord (*Mr. Bott*), after which the Stipendiary dismissed the case.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/1894 - Advert

“Horseley Heath, Tipton. COTTAGE SPRING; good beerhouse; opposite Horseley Bridge and Girder Works. Apply on premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/9/1894 - Advert

“Beerhouse To Let. COTTAGE SPRING, No.5 Horseley Road, Tipton. Apply on the premises.”

Joshua Bailey, beer retailer, 5, Horseley Road. [1896]

Abraham Gray, beer retailer, 5, Horseley Road. [1900]

1901 Census

5, Horseley Road

- [1] *George Lusher* (50), publican, born Norfolk;
- [2] *Emma Lusher* (47), wife, born Cheltenham, Gloucestershire;
- [3] *Austin Lusher* (11), son, born Stroud, Gloucestershire;
- [4] *Harriet Cope* (24), visitor, born Dudley:

Arthur Barton, beer retailer, 5, Horseley Road. [1904]

Tipton Herald 13/2/1909

“The annual licensing sessions for Tipton was held on Wednesday.....

The report of Police-superintendent Salt to the licensing justices was as follows.....

Joshua Spencer, who then held the license of the COTTAGE SPRING beerhouse, Horseley Road, was fined for being drunk on his own licensed premises. He has since transferred his license.”

1911 Census

5, Horseley Road – COTTAGE SPRING INN

- [1] *A K Sargent* (36), general bricklayer, born Rugby, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Sarah Sargent* (36), wife, married 15 years, born Darlaston; (she signed form)
- [3] *Ethel Sargent* (14), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Charlotte Sargent* (11), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Beatrice Sargent* (9), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Harry Sargent* (4), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Hilda Sargent* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Dolly Sargent* (2), daughter, born Tipton:

Mrs. Sarah Sargeant, beer retailer, 5, Horseley Road. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/2/1916

“At the annual Licensing Session of Tipton, yesterday, four houses were adjourned for further consideration. All the other licenses were renewed.

Of the four licenses referred to, two – the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Road, and the SPRING COTTAGE, Horseley Road – were scheduled with the consent of the owners; the other two were the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, and ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road.....”

Lichfield Mercury 14/7/1916

“The Staffordshire Licensing Committee held their principal meeting at Stafford on Saturday.....

From the Wednesbury county division the houses before the Committee were the BARREL, Dudley Port, Tipton; the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Tipton, both fully licensed; the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road, Tipton, and the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, both ante 1869 beerhouses.....

The other two cases were agreed to, and the license of the COTTAGE SPRING refused; but the question of the ROYAL EXCHANGE was adjourned for information as to barrelage.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1916

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting held on the 8th day of July, 1916, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licences of the Premises specified below, all persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the Act together with the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises are requested to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims.....

COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road, Tipton, Beerhouse, beer and cider, ante 1869. Licensee, *John Power Webb*. Registered Owner, The Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1917

“Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

Supplemental Meeting. This meeting was held on the 14th of October, and by adjournment on the 11th of November and 9th of December. The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following nine cases the committee fixed the compensation, viz.....

The two remaining case – namely the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton (alehouse), and the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road, Tipton (beerhouse, ante 1869), were referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/1/1918

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1917 was as follows.....

Decision of Inland Revenue, 1916 Case.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decision in the case of the COTTAGE SPRING, Tipton, and awarded the sum of £300, being the amount offered by the committee. The amount has been apportioned amongst the interested parties, and will be paid on the 22nd December 1917.”

Dudley Chronicle 10/5/1923

“Sobbing in a heart-broken way as she told her pitiful story to Messrs. Doughty, Peake and Hipkins at Tipton Police Court on Thursday, Mrs. Annie *Horton*, formerly well-known as the landlady of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Heath, and STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston, had a summons against her husband, *James Horton*, formerly the license holder, now of 10 Martin Road, for persistent cruelty, through which she had been compelled to live apart from him.

She said she was at present living in an apartment at 47, Wellington Road, Tipton. She was married 29 years ago at St. Mark’s, Wolverhampton, her wedding day being April 29th. They had lived at the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Heath, at the STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston, at an outdoor in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield. Since then they had lived at 10, Martin Road, Tipton.

Asked what she specifically complained of, she said defendant was always coming home drunk, smashing the home up and destroying everything he could lay his hands on. He would not let the children come to see her, and she must have no friends or acquaintances. A week ago she had to rush for her life upstairs. Even if it was bitterly cold she had to go and stay there, for he told her to get into her kennel. She left him on the 1st of May, because he came home drunk, smashed everything so much that they had not a cup or saucer in the house. He was continually throwing them at her, and used filthy and threatening language frequently in front of the children.

‘Are you afraid of him?’ asked the Clerk. Witness replied, ‘Absolutely.’

‘Has he ever struck you?’ asked the Clerk, and the reply was, ‘Oh yes; dozens of times.’

Continuing she said that once he had cut her on the forehead with a spoon, and he had blacked her eyes several times. She had had everything thrown at her that could be thrown. Her name had been dragged up and down the town until she was ashamed to go out. He also brought up other people’s names and accused them of being the fathers of her children. There were seven children in all, but only two now dependent. The language turned out was not fit for any child to hear, and she could not rear them under it. ‘I can’t, indeed I can’t,’ she sobbed.

When asked if he had any questions the defendant replied, ‘I have too much respect for my dear wife to ask any questions.’ In voluble style defendant went on to say he now had work.

The wife said her husband told her he was earning £1 16s a week.

Defendant: I will not make anything worse by asking my dear wife any questions. She is the most lovable woman on earth bar —.

Mr. Doughty: Bar what? Out with it.

Defendant: Her tongue. She is of a dubious and jealous disposition. Every time I go into the house I am accused of having been with other women. I have got a piece of steel in my side and suffer from heart disease. I have to walk from Tipton night and morning, and my meals consist of a little bread and a smear of margarine, and a little bit of cheese put in between.

The Clerk: You are charged with cruelty. What have you got to say about it?

Defendant: I absolutely deny it. If I am absolutely cruel why did I, last Saturday week, give her 30s, take 6s worth of meat into the house, and give her money for herself, and money to the kiddies to put into their bank. There is no publican in Tipton can say I am a customer.

Mr. Doughty: You have been married 29 years; is there no means of you living comfortably? Why have you not summoned him before?

The Wife: I have always been afraid, because he has said if I did I should never live to see the summons served on him.

Defendant: May I say a word?

The Clerk: You talk about your wife's tongue; yours appears to be quite as active. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wilkes, the Court Missionary, said he had tried, but could not effect any reconciliation.

Mr. Doughty: Is it not possible now to go and live quietly together?

The Wife: It is utterly impossible. She further said her two boys were now in the Army, and she was being helped in keeping the two that were dependent by two friends.

Defendant: May I explain —

The Clerk: Do be quiet; we are trying to help you.

Mr. Doughty: We should like to make you two friends again.

Defendant: Mr. Doughty, nothing would please me better. Let me go into your room and show you my leg, then you will wonder how I stand.

The wife having handed a written document of the 'language' used, the Bench passed it to the defendant, Mr. Doughty remarking, 'Just read that.'

Defendant having read it commenced to laugh and make observations, which caused Mr. Doughty to say sharply, 'Stop it. If you do not stop that tongue of yours you will go downstairs.'

Defendant (still smiling): Well, is it possible for any man to use language like that?

The Wife: Oh, you know you did, Jim.

Defendant went on to say that his earnings were £2 a week, minus his insurance. He was willing to give his wife £1 a week on conditions.

Mr. Doughty: No conditions. What can you give her now?

Defendant: Nothing. I have got nothing.

The wife (who had been allowed to be seated near the Bench) said she had forgiven him many times, even for getting her dearest friends into trouble.

Defendant: Thank you for that.

Mr. Doughty: Just be quiet for a minute or two, can't you? (To the wife.) Tell me, is he a heavy drinker?

The Wife: Oh, yes: I have known him spend £20 in drink.

Mr. Doughty: Does he get into delirium tremens?

The Wife: Oh, yes; I have seen him hundreds of times — seen him crawling on the floor on his hands and knees after them.

Defendant: Mr. Doughty, how can I answer that?

Mr. Doughty: Keep quiet, or we will soon find a cure for that. (To the wife.) And that no doubt accounts for a good deal of what you have told us.

The Wife: Oh, yes.

Defendant here began to say, 'I work from seven o'clock in the morning till six o'clock at night, and if I have got 3d I give it to pay for a glass of beer for my dear wife to have with her supper, and go without myself. I would do anything for a reconciliation.'

After much further talk, during which the defendant pointed to his two sons in the Army and his daughter's scholastic life, as a proof that he was no 'shuffler,' and the wife declared that she had no friends or relatives and that her daughters helped her, though her sons did not.

The magistrates said they would adjourn the case for a month on condition that defendant left his wife alone and paid her £1 a week. In the meantime the magistrates would make arrangements to see what was the matter with defendant.

The Clerk: And if he does not pay the case will be restored to the list.

The Wife: He has lost four situations through drink.

Defendant: When do I commence?

The Clerk: Next Saturday.

Defendant then walked to the table, threw down the house key, and said his wife could have all that was in the house, provided she let him have his letters and papers.

When his wife said she had not got them, defendant exclaimed, 'Then I will get authority to take those boxes out.'"

COTTAGE SPRING

Tividale Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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[1982]

COTTAGE SPRING

109, (99), Toll End Road, (Ocker Hill Road), Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

R. A. Harper Ltd. [1900]
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Nock [1828] – [1842]
William Nock [1845] – **1872**;
Mrs. Eliza Nock (**1872** – [1873])
John Whitehouse [1877] – [1881]
William Clarke [1892]
Richard A Harper [1896] – [1900]
Eliza Clark [1901]
Mrs. Maria Willetts [1904] – [1912]
Mrs. Emily Franklin [1916] – **1919**;
Albert William Mills (**1919** – **1920**);
Mrs. Emily Mills (**1920** – **1935**);
George Williams [1924] – [1932] manager

George Williams (1935);
Mrs. Harriet Louisa Williams (1935 – 1946);
William Bradbury (1946 – 1950);
Thomas Stawthorpe (1950 – 1954);
James William Bailey (1954 – [1966])
Walter Lee [1975]

NOTES

Hocker Hill [1849]
Ocker Hill Road [1868]
99, Toll End Road [1871], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904]
109, Toll End Road [1916], [1932], [1940], [1975], [1980]

Tokens were issued from here bearing 'W. B. and Co. Ltd.'
- Could this be William Butler and Co. Ltd.?

William Nock was also a brickmaker. [1845]

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/10/1846

"Inquests. On Wednesday afternoon, at the COTTAGE SPRING, Hocker Hill, on the body of Sarah Chester, aged 11 years, who fell down the shaft of an unprotected coal-pit, and was killed. Verdict, Accidental Death."

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/1/1847

"Inquests Before George Hinchliffe Esq, Coroner.....

On Saturday, the 9th instant, at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, on the body of John Allen, aged four years, who was left in the house by his mother in company with his little brother, and whilst reaching a hook from the fire, his clothes ignited, and he was so dreadfully burnt that he died in about five days after. Verdict, Accidental Death."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/5/1849

"On Wednesday an inquest was held at the house of Mr. *William Nock*, the COTTAGE SPRING, at Ocker Hill, Tipton, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of a lad named Benjamin Sheldon, who died on Monday, from the effects of an explosion of sulphur, which took place on the previous Thursday, in an ironstone pit at Willingsworth, belonging to the Messrs. Harris. A young man named George Downes was also so seriously injured by the same occurrence, that it is not expected he will survive. It appeared that there had been some sulphur in a certain part of the pit about a fortnight previously, and the deceased and the other workmen had been cautioned as to going there until they were assured that there was no danger; but on Thursday morning, without waiting for the safety lamp to be tried, Downes and the deceased went to work at the spot referred to. The consequence was that their candles ignited some sulphur which had accumulated during the night, and an explosion took place. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Journal 7/7/1849 - Advert

"Sale At Mr. *Nock*'s, COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by John Prince, on Monday Next, July 9 – a variety of useful Household Furniture, comprising six Spanish mahogany Chests of Drawers, two Sofas, mahogany Dining and Drinking Tables, Chimney and Toilet Glasses, Feather Beds, Tent Bedsteads, and Mattresses, Eight-day and Thirty-two-hour Clocks, Kitchen and Chamber Chairs and Requisites, with numerous other Effects.
Sale to commence at Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/9/1859

“Tipton ‘Bannering’. The boundary of the parish of Tipton was perambulated by Mr. *William Nock*, overseer; Mr. John Davis, assistant overseer; Mr. D. Peacock, surveyor of the Board of Health (with plans); Messrs. Henry Whitehouse, G. M. Waring, H. Buller, Wm. Caddick, Tomkins, Dangerfield, and about twenty other gentlemen and officials of the parish, who walked the whole distance – including the stoppage for three quarters of an hour to lunch at Tipton – in six hours. At many places the boundary was intercepted by pools and canals, and two lads and a man were employed to swim the boundary, which frequently occasioned much merriment. At the termination, from twenty-five to thirty gentlemen – including the above mentioned – sat down to a dinner, provided at the house of Mr. *Nock*, the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was passed with toasts, songs, &c.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/6/1860 - Deaths

“On the 20th instant, after a few weeks’ illness, aged 62 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Nock, of the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, Tipton, relict of Mr. *Thomas Nock*, of the COTTAGE SPRING, in the same place, regretted and lamented by all who knew her.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/8/1860 - Advert

“Hooper For Coroner.

A Public Meeting will also be held at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, on Friday Next, the 17th instant, at Nine o’clock in the Evening, when Mr. Hooper will address the Electors.”

Birmingham Journal 23/2/1861

“The Coventry Relief Fund.....

Subscribed at a dinner party at Mr. *Nock*’s, COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, £2 3s.”

1861 Census

Ocker Hill Road – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *William Nock* (41), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Eliza Nock (36), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Matilda Willerton (26), sister-in-law, unmarried, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah A. Parkes (22), house servant, born Halesowen;
- [5] Joseph Cook (21), servant, born Coughton, Warwickshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/9/1862 - Advert

“Millfield Accident Relief Fund.

The Committee in aid of the Widows, Orphans, and Sufferers by the above accident beg to acknowledge with thanks the following contributions, and to request that further funds be transmitted at once.....

COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill..... £1 11s 6d.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 20/4/1863

“On Saturday Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, on the body of Reuben Ford, a miner, aged twenty-nine. The deceased was in the employment of Messrs. Grazebrook and Aston, and on Wednesday last when at work in a stall, a quantity of coal fell on his head and killed him on the spot. Mr. Baker, Government Inspector, attended the inquiry. Having heard the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, but both they and the coroner expressed much dissatisfaction at no person from the colliery being present to explain the nature of the general workings of the pit.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/12/1864 - Advert

“Stolen or Strayed, a White French Dog. Answers to ‘Funny.’ Whoever will bring the same to COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, shall be rewarded. If detained after this notice will be prosecuted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/6/1866

“An inquest was held yesterday, at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, on the body of Charles Walford,

aged thirty-three years. Deceased was in the employ of the Birmingham Canal Company, as a carpenter, and while engaged in the construction of a bridge, a portion of timber, weighing about 3 tons, intended for a girder, swerved on one side, and struck him on the head, which resulted in immediate death. The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/6/1868 - Advert

“County Conservative Registration association. (Eastern Division) Tipton Branch.

A meeting of persons favourable to the objects of the above Association will be held on Tuesday Next, the 30th instant, at the House of Mr. *William Nock*, the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, at Eight o'clock in the Evening, for the purpose of enrolling Members of the Association, and of transacting other business, when the presence of all Persons interested in the Conservative cause is particularly requested.

Wm. Fellows, Hon. Sec. Tipton, June 26th, 1868.”

1871 Census

99, Toll End Road

[1] *William Nock* (51), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Eliza Nock* (46), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Matilda Millington* (36), sister-in-law, assistant to licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[4] *Anne Purchase* (15), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[5] *Henry Tomkins* (54), domestic servant, born Doulton, Shropshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 11/4/1871

“Yesterday, at the Tipton Police Court, before Messrs. J. Williams and W. L. Underhill, *Phoebe Felvus*, a pale, careworn looking girl, said to be sixteen years of age, but looking much younger, residing at No.4 Mann's Lane, Dudley Port, was charged with stealing a child, belonging to *Esther Mogg*, on the 7th inst, at Church Lane.

Superintendent Mills, after stating the facts of the case as reported in yesterday's issue, applied that the prisoner be remanded to Stafford Gaol for a week whilst enquiries were made. There were several suspicious circumstances connected with the case, which required time to unravel. The deceased infant was seven months old, and the second one in the case of *Danks*, was ten months old.

Police-constable *Farnall*, said he apprehended the prisoner, who said she had found the child dead at the back of Ocker Hill Station. That morning, whilst exercising in the police yard, at Wednesbury, the prisoner told him that she took the child from the perambulator, near the Old Workhouse buildings, and carried on the road to show her aunt at Wednesbury. That while on the road the child began to cry, and became restless. She tried to soothe it, but in its struggles it fell over her shoulder on the road.

The prisoner was then remanded for a week.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. *Edwin Hooper*, Coroner, opened an inquest respecting the death of *Annie Mogg*, the child mentioned above, at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill.

Esther Mogg, single woman, said that she lived in Chapel Street, Toll End, and was the mother of the deceased. On Friday afternoon witness sent *Mary Susannah Danks* with the child and another for a walk, with instructions to make haste back. In the evening the girl returned, and asked witness if 'the girl' had brought the baby back. Witness replied that she had not, and asked what girl it was who had taken the child. *Danks* replied that a girl had taken the child out of the perambulator, promising to leave it with its mother. Witness gave information to the Tipton and West Bromwich police, and then went home. By that time the child had been found, and she saw it lying at the COTTAGE SPRING. The child was healthy and well when she left home, and had no marks of violence on it at the time.

Mary Susannah Danks, aged ten years, was then called. She said she did not know the nature of an oath. Had been to Messrs. *Bagnall's* school, and taught to read. Knew that if she was a good girl and told the truth she would go to heaven, but could not tell where she should go if she was naughty and told lies. Had never heard of any place where people went to, except heaven.

The Coroner declined to examine the witness.

Elizabeth Bowes, of Wednesbury, said: About a quarter to seven on Friday evening she met the girl *Felvus*, who stopped her and said, 'Just look at this child, and see if it is dead.' Witness did so, and at once

pronounced it dead. She asked whose child it was, and Felvus said, 'I found it at Toll End, in some fields.' Upon being told by witness that she should have remained where she found the child, so that it might have been claimed, Felvus said she was going to take the child to her aunt's at Wednesbury. Witness persuaded her to take the child to Mr. Blackwood's surgery, and that gentleman, upon examining the child, at once sent for the police. He said that the child had been suffocated, and it had better be taken to Ocker Hill, so that the parents might find it. He said that because the child appeared to be well cared for. There was a mark on the forehead, and witness spoke to the girl about it. She said it was upon the child when she picked it up. The Coroner said he should take no further evidence that day, inasmuch as they could return no verdict until there had been a post mortem.

The enquiry was then adjourned until Thursday week."

[Phoebe Felvus appeared at the Stafford Sessions on the 27th of June, 1871, charged with 'feloniously and unlawfully taking on the 7th April, 1871, at Tipton, a child under the age of fourteen years, out of the possession of Esther Mogg, the mother of the child.' She was found guilty, and sentenced to 6 calendar months, with hard labour, in the House of Correction at Stafford.]

Birmingham Daily Post 28/8/1871 - Advert

"Five Shillings Reward. Lost or Stolen, from COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, Blue Skye Terrier Dog, left Ear cocked.

If detained after this notice will be prosecuted."

Dudley Guardian 28/2/1874

"An inquest was held on Monday by Mr. Hooper, at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, on the bodies of Alfred Parker (13), and William Parker (11) who were found dead under the circumstances as detailed in the evidence.

William Parker, of Temple Street, Bilston, said he was the father of the deceased, and the lads had left home on Thursday week. They had been in the habit of going from home, and remaining for days together. The elder boy worked a little, but the other did nothing. From enquiries he found that his sons had fallen asleep on a cinder mound, and been burnt to death.

Julia Foster, wife of a labourer, residing at Great Bridge, stated that on Friday morning she saw the boys lying on a heap of rubbish, which was giving off a strong smell of sulphur. The rubbish was thrown out from different works, and being very hot had set fire to the canal bank. Many people had to pass where the boys lay.

It was observed by some of the jurymen that the place was well known, and they felt confident that the boys would be suffocated before they had been there many minutes.

Police-constable Hobbs said he had made enquiries, and had not ascertained that there had been any foul play.

The verdict returned in each case was Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Post 3/2/1877

"On Thursday, Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, on the body of Frederick Simpson, aged 14, who was killed on Tuesday through the force of the gale overturning a wall, at Toll End. The particulars have already been reported in the *Post*. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Birmingham Daily Post 1/1/1880 - Notice

"East Staffordshire Election, 1880.....

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee for securing the election of S. C. Allsopp, Esq, and Sir John Hardy, Bart.....

J. Whitehouse, COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill."

Dudley Herald 4/9/1880

"On Thursday at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, Mr. Hooper held an inquest on the body of James Davis, aged 18, who, whilst in charge of a boat on Monday morning, slipped into the canal, and, being unable

to get out again, was drowned, the only persons near being a few children who could render no help. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1881 Census

99, Toll End Road – COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *John Whitehouse* (31), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah J. Whitehouse* (31), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary E. Whitehouse* (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Elizabeth Whitehouse* (29), sister, born Tipton;

[5] *Jane S. Siviter* (21), domestic servant, born Sheffield;

[6] *Susannah Kingston* (14), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;

[7] *William Bryan* (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 10/9/1881

“On Sunday last, at Tipton, the body of *Thomas Smith* (41), boat steerer, was found in the Birmingham Canal, Toll End. On the previous night he left the *BROWN LION INN*, and was seen close to the canal at about eleven o’clock by a girl, who states that he was under the influence of liquor at the time. On Thursday, *Mr. Edwin Hooper* (District Coroner) held an inquest at the *COTTAGE SPRING INN*, Toll End, on the body of the deceased. The evidence showed that on Saturday night the deceased called at the *BROWN LION INN*, and drank a pint of ale, after which he went in the direction of Birmingham Canal. It was supposed that the deceased missed his way and fell into the canal and was drowned, his dead body being found on Sunday morning.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned.”

Wednesbury Herald 26/11/1881

“On Tuesday afternoon, *Mr. E. Hooper* (Coroner), held an inquest at the *COTTAGE SPRING INN*, Toll End Road, Tipton, respecting the death of *Henry Astley* (46), grocer and provision dealer, Toll End.

The evidence showed that as the deceased was alighting from a conveyance on Friday evening he stumbled and fell, his head coming in contact with a stone. Upon being picked up it was found that he had been rendered insensible. *Dr. Underhill* was sent for and upon his arrival he ascertained that the skull was badly fractured. He did not recover consciousness, but gradually grew worse and died on the Saturday.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The deceased had for some years been a member of the Tipton Local Board, and was generally respected.”

Dudley and District News 20/1/1883

“On Saturday evening a very large and unanimous gathering took place at the *COTTAGE SPRING*, near Tipton, the occasion being the presentation of an illuminated address to each of the two junior members in the firm of the *Hope Iron and Tinsplate Co.*, Church Lane, Tipton – *Messrs. William Lowe jun.*, and *Edward Thomas James* – by the employés of the firm. After a capital dinner, to which nearly 200 sat down, *Mr. John James, sen.*, the principal partner in the firm, was elected to preside.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/9/1892

“Yesterday afternoon *Mr. E. Hooper* held an inquest at the *COTTAGE SPRING INN*, Ocker Hill, touching the death of *Gertrude Clewer* (5), who lived with her parents at 84, Toll End Road, Ocker Hill. The evidence went to show that on Saturday afternoon deceased, with other children, went to play near the canal. At one particular spot there is a baulk of wood crossing the canal, and whilst the children were upon this it turned over and deceased fell into the canal and was drowned. A man named *Edward Hampton* was going by at the time, jumped in, and recovered the body, but life was extinct.

The foreman of the jury said the place was very dangerous for people going across, but it was private property. He thought that some representation should be made to the canal company on the matter.

The Coroner agreed that the attention of the company should be called to the place, and said he would undertake to bring it under their notice. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/10/1894

“At the Police Court, yesterday, Arthur Hastilow, Toll End, was charged with embezzling two sums of money belonging to his employer, Mr. James Trentham, mineral-water manufacturer, Toll End; also with larceny. Mr. C. Round defended.

Prisoner's duty was to deliver mineral-water to customers, and account each morning for the previous day's sales. On the 9th inst he delivered three dozen bottles of mineral-water at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, and six syphons of soda-water at the residence of Mr. Benjamin Earp, Ocker Hill, and in both cases the goods were paid for. Instead of handing the money over to the manager he represented that the customers had not paid for the goods. With respect to the charge of larceny, evidence was given showing that prisoner took possession of twelve dozen bottles of mineral-water which he alleged he had sold to the manager of the WREXHAM INN, Wednesbury.

Police-sergeant Moss arrested the prisoner at his home, when, in answer to the charge, he said, 'I have not had 15s; all I have had is 11s. I was a fool, and I am sorry now.' The officer searched the house, and found ten dozen bottles of mineral-water.

James Russell, manager for Mr. Trentham, said prisoner had only been in the latter's employ nine days prior to the date of the embezzlement.

Mr. Round said that defendant had previously been employed by Mr. Trentham for twelve months, and prior to the present charges he had always borne an excellent character. Defendant had been drinking heavily, and he attributed his dishonesty to that cause.

Prisoner was fined 20s and costs for the embezzlement, and was ordered to come up for judgment when called upon in respect of the charge of larceny.”

Wednesbury Herald 27/2/1895

“.....Belcher and Son are instructed by the Mortgagees to Sell by Public Auction upon the above date [5th March 1895], at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill Three Freehold Dwelling Houses.....”

It was put up for auction in November 1900 – “old licensed public house brewery and newly erected 4 stall stable.”

1901 Census

Toll End Road – COTTAGE SPRING INN

- [1] *Eliza Clark* (59), widow, manageress (public), born Bilston;
- [2] William Middleton (33), widower, boarder, enamel fitting maker, born Tipton;
- [3] Kate Gould (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Maria Willetts = Maria Willett

1911 Census

109, Toll End Road – COTTAGE SPRING INN

- [1] *Maria Willetts* (43), widow, licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Maude Alice Willetts (22), daughter, born Priestfield;
- [3] Comfort Nicholls (25), general servant, born Gornall:

South Staffordshire Times 2/2/1924

“To remove any erroneous impression as to the ‘removal’ of the ‘Element’ Lodge R.A.O.B., from the GOSPEL OAK to the COTTAGE SPRING, it is stated in a letter we have received to be unfair to Mrs. Shipton (hostess) who has ‘always done all she could for the members’ comfort, and has been to considerable expense in equipment.’ It is also stated the ‘removal’ has been effected without the consent of some of the members, who are indignant.”

South Staffordshire Times 14/6/1924

“Messrs. Doughty and Peake granted an hour's extension to *George Williams*, licensee of the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, for Monday, June 16th. It was explained that the occasion was the raising of four

brothers to the Second Degree of Buffaloism.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 11/10/1924

“The members of the ‘Element’ Lodge of the R.A.O.B. (Grand Surrey banner) held their annual dinner at the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, on Monday evening, when Primo E. E. Hill presided....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 6/1/1934

“For the seventh year in succession, Mr. and Mrs. *G. Williams* and customers of the COTTAGE SPRING, Ocker Hill, provided a tea and concert for the old-age pensioners in St. Marks Schools, kindly lent by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Darby).....”

Tipton Herald 16/1/1937

“An application for extension of hours from 10pm to 11pm on Friday, for the annual dinner of the St. Mark’s Cricket Club was granted to Mrs. *Williams*, licensee of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill.”

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

London Gazette 11/8/1975

“*Lee, Walter*, unemployed, residing and lately carrying on business at 109, COTTAGE SPRING, Toll End Road, Ocker Hill Date of Filing Petition – 8/8/1975.....” [Date of release – 6/12/1977.]

Closed

Demolished

COTTAGE SPRING

11, Union Street / Albion Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Thompson and Son Ltd, Burton on Trent

LICENSEES

Isaac Roberts [1861] – [1868]

William Holden [1871]

James Cox [1891]

Henry Turner [1901]

W T Siddall [1907]

Patrick Higgins [c.1908]

Maurice Gabriel [1909]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Union Street – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *Isaac Roberts* (48), coal miner, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Roberts* (46), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Hannah Roberts* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Sarah Jane Roberts* (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Margaret Roberts* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Joseph Whale* (56), lodger, colliery labourer, born Tipton;
- [7] *Nancy Oakley* (22), house servant, born Sedgley:

London Gazette 28/7/1868

“*Isaac Roberts*, of Union-street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Charter Master and Beerseller, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in Her Majesty’s Court of Bankruptcy for the Birmingham District, on the 18th of July, 1868, is hereby required to surrender himself to Alfred Hill, Esq., a Registrar of the said Court, at the first meeting of creditors to be held before the said Registrar, on the 12th of August next, at twelve o’clock at noon precisely, at the said Court, at Birmingham. Mr. George Kinnear, of Waterloo-rooms, Waterloo-street, Birmingham, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. James and Griffin, of Birmingham, are the Solicitors acting in the bankruptcy.”

1871 Census

11, Union Street

- [1] *William Holden* (33), iron roller, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Ellen M. Holden* (30), wife, born Scotland;
- [3] *John Holden* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Edward Holden* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

11, Union Street – uninhabited

Birmingham Daily Post 20/9/1882 - Advert

“Beerhouse (corner), populous locality; large stable and yard. In-going £30. COTTAGE SPRING, Union Street, Tipton.”

1891 Census

11, Union Street

- [1] *James Cox* (56), carrier and manager of public house, born Cheltenham, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Ellen Cox* (49), wife, born Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Albert Cox* (27), boarder, gardener, born Cleve, Gloucestershire;
- [4] *John Osborne* (22), boarder, general labourer, born Bromward, Herefordshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/8/1891 - Advert

“To Let, the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Union Street, Tipton; beerhouse. Early possession. Apply to John Thompson and Son (Limited), Burton-on-Trent.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/6/1892 - Advert

“Sale of Properties, by Roderick & Son. To be Sold by Auction at the Property Mart, 6, Temple Row West, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 28, 1892, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced.....

Lot 8. Tipton. A Freehold Beerhouse, known as the COTTAGE SPRING TAVERN, in Union Street, at the corner of Albion Street, and within about three minutes walk of the Railway Station at Tipton, together with the Stabling and large Yard in the rear.

This lot is free from lease, and is worth the attention of Brewers.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/9/1892 - Advert

“To Let, the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Union Street, Tipton, as a free house.

Apply to John Thompson and Son (Limited), Burton-on-Trent.”

1901 Census

11, Union Street

[1] *Henry Turner* (46), brewer, born Sedgley;

[2] Zalah Turner (45), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Henry Turner (13), son, born Normanton, Yorkshire;

[4] Sarah Turner (11), daughter, born Normanton, Yorkshire;

[5] John Weston (21), boarder, coal miner (hewer), born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

The Bench considered six houses reported as redundant.....

COTTAGE SPRING, Union Street, kept by *W. T. Siddall*. License renewed.”

Tipton Herald 13/2/1909

“The annual licensing sessions for Tipton was held on Wednesday.....

The report of Police-superintendent Salt to the licensing justices was as follows.....

Patrick Higgins was fined for selling beer without a license at the COTTAGE SPRING beerhouse, Union Street.....

I have caused notice of opposition to the renewal of their licenses to be served on *Maurice Gabriel*, COTTAGE SPRING, Union Street, on the ground of irregularities in connection with their premises.”

Tipton Herald 13/3/1909

“Adjourned Licensing Meeting – Tipton.

This was the first license objected to. The reasons given were (1) that the license was not required; (2) house of a disorderly character; (3) conviction of a tenant in October last for selling beer without a license, and fined 10s and costs.

The Chairman said the house would be referred for compensation in the usual way.

Mr. Willcock, who appeared for the owner, raised no objection.

Inspector Burgess stated that the house was not so good as the UNION, GLOBE, or BLACK COCK.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/5/1909

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1904, by the Compensation Authority for the County of Stafford, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at 10.30 o'clock am, on Friday, the 11th day of June, 1909.

And Notice is Hereby also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list.....

COTTAGE SPRING, Union Street, Tipton. Beer and Cider, ante 1869. Licensee, *Maurice Gabriel*.”

Tipton Herald 19/6/1909

“An adjourned meeting of the Stafford County Licensing Committee was held at Stafford on Thursday morning for the purpose of hearing appeals against the closing of licensed houses scheduled for compensation.....

The licences of the COTTAGE SPRING, Tipton were formally refused, no opposition having been offered.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/6/1909

“The adjourned meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee was held yesterday at the Shirehall, Stafford. Of the five houses referred by the justices of the Wednesbury Petty Sessional division, there was opposition in only one case The houses in regard to which there was no opposition were.....

COTTAGE SPRING, Nunn [sic] Street, Tipton.....

The committee refused to renew the licences of all the houses.”

Lichfield Mercury 7/1/1910

“The Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of Stafford commenced on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford.....

The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority was held on the 11th June, and by adjournment on the 12th and 17th June, when the Committee, after careful consideration of each case referred, refused to renew 62 licenses.

The Committee, at a supplemental meeting, went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund. In the following 60 cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

COTTAGE SPRING, Union Street, Tipton. £700.

.....the money has been apportioned amongst the interested parties.”

COUNTRY GIRL

249, (168), (168+170), (168+169), (170), Toll End Road, (New Road, Great Bridge), TIPTON

OWNERS

James Trentham and Son [c.1900]

John Henry Briant [1914]

LICENSEES

Enoch Vaughan [1871] – [1872]

James Trentham [1876] – [1882]

James Trentham and Son [1882] – [1896]

Samuel Bentley [1901]

Letitia Shephard [1903]

Joshua Griffiths [1905] ?

Richard Arthur Harper [1904] – [1912]

Henry John Dunn [1914]

NOTES

170, Toll End Road [1871]

168 and 170, Toll End Road [1881]

168+169, Toll End Road [1891], [1901]

168, Toll End Road [1904], [1908], [1912]

New Road, Great Bridge [1911]

249, Toll End Road [1914]

FLOWER GIRL [1881]

It had an ante 1869 beer (and cider) house license.

Tokens were issued from here.

1871 Census

170, Toll End Road

- [1] *Enoch Vaughan* (50), coal miner, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Vaughan (50), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Hannah Vaughan (20), daughter, milliner and dressmaker, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah E. Vaughan (18), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] George E. Vaughan (16), son, coal miner, born West Bromwich:

Dudley Herald 12/10/1872

“To be sold by auction all that freehold public house known by the sign of the COUNTRY GIRL with retail shop adjoining, situate fronting to Toll End Road leading from Gospel Oak to Great Bridge with the brewhouse, stabling, gig houses, store room and lofts over, and also the cart shed at the back thereof, also the use of the cart road leading out of Dale Street in common with the tenants of the adjoining properties and now in the occupation of *Enoch Vaughan*.”

Midland Examiner 1/1/1876

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, Richard Summers, who had been previously convicted, was committed for trial on a charge of having, on Friday, stolen money from a till at the house of Mr. *J. Trentham*, the COUNTRY GIRL INN, Great Bridge. The prisoner said he had been drinking liquor all day and did not know what he was doing.”

[Richard Summers was found guilty of attempting to steal, on the 24th December, 1875, at Tipton, certain money, the moneys of *James Trentham*, and received 3 months' imprisonment with hard labour.]

1881 Census

168 and 170, Toll End Road – COUNTRY GIRL

- [1] *James Trentham* (51), beer seller and soda water manufacturer and linen draper, born Waddington(?), Oxfordshire;
- [2] Grace Trentham (50), wife, born Shebear(?), Devon;
- [3] James H. Trentham (19), son, soda water maker, born Dudley;
- [4] Emily E. Trentham (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Kirza Trentham (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Mary Machaness (18), general servant, born Bilston;
- [7] Reuben Barker (25), pianist, born Tipton;
- [8] Robert Barnford (16), general servant, born Tipton;
- [9] William Herbert (27), general servant, born Blackley(?), Worcestershire;
- [10] James Russell (19), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [11] George Rhodes (30), general servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 18/5/1881 - Advert

“General Servant. Wanted, strong active Person, with good character. Apply, *Trentham's*, COUNTRY GIRL, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Dudley and District News 26/11/1881

“Mr. Henry Astley, grocer and provision dealer, New Road, Toll End, met his death in a melancholy manner last night week. While assisting his stepson to load a cart at his shop door he slipped and fell out of it, striking his head on the ground, a tea chest, which he was attempting to shift, falling upon him. When taken up, he was found to be unconscious, and although he regained consciousness during the evening, and slept well during the night, he gradually became weaker and weaker, and died on Saturday night, leaving a wife and four children to mourn his loss. He was insured in the Scottish Accident Insurance Company for £1,000. Deceased had for many years carried on business in the district, was a member of the Tipton Local Board,

and his untimely end has spread gloom over a wide locality in which he was universally respected.

The inquest was held on Tuesday afternoon by Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, at the COUNTRY GIRL INN (Mr. *Trentham's*). Mr. Travis, solicitor, appeared on behalf of deceased's family, and Mr. Armour, of Edinburgh, for the insurance company.

The jury having been sworn, viewed the body at the deceased's late residence. When they returned, the first witness called was deceased's widow, Rosannah Astley. She stated that since she had been married to him, deceased had always enjoyed good health, and had never been treated for heart disease, or complained of giddiness. About eight o'clock she was in the shop, and her late husband was engaged loading a cart at the door with her son. Suddenly her son came in and told her that Mr. Astley had fallen. She went out and saw deceased lying on the ground at the back of the cart. When taken up he was found to be unconscious; but after having been taken into the house he regained his senses and walked upstairs to bed, but did not speak. Witness then noticed that he was bleeding at the back of his head and at the nose. Deceased lay for some time in bed, and afterwards came downstairs again. Witness asked where he was hurt, and he said 'nowhere.' After sitting for about an hour deceased again went upstairs to bed, being assisted by witness. In consequence of some work having to be done witness did not get to bed till 2.30 next morning; but from that time deceased appeared to sleep very well. About 7.30 in the morning he awoke, and ascertained what time it was, and said it was time the shop was opened. Witness went and opened the shop, and when she returned deceased was asleep, and didn't awaken again until 10 o'clock, when he seemed much weaker. He asked for some water which witness gave him and then sent for Dr. Underhill. His assistant came first, and afterwards he came himself, and told her that deceased was suffering from compression of the brain. He gave her something to give him and said she had better get another doctor, and that she should see Mr. Rankielor, the local agent of the insurance society, as her husband was dying. Deceased was insensible during the afternoon, but during the evening he regained consciousness and wanted to get downstairs. Witness tried to soothe him and he remained quiet until he died about a quarter to twelve on Saturday night.

Walter Charles Steadman, stepson of deceased, said he was engaged, along with Mr. Astley, loading a cart at the back in order to shift those already in it. Witness told him that he could do it more easily from the front of the cart, and got up to assist him. Just as he had put his foot on the step he saw deceased fall over the back of the cart. Witness got assistance and had him taken up as quickly as possible. It was impossible from the position in which deceased was, for any one to push deceased over. The cart being wet and slippery might have caused deceased to fall. Deceased was perfectly sober at the time the accident occurred. Arthur Stafford Underhill deposed to having attended deceased after the accident, and stated as his opinion that the injuries received by the accident had caused death, producing compression of the brain.

Mr. Armour then cross-examined witness through the coroner.

Witness had attended Mr. Astley prior to this; once when he had a fit, and several times in cases of slight accidents. He had not made a post mortem examination of the body.

The coroner said that the evidence was so conclusive that he did not think it would be necessary to put the county to the expense of a post mortem examination, unless the jury wished it. The jury expressed their satisfaction with the evidence produced, Mr. John Homer adding that shortly before the accident deceased had been delivering goods at his house and was in apparent good health, and, although offered something to drink, had declined it.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Evening Express 5/12/1881

"At the West Bromwich Police Court, today, before Mr. W. F. E. Boughey (Stipendiary).....

James Trentham, of the FLOWER GIRL INN, Toll End, Tipton, was fined 2s 6d and costs, for having in his possession, on the 23rd November, an unstamped measure. Mr. Toy, assistant to Mr. Horder, proved going to the defendant's house on the day in question, and was supplied with a pint of ale in an earthenware unstamped measure. Mr. Horder said throughout the district, the licensed victuallers almost entirely neglected to use the stamped measures, but, usually used the earthenware pots. He pointed out there was no excuse, as the Board of Trade had now sanctioned a stamped earthenware pot."

Dudley and District News 27/5/1882

"Thomas Hickson and Richard Hickson, both of Tipton, were charged with being disorderly on the licensed

premises of *James Trentham*, the COUNTRY GIRL INN, Toll End, and unlawfully refusing to quit when requested. Complainant said when they came into his house it was about a quarter past ten. They went into the back room and began to behave disorderly, the manager *Madeley* told them to behave themselves and they used bad language. Richard struck complainant's wife, and knocked a man down. He requested them to go out, and they refused, and when the police came Richard struck him three times in the mouth.

PC Godsall said about 10.30 he was sent for to the COUNTRY GIRL INN, and when he went in he found both defendants drunk and fighting, and causing a great disturbance. He saw Richard strike the complainant, and complainant struck him back. Defendants were brought up last Monday for being drunk and disorderly, and were fined 20s and costs, or in default one month. There were six previous convictions against Thomas, and seven against Richard.

For the defence, Thomas Cooper said he was in the COUNTRY GIRL INN, and he saw the defendants there. A man named Smith came in and ran up to Thomas and offered to fight him for 10s. Before the officer came defendants had not used any bad language, but they were fighting before they were turned out. He did not see complainant struck.

Inspector Harrison said the witness Cooper was a bad character, and had been up several times.

Ellen Cleaver said she was in the COUNTRY GIRL when the defendants came in and asked her to drink, but before she had time to do so a man named George Smith ran up to Richard and offered to fight him for 10s. She didn't see anyone strike complainant, but complainant struck Richard three times.

Complainant here said that witness caused a great deal of trouble, and he ordered her out, but she refused to go. He had great difficulty in getting her out. She tried to prevent the police taking the defendants into custody.

In the case of being disorderly, defendants were each ordered to pay 6s and costs, and Richard for assaulting *Trentham* was ordered to pay 10s, or in default 7 days."

1891 Census

168+169, Toll End Road – COUNTRY GIRL

[1] *James Trentham* (61), mineral water manufacturer, born Wardington, Oxfordshire;

[2] Grace Trentham (60), wife, born Shebbear, Devon;

[3] Hizzie Trentham (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Ann Bawler (17), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

James Trentham and Son were soda water manufacturers. [1892], [1896]

Birmingham Daily Post 19/5/1900

"At a sale by auction, on Wednesday, Messrs. J. Male and Son, auctioneers, Bilston, disposed of the COUNTRY GIRL INN, Great Bridge, at £3,025."

1901 Census

168+169, Toll End Road – COUNTRY GIRL INN

[1] *Samuel Bentley* (36), publican, iron dresser, born Tipton;

[2] Margaret Bentley (37), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Margaret Baines (11), niece, born West Bromwich:

Tipton Herald 17/10/1903

"Thomas Macgee, Boatmans Row, Toll End, Tipton, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of the COUNTRY GIRL INN, Toll End, Tipton, on October 6th.

Letitia Shephard stated as to requesting defendant to leave but he refused.

PC Stanley gave evidence as to being called to the house and ordering defendant out.

Fined 5s and costs."

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

"The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The licenses of the following six houses were opposed on the ground of redundancy: MOULDERS ARMS,

Bridge Road; BURTON INN, Hall Street; the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road; QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield; RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane; and RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street. The Bench renewed the licenses of the COUNTRY GIRL and the RAILWAY INN, and referred for compensation the MOULDERS ARMS, the BURTON INN, the QUEENS ARMS, and the RAILWAY TAVERN.”

Tipton Herald 4/1/1913

“Richard Hawkes (30), of New Road, Tipton, was charged with stealing 2s, the money of Ernest Plant, of 8, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

Prosecutor said that at 9.40pm, on 23rd December, he was in the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End, in company with his brother, Thomas. He heard prisoner ask if anyone could change him 2s. Witness said he could. Witness pulled his money out of his pocket and gave defendant 1s, and the rest in coppers. His brother lending him a half-penny to make up the amount. Prisoner slipped a coin into his (prosecutor’s) waistcoat pocket. A little while after, on looking to see that the coin was all right, witness found that the coin was only an advertisement token of some biscuits.

Prisoner denied that he put any coin in prosecutor’s pocket, but said he gave him the florin in his hand. Frederick Coombs said he saw defendant give the florin to prosecutor.

Prosecutor’s brother should have been present as a witness, but it was stated that his employer would not allow him to be present.

The Board dismissed the case.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

At the Sessions plans were submitted for the improvement of.....

The COUNTRY GIRL, Great Bridge.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/8/1914

“At the Principal Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Authority, held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Wednesday, 25 licenses which had been referred by justices from petty sessional divisions and boroughs came under review. Of these, no opposition to the refusal of the license was offered by the parties interested in 15 cases, eight which were opposed were refused renewal, and the remaining two were adjourned for evidence of the trade done at each house.....

The full license of the BULLS HEAD, High Street, Princes End, and the ante-1869 beerhouse license attached to the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road, Tipton, were both refused renewal. In the latter case, Mr. Frank Myatt, lessee, gave figures as to the trade done for the four years ending December 31 last. In 1913 174¾ barrels of ale and stout and 688 dozen of bottled goods were sold. Replying to the Chairman, witness said that the ‘long pull’ was not given at the house. Inside bare measure was given, and outside a certain percentage over. The trade had improved since December and was now five barrels a week. The renewal was refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/8/1914

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 29th day of July, 1914, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 7th day of September, 1914, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

COUNTRY GIRL, 249, Toll End Road, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869 (Beer and Cider). Licensee, *Henry John Dunn*. Registered Owner, John Henry Briant.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1915

“Report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1914.....

The committee of the Compensation Authority went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following 18 cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

COUNTRY GIRL, Tipton, beerhouse, ante-1869, £950.

In the case of the COUNTRY GIRL, Tipton, the division of the compensation money is deferred.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1916

“The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year was presented as follows.....

The committee have divided among the interested parties the compensation money in the case of the COUNTRY GIRL, Tipton (£950), where the license was refused last year, and the amounts will be paid on the 20th inst.”

Closed

It was demolished in 1977.

COW AND CALF

43, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Leonard Foster, Glenroy, near Dudley
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1919]

LICENSEES

William Young [] – **1881**);
Daniel Whitehouse (**1881** – [1882]
Joseph Smith [1900] – [1904]
Mrs. Susan Hunt [1915] – **1924**):

NOTES

It was situated almost opposite to the FOUNTAIN.

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

It had a beer, cider and wine license.

Dudley Herald 6/3/1880

“Yesterday morning the District Coroner (Edwin Hooper, Esq) held an inquest on the body of Edward Lloyd, who was found drowned in the canal near Mr. Bent’s wharf, Tipton, on the 22nd ult.

Mary Lloyd, widow, and aunt of the deceased, identified the body, and said deceased was 29 years of age, and a paviour. He resided at her house, 19, Vicar Street, Dudley. Deceased had always been in good health, and she last saw him alive at a quarter to six pm, on the evening of Sunday, the 22nd February, when he

left the house to go to Tipton, and saying that he would be back at 9.30. He was in good spirits. He did not return, and she thought he might have gone to Birmingham. On Tuesday, she sent a young man to Mr. Holloway's house, Owen Street, Tipton, and he was informed that deceased left his house at 9pm on the Sunday evening in question, saying he would be in Dudley at 9.30. Witness had made inquiries at several places, but got no information as to his whereabouts. On the Tuesday following she heard that the deceased had been found in the canal. The hat produced was her nephew's.

John Holloway said he knew the deceased, who had been keeping company with his daughter. On the 22nd ult, deceased came to his house about six o'clock, and was quite sober. He left about seven minutes to nine o'clock for Dudley, and said he had promised his aunt to be back at half-past nine. He made some remark that he would go home by the Priory. Witness thought if deceased had gone by the COW AND CALF INN, and had kept to the left of the mill bridge, it was possible that he had walked into the canal. There was a lamp at the foot of the bridge, and further on another lamp, which corresponded with the lamps in the road. If he took a view of the second lamp, and made for it, he would be sure to walk straight into the canal, there being nothing to stop him.

A verdict of Found Drowned was returned."

1881 Census

43, Owen Street

[1] *Daniel Whitehouse* (49), iron roller and licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Whitehouse (49), wife, born Tipton;

[3] John F. Whitehouse (23), son, assurance agent, born Tipton;

[4] Louisa H. Whitehouse (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Daniel Whitehouse (17), son, pattern maker, born Tipton;

[6] Ada J. Whitehouse (14), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] Sara E. Fletcher (25), daughter, widow, born Tipton;

[8] Edwin E. Fletcher (6), grandson, born Sheffield;

[9] Alfred T. W. Fletcher (3), grandson, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[10] Florence M. Fletcher (1), granddaughter, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 29/4/1882

"Elijah Williams, Great Bridge, Tipton, was charged with committing wilful damage and injury upon a certain watch, the property of Albert Edge and thereby doing damage to the amount of 10s on the 21st inst. Defendant pleaded guilty. Prosecutor said he lived at 18, Providence Street and he and defendant were at the COW AND CALF public house. John *Whitehouse*, son of the landlord, asked to look at his watch. Defendant took the watch and complainant asked him to give it back. Defendant said 'You won't have it for a fortnight' and then dashed the watch on the ground, smashing the glass and the rim. He sent it to Birmingham to get repaired, and it cost him 10s. Defendant said he and complainant had been in the public house eight hours and had been playing at cards and having no money complainant gave him the watch. Complainant told him to throw the watch on the floor three times, and the last time he did so it broke. Defendant was fined 13s 6d, including costs, and 10s damage, or in default 14 days. Defendant: Well, I won't pay it. He was locked up."

Dudley Herald 20/1/1900

"*Joseph Smith*, landlord of the COW AND CALF INN, Owen Street, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, and Joseph Jones, Old Fields, was summoned for being drunk on the premises. Mr. Clarke, West Bromwich, was for the prosecution, and Mr. W. A. Foster for the defence.

PS Heath stated that at 9.50 on the 28th last he went into the COW AND CALF and found Jones there drunk, and attempting tossing. He had a pint cup, with beer in it, before him. He drew the landlord's attention to him, and the landlord told him to go, and he staggered out. The landlord told him that they had had only 6 pints between four of them.

PC Hingley corroborated the statement of the last witness.

Jones said that there was a reservist in the tap-room, who was going to the front and as he himself was an old Gordon Highlander, having served in the Egyptian campaign, they began to talk about the war. He was

singing a song they sang in Egypt when the officers came in. He denied that he staggered out. The landlord also denied that Jones staggered out. The case was dismissed.”

1901 Census

43, Owen Street

- [1] *Joseph Smith* (43), publican, born Coseley;
- [2] *Eliza Smith* (44), wife, born Woodsetton;
- [3] *Ann Smith* (21), daughter, born Woodsetton;
- [4] *Mary Smith* (19), daughter, born Woodsetton;
- [5] *Joseph Smith* (16), son, learning the engine fitting, born Woodsetton:

Joseph Smith, beer and wine retailer, 43, Owen Street. [1904]

Birmingham Mail 31/8/1915

“Particulars of a tragic affair at Tipton were mentioned at the Police Court today. The charge sheet contained the name of *Annie Jane Whittle* (17), 25, Moat Road. The magistrates’ clerk (Mr. Underhill) stated that *Whittle* had been a domestic servant in the employ of Mrs. *Susan Hunt* at the COW AND CALF INN, Owen Street. On the 27th inst she was given into custody on a charge of stealing a gold ring and 5s 7d, belonging to Mrs. *Hunt*. She was released on bail, and the same day appeared to be in her usual spirits. On Saturday afternoon Mr. *Whittle* ascertained that his daughter was in the canal. He immediately ran to the place indicated, jumped into the water, and recovered the body, but life was then extinct. At the coroner’s enquiry a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned.”

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following licenses had been objected to on account of the redundancy of the houses, and these licenses would be considered at the adjourned Licensing Sessions on March 4th. The BOAT, Boat Row; the COW AND CALF, Owen Street; the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street; the BARREL, Sedgley Road; and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/7/1924

“At a meeting under the Licensing Consolidation Act the Staffordshire Compensation Authority refused yesterday to renew the licenses of fifteen house on the ground of redundancy.....

The houses in respect of which the authority declined to renew the licenses were as follows.....

COW AND CALF, Owen Street, Tipton, ante 1869 beerhouse.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/8/1924

“The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority (Licensing Consolidation Act) for the county of Staffordshire was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday.....

In regard to the COW AND CALF, a beerhouse, Owen Street, Tipton (licensee, *Susan Hunt*), Inspector Chalinor stated that there were two full licensed houses and a beerhouse within 34 yards of this house, which was unsuitable for the purpose of a licensed house, whilst the living accommodation was very poor.

Susan Hunt, a widow, said that she had held licenses for 33 years, and it was her only means of livelihood. After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the COW AND CALF, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1924

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was unsuitable for the purpose of a licensed house, whilst the living accommodation was very poor. *Susan Hunt*, a widow, said that she had held the license for 33 years, and it was her only means of a livelihood.....

After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the COW AND CALF, the BOAT INN, the COTTAGE SPRING, and the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, all at Tipton, but they renewed the licensed of the BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, Tipton.”

Lichfield Mercury 9/1/1925

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee, in their report for 1924, stated that they had fixed the compensations in respect of a number of houses as follows.....

COW AND CALF, Tipton, £1,100.”

It closed on 31st December 1924.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/1/1925

“On Monday morning the doors of the COW AND CALF, Owen Street, the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, the BOAT, Lockside, Park Lane West, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane, were closed to the licensed trade, the houses having been referred for compensation on the grounds of redundancy.”

CROSS

Cross Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Wednesbury Herald 3/4/1880

“On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. F. Wooton Isaacson, The Conservative candidate for the borough of Wednesbury, addressed an open air meeting at the CROSS HOTEL, Cross Street, Tipton, supported by several leading Conservative gentlemen of the neighbourhood, and he was introduced to the meeting by Mr. E. A. Spurgin, BA.....”

CROSS

7, (6), Park Lane West, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Whitehouse, Park Lane West

Isaac Chater

Henry and Florence Mills, Walsall Road, Willenhall [1928]

LICENSEES

Abraham Whitehouse [1847] – [1872]
John Whitehouse [1873] – 1905);
Mrs. Ellen Walford (1905 – 1922);
Isaac Chater (1922 – 1925);
Joseph Aston (1925 – 1927);
Joseph Gray (1927 – 1928);
James William Johnson (1928 – 1929);
James Wilkinson (1929):

NOTES

6, Park Lane [1871]
7, Park Lane West [1881], [1891], [1901], [1911], [1916]

It was an ante 1869 house.

It had a beer and wine license.

Birmingham Journal 6/3/1847

“On the evening of Saturday last, a most daring robbery was committed in the house of Mr. *Abraham Whitehouse*, of the CROSS, in Tipton. About seven o’clock, a man went into the tap-room ostensibly for the purpose of drinking, but he had not been there long before he took the opportunity of slipping up stairs, where he forced open a drawer, and carried off two old-fashioned watches, one of them out of repair. He was seen coming down the stairs, but instantly sprung out of the door, and although pursuit was made, he got clear off, and has not since been heard of.”

Abraham Whitehouse, beer retailer, Park Lane West. [1864], [1868], [1870], [1872]

Abraham Whitehouse, beer retailer, Park Lane. [1865]

1871 Census

6, Park Lane – CROSS INN

- [1] *Abraham Whitehouse* (55), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Whitehouse (50), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] Abraham Whitehouse (23), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Whitehouse (21), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Albert Rudge (4), grandson, born Tipton:

County Express 11/11/1876

“On Tuesday night a large meeting of colliers was held at the CRYSTAL PALACE INN, Oldbury. Mr. Henry Barnes occupied the chair, and addressed the men on the necessity of agitating for an advance. It was unanimously resolved, ‘That this meeting regrets the decision come to at the coalmasters’ meeting, at Dudley, in reference to the wages question, and pledges itself, in conjunction with other districts, to continue the present agitation until the wages sought are received – viz, 6d per day for thick coal and 3d per day for thin coal.’ On Thursday night the same resolution was passed at the THREE CROWNS INN, Hill Top, West Bromwich, and at the CROSS INN, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 30/8/1879

“A largely-attended meeting of miners, iron-workers, and artisans, was held on Wednesday night at the

CROSS INN, Tipton, to consider the proposal to establish a branch in connection with the National Emigration Scheme. Mr. John Jones presided.

Mr. Griffiths, miners agent for the district, eulogised emigration as a means of improving the condition of working men.

Mr. Barnes, secretary of the District Miners' Union, also addressed the meeting, stating that he was aware of an instance where a man who had gone from the district was having 5s a ton for getting coal. That was five times as much as men obtained for the same work in England.

It was resolved unanimously to establish the branch, several men stating their determination to emigrate."

1881 Census

7, Park Lane – CROSS INN

[1] *John Whitehouse* (40), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Whitehouse (35), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Ellen Whitehouse (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Kate Whitehouse (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Frank Whitehouse (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Jessie Whitehouse (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] Alice Whitehouse (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Evening Express 20/5/1881

"A meeting of miners in the Tipton district was, on Tuesday evening, held at the CROSS INN, Tipton Green, to discuss the question of establishing a permanent relief fund, to replace the field club system, and to obviate the necessity of taking advantage of the provisions of the Employers' Liability Act. There was but a small attendance. The majority of those present are, however, thick coal miners.

Mr. Henry Rust pointed out various difficulties which the men would have to understand with if they availed themselves of the provisions of the Act, such as getting a 'butty' workman to give evidence in court against the employer, and the costs which a miner's widow would have to pay if, after she had obtained a verdict, it was appealed against in a superior court....."

Dudley and District News 15/3/1884

"An inquest was held at the CROSS INN, Park Lane, on Monday last, before E. Hooper, Esq., coroner, on the body of Sarah Maund Guest, aged four years. The deceased was an illegitimate child kept by her grandmother, Mary Ann Guest, of Park Lane. For some time past she had been unwell, and has scarcely had sufficient food to sustain life. The house in which she lived was in a wretched condition, and utterly devoid of furniture. The child died on Thursday, the 6th inst.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes accelerated by want and neglect. The grandmother was recommended to go to the workhouse."

County Express 12/4/1884

"The employers in the horsenail trade in the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire districts on Monday enforced a reduction of threepence a thousand in wages, viz., from 3s to 2s 9d. The workmen contend that they cannot get a living at such low rate of wages, and that they will be compelled to find a new occupation, and attributed the low prices to what they term one-sided free trade. An effort will be made to get the employers to withdraw the reduction, and in the event of their refusing, is stated a strike will probably be declared.

On Monday evening a meeting of colliers was held at the CROSS, Park Lane, a working miner occupying the chair....."

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1884 - Letter

"To the editor of the *Daily Post*.

Sir. Having seen a letter in your paper from Round Brothers of Tividale, stating the highest wages paid to their miners for one week, which was £2 2s 6d. I have known three miners work under them the whole week, and have only 13s 4d each, which ought to have been given to them on change, and not have forced

the men to go into my house or some other public-house to get change, and spend perhaps sixpence each out of the same, which was already too little to take home. Names of workmen – J. Briant, H. Drew, Bob Bowens. By inserting this you will oblige me.

Yours truly, *John Whitehouse*.

CROSS INN, Tipton, August 25.”

Dudley and District News 30/8/1884

“The Miners’ Strike.

On Thursday evening a mass meeting of the men on strike as held at the back of the CROSS INN, Tipton, a working miner presiding.....”

1891 Census

7, Park Lane West – CROSS INN

[1] *John Whitehouse* (50), beer seller and joiner, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Whitehouse (46), wife, beer seller, born Tipton;

[3] Ellen Whitehouse (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Kate Whitehouse (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Frank Whitehouse (18), son, piano tuner, born Tipton;

[6] Jessie Whitehouse (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] Alice Whitehouse (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] Harry Whitehouse (9), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 14/5/1898

“On Monday night a football match was played on the Tipton Victoria Ground, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. *Whitehouse*, CROSS INN, Tipton, by the members of the Free Gardeners and Foresters Clubs, against the members of the Sick and Draw clubs of the district for the benefit of the Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary. The weather was all that could be desired and the ground in good trim, and as the time drew near for the starting of the ball rolling the number on the field spoke well for the benefit of the eye infirmary for when Mr. *Whitehouse* (hon. sec. to the Tipton Victoria Football Club) called the men to line up against each other there were from 400 to 500 spectators on the ground.....”

[Final score: Sick and Draw 1 – 0 Gardeners & Foresters.]

Dudley Herald 24/9/1898

“Tipton Friendly Societies Works Football Competition.

On Friday evening, the 16th inst., a meeting of the above committee was held at the CROSS INN, Park Lane, Tipton, Mr. Eli Round in the chair.....”

Dudley Herald 10/12/1898

“The members of ‘Hand in Hand’ Lodge of Free Gardeners (No.1133) assembled around the festive board at the CROSS INN, Park Lane, on Saturday evening, the occasion being the annual dinner. After an excellent repast, served in Host *Whitehouse*’s best style, had been disposed of, Councillor W. J. Cox was voted to the chair and Mr. J. I. Cox to the vice-chair.....”

1901 Census

7, Park Lane West – CROSS INN

[1] *John Whitehouse* (60), beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Whitehouse (58), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Alice Whitehouse (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Harry Whitehouse (19), son, clerk, Tipton School Board, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 12/9/1903

“Mr. *J. Whitehouse*, CROSS INN, Park Lane, Tipton, has recently handed over to the Tipton District Council £15, being the amount realised from the Tipton Park cup, less expenses incurred (printing &c), in connection

with the competitions.”

Lichfield Mercury 24/3/1905

“On Monday, at Tipton Court, the license of the CROSS INN, Park Lane was transferred from Mr. *John Whitehouse* to his daughter, Mrs. *Walford*. Mr. *Whitehouse* said he had kept the CROSS INN for thirty-five years without a complaint, and his father for the same period. It was the oldest beerhouse in Tipton, and had been in the family for 300 years.”

1911 Census

7, Park Lane West

- [1] John Walford (46), brewer, born Pelsall;
- [2] *Ellen Walford* (40), wife, married 15 years, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [3] Arthur Walford (13), son, born Oldbury;
- [4] Alice Amos (34), sister-in-law, married, born Tipton;
- [5] John Amos (6), nephew, born Tipton;
- [6] Harry Amos (3), nephew, born Tipton;
- [7] Sarah Ann Guest (23), general servant, born Tipton:

Ellen Walford, beer retailer, 7, Park Lane West. [1916]

South Staffordshire Times 4/9/1920

“Friendly Society Meeting. Mr. A. Hastilow presided at the meeting held at the CROSS INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, on Wednesday night. There were also present Councillor W. A. Robbins, C. C. L. Lawrence (secretary), Butler, Harding, P. Hall (vice-chairman), Mason, H. Rickward, Jacob Stinson, Willisford. The business was formal, pending the paying in of the whole funds collected in order that the balance-sheet for the year can be made up.”

South Staffordshire Times 22/3/1924

“A good number assembled in the Club Room, CROSS INN, Park Lane West, on Monday evening last. An address was given by councillor Mrs. Sproson, of Wolverhampton, after which it was unanimously decided to form a branch of the Independent Labour Party in Tipton. The first business meeting will take place on Monday next at 7.30 at the same place. Anyone desirous of joining can get full information from S. Foster, Neptune Street, or C. P. Graham, Walford Street, Tividale.”

Dudley Herald 4/7/1925

“For sale, home brewing licensed property substantially erected freehold double fronted on beerhouse with wine license known as the CROSS INN extends to Wake Ground at rear.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/7/1925

“The well-known licensed home-brewing house, the CROSS INN, situate in Park Lane West, was offered for sale by public auction this week at Dudley, and withdrawn at £1950. We are informed, however, that it is going to be disposed of privately at an early date.”

Howard Evans was the manager of the cinema on High Street, and the license transfer was temporary for two months.

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

The license was renewed at the general meeting of the Compensation Committee at Stafford in 1927.

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/5/1927

“Notice Of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 19th

day of July, 1927, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....

CROSS INN, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee *Joseph Aston*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/7/1927

“.....at the principal meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

One of three licences referred by the Tipton justices was renewed, this being the CROSS INN, Tipton. Mr. Harold Eaden (barrister) appeared for the justices, and called Police Inspector Savoury, who stated that the nearest licensed premises to the CROSS INN were the RED LION, 54 yards away; the CROWN AND ANCHOR, 148 yards away; and the BEEHIVE, 164 yards away. The population gave an average of 294 people per licence.

In reply to Mr. Tucker, who opposed the closing of the house, Inspector Savory agreed that the general character of the rooms was good, and that the premises were better adapted for licensing purposes than the RED LION and the CROWN AND ANCHOR.”

Dudley Chronicle 6/12/1928

“A peculiar application for a temporary transfer of a license engaged the attention of a full Bench of Licensing Justices at Tipton last week. It was the application of a man named *Johnson* for a temporary transfer of the license of the CROSS INN, Park Lane West, and Mr. Bevan appeared in support of it, on behalf of the owners, Messrs. Mills.

At the outset that applicant did not appear.

Mr. J. A. Shephard (Clerk) said the magistrates were placed in a difficulty. There had been 3 of 4 applications for temporary transfers during the year, and the magistrates had stretched a point to enable the house to be carried on. As a matter of fact the magistrates had now no further power if the applicant did not appear that morning. They could not grant any further temporary authority, which meant that the house would have to be closed.

Mr. Bevan: Then under the circumstances I shall apply for a temporary transfer to be granted to Mr. Henry Mills, one of the owners.

Later, the applicant appeared and explained his absence by saying he had been detained by the owner. The justices accepted the explanation and the applicant was examined by Supt. Adams. In answer to questions the applicant said he had been married three weeks and had had no experience of public house management. His wife had had a little, at the BOARD INN, Bilston, ‘as a helper and that sort of thing.’

Supt. Adams: As a barmaid? – Yes, sir.

Supt. Adams: Your father-in-law is not living with you? – No.

Will he live with you? – No.

Supt. Adams: Then you don’t intend he shall live with you? – No, I shall not invite him. If he comes, he won’t be allowed to stay.

Mr. Barrows: Have you sufficient power over your wife to say that? – Yes.

The Supt. put in an official document, and asked Mr. Bevan to read it. Had he any objection to the magistrates seeing it?

The Clerk: If you have, the magistrates will not see it.

Mr. Bevan said he had no objection, but he hoped the Justices would ignore the document and not visit the sins of the father upon the son, ‘if sins there be.’

Mr. Bevan gave an undertaking that the father-in-law should not be allowed to visit the premises. If he did, he pledged the owners that the police should be informed and that if he did not leave the manager should be turned out.

Applicant said he agreed to the conditions, and would devote the whole of his time to the duties of the house.

Under these circumstances the Justices granted the temporary transfer.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/6/1929

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910.

Notice of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1901, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1929, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

List of Licensed Premises.....

CROSS INN, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *James Wilkinson*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/8/1929

“County licensing.

Eleven licensed premises, mostly in the South Staffordshire area, were scheduled at the Principal Meeting of the County Licensing Authority held at the Shirehall Stafford.....

Application was made for the renewal of the license of the CROSS INN, Tipton, an ante 1869 beerhouse, but after hearing the evidence the committee decided to refer the license for compensation.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/8/1929

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910.

Notice As To Sending In Claims To Be Treated As Persons Interested In Licensed Premises. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting held on the 30th day of July, 1929, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licences of the premises specified below, all persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the Act together with the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises are requested to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims.....

CROSS INN, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *James Wilkinson*. Owners, Henry Mills and Florence Mills.”

It closed on 28th December 1929.

£1,300 Compensation paid.

Dudley Chronicle 13/2/1930

“The general annual Licensing Sessions for Tipton were held at the Police Court on Tuesday February 4..... Police Superintendent J. Adams reported.....

Compared with last year's report there is a reduction of two beerhouses 'on.' The CROSS INN, Park Lane West, and the CROWN INN, Lower Church Lane, both beerhouses 'on,' which were referred for compensation at the adjourned annual licensing meeting last year, were closed on December 28th last. The BLACK HORSE, beerhouse 'on,' Bloomfield Road, which was also referred to the compensation authority at the same meeting, was renewed at the preliminary meeting of the Compensation Committee at Stafford.”

Dudley Herald 16/5/1931 - Advert

“Announcement of Sale By Auction of Freehold Delicensed & Dwelling House Properties in Dudley and Tipton.

Alfred W. Dando and Co. have received instructions to Sell By Auction at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Monday, June 1st, 1931, at Seven o'clock in the evening precisely.....

Lot 4. The substantially erected delicensed property formerly known as the CROSS INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, with excellent accommodation, stabling and other premises; also plot of Building Land at the rear, extending to and having a frontage of about 11 yards to Birch Street (off Park Lane) and adjoining Tipton Wake Ground.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/2/1946

“Powell & Brown FAI (F. Jeffery, FAI, and A. Sherwood, FSI, FAI) Have received instructions under various directions to offer by Auction at the DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL, Five Ways, Tipton, on Tuesday, 12th February 1946.....

Lot 2. (In conjunction with Messrs. P. J. Starkey & Son, Willnehall) No.7, Park Lane West, Tipton (formerly the CROSS INN). The conveniently situated brick and slated Freehold De-licensed Premises with Yard, Out-offices and Premises, containing an area of 355 square yards or thereabouts, producing on weekly tenancies about £23 10s 6d gross per annum.....”

CROSS KEYS

228, Dudley Port / Sedgley Road East, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Taylor [1850]
John Fleet [1859] – [1861]
W Fleet [1866]
Mills [1867]
William Brookshaw [1868]
Benjamin Brookshaw [1870] – [1873]
William Brookshaw [1875]
Joseph Lambert [1879]
Joseph Cox [1882]
Mrs. Margaret Ellen Yates [1891] – [1894]
William Morgan [1894]

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It had a beerhouse license.

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 4/3/1844 - Advert

“Sale At The CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, Tipton, Staffordshire.

To be Sold by Auction, by I. Allen, on the premises as above, on Thursday next, March 7 – the Goodwill, Licenses and Possession, Brewing Utensils, Fixtures, Household Furniture Stock in Trade, and other effects, in consequence of the proprietor removing to a distance.

Sale to commence at ten o’clock in the morning.

Catalogues to be had at the offices of the Auctioneer, Smithfield, Birmingham, or at the place of sale.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 10/2/1850

“William Wood of Tividale will run Edward Allen of Dudley Port, Simcox of Westbromwich, or Hanley or

Bayley (both of Oldbury), half a mile, or take 30 yards start from Tim Hall, or give 10 yards start to Tolley of Westbromwich. Match can be made at Mr. *Taylor's*, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, tomorrow (Monday night).”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 15/5/1859

“John Long of Dudley Port will run William Astin of Tipton or Murkey Dial of Dudley, for £10 a side, open for £25. Long will be at Mr. *John Fleet's*, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, prepared to make a match, tomorrow (Monday) evening.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/1/1860

“J. Fleet of Dudley Port will fight T. Cann of Sedgley, for £25 or £50 a side at catch weight. Man and money ready at the CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, any night next week.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/12/1860

“Cooper and Fleet. We have received articles and £5 a side for a match between C. Cooper of Wolverhampton and Fleet of Dudley Port, who fight on Wednesday week, for £15 a side, in the Wolverhampton district. The next deposit of £5 a side is to be made tomorrow (Monday), at *Fleet's*, at Dudley Port.”

AND

“Fleet of Dudley Port and Paget of Wolverhampton. The next deposit of £5 a side is to be made at *Fleet's*, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, tomorrow (Monday) night, between the hours of seven and nine.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/1/1861

“Buxton and Povey. We have again been requested to send £22 of this money to Buxton, at Mr. *Fleet's*, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, and the remaining £18 to Povey, at Mr. Evans's, MINERS ARMS, Chaney Buildings, Tipton. This we shall do unless we hear to the contrary by Wednesday morning.”

London Gazette 30/4/1861

“In the Matter of the Petition of *John Fleet*, now and for three weeks last past residing in Morris's-buildings, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, out of business, and for two years and upwards previously thereto residing at the CROSS KEYS INN, in Dudley Port aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Ale, Porter, Cider, and Perry, and Dealer in Tobacco, an Insolvent Debtor.

Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, acting in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on the 14th day of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 22/2/1863

“G. Richards of Tipton will fight Fred Morgan at catch weight for £10 a side. Money ready at J. Bellingham's, BLACK HORSE INN, Tipton, or at *Fleet's*, CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, at any time.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/2/1866

“Tudor and Webb. The 100 yards race between S. Webb of Kate's Hill and H. Tudor of Dudley Port, the former staking £12 to £10, take place on the Britannia Race Ground, Tipton, on Monday next. £8 on the part of Webb and £7 on the part of Tudor is now down, and the final deposit of £4 to £3 is to be made on Saturday evening next, at the house of Mr. Challingsworth, BULLS HEAD INN, Dudley, who is final stakeholder and referee. The men to be on the mark at two p.m. Tudor will arrive from his training quarters on Saturday, and will be glad to see his friends at *W. Fleet's*, CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/4/1867

“Jones and Fleet. These amateurs are matched to run six score yards for £5 a side at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, near Dudley, on Tuesday, April 23, at twelve o'clock. They make a further deposit at Mr. *Mills's*, the CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, this (Saturday) evening.”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/7/1868

“On Saturday, at the West Bromwich Police Court, before Messrs. H. Williams, T. Kenrick, and Captain Williams, John Dumbleton and Wm. Bartles, two officers of the Staffordshire Constabulary, stationed at Dudley Port, were charged with stealing a silver hunting watch and a gold ring from the person of Arthur Edwards, jeweller and dealer in plate, living in Fisher Street, Birmingham. Mr. Jackson prosecuted, and Mr. Ebsworth defended Dumbleton, Captain Congreve, Chief Constable for the county was also present.

According to the evidence, prosecutor on Tuesday last went to the house of Mr. *Brookshaw*, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, where he remained drinking during the afternoon. Between ten and eleven o'clock in the evening while he was showing two watches to the landlord and others, the two prisoners entered the house, and upon his asking them to drink, they accepted the invitation. Both prisoners examined the watches, the prosecutor took off a gold ring he had on his finger, which Dumbleton had noticed, and handed it to the prisoner, who then put it on his own finger. As he did not offer to return it, prosecutor asked for the ring, stating that it was one he had received to repair, Dumbleton then gave it to him, remarking that he should like to have it. After he had replaced the watches in his pocket, Dumbleton, who had expressed a preference for the larger one – a hunting watch – which he afterwards missed, then suggested that they should go into a back room, and they went accordingly. Prosecutor sat down in a chair, and almost immediately fell asleep. All the people, with the exception of Dumbleton, left the room. Entering the room in a short time afterwards, the landlord saw the prisoner close to the prosecutor. Dumbleton said it was time to go, and went out with the other prisoner, who had entered the room, again remaining behind, at his request. Bartles then turned out the prosecutor's pockets, and took out and examined a watch, which he replaced. Possessing himself of the prosecutor's ring, he said he would take care of that, and he would see him afterwards, and return it. Awakening some time after this, prosecutor missed his hunting watch, and complained of the loss. Prosecutor went to the station, saw Police-constable West, the officer in charge, and enquired for the prisoners. Bartles came in first, and returned the ring to the prosecutor. He next saw Dumbleton, who denied having the watch, prosecutor then gave prisoner into custody.

Mr. Jackson called attention to the fact that Dumbleton had got all the others to leave the room, and remained alone with the drunken man who then had both watches upon him. Prisoner was next seen close to prosecutor, whose watch was afterwards missed. One witness would depose to meeting Dumbleton after this occurrence, who, on his asking the time, took out of his pocket a perfectly new watch, answering the description of the missed one.

Several witnesses were called, whose evidence confirmed the facts as stated above; and after Mr. Ebsworth had addressed the Court on behalf of Dumbleton, the Magistrates decided to commit Dumbleton to the Assizes for trial, on the charge of stealing the watch. They dismissed the charge against Bartles for stealing the ring, but considered his conduct so blameable that they strongly recommended him to leave the force at once.”

[At Stafford Assizes, on 25th July 1868, John Dumbleton was found guilty of 'feloniously stealing on 30th June 1868, at the parish of Tipton, one silver watch, the property of Alfred Edwards,' he was sentenced to 12 calendar months in the House of Correction at Stafford.]

Benjamin Brookshaw, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

228, Dudley Port

- [1] *Benjamin Brookshaw* (48), miner, born Gloucestershire;
- [2] Winifred Brookshaw (41), wife, born Gloucestershire;
- [3] German Brookshaw (18), son, born Gloucestershire;
- [4] Lucy Brookshaw (15), daughter, born Worcestershire;
- [5] Elizabeth Brookshaw (13), daughter, born Worcestershire;
- [6] Thomas Brookshaw (6), son, born Staffordshire;
- [7] Thomas Townsend (56), born Warwickshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 7/2/1872 - Advert

“Found, a Yard Dog (black and tan), with white breast. If not owned in three days will be Sold to defray

expenses.

Apply CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/5/1873

“*Benjamin Bookshaw*, landlord of the CROSS KEYS beerhouse, Dudley Port, Tipton, was summoned for selling beer during prohibited hours. Police-constable Cannon said he was on duty near the defendant’s house about 40 minutes past 11 on the 7th of May, when he saw a man leave the premises with some ale which he said was ‘for the workmen.’ Mr. Crump (Walsall) appeared for the defence, and submitted that there was no infringement of the Act inasmuch as the beer was drawn before 10 o’clock, and it was intended for some sinkers who were employed by the defendant and his father, and were working day and night turns at the Denby Hall Colliery. Evidence was then tendered on behalf of the defendant to show that it was customary for him to give ale to the workmen when engaged at night. Mr. Spooner held that it was not necessary under the Act of Parliament to show money had been actually paid for the drink, but it was sufficient to show that something in the nature of a sale took place. It appeared that the giving of beer was a part of the contract with the men, and it was against the Act of Parliament for the beer to be supplied after 11 o’clock. It was his intention to put an end to this practice if possible, but if the defendant would undertake not to repeat the offence he would deal leniently with him. The defendant entered into the required undertaking, and he was ordered to pay the costs.”

Dudley Guardian 10/4/1875

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, before Captain Williams and Mr. Isaac Kempson, *William Brookshaw*, landlord of the CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, was charged with permitting drunkenness.

Police-constable McCallum said he went to the house about 10 o’clock at night, and found a drunken man on the stage of the concert-room. This amateur had mounted the boards, and was playing silly antics. There were two drunken men in the same room, watching the performance.

Mr. Stokes, who defended, pointed out that the evidence was vague and unsupported, and he called two of the men, and both denied that they were drunk. The lady who played the piano was also called, who said all the men were sober. Downing, who was on the platform, wanted to sing.

The Bench dismissed the case.”

Dudley Herald 11/10/1879

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before Dr. W. L. Underhill and Alfred Elwell, Esq., John Parsons, Tudor Street, was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of *Joseph Lambert*, CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port. PC Brown proved the charge, and defendant was fined 15s 6d, including costs.”

AND

“*Joseph Lambert*, beerhouse-keeper, Dudley Port, landlord of the CROSS KEYS, was charged with unlawfully permitting drunkenness and riotous conduct on his licensed premises on the 29th ult. Mr. Travis defended.

PC Brown said on the day in question he visited the defendant’s premises and saw several men there drunk. Two men were making a great noise, and were going to fight. The defendant was sitting on a table quite unconcerned. He was not quite sober, but under the influence of liquor.

PC Worsey corroborated the evidence of the previous witness.

Evidence having been given by the defendant’s wife, and man named Derrick, to show that the defendant endeavoured to stop the disturbance, and that he did not supply any liquor to Parsons, the defendant in the previous case, Parsons coming in drunk about a minute before the police constable entered the house and went up to Derrick and helped himself to his pint of beer.

The Bench believing the evidence of the police constables, fined defendant 10s and costs, and intimated that they would not endorse his license.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/11/1881 - Advert

“CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, to be Let, Good inventory. Long lease. In-coming £120. W. H. Pass, Auctioneer, Smethwick.”

Dudley and District Herald 25/2/1882

“At a special sessions of the Tipton Police Court held on Tuesday – before J. Solly, Esq. – Thomas Malan, alias Locket (53), hawker, of Salop Street, Wolverhampton, was charged with stealing a quantity of ale, value 3d, the property of *Joseph Cox*, landlord of the CROSS KEYS beerhouse, Dudley Port, on the previous day. About 3.30pm the prisoner was left alone in the bar for a few minutes, and, grasping the opportunity, he helped himself to a draught of beer. He was, however, observed by a little boy, who told the landlord of the occurrence, and information was taken to the police. PC Dunn went to the beerhouse, and finding the prisoner still there, charged him with the theft. Prisoner replied ‘Well if I’ve got to be locked up, I wont go a foot. You’ll have to get a cab.’ After a violent struggle, he was handcuffed, and as he absolutely refused to move a step, he was taken to the police station in a brewer’s float.

He was remanded till Monday.

It appears that the prisoner has spent the greater portion of his life in prison, having been convicted of rape, larceny, burglary, and highway robbery, besides a number of minor offences, and is known to the police all over the country.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/3/1882 - Advert

“CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, to Let. Also, the VINE INN, West Bromwich, central position. In-coming low. Immediate possession may be had.

Apply on the premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1882

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner), held an inquest at the CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, on the body of George Walters (21), collier. The deceased was at work at the Ebenezer Colliery, Hill Top, when a fall of coal occurred from a ‘slip thing,’ and crushed the deceased. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. Mr. Scott was present, as well as Mr. Parton for the colliery.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/3/1884 - Advert

“Capital corner Beerhouse. CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port; rare opportunity. In-coming low. Apply on the premises or BRITISH QUEEN Brewery, Oldbury.”

1891 Census

228, Dudley Port – CROSS KEYS INN

- [1] *Margaret Ellen Yates* (37), widow, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *George Harry Yates* (12), son, scholar, born Bay of Biscay;
- [3] *Agnes Maud Mary Yates* (11), daughter, scholar, born Sidney;
- [4] *Mary Elizabeth Yates* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Annie Kerry* (21), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/6/1894

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday – before Mr. Neville (Stipendiary) – *Margaret Ellen Yates*, keeper of the CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, was charged with having permitted gaming on her licensed premises on the 12th, 14th, and 19th ult. Mr. G. Thursfield appeared for the defence.

Police-constable Dobson gave evidence that he went to the house on the dates named, and took part in games of cards for ale, the defendant on one occasion joining in the game. Bets were made in the presence of the defendant. Several times she told the players not to knock so heavily on the table, as they did not know who might be outside. There were also games of ‘ringing the bull’ and quoits for money and tobacco. A witness named Daniel Williams gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Thursfield said his client denied that gambling had ever taken place to her knowledge, and that in the future card-playing was not allowed. She had kept the house seven years without a conviction. He hoped his Worship would remember the circumstances under which the police had instigated to gaming in the house. The Stipendiary said the fact that publicans were tempted, even if by the police in plain clothes, made no difference to him. They were bound to conduct their houses properly.

The defendant deposed that she had always set herself against card-playing for ale or money, and had inter-

vened whenever anything of the kind was suggested by her customers. It was true that she made one of the party of four card-players on one of the days named by Dobson, but there were no stakes. Her servant, and several persons who were accustomed to the house, deposed that they had never seen anyone there playing at cards for ale or money. Some of them also flatly denied the constable's statements as to what took place when he was there. The Stipendiary imposed two fines of £3 and costs, and one of £5 and costs – the last named for the offence on the 19th, and that the conviction be endorsed on the license. The total was £12 7s 6d.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1894

“The annual general licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at the Police Court, Wednesbury, yesterday Notices of opposition had been served upon.....

William Morgan, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port.....

The consideration of the applications and cases involving objections were adjourned until September 24.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1894

“Darlaston and Tipton. The adjourned licensing session for this district took place at Wednesbury yesterday.....

Mr. Barardale applied for the renewal to *William Morgan* of the license of the CROSS KEYS beerhouse, Dudley Port. Superintendent Salt objected on the ground of convictions against the previous holder, Mrs. *Yates*, for allowing gaming. The applicant admitted that in the event of his application being successful he intended to marry Mrs. *Yates*. Mr. Barradale submitted that there was no ground of objection. (Laughter.) Refused.”

Closed

It was converted into a drug and photographic store.

Tipton Herald 7/4/1956 - Advert

“Tipton. For immediate sale on account of ill-health. The Freehold Shop Property known as the CROSS KEYS Drug Stores, 228, Dudley Port, occupying a bold position on the main road at the corner of Sedgley Road, close to several large works. Vacant possession. Together with the Goodwill of the old established Business. Also the Two Dwelling House adjoining let and producing 11/4 each per week. A genuine business. Audited Accounts may be inspected.”

It was demolished. [post 1972]

CROWN

High Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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Birmingham Journal 12/1/1861 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale At The CROWN INN High Street, Princes End.
To Publicans, Brokers, And Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, By Charles Round (under an Execution for Rent), on Thursday next, January the 11th – all the neat and clean Household Furniture, feather beds, bedding, Bedsteads, mahogany and oak Chests of Drawers, eight-day Clock in oak case, two leaf oak Dining Table, oak round Stand Table, six mahogany Chairs, with loose horse-hair seats, and a large quantity of Household Effects; also all the Brewing Plant, consisting of 130-gallon cast-iron Boiler, Door and fixed Frame, Ale Vat, 10-bushel Mash Tub, Working Tubs, round Cooler, six well-b___ ale Barrels, about 120 Gallons of prime Ale and 50 Gallons of Beer, set of pewter Measures, Jugs, Cups, Glasses, and Bottle Skittle Frame, Pegs and Bowl, and other Public House Effects; Two excellent Sows and Three Pigs, Pig Trough, Barrel Churn, also seven tons of Manure, and a quantity of Miscellaneous Effects, belonging to Mr. George Parrish.
Sale to Commence at ten o'clock punctually.”

CROWN

101, (102), Lower Church Lane, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Brown [1871] – [1872]
Mrs. Hannah Pugh [1879] – [1881]
Joseph Elliott [1891]
John Weston [1898]
Mrs. Mary Weston [1901]
Mrs. Sarah Cope [1904] – [1905]
John Copper [1911]
Joseph James [1919] – **1921**);
Emily James (**1921 – 1929**):

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102, Lower Church Lane [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901]
101, Lower Church Lane [1911]

It was an ante 1869 beerhouse.
It had a beer and cider license.

1871 Census

102, Lower Church Lane
[1] *Thomas Brown* (48), publican, born Tipton;
[2] Ann Brown (46), wife, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
[3] Sarah A. Brown (24), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/5/1872 - Advert

“Dudley Port. To be Sold, that very desirable Freehold Property, the CROWN INN, Church Lane, in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Brown*; two minutes from Railway Station. £200 may remain.

Apply, in the first instance, to Mr. J. R. Elliot, High Street, Smethwick.”

Dudley Herald 25/10/1879

“*Hannah Pugh*, Church Lane, Tipton, beerhouse keeper, was charged with unlawfully permitting drunkenness and riotous conduct to take place on her licensed premises, on the 24th September. Mr. Sheldon defended.

PC Godsall said on Wednesday night, the 24th of last month, he was on duty, and he heard a disturbance at the CROWN INN. He went into the parlour and found a man named Houghton there drunk and challenging a man to fight. Houghton had a pint of ale on the table. He picked it up and asked witness to drink. As he walked across the room, he stumbled and fell against the wall. Witness told the servant girl that the man was drunk, and that he would report the case to the Inspector. She said she hoped he would not, as the landlady was not at home. In about five minutes after, Houghton was turned out.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon: He stood outside two or three minutes before he went in. He heard a man challenging another to fight. He heard some man cursing another. When he entered the kitchen he saw two or three men. The servant girl was in the parlour all the time witness was in.

Mr. Sheldon said he would ask the Bench to consider whether there was any evidence implicating his client. The landlady was out of the place at the time, and she had no knowledge of anything irregular taking place. The law required that such an offence as that imputed to his client should be brought to her knowledge at the time. He called Ann Griffiths, a servant of the defendant, who said on the day in question the landlady was away from home. Witness went into the parlour to take an order from a customer when the police-officer came in. There was a dispute between two men, but no one was drunk. When the officer came in, Houghton asked him to drink. He did not stagger. He had been there three hours, and he and his companion had only had three pints of ale. When the officer told her to order Houghton out, she did so, and he got up and went out at once. He was quite sober.

Edward Reed, parish crier and bill poster, said he was at the CROWN INN on the day in question. He went into the smoke room, and saw three men there, who were disputing about their work. Before many words were said the officer came in. There was nothing done or said that would justify anyone being turned out. Houghton was not drunk.

William Winterbaum corroborated the evidence of the previous witnesses, and said that Houghton was not drunk. He persuaded Houghton to go home, because he saw he was excited.

Defendant was fined 10s and costs. Licence not endorsed.”

Dudley Herald 3/1/1880

“Henry Lappage, Richard Bott, and Thomas Smith, of Horseley Heath, were charged with being disorderly on certain licensed premises, to wit the CROWN INN, kept by *Hannah Pugh*, and unlawfully refusing to quit when requested by George Onions to do so, on the 26th ult.

George Onions, ironmaster, stated on the evening in question he was at the CROWN INN, and saw the three defendants there. They used indecent and abusive language. Bott pulled off his jacket and began to fight with the other defendants. Witness requested them to leave, but they refused to do so until the police came. The defendant Lappage stated that they were not disorderly, but endeavoured to restrain Bott.

Inspector Harrison having no further evidence to offer, the police-officer in charge of the case being in attendance at another Court.

The Bench discharged Lappage and Smith, but fined Bott 10s and costs, or, in default, 21 days.”

Dudley and District News 4/12/1880

“Joseph Clarke, Dudley Port, was charged with being in a beerhouse during prohibited hours. PC Tabbener said he found defendant about 7.45 on Sunday morning, the 21st inst, in the CROWN INN, Dudley Port, with a quart of ale in front of him. Defendant denied having any ale on the premises, saying he went into the house for a key he wanted on Monday morning. He was fined 15s 6d, including costs.”

1881 Census

102, Lower Church Lane

[1] *Hannah Pugh* (43), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

- [2] Annie Pugh (10), daughter, scholar, born Oldbury;
- [3] Sarah Pugh (42), visitor, housekeeper (crossed out), born Bath;
- [4] Dinah Crofts (21), servant, housemaid, born Scotland;
- [5] Elizabeth J. Harttan (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 7/5/1881

“On Saturday evening last, the opening of the new court [A.O.F.] took place at the CROW [sic] INN, Church Lane, Dudley Port, in connection with the Wolverhampton and Tipton district, by the district officers and officers of Court ‘Prince of the Forest’, No.3289. The opening ceremony was performed by George Parkes, district chief ranger, of Willenhall, assisted by John Williams, district sub-chief ranger, and J. H. Nutting, district secretary of Wolverhampton. Officers were duly installed, after which a number of toasts were interspersed with songs.”

Dudley and District News 14/5/1881

“Mrs. *Pugh*, landlady of the CROWN INN, Church Lane, Tipton, was charged with keeping her house open for the sale of intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours. Mr. Stokes defended. PC Beardsmore stated that on Sunday, the 1st inst, about half past ten in the morning, he saw a woman named Anna Wivel leaving defendant’s house, and she seeing him ran into the house again. He followed her, and found she had a pint of ale in a can, and 9½d, the change out of 1s, in her hand. Mr. Stokes for the defence contended that the woman was a charwoman employed at the defendant’s house, and that she had been cleaning there that morning, and had drawn the ale without the knowledge of the landlady. The Bench imposed a fine of 1s and costs.”

1891 Census

102, Lower Church Lane – CROWN INN

- [1] *Joseph Elliott* (52), coal miner and publican, born Daventry, Northamptonshire;
- [2] Jane Elliott (52), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Elizabeth Elliott (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] James Elliott (2), grandson, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 23/4/1898

“William Read, Dudley Port, Tipton, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of *John Weston*, CROWN INN, Tipton, on Easter Monday. Mr. Francis Redfern, jun, prosecuted on behalf of the landlord and Messrs. Atkinson (the owners) and said the defendant had singled out the prosecutor’s house for rather unwelcome attentions. On the previous Monday he was refused drink as he was intoxicated, but said he meant to have some beer before he left the premises. He was eventually put out. Mr. *Weston* gave evidence and said defendant had had a great deal of trouble which appeared to have upset him. Fined 10s.”

1901 Census

102, Church Lane – CROWN TAVERN

- [1] *Mary Weston* (52), widow, innkeeper, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] Joseph Weston (18), son, shingler at iron works, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] Tryphina Weston (28), daughter, widow, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] Minnie Chell (24), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] Harry Chell (25), son-in-law, bricklayer, building, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Gertrude Weston (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] Walter Weston (12), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/5/1904

“At Tipton Police Court yesterday *Sarah Cope*, landlady of the CROWN INN, Lower Church Lane, was fined £8 and costs for serving a drunken person. A man named Hadley drank rum in the morning to cure a cold. He subsequently had some beer, and it was suggested that he was affected by the mixing of drinks.”

1911 Census

101, Lower Church Lane – CROWN INN

[1] *John Copper*, (59), bricklayer general, born Winson Green, Birmingham;

[2] *Betsy Ann Copper* (56), wife, married 9 years, born Tipton;

[3] *Violet Jones* (16), stepdaughter, glass works, born Walsall:

John Copper – check also PLOUGH AND HARROW, West Bromwich.

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

CROWN INN, Church Lane, 8d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/6/1929

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910.

Notice of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1901, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1929, at 11 o’clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

List of Licensed Premises.....

CROWN INN, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Emily James*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/8/1929

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910.

Notice As To Sending In Claims To Be Treated As Persons Interested In Licensed Premises. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting held on the 30th day of July, 1929, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licences of the premises specified below, all persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the Act together with the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises are requested to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims.....

CROWN INN, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Emily James*. Owners, Atkinson’s Brewery Co. Ltd.”

It closed on 28th December 1929.
£2,050 compensation was paid.

Dudley Chronicle 13/2/1930

“The general annual Licensing Sessions for Tipton were held at the Police Court on Tuesday February 4.....
Police Superintendent J. Adams reported.....

Compared with last year’s report there is a reduction of two beerhouses ‘on.’ The CROSS INN, Park Lane West, and the CROWN INN, Lower Church Lane, both beerhouses ‘on,’ which were referred for compensation at the adjourned annual licensing meeting last year, were closed on December 28th last. The BLACK HORSE, beerhouse ‘on,’ Bloomfield Road, which was also referred to the compensation authority at the same meeting, was renewed at the preliminary meeting of the Compensation Committee at Stafford.”

CROWN AND ANCHOR

1, Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Alfred Purnell

LICENSEES

John Thompson [1864] – [1873]
Thomas Davies [1881] – **1882**);
Matilda Skinner (**1882** – []
Thomas Davies [1891]
John Henry Purnell [1888] – [1912]
Alfred Purnell [1919] – **1930**);
William Allbutt Robbins (**1930** – **1931**):

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse (and cider) license.

It had a six-day license.

It was originally the BUTCHERS ARMS.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/6/1864

“H. Thompson of Tipton will run Jos Evans 100 yards if he will give him two yards start; or he will run Holyhead of Princes End the like distance, and give him a yard start; or he will run Readin of Tividale the same distance level. Either match for £5 a side. A match can be made any night next week at Mr. *J. Thompson*’s, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/2/1865

“T. Price of Tipton and J. Tudor of Dudley Port. These well-known district men are again matched to run 120 yards, for £10 a side, at the Aston Cross grounds, on Monday, Feb 17. £2 10s a side is down in the

hands of Mr. Shenston, of Princes End, who is final stakeholder and referee. A further deposit of £2 10s a side is to be made at Mr. *Thompson's*, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton, on Monday, between eight and ten o'clock."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/12/1865

"H. Thompson of Tipton and J. Morris of Newport. These men are matched to run half a mile at Aston Cross Grounds on Monday, Jan 22. £1 a side is down in the hands of *J. Thompson*, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton. The next deposit of £1 a side is to be made on Dec 18 at J. Shenstone's, Princes End, who is final stakeholder and referee."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/3/1866

"W. Howells of Oldbury, and E. Dudley of Stourbridge are matched to run 120 yards, for £10 a side, at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on March 19. £2 10s a side is down in the hands of Mr. *John Thompson*, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton, who is final stakeholder, and Mr. Challingworth of Dudley referee. A further deposit of £2 10s a side must be rewarded to the stakeholder on Monday."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/6/1866

"Wm. Boston will give £6 10s to be run for in an All England 127 yards handicap on Wolverhampton Fair, Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10. First prize £5; second £1; third 10s. Entries of 1s and no acceptances, close on Monday, July 2. Entries to be made to Mr. Whiston, RED COW, Dudley Street; Fleming's, RING OF BELLS, Walsall; Rogers's CROSS KEYS, Bilston; *Thompson's* BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton, or at the grounds."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/7/1866

"E. Morris of Tipton and Tim Thomas of Dudley Port have signed articles to run 100 yards, for £10 a side, Morris to have a yard start, and Thomas choice of sides, at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Monday, Aug 13. £1 a side is down in the hands of Mr. *Thompson*, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton, who is final stakeholder."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 10/4/1869

"Mr. *Thompson* of the BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton, will match his bitch Nance against Mr. Wild's bitch Fly of Dudley Port, to run 200 yards, for £10 a side, if Wild will allow six yards start; both to be at catch weight, at the Hampton's Recreation Grounds, Coseley. Money ready at *Thompson's* as above."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/2/1871 - Advert

"Found, on Saturday, January 28th, small White Bull-Terrier Dog. If not owned in Three Days, will be sold to pay expenses.

Apply, *Thompson's*, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton."

1871 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *John Thompson* (38), beerseller, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Thompson (36), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Zillah Thompson (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Edwin Thompson (6), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Alfred Thompson (4), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Alice Thompson (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Oliver J. Thompson (7 months), son, born Tipton;
- [8] Ann Jenkins (14), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/6/1873 - Advert

"Lost, June 5, small Black-tan Dog, blind one eye, end of his tail cut. Finder rewarded.

Apply, *Thompson's*, BUTCHERS ARMS INN, Tipton. Anyone detaining after this notice will be prosecuted."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/2/1874 - Advert

“Sale At The BUTCHERS ARMS, No.1, Lower Green, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction by Mr. Charles Round, on the Premises as above, on Monday Next, February 9, at 11 o'clock (by order of Mr. *John Thompson*, who has taken the JUNCTION INN, High Green, Tipton, and is giving up the premises) – all the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, excellent stock of Ale Barrels, and a portion of the genteel Household Furniture.”

1881 Census

1, Lower Green – ANCHOR INN

[1] *Thomas Davies* (61), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Phoebe Davies* (56), wife, born Tipton:

Lichfield Mercury 13/1/1882

“An application was made on Saturday to the West Bromwich magistrates by Mr. Alfred Whitehouse, of Tipton, for the transfer of the license of the CROWN AND ANCHOR INN, Lower Green, from *Thomas Davis* to *Matilda Skinner*, for her separate use. It transpired that the husband of the applicant had purchased the goodwill of the house in question, but twelve years ago he had been convicted of manslaughter at Stafford, which disqualified him from ever holding a license. It was stated that since that time his conduct had been very good. The Tipton magistrates had granted a temporary transfer, and the application was now for that to be made permanent. The magistrates granted the application, stating that they gave the applicant the benefit of any doubt there might be in the matter.”

1891 Census

1, Lower Green

[1] *Thomas Davies* (70), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Ann Davies* (61), wife, born Tipton:

John Henry Purnell = John Henry Purnel

John Henry Purnell, beer retailer, 1, Lower Green. [1888], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

1901 Census

1, Lower Green

[1] *John Henry Purnell* (37), beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Purnell* (38), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *Lily M. Purnell* (4), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] *Millicent Steventon* (15), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 9/10/1909

“By the kindness of one or two of the members, the committee of the Tipton Friendly Societies Sunday Parade were entertained to dinner at the house of Mr. *Purnell*, Lower Green, Tipton, this week.

Councillor W. A. Robbins presided, and Mr. Rogers occupied the vice chair.

The chairman recalled how seven years ago the parade failed, but a new start was made, since when an era of prosperity had set in. The balance sheet for the parade just held showed receipts amounting to £92 7s 9½d. The following contributions had been paid to various charities: Mr. Blackham (spectacles) £7 1s; Guest Hospital £4 4s; Dudley Dispensary £3 3s; Tipton Nurses' Home £2 2s; Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital £1 1s; total £17 11s. There was a balance in hand £4 16s 0½d. Mr. Robbins spoke of the good to the poorer inhabitants of the supply of spectacles, especially to the children. Dr. Brown had offered his services free in testing the sight of persons applying for glasses.

Councillor W. A. Robbins was re-elected president of the committee, and Mr. Thomas Chalstrey was again elected chairman. Mr. *John Purnell* was re-elected hon. treasurer.

Mr. John Parkes resigned the hon. secretaryship in consequence of the pressure of other duties, and Mr. Rog-

ers, of the ASRS, was elected to fill his place.

A framed portrait of the members of the committee was presented to Mr. John Green, the oldest member of the committee, as a mark of appreciation of his long service. The portrait had been nicely framed, free of expense, by Mr. T. P. Richards.

A similar presentation will be made to Mr. Pat Collins for his kindness in giving an entertainment in aid of the funds, which realised £5.”

1911 Census

1, Lower Green

[1] *John Henry Purnell* (47), licensed brewer, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Purnell* (48), wife, married 23 years, born Coseley;

[3] *Mary Eva Blakesley* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 15/5/1920

“After a very long illness, Mr. *John Purnell* succumbed at his residence, Horseley Road, on last Thursday night. He was for many years the landlord of the CROWN AND ANCHOR INN, a house that was practically built on the musical ability of mine host. A year or two ago he gave up the house to his brother, Mr. *Alfred Purnell*, by whom it has since been carried on. Mr. *John Purnell* was a great sufferer from an incurable disease, and though aided by the best specialist and other advice he was occasionally better and able to get about, the end was not unexpected. He was vice-president of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, and while his health permitted a talented and enthusiastic player. It was as a singer he was most appreciated. Possessing a lovely and well trained voice he was ever ready to assist in any public movement for which his talents had been asked. As the conductor of the choir for Bell Street Methodist Church, of which his brother, Mr. Samuel Purnell is the organist, he was a tower of strength, and did much to build up the musical reputation which the choir has achieved. Socially he was a man that needed knowing, but when known he was liked and appreciated. For years his wife, who survives him, had been practically a bed-ridden invalid, and his only daughter, a winsome child, died to his great grief a few years ago. The funeral took place at the Cemetery, on Wednesday.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/7/1927

“.....at the principal meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

One of three licences referred by the Tipton justices was renewed, this being the CROSS INN, Tipton.

Mr. Harold Eaden (barrister) appeared for the justices, and called Police Inspector Savoury, who stated that the nearest licensed premises to the CROSS INN were the RED LION, 54 yards away; the CROWN AND ANCHOR, 148 yards away; and the BEEHIVE, 164 yards away. The population gave an average of 294 people per licence.

In reply to Mr. Tucker, who opposed the closing of the house, Inspector Savoury agreed that the general character of the rooms was good, and that the premises were better adapted for licensing purposes than the RED LION and the CROWN AND ANCHOR.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/5/1931

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1901, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1931, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

List of Licensed Premises.....

CROWN AND ANCHOR, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869 (Six day). Licensee, *William Albutt Robbins*.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/7/1931

“The County of Staffordshire Compensation Authority, at their principal meeting at Stafford, yesterday, refused to renew the licenses of the following seven houses.....

CROWN AND ANCHOR, Tipton.”

Lichfield Mercury 8/1/1932

“At Staffordshire quarter sessions, held at Stafford on Tuesday, the County Licensing Committee reported that the number of licenses referred last year from seven divisions and boroughs was ten, seven of which the committee refused to renew, compensation being fixed as follows.....

Tipton Division: CROWN AND ANCHOR INN, beerhouse (six day), £2,045.”

It closed on 31st December 1931.

CROWN AND CUSHION

1, Lea Brook Road / Gospel Oak Road, Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Isaac Smith

J. & J. Yardley Ltd. [1901]

Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.

Frank Myatt Ltd. (acquired 1920)

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired 1927)

Ansells Ltd.

Holt, Plant and Deakin (acquired 1984)

LICENSEES

Richard Nightingale [1828] – [1830]

Joseph Warr [1834] – [1851]

Richard Nightingale [1850]

Nicholls [1859]

Mrs. Elizabeth Nock [] – 1860;

Benjamin Smith (1860 – 1861)

Mrs. Mary Ann Smith (1861 – 1869);

John Tomkins (1869 – [1873])

Job Calloway [1881] – [1887]

Samuel Corfield [1891] – 1920;

George Woolley (1920 – 1930);

Charles James Udall (1930 – 1931);

Frederick John Adkins (1931 – 1936);

Arthur Owen Hickman (1936 – 1943);

George McCall Kennedy (1943 – 1945);

Maria Mary Kennedy (1945 – 1946);

Arthur Kelly (1946 – 1951);

Alfred Radcliffe (1951 – 1952);

Roy Penly Morrell (1952 – 1953);

Charles Edward Knock (1953 – 1954);

Arthur Joseph Hale (1954 – 1955);
William Henry Turner (1955 – 1963);
Sylvester Patrick Byrne (1963);
David Whitehouse (1963 – [1966]
George Roper []
Malcolm Lewis (1984 – []
Kenneth Sowry [1987]
Mrs. Barbara Iris Darby [1993] – [1998]

NOTES

Hocker Hill [1849]

Birmingham Journal 24/4/1830

“It may be in the recollection of many of our readers that at the latter end of the year 1827, a parcel containing blank bank notes, belonging to the firm of Tylee and Co. of the Devizes Bank, was abstracted from a coach on its passage between London and Devizes Several of these notes, from time to time, came into circulation, but without affording any clue to the parties connected with the robbery, until the spring assizes of last year, when a person was found guilty of the offence This man, before his execution, gave information to the police that the remainder of the parcel was deposited in the town of Birmingham or its neighbourhood three persons were apprehended and have been committed to take their trials on the capital offence at the next Stafford assizes. The three prisoners are *Richard Nightingale*, the landlord of the CROWN public house, at Ochre Hill”

[At the Staffordshire Summer Assizes of 1830 *Richard Nightingale*, aged 52, was found guilty of uttering a forged promissory note of the Devizes Bank. Sentence of death was recorded, although the jury recommended him to mercy on account of the character he had received. His sentence was commuted to 14 years' transportation.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/7/1839

“Under Sheriff's Court, Birmingham. *Oram v. Warr*.

The plaintiff in this case was B. Oram, brewer of Birmingham, who sought to recover the sum of £5 18s from Mr. *Joseph Warr*, publican, of Ocre Hill, Tipton, for beer supplied, and twelve bags which had not been returned to the plaintiff. Mr. Hill, solicitor, of Newhall Street, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Holland, of West Bromwich, for the defendant. The action was originally brought for £4 8s but amended particulars were afterwards allowed by the Court, which increased the amount to £5 18s. This additional amount of £1 10s was for twelve bags, which, it was alleged by the plaintiff, had not been returned. Mr. Holland stated that this alteration from the original amount was, no doubt, for the purpose of taking the case out of the jurisdiction of the Oldbury Court of Requests, within which the defendant resided. The plaintiff did not, however, prove the delivery of goods to the amount of £1 2s and the bags were proved to have been returned. The jury, therefore, found a verdict for the plaintiff for £3 6s. Execution was stayed to give defendant liberty to enter a suggestion upon the roll to deprive plaintiff of his costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/11/1840

“Insolvent Debtors to be heard at Stafford, in the County of Stafford, on the 2nd day of December, 1840, at the hour of ten in the forenoon precisely

Joseph Warr, the elder, late of Ocker Hill, Tipton, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, heretofore following the business of Farmer, Licensed Victualler, and Retailer of Spirituous Liquors and Tobacco; afterwards following the business of a Licensed Victualler and Retailer of Spirituous Liquors and Tobacco; and lately following no business; having occasionally at various times since he declined business visited, and sojourned as such visitor with his children, at Toll End, and the Moat Farm, near Ocker Hill, all in the parish of Tipton, in the said county.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/11/1845

“An inquest was held before G. Hinchcliffe, Esq, at Mr. *Joseph Warr*’s, the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, on Wednesday last, on view of the body of Thomas Watson, a boatman, aged thirty years. It appeared from the evidence that some children had made a bonfire the evening before in a field near Ocker Hill, not far from the canal where the boat of which the deceased had the management was lying. About seven o’clock the same evening, a Mrs. Chester was going across the field near the bonfire, and saw a man lying near it, apparently asleep. About eight o’clock the same evening, as a woman named Harriet Jones was passing through the same field, she saw something lying on the ground between the canal and the bonfire (about forty yards from the latter), all in flames, but at the moment she could not tell what it was. In a moment she heard a man cry out, as if in dreadful agony, and on giving an alarm assistance was procured, the fire put out, and the deceased was found lying on the ground with all his clothes burnt entirely from his body, except his shoes and gaiters. The poor man was immediately removed to the CROWN AND CUSHION, a surgeon sent for, and every assistance rendered; but he lingered in great agony till two o’clock the next morning, when he expired. He said that he had four sovereigns in his pocket when lying by the fire, which were afterwards found in a leathern purse partly burnt, close to the bonfire. It seemed that the deceased had three half-crowns in his pocket, which were found among the ashes where he was found lying, which had the appearance of having been heated. There is little doubt that the deceased, when he found his clothes on fire, ran towards the canal to put it out, but fell before he could reach the water. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1851 Census

Wednesbury Road

- [1] *Joseph Warr* (43), unmarried, victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Nock* (52), widow, house keeper, born Tipton;
- [3] Joseph Sheldon (18), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Jane Elwell (18), servant, barmaid, born Hall Green:

Birmingham Journal 17/11/1855

“On Thursday last an inquest was held at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Tipton, on the body of Hannah Homer, aged 48 years. It appeared from the evidence that on the previous Tuesday evening the deceased and her husband were returning home from their daughter’s, and the former went to Messrs. Haines and Underhill’s coalpit for a small quantity of fire, the husband remaining standing in the road. Soon afterwards a person named Caddick, who happened to be passing, heard a noise on the pit bank, and also the sound of something falling down the pit shaft, and on informing deceased’s husband of the circumstance he went in search of his wife, but not finding her he procured the assistance of a man employed at the pit, who descended and found the poor woman dead at the bottom of the shaft, which is 134 yards in depth. There was no person on the pit bank at the time deceased went, and only a small quantity of fire; not sufficient to give much light. In the absence of any direct evidence showing by what means the woman fell into the pit, the Jury returned an open verdict.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/6/1858

“On Thursday last an inquest was held, at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, on the body of Edward Fox aged 42 years. Deceased was employed at the coalpit of Mr. John Naylor on the previous Tuesday. He was loading, when several tons of coal fell from the roof, killing him on the spot. The place had been propped, and was considered safe, and the coals fell in consequence of a fault running above them. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

[Mr. L. Brough, government inspector, was present during the inquest.]

Birmingham Journal 20/8/1859

“An elderly man, named Samuel Wilkes, was killed on Wednesday evening last, whilst crossing a bridge. The report we have is that the unfortunate man fell through the bridge and met his death instantaneously. Mr. Phillips, Wolverhampton, in the absence of Mr. Hinchcliffe, held an inquest last night on the body, at Mr. *Nicholls*’s, the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, but we have not the particulars of the inquest.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/6/1860 - Deaths

“On the 20th instant, after a few weeks’ illness, aged 62 years, Mrs *Elizabeth Nock*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, Tipton, relict of Mr. Thomas Nock, of the COTTAGE SPRING, in the same place, regretted and lamented by all who knew her.”

Birmingham Daily Post 8/10/1860

“Transfer of Licenses.....

CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, from *Elizabeth Nock* (deceased) to Mr. *B. Smith*.”

1861 Census

Wednesbury Road – CROWN AND CUSHION

[1] Mary Jones (18), servant at victuallers, born Princes End;

[2] John Erman (30), servant at victuallers, born Stratford on Avon:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/9/1861 - Died

“On the 18th inst, aged 51 years, *Benjamin Smith*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, Tipton; deeply lamented.”

London Gazette 1/5/1863

“Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, made in the matter of *Elizabeth Nock*, late of the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker-Hill, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Widow, deceased, and in a cause Thomas Glover against *Mary Ann Smith*, Widow, the creditors of the above-named *Elizabeth Nock*, who died on or about the 20th day of June, 1860, are, by their Solicitors, on or before the 23rd day of May, 1863, to come in and prove their claims, at the chambers of his Honor the Vice-Chancellor Sir John Stuart, at No.12, Old-square, Lincoln’s-inn, Middlesex, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1863, at twelve o’clock at noon, at the said chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1863.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/12/1864

“Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest yesterday at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, on the body of a female infant, thirteen days old, who died in a sudden manner on Monday morning last. The parents of the deceased are named Fletcher, and the father is employed at the works of Mr. Graisebrook. The child had been healthy from its birth, and retired to rest with its mother on Sunday evening without danger being apprehended. On the following morning, at about four o’clock, the deceased was found to be dying, apparently in a fit. A neighbour was called in, but the child was then dead. As there was no cause for suspicion in the case, and medical evidence was considered unnecessary, the jury returned an open verdict of Found Dead.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 4/7/1868 - Advert

“CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton.

By C. Wootton. To be Sold by Private Treaty, the Goodwill, Licenses, and Possession of the above well-known Old-established Inn, where a most lucrative trade has been carried on by the present Proprietor and ancestors, for 100 years. The death of Landlady the sole cause for leaving. Rent low, and in-coming £150 to £200.

Apply only to C. Wootton, Paradise Street, West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Journal 5/9/1868 - Advert

“CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton. Partial Clear-Out Sale.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. C. Wootton, as above, on Tuesday next, 8th September, commencing in the morning at Eleven o’clock. All the capital Household Furniture, a portion of the Fixtures, Barrels, Store Casks, and other Effects, comprising tent, four-post, and other Bedsteads, prime goose feather Beds, Pal-

liasses, mahogany Chests of Drawers, large oak Chests, Washstands and Tables, eight day Clocks, swing Glasses, Sofas, mahogany and other Tables, four-pull Ale Machine, Spirit Fountain, two 300-gallon store Casks, valuable nearly new Wagonette, and a variety of valuable Effects.
Auctioneer's Office, Paradise Street, West Bromwich."

County Express 19/9/1868

"County Court. Chester v. *Smith*.

This was an action to recover £5 10s, under the new County Court Act, relating to goods sold and delivered in the way of trade. The defendant had given notice of defence. Mr. Clulow appeared for the plaintiff, who is a large brewer at Manchester, and Mr. Lowe defended *Smith*, who is a publican, residing at the CROWN AND CUSHION, at Ocker Hill. It appeared that the wife of the defendant had ordered ale to the above amount, and when he was applied to for the money, he declined to pay, on the ground that it was for his mother. Mr. Clulow closely cross-examined the defendant. A man named Bryan was also called, and his evidence conclusively proved that the business belonged to the defendant. His Honour gave an order for immediate payment of the account. Mr. Lowe gave notice of appeal."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/2/1869 - Advert

"For Sale, Two large Copper Boilers; also very strong Coal Cart.

Apply to Mr. *J. Tomkins*, CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/4/1869 - Advert

"To be Sold, an 8½ horse power Engine, Coal Cart, to carry three tons; Two Ale Vats, and 20 strike Mash Tub.

Apply, CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, Tipton."

1871 Census

1, Leabrook Road

[1] *John Tomkins* (31), publican, born Handsworth;

[2] *Emma Tomkins* (29), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah Jane Tomkins* (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Rosanna Parkes* (18), general servant, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Mary J. Bishop* (16), general servant, born Wednesbury:

Wednesbury Herald 1/1/1881

"On Thursday evening, Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquiry at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Lea Brook, relative to the death of *Mary Billingham*, the wife of *Alfred Bellingham*, who had died from the effects of burns.

The evidence showed that on Christmas night, the deceased entertained a number of friends at her house, and after their departure the husband went to bed. Shortly afterwards he was alarmed by the screams of his wife, and upon going into the kitchen he was horrified to find that she was enveloped in flames. She was shockingly burnt and died from the effects of her injuries on the following day.

In reply to the Coroner, the husband said he believed the deceased fell in the fire.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1881 Census

1, Lea Brook Road

[1] *Job Calloway* (53), bricklayer and publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Nancy Calloway* (52), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Emma Calloway* (20), daughter, assistant to publican, born Tipton;

[4] *Hannah Jones* (18), general servant, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Edward Smith* (30), brewer, born Tipton;

[6] *Rose Calloway* (13), niece, scholar, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 28/5/1881

“On Tuesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Lea Brook, as to the death of Thomas Arthur Lloyd, aged four years, who died on the 21st inst, from the effects of taking poison.

The evidence showed that on the 17th of March, the father of the deceased, who is employed at Messrs. Hunt’s chemical works, took some caustic soda home with the intention of cleaning a kettle with it. He placed the soda in a basin containing tea, and during his absence the deceased drank it. The little fellow afterwards complained of being ill, but the parents until a few days ago neglected to obtain the aid of a surgeon. As already reported death occurred on Saturday.

In reply to the Coroner the mother of the deceased stated that nothing passed through the deceased’s bowels from the day he drank the poison until the day he died.

The Coroner severely censured the parents for neglecting to obtain the assistance of a surgeon at the time the deceased drank the tea containing the poison.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/9/1883 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Ocker Hill, Tipton.

Important Sale of Freehold Old-Licensed House, Dwelling Houses, and Building Land.

Messrs. Hawkins & Son have received instructions from the Trustee under the Will of the late Mr. Isaac Smith, to Sell by Public Auction, on Tuesday Next, the 25th September, at the House of Mr. *Job Calloway*, the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, at 6 o’clock in the evening subject to conditions to be then produced.

Lot 1. All that valuable Freehold Old-Licensed House and Premises, known as the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, situate at Ocker Hill aforesaid, comprising front Liquor Vaults, front Smoke Room, Kitchen, large Club Room, three Chambers, Brewhouse, good Cellaring; Out-buildings, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, in the occupation of Mr. *Job Calloway*; together with Three Cottages adjoining, one in the occupation of Stokes, and two void.

The Auctioneers wish to call the attention of Capitalists to this lot, as it is situated on the corner of four roads, immediately opposite the Ocker Hill Railway Station, and has a frontage of 105 feet to the main road leading from Dudley to Wednesbury.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/9/1884 - Advert

“Lime-Burner. Wanted, an experienced Man to Set and Burn, and able to Write and Weigh on Machine. Apply, CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, near Wednesbury.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 8/10/1887

“Mr. George Thomas in consequence of the death of Mrs. Nock has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on Monday, October 10th, 1887, at the house of Mr. *Job Calloway*, the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill.....

All that very valuable Freehold, Old-Licensed Inn, known as the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill Road, Ocker Hill, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, being No.28, and now in the occupation of Mr. Allan Wilson, at a rental of £28 per annum. The House contains Large Club Room, Two Bedrooms, Two Attics, Tap Room, Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Kitchen, spacious Brewhouse, large Malt Room, and good Cellaring; together with those Three Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses, adjoining, and being Nos.27, 29, and 30.....”

Samuel Corfield (25), miner, married Hannah Calloway (24), daughter of Job Calloway, on 12th October 1879.

1891 Census

1, Lea Brook Road – CROWN AND CUSHION

[1] *Samuel Corfield* (38), coal miner, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Hannah Corfield* (35), wife, born Tipton;

- [3] Emma Corfield (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Thomas Corfield (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Samuel Corfield (8), son, scholar born Tipton;
- [6] Joseph Corfield (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Mary J. Moor (14), servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 21/1/1893

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, respecting the death of William Howl (17), of Wilkes Buildings, Ocker Hill, whose lifeless body was found in a well at Messrs. Hunt’s chemical works. Mr. Sedgwick (Factory Act Inspector) attended, and Mr. E. J. Hunt was present on behalf of the firm.

William Howl, father of the deceased, stated that the latter had been engaged at Messrs. Hunt’s three or four months. He had never complained of any stupefying smells at the works, and was a total abstainer.

Josiah Birkett, fitter at Messrs. Hunt’s works, stated that on Tuesday afternoon he went to look for the deceased in consequence of enquiries which had been made by his young sisters. Whilst searching for him he noticed that two planks had been removed from an enclosed well, near to where the small steam pump, which it was deceased’s duty to attend to, was situated. On looking inside he saw an iron bar, about eighteen inches of which was standing outside the water, and on moving this deceased’s head rose to within about the same distance from the surface. In his opinion the iron bar was resting on deceased’s shoulder, and so kept him down. He immediately obtained assistance, and the body was removed from the water, but life was then extinct.

Another employé of Messrs. Hunt, named Arthur Smith, said he saw the well at eight o’clock the same morning, and all the planks covering it were then perfectly secure, and at twelve o’clock he spoke to deceased.

William Henry Birkett, engineer at Messrs. Hunt’s works, said deceased’s duty was to attend to a small steam pump which pumped water from a sand-hole to the works. The planks of wood covering the well were very securely fastened by long iron spikes, and it would require an iron bar to lever them up. In addition, an exhaust steam pipe went over the planks, and every joint being made adjustable from the outside it was not necessary under any circumstances to remove the planks. He did not think deceased would remove the planks out of curiosity, as he had many times seen into the well prior to its being enclosed a few months ago. He was altogether at a loss to account for the removal of the planks. Refuse water flowed into the well, but was not likely to give off stupefying fumes.

Inspector Sedgwick stated that he had stood over the well that morning, and had had the liquid stirred up, with the result that only an unpleasant smell arose.

Mr. Hunt said deceased was an exceptionally intelligent young man, and they had proposed to promote him in a short time.

The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/5/1897

“On Thursday morning, Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, respecting the death of Thomas Worley, 30, of Ocker Hill, who died from injuries sustained at Willingsworth Furnaces. Deceased was changing a tuyere at the furnaces. Having got the old tuyere out and the new one in and packed, he turned on the blast. The tuyere was ‘hove’ out, and the man was badly burned. A doctor was sent for, and the wounds having been dressed, the injured man was taken to the hospital. A jurymen stated that he had worked at these works, and when tuyeres were changed it was the custom, for quickness, to put on the blast before fixing the goose-neck. Had the goose-neck been fastened the clay might have been blown out, but the danger would have been less.

The Coroner said a representation would be made to the firm to that effect. Mr. Thursfield, on behalf of the firm, expressed sympathy for the widow and family, and regret that such an accident had occurred. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Dudley Herald 3/9/1898

“Druidism at Ocker Hill. The members of the Druids Spring Lodge, 1472, held their annual dinner at the

CROWN AND CUSHION INN on Saturday evening.....”

1901 Census

Leabrook Road

- [1] *Samuel Corfield* (48), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Hannah Corfield (46), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Thomas Corfield (19), son, bricklayer, born Tipton;
- [4] Samuel Corfield (18), son, carpenter, born Tipton;
- [5] Nora Dolman (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 28/9/1901

“Permission was given to Messrs. J. and J. Yardley to rebuild.....”

Dudley Herald 7/2/1903

“J. and J. Yardley applied for license for premises to be erected at Ocker Hill, to be known as the CROWN AND CUSHION INN.....”

[Order granted on 26th February 1903 on condition that the old premises are removed.]

Tipton Herald 11/4/1903

“A dinner in connection with the Druids Spring Lodge of the Order of Druids (1472), to celebrate the opening of the Lodge Room, was held at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, on Saturday night..... Bro. S. Gittins (secretary) in proposing ‘The Health of the Lodge’, said the old Lodge Room was not to be despised, for in it they had learned many a happy and valuable lesson. Twenty eight years ago they commenced with a clean sheet, with difficulties and expenses lying before them, but they were determined to build on a solid and firm foundation. They all paid a good entrance fee, and did not open the sick book until they had been in existence for 12 months. That gave them a good start, and they had been able to build on that foundation up to the present time, and although they had had sickness and death, their position today was a thoroughly substantial one.....”

It was rebuilt in 1903.

Wednesbury Leader 2/11/1906

“An inquest was held at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN on Wednesday morning before the Deputy Coroner, relative to the death of Sarah Jukes, wife of Daniel Jukes, of Lea Brook Road, Ocker Hill, who died on the 29th ult. According to the evidence of her husband, she was in her usual health, quietly sewing about 7.30 on Monday evening, when she fell from the chair. A neighbour named Mrs. Ellis, entered the house and assisted to raise her on to the sofa, but life was found to be extinct. Dr. Dingley gave evidence as to attending her about thirteen months ago. She was suffering from bronchitis and a weak heart; and in his opinion, death resulted from heart failure.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.

At the close of the inquest, Coroner and jurymen expressed their best wishes for the future prosperity and health of PC Winfield, who that day completed his term of service in the South Staffordshire Constabulary. Winfield has been stationed at Ocker Hill, 13 years, and is most highly respected.”

1911 Census

1, Lea Brook Road

- [1] *Samuel Corfield* (58), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Hannah Corfield (55), wife, married 32 years, assisting in business, born Tipton;
- [3] Thomas Corfield (30), son, journeyman bricklayer, born Tipton;
- [4] Samuel Corfield (28), son, journeyman carpenter, born Tipton;
- [5] Hannah Smart (17), niece, born Tipton;
- [6] Florence Smart (14), niece, born Tipton;
- [7] Elizabeth Emery (22), servant, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 17/12/1921

“Sitting at Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, Mr. W. M. Doughty and Mr. T. Rogers had before them several applications for extension of licensed hours for convivial occasions.....

Mr. *George Wooley* applied for the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, on Saturday next. He said it was the annual dinner of the employees of the Birmingham Canal Navigation Co.

This was granted.”

South Staffordshire Times 22/12/1923

“At the police court on Tuesday, an hour’s extension was granted to Mr. *George Wooley*, licensee of the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, for Tuesday, January 12th, on the occasion of the annual dinner of B.C.N. employees.

Mr. Doughty: Only for the guests you know.”

South Staffordshire Times 19/1/1924

“The annual dinner of the employees of the Birmingham Canal Navigations, Ocker Hill, was held at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, on Saturday evening, about 60 being present. The room which was lavishly decorated by the committee, presented a charming appearance and the repast was served up most commendably by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *G. Wooley*.....”

South Staffordshire Times 30/8/1924

“A further meeting of the committee formed in connection with the Ocker Hill Friendly Societies to raise funds for the Guest Hospital, Dudley, was held on Tuesday evening at the CROWN AND CUSHION HOTEL, Ocker Hill, when Councillor A. E. Bannister presided.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/1/1925

“The annual dinner and social of the employees of the B.C.N. was celebrated with much success at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, on Saturday night. An hour’s extension had been granted, and it was enjoyed to the full in after-dinner speeches, mirth and melody.”

George McCall Kennedy was a Tipton Urban District Councillor.

Tipton Herald 11/6/1955

“A warrant for the arrest of Horace Akins (24), of 13, Dick Sheppard Avenue, Tipton, was issued by the local magistrates on Tuesday, when he failed to appear on charges of assaulting a police officer and being drunk and disorderly on May 28th,

Jointly charged with Akins was John Joseph Delaney (27), of 12, Cupfields Crescent, Tipton. He appeared in court, and the magistrates decided to deal with his case rather than adjourn it until a later date.

PC L. W. Ellis told the court that following a telephone call to Wednesbury Police Station, he and three other policemen went to the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, on the night of May 28th. He saw the defendant and another man (Akins) standing on the pavement. When they saw the police officers Delaney shouted, ‘Come on, let’s do the — lot of them.’

‘There were several people standing nearby,’ said PC Ellis, ‘so we put both men in the patrol car. While travelling back to Wednesbury I was sitting in the front seat of the car. I felt a blow on the back of my neck, and I turned round to see Delaney struggling with PC Ashwood.’

In the witness-box, Delaney said he was married with five children. By trade he was a steel erector, and usually earned on average £14 a week.

Delaney, who pleaded guilty to both offences, was fined £10 for assault and £2 for being drunk and disorderly.

Mr. J. F. Whittall, Chairman of the Bench, told Delaney, ‘We have had a number of cases of assaulting the police in Ocker Hill. It is no use you playing on the sympathies of the magistrates. You must realise that.’”

Tipton Herald 18/6/1955

“A tearful plea by his wife that if he were sent to prison ‘it would break his mother’s heart,’ saved a 24-years-old Tipton man from being gaoled on Tuesday for assaulting a police officer and being drunk and disorderly.

Before the court was Horace Akins, of 13, Dick Sheppard Avenue, Tipton, who was appearing on a warrant which was issued last week by the magistrates when, with another man, he failed to appear on the two charges.

Akins’s wife, Katherine, went into the witness box after her husband had pleaded guilty to the offences. Sobbing and with tears running down her cheeks, Mrs. Akins told the magistrates that her husband was devoted to their two children and that the youngest, who was only a few months old, ‘was pining for her daddy and would not eat anything.’

Fining Akins £15 of the first charge and £2 on the second, and ordering him to forfeit £5 of his bail money, the Chairman (Mr. A. F. Welch) told him, ‘Your wife’s plea has prevailed. We were definitely going to send you to prison but we have decided to give you one more chance.’

PC Ashwood told the court that he and three other officers went by car to the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Ocker Hill, following a phone call to Wednesbury Police Station. There they saw two men, one of whom was Akins, standing outside the inn, drunk and disorderly. They were put in the patrol car and then became very violent. Ashwood said as he was restraining the other man he received a punch on his face from Akins.

Akins was given two months to pay the fine, with an alternative of three months’ imprisonment.”

Tipton Herald 15/9/1956

“After not drinking beer for four or five months, a 26-years-old Tipton man had a ‘bit of a celebration’ on September 1st. The ‘celebration’ cost the man, Horace Akins, of 13, Dick Sheppard Avenue, £7 at Tipton Magistrates Court on Tuesday when he was fined £2 for being drunk and disorderly and £5 for refusing to quit licensed premises when asked to do so. Akins pleaded guilty to both charges.

Supt. H. S. Turner, prosecuting, said that Akins entered the CROWN AND CUSHION public house Ocker Hill, shortly before mid-day. He stayed there until 2pm but, when time was called, Akins refused to leave the premises. He used indecent language to a 66-years-old barmaid who became frightened and ran from the room. The police were called but in the meantime the licensee had ejected Akins.

PC K. Hawkesworth, who arrested Akins, said the defendant wanted to fight him. He was advised to go home but would not do so.

In court Akins said that at the time of the offence he was with two brothers and a friend having a bit of a celebration in the public house. Previous to the celebration it had been about four or five months since he had last drunk beer. ‘I am sure this was the reason the offence occurred,’ he told the court.

Supt. Turner said that Akins had been dealt with on three occasions for assaulting police officers and for being drunk and disorderly. ‘It does seem to me,’ said the Superintendent, ‘that this man could be quite decent when he is sober. When he has beer, however, he loses control of himself.’

Akins told the court that all his troubles had been due to drink but he had now given it up. He was told by the Chairman, Mr. H. H. Taylor, ‘The magistrates are very glad you have decided to give up drink and hope that you keep your word.’”

Tipton Herald 10/8/1957

“.....the biggest electrical storm for some years which was at its height between 10 o’clock and midnight on August Bank Holiday Monday. Considering the intensity of the storm – there was torrential rain and vivid lightning which for seconds transformed the night sky into daylight brightness – damage to buildings was comparatively light During the storm the cellar of the CROWN AND CUSHION public house, Toll End, was flooded.....”

Tipton Herald 20/2/1960

“During the past 10 years more that £1,500 has been raised for St. Dunstan’s by the Ocker Hill Domino League, and now they are helping another cause. At the league’s annual prize distribution on Friday of last week at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, it was revealed that a cheque for £35 is to be presented to the Sunshine Homes for Children.

Prizes were presented by Mr. Leslie Reece, League President to DEW DROP INN (league winners), SHAKESPEARE INN (St. Dunstan Cup), and HARRIER A (Victory Cup). Other prize winners were G. Harrison and E. Baker, RAILWAY TAVERN (Thacker Cup), C. Jukes, HARRIER A (Knockout Cup), R. Power, CROWN AND CUSHION B (most wins).”

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

The presentation evening of the Ocker Hill Domino League was held here in August 1970.

Closed

It reopened in 1984, as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub.

Mrs. *Barbara Iris Darby* was married to Keith (see WAGGON AND HORSES, Ocker Hill).

Sandwell Evening Mail 9/4/1994

“Down Your Local. CROWN AND CUSHION, Tipton.....

Divided Black Country soccer loyalties meet head on at the CROWN AND CUSHION. In one camp, there are the West Bromwich Albion supporters, and in the other it's the all-gold Wolves fanatics. ‘It's a case of you being either Wolves or Albion in this pub,’ says landlord Keith *Darby*. ‘Fortunately, it is all good natured banter between the two factions.’

Keith and his wife *Barbara* achieved a lifelong goal of their own 16 months ago when they took over the pub. It is their first pub and, for *Barbara*, very much a case of sampling life on the other side of the fence. *Barbara*, aged 36, had spent most of her working life as a barmaid, the last eight years at a pub just half a mile away. ‘Little did I realise then that one day I'd end up running my own pub,’ she recalls. ‘But it is an ambition I'd nurtured for some time and it was like a dream come true when it finally happened.’ She and Keith, a former self-employed builder, are now busy laying the foundations for a future in the pub trade..... The pub's own theatre company, known as the CROWN AND CUSHION Zippers, for the past two Christmases, has put on a pantomime in the upstairs function room, raising money for the nearby old folk's home. A feature of the 150-year-old Holts pub, an old coaching house in Gospel Oak Road, Ocker Hill, is a real cast-iron Penny Farthing cycle perched on a chair in the lounge. Keith said, ‘I haven't a clue where it came from. It was here when we moved in. But adds to the character of the place.....”

Black Country Bugle 24/12/1998 - Advert

“The CROWN AND CUSHION, Gospel Oak Road, Tipton.

Traditional Real Ales served here. Regularly Rotated.

Come and Enjoy a Relaxing Friendly Atmosphere.

Live Entertainment Every Weekend in the New Year.

Large Function Room available with Private Bar and Dance Floor.”

[2002]

Closed [2004]

It was demolished in 2005.

A nursing home was built on the site.

DARTMOUTH ARMS

47, (61), Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Scott [1834]
William Hodgkins [1841] – [1846]
Joseph Sheldon [1849] – **1854**;
William Bennett (**1854** – [1855]
S Bennett [1858]
Thomas Jones [1860] – [1880]
Emma E Bennett [1881]
John Jones [1888] – [1896]
Mrs. Sarah Whitehouse [1900]
John Wright [] – **1903**;
Frederick Griffiths (**1903** – [1904]
Mrs. Mary Griffiths [1908] – [1912]
Harry Edmund Hall [1916]
Samuel Bailey [1921]
Thomas H Williams [1932]
Ernest Day [1940]
T Harry Rowe [1941]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

Sheepwash Lane [1849]
61, Sheepwash Lane
47, Sheepwash Lane [1881], [1896]

DARTMOUTH ARMS [1834], [1940]
OLD DARTMOUTH ARMS [1845], [1849], [1850], [1851], [1855], [1858], [1860], [1862], [1868],
[1869], [1873]

It was known locally as ‘the Old Coal’.

Edward Scott was also a veterinary surgeon. [1834]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 2/3/1835 - Advert

“To Publicans.

To be Let, and Old Licensed House, known by the Sign of the DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheep Wash, Great Bridge. Coming-in not exceeding £20.
For particulars apply on the premises.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 21/8/1837 - Advert

“Public House.

To be disposed of, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of an old-established Public House, situate in a prosperous and thriving district. The coming-in including Barrels and Brewing Utensils, which are in good condition, will not exceed £70. The house is doing a good ready-money business in ale and spirits, and satisfactory reasons can be given for the present proprietor leaving.

Enquire at the DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheepwalk, Great Bridge.”

1841 Census

Sheepwash Lane

- [1] *William Hodgkins*, (50), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Hodgkins* (40), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Hodgkins* (14), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Samuel Hodgkins* (10), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Mary Hodgkins* (8), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Joseph Hodgkins* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Phoebe Dangerfield* (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/7/1846

“*William Hodgkins* was fined £2 and costs, for allowing persons be drunk in his house, at Sheepwash Lane, on the night of the 31th May, last.”

Joseph Sheldon = Joseph Shelton

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 14/4/1850

“*William Wood* of Toll End is surprised at not hearing from *John Wall* of Tividale after accepting his challenge. *Wood* will run *Man Hanley* of Oldbury one mile, or *W. Williams*, of Toll End, from seven score yards to a quarter of a mile; and he will be at the OLD DARTMOUTH ARMS, on Monday night, prepared to make a match.”

London Gazette 3/5/1850

“Whereas a Petition of *Joseph Sheldon*, now and for three years and a half last past residing at the OLD DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheep-wash-lane, Westbromwich, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Staffordshire at the Court-house, at Oldbury, and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *Joseph Sheldon*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Joseph Sheldon* is hereby required to appear before *Nathaniel Richard Clarke*, Esq., the Judge of the said Court, on the 8th day of May instant, at three of the clock in the afternoon precisely, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors’ assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *Joseph Sheldon*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to *Mr. Joseph Heapy Watson*, Clerk of the said Court, at his office, at the Court-house, in Oldbury, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent.”

1851 Census

Sheepwash Lane – OLD DARTMOUTH ARMS

- [1] *Joseph Sheldon* (53), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Sheldon* (52), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Benjamin Sheldon* (22), son, forgerman, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *John Sheldon* (20), son, puddler, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Hannah Sheldon* (18), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Sarah Sheldon* (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *William Sheldon* (12), son, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Eliza Sheldon* (12), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [9] *Emma Sheldon* (9), daughter, born West Bromwich:

Thomas Jones, beer retailer, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge. [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/3/1866

“*Dudley Port*. Valuable Freehold Houses.

Mr. W. Hinton will Sell by Auction, on Monday, the 26th day of March, 1866, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, the DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheepwash Lane, Dudley Port, at six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions.....”

Midland Examiner 3/4/1875 - Deaths

“On the 23rd ultimo, aged 14 years, Louisa, daughter of *Thomas Jones*, DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/11/1880 - Deaths

“On the 2nd inst, at the DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheepwash, Lane, aged 65 years, *Thomas Jones*; deeply regretted.”

1881 Census

47, Sheepwash Lane

[1] *Emma E. Bennett* (30), unmarried, victualler DARTMOUTH ARMS, born Handsworth;

[2] Walter Bennett (25), brother, blacksmith, born West Bromwich;

[3] Eliza Bennett (23), sister, barmaid, born West Bromwich;

[4] Thomas H. Bennett (21), brother, blacksmith, born West Bromwich;

[5] John Bennett (16), brother, boiler maker, born, West Bromwich;

[6] Mary E. Hawkeswood (13), niece, servant, born Tamworth:

John Jones was also a shopkeeper of 42, Sheepwash Lane. [1889]

Birmingham Daily Post 4/7/1890 - Advert

“Wagonette; brake and lamps nearly new; to carry ten.
DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheepwash Lane Great Bridge.”

Mrs. *Sarah Whitehouse*, beer retailer, 47, Sheepwash Lane. [1900]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/1/1903

“Licensing transfer day at West Bromwich was rendered all the more interesting yesterday by the restrictions of the new Act, and also the interrogation of the applicants by one of the justices (Mr. James Scattergood), a temperance advocate.....

The first point raised in reference to the application by Mr. J. Clark for the transfer of the license of the DARTMOUTH ARMS INN, Sheepwash Lane, from *John Wright* to *Frederick Griffiths*. When the temporary transfer was granted, *Wright* expressed a wish not to attend the Court on the occasion of the permanent transfer being asked for, and consequently a portion of the purchase money was withheld with a view to securing his attendance. Several letters were addressed to *Wright*, only to be returned by the postal authorities, neither had he applied for the balance due to him. The Bench decided to dispense with his attendance, and granted the transfer.”

It was rebuilt c.1918.

Birmingham Daily Post 8/3/1940

“Midland Licensing Sessions.

At West Bromwich an application by Julia Hanson and Sons, Ltd., Dudley, for the removal of the full license of the DARTMOUTH ARMS, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, to the JUNCTION INN, Witton Lane, Hill Top, was granted.”

Closed

It was sold by Hansons to the Great Bridge Foundry on 16th December 1946 for use as general offices, canteen and caretaker's flat.

It became private flats.

DEWDROP

33, (42), Toll End Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Meade and Co., brewers, Perry Barr
Charles Darby, brewer, West Bromwich
Darby's Brewery Ltd. [c.1932]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1951)

LICENSEES

Joseph Gwilt [1855]
Joseph Thomas (1880 – 1888);
Ann Thomas* (1888 – []
James Ward [1891]
Mrs. Ann Maria Thomas* [1896]
Mrs. Ann Maria Ward [1900] – [1901]
Albert Dunkley [1900] – 1925);
Arthur Jones (1925 – 1926);
Alfred Hodgetts (1926 – 1928);
Joseph Richards (1928 – 1941);
Albert Edward Saxon (1941 – 1948);
Horace Oswald Burkett (1948 – 1953);
Jim Williams (1953 – 1955);
Douglas Frederick Gamwell (1955 – [1958]
W W Wassell [1976]
John Ingram [1985] – 2023)

NOTES

42, Toll End Road [1881], [1891], [1904]
33, Toll End Road [1912], [1919]

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a women's club – tokens were issued for this.

1881 Census

42, Toll End Road

- [1] *Joseph Thomas* (45), beerhouse keeper, born Tividale;
- [2] Ann Maria Thomas (43), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Albert Thomas (17), son, edge tool polisher, born Tipton;
- [4] Bertha Thomas (10), daughter, scholar, born Toll End;
- [5] May Thomas (5), daughter, scholar, born Toll End;
- [6] Florence Thomas (2), daughter, born Toll End:

* probably the same person

Ann Maria Thomas (50), widow, married *James Ward* (31), bachelor, brewer, at St. John's Church, Tipton, on 5th November 1888.

1891 Census

42, Toll End Road – Public House

- [1] *James Ward* (32), beerhouse keeper, born Hill Top;
- [2] *Ann M. Ward* (53), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Albert J. Ward* (27), son, edged tool finisher, born Tipton;
- [4] *May T. Ward* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Florence J. Ward* (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Thomas Shenstone* (77), father-in-law, coal miner, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Ann Maria Thomas*, beer retailer, 42, Toll End Road. [1896]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/9/1899

“This was the adjourned annual licensing meeting for the Wednesbury division, which comprises the Tipton and Darlaston districts.....

The police also objected on various grounds to the renewal of the licenses of several other licenses, but they were all renewed. The justices afterwards proceeded to hear applications for new licenses, and granted an ‘off’ license to sell wines and spirits to *Edwin Beazley*, of the TWO FURNACES INN, Tipton, and a provisional license to sell beer on premises to be erected on land adjoining the DEW DROP INN, Toll End, Tipton; and a number of music licenses to Darlaston publicans.”

Mrs. *Ann Maria Ward*, beer retailer, 42, Toll End Road. [1900]

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for the Wednesbury division (comprising Tipton and Darlaston) took place yesterday at Wednesbury.....

The magistrates subsequently confirmed the grant of a license to the DEWDROP INN, Toll End, Tipton, on the application of *Mr. F. Knowles*.”

1901 Census

Toll End Road

- [1] *James Ward* (42), general dealer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Ann M. Ward* (42), wife, publican, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Charnock* (23), son-in-law, iron worker, born Lancashire;
- [4] *Florence Charnock* (22), wife, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/10/1901

“*Maria Ward*, landlady of the DEW DROP INN, Toll End, Tipton, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises, and also for selling to a drunken person on the 28th ult.

The case for the prosecution was that *William Cope* was found drunk on the licensed premises and that he was supplied with drink when in a drunken condition.

For the defence a large number of witnesses said *Cope* was sober.

The Bench held that the charge of permitting drunkenness had been proved, and fined defendant £5 3s 6d, including costs.

Cope was fined 10s and costs.”

The license renewal was objected to, on the grounds that it was of disorderly character, in February 1903. It was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Tipton Herald 4/7/1903

“The members of the Toll End lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows held their annual dinner at the DEW DROP INN, Toll End, on Saturday evening. Bro. T. Davies occupied the chair, and Bro. J. Poole the vice chair.....”

Albert Dunkley, beer retailer, 42 Toll End Road. [1904]

1911 Census

33, Toll End Road

- [1] *Albert Dunkley* (47), publican, born Earls Barton, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Bertha Dunkley* (39), wife, married 23 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Dunkley* (15), daughter, shop assistant, boot seller, born Earls Barton, Northamptonshire;
- [4] *Gladest Dukley* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *William Dunkley* (12), son, school and barber’s boy, part time, born Earls Barton, Northamptonshire;
- [6] *Bert Dunkley* (8), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *James Smith* (31), boarder, lead coating (tube works), born Wolverhampton:

Albert Dunkley, beer retailer, 33, Toll End Road. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Mrs. *Sarah Dunkley*, a lady of 82, on the 29th November last, sustained injuries from a fall at her home at Little Harrowden, near Wellington, Northamptonshire. She was brought to the residence of her son, the licensee of the DEW DROP INN, Toll End, and she died on Thursday last week. The inquest was accordingly held at the DEW DROP INN, on Monday by Mr. G. C. Lewis, the Coroner. Dr. Mason testified that but for the injuries caused by the fall the old lady might have lived for years. After hearing the circumstance attending the fall, given by a witness from Harrowden, the Coroner said he was satisfied that death was the ultimate result of the November fall, and returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/6/1925

“When the temporary transfer of the DEW DROP INN, Toll End Road, from *Albert Dunkley* to *Arthur Jones*, was applied for at the Police Court on Tuesday, Mr. Doughty asked if the new tenant had any other occupation. They would not allow anyone to hold a license who was otherwise engaged.

Applicant said he had no other engagement.

Mr. Doughty: Since when? – Applicant: I left it on Saturday.

The transfer having been granted, Mr. Glover applied that the outgoing tenant should be excused attendance on confirmation day, and Mr. Doughty replied that the Bench were not going to allow that sort of thing as a matter of course.”

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

1939 Register

Toll End Road – DEWDROP INN

- [1] *Joseph Richards*, date of birth, 11/09/1873, manager beerhouse, married;
- [2] *Eleanor (Ellena) Richards*, dob, 12/06/1882, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Ellena M. Richards*, dob, 03/12/1912, printer’s graph feeder, single:

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1949.

Tipton Herald 20/2/1960

“During the past 10 years more than £1,500 has been raised for St. Dunstan’s by the Ocker Hill Domino League, and now they are helping another cause. At the league’s annual prize distribution on Friday of last week at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, it was revealed that a cheque for £35 is to be presented

to the Sunshine Homes for Children.

Prizes were presented by Mr. Leslie Reece, League President to DEW DROP INN (league winners), SHAKESPEARE INN (St. Dunstan Cup), and HARRIER A (Victory Cup). Other prize winners were G. Harrison and E. Baker, RAILWAY TAVERN (Thacker Cup), C. Jukes, HARRIER A (Knockout Cup), R. Power, CROWN AND CUSHION B (most wins).”

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

Black Country 3 Bird Club (pigeon fliers) (founded 1984) was based here. [2005]

It closed in 2023.

Express & Star 15/2/2023

“A much-loved pub has closed its doors after being run by the same family for 44 years. The DEWDROP INN, on Toll End Road, Tipton, received an emotional response from their regulars as they closed their doors for the last time on Saturday. Pub landlord, *John Ingram*, 81, of Dudley, has retired from the pub business after more than 40 years to spend more time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *John’s* daughter-in-law, Wendy Ingram, 55, from Wednesbury, said, ‘This has been a proper family-run business, pretty much everyone has grown up in the pub through the years. There’s a lot of history there. I have been in the pub since marrying Jason 33 years ago, and we have loved every second of it, we have had some amazing customers and when we closed the doors they honestly cried.’

The pub was a regular stop for Tipton residents who praised the family-friendly feeling of the venue and the welcoming vibe from the staff. The DEWDROP INN became home to many members of the Ingram family, with *John’s* son, Jason, pointing out the pub’s importance in the family. Jason Ingram, 53, said, ‘I have been around the pub since I was about three years old. It was my first job – pretty much as soon as any of the children became old enough they helped in the pub. I have loved every second of it, the whole family loved it really, it has been a real family venture. It is definitely going to be missed in the community.’

The pub will now be put up for sale, where a potential buyer will hopefully renovate the pub to continue serving the local people of Tipton. Jason continued, ‘We carried this on through Covid, it was a real old man’s pub, you could come in and relax, have a game of dominoes and darts or pool and have a nice time. Some of the wild characters that we have had over the years, if you wrote a book on some of these customers it would honestly be a best seller. We are all going to miss it.’

John will now go on to spend time with his five grandchildren and his five great-grandchildren as his family wait for a potential buyer to purchase the Tipton venue.”

DOE BANK COTTAGE

17, Leabrook (Road), Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1903]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Eleanor Hill [1871]

John Roberts [1879]

Charles Edmunds [1880] – [1882]

Ellen Proctor [1889]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

17, Lea Brook Road

- [1] *Eleanor Hill* (70), widow, publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Maria Hill* (55), daughter, servant for mother, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Eleanor Mayo* (40), daughter, widow, assistant for mother, born Gospel Oak;
- [4] *Ann Maia Mayo* (23), granddaughter, visitor, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Joseph Mayo* (18), grandson, labourer, born Tipton;
- [6] *Alice Mayo* (11), granddaughter, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 1/3/1879

“*John Roberts*, landlord of the DOE BANK COTTAGE, Ocker Hill, was charged with selling during illegal hours. Mr. Major defended. It was stated that two persons named Wise and Taylor, of Wednesbury, were in defendant’s house at half-past two o’clock on the morning of the 9th inst. When a police-officer called defendant said the parties were friends who had been taking supper. The case was dismissed.”

Charles Edmunds = Charles Edmonds

Wednesbury Herald 11/9/1880

“*Charles Edmunds*, landlord of the DOE BANK COTTAGE INN, Ocker Hill, was charged with keeping his premises open for the sale of intoxicating drinks during prohibited hours, on Sunday, the 29th ult. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defence.

Police-constable Hobbs stated that on the afternoon in question, at five minutes to three o’clock, he saw a woman named Allen leave the defendant’s house with a can containing ale, and upon questioning her she said that the ale was paid for prior to closing time. Subsequently the wife of the defendant came to the woman Allen and said, ‘Why didn’t you throw it down in the gutter and not have let him see it.’

In reply to the magistrate, witness said he was quite sure that it was five minutes to three when he visited the house, as he looked at his watch which kept very good time.

For the defence it was stated that the ale was ordered and paid for by five deaf and dumb men at twenty minutes past two o’clock, and that the ale was sent into a neighbour’s house about ten minutes afterwards.

The Stipendiary dismissed the case, at the same time stating that he believed what the officer had said.”

Dudley Herald 30/10/1880

“*Elijah Wright*, Ocker Hill, was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of *Charles Edmunds*, on the 18th inst.

PC Hobbs said that at 10.30pm he saw the defendant drunk in the DOE BANK COTTAGE beerhouse, Ocker Hill. He had been convicted on the 23rd September, and since that at Brierley Hill.

Defendant was fined 4s and 12s 6d costs, or in default seven days.”

Dudley and District News 4/12/1880

“John [sic] *Edmunds*, landlord of the DOE BANK INN, Ocker Hill, was charged with having unlawfully permitted a man to be drunk in his house on the 18th October last. Mr. Sheldon defended.

PC Hobbs deposed to seeing a man named *Elijah Wright* leave the defendant’s house at about ten o’clock on the night of the date in question. He staggered like a drunken man. Immediately afterwards he went into the house again, and half-an-hour afterwards, when the officer went in, he was still sitting there, with some ale before him, the defendant sitting in the same room. Defendant said, when witness told him the man was drunk and he should summon him for it, ‘He has had nothing to make him drunk here.’ *Wright* had been fined since for drunkenness, his wife appearing for him.

Mary Wright, wife of the man Wright, was called, but only denied that her husband was drunk, although she admitted that he did curse and threaten Hobbs for following him home.

For the defence Mr. Sheldon denied that Wright was drunk at all, and called several witnesses in proof of the assertion.

The Bench said that as it was a doubtful case, they would give the defendant the benefit of it, and dismiss it. Still they considered defendant had not exercised sufficient caution, and in their opinion the officer was quite justified in bringing the case before them.”

1881 Census

17, Leabrook

[1] *Charles Edmonds* (52), iron worker and beer seller, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[2] Moneh Edmonds (51), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[3] Edward Edmonds (25), son, iron worker, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[4] Ada Edmonds (14), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[5] John Edmonds (9), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 19/8/1882

“At the Bilston Police Court, on Tuesday, before F. A. Horner and H. Loveridge, Esqs, *Charles Edmonds*, landlord of the DOE BANK COTTAGE INN, Ocker Hill, was charged with selling beer during prohibited hours, and also with keeping his house open at an improper time.

On Sunday evening at 7.35 PC Hobbs saw a woman come out of the house with a can containing three quarts of ale. He took her back to the house, and found she had paid 1s for it.

Mr. Thompson, of the firm Messrs. Warmington and Thompson, Dudley, who appeared for the defendant, contended that the woman had stated that the ale was for a man who was suffering from smallpox, and said that the liquor was not paid for.

A fine of £3 in each case was imposed, and the license was endorsed.”

AND

Darlaston Weekly Times 19/8/1882

“*Charles Edmonds*, landlord of the DOE BANK COTTAGE, Ocker Hill, was charged with selling during prohibited hours.

PC Hobbs stated that on Sunday morning, the 6th inst, at 7.35, he was on duty near the defendant’s house, and saw a woman, named Postans, coming away from the house with a can containing three quarts of ale. He took her back again to the house, and then ascertained that 1s had been paid for the liquor. Defendant, when spoken to about the matter, denied that the woman came of her own accord, but asserted that the officer had sent the woman, ‘like one of his tricks.’

Mr. Thompson, who appeared for the defence, stated that the ale was supplied to the woman, who said that it was for a person suffering from illness, and defendant on being put into the box corroborated this statement, and stated that the beer was given, no money being paid for it.

PC Hobbs, re-examined, said the house was a badly conducted house, persons being continually seen there fetching the drink away in buckets.

A fine of £4 was inflicted, and the license was endorsed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/7/1889

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, Elizabeth Packer, a respectably-dressed young married woman, was charged with having stolen a florin, the property of *Ellen Proctor*, keeper of the DOE BANK COTTAGE public house, Ocker Hill. Mr. W. S. Smith appeared for the defence.

The prosecutrix deposed that on the previous day she left the prisoner at her bar door whilst she went downstairs to fetch half-a-pint of porter, and directly after the prisoner had gone she missed a florin which was in a small bowl on the table when she went downstairs. She then sent for the prisoner, who came, and on hearing the charge of theft showed great distress, and went and fetched a florin, which she gave to a man named George to give to prosecutrix. After Police-constable Parsons was communicated with the prisoner was apprehended.

For the defence the prosecutrix and her witnesses were cross-examined with a view of showing that she and

Mr. George were courting in another room when the prisoner entered the house, and that there was reason to doubt whether the coin was in the bowl at the time. It was also represented that whilst the prisoner, in her terror and distress at having such a charge made against her, fetched a florin to give to the prosecutrix, she at the same time maintained her innocence.

Mr. D. Bagnall, a member of the School Board, went into the box, and gave her an excellent character, extending from her childhood; and letters to the same effect from the Rev. J. Hopkins, vicar of St. James (in whose school she had been an assistant mistress), and other gentlemen were put in.

The magistrates dismissed the accused, Mr. Lloyd remarking that the investigation had cleared her character. (Loud applause.)”

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/2/1903

“This being the adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

The objections generally – other than where there had been various convictions – were the licenses not required – that the premises were dilapidated and insanitary, and lacked the necessary accommodation, and the house not duly qualified by law. After hearing evidence of witnesses and statements by counsel.....

Mr. Lawrence, KC, offered on behalf of the Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries (Limited) to give up the license of the DOE BANK COTTAGE, Leabrook Road, if the Bench would consent to the renewal of the license of the JOLLY COLLIER, a beerhouse in the same road, in regard of which he suggested a full license should be granted. The Bench accepted the offer.”

The license renewal was objected to, on the grounds that it was dilapidated and difficult for police supervision, in February 1903.

The license was surrendered for an enlarged JOLLY COLLIER.

DOG

Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Barber []

Elizabeth Barber [1841] – [1861]

Barber [1864]

NOTES

SPOTTED DOG [1864]

Elizabeth Barber = Elizabeth Barbur

1841 Census

Lower Green

[1] *Elizabeth Barbur* (52), born Staffordshire;

[2] Eliza Barbur (19), born Staffordshire;

[3] Abigale Barbur (14), born Staffordshire;

[4] Jane Barbur (11), born Staffordshire;

- [5] Arthuria Barbur (9), born Staffordshire;
- [6] Benjamin Barbur (23), born Staffordshire;
- [7] William Barbur (17), born Staffordshire:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 30/12/1844 - Married

“On the 21st inst, at the Parish Church, Tipton, by the Rev. A. Davies, BA, Mr. Richard Nicklin, second son of Mr. W. Nicklin, of Owen Street, Tipton, to Abigail, daughter of the late Mr. *Barber*, of the DOG INN, Tipton.”

Mrs. *Elizabeth Barber*, beer retailer, Lower Green. [1850]

1851 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *Elizabeth Barber* (63), beer seller, born Oldbury;
- [2] James Barber (27), son, coal miner, born Tipton;
- [3] Caturah Barber (19), daughter, dress maker, born Tipton:

1861 Census

Low Green

- [1] *Elizabeth Barber* (73), unmarried, beer seller, born Ironbridge, Shropshire;
 - [2] James Barber (45), son, miner, born Netherton;
 - [3] Elijah Morris (31), lodger, miner, born Tipton;
 - [4] Cutura Morris (29), wife, born Tipton;
 - [5] Rebecca Morris (7), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [6] Daniel Morris (4), son, born Tipton:
- [It looks like Cutura, from 1851, married into the Morris family.]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/6/1864

“Elijah Morris of Tipton and T. Perry of Westbromwich have signed articles to run 120 yards, for £10 a side, to come off at the Aston Cross Grounds on Monday, July 18. Mr. Coates final stakeholder and referee. A further deposit of £1 10s a side to be made on Monday, June 20, at Mr. *Barber's* SPOTTED DOG INN, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 2/7/1864

“E. Morris of Tipton and T. Perry of Westbromwich. The 120 yards match, for £10 a side, between these well known district pedestrians is progressing. £1 a side is down in the hands of Mr Coates, the stakeholder and referee. A further deposit of £1 10s a side must be made good at Mrs. *Barber's*, SPOTTED DOG, Tipton, on Monday, July 4. The match comes off at Aston Cross Grounds on Monday, July 18.”

DOG AND GUN

10, Lorne Street, (10, Bilston Street), (Bilston Lane), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Jonathan Bywater, no occupation, near Albion Station, West Bromwich
Edward Walton
Penn Brewery Co. Ltd.
Edward Walton, licensee, Halesowen
Isaiah Millington, beerhouse keeper, Aqueduct Inn, Dudley Port

Isaiah Millington, High Street, Princes End

LICENSEES

William Davies [1871]
Robert Willard [1873] – 1874);
Michael Lynch (1874);
Joseph Millard (1874);
James Whitehouse (1874 – 1875);
Edward Walton (1875 – 1881);
John Worton [1879] (?)
Thomas Nicholls (1881 – 1882);
James Whitehouse (1882 – 1884);
Abraham Parkes (1884 – 1885);
Edward Walton (1885 – 1890);
Annie Boycott (1890 – 1892);
James Bradley (1892 – 1893);
George Parks (1893 – 1894);
Samuel Wesson (1894);
Henry Cox (1894 – 1895);
Joseph Littley (1895 – 1897);
William Millington (1897 – 1904);
Frank Cutler (1904 – 1905);
Isaiah Millington (1905 – 1909);
William Millington (1909 – 1910);
Isaiah Millington (1910 – 1911):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

10, Bilston Street [1871]
10, Lorne Street [1901], [1911]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

It was originally the PRINTERS ARMS.

[This name was difficult to read in the licensing register, and so this is a best interpretation.]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/8/1870 - Sales This Day

“By Chas. Round, at the RED LION INN, Princes End, This Day, at 7pm.

Freehold Beerhouse, known as the DOG AND GUN INN, Bilston Street, Princes End.”

William Davies = William Davis

1871 Census

10, Bilston Street, Brierley – DOG AND GUN

[1] *William Davies* (48), grinder in iron works, born Worcestershire;

[2] Eliza Davies (36), wife, born Staffordshire;

[3] Elizabeth Davies (22), daughter, general servant, born Staffordshire;

- [4] Alice Davies (19), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Richard Davies (2), son, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Elizabeth Davies (2 months), granddaughter, born Staffordshire;

London Gazette 14/11/1871

“The Bankruptcy Act. 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *William Davis* [sic], late of Lorne Street Beerhouse Keeper.....”

1881 Census

10, Lorne Street, Brierley

- [1] *Edward Walton* (49), general labourer, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Walton (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] James Walton (22), son, general labourer, born Tipton;
- [4] Betsey Walton (21), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [5] Thomas Walton (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Elizabeth Walton (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Edward Walton (1), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1881

“At the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, the following licenses were fully transferred.....
Edward Walton, Princes End, to *Thomas Nicholls*, beerhouse keeper.”

1891 Census

10, Lorne Street, Brierley

- [1] Robert Boycott (54), boiler maker, born Arliston, Shropshire;
- [2] *Annie Boycott* (52), wife, born Hadley, Shropshire;
- [3] Robert William Boycott (26), son, steam engine fitter, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [4] Harry Taylor Boycott (20), son, blacksmith's striker, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [5] Earnest Boycott (18), son, general labourer, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [6] Alfred Boycott (15), son, helper in iron foundry, born Wellington, Shropshire:

Wednesbury Herald 27/4/1895

“At the Dudley Bankruptcy Court on Monday, before Mr. Deputy Registrar Walker, *Samuel Wesson*, who resides and carries on business at the ENGLISH OAK INN, Summerhill, Tipton, was publicly examined in bankruptcy. Debtor's liabilities were £208, and assets nil.

For seventeen years prior to December, 1893, debtor farmed the Wednesbury Oak Farm, Tipton. During the last four years of that period he had considerable losses in his farming stock, and his financial difficulties compelled him to borrow £30, for which he gave a bill of sale upon his furniture. On relinquishing the farm his liabilities were about £170, and his assets consisted of £4 and a cow. He then took the DOG AND GUN INN, Princes End, and carried on there the joint businesses of a publican and a milk seller until July 1894. During that period his indebtedness was increased to the amount disclosed in his statement of affairs. From July 1894, debtor had been employed as a manager of the ENGLISH OAK. He attributed his failure to losses in farming, in the milk trade, in the business of a publican, and in consequence of an action brought against him in respect of damages to a horse caused by a collision in November 1893.

Debtor was allowed to pass.”

Henry Cox – see also KING WILLIAM, Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich, OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Temple Street, Bilston, and GLOBE, Union Street, Tipton.

1901 Census

10, Lorne Street, Brierley

- [1] *William Millington* (64), married, publican (DOG AND GUN INN), born Sedgley;

- [2] Abraham Millington (28), son, widower, horse driver, born Sedgley;
- [3] Isaac Millington (26), son, labourer in ironworks, born Sedgley;
- [4] Eliza Millington (22), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] Emily Millington (20), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] George Millington (20), boarder, labourer in ironworks, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Objection was raised on the grounds that the license was not required and that the house was difficult of police supervision.

Mr. Fairbairn (Dudley) said they had proposed plans, which would meet all the requirements.

The plans were put in, but the police had not had an opportunity of inspecting them, the case was adjourned to Bilston.”

Tipton Herald 24/7/1909

“At Bilston Police Court, on Tuesday, Mary Bott, married, living at Cross Street, Bradley, was summoned for using threats to Charlotte *Millington* wife of the licensee of the DOG AND GUN INN, Princes End. A cross summons was issued against *William Millington* and his wife. Mr. A. Turton represented the *Millingtons*, and Mr. R. Tildesley appeared for Bott.

Before the case was proceeded with a summons charging *William Millington* with using threats to Isaac Evans was allowed to be withdrawn on payment of costs.

Mr. Turton stated that Mrs. Bott went into the taproom of the DOG AND GUN, and used language of the most disgusting character. She was ordered off, but declined to go, and, picking up a stool, threatened to knock Mrs. *Millington's* head in. Later she caught up an empty jug, and threatened her. A servant sent for the police, and Mrs. Bott eventually went away. In the afternoon, Mrs. *Millington* was on her way to Bilston to take out a summons, when Mrs. Bott followed her along the canal side with a crowd of people. On the way they met Mr. *Millington*. Mrs. Bott at once ranged herself in front of him, and asked him several times to strike her. With his wife, however, they made their way back home.

Mrs. *Millington* denied in cross-examination that she threatened Mrs. Bott with a knife.

Mr. Tildesley, for the defendant, denied that any threats were used. She had a grievance and went to the house of Mrs. *Millington* to try and arrange a meeting to investigate this.

Giving evidence on the cross summons, Mrs. Bott stated that when she went to Mrs. *Millington's* house the latter threatened her with a knife.

The magistrates bound Mrs. Bott over to keep the peace for twelve weeks, and dismissed the case against the *Millingtons*.”

1911 Census

10, Lorne Street

- [1] *Isaiah Millington* (70), innkeeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] Mary Ada Millington (37), wife, married 5 years, assisting in the business, born Derby;
- [3] George Millington (18), son, labourer, born Bloxwich;
- [4] Thomas Millington (17), son, tube screw, born Tipton;
- [5] Ivy Millington (12), daughter, school, born Sedgley;
- [6] May Millington (9), daughter, school, born Sedgley;
- [7] Harold Millington (4), son, born Sedgley;
- [8] Mary Harriett Millington (3), daughter, born Sedgley:

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 6th July 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of

Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

DOG AND GUN, Bilston Street, Princes End. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Isaiah Millington*. Registered Owner, *Isaiah Millington*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1911

“At a recent meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority, held at Stafford, the claims for the total amount of compensation to be paid in respect of licenses refused at the principal meeting in July last were dealt with. The following are the decisions arrived at in the various cases.....c

DOG AND GUN, Princes End, £250.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented their annual report.....

The Committee at the supplemental meeting went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard upon oath evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested, and the compensation fund. The Committee fixed the compensation as follows.....

DOG AND GUN, Princes End, beerhouse, ante-1869, £250.

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and paid.”

Compensation of £250 was paid on 16th December 1911.

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

W Corbett [] – **1852**);

E Horton (**1852** – []

DRAYTON

45, Hall Lane (Hawthorn Lane) / Coronation Road, Gospel Oak, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd

LICENSEES

William Douglas Whitehouse (1956 – [1958])

NOTES

Tipton Herald 6/3/1948

“An application for a provisional grant of a full license in respect of premises to be built at the junction of Hall Lane and Coronation Road, Gospel Oak, Tipton, was allowed at Tipton adjourned licensing sessions on Tuesday. No objection was offered.

Mr. Frank C. Cooper for the applicant, Frank Joseph Yardley, a director of W. Butler and Co. Ltd, brewers, Wolverhampton, pointed out that the locality was an island colony on its own and was often referred to as the Lost City. In fact letters addressed to the Lost City were duly delivered in the area. Within a radius of a quarter of a mile there was no other licensed house. Occupied houses in the area numbered 564, but there was not even a room for a meeting. The town planning authority actually planned the site as the most suitable for licensed premises and it was purchased from the council by the brewery. The colony was shut off by reason of its position and because of the canal and railway from easy contact from any other portion of the district. In fact the place was a ‘lost city’ with no facilities of any kind, and the site referred to was the only one available. There were about 2,000 people living in the isolated area who ought to be given the facilities afforded to others in the district Out of all the people of the area, which largely consisted of a Corporation estate of 528 houses built shortly before the last war, not one was against the application. Raymond Hartland, Coronation Road, who was employed at Tipton Gas works, said he was in favour of the application. When Alderman A. F. Welch, one of the magistrates, asked if he was aware that some authorities believed a person would be better without intoxicating drink, witness said that a drink gave him an opportunity for a social quarter of an hour.

The Clerk (Mr. E. E. Brown): If you drink lemonade you could have that.

Witness said he thought that for a person engaged in a gas undertaking, a drink of beer was better than a drink of lemonade.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1955

“The 65th annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited was held yesterday at Wolverhampton, Mr. F. J. Yardley (Chairman and Managing Director) presiding.....

Since the relaxation of building restrictions work has commenced on six new houses and it is expected that contracts will be let in respect of 11 others before September, 1956. The capital expenditure involved in respect of all the above houses is estimated at £318,000.

The new houses in the course of erection, together with their approximate dates of opening are as
LOST CITY, Tipton, April 1956.”

It was opened as the LOST CITY in 1956.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1956

“The annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited will be held on December 31 at Wolverhampton. The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. J. Yardley.....

Six new houses have been opened during the year.....

LOST CITY, Tipton, in July.....

They are all doing good business and in a full year should fully justify the capital outlay involved and make a valuable contribution to earnings.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1956-57], [1957-58]

Tipton Herald 10/11/1956

“Police, called to the LOST CITY public house at Ocker Hill, Tipton, at 10pm last Saturday saw a crowd of about 200 people gathered outside the public house. In the middle of the crowd were three men fighting. P.Sgt. Brewer told this to Tipton magistrates on Tuesday when the men, Cornelius Davies (26), Albert Smith (23), and William Smith (37), all of Hamptons Yard, Great Bridge Road, Bilston, after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly, were each fined £2.

They were told by the Chairman, Mr. T. A. Sanders, ‘We put you a real fine public house – the LOST CITY – in the district – it looks as if you three men have found it.’

P.Sgt. Brewer said that Davies was stripped off to the waist. ‘He wanted to fight me,’ said the sergeant, ‘and with some difficulty he was arrested together with the other men. They were all very drunk’.”

Tipton Herald 18/5/1957

“Admitting breaking six windows valued at £2 in the LOST CITY public house, Coronation Road, Ocker Hill, on April 24th, three 10-years-old boys were fined £1 with 13s 4d damages each by Tipton Juvenile Court on Wednesday. The boys said they caused the damage with a catapult, and were told by the Clerk, Mr. E. E. Brown, ‘Windows can be repaired but it would have been a very different story if the missiles had gone into someone’s eye’.”

The name was changed to the DRAYTON.

It was a venue for rock music in the 1960s.

[1969]

Closed

It was demolished c.1980

DUDLEY PORT

243, Dudley Port Road, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Ansells Ltd. (acquired in 1963)

Holt, Plant and Deakin (acquired in 1984)

Allied Domecq Inns [1997]

Scottish and Newcastle Pub Co. [2010]

LICENSEES

John Carthey (1984 – [1986])

John Whitlow [] – 1988)

Jo Boyd [1997]

Luke Chand and Bill Singh [2009]

NOTES

It was built in 1921 as a dwelling, named Rose Cottage, by Elizabeth Molyneux.
It became a doctor's surgery (Dr. J. J. Harrington) until 1963, when it was sold to Ansell.

The license was transferred from the ANCHOR, Dudley Port.

Closed

It reopened on 22nd February 1984 as an HPD pub.

John Whitlow was married to Heather.
See also LOYAL LODGE, Halesowen.

Daily Mirror 3/6/1997

“Our £3.5 Million Great Pub Giveaway gets a boost today from Budweiser – the most popular beer in the world. We're offering readers the chance to win one of four superb trips to the USA, home of Budweiser, the 'King of Beers.' [sic].....

All you have to do for your chance to win is answer the question and complete the tie-breaker on the entry form. Then add your name and address and take the coupon to your nearest participating Allied Domecq Inns pub. When you buy a bottle of Budweiser, hand your completed entry form to the bar staff and it will go into our luxury holidays competition Where to get your drinks.....

DUDLEY PORT HOUSE, 243 Dudley Port Road, Tipton.”

[2008]

It closed in 2009.

It was damaged in an arson attack in May 2009.

It was converted into a shop.

DUDLEY PORT NEW INN

203, Dudley Port, (Dudley Port Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Badger and Co, patent crown nail works [1861]

LICENSEES

Edward Williams [1818] – [1841]

Richard Kesterton [1841] – [1842]

William Plant [1844] – **1853**)

Elizabeth Plant [] – **1855**);

Richard Kesterton Williams (**1855** – [1862]

Richard Kimberley [] – **1863**);

Thomas Lyons (**1863** – **1869**);

Joseph Martin (**1869**);

Amy Taylor (**1869** – **1870**);

E Wood (**1870** – []

Richard Kesterton Williams [] – 1869);

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams (1869 – [1882]

Mary Williams [1881]

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DUDLEY PORT INN [1824], [1831], [1840], [1844], [1850], [1853], [1855], [1857], [1859], [1860], [1861], [1865], [1867]

OLD DUDLEY PORT INN [1862]

DUDLEY PORT NEW INN [1862], [1864], [1868], [1870]

NEW INN [1868], [1870], [1872]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 13/9/1824 - Advert

“Freehold Houses And Building Land, near Dudley.

To be Sold by J. E. & C. Evans, on Monday the 27th day of September, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. *Edward Williams*, the DUDLEY PORT INN, near Dudley.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 7/1/1828 - Advert

“Freehold Messuages, Malthouse, and five smaller Tenements, at Burnt Tree.

To be Sold by Auction, by E. and C. Robins, on Wednesday the 23rd of January inst. at Mr. *Williams's*, the DUDLEY PORT INN, at four o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions then to be produced.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 13/3/1831 - Advert

“Ash Timber.

Thirty Six Ash Trees, of large dimensions, and seven Poplars, and also five hundred Fencing Posts, now lying at Freebodies Farm, near Dudley Brewery, to be sold by private contract.

Apply to Mr. Jeavons, DUDLEY PORT INN, or to Mr. J. Brewer, Walsall.

Also, one thousand Oak Fencing Posts, lying at Walsall Wharf, for which apply to Mr. J. Brewer.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 24/3/1840 - Advert

“Freehold Premises At Dudley Port.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, at the house of Mr. *Edward Williams*, DUDLEY PORT INN, on Tuesday the 3rd of March next.....”

1841 Census

Dudley Port

[1] *Edward Williams* (55), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Williams* (55), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Richard Williams* (24), born Staffordshire;

[4] *George Gilbert* (12), born Staffordshire;

[5] *William Gilbert* (39), brickmaker, born Staffordshire:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 8/7/1844 - Advert

“Freehold Public House And Premises at Tipton in the county of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Newbold, at the house of Mr. *Plant*, called the DUDLEY PORT INN, in the parish of Tipton, on Wednesday the 17th day of July, 1844 at six o'clock in the evening (by order of the Mortgagee, and subject to conditions then to be produced) – a newly erected and very desirable Dwelling House and Premises, situate in Park Lane, in the parish of Tipton, now occupied by Mr. Thomas Hopkins as a Public House, and known by the sign of the BLACK HORSE; comprising excellent cellarage, entrance-hall, bar, spacious tap-room, parlour, back kitchen, lodge-room, front and back staircase, and four good bedrooms; at the back are a well arranged Brewhouse, with a Malt-room over the same, Cart Shed, Stable and Loft over it, Harness-room, Pigsties, and other Outbuildings, Pump and Well of excellent water,

soft-water Cistern, large Yard, containing (with the sites of the Buildings) 351 square yards, and every other convenience for carrying on an extensive business.

The premises are in good repair, and eligibly situated in a very populous and thriving neighbourhood, and offer an excellent opportunity either for occupation or investment.

For further particulars apply at the respective offices of Mr. Boulton, Solicitor, or of the Auctioneer, in Dudley.”

William Plant was also a wharfinger. [1845]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/4/1850

“At the petty sessions, on Friday last, a man named Thomas Jones, who was stated to have previously been convicted of felony, was committed by J. Roberts, Esq. to take his trial at the next adjourned Stafford sessions, on a charge of stealing two chawls of bacon, weighing 10lbs, from the kitchen of the DUDLEY PORT INN (Mr. *W. Plant*'s), where the prisoner had been drinking on the previous Wednesday. The chawls, which the prisoner had put into the lining of his jacket, and which he had no doubt torn for the purpose, were observed to protrude on his leaving the house by Mrs. *Plant*, who dispatched a person to watch where he went, and having also sent for a police constable, the prisoner was shortly afterwards apprehended by police constable Robert Loose, who found the chawls in his possession; they were identified by Mrs. *Plant*. The prisoner, who was then remanded on another charge of felony, was on Monday again brought up before Captain Bennitt and J. Roberts, Esq., charged with stealing a pair of water-tight boots and a pair of Blucher boots, the property of Thomas Gregory. The water-tights and Bluchers were missed early on the morning of the 17th instant from the malthouse of Mr. Rudge, in whose service the prosecutor was, and were traced as having been sold to an old man, the former for 4s and the latter for 3s the same morning (Wednesday), at the DUDLEY PORT INN. The articles were fully identified by Gregory, and the prisoner was committed for trial on this charge also.”

1851 Census

Dudley Port

- [1] *Joseph Plant* (50), butcher, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Plant* (42), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Henry Plant (9), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Edward Plant (6), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Henry Timmins (19), apprentice, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Clark (15), servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/7/1853 - Deaths

“On the 28th ult., after a few days illness, Mr. *Joseph Plant*, of the DUDLEY PORT INN Tipton, aged 52 years.”

Birmingham Journal 9/6/1855 - Advert

“Sale At DUDLEY PORT INN, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, on Monday Next, June 11th, super Household Furniture, superior fine-toned Piano-Forte, in handsome rosewood case, Twenty Bushels of Malt, Pocket of prime Hops, and other useful Effects, belonging to a Gentleman leaving England, and removed to the DUDLEY PORT INN, for convenience of sale.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock in the morning.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/8/1857

“Three boatmen, named John and Joseph Twigg, and George Hughes, were charged with stealing 18cwt of pig iron, which they were conveying in a boat at midnight on Wednesday, stopping opposite the shop of a marine store dealer, named *Richard Williams*, who keeps the DUDLEY PORT INN, on the canal side. Mr. Daniel Rogers proved that the prisoners were engaged to deliver a quantity of iron at Hickman's Wharf, Tipton, on Wednesday, for Messrs. Melrose and Hussey. The prisoners, who were undefended, were committed

for trail.”

[At Stafford, on the 19th October, 1857, the prisoners were charged with ‘stealing from a wharf adjacent to a navigable canal’. John and James Twigg received six months, and George Hughes, who had been convicted of a felony previously received four years.]

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

Richard Kesterton Williams, DUDLEY PORT INN, cautioned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/5/1859

“At midnight on Friday an alarm of fire was given at the DUDLEY PORT INN, belonging to Mr. *Williams*. Messengers were immediately dispatched to Dudley, and in a few minutes two engines arrived; but it was then discovered that the fire – which had never been assumed a serious aspect – had been extinguished by the exertions of the inhabitants of the house and the surrounding neighbours. The cause of the fire, which was confined to one bedroom, was the ignition of a rafter in the floor, the end of which projecting into a flu coming from the grate below, in which there was a fire lighted at the time. The smoke, however, gave warning to those sleeping in the room that all was not right, and the fire was consequently discovered in time enough to prevent serious consequences ensuing. With the exception of the floor, only one or two dresses were destroyed, and a portion of the chair on which they were lying; but great deal of damage was done by the water.”

Birmingham Journal 5/5/1860

“At the County Court, on Monday, a case came on for hearing that involved an important point as far as inn-keepers, especially those taking charge of boat horse and boats. Mr. Beasley, of Worcester, who owns horses and boats, sued Mr. *Williams*, a publican, of Dudley Port, for the sum of £18 18s, damages, arising from the loss of a horse. Mr. R. T. Lee appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Motteram (instructed by Messrs. Collins and Ure) for the defendant. The circumstances out of which the claim arose were simply that, in accordance with the custom in the black country, defendant’s house being near the canal, he had built a kind of shed, in which boatman left their horses, on payment of 3d, while they tied their boats up to the side of the canal. Plaintiff put his horse in this shed on one occasion a short time ago, and paid 3d. During the night the horse was stolen, and nothing more was heard of him. Plaintiff consequently claimed the value of the horse. For the defendant, Mr. Motteram contended that the horse was put in the shed at the owners own risk, inasmuch as there was neither lock nor key to the door. The learned counsel also read several cases bearing upon the question of liability attaching to landlords. Mr. Rea argued contra, and also cited cases, and eventually the Judge held that the latter was right, and therefore gave a verdict for plaintiff.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/9/1860 - Deaths

“On the 8th instant, at Burslem, aged 76 years, Mary, relict of Mr. *Edward Williams*, of Dudley Port, and mother of Mr. *R. K. Williams*, of the DUDLEY PORT INN, Dudley Port.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port – DUDLEY PORT INN

- [1] *Richard K. Williams* (48), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Williams* (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Eliza Wall (28), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [4] Alice Brindley (13), visitor, born Tipton;
- [5] Edward Plant (16), stepson, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Whitehouse (25), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] Francis Thomas (20), brewer, born Oxfordshire:

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/7/1861 - Advert

“The DUDLEY PORT INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, Staffordshire, by Messrs. Hipkins and Thomas. To Be Sold By Private Treaty, the License, Goodwill, and Possession of the above excellent and important Inn, which has been carried on with distinguished and uninterrupted success by the present proprietor and predecessors of the family for more than a century. The purchaser may also carry on very advantageously (as they do now) a Retail Grocery Business in connection therewith. The house is situated by the side of the canal, in close proximity to the new Wharf for the Grand Junction Company, and fronts the turnpike Road leading from Dudley to Birmingham, in a very populous and important district, surrounded by ironworks; and its commanding position and extensive business accommodation will always ensure a large trade. Coming-in may be reduced to suit the purchaser. Apply to Samuel Hipkins, Auctioneer, Burnt Tree, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 11/1/1862 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold Property, Burnt Tree, Tipton. By Messrs. Hipkins and Thomas, on Monday, the 20th day of January inst., (by order of the Mortgagees), at the House of Mr. *R. K. Williams*, the DUDLEY PORT NEW INN, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, at Six o'clock in the Evening; and subject to conditions then to be read.....”
[The sale was cancelled.]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/8/1862 - Advert

“OLD DUDLEY PORT INN, Dudley Port. Peremptory Sale, Positively Without the least Reserve, To-Morrow (Saturday), August 16th, 1862. Mr. Thomas Skidmore will Sell by Auction, Tomorrow (Saturday), August 16th, all the Public House Effects, and Household Furniture, on the Premises as above, comprising Screens, Benches, Spirit Counter, Four-pull Ale Machine, Bagatelle Board, 100 gallon copper Boiler, 60 gallon iron Boiler, pair large Ale Vats, Spirit Bottles, Jugs, Glasses, Drinking Tables, Coffee Can, quantity of Spirits, Ale, mahogany Sofa, Loo, Pembroke, and Dining Tables, capital Eight-day Clock, sets Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses, mahogany Dressing Tables, Toilet Glasses, Kitchen Requisites, &c. Sale punctually at Eleven a.m.”

Stourbridge Observer 14/5/1864

“An inquest was held before E. Hooper, Esq, district coroner, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Lyons*, the DUDLEY PORT INN, on Saturday last, to enquire into the circumstances touching the death of George Raxworthy, a child aged 3 years and 6 months. The little boy was the son of a widow, and during the short absence of his mother, pushed a cup of hot tea from the table, and scalded his chest in a very severe manner. Every remedy that could be thought of was immediately applied, but with no effect, as the poor sufferer gradually sank and died, on the Thursday night preceeding. A verdict of Accidental Death was immediately returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/11/1864 - Advert

“Found, a Black Retriever and Setter Bitch. If not owned within seven days, will be sold to defray expense. Apply, DUDLEY PORT NEW INN.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/12/1864

“On Saturday, at the West Bromwich Police Court, two boatmen, named George Checkly and James Owen, were brought up on the charge of having stolen a chest of tea, of the value £15, and a loaf of sugar, the property of the Grand Junction Canal Company. From the evidence it appeared that John Woodhouse, in the employment of the company, had, on Wednesday night last, reached Dudley Port canal basin with his boat, on a voyage from London to Wolverhampton. The prisoners, also in the employment of the company, moored their boat alongside that belonging to Woodhouse, in whose boat was stored three chests of tea and a quantity of sugar consigned to a trade at Tipton. Woodhouse went to bed in his cabin at about eleven o'clock, and on the following morning he discovered that three chests of gunpowder had been removed from the top of the three chests of tea, and one of the latter, together with a loaf of sugar, had been stolen. Suspicion was attached to the accused, as during the night they were observed to be very busy burning something, and a

blazing fire was kept up in their cabin the greater portion of the night. Information of the robbery was given to the police, and Police-constable Whale discovered a number of pieces of burnt tea chest and a quantity of tea floating round the prisoner's boat. The officer charged them with the robbery, which they denied. He, however, apprehended Checkly on suspicion. The other prisoner was subsequently taken into custody by Police-sergeant Swift. The latter went to the DUDLEY PORT INN, a short distance from the place where the boat was stationed, and found in the stable a bag containing about 90lbs of tea of the same quality as that which had been stolen. Several pounds of tea were scattered on the canal sides. *Lyons*, landlord of the DUDLEY PORT INN, identified the prisoners as the parties who had brought the bag, well filled with something, to his house on Wednesday night. This circumstance excited no suspicion in the mind of *Lyons* at the time, as it was customary for boatmen to bring bags of horse corn to his premises for safety until they resumed their voyage on the following day. The prisoners were committed to take their trial at the Sessions."

County Express 4/5/1867

"At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, John Doncaster, a labourer, was charged with having embezzled moneys belonging to *Thomas Lyon* [sic], DUDLEY PORT INN. On Friday, the 12th of April, the prosecutor sent the prisoner, who had occasionally worked for him, to sell a glandered horse, telling him to take it to the knacker's yard, and bring back whatever money was given for it. The prisoner, however, sold the horse to a person in Birmingham to be worked, and failed to return with the money; but on the summons being taken out he offered 10s, which the prosecutor declined, his main object in sending the horse away being to have it killed. Committed for trial at the next Quarter Session for the county."

Birmingham Daily Post 10/12/1867 - Advert

"DUDLEY PORT INN.

To Innkeepers, Families, Brokers, And Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. Hipkins and Thomas, without the least reserve, To-Morrow (Wednesday), December 11 (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract) – the whole of the Household Furniture, Stock-in-Trade, Brewing Plant, Licenses, and Goodwill, belonging to Mr. *Lyons*, of the DUDLEY PORT INN (who is declining the Public Business); comprising Sofa Tables, Counter with zinc top; 4-pull Beer Machine, with 120 feet of Piping; Gasfittings and Piping, Thermometer, Hydrometer, Saccarometer, Windsor Chairs, Clock in oak case, Wash and Dressing Tables, Bedding, 100-gallon Casks, 60-gallon Casks, excellent gray Horse, set of brass-mounted Harness, Stable Fitting, &c.

Auctioneer's Offices, Dudley Port and Horseley Heath, Tipton."

Birmingham Journal 5/12/1868 - Deaths

"On the 28th ult, aged 53 years, Mr. *Richard K. Williams*, of the DUDLEY PORT NEW INN; deeply regretted."

Amy Taylor = Amy Tyler

Birmingham Daily Post 30/5/1870

"On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the DUDLEY PORT INN, upon the body of William Yard, a miner, who was fatally injured in the Park Lane Colliery, about a week ago. Mr. J. P. Baker, the Government Inspector of Mines, was present during the inquiry. The evidence showed that Yard had 'bored' his coal, and was engaged in putting in a 'shot'. He held the powder can in one hand, whilst with the other he was throwing powder into the hole from the lid of the vessel, and this, notwithstanding that there was a lighted naked candle close to his arm. Suddenly an explosion occurred, and the unfortunate man was severely burnt on various parts of the body. Mr. Baker strongly condemned the practice of throwing powder in the manner adopted by the deceased. It would be far better if pitchbags and cartridges were used. The copper screw was a safe apparatus to use in blasting coal. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

AND

"At the same house, the death of Thomas Matthews, forty-four years of age, a chainmaker, late of Dudley, was inquired into by the Coroner and Jury. It was shown in evidence that the deceased was in a state of

intoxication on Tuesday night, in Tipton, and that on Thursday afternoon his dead body was found in the canal near the place of inquest. The wife of the deceased was opinion that her husband being 'half-asleep and half-awake' fell into the canal and was drowned. After the Coroner had summed up, the Jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 26/11/1870 - Advert

"Valuable Freehold Building Land and Other Land, Situated at Groveland, Dudley Port, and Park Lane, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Bateman, the 5th day of December next, at Six o'clock in the evening, at the house of Mrs. *Elizabeth Williams*, the DUDLEY PORT NEW INN, at Dudley Port in Tipton, subject to conditions then to be produced....."

1871 Census

203, Dudley Port

- [1] Mary Williams (60), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Vickless (?) (75), visitor, born Tipton;
- [3] Ann Bullivant (30), barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [4] Margaret Perry (17), general servant, born Tipton;
- [5] Thomas Booth (23), general servant, born Kidderminster:

Elizabeth Williams = Mary Williams?

1881 Census

203, Dudley Port

- [1] *Elizabeth Williams* (72), widow, licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Annie Bullivant (43), barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [3] Martha Grant (26), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 28/1/1882

"On Thursday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the NEW INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Bertha Grant (20), lately servant there, who was found dead in bed, under circumstances which led to the belief that she had poisoned herself on the previous Tuesday morning.

Emma Grant, wife of William Grant, boat loader, and mother of deceased, having identified the body, said deceased had lived with Mr. *Williams* at the house for the past five years. Witness last saw her alive on Monday morning, near the BELL INN; but did not speak to her. The next morning the barmaid came and told her that her daughter was dead. Witness went to see deceased, and found her lying in her bed as if asleep with her arms crossed. Dr. Price was called in. He saw a cup on the table, which he took possession of. Deceased had been complaining of a pain in her side for some time. She was keeping company with a young man named Jerry Beach, living at Ocker Hill. They were together on Sunday night, and appeared to be on good terms. Deceased had seemed depressed in spirits sometimes. She never said she would destroy herself. Witness had no reason to suppose that deceased had taken poison.

Mary Rea, barmaid, said she had known deceased for four years. On Monday deceased was working about the house as usual, and asked leave to go down the street. Permission was granted, and she went out with a girl who had come for her. She returned about half-past nine o'clock, and went into the bar to speak to witness, appearing as lively as usual. On being asked where she had been, she said she had been home. She said she did not want any supper, and went upstairs to her own room. For the past three weeks, deceased slept with witness, at her own request. Deceased's own bedroom was on the same floor, and she came out of it before going to bed with witness. She undressed in witness's room. When she got into bed, deceased said she wished she was lying by a companion now dead. After wishing her good-night deceased seemed to fall asleep. Knowing deceased wanted to get up early next morning, witness put her hand out to wake her, and found she was alone, and the place deceased had lain quite cold. Witness got up and lighted the candle, and saw deceased's clothes on the bed where she had undressed. She went into deceased's bedroom and saw her lying on the bed, quite straight and quite cold and stiff. She went for deceased's mother, and sent

for Dr. Price. On his arrival, he told them that the police would have to be communicated with, which was done. Beside the bed on which deceased lay a cup was found containing a greenish-looking mixture, which the doctor said was poison. A partially burned paper, labelled 'Poison,' was also found in the room. There was no candle in the room after deceased came out before going to bed. Deceased was with her sweetheart on Sunday last, and they seemed to be on good terms. Deceased had said at one time that her mother wanted her money badly, but had never quarrelled with her. The death of a friend seemed to have preyed on her mind.

Annie Lawrence, living at Tividale, said she knew deceased. She called on her on Monday night between seven and eight o'clock. They went out together for a walk as far as New Road, Dudley Port. Deceased did not speak all the way; but when they got to Dudley Port she asked witness to go with her to the chemist's. They went, and deceased asked for two three-penny packets of mouse poison. The man in the shop gave it, and deceased signed his book. The packets had a red band round them like the piece produced. They came up the road and called at a house where witness met some people she knew. Witness left deceased some time after and never saw her again alive. She never heard deceased talk about her sweetheart. Witness signed that book as Annie Lawrence, which name she took for an aunt; but that was not her proper name. She did not know whose house they called at. They were not looking for a young man. Witness's real name was Mary Annie Phillips.

George Henry Blakeway, assistant to Benjamin Haddock, chemist, New Road, Dudley Port, deposed to deceased coming to the shop for the mouse poison, along with another girl. Witness asked her what the poison was wanted for and she said 'For killing mice.' Witness asked her name and signed the book for her, deceased being unable to write affixed her mark. Witness said jocularly 'I don't suppose you want to poison yourselves,' and both laughed and answered 'Oh. No, we love life too well.' The girl Lawrence signed as a witness. Witness then wrapped up the poison, labelled it, and gave it to deceased, and they left the shop. The piece of paper produced was part of the 'poison' label. The next morning he heard that deceased had poisoned herself, and recollected that he had sold her some poison. Witness did not think that the quantity sold was unusual. He made it a rule to ask parties purchasing poison if they were going to poison themselves. Deceased had never bought poison from witness previous to this. When in the shop deceased said, 'What a nice-looking chap Lefroy was,' and both girls laughed.

Elizabeth Williams, landlady of the house, said she gave deceased permission to go out on Monday evening, and she seemed as well as ever when she returned. Deceased was on the best of terms with her barmaid. So far as witness knew deceased was not in the family way.

Mary Forrest, single woman, living opposite the BELL, said she saw the deceased on Tuesday night just before eight o'clock when she came into witness's house, warmed her hands by the fire, and went out saying 'I will never see you again' this being all that passed. Witness did not see a girl Lawrence with deceased. The coroner said there was no doubt that the girl had poisoned herself. He did not think much reliance was to be placed either on the evidence of the girl Lawrence or that of the witness Forrest.

The jury, through their foreman, Mr. Fullard, returned a verdict of Suicide whilst in a state of Unsound Mind, expressing an opinion that the girl Lawrence or Phillips should be censured. She being re-called, the coroner reproved her sharply, saying that not only did he disbelieve her evidence, but she had laid herself open to be committed for perjury by signing a false name in the chemist's book, and also by giving a false name when on her oath. He did not know what action might be taken against her; but in the meantime she would be disallowed the fee to which she would otherwise have been entitled."

Closed

DUKES HEAD

Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Hannah Nicklin [1818]

DUN COW

69, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Woodhall Ltd. [1909]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Glover [1861] – [1881]

Gideon Wilson [1896]

Robert O'Brien [1901]

Samuel Woodhall [1904]

Isaac Harris [1908]

Mrs. Fanny Sophia Tuckley [1908] – [1909]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Robert O'Brien, beer retailer, 69, Horseley Heath.

Joseph Glover, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1861], [1864], [1868], [1872]

1861 Census

Horsley Heath

[1] *Joseph Glover* (48), farmer and publican, born Shelfield, Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Glover (45), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Lucy Glover (14), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] Joseph Glover (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[5] Ann M. Glover (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1871 Census

69, Horseley Heath

[1] *Joseph Glover* (58), publican employing 1 man, born Walsall;

[2] Ann Glover (53), wife, born Hagley, Worcestershire:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/8/1872

“A day or two ago, when the colliers on the west of Dudley agreed to go to work, on the suggestion of Mr. Fisher Smith with regard to the arrangements of time for descending the pits, it was stated that the step taken

by the men was calculated to bring about a settlement of the difficulty. Now the men on the east of Dudley have taken a step which leads still further towards restoring peace between the coalowners and themselves. Late on Friday evening a private meeting of delegates was held at the DUN COW, Great Bridge, and certain arrangements were made for the following day, in order that the vexed question of descending and ascending the pits might be arrived at.....”

1881 Census

69, Horseley Heath

[1] *Joseph Glover* (68), licensed victualler, born Walsall;

[2] *Ann Glover* (65), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Hannah Sheldon* (12), visitor, scholar, born Tipton:

London Gazette 18/2/1890

“Notice is hereby given, that the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies has dated the 13th day of February, 1890, suspended for three months the Registry of the Sons of Labour Lodge of the Order of Druids Friendly Society, Register No.1983, held at the DUN COW INN, Horseley Heath on the ground that the Society has wilfully violated the provisions of the above mentioned Act, in respect of the valuation of its assets and liabilities.....”

[Its registry was totally cancelled in October 1890.]

Lichfield Mercury 26/9/1890

“The colliers’ section of the Miners’ Wages Board for the Dudley district held a meeting on Tuesday night, at the DUN COW, Horseley Heath, Tipton, Mr. Rust in the chair, and also voted £10 to the strike.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/12/1892 - Advert

“W. L. Somers has been favoured with instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by Public Auction, on Monday Next, December 12th, at Seven o’clock in the evening.....

Lot 1. All those Two Freehold Dwelling Houses, situate and being Nos.67 and 68, Horseley Heath, each House containing two Sleeping Rooms, Sitting Room, and Kitchen, with Paved Yard, large Wash-house, Garden, and Pigsty, with the usual Outbuildings, and producing, at weekly rentals, £18 4s per annum, and containing 267 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 2. All that Old-established Freehold Beerhouse, known as the DUN COW INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, and situate in the main road between Birmingham and Dudley, having three Sleeping Rooms; large Club Room, 17ft wide by 34ft long; Smoke Room and Bar, Tap Room, large Kitchen, Brewhouse, Wash-house, three good Cellars opening out into the Yard, Stabling for three horses, three-stalled Cow-house, three Piggeries, the usual Out-buildings, good Yard, large Garden, and Gateway Entrance to the whole of the Property. There is plenty of hard and soft Water, the company’s pipes being laid on, and the Gas throughout. The area of the land is 639 square yards or thereabouts.

To investors or persons wishing to secure a well-established Free House and good-letting Property adjoining, this offers an opportunity seldom to be met with, the Beerhouse having been in the possession of the present occupier for over forty years. There are four clubs to the house, with a good in and out door trade. Possession of the whole may be obtained on completion of the purchase. The Trade Fixtures and Brewing Plant to be taken to at the price named by the Auctioneer at the time of sale.”

Gideon Wilson, beer retailer, 69, Horseley Heath. [1896]

1901 Census

69, Horseley Heath – DUNN COW

[1] *Robert O’Brien* (49), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Emily O’Brien* (47), wife, born London;

[3] *Alice O’Brien* (14), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] *William O’Brien* (27), son, soldier, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Frank O’Brien* (19), son, striker in bridge works, born West Bromwich;

- [6] Robert O'Brien (15), son, engine fitter, born West Bromwich;
[7] Thomas O'Brien (18), son, solicitor's clerk, born West Bromwich;
[8] Alice Chamberlain (3), granddaughter, born West Bromwich:

Samuel Woodhall, beer retailer, 69, Horseley Heath. [1904]

It was recommended to be closed on the grounds of redundancy in February 1908.
It was referred to the Compensation Authority in July 1908.
It was renewed.

Tipton Herald 13/3/1909

“Adjourned Licensing Meeting – Tipton.....

.....was tied [to Samuel Woodhall Ltd.] for malt, bottled stout etc doing a good business. It was a double fronted house, three bedrooms upstairs, and stabling for two horses Mrs. *Tuckley* had the best of characters, and had conducted the business satisfactorily the trade had enormously improved of late Mrs. *Tuckley* said she was selling 4½ barrels of ale per week, and was doing a profitable trade. In one year she purchased 31½ quarters of malt and 32 barrels of beer.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority again in March 1909, on the grounds of lack of accommodation, and difficult for police supervision.

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/5/1909

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1904, by the Compensation Authority for the County of Stafford, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at 10.30 o'clock am, on Friday, the 11th day of June, 1909.

And Notice is Hereby also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list.....
DUN COW, 69, Horseley Heath, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Fanny Sophia Tuckley*.”

The license renewal was refused at Stafford on 17th June 1909.

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/6/1909

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire County Compensation Authority, adjourned from the 11th inst.....

The case of the DUN COW, an ante-1869 beerhouse, at 69, Horseley Heath, Tipton, the tenant of which is *Fanny Sophia Tuckley*, was taken first. Mr. R. J. Lawrence appeared in support of the refusal of the local licensing justices and Mr. Graham Milward represented the owners and tenants (instructed by Messrs. Sharpe and Darby for the owners and by Mr. H. M. Foster for the tenant). In opening the case, Mr. Lawrence said the house was let at a rent of £25 a year, and the reasons of the refusal for the Court below to renew the licence were that there was no decent living accommodation for the tenant's family, that the premises were difficult for police supervision, and that there was communication with adjoining property. There was only one small living room and three small bedrooms in the house, the licence of which had been frequently transferred during recent years. The present tenant obtained a permanent transfer in October last, and finding that the trade was so poor had opened a coalyard attached to the premises. There were other houses in the immediate locality, of which he gave particulars, and urged that owing to industrial premises in the district having been closed to a greater extent than others had been opened the requirements of the locality were not so large as previously and were covered by the other houses. Inspector W. W. Burgess, in the course of his evidence, said there had been 10 transfers of the licence in question during the last seven years. With regard to the communication with other premises, to which reference had been made by Mr. Lawrence, witness said that there was a gate leading into four adjoining cottages. It was impossible to have any police supervision during prohibited hours, and there was a coal business carried on in the back yard. In cross-examination, he said that he had never seen any improper use of the gate in question, but it was there and could be used. He had reason to believe that an improper use of it was made by the last tenant, but he was not

warned.

Mr. G. Bott, who was rate collector in the district for many years, said that as the result of his experience he was of opinion that many works and some collieries had been closed in the last few years.

Other evidence having been given to the same effect on behalf of the justices, the tenant was called and said her trade was about four barrels a week. Over measure was given in out-door trade in all public houses in Tipton. She denied that the back door which had been referred to was used, and said that with regard to the long pull the public could get a quart of beer for a pint at many places in Tipton. She gave about three half pints for a pint. Other evidence was given by Mr. Stamps, secretary to Messrs. Mitchells and Butler's, the owners of the house, as to the amount of trade done by the house and by Mr. Wood, architect and surveyor, as to the suitability of the premises for licensed purposes as compared with other neighbouring houses.

Mr. Milward addressed the Court at some length in support of the renewal of the licence, contending that no case had been made out for its refusal. With regard to the accommodation, he contended that other adjacent houses were in a worse condition, and dealing with the question of the communication between the inn and adjacent property he urged that no proof had been offered that there was any real suspicion as to the use of it for any illegal purpose. The trade of the house was not declining but, as a matter of fact, was increasing under the management of the present tenant. The committee retired to consider their decision, but Mr. Dougherty did not participate in their deliberations. On their return, the Chairman said they had decided not to renew the licence."

Lichfield Mercury 7/1/1910

"The Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of Stafford commenced on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford.....

The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority was held on the 11th June, and by adjournment on the 12th and 17th June, when the Committee, after careful consideration of each case referred, refused to renew 62 licenses.

The Committee, at a supplemental meeting, went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund. In the following 60 cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

DUN COW, 69, Horseley Heath, Tipton. £800.

.....the money has been apportioned amongst the interested parties."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/7/1922

"There was an interesting case at Dudley County Court yesterday, before his Honour Judge Tebbs, when the executors of Thomas Stonehewer, deceased, sued nine persons including several ex-Servicemen and their wives, for the possession of 69, Horseley Heath, Tipton, formerly known as the DUN COW, but for some time past delicensed.

It appears that at the outbreak of the war in 1914 Thomas Stonehewer gave up possession of the premises to the Tipton Urban District Council, so that they could be used as a home for Belgian refugees. The Council eventually gave up the premises, and without knowledge or consent of plaintiffs or their agents defendants at some time entered, paying neither rent nor rates.

Defendants said they had nowhere to go.

The Judge made an order for possession in two months."

DURHAM OX

31, (32), Railway Street, (New Road), (Coppice North), Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Charles Darby, West Bromwich
Darby's Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. [1903]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1972]

LICENSEES

John Smith [1860] – [1861]
Amos Langham [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. Nancy Langham [1864] – [1871]
Thomas Male [1873]
George Sheldon [1881] – [1882]
George Thomas [1892] – [1896]
Joseph Butler [1898]
Albert Edward Humphreys [1899] – [1901]
Josiah Harvey* [1903]
Joshua Harvey* [1904]
Mrs. Mary Matthews [1908]
Leonard Bates [1911] – 1925);
Thomas Bills (1925 – 1937);
Albert Edward Kirkham (1937 – 1941);
Florence Anne Kirkham (1941 – 1945);
Albert Edward Kirkham (1945 – 1946);
Samuel Cooper (1946 – 1952);
Gerald William Hingley (1952 – 1953);
John Thomas Billingham (1953 – 1954);
Samuel Morton (1954 – 1955);
George Edwin Cowell (1955 – 1959);
Joseph Skidmore (1959 – 1961);
William Pugh (1961 – 1963);
Douglas Simcox (1963 – 1964);
Sidney Jones (1964 – 1965);
Francis Joseph Forde (1965 – [1966]
Charles Walker [1968]

NOTES

Coppice North [1861]
32, Railway Street [1873]
31, Railway Street [1871], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1932],
[1939], [1940]
New Road

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/4/1858

“Sam Inston (alias Flesh) of Dudley has sent us £5 to make a match with Baker of Westbromwich for £50 a side, at 11st. He will meet him at the DURHAM OX, Horsley Heath, Tipton, on Monday, to draw articles, between six and eight o'clock.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/6/1860

“John Smith, landlord of the DURHAM OX, beerhouse, Leabrook, was summoned for permitting drunken-

ness in his house on Whit-Tuesday. Police-constable Hathaway deposed that the company were very disorderly, at least ten men being drunk and quarrelling. In his cross-examination, however, by Mr. Sheldon, solicitor, he admitted that he himself sat for upwards of an hour with this disorderly company, and had sung them a song, which concluded with the toast 'The Queen might be hung drawn and quartered.'

Mr. Leigh said there could be no conviction.

The Chief Constable has discharged Hathaway from the force."

1861 Census

Coppice North – DURHAM OX

[1] *John Smith* (32), widower, beerseller, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[2] *Thomas Smith* (13), son, labourer, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[3] *Sarah Smith* (12), daughter, scholar, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[4] *Maria Smith* (9), daughter, scholar, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[5] *Elizabeth Smith* (20), sister, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[6] *Mary Smith* (62), mother, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[7] *Edward Bateman* (18), lodger, labourer, born Droitwich, Worcestershire;

[8] *George Charles* (52), lodger, labourer, born Droitwich, Worcestershire:

Amos Langham = Amos Langam = Amos Langan

Amos Langham, beer retailer, Railway Street, Horseley Heath. [1864], [1865]

Amos Langham died in 1864.

Nancy Langham = Nancy Langan

Birmingham Daily Post 3/10/1864

"Adjourned licensing meeting.....

There were a great many applications, of which the following were granted.....

Nancy Langan, Railway Street, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Post 30/5/1870

"On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the DURHAM OX, Railway Street, Dudley Port, upon the body of William Henry Nicholls, aged 5, who resided with his parents in the neighbourhood. On Thursday last the boy was playing on the side of the canal and fell in. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/12/1870

"To the long list of recent railway accidents we must add one which occurred near Great Bridge yesterday morning. The Great Western passenger train started, as usual, at 9.15 from Dudley to Birmingham. The company have running powers over the London and North-Western line until they arrive at Horsley Heath Junction, which is midway between Dudley Port Station and Great Bridge. It was just at this point, where two lines converge, that the train was violently run into by a 'luggage' from Derby. The engine of the passenger train had passed the dangerous corner, and the collision occurred between the tenders and the first carriage. This, which was a 'third class', was knocked off the line and upset. The next reared up against it, and the engine, though uninjured, was lifted off the metals. The shock was very alarming, and there was great consternation amongst all the passengers in the seven carriages of which the train consisted by which they were travelling. Many of them were thrown forward with great force, and sustained injuries by coming into violent contact with the wooden partitions of the compartments.

The persons most seriously hurt, however, were those who occupied the smashed and upturned carriage. These were Mr. Henry Morris, of Kidderminster Street, Stourbridge; Mr. William Taylor, of The Lye; and Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, of New Town. The latter were removed to the house of a grocer named Harvey, of Great Bridge, and the others to a public house called the DURHAM OX.

Mr. Underhill, Mr. Clayton, and Mr. Brown, surgeons, were promptly in attendance. It was found the Morris was badly hurt in the legs and other parts, that Taylor had sustained injuries in the ribs and legs; Mr. Kendrick had his head cut open, and his back seriously hurt; Mrs. Kendrick was only slightly injured. The driver and stoker of the passenger train jumped off, and thus escaped. The permanent way was not much damaged. One of the lines was cleared in about an hour after the accident, and traffic was resumed on the other in the course of the afternoon. The cause of the accident we did not ascertain, the railway officials being, as usual, exceedingly reticent. An unauthoritative opinion is that the driver of the goods train disregarded the danger signals.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/12/1870

“The men who were injured in the collision at Horsley Heath Junction, near Great Bridge Station, were lying in a somewhat critical condition. Their names are Henry Morris (50), iron merchant, Stourbridge; and William Taylor (54), general dealer, living at The Lye. Mr. Morris is badly hurt about the head and legs, and he appears to have suffered some internal injury. Mr. Taylor’s legs are severely cut, and he is much bruised on various parts of the body. As stated in yesterday’s *Gazette*, they are lying at the DURHAM OX, Railway Street. Their wives were present with them all day yesterday. Mr. Underhill, surgeon, who is attending the sufferers, says they must be kept very quiet. Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, of Stourbridge, who were also injured, were slightly better yesterday.”

1871 Census

31, Railway Street

[1] *Nancy Langham* (60), widow, publican DURHAM OX, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Male* (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] *Charles Male* (6 months), grandson, born Tipton;

[4] *Henry Jevons* (37), son, gentleman, born Tipton;

[5] *Henry Jevons* (7), grandson, born Tipton;

[6] *John Jevons* (12), grandson, born Tipton;

[7] *William Jevons* (9), grandson, born Tipton;

[8] *Emma Jevons* (36), daughter-in-law, born Tipton;

[9] *Thomas Male* (27), visitor, brick manufacturer, born Tipton;

[10] *William Hezquiar* (?) (23), boarder, born Tipton;

[11] *Mary Whitehouse* (22), visitor, born Tipton:

Birmingham Mail 25/7/1871

“At the Stafford Assizes, yesterday, the case of *Langan v. Great Western Railway Company* was tried. This action was brought to recover the sum of £90, for board and lodgings supplied to two persons at the request of the company’s servants, in consequence of an accident to them on the line. The plaintiff is landlady of the DURHAM OX INN, Tipton, and on the 27th of December an accident happened on the line, close to Mrs. *Langan*’s house, by which two men, named Morris and Taylor, were injured. They were brought to the plaintiff’s by the station-master at Great Bridge, the nearest station to the place where the accident occurred One of them remained at the plaintiff’s house until the 25th of January, and the other until the 27th Mr. Travis subsequently wrote to Mr. Andrewes, the Great Western traffic manager at Birmingham, applying for payment of plaintiff’s account, and claiming £10 as compensation for loss of trade by having her house turned into a hospital. A reply was ultimately received from Mr. Grierson, the general manager of the Great Western Railway, stating that the company were in no way in fault with regard to the accident On the part of the plaintiff it was contended that Mr. Grierson was under a misapprehension, inasmuch as the company had admitted their liability by paying Mr. Morris, who brought an action against the railway at the Gloucester Assizes, £1,500 to settle the matter. Taylor had also sued, and £200 had been paid in respect of that action After the whole of the plaintiff’s witnesses had been examined, his Lordship said he was under the impression that there was hardly any evidence to show liability on the part of the Railway Company, and ultimately ordered the plaintiff to be non-suited, with leave to move for a verdict to be entered in her favour for £90 if there was any evidence that ought to have gone to the jury.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/4/1872 - Advert

“To be Sold, DURHAM OX, Railway Street, Tipton. Capital Old-licensed House. Weekly takings from £12 to £14. Rent £30. In-coming under £50.”

Nancy Langham died in 1874.

Dudley Herald 21/10/1876

“Yesterday, a shocking accident that has terminated fatally, happened to a child of five years of age, named Thomas Jeavons. It appears that the child was residing with his aunt, landlady of the DURHAM OX, Horseley Heath, and whilst trying to take some peas from a pot on the fire, his pinafore caught fire, and in an instant he was completely enveloped in flames. The father of the lad succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but in doing so he was seriously burnt himself. The little fellow was at once taken to the Guest Hospital, where he was attended to by Mr. Orwin, house surgeon, but his injuries were of so serious a nature that he died the same day.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/7/1879 - Advert

“DURHAM OX INN, Railway Street, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, on the above-named Premises, Tomorrow, Friday, 18th day of July, at 6 for 7 o'clock precisely.

The Lease, Licenses, and Possession of the above well-known Old-licensed House, containing Four Bed Rooms, Club Room, Kitchen, Smoke Room; excellent Liquor Vault, good Cellars, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable, Pigsties, large Yard, and every convenience for retail business purposes.

The Premises are held under a lease for fourteen years, commencing 25th day of March, 1878, at the low annual rental of £45.

The Premises are well situated, being close to the well-known Horseley Heath Works.

Further particulars may be had from the Proprietor; or from the Auctioneer, Church Street, Wednesbury.”

Wednesbury Herald 6/3/1880

“DURHAM OX INN, Railway Street, Horseley Heath, Tipton. To be Sold By Auction, without Reserve, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, on Friday, March 12th, 1880 (at the above named inn), at six for seven o'clock in the evening, the Lease, Licenses, and Possession of the above named Free Home-Brewing Old Licensed House and Premises.

The Premises are held under a Lease for 14 years from the 25th day of March 1878, at the low Annual Rental of £45.

The Premises occupy a capital position, being in a thickly populated neighbourhood, and close to the well-known Horsley Heath Works.....”

1881 Census

31, Railway Street

[1] *George Sheldon* (28), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Eleanor E. Sheldon* (26), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Clara E. Sheldon* (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Helen Sheldon* (2), visitor, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Amelia Buckle* (18), general servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 7/5/1898

“Visitors to the Colosseum on Wednesday night had an opportunity afforded them of helping the miners on strike in South Wales. A number of the men have formed themselves into a choir and are travelling about the country singing glees and other music when opportunity affords The excellent manner in which the colliers sang left no doubt as the natural musical talent of Welshmen. The audience were quite enraptured and encored the singers. Afterwards a collection was made on their behalf.

At the DURHAM OX, Tipton, on Wednesday night, a meeting was held of the West Bromwich, Oldbury, Tipton, and District Amalgamated Miners Association. The secretary was instructed to invite speakers from

Wales into this district for the purpose of getting all pecuniary support possible. A grant of £10 was made to them.”

Albert Edward Humphreys = Albert Edward Humphries

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/9/1899

“This was the adjourned annual licensing meeting for the Wednesbury division, which comprises the Tipton and Darlaston districts. Supt. Salt objected to the renewal of the license for the DURHAM OX INN, Railway Terrace, Tipton, to *Albert Edward Humphries*, on the ground that the license was not required; that a previous holder had been convicted for permitting drunkenness; and that the house was of a disorderly character. The magistrates decided to renew the license.”

AND

Wolverhampton Express and Star 27/9/1899

“Wednesbury County Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Superintendent Salt objected to the granting of the license of the DURHAM OX alehouse, Railway Terrace, Tipton, to *Albert Edward Humphreys*, on the ground that the house was not required, that the house was of a disorderly character, and that on November 22nd 1898, *Joseph Butler* was convicted of permitting drunkenness and fined 20s and costs. Mr. Wright (Fowler, Langley, and Wright, Wolverhampton) appeared for *Humphreys*, and applied for a renewal of the license. Inspector Johnson stated that there were seven licensed houses in the vicinity of the premises License renewed.”

1901 Census

31, Railway Street – DURHAM OX

- [1] *Albert E. Humphreys* (26), public house manager, born London;
- [2] Sarah J. Humphreys (22), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Albert E. Humphreys (4), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Hilda M. Humphreys (2), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Nellie Humphreys (4 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Elizabeth Johnson (20), sister-in-law, unmarried, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Matilda Ingram (16), general servant, born Tipton:

* probably the same person

1911 Census

31, Railway Street – DURHAM OX HOTEL

- [1] *Leonard Bates* (46), manager DURHAM OX, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Phoebe Bates (46), wife, married 27 years, born Oldbury;
- [3] George Albert Bates (25), son, fitter, carriage works, born West Bromwich:

1939 Register

31, Railway Street

- [1] *Albert E. Kirkham*, date of birth, 04/10/1906, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Florence A. Kirkham*, dob, 07/01/1904, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [5] Edith M. Cooper, dob, 17/01/1892, charwoman, widowed:

Tipton Herald 2/1/1960

“Twenty four old age pensioners, customers of the DURHAM OX INN, Railway Street, Tipton, on Tuesday enjoyed their annual dinner provided by the more youthful members of the inn’s clientele. Following the dinner entertainment was provided by Messrs. E. King, F. Hanley, T. Bowen, J. Ellis, C. Long and S. Westwood. Mr. T. Perry was at the piano.

Thanks were expressed by the old folk to Mr. T. Bowen (Chairman) and Mr. A. Turner (Secretary) for the splendid meal, who in turn thanked the licensees Mr. and Mrs. *Skidmore*, for their hard work in making the evening a success.”

William Pugh was married to Florence.

[1976] (?)

It closed c.1974. (?)

It became Hall's print works.

ENGLISH OAK

77, Upper Church Lane, (77, Summerhill), TIPTON

OWNERS

Jabez Pessall, Church Lane, Tipton

Elizabeth Hunstone, Leabrook Road, Tipton

William Bowen Ltd, Union Cross Brewery, West Bromwich (acquired on 13th January 1940)

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired on 29th November 1944) [1959]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns (acquired in 1998)

LICENSEES

William Persoll [1868] – [1869]

Jabez Pessall [] – **1869**);

William Pessall (**1869**);

Jabez Pessall (**1869** – [1873]

John Benjamin Baker [c.1876]

Thomas Haines [1891] – [1892]

Samuel Wesson (**1894** – [1896]

George Priest [1900] – [1904]

Jabez Pessall [1908] – [1921]

Billy Hunstone [1920s] ?

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunstone [1919] – **1939**);

Walter Reginald Noake (**1939** – **1940**);

Joseph 'Joe' Pearce (**1940** – **1956**);

Leonard Bailey (**1956** – **1958**);

Charles Frederick Faulkner (**1958** – **1960**);

Mrs. Hannah Maria Pearce (**1960** – **1962**);

James Reaney (**1962** – **1963**);

Royston Philip John (**1963**);

Alfred Gordon Southwick (**1963** – **1965**);

James Herbert Firth (**1965** – [1966]

Alfred Ernest Thompson [1983]

Carol Ann Davies [1988]

Michael Bradley [1993]

Tom Arnold (**1998** – [1999]

Kay S Arnold [2008]

Tom Arnold [2013]

NOTES

77, Summerhill [1871]

77, Upper Church Lane [1881], [1904], [1908], [1932], [1940]

77, Church Lane [1891]

OAK [1876]

William Persoll = William Passoll = William Persall

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1868

“West Bromwich. On Wednesday last, the Annual Licensing sessions for the renewal of licenses already granted to houses in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division, and for receiving applications for new ones, were held at the Public Office twenty-one applications were nominally received for new licenses from the following persons, the whole to them to be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting on September 23rd.....

William Persoll, the ENGLISH OAK, Upper Church Lane.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1868

“Yesterday, a special licensing session for the purpose of granting victuallers’ licenses was held at the Public Office, West Bromwich The magistrates grant the following.....

William Passoll, Upper Church Lane, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1869

“The annual Sessions for the hearing of applications for new licenses to sell spirits, was held at West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday Mr. Sharpe intimated to the solicitors that the houses of all the applicants had been visited by some of the Magistrates, who had reported to the Bench on them, and it would, therefore, be advisable for all speeches to be as brief as possible. The following applications were then made.....

William Persall, Upper Church Lane, applied through Mr. Travis. House own property, rated at £40; 250 yards from nearest licensed house. No opposition. Application granted.”

Jabez Pessall = Jabez Pessoll = Jabez Pessol

Jabez Pessall, beer retailer, Princes End [1870]

1871 Census

77, Summerhill

[1] *Jabez Pessoll* (31), publican and coal miner, born West Bromwich;

[2] Catherine Pessoll (30), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Mary Albrook (17), servant, born Tipton;

[4] Ellen J. Pessoll (9), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[5] Henry Pessoll (7), son, born West Bromwich;

[6] Sarah A. Pessoll (5), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/5/1872 - Advert

“Wanted, a General Servant; used to Public-house preferred.

Mr. *Pessoll*, ENGLISH OAK, Church Lane, Tipton.”

John Benjamin Baker was charged costs for permitting drunkenness during the year ending 31/8/1876

1881 Census

77, Upper Church Lane

- [1] *Jabez Pessoll* (41), coal miner, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Catherine Pessoll (39), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] Henry Pessoll (16), son, coal miner, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah A. Pessoll (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Pessoll (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Fanny Pessoll (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Mary A. West (27), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

77, Church Lane

- [1] *Thomas Haines* (41), coal miner, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Haines (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Caroline Haines (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Elijah Haines (16), son, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [5] Jennie Haines (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Lily Haines (1 month), daughter, born Tipton:

Samuel Wesson = Samuel Weston

Wednesbury Herald 27/4/1895

“At the Dudley Bankruptcy Court on Monday, before Mr. Deputy Registrar Walker, *Samuel Wesson*, who resides and carries on business at the ENGLISH OAK INN, Summerhill, Tipton, was publicly examined in bankruptcy. Debtor’s liabilities were £208, and assets nil.

For seventeen years prior to December, 1893, debtor farmed the Wednesbury Oak Farm, Tipton. During the last four years of that period he had considerable losses in his farming stock, and his financial difficulties compelled him to borrow £30, for which he gave a bill of sale upon his furniture. On relinquishing the farm his liabilities were about £170, and his assets consisted of £4 and a cow. He then took the DOG AND GUN INN, Princes End, and carried on there the joint businesses of a publican and a milk seller until July 1894. During that period his indebtedness was increased to the amount disclosed in his statement of affairs. From July 1894, debtor had been employed as a manager of the ENGLISH OAK. He attributed his failure to losses in farming, in the milk trade, in the business of a publican, and in consequence of an action brought against him in respect of damages to a horse caused by a collision in November 1893.

Debtor was allowed to pass.”

1901 Census

77, Upper Church Lane

- [1] *George Priest* (34), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Alice Priest (31), wife, born Tipton:

Jabez Pessall = Jabez Pessoll

1911 Census

77, Upper Church Lane

- [1] *Jabez Pessoll* (71), widower, publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] William Henry Hunston (38), son-in-law, platelayer LNWR, born Tipton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Hunston* (38), daughter, married 10 years, born Tipton;
- [4] William Hunston (9), grandson, born Tipton;
- [5] Agnes Hunston (1 month), granddaughter, born Tipton:

Evening Dispatch 21/3/1939

“The ENGLISH OAK, well-known Tipton (Staffs.) public house, was the subject of an action begun at Birmingham Assizes before Mr. Justice Oliver today. William Reginald Frazier, an estate agent, living at 109,

Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, sued William Henry *Hunstone* and his wife, *Elizabeth Hunstone*, of the ENGLISH OAK, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, for specific performance of an agreement to sell the ENGLISH OAK, or, alternatively, damages for breach of the said agreement.

For the plaintiff it was contended that by an arrangement, made partly in writing and partly verbally, between Mr. Frazier and the *Hunstones*, it was arranged that the licensed property should be sold for £9,000, exclusive of stock and fixtures, which were to be bought at a price to be fixed by valuation. The defendants, it was asserted, had wrongfully refused or neglected to perform their part of the agreement, and had sold the property in another direction. Plaintiff further alleged that Mr. *Hunstone*, in a letter received by Mr. Frazier on 30 May, 1938, had offered to accept the figure of £9,000 for the licensed property, he (plaintiff) had confirmed his verbal acceptance of that offer.

The defence denied the agreement, without admitting any contract, contended that there was no memorandum of such contract in writing as was required by the law of the Property Act.

In evidence Mr. Frazier said that his client was most anxious to buy the ENGLISH OAK and that £9,000 was not the most he was prepared to pay.

Cross-examined, Mr. Frazier said that he was aware of the fact that the ENGLISH OAK had been in Mrs. *Hunstones* family for the best part of a century.

Mr. R. C. Vaughan (for the defence) asked Mr. Frazier whether he had asked the *Hunstones* what commission he would get out of the transaction. – ‘Certainly not!’ replied Mr. Frazier.

Mr. Vaughan: Did Mr. *Hunstone* say, ‘You are not going to get any commission!’ – My dear sir, it is all imagination.

Mr. Justice Oliver commented that a serious allegation was being made against Mr. Frazier, whereupon Mr. Vaughan observed: ‘There are three people coming to say it was said.’

Later, Mr. Vaughan asked Mr. Frazier: ‘Did Mr. *Hunstone* say you should not have the place for your cheek?’ – ‘I don’t remember that,’ replied Mr. Frazier.

Mr. Vaughan: Did he not say you were impertinent? – I don’t remember his saying that. He seemed very upset, but what for I don’t know.

Re-examining, Mr. Arthur Wars (for plaintiff) asked: ‘With regard to these allegations against you, how long have you been in practice?’ – ‘Forty years,’ replied Mr. Frazier.

Mr. Ward: And you have never had any sort of allegation made against you during that period? – No.

Charles Ralph Bartlett, managing clerk of A. W. Daniels and Co., a Dudley firm of auctioneers, said he called to see Mr. *Hunstone* at 3pm on 30 May (the day the deal was alleged to have been clinched), and the male defendant told him that he had sold the ENGLISH OAK to Mr. Frazier for £9,000. ‘There is no doubt he definitely told me he had sold it,’ said Mr. Bartlett, ‘otherwise I should have tried to negotiate for my client.’

In evidence for the defence, Mr. *Hunstone* said that the licensee and freeholder was his wife. They desired to sell the property because, both being 66 years of age, they wished to retire.

Mr. *Hunstone* said that after a tentative agreement had been arrived at with Mr. Frazier to sell the property for £9,000, he caused his son-in-law to write and inform Mr. Frazier that the figure did not include the fixtures and fittings.

In the meantime, said Mr. *Hunstone*, he told other prospective purchasers that he must see Mr. Frazier before talking business. When he next saw Mr. Frazier the following conversation (Mr. *Hunstone* alleged) took place:

Mr. Frazier: What am I going to get out of this deal? – Witness: What do you mean?

Frazier: What about my commission? – Well, I dare say my client will give me commissions.

Witness: I have not engaged you to sell the property.

Subsequently Mr. *Hunstone* asserted a heated argument ensued concerning the question of the inclusion in the price of £9,000 of the fittings and fixtures and a couple of cottages.

‘Finally,’ said Mr. *Hunstone*, ‘I told him that the deal was off because of his impertinence and cheek.’ ‘You can clear off,’ I said.’

Cross-examined by Mr. Ward, *Hunstone* admitted that he told Bartlett that he had come too late because he had sold the house to Frazier.

The Judge: In your own mind you had sold the house? – Yes.

Witness added that there was still the question of the fixtures. He told Frazier that he would have to speak to

his wife about those.”

[This report ended here. But eventually, at another hearing, Justice Oliver... ‘found there was a binding agreement, and made an order for the specific performance of it, with costs.’ He granted a stay of execution to defendants with a view to an appeal.]

1939 Register

77, Upper Church Lane

[1] *Walter R. Noake*, date of birth, 10/08/1895, licensed victualler, (manager), married;

[2] *Elsie M. Noake*, dob, 22/04/1894, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Joe Pearce was married to Marie.

Tipton Herald 25/12/1948

“Old age pensioners who are customers of the ENGLISH OAK INN, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, and their wives attended a Christmas Party at the inn on Monday evening. After dinner, gifts were presented by Santa Claus, a role which was admirably filled by the Mayor of Wednesbury (Alderman Ted King). The old people were delighted with the treat and expressed their appreciation of the kindness of the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *J. Pearce*) and the organizing committee who made the entertainment possible.

Alderman King thanked the host, hostess, staff, organisers and subscribers, saying that a fine spirit of goodwill prevailed. He wished especially to thank the chairman of the committee, Mr. J. Porter.”

Tipton Herald 16/2/1957

“One of Tipton’s best known licensees, Mr. *Joseph Pearce*, of the HARRIER, Powis Avenue, died at his home on Thursday, aged 62. A native of Tipton, Mr. *Pearce* started as a steel roller, and later became a salesman, milk supervisor and finally a licensee. In 1940 he became ‘mine host’ of the ENGLISH OAK in Upper Church Lane and remained at that house until taking over the newly built HARRIER in March last year.

Mr. *Pearce* leaves a widow and a son by a first marriage. The funeral takes place on Monday at St. Martin’s, Lower Church Lane.”

Tipton Herald 13/4/1957

“Mr. *Joseph Pearce*, of the HARRIER INN, Powis Avenue, Tipton, formerly of the ENGLISH OAK, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, who died on February 14th last, left £3,619 12s 8d gross, £3,549 16s 11d net value. (Duty paid £35).”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/5/1961

“A Handsworth man, said to have thrown two glasses in a Tipton public house, received ‘very rough handling from the customers and was lucky he was not killed,’ Mr. Frank Cooper, prosecuting, said at Tipton yesterday.

Neville Barker (aged 50), of 222, Whateley Road, Handsworth, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm to Mrs. *Hannah Maria Pearce*, licensee of the ENGLISH OAK public house, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, and not guilty to a similar charge respecting a 14-year-old girl.

Mr. Cooper said that shortly before 10pm on April 7, Barker was in the bar of the ENGLISH OAK when Mrs. *Pearce*, a widow, entered. Mr. Cooper said that Barker threw the contents of a glass over Mrs. *Pearce* and then threw the glass at her, cutting her on the face.

Mr. Cooper said that Barker was seized by customers, and while he was struggling violently he picked up another glass and threw it. The glass fell in a passageway and fragments cut a 14-year-old girl who was just leaving the children’s room, on the ankle.

‘The customers got hold of this man and chased him outside. There they gave him a very rough handling – there is no doubt about that – and he is very lucky he was not killed,’ Mr. Cooper said. He added, ‘The customers were incensed at his cowardly attack.’

Barker said that after the incident there was ‘pandemonium’ and he went outside. He heard footsteps and then someone threw his overcoat over his shoulders, so that he was unable to defend himself. He was ‘used

as a punch bag' and kicked in the ribs.

On the charge relating to Mrs. *Pearce*, Barker, who was said to be now unemployed, was fined £10 with £10 costs. The charge relating to the girl was dismissed, after Mr. Goodhart had submitted that there was no case to answer.”

Two teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55]

London Gazette 5/4/1983

“*Thompson, Alfred Ernest* ENGLISH OAK Date of Filing Petition – 31st March 1983.”

London Gazette /10/1988

“*Davies, Carol Ann*, ENGLISH OAK INN, 77 Upper Church Lane Public House Tenant Date of Filing Petition – 21st September 1988.....”

Tom Arnold was married to Kay.

[2018]

EXCHANGE

Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Dale [1866]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/10/1866

“Yesterday, at the Wednesbury Police Court, *William Dale*, keeper of the EXCHANGE INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, was summoned for allowing disorderly company in his house. Police-constable Cooke visited the house in question on Monday, the 22nd instant, and there found a party of Irishmen creating a great disturbance, and the landlord was at the same time drawing liquor for their consumption. Defendant denied drawing any drink for them, and stated that he sent for a police officer immediately the disturbance commenced. He was fined 10s and costs.”

FACTORY

13, (14), Hurst Lane, (Bloomfield Road), (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Lichfield Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1890, for £1,225)

Dudley Home Brewing Society [1900]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1903]

LICENSEES

J Aston [1848]
Stephen Whitehouse [1849] – **1862**;
Edwin Potts (**1862** – [])
John Charles Bates [1868] – [1869]
Thomas Whitehouse [1870] – [1879]
William Millard Whitehouse [1880] – [1892]
Thomas Andrews [1894] manager
John William Jackson (**1893** – [1896])
Tomlin Garner [1900]
David Hill [1901] – [1908]
Mrs. Elizabeth ‘Lizzie’ Hill [1911] – [1912]
George Reuben Rew [1916] – **1926**;
William Allbutt Robbins (**1926** – **1930**);
Joseph Plant (**1930** – **1931**);
Harry Llewelyn Pointer (**1931** – **1932**);
Henry Morris (**1932** – **1940**);
Sarah Jane Morris (**1940** – **1965**);
Leonard Morris (**1965** – [])
Jim Lowke []

NOTES

Dudley Road [1860], [1861]
Hurst Lane [1868]
14, Hurst Lane [1873]
13, Hurst Lane [1871], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

It had stabling.

Birmingham Journal 23/1/1847

“On Monday last an accident occurred to a boy of about eight years of age, named Allsop, which unfortunately resulted in his death. He had been out with some of his companions amusing himself by sliding on the ice at the Factory Pool; when about fifteen yards from the side, the ice suddenly gave way, and he sunk almost instantly from observation beneath the ice. His companions, who had observed the accident, immediately gave an alarm, when several persons ran to the spot, and succeeded in bringing the boy to the surface in little more than ten minutes from his immersion in the water. It was too late, however, as life was apparently extinct; but notwithstanding, Mr. Underhill, surgeon, was promptly in attendance, and used every available means to restore animation, but without effect. On Wednesday, an inquest was held at the FACTORY INN, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Journal 15/7/1848

“The same evening, (Saturday) by adjournment from the previous afternoon, this inquest was resumed by George Hinchliffe, Esq., and Jury, at the house of Mr. *J. Aston*, FACTORY INN, Tipton, when Job Allen attended, and having given precisely similar evidence to that taken at the previous inquest on Millington, the foreman of the Jury (Mr. Simeon Round) expressed a wish that a certain weight, which it appeared

was found immediately after the explosion near the boiler, which had been in Mr. Round's yard ever since, should be produced before the Jury, which having been done, the Jury agreed on a further adjournment of the inquiry, for evidence to show how and in what particular way the weight in question, if the same belonged to the boiler at all, was attached.

The Coroner, who had not heard a syllable before about the weight, expressed his astonishment that it had not been before produced.

On Tuesday evening, the Coroner, and Jury, again assembled. John Nicholls deposed that the weight produced, which was 11lbs, was connected with the escape valve through which the overplus or excess water passed, and which was attached to the lever of the escape valve by a hook, which accounted for it being carried away by the boiler. The weight in question had no connection with the steam valve. The weight on the steam valve was a round ball. The Jury then returned a verdict of Accidental Death. Mr. Coldicott, of the firm Fellowes, Caldicott, and Canning, was in attendance on this occasion, on behalf of Messrs. Barrows and Hall, the proprietors of the works. The loss sustained by those gentlemen, by this truly unfortunate occurrence, is estimated at £200."

[See also KINGS ARMS, Princes End – Dreadful Boiler Explosion At Bloomfield Ironworks, Three Men Killed..... Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/7/1848.]

Stephen Whitehouse, beer retailer and farmer, Hurst Lane. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *Stephen Whitehouse* (41), innkeeper and farmer 50 acres 3 men, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Whitehouse (32), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah Jane Whitehouse (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Whitehouse (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] John Whitehouse (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Esther Whitehouse (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] Ann Whitehouse (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] Stephen Whitehouse (1 month), son, born Tipton;

[9] Caroline Firmstone (18), house servant, born Enville:

Birmingham Journal 6/8/1853 - Advert

"Eligible Leasehold Dwelling House And Premises, Dudley Road, Tipton.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, at the House of Mr. *Whitehouse*, the FACTORY INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1853, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions....."

Birmingham Journal 30/12/1854

"On Saturday last, the miners in the employ of John Millard, Esq, availed themselves of the liberality of their employer, in partaking of most substantial fare, at their annual feast, held at Mr. *S. Whitehouse's*, FACTORY INN. Mr. Henry S. Newton, Mr. Millard's agent presided, and on the removal of the cloth delivered an appropriate and admirable speech. The healths of the employer, his agent, managers, and others were drunk in the course of the evening; and on the suggestion of Mr. Newton, the occasion was 'improved' by an agreement on the part of all present to give a handsome donation to the Patriotic Fund."

Birmingham Journal 21/1/1860

"On Wednesday evening at the FACTORY INN (Mr. *S. Whitehouse's*), before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq., Coroner, the enquiry touching the death of Benjamin Foster, one of the two boys who were killed by the explosion of a boiler at Tipton, belonging to Mr. Edward Williams, and underlet to Mr. Isaac Whitehouse, was resumed. The explosion took place on the 22nd ult., and the inquest was first opened on the 24th. Mr. T. Chillingworth, engineer, West Bromwich, being sworn, stated that he examined the boiler in question on the 11th inst., together with the engine and machinery attached to it. The boiler was about eleven feet in diameter. The plates were in some places 6-16ths of an inch thick, but in others only one-eighth; and in one place or a space of six inches, the plate had been reduced to a thickness of 1-64 of an inch. The iron was generally

good, and the reduction of the thickness of the plate had resulted from corrosion. The thin portion was at the bottom of the boiler, near the edge, which rests on the brickwork. The seven patches were fastened by one bolt passing through the centre of each patch, and a quantity of rope yarn was put between the patch and the boiler, which would have the effect of stopping any leak, but is a dangerous way of doing it, as it does not strengthen the plate, while a flaw is always liable to increase, from the pressure tending to force the plates apart. The boiler was generally not in good condition and wanted repairing; but he did not think the pressure of ten pounds on the square inch would have caused the explosion. Witness believed at the time of the explosion there was a pressure of 25lbs per square inch, and he did not think the screw patches – although dangerous – had anything to do with the cause of the explosion, as the rent in the boiler was not through but underneath them, although the screw patches only imperfectly stopped the leaks the water might trickle down the side and lodge in the brickwork, which would assist to corrode the bottom, and might account for the thinness of the plates in those parts. He tested accuracy of the steam gauge, and found it did not act. On comparing it with two other gauges, constructed on different principles by Grautoff and Chadburn, he found that while the two latter had no perceptible difference between them up to 20lbs on the square inch, the one which had been on the boiler in question did not indicate any pressure it only indicated a pressure of 5lbs. He found the teeth of the latter gauge were worn, and so slipped over the pinion, which he thought resulted from having been placed on the steam pipe and not in direct communication with the boiler. His opinion as to the cause of the explosion was that the pressure gauge being out of order, the safety valve had been weighted to the pressure being indicated by the gauge, and that the over-pressure of steam was the consequence of the false pressure indicted by the gauge. He was of opinion, however, that the boiler was safe to work at a 10lbs pressure. From the state the gauge was in, when it showed a pressure of 4lbs there would be an actual pressure of 24lbs. An examination of the boiler while it was fixed would not enable a person to detect that the plates were so thin. If the steam gauge had been in good order, he did not think the explosion would have occurred.

Edmund Hartshorn, of Gornal, who had been working engineer at the clay mill where the boiler was situated, stated that he considered the latter safe to do the work required. Sometimes they stopped for want of steam when the boiler leaked. They generally worked at a pressure of 4lbs to the square inch, and sometimes 5lbs; but he did not judge of the pressure by anything but the steam gauge. There was an iron ball on the lever, but no other weight was ever put on the valve. He considered the boiler safe, and whenever there were any repairs wanted, Mr. Williams always ordered that they should be done.

No other witnesses were examined, and the Jury ultimately returned a verdict of Accidental Death, coupled with a recommendation that Mr. Williams should for the future place the steam gauge in direct communication with the boiler, and not upon the steam pipe.”

1861 Census

Hurst Lane

- [1] *Stephen Whitehouse* (51), victualler (FACTORY INN), born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Whitehouse (41), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Sarah Jane Whitehouse (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Whitehouse (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] John Whitehouse (17), son, learning the saddling, born Tipton;
- [6] Esther Whitehouse (16), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Annie M. Whitehouse (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Stephen Whitehouse (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] William Whitehouse (5), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 6/12/1861

“An inquest was held on Wednesday, at the FACTORY INN, Hurst Lane, before Edwin Hooper, Esq., Coroner, on the body of a child named Joseph Wassall, aged four years and ten months. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased was last seen alive by a child, five years of age, near some scales, on the bank of the Birmingham Canal. It is supposed the he must have been swinging on the scales, and that he fell into the water. He was discovered by a man named Henry Parks, who found him at the bottom of the canal, near the place where the scales stood, quite dead. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Mr. Fellows applied on behalf of *Edwin Potts*, Hurst Lane, whose house was situated 248 yards from the nearest licensed house. Mr. Jackson opposed on behalf of the proprietor of the FACTORY INN, Bloomfield. Granted.”

London Gazette 16/7/1869

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1861. Notice of Sittings for Last Examination.

John Charles Bates, of the FACTORY INN Licensed Victualler, Charter Master, and Brick Maker a Public sitting, for the said bankrupt to as his Last Examination, and make application for his Discharge on the 27th August next.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/7/1869 - Advert

“To Innkeepers, And Others.

Unreserved Sale, at the FACTORY INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton.

Messrs. Clarke and Barrows, will Sell by Auction, on the Premises as above, on Wednesday, the 4th day of August next (by order of the Assignees of *Charles Bates*, a Bankrupt) – the whole of the Household Furniture, Stock-in-Trade, Brewing Plant and Utensils, Trade Fixtures, and other useful Effects.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock in the morning.

Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale, or of the Auctioneer, 38, Cannon Street, Birmingham.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/9/1869 - Advert

“For Sale, a splendid Gig, nearly new. Lowest Price, £14.

Apply the FACTORY INN, Tipton.”

Thomas Whitehouse, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1870]

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/11/1870

“*Thomas Whitehouse*, landlord of the FACTORY INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house, there being a number of boatmen. Mr. Spooner ordered the defendant to pay a fine of £2 and costs, and told him that he would lose his license if he came before the Bench again.”

1871 Census

13, Hurst Lane – publick house

[1] *Thomas Whitehouse* (40), iron roller and licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Ann Whitehouse* (37), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Phoebe Ann Whitehouse* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Elizabeth Whitehouse* (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Mary Ann Whitehouse* (5), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] *Mary Lowe* (15), general domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/4/1872

“Yesterday, at the Brierley Hill, Police Court, a policeman named Plant, who is stationed at Tipton, was charged with assaulting *William Simkiss*, a shingler. A cross-summons charged *Simkiss* with assaulting the officer. Mr. Stokes appeared for Plant, and Mr. Holberton for *Simkiss*. Late on the night of the 3rd inst., *Simkiss* was turned out of the FACTORY INN, Bloomfield, for an assault on the landlady, Mrs. *Whitehouse*. In the street he made a great disturbance, and had a fight with a man, in which he received severe punishment. *Simkiss*'s opponent having gone away, Police-constable Plant came and ordered *Simkiss* away, because he was kicking the door. At this time *Simkiss* was bleeding at the mouth, but *Simkiss* continued

violent and refused to go. Ultimately Plant was kicked twice by Simkiss, and then both had a couple of 'falls' together, and the officer used his staff. After obtaining the assistance of a grocer named Thompson, Plant handcuffed his prisoner with his hands at his back. This was done placing Simkiss on his face. Plant then struck the prostrate man twice on the body with his staff. Simkiss still continued violent, and refused to go to the station, whereupon Plant obtained a chain and fastened him to the back of Mr. Thompson's cart, and so dragged the prisoner more than twenty yards. After which Simpkiss agreed to go quietly, and he was released. The Stipendiary, in making some remarks upon the case, paid a compliment to the police force of Staffordshire, by affirming that the men had his confidence, but if they violated that confidence he was determined they should not be leniently dealt with. He would protect them as far as he could, for the police had responsible, arduous and difficult duties to perform. But the policeman Plant was totally unfitted to be a policeman. He had no restraint. He found Simkiss bleeding from the mouth; and though he acted calmly at the beginning, the attack on Simkiss whilst he was handcuffed on the ground and the tying him to a cart was unjustifiable. He felt inclined to send the policeman to gaol without the option of a fine; but he believed the Chief Constable would discharge him, and therefore he would inflict a fine of £5 and costs or, in default, two months' imprisonment with hard labour. Simkiss had suffered enough, and he therefore would be discharged."

Dudley Herald 21/2/1880

"George Moore, Malthouse Road, Tipton, was charged with being disorderly on the premises of *William Mullard Whitehouse*, and refusing to quit such premises when requested to do so by the said *William Mullard Whitehouse*. Prosecutor said he kept the FACTORY INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton. On the 12th February defendant was in his house, and began to fight with some other men. Witness ordered him to quit, but he refused, and struck witness. He sent for a police-officer, and when he came defendant went out. Witness did not want to press the charge.

Defendant admitted the offence, and was fined 15s 6d, including costs, or in default seven days."

1881 Census

13, Hurst Lane – FACTORY INN

- [1] *William M. Whitehouse* (25), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie M. Whitehouse* (33), sister, born Tipton;
- [3] *Eda Holdcroft* (21), visitor, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Sarah J. Phillips* (22), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 7/7/1887

"Yesterday, George Taylor, a jockey and horsebreaker, of Deepfields, was sentenced to a months' imprisonment for stealing a watch, valued at £1, the property of Thomas Mould, groom, of High Street, Pensnett, near Dudley. The theft was committed at the FACTORY INN, Tipton Green, as prosecutor lay asleep upon the sofa. Prisoner was arrested outside the house with the watch in his possession."

1891 Census

13, Hurst Lane / Factory Road – FACTORY TAVERN

- [1] *William Whitehouse* (34), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Whitehouse* (25), wife, born Holyhead, Anglesea;
- [3] *Sarah Vanes* (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/3/1894

"Lichfield Brewery Company (Limited) v. Marsh.

This was an action brought by the plaintiff company to obtain an injunction against the defendant, Joseph Marsh, colliery proprietor, restricting him from working the colliery named the Factory Colliery, Tipton, and claiming damages for loss sustained. Mr. Bosanquet, QC and Mr. Disturnal appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Jelf, QC and Mr. Alfred Young defended.

Mr. Bosanquet said that the plaintiff company alleged that property purchased for them in 1890, consisting of the FACTORY INN and five cottages, was injured by the defendants opening an old colliery shaft. The

FACTORY INN and houses faced Hurst Lane, and are situate almost opposite the shaft of the Factory Colliery. The previous owner of the colliery (Mr. Williams) ceased working at least thirty years ago, and before that date the bulk of solid coal of the thick seam had been removed, and the ground more or less honey-combed. The result of the resumed working was that cracks appeared in the property, in the smoke and club rooms of the inn, and the sidewall and front of No.11 of the cottages.

Thomas Andrews, manager, said he inspected the property in 1891, before purchasing, but he did not notice any cracks until last year. The house had depreciated, and the takings decreased. The amount of money paid for the property by the plaintiff company was £1,225, and the rental was £60, including the five cottages.

John William Jackson, tenant of the FACTORY INN, said he took possession on April 22, 1893, and found no cracks on the property. In July, however, he noticed cracks which had since increased in magnitude, and he could now place his arm in the fissures.

Cross-examined: There might have been cracks before, but he had not noticed them until July.

William H. Jukes, surveyor to the Tipton Local Board, knew the premises, and about last July saw the pavement in front of the houses was giving way in the direction of Hurst Lane, and gradually grew worse until December 1893, then he had it repaired. He saw cracks in the buildings and the road, and concluded that they were the result of mining operations on the same side of the basin and the canal – that is in the direction of the Factory Colliery.

In cross-examination, witness admitted that it sometimes happened that the withdrawal of water caused damage to the surface. The season of 1893 was an exceptionally dry one. The property was within what was called the Tipton pound and within the operation of the Mines Drainage Commissioners, one of their pumping stations being about a mile away.

John Field, mining engineer, considered the damage done was immediately the result of the Factory Colliery working, and if it continued it would increase the loss.

At this point the Court adjourned until today at 10.30.”

[At the resumed hearing, His Lordship contended that the action was proved beyond doubt.]

Dudley Herald 26/5/1900

“At the Dudley County Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Pritchett, deputy-judge, George Williams, hair-dresser and publican, Kate’s Hill, sued the Dudley Home Brewing Society, Stone Street, Dudley, for having expelled him from the society without proper cause. He claimed £5 damages. Mr. Lawrence (instructed by Mr. A. W. Barradale) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Dorsett (instructed by Messrs. Geo. Burn Lowe and Sons, Birmingham) was for the defendant.

Mr. Lawrence said the defendant society was a limited society formed under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act of 1893, and the plaintiff was one of the original members of it, holding a £10 share. When he joined first he was a hairdresser, but subsequently became a publican as well as a hairdresser. He took to the BIRD IN HAND, a public-house, Kate’s Hill, a public-house a mile away, and somehow or other the fact that Williams having become landlord of this public-house seemed disagreeable to some of the members of the society and they got the idea that it was detrimental to the interests of the society, and they proceeded to expel him. A meeting of the members was called to discuss the question of the plaintiff having become a license holder, and after an animated discussion it was decided by a majority of three to expel the plaintiff under rule 23, which gave the society the power to expel any member for any conduct or behaviour that was considered detrimental to the society. The society offered to return to plaintiff his £10 share with 5s interest, but they refused to pay him £5 dividend due to him. Mr. Lawrence contended that the society could not expel a member unless guilty of personal misconduct or personal misbehaviour, and that he had not been guilty of anything detrimental to the interests of the society because he had taken to a public-house. Four of the original members were publicans themselves, and at the present moment there were others interested in another inn at Tipton. The dividends on the £10 share had been reached as much as 100 per cent, and the idea no doubt of the defendant was that the remaining members should have the benefit of so profitable an investment.

His Honour said that if he came to the conclusion that the society had in good faith discussed the matter, and considered that his conduct was detrimental to the interests of the society, the latter had the power to expel him.

Mr. Lawrence: Quite so, if you think they acted in good faith. I say the resolution was not passed in good

faith.

His Honour: I shall have to decide whether the plaintiff had been arbitrarily expelled. If Mr. Lawrence succeeds I shall say he is entitled to remain and grant an injunction restraining the society from expelling plaintiff. The question is whether plaintiff's conduct or behaviour came within the rule.

Plaintiff having given evidence in support of counsel's opening.

Mr. Dorsett argued that his Honour could not grant an injunction because he was expelled through conduct considered by the society to be detrimental to the interests of the society. If his Honour granted an injunction the society could not expel him.

His Honour: I should not do anything so absurd as to grant a perpetual injunction. I should grant an injunction that the defendants be restrained from continuing to exclude plaintiff in pursuance of the resolution passed expelling him.

Mr. Dorsett said the society was started by a smoke-room company, and it owned two public-houses, the TWO BULLS HEADS and the FACTORY INN, Tipton, and they had earned dividends up to 80 per cent. They contended that the plaintiff by taking a public-house had acted detrimentally to the interests of the society.

His Honour found that the society had acted in a bona-fide way, but they had mistaken their powers. They had no jurisdiction to pass a resolution expelling him. He, therefore, held that the plaintiff had been unlawfully expelled from the society, and that the resolution purporting to expel him was null and void, and that the plaintiff was entitled to all the benefits that would have accrued to him had it not been for the expulsion. He also granted an injunction restraining the society from continuing to exclude the plaintiff from membership in pursuance with the resolution.

Execution was stayed for 21 days."

1901 Census

13, Hurst Lane

- [1] *David Hill* (29), wheelwright, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hill* (27), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Lilian Hill* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *George Hill* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Fanny Hill* (13), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1911 Census

13, Hurst Lane – FACTORY INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Hill* (37), widow, manageress of licensed house, born Tipton;
- [2] *Lilian Hill* (13), daughter, assisting in the business, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Hill* (11), son, school, born Tipton;
- [4] *Eliza White* (16), domestic servant, housemaid, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1922

"Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

It had been promised that the FACTORY, Hurst Lane, should be rebuilt entirely. That had not been done, and the license would be adjourned, and the owners, and others concerned, must come and show good cause why the plans had not been carried out. In this case the rebuilding was part and parcel of the undertaking on which renewal was granted. If the owners did not carry out the condition they knew what the consequence would be. That license would be adjourned."

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

"Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

Plans for a new house, the FACTORY INN, had been passed two years ago, but a part of the plan was that five cottages in the rear must come down so as to extend the yard accommodation. The fact must not be overlooked, as the condition had not, thus far, been complied with.

Mr. Butler (architect) said it had not been forgotten, and as soon as the tenants could be got out the cottages would be pulled down.

The Chairman: It is up to you what arrangements you make with the tenants.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

FACTORY INN, Hurst Lane, £2 10s 9d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

George R. Rew died in 1933.

1939 Register

FACTORY INN

[1] *Henry Morris*, date of birth, 05/10/1889, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Sarah J. Morris*, dob, 09/02/1890, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Miriam (Morris) Lowke*, dob, 07/04/1916, examiner of naval ordnance, single;

[4] *Gilbert Morris*, dob, 08/10/1921, foundry iron worker, single;

[5] *Irene (Morris) Blakesley*, dob, 04/12/1925, at school, single:

Tipton Herald 23/11/1957

“A verdict of Accidental Death was recorded by the Coroner, Mr. Frank Cooper, at an inquest held at Tipton on Wednesday on *Hilda Annie Moody*, whose body was recovered from the canal near Factory Road, Tipton, early on Sunday morning.

William Beach, a native of *Bloxwich*, said he was in charge of the tug barge ‘*Princess Anne*’ at Tipton. The woman lived in the barge with him, and the previous Saturday they had gone drinking at mid-day and again in the evening. He had left her in the bar of the FACTORY INN about 9.30 when she had had ‘plenty to drink’ and gone to bed in the barge, moored about 30 to 40 yards from the public house. The next morning he was told her body had been recovered from the canal.

Dr. A. W. Blackwell, police surgeon, said cause of death was due to asphyxia from drowning.

Sgt. G. Moore told the Coroner the woman’s body was found 185 yards away from the barge where she had been living. Although he had examined the tow path minutely, the sergeant said he could find no indication where the body had entered the water. In a tin box in the cabin of the ‘*Princess Anne*’ he found a birth certificate which showed that the woman was born at *Loughborough* on June 24th, 1910.

Recording his verdict Mr. Cooper said, ‘There is no suggestion of foul play here. The doctor has made a very careful post mortem of the body which showed that there were no marks or bruises on the body and I am forced to think she fell into the water. How she got in I do not know. But she had had a good deal to drink that day, and I can only assume that in making her way home she fell into the canal. It may well be that the body floated down to where it was picked up.’

To Beach the Coroner said, ‘You have been living with this woman. Are you going to pay for her funeral?’ Beach replied, ‘I have no money.’ Mr. Cooper said to him, ‘You had plenty of money for boozing.’

When Mr. Cooper asked who was going to look after the funeral arrangements, P.Insp. *J. W. Adams* said he would have to apply to the Council.”

Jim Lowke married Merle Morris.

A Provisional Order for Removal was granted on 20th July 1965, to new premises to be erected on the Glebefields Estate.

FITTERS ARMS

21, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Josiah James Stevenson

LICENSEES

Josiah Stevenson [1881]

Sarah Stanton [] – **1882**);

Daniel Harper (**1882** – []

Mrs. Emma Stevenson [1896] – [1901]

Josiah James Stevenson (**1902 – 1920**):

NOTES

It was situated next door to the BLUE PIG.

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

21, Horseley Heath

[1] *Josiah Stevenson* (42), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Emma Stevenson* (38), wife, born Shifnal;

[3] *Mary Ann Stevenson* (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Ellen Stevenson* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Sarah Stevenson* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Clara Stevenson* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Josiah James Stevenson* (4), son, born Tipton;

[8] *Florence A. Stevenson* (6 months), daughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 1/7/1882

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, (District Coroner), held an inquest on Wednesday, at the FITTERS ARMS INN, Horseley Heath, touching the death of Joseph Hateley (42), colliery engineer. By some unexplained means, the deceased, on the 25th inst, walked into a cistern containing hot water. An alarm was raised, and he was extricated, but the scalds were of such a severe character as to cause his death, the same day.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Mrs. *Emma Stevenson*, beer retailer, 21, Horseley Heath. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

21, Horseley Heath – FITTERS ARMS

[1] *Emma Stevenson* (57), widow, publican, born Shifnall;

[2] *Ellen Stevenson* (32), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] *Josiah J. Stevenson* (24), son, brewer, born Tipton:

London Gazette 4/12/1903

“Notice is hereby given, that the Partnership which has for some time past been carried on by us the undersigned, *Josiah James Stevenson* and *Florence Ada Stevenson*, under the style or firm of *J. and F. Stevenson*, in the trade or business of Licensed Victuallers, at the FITTERS ARMS INN was this day dissolved by mutual consent. The said *Josiah James Stevenson* will continue to carry on the business in his own name 27th day November 1903.....”

Josiah Stevenson, beer retailer, 21, Horseley Heath. [1904]

Tipton Herald 24/4/1909

“*Josiah Stevenson* (32), of FITTERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, was fined 10s and costs, or in default 14 days’ imprisonment, for being drunk in the Birmingham Road.

PC Knight found the man in a helpless condition, with his arms clasped round a lamp-post.”

1911 Census

21, Horseley Heath – FITTERS ARMS INN

[1] *Josiah James Stevenson* (35), brewer and publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Florence Stevenson* (28), wife, married 8 years, born Pensnett;

[3] *Joseph Budworth* (42), potman, born New Town, Staffordshire:

Josiah J. Stevenson, beer retailer, 21, Horseley Heath. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Post 14/1/1914

“George [sic] *Stevenson*, licensee of the FITTERS ARMS INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, was summoned at the Stipendiary’s Court at Wednesbury yesterday for permitting drunkenness, and for supplying a drunken person. Mr. F. Cooper (Walsall) prosecuted and Mr. W. A. Foster defended.

It was stated for the prosecution that on Boxing Day Police-sergeant Willis and Police-constable Handley visited defendant’s house at 10.15pm, and in the smoke-room saw William Webster, of Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, who sat at a table in a state of helpless drunkenness and nearly asleep. He had a jug of ale in front of him. When the landlord was asked for an explanation, he replied: ‘He’s not so bad; its Christmas, and we have all had a drop. Have a drink with me and say nothing.’ Willis replied that Webster was very drunk, adding that he had met another man coming from the house who was the worse for drink, and that defendant himself was also the worse for drink. Defendant told Webster to get up, but when he did so he would have fallen had not Willis caught him. Webster made a second attempt to rise, and this time fell. He was helplessly drunk and absolutely incapable, but was assisted home by two other men.

For the defence several witnesses were called who denied that Webster was drunk on the occasion of the police visit. It was stated that some years ago he fell from a scaffold 40ft high at the Mond Gas Works, and had since always walked with great difficulty.

Mr. Foster mentioned that the public-house had been in defendant’s family for 43 years, and urged that at holiday times the police might reasonably be expected to look with a less critical eye that they would under ordinary circumstances.

The Stipendiary said defendant had made a mistake imagining that the law was less strict than usual on Boxing Day, but it was not a case that called for a heavy penalty. He fined defendant £3 7s 6d including costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

The licenses of the BLOOMFIELD INN and the FITTERS ARMS, upon the holders of which notice of opposition had been served by Superintendent Salt, were renewed.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/2/1920

“Maud *Stevenson*, aged 3, of the FITTERS ARMS INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, who was knocked down by a motor-car, has died at the Dudley Guest Hospital.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 13/1/1934

“The funeral took place on Monday of Mr. *Josiah James Stevenson*, of 21, Horseley Heath, Tipton, whose death, at the age of 57, was reported last week. Mr. *Stevenson*, who was very well known and esteemed in the district, was born in the house in which he passed away, and which was formerly a licensed house known as the FITTERS ARMS. The house was de-licensed about 13 years ago, prior to which Mr. *Stevenson* was mine host for 18 years. His parents kept the house for over 40 years before him. Mr. *Stevenson*, who was a member of the Pride of England Ancient Order of Foresters’ Lodge, held at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, leaves one son.....”

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

South Staffordshire Times 17/7/1920

“The following licenses were refused at the principal meeting of the compensation authority for the county held at Stafford on Thursday.....

FITTERS ARMS, Horseley Heath.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1920

“An adjourned supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Committee, acting as the Compensation Authority, was held at the County Buildings, Stafford, on Saturday, Lord Hatherton presiding.

The following sums were approved by the Committee as compensation in cases where the licenses have not been renewed.....

FITTERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, Tipton, beerhouse, £1,650.”

It closed on 31st December 1920.

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

Superintendent T. Salt read the annual report which stated that the number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the parish of Tipton was 134. At the census taken in 1911 the population of the parish was given as 31,763, according to which there was one licensed house to each 237 of the inhabitants. At the time of the last annual licensing meeting the number of licensed houses was 138. The reduction in the number had been brought about by the licenses of the AQUEDUCT beerhouse, Dudley Port; the FITTERS ARMS beerhouse, Horseley Heath; the LAME DOG beerhouse, Dudley Port, and the PARK LANE TAVERN, Park Lane, having been referred for compensation and extinction at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions last year. The houses were closed on December 31st last.....”

FLAG AND STAFF

Union Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Job Hickman [1841] – [1842]

FOUNTAIN

202, Dudley Port / Fisher Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

leased by Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1905]

LICENSEES

Job Heath [1868] – [1891]

Frederick John Withers [1896]

Henry H Mounfield [1901]

James Winnell [1904]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Job Heath, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

202, Dudley Port

[1] *Job Heath* (41), bootmaker and innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Jane Heath (38), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Eliza Heath (11), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Sarah Heath (10), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Mary Heath (8), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Susanna Heath (5), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] Jane Dewrey (14), general servant, born Oldbury:

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1872

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, five publicans *Job Heath*, were summoned for having violated the conditions of licenses granted to them to keep open during the wake; but the Stipendiary said a point of law had arisen which would render an adjournment necessary to give him time to look into the matter. Adjourned accordingly.”

Dudley Herald 4/12/1880

“Joseph Clarke, 26, Coneygree Road, was charged with being found on the licensed premises of *Job Heath*, the FOUNTAIN INN, during prohibited hours on Sunday morning, the 21st ult.

PC Tabbner said he visited the FOUNTAIN INN on the day in question at a quarter to eight o’clock and he saw defendant there with a jug of ale, from which he was drinking. Defendant denied having any ale on the premises. Thirteen men went into the house and came out, but witness could not say whether they were supplied with ale.

Defendant said he went into the house to get the key of the stable to fettle the horse for Monday morning.

PC Tabbner said when he went in *Heath*, the landlord, was in the act of drawing another jug of ale for the

defendant.

Defendant was fined 15s 6d including costs, or in default seven days.”

Dudley and District News 11/12/1880

“*Job Heath*, landlord of the FOUNTAIN INN, Dudley Port, was charged with having his house open on the 21st of November last during prohibited hours. Mr. Sheldon defended.

PC Tabbener said that at a quarter to eight in the morning on the day in question he saw a man named John Clarke enter defendant’s house, and followed him in, finding him with a pint jug of ale up to his mouth. Defendant, who had hold of the handle of the beer machine, said he was very sorry, and had never done anything of the sort before, and it should never occur again. He had counted thirteen go in that morning.

By Mr. Sheldon: Clarke was fined last week, but he denied that he had any ale. He said he had been for a key. He admitted having ale when witness was in the house, because witness caught him in the act.

Mr. Sheldon asserted that no one but the man Clarke had entered the house on the morning in question, and he had entered to get a key, and was not served with any ale whatever. He further alleged that the police officer was very abusive to the defendant and Clarke when he entered the house.

Defendant, Sarah *Heath* (his daughter), and the man Joseph Clarke, each gave evidence in support of Mr. Sheldon’s defence.

The Bench fined defendant 40s and 12s 6d costs, the license not to be endorsed.”

1881 Census

202, Dudley Port – FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] *Job Heath* (48), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Jane Heath (46), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Eliza Heath (21), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah Heath (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Mary Jane Heath (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Samuel Heath (15), son, scholar, born Dudley Port:

Dudley and District News 27/10/1883

“On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, upon the body of William Corser (65), late of 4, Bradley Street, Burnt Tree, who had been found dead in bed. *Job Heath*, landlord of the FOUNTAIN INN, Dudley, who had been summoned to serve on the jury but failed to appear, was fined 40s. After the fine had been inflicted, and a substitute found, Mr. *Heath* entered the room, and said he considered it a very hard thing that he should have to serve on a jury while his daughter lay dying a short distance off. On promising to go direct to his daughter he was excused, Mr. Hooper, however, adding that if he found Mr. *Heath* had not fulfilled his promise the fine would be inflicted after all.

Elizabeth Corser, wife of deceased, then gave evidence.

The jury found a verdict to the effect that death had been a result of Natural Causes.”

1891 Census

202, Dudley Port – FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] *Job Heath* (58), beerhouse manager, born Tipton;
- [2] Jane Heath (57), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Sarah Heath (30), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Jane Heath (28), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Samuel Heath (26), son, iron worker, born Tipton:

Frederick John Withers, beer retailer, 202, Dudley Port. [1896]

1901 Census

202, Dudley Port

- [1] *Henry H. Mounfield* (47), widower, publican (manager), born Old Hill;

- [2] Florence Mounfield (21), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [3] Agnes Mounfield (20), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [4] Polly Mounfield (18), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [5] Alfred Mounfield (14), son, born Old Hill;
- [6] Gertrude Mounfield (18), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [7] Edward Briscoe (41), lodger, galvanize dipper, born Rowley:

James Winnell, beer retailer, 202, Dudley Port. [1904]

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided..... Mr. Elcock (Stourbridge), referring to the FOUNTAIN INN, Fisher Street, Dudley Port, stated that he appeared for the owner of the freehold and the mortgagee of the property, so that he represented the whole of the interests. A sum of £350 had been mentioned to the committee as the value of the house for compensation, and he was prepared, on behalf of all interested, to accept that figure. Mr. Thursfield, on behalf of the justices, offered no objection to the sum. The Chairman said the committee agreed to the figure provisionally.”

Lichfield Mercury 17/8/1906

“Staffordshire Licensing Committee.....
 The meeting of the Committee on Wednesday was for the purpose of further considering the question of compensation to persons interested in those public-houses the licenses of which had not been renewed by the Committee.....
 On taking his seat the Chairman stated that an application had been made for the payment of the sum awarded to the FOUNTAIN INN, Dudley Port, to Mr. H. J. P. Wright, the mortgagee, one of the registered owners, and the Committee had agreed to the proposal.”

[1911] ?

FOUNTAIN

51, Owen Street / Factory Road, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mr. Anderson, of Wolverhampton (to March 1887)
 Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. (from March 1887) [1893], [1896]
 Showells Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired 1897) [1903], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1921]
 Samuel Allsopp and Sons Ltd. [1920s]
 Ind Coope and Allsopp Ltd. (leased) [1940]
 Ansell Ltd. [1960]
 Holt, Plant and Deakin (acquired in 1984) [1990]
 Punch Taverns
 Star (Heineken UK) (acquired 5/3/2018)

LICENSEES

James Aston [1828] – [1870]

Mrs. Hannah Aston [1871] – [1872]
Isaac Aston [1873] – [1875]
Mrs. Ann Instone [1881] – [1882]
William Kettle [1887]
Thomas Church [] – **1888**;
William Leach (**1888**);
Wellding (**1888** – [])
Richard Clifton Davis [1891] – [1892]
George Albert Beaumont [1896] manager
Edward Charles Jackson [1901]
Isaac Allen [1903]
William Aston [1911]
Edward Gough [] – **1919**;
Thomas Doorbar (**1919 – 1921**);
Harry Davies (**1921 – 1923**);
George Henry Hill (**1923 – 1924**);
William Vaughan (**1924 – 1930**);
John Hatcher (**1930 – 1934**);
William Burns (**1934 – 1943**);
Florence Burns (**1943 – 1944**);
Samuel John Wright (**1944 – 1945**);
William Frederick Mellor (**1945 – 1950**);
Stanley Dick (**1950 – 1952**);
Robert Walker Hogg (**1952 – 1953**);
George Heaven (**1953**);
Frank Markham (**1953 – 1959**);
Mary Ann Mason (**1959 – 1961**);
Frederick Davies (**1961 – 1964**);
William Morgan (**1964 – 1965**);
John Thomas Dutton (**1965** – [1966])
Mrs. Diane Florence Glover [1972]
Barry Beech (**1984** – [])
Frank Downes [1987] – [1988]
Howard Morris [1991]
Gerald Kelly [1994]
Steve Woodward [] – **1995**);
Martin Collinson (**1995** – [])
Judy Tudor [1999]
Mark Carroll (**2000** – [2001])
Mrs. L Carroll [2008]
Linda Bennett [2012] – [2013]
Steve Bennett [2014] – **2016**);
Rachael Marsh (**2016** – [2018])

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/7/1836 - Advert

“Valuable Freeholds, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by W. Johnson, On Tuesday the 9th day of August, 1836 at five o'clock in the evening, at the house of Mr. *James Aston*, FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton.....”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 15/1/1837

“A match came off on Wednesday, for £10, at the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, between Mr. William Hill and Mr. John Martin, which was won by the former, killing six birds out of seven. Mr. Hill will shoot Mr. George Scothorn, of Toll End, at 12 birds each, for £10, £15, or £20 a side; the match to come off at the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton, where the needful is ready.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 16/10/1837 - Notice

“The Euphrates Packet Company will commence running their Packet on Monday, October 23, 1837, from Deepfield to Birmingham, in two hours and a half.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, for the accommodation of Passengers and Conveyance of Parcels, leaves Mr. Richard Thompson's, BOAT INN, Deepfield at eight o'clock in the morning, through Tipton Green, Dudley Port, Tividale, Oldbury, Spon Lane, and Smethwick, to Mr. John O. Williams's, Wagon and Horses, Friday Bridge, Birmingham, and returns at five o'clock the same evening. Also on Wednesdays, leaves Mr. *James Aston's*, FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton Green, at half past eight o'clock in the morning, through Coseley, Deepfield, and Millfield, in one hour to Wolverhampton, and returns four o'clock the same evening.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/11/1837

“The mill between William Perry, better known as ‘the Tipton Slasher,’ and Jem Scunner, ‘the Gornal champion,’ for £25 a side, was commenced on Tuesday at Gornal, but was not decided until the following day. At the commencement of the fight the odds were seven to four in favour of the Gornal man. After a few rounds a dispute arose, and Scunner could not be prevailed upon to proceed again to the scratch. A rush to the ring was the consequence, and a cry was raised that Perry had fallen without a blow. After much discussion it was decided the fight should be proceeded with on the following day, at King's Wood near Wolverhampton. They accordingly came to the scratch and went to work. During the first five or six rounds the Gornal man ran at his opponent like a mad bull; but Perry waited for him and sent him back each time with slashing effect, which completely paralyzed the Gornalites. Perry continued to have the best of it almost every succeeding round, and in one hour the Gornal man was deaf to time. Thirty-one rounds were fought. The winner was attended by Tass Parker and a friend, and Scunner by Surrender Lane and Gallet of Birmingham. Perry and Parker intend taking a joint benefit on Tuesday next, at the FOUNTAIN, Tipton.”

Black Country Bugle

‘The Whitehouses An Ancient Tiptonian Dynasty’

“The Slasher's favourite ports of call were the ALBION and the FOUNTAIN. *Jim Aston* kept the latter and there was great rivalry between him and Jim Whitehouse [ALBION] for the fighter's patronage.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/3/1838 - Married

“On the 22nd instant, at St. Martin's, Birmingham, by the Rev. T. Mosley, Mr. *James Aston*, of the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton, to Miss Jevons, of the same place.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 26/11/1838 - Advert

“Eight-Quarter Malthouse, Owen Street, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, at the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton, on Tuesday, the 11th day of December next, at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions to be then produced – all that convenient and substantial Malthouse, well supplied with water, and every other convenience, and most desirably situated for land or water carriage, at the corner of Owen Street, Tipton, adjoining the FOUNTAIN INN.

Further particulars may be known on application to Mr. Samuel Round and Mr. Edward Aston, both of Tipton; Mr. William Fellowes, Solicitor, Dudley; or Mr. William Johnson, Oxford Road, Bilston.”

1841 Census

Owen Street

[1] *James Aston* (25), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Hannah Aston* (20), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Jane Jevons Aston* (20 months), born Staffordshire;

- [4] David Aston (8 months), born Staffordshire;
- [5] Mary Jeavons (20), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Sarah Holloway (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [7] Emma Cox (12):

1851 Census

Owen Street

- [1] *James Aston* (38), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Aston* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *James Jeavons Aston* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *David Aston* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Edwin Aston* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *William J. Aston* (3), born Tipton;
- [7] *Edward George* (30), servant, born Hampton, Worcestershire;
- [8] *Elizabeth Clarke* (22), servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *Kilmah Weale* (15), servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 14/5/1853 - Advert

“To Coal And Iron Master, Wheelwrights, And Others.

To Be Sold By Auction (without reserve, by order of the representatives of the late Mr. Joseph Daw) by Mr. Powell, at the House of Mr. *James Aston*, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Tuesday Next, May 17th – Two capital Oak Cabin Boats; 475 Oak Wheel Spokes, 6,300 Sap and Heart Laths.

The Boats are well and substantially built with oak, and have Planks and part Clothes; and may be seen in a Canal Basin near the Britannia Iron Foundry, Tipton.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock in the afternoon.”

Birmingham Journal 23/7/1853

“Queen Victoria Lodge. On Monday week the members of this lodge held their annual meeting at the house of Mr. *James Aston*, FOUNTAIN INN, when between fifty and sixty partook of an excellent dinner. Mr. John Robins presided, and Mr. Joseph Whitehouse officiated as the vice-chairman. The healths of the host, hostess, and officers, were proposed and responded to. The funds of the lodge are in very prosperous condition. An agreeable evening was spent.”

In January, 1854, Lord Ingestre, during the South Staffordshire Election campaign, addressed ‘large and enthusiastic meetings of the electors’ at the SEVEN STARS INN Princes End, the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge; and the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton Green.

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/11/1858

“On Friday evening week, three inquests were held at Mr. *James Aston*’s, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, before Mr. G. H. Hinchliffe, coroner, on the bodies of Thomas Mansell, aged 14 years, George Griffin, aged 26 years, and a child 2½ years old, named Mary Price. The same jury sat in all three cases. Thomas Mansell was at work loading a skip at the Fiddle Coal Pit, Bloomfield, belonging to E. and J. Whitehouse, on the afternoon of the 11th instant, when a quantity of coal fell upon him from the roof. It was immediately removed, but he died in about five minutes afterwards.

George Griffin was at work in a coal pit, belonging to Mr. J. Millard, on the morning of the 11th instant, fixing timber to prop up the roof, when about 5cwt of coal fell upon him, injuring him severely about the body. He was taken home, and Mr. Hill, surgeon, attended him, but he died the same morning.

Mary Price went into the house of a neighbour, named Wood, during the temporary absence of Mrs. Wood and family, on the morning of the 10th instant, and in a short time afterwards she was seen to run out of the house with her clothes on fire. The flames were immediately extinguished, but not before the child was so severely burnt about the body that she died soon after midnight.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned in each case.”

1861 Census

Owen Street – FOUNTAIN

- [1] *James Aston* (48), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Aston* (45), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Aston* (13), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Hannah Aston* (8), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Francis Aston* (5), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *George A. Aston* (3), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Margaret Hill* (23), visitor, born Tipton;
- [8] *Emma Hanworth* (23), servant, born Pays (?) Lane, Shropshire;
- [9] *Sarah Wright* (15), servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 2/8/1862 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Important Sale, at Tipton.

The Old-Established Public House called the HEN AND CHICKENS, the WHITE HART INN, and the LOCK HOUSE INN. Valuable Grocer’s Premises, and Various Other Houses and Sites; in the centre of the town of Tipton, suitable for public and other business purposes.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell, at the house of Mr. *James Aston*, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Wednesday Next, the 5th day of August, at Six o’clock in the evening, the under-mentioned valuable Freehold properties.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/5/1864 - Advert

“Wanted, a steady Man, as Brewer and Ostler.

Apply to Mr. *James Aston*, FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1865 - Advert

“Wanted, a young Man as Brewer and Ostler. None need apply who cannot produce a good character for sobriety, &c.

Apply to Mr. *James Aston*, FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

James Aston was the brother of Edward [licensee BRITANNIA].

Birmingham Journal 27/1/1866 - Deaths

“On the 23rd instant, after a long illness, in the 23rd year of his age, Edwin, son of *James Aston*, FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton; deeply regretted.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/12/1866

“.....A second inquest was held at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on the body of *Richard Smith*, aged thirty-eight, who was so injured on the 8th November by falling down the shaft at the Hurst Colliery, that death ensued. A verdict of Accident Death was found in this case.

Mr. Baker, Inspector of Mines, was present at each inquest.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/11/1868

“The General Election.....

Our Tipton correspondent writes. The parish of Tipton was yesterday divided, for the purposes of the Wednesbury election, into two districts, the upper and lower, and ten booths were erected to receive the votes. Four of these booths were placed in the former division, which included Burnt Tree, Dudley Port, High Green, Lower Green, Princes End, and adjoining localities; and six booths in the lower division, which comprised Great Bridge, Ocker Hill, Toll End, and other places in that neighbourhood. The Rev. J. Ker and Mr. Fisher Smith, Magistrates, sat all day at the Police Court, in order to meet any emergency, whilst Mr. Underhill and Mr. James Solly, Magistrates, traversed the parish. Reserve forces of police were at that station, under the command of Superintendent Mills, and at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, with Superintendent Williams at the head. The latter body of men was from Leek. Beyond sending a few extra consta-

bles to some of the booths in the upper division, where the disciples of Dr. Kenealy were using intimidation towards the electors, the services of the constabulary were not required.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1869 - Advert

“.....The Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association, founded in 1867, and owing its origin to the irregular competition of the Grocers in the sale of Wine, is now supplying through the following appointed Agents in this county its unequalled Teas Agents – Staffordshire.....

Mrs. *J. Ashton*, FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton.”

1871 Census

51, Owen Street

[1] *Hannah Aston* (55), widow, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] James Aston (31), son, chemist, born Tipton;

[3] William Aston (23), son, factor, born Tipton;

[4] Annie Aston (19), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Jane Barker (25), cook, born Stoke St. Marlbro [Stoke St. Milborough?], Shropshire;

[6] Mary Ann Hale (18), housemaid, born Tipton;

[7] William Brown (21), brewer, born Kinver:

Isaac Aston was also a cab proprietor. [1873]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/2/1875 - Advert

“Defensio, Non Provocatio.’ Caution.

The Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association, Southwark Street, Borough, London.

This association, having prosecuted and convicted a Grocer, at Bradford, at the Leeds Assizes, under the ‘Merchandise Marks Act, 1862,’ and also prosecuted a man at Chester Assizes, who was sentenced to six months’ imprisonment for fraudulently counterfeiting and imitating their Trade Mark, and having obtained a decree for a perpetual injunction against a Tea Company (Limited), restricting the said Company from selling or exposing for sale Tea packed in covers or wrappers made in imitation of those used by the Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association, or not materially differing therefrom, or in any cover or wrappers which by their shape, size, colour, labels, writings, figures, inscriptions, trade mark, or general character should make it appear that the packets sold or exposed for sale were those of the Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association, and which decree on appeal was confirmed by the Lord Chancellor, notice is hereby given that all persons Counterfeiting or Imitating the Trade Mark of the Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association will be forthwith Proceeded Against; and Licensed Victuallers, Grocers, Bakers, Confectioners and others are hereby warned from selling or exposing for sale Tea packed in covers or wrappers made in imitation of those used by said Association.

Thompson and Son, 60, Cornhill, Solicitors for the Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association.

Agents For Staffordshire.....

Tipton: *Isaac Aston*, FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street.”

Dudley Herald 29/4/1876

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Hooper, held an inquiry at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, into the cause of death of Mr. Aston Brigs, chemist and druggist, who died suddenly in his sitting room on the previous Thursday morning.

The jury having heard the evidence, returned the verdict, Death from Natural Causes.”

Dudley Herald 19/6/1880

“On Monday last an inquest was held before Edwin Hooper, Esq, the district coroner, at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, on the body of Samuel Nock, aged 7 years and 6 months, of Old Cross Street, Tipton.

The jury having been sworn viewed the body.

William Padmore, a boy nine years of age, stated that on Friday, the 11th inst, he and the deceased were catching ‘little fishes’ in the marl hole, Factory Road, Old Fields. Deceased stooped down to catch one, and,

in doing so, lost his balance and fell into the water out of sight. Witness was much frightened and instantly ran to some men, and asked them to get him out. Levi Jones was one of the men he asked, and he went at once and got deceased out of the water.

Levi Jones (19), miner, Brickkiln Street, said about half-past seven on Friday night, the 11th inst, the previous witness came to him and told him that the deceased had fallen into the water at the marl hole, at Old Fields. He went there and got deceased out by diving. He had to dive twice before he found the boy, who was under 12 feet of water. He was dead when witness got him out.

Evidence was given to show that Mr. Brown, FRCS, attended deceased immediately after his body was recovered from the water, but all the efforts of the medical gentleman to restore animation were unavailing. The Coroner, in summing up, spoke highly of the courageous conduct of the witness Levi Jones, the jury entirely concurring with the Coroner's remarks.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Ann Instone = Ann Inston

1881 Census

51, Owen Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Ann Instone* (60), widow, licensed victualler, born Thrumaston, Leicestershire;

[2] Phoebe Ethel Nicklin (19), barmaid, born Tipton;

[3] Mary Elizabeth James (14), general servant, born Dudley Port;

[4] Julia Ann Hickling (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[5] Elizabeth Ann Swift (8), granddaughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;

[6] Alice Emma Swift (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Great Bridge:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/2/1882 - Advert

"Pony, Gig, and Harness, new; bargain. Price £30; cost £44. Gig built by Messrs. Sheppard, of Birmingham.

To be seen at FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton."

Dudley and District News 6/9/1884

"On Monday afternoon Mr. F. W. Topham, deputy-coroner, held an inquest at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, touching the death of Edith Desbrow, aged seventeen months, the daughter of Catherine Desbrow, Old Cross Street, Tipton. It appeared that on Friday evening deceased was taken charge of by a girl named Maria Darby, while its mother was performing some domestic duties. The girl climbed on a wall about five feet high, for the purpose of showing deceased some horses when the child suddenly fell to the ground, receiving injuries from which she shortly afterwards expired. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Post 13/10/1884 - Advert

"Barmaid Wanted, at once, used to counter trade.

Apply FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Post 8/8/1885

"Yesterday afternoon Mr. Topham, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on the body of William Mills (26), grocer, of the same street, who was shot on the previous day, under circumstances already reported. Mr. A. W. Barradale attended for David Pearson, a friend of deceased, and who fired the fatal shot.

Joseph Mills, grocer, Parade, Birmingham, brother to the deceased, said he, David Pearson, George Yates, and his brother William were pigeon-shooting on the previous morning. Witness killed his pigeon, and Pearson shot at the second but missed it. Witness went forward saying he would catch the bird as it came round. He stepped forward some ten paces and heard the report of a gun. Turning round he saw his brother fall, but did not see who fired the shot.

Mr. Packwood, a juror, interrupted the coroner with a remark that sometimes witnesses were afraid to say

what had happened.

Mr. Topham: Behave yourself.

Mr. Packwood: I shall as well as you. I don't care for coroners or anybody.

Mr. Topham: Behave yourself, sir.

Mr. Packwood: Well, I'll have my evidence as well as you. Don't you go too far.

Mr. Topham: Who is this man?

Mr. Packwood: A man.

Mr. Topham (to Police-constable Chisholm): Is he sober? – Police-constable Chisholm: I can't say he is.

Mr. Topham: If you don't behave yourself I shall commit you.

Mr. Packwood: Commit me.

The Witness (continuing) said he saw blood coming from his brother's mouth and nose. His brother had been wounded on the right shoulder.

By Mr. Packwood: He did not know when his brother left Pearson on the previous night.

Mr. Packwood then made a rambling remark about friendship, and one or two of the jurors thought the remark irrelevant.

The Deputy Coroner said he would stop Mr. Packwood if he asked anything improper.

Mr. Packwood: Improper! Who are you?

Mr. Topham: I shall commit you.

Mr. Packwood: You commit me; you can't.

Mr. Topham: You'll see directly.

George Yates, groom, was then called, but he had scarcely spoken when Mr. Packwood asked the coroner to let him look at a law book.

Mr. Topham: No.

Mr. Packwood (taking up the Bible): May I look at this?

Mr. Topham: I want you to pay attention to the evidence.

Mr. Packwood continued reading, saying he had formed his opinion.

The Coroner then ordered him from the room; and as he would not move, Police-constable Chisholm ejected him.

Yates, continuing, said after Pearson missed the bird he had still a barrel loaded, and he went to shoot at the pigeon. At that moment Mr. Mills stepped slightly forward, and was hit. He was not slipping at the time.

Both gentlemen were good friends, and witness believed it was an accident.

The Coroner summed up after remarking upon the painful nature of the occurrence. For his own part he believed it was a pure accident.

The foreman (Mr. Downes) agreed and the jury, after speaking of the excellent terms on which the young men had been from boyhood, returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

Packwood was fined 40s.

After the verdict was recorded, a vote of condolence with the families of Mr. Mills and Mr. Pearson was unanimously passed by the jury."

Birmingham Daily Post 29/2/1888

"At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Neville, Stipendiary, the adjourned cases in connection with the management of the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton Green, came up for hearing, with others which had been preferred since the previous sitting of the Stipendiary. The summonses were against *Thomas Church* and *William Leach*, for selling liquors on the premises without a license; against Henry Charles Fulford, Birmingham, managing director of the Holte Brewery Company, for being privy to the sale of intoxicating liquors in the house on the 31st ult. and the 10th inst.; and against Moses Millington, Stephen Aston, Thomas Tranter, Alfred Fairdrey, and Thomas Downes, for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. Mr. Barradale (Dudley) appeared for Church, and Mr. A. Whitehouse for all the other parties.

On the 31st ult. Police-constables Rowland and Southall watched the five men last named playing at 'don' in the kitchen of the house from 11.35 to 12.45, and saw *Church* replenish the glasses several times and receive money in payment from some of the men. They also heard Millington, Fawdre, and Downes conversing about the money they respectively owed. Subsequently summonses were issued against the cardplayers and against *William Kettle*, keeper of the MIDLAND HOTEL, Wednesbury, but formerly keeper of the

FOUNTAIN, and whose name remained on the sign over the door; but when the case came on for hearing he was able to show that he left the house in March last year, when it was transferred from Mr. Anderson, of Wolverhampton, to the Holte Brewery Company, and that he then signed all in blank necessary for a transfer of the license, and had not since had anything to do with the house. The license was not transferred, however, and in August last it was renewed in his name. Between the 31st January and the hearing of the summons *Church* had been discharged, and *Leach* put in his place, and on the 10th ult., the two constables went to the house and bought beer from him. On his behalf it was pointed out that he had received authority from Sergeant Hopkins to go on selling until the magistrates sat on the following Monday, and the license could be transferred. With regard to the other charges Aston and Downes swore that they were invited into the house as friends, on the night of 31st January, and that neither paid for anything themselves, nor saw anyone else pay for anything; and Fulford deposed that he knew nothing about the house personally, but gave directions for the license to a man named *Wellding*, who was in the company's service.

The Stipendiary, in giving judgement, said that what the police saw through the window on the 31st was only consistent with the fact that money was paid. The witnesses called for the defence had the effrontery, he could say nothing less, to swear that not a farthing was paid; but he could not believe them, he was sorry to say. The five men would be fined 5s each and costs. *Church* had rendered himself liable to a penalty of £50, and considering the gravity of the case, he did not quite know whether it would not be advisable to inflict the full penalty, but he would not inflict more than £10, and costs on this occasion. With regard to Fulford, he as a managing director of a company which unfortunately did not take the care of its houses that it ought to do, but the summons against him was issued under the 4th section of the Licensing Acts as an occupier, instead of under the section of the Summary Jurisdiction Act under which he might have been treated as a part owner, and therefore it did not apply, the company not being the occupiers, but the owners. Upon that ground the summons against the managing director must be dismissed, but if it had been issued under the other Act his decision would have been very different. The summons against Fulford and *Leach* in respect of the sale on the 10th were also dismissed. The fine of £10 and costs (£11 2s in all) was paid."

Birmingham Daily Post 16/10/1888

"Yesterday, at the Police Court Edward Poulson, who said he came from Manchester, was charged with stealing a bottle of whisky from the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton Green.

The defendant went into the house and ordered a small glass in the bar. In the temporary absence of the girl he took a bottle of whisky from the shelf and bolted. The girl missed the bottle, and sought for the defendant. She found him at his lodgings drunk in bed, and the nearly empty bottle under the bed.

Defendant was sent to gaol for a month in consequence of inability to pay a 25s fine."

1891 Census

51, Owen Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Richard Clifton Davis* (36), surveyor, born Oldbury;

[2] Sarah Jane Davis (38), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Amy Davis (9), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Percy Davis (1), son, born Tipton;

[5] Clara Blower (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/4/1893

"At the Police Court, yesterday, before the Stipendiary magistrate (Mr. N. C. A. Neville) the Holt Brewery Company (Limited), Birmingham, were summoned as licensees of the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, for refusing to admit the police when called upon to do so. Mr. A. Whitehouse (Wolverhampton) appeared for the defence.

The case for the prosecution was that Police-constables Eden and Yarrel were in Owen Street late at night on Easter Sunday, and had their attention attracted to defendant's house by hearing voices inside. They listened at one of the doors, and heard the remark made, 'Fill a pint; we've paid for what we've had, and we can pay for more.' This was followed by more talking and laughter, and the constables then knocked at the door and demanded admission. A light which had been visible inside was then extinguished, and someone was heard to say, 'Be quiet lads, I believe it's the police.' A minute later the manageress came to the bedroom window,

when the constables explained who they were, and again asked for the door to be opened; but the woman stated that she was undressed, and that as there was no one but the family on the premises she should decline to admit anyone else. For the defence it was denied that the constables could have heard any of the remarks alleged by them to have been, several witnesses stating that there was no one downstairs after half-past eleven o'clock. The manageress also denied on oath the word 'police' was ever mentioned to her at the bedroom window, or that she understood it was the police who wished for admittance. Ultimately the Stipendiary held that it was clearly proved that a legitimate demand for admission was made by the constables, and said that public-house keepers must clearly understand that under circumstances such as these they were bound to comply with such a demand. In the present case he was afraid a good deal of evidence given for the defence had been touched up. Defendant was fined 20s and costs."

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

"The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at [Wednesbury](#), yesterday.....

The renewal of the license of the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, to the Holt Brewery Company was opposed on the ground of a conviction. Mr. Whitehouse said another tenant had been put in.....

The license to the Holt Brewery Company (with an intimation that greater caution should be exercised in the future) was granted."

Dudley Herald 31/3/1900

"Samuel Hale, Bell Street, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, on the 20th inst. PC Godwin said that defendant was very drunk, and was requested to several times by himself and the landlady leave the house, but he refused. He was eventually put out. Defendant was fined 10s and costs."

Birmingham Daily Post 2/6/1900 - Advert

"Sale Of Centrally Situated Old Licensed House, Shop, And Cottages, Owen Street and Factory Road, Tipton.

Messrs. Hawkins & Son have received instructions to sell by Auction, at the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton, on Wednesday, the 20th day of June inst, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be read. All that Well-known Old-Licensed House and Premises, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, having Spirit Vaults, Smoke Room, Bar, Parlour, Club Room, seven Chambers, Cellars, large Yard, Stabling, together with the Shop adjoining, in the occupation of Mr. John Sheldon, Boot Manufacturer, and the Two Cottages, being Nos.35 and 36, Factory Road, Tipton, aforesaid.

The House stands in one of the best positions in Tipton, and will always command a good trade.

The Property is Leasehold, as to a portion thereof, for a term of 950 years, created by an indenture dated the 29th day of September 1801, and as to the remainder thereof for a term of 1,000 years, created by an indenture dated the 23rd day of September, 1866, free from ground rent.

Further particulars from Messrs. W. Shakespeare and Co, Solicitors, Colmore Row; or of the Auctioneers, 115, Colmore Row, Birmingham."

1901 Census

51, Owen Street - Tavern

- [1] *Edward Charles Jackson* (30), married, labourer, born Northampton;
- [2] *Harriett Jackson* (57), mother, widow, living on own means, born Daventry, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Sybil Jackson* (6), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Mabel Jackson* (6), daughter, born Walsall:

1911 Census

Owen Street – FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] *William Aston* (29), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Alice Aston* (28), wife, married 4 years, assisting in the business, born Tipton;
- [3] *Reginald Aston* (1), nephew, born Tipton;
- [4] *Florrie Bladen* (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, £1 0s 7d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

John Hatcher was fined £5 and £5 5s special costs, or 1 month, on 30th December 1929, at Tipton, for suffering gaming to take place on his premises.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/1/1930

“At Tipton yesterday, *William Vaughan*, landlord of the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, was fined £5 with £5 5s special costs, on a charge of permitting gaming in his smokeroom.

Samuel Danks, aged 65, 59, Bell Street; Albert Price, 39, Sedgley Road; and Enoch West, aged 49, 34, Old Cross Street, who were charged with gaming on the licensed premises, were each fined £2 with £1 special costs. West was fined a further £10 for street betting.”

Dudley Chronicle 13/2/1930

“The general annual Licensing Sessions for Tipton were held at the Police Court on Tuesday February 4..... Police Superintendent J. Adams reported.....

Since last annual licensing meeting one licensed victualler was summoned for allowing gaming on his licensed premises and fined. In the preceding year no proceedings were taken against any of the licence holders. With one exception all the houses have been well conducted during the year. I have caused notices of opposition to the renewal of his licence to be served upon *William Vaughan*, FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on the ground that the licensed premises have been ill-conducted.....

The Chairman then said It was regrettable that there should have been a conviction against a licensee for contravening the Licensing Laws by permitting gaming to take place on his licensed premises. It had been brought to the notice of the justices that card-playing in licensed premises was very prevalent. They wished to call attention to this fact and to give warning to licensees of the risk which they were running by allowing such a practice to take place. Any gaming on licensed premises for money or money’s worth was a breach of the law, and although licensees may not wish to commit any offence, they could not always control the desire of other people to ‘have a little bit on the game.’ When attention was called to the practice, the remark was often made that card-playing was permitted in other licensed houses, and that was the reason for calling public attention and to request all licensees to prevent card or other games taking place on their licensed premises.....

An application was made on behalf of Messrs. Showells for the renewal of the licence in respect of the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street. Inspector Heath then detailed the facts of how the former licensee, Mr. *William Vaughan*, had been fined for suffering gaming on the licensed premises. Since that time there had been a change in the tenancy, and he had twice visited the house. There was now no objection that the police could raise. The representatives of the company said that their tenants were each supplied with a notice as to how the house should be conducted. Mr. Howl said he favoured the point that these instructions should be placed in all licensed premises. Superintendent Adams said he thought a warning, such as had been voiced

by the Chairman that morning, would suffice to make licensees realise that gaming was not permitted. After the justices had satisfied themselves as to the satisfactory character of Mr. John Hatcher, the licence was renewed. It was stated that the plans for the FOUNTAIN, INN, Owen Street, had also been approved.”

Evening Despatch 30/11/1939

“Well-supported dog shows were held at FOUNTAIN, Tipton.”

1939 Register

51, Owen Street

[1] *William Burns*, date of birth, 03/10/1878, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Florence Burns*, dob, 13/04/1878, unpaid domestic duties, married;

Walsall Observer 11/11/1939

“Walsall Dog-Owners’ Success. A first prize for condition was won at the DUKE OF YORK INN, Darlaston, by Mr. Jackson of Walsall, with his spaniel. Mr. Bolton, of Walsall, with a golden retriever, won first and third at the HOP POLE, Bilston, and a second at the FOUNTAIN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Mail 5/2/1943 - Advert

“Suits fit stout man Offers wtd. Seen any time.

FOUNTAIN INN, Owen St., Tipton.”

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies’ Darts League. [1948]

It originally had three storeys. The top storey was removed in the 1950s.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/8/1953

“Mr. *George Heaven*, licensee of the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, has cancelled plans to run week-end dances because of protest from local churches.

Mr. *Heaven* has closed his assembly rooms and said last night ‘There was such a uproar when I decided to hold dances on Sundays that the whole lot have been cancelled.’

When Mr. Owen [sic] announced his intention to hold dances at 2s 6d a time for 250 people on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights the Ministers’ Fraternal – representing all the town’s minsters – objected to the Sunday dances.

They threatened to protest to the Mayor and asked the Lord’s Day Observance Society what action could be taken.

Mr. *Heaven* decided to introduce week-end dancing after the council made it clear last month that singing and dancing in Tipton public houses after drinking hours is legal. The council refused to hand over its licensing powers to the magistrates.

‘I may hold dances here during week nights,’ said Mr. *Heaven*, ‘But I cannot say when. All the arrangements were ready for the weekend dances and four of my customers had agreed to act as unofficial M.C.s who would ask any rowdy dancers to leave.’

Some Tipton publicans protested to the local branch of the Licensed Victuallers’ Association that since the town’s dancing and singing privilege was made known customers refuse to go home at closing time.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1953

‘Wicked, wicked Tipton goes gay.

Tipton, Staffordshire, is being offered the Bright Lights, with dancing and floorshows every week-night. A series of Sunday night ‘gala dances’ begin to-morrow at the Assembly Hall, Canal Street, and if they are a success, the nightly cabarets will follow on. The dances are being run by the local ex-Servicemen’s Club together with private sponsors who are remaining anonymous.

When a publican, Mr. *George Heaven*, licensee of the FOUNTAIN INN, proposed to run similar dances at his premises, recently, opposition by local clergy was so strong he was obliged to call them off.

Legally the dances could go on all night. For Tipton Council has refused to delegate its entertainment

licensing powers to the magistrates. But the Sunday night dances will go on only from 8 to 11pm. For half-a-crown admission, dancers will be offered all styles of popular music from old-time jazz to modern bop. If the dances are sufficiently well attended, dances every week-day will be organised, with 60 to 90 minutes of cabaret by variety artists in addition.

One of the organisers said last night ‘We want to make it quite plain that we are not putting on these Sunday dances in defiance of the people who object to Sunday entertainment. But we feel that Tipton is so dead at night that the town needs something like this. Our idea is to provide something for both young and old. The dances will give older patrons the chance to hear the old familiar tunes – and probably bring back some happy memories – and they will help keep the younger people off the street, which is about the only place they have got to go at present.’

[See MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, 30/7/1953 – ‘This is wicked, wicked Tipton’ & HORSELEY TAVERN, 8/8/1953 – ‘Wicked, Wicked Tipton Likes Its Late Hours’.]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960 - Thanks

“The wife and family of the late William Brown, licensee of the BLACK COCK INN, wish to express their most grateful thanks to relatives and friends for the floral tributes and sympathy in their sad loss. Wreaths and flowers sent by Mrs. *Mason* and customers of the FOUNTAIN.....”

London Gazette 12/12/1972

“*Glover, Diane Florence* (widow), Travelling Saleswoman recently residing and carrying on business as a Licensee at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street Date of Filing Petition 30th November 1972.....”

AND

Edinburgh Gazette 15/12/1972

“*Diane Florence Glover* (widow), travelling saleswoman, residing at 90 Crophorne Close, Woodrow North, Redditch in the county of Worcester, recently residing and carrying on business as a licensee at the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton in the county of Stafford.”

It became a listed building in 1984.

Closed

It reopened in 1984 as the first Holt, Plant and Deakin pub.

Sandwell Evening Mail 1/11/1991 - Advert

“Early Evening Pint Savers. Holts Bitter 99p per pint. Holts Entire 105p per pint.

Special offer prices for the month of November only.

Available Mon-Sat evenings 5.30-8pm.

Only from these Holts pubs FOUNTAIN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Sandwell Evening Mail 7/11/1991

“Fellow licensees sickened by an armed robber’s brutal beating of Tipton publican *Howard Morris* today offered a reward of £600 in the hunt for his attacker. The publicans at all Holt, Plant and Deakin’s managed pubs in the Black Country are each putting £20 to a collection. Raffles are expected to swell the proceeds which will provide a reward for anyone with information resulting in the man’s arrest and conviction.

Mr. *Morris* was left with a perforated ear drum and head wounds after Monday’s 4.30am bedroom attack at the FOUNTAIN pub in Owen Street. A masked attacker clubbed him half-senseless and forced him to open a safe, making off with more than £1,000 in takings.

Mr. John Whitlow, licensee of the LOYAL LODGE public house, Halesowen, who suggested the reward, said, ‘As fellow licensees we felt we should do something for *Howard*. We are all upset for *Howard* and disgusted and angry about the incident. It was a particularly cowardly attack upon a man at 4.30 in the morning. For the petty sum of £1,000 the man has got to be both desperate and sick.’ Mr. Whitlow, who

was savagely beaten up at his own pub in February last year by a man since jailed, added, ‘We just want the man who perpetrated this attack upon *Howard* to be brought to justice as soon as possible.’
Detectives are continuing the hunt for the man, who is thought to be white, about 5ft 4in tall. He wore a black balaclava mask, black gloves, blue jeans and a patterned jumper. Anyone with information should phone Wednesbury CID.”

It was the headquarters of Tipton Fountain FC. [1995]

Closed

It reopened on 6th December 2000 after a six month closure.

Frank Downes was married to Trish.

Mark Carroll was married to Louise.

Linda Bennett – nee Carter.

She was married to Steve.

Dudley News 1/8/2020

“A new Eat Out to Help Out postcode checker has been launched by the government that allows you to find out which business in Dudley and the surrounding areas are taking part in the scheme.

Eat Out to Help Out officially begins on Monday, August 3. Customers will be able to get a 50 per cent discount on food or non-alcoholic drinks (up to a £10 discount per diner) at participating establishments.

The scheme will run every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until Monday, August 31. Establishments will claim a reimbursement from the government for the discount they’ve given. Participating establishments may include restaurants, cafés, bars or pubs, work and school canteens and food halls. Here are the establishments so far registered to take part in the scheme within five miles of Dudley town centre.....

FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton.”

[2020]

FOUR WAYS

137, Aston Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Dudley Herald 10/1/1874

“To be sold by auction situate at Four Ways, Aston Street, Great Bridge, Tipton on the turnpike road leading from Great Bridge to Wednesbury and Bilston and opposite the Tipton Board School, No.137 was formally used as a public house known by the sign of the FOUR WAYS INN, and comprises a front tap room, bar, smoke room, large club room, two good chambers, under kitchen, cellar and brewhouse fitted up with two good boilers and oven.”

FOX

4, (3), Wednesbury Oak (Road), (Bilston Road), Gospel Oak Bridge, Gospel Oak, (Wednesbury Oak), (Brierley), TIPTON

OWNERS

Mary Ann Caddick, 73, Wellington Road, Wednesbury Oak, Bilston
Phillip Williams and Sons

LICENSEES

Richard Caddick [1828] – [1842]
Isaac Caddick [1844] – [1870]
Mary Ann Caddick [1871]
Richard Caddick [1872] – [1904]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Gospel Oak [1837]
Wednesbury Oak [1844], [1849], [1860], [1861]
3, Wednesbury Oak Road [1871], [1891]
4, Wednesbury Oak [1881]
3, Wednesbury Oak [1896]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/7/1830 - Advert

“The Proprietor of the Euphrates Packet Begg to inform the public that he has commenced running the above from Wolverhampton to Birmingham, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and returns at Five o’Clock the same evening, for the Accommodation of Passengers and Conveyance of Parcels.

Leaves Mr. Shipton’s Wharf at Six o’Clock in the Morning, by way of Deepfields, Bradley; calls at Mr. Caddick’s, the FOX INN, near Wednesbury Oak, Bloomfield, Factory Bridge, Tipton Green, Dudley Port, Oldbury, Spon Lane, and Smethwick.

Fares throughout: First Cabin, 2s 6d; Second Cabin, 1s 9d; short Distances according to his Cards.

Parcels carried and forwarded to all Parts of the Kingdom. Performed by the Public’s most obedient Servant.

Thomas Monk, Proprietor. June 28, 1830.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 27/11/1837 - Advert

“Freehold House &c, At Brierley.

To be Sold by Auction, by R. Corbett, at the house of Mr. *Richard Caddick*, the FOX INN, situate at Gospel Oak, Brierley, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford on Thursday next the 30th of November, at six o’clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions which will then be read.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/4/1840 - Advert

“Desirable Property, At Princes End.

To be Sold By Auction, by Richard Corbett, at the House of Mr. *Richard Caddick*, known by the sign of the FOX INN, at Gospel Oak, Brierley, in the parish of Sedgley, on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 1840, at five o'clock in the afternoon (unless previously disposed of by private contract, of which due notice will be given), and subject to conditions then to be read.....”

1841 Census

Wednesbury Oak

- [1] *Richard Caddick* (47), maltster, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Sarah Caddick (45), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Isaac Caddick* (20), born Staffordshire;
- [4] James Caddick (18), born Staffordshire;
- [5] Phoebe Caddick (17), born Staffordshire;
- [6] Edward Caddick (14), born Staffordshire;
- [7] Sarah Caddick (12), born Staffordshire;
- [8] Joseph Caddick (10), born Staffordshire;
- [9] Sarah Bywater (16), fs, born Staffordshire:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28/10/1844 - Married

“On Tuesday last at Sedgley, by the rev. Mr. Lewis, vicar, Mr. *Isaac Caddick*, eldest son of the late Mr. *Richard Caddick*, maltster, of Wednesbury Oak, to Mary Ann, third daughter of Mr. Joseph Holland, of Princes End.”

Isaac Caddick was also a maltster and brewer [1845]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/2/1850

“Inquests held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner.....

On Friday last at the FOX INN, at Princes End, on the body of Benjamin Downs, eight years of age, who was found drowned on the previous Wednesday, in the canal, near the New Locks. He had been seen on the previous evening passing along a plank across the canal, near the spot where he was found. Verdict, Accidentally Drowned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/11/1850

“On Wednesday, before J. Leigh and G. B. Thorneycroft, Esqs, Thomas Jones and James Allen were charged with stealing 13 fowls, the property of Mr. W. Wilson, farmer, Perton, near Tettenhall, and Moses Caddick, a publican and higgler, living at Summerhill, near Dudley, was charged with receiving the same, knowing them to have been stolen. The fowls were stolen on Tuesday night week, and on the following day were discovered by Inspector Butler, at the FOX public-house, Bilston Street, in this town, in the possession of Caddick, who said he purchased them that morning from the prisoner Jones, for 11s or 12s. Jones and Allen were taken into custody, and at the station Jones said they bought the fowls for 8s, and sold them to Caddick for 12s. Mr. Wilson valued the fowls at 3s or 3s 6d per couple. Sophia Jones identified three of the fowls as the property of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Whitehouse submitted no case had been made out against Caddick, and called Samuel Doleman, higgler, who declared the fowls were not worth more than 2s 3d or 2s 6d per couple. Sarah Adams stated that Jones came and asked Caddick to buy some fowls, when he told him to bring them to the market, but Jones replied that it was too far, and that he would bring them to the FOX public-house. The prisoners were committed for trial, two sureties in £50 being accepted for the appearance of Caddick.”

[At Stafford, on 13th December 1850, Thomas Jones and James Allen were found guilty of larceny, and sentenced to twelve months each. The charge of larceny against Moses Caddick was declared 'not a true bill'.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/12/1850

“An inquest was held at the FOX INN, Princes End, on the 9th instant, before T. M. Phillips, coroner, on the

body of William Perry, of Dudley, aged 15 years, who was found drowned in the New Canal, at Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley.

On the 10th instant, an inquest was held at the SCOTTS ARMS, Gospel Oak, before the same coroner, on the body of John Edwards, miner, of Bilston, 28 years of age, who was found drowned in the New Canal, at Gospel Oak, in the parish of Sedgley, on the 9th instant. Verdict in each case, Accidental Death.”

Isaac Caddick was only described as a maltster [1851], [1864], [1865]

1851 Census

Wednesbury Oak

- [1] *Isaac Caddick* (32), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Maryan Caddick* (33), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Sarah H. Caddick (4), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Richard Caddick* (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] Mary Swinerton (19), house servant, born Sedgley;
- [6] Harriet Perks (15), house servant, born Tipton;
- [7] William James (23), servant, brewer, born Haselor, Warwickshire:

1861 Census

Wednesbury Oak

- [1] *Isaac Caddick* (42), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Caddick* (44), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Richard Caddick* (12), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] Mary E. Caddick (7), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] Maria Bett (20), general servant, born Tipton:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 31/8/1867

“Yesterday the annual Bilston Licensing Meeting was held at the Public Office.....

Mr. Stephens then made an application for George Whittle, Bridge End, Gospel Oak, which was opposed, in person, by Mr. *Caddick*, keeper of the FOX INN. Refused.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 31/8/1867

“Yesterday, the annual meeting of Magistrates for the granting of victuallers licenses, in the Bilston Police Division, was held at the Police Court in that town.....

Mr. Watson, of West Bromwich, sought on behalf of Mr. Whittle, for a license to the GREAT BRIDGE INN, at Wednesbury Oak. The house was situated on the bank of the canal, and he was informed that there was a great necessity for a spirit license in cases of persons falling into the canal as, although there was another licensed house on the opposite bank, persons had to go some distance before it could be reached. Mr. *Caddick*, landlord of the house referred to, opposed the application in person, upon the ground that there were two other public houses very close to the BRIDGE INN, exclusive of his Refused.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 23/10/1869 - Advert

“Sale Of Freehold Business Premises And Dwelling Houses, at Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, fronting the main Road and opposite the site of the intended new Wesleyan Chapel.

By E. Cox (under the Will of the late Mr. Thomas Turvey, deceased), at the house of Mr. *Isaac Caddick*, the FOX INN, Gospel Oak, on Monday Next, the 25th day of October, instant, at Seven o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions.....”

1871 Census

3, Wednesbury Oak

- [1] *Mary Ann Caddick* (54), widow, innkeeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Richard Caddick* (22), son, maltster, born Sedgley;
- [3] Mary Elizabeth Caddick (17), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] Sarah Baker (20), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Staffordshire Sentinel 3/1/1878

“Thomas v. Hartill. Mr. J. Underhill and Mr. Rose, instructed by Mr. Greenway, Wolverhampton, was for the appellants; and Mr. Darling, instructed by Mr. Stoke, Dudley, was for the respondent.

This was an appeal from an order made by Mr. Isaac Spooner, stipendiary magistrate for Wolverhampton, adjudging the appellant, Mr. Thomas Lester Thomas, of the firm E. Lewis and Co., Princes End, to be the father of the illegitimate child of the respondent, Sarah Maria Hartill. The respondent, a single woman, was formerly in the employ of the appellant at his works at Princes End, and on the 4th November, 1876, she was about the works when appellant came up to her, and after she had consumed some whisky she alleged that he took liberties with her. Some months afterwards she intimated to him that she was enceinte, and after one or two interviews he gave her £10 in money. The woman also alleged that if that at the same time the appellant stated that if the child died and she kept the matter quiet, she might return to her situation. Mr. Thomas was informed by the respondent, on the 6th April, the position she was in, and he met the girl’s mother the same evening at the FOX INN, Princes End. Mrs. Hartill then said she should have seen him herself, but for his (appellant’s) wife. She further stated that she had ‘made the subject a matter of prayer, and the Lord had told her to say nothing, as it would spare a life.’

Mr. Thomas denied the paternity, but gave the girl £10 for the purpose of avoiding the matter becoming a public scandal. He was fearful of his wife hearing about it, because if she had done so, then in her condition, it might have resulted in her death. The appellant now emphatically denied that he was guilty of the charge imputed to him, and called Mr. Burch and another gentleman to prove that at the time the alleged indecencies took place, Mr. Thomas was in their company.

The Court without waiting for the conclusion of the appellant’s case quashed the proceedings.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/1/1881 - Advert

“Claverdon, Warwickshire. To Let, the Hercules Farm, about 112 acres, nearly half pasture, with farmhouse and buildings; ten minutes walk from station. Immediate possession may be had.

Apply *Richard Caddick*, FOX INN, Princes End, Tipton.”

1881 Census

4, Wednesbury Oak Bridge

[1] *Richard Caddick* (32), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] Frances Caddick (30), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Isaac Caddick (8), son, born Sedgley;

[4] Frances Mary Caddick (7), daughter, born Sedgley;

[5] Sarah Louise Hipkin (19), general servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 6/9/1881 - Advert

“Two Malshouses, House, Garden, Stabling, to Let, together or separate.

Apply FOX INN, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/2/1891

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the FOX INN, Gospel Oak, on the body of Maria Callaghan (4), the daughter of a widow living at Wednesbury Oak. Deceased’s mother was out charing on Monday, and left the child in the house in the care of an elder brother. The girl obtained a piece of paper which she lighted at the fire, and so ignited her clothes. She was severely burnt on the lower parts of her body. The cries of her brother and herself brought assistance, and after the little one’s injuries had been dressed with oils she was taken to the Guest Hospital. There, however, she cried in such a pitiable manner that her mother was constrained to take her home again. Dr. Underhill was sent for and attended the sufferer until death on Wednesday. The mother said there was no fireguard, and the Coroner strongly advised her to get one to protect the other children. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1891 Census

3, Wednesbury Oak Road

[1] *Richard Caddick* (42), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] Frances Caddick (40), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Isaac Caddick (18), son, born Sedgley;

[4] Frances M. Caddick (17), daughter, born Sedgley;

[5] Sydney M. Caddick (9), son, scholar, born Sedgley;

[6] Nellie Caddick (7), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;

[7] Leonard Caddick (5), son, scholar, born Sedgley;

[8] Ethel Caddick (3), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

Wednesbury Herald 2/2/1895

“Mr. A. B. Smith held an inquest at the FOX INN, Wednesbury Oak, on Monday, concerning the death of Edwin Thomas Roberts (24), butcher, Church Road, Coseley, who had been found drowned in the Birmingham Canal at Wednesbury Oak.

Rosannah Roberts, the widow, stated that her husband left home shortly after eight o'clock on the morning of the 16th inst, with the intention of attending the cattle market at Wolverhampton. He took with him a leather bag containing £13 or £14. Before leaving home he was cheerful and very affectionate in his manner The Coroner said the deceased's death was a mystery, as there was no evidence to show how he got into the water. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

1901 Census

3+4, Wednesbury Bank – FOX INN

[1] *Richard Caddick* (52), innkeeper, born Sedgley;

[2] Francis Caddick (50), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Isaac Caddick (28), son, foreman maltster, born Sedgley;

[4] Francis M. Caddick (26), daughter, born Sedgley;

[5] Sydney Caddick (19), son, plumber and house painter, born Sedgley;

[6] Nellie Caddick (17), daughter, born Sedgley;

[7] Leonard Caddick (15), son, born Sedgley;

[8] Ethel Caddick (13), daughter, school, born Sedgley:

Closed

Abandoned 1903.

It was demolished c.1903

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Mr. W. A. Foster said he appeared for Messrs Philip Williams and Sons, the owners of the FOX INN (Wednesbury Oak), now pulled down, who gave notice to apply for the license to be transferred to SHEPHERDS COTTAGE. Messrs. Philip Williams and Sons had decided not to proceed with the application.

Mr. Willcock: Then the license is dropped altogether?

Mr. Bratt (Licensing Justices' Clerk): That is another matter.

Mr. Foster: I think my friend may take it for granted that the license will be dropped altogether.”

FOX AND HOUNDS

Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edmund Hodkinson [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

Owen Street – FOX AND HOUNDS

[1] *Edmund Hodkinson* (49), labourer and beer seller, born Pipe Ridware, Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Hodkinson (38), wife, born Shifhall, Shropshire;

[3] Emyne Hodkinson (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] John Hodkinson (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Edward Butler (16), son-in-law, engine smith, born Tipton;

[6] Thomas Butler (14), son-in-law, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] Michael Bull (18), servant, brewer, born Blithbury, Staffordshire;

[8] Emily Williams (19), domestic servant, born Comberton, Herefordshire:

GATE

Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Grainger [1868]

GATE

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Timmins [1818]

GATE HANGS WELL

Alexandra Road, (Workhouse Lane), Little Burton, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Jeavons [1860] – [1864]

James Caswell [] – **1870**)

NOTES

It was frequented by Abigail Whitehouse.

The landlord kept a monkey.

Henry Jeavons = Henry Jevons

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1860

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before James Bagnall and D. Round, Esqrs, the following beer sellers were summoned and convicted of having kept their houses open for the sale of beer at the wake beyond the hours allowed by the statute, viz, till half-past eleven at night *Henry Jeavons* They were all fined 5s and costs, and cautioned as to their future transactions.”

1861 Census

Workhouse Lane – GATE HANGS WELL

[1] *Henry Jevons* (27), publican, born Tipton;

[2] Emma Jevons (25), wife, born Tipton;

[3] John Jevons (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] George Whilkshire (36), lodger, labourer, born Wiltshire;

[5] Eliza Prince (15), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 29/3/1862 – Advert

“Unreserved Sale, At The GATE HANGS WELL, Workhouse Lane, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by C. Round, on Monday Next, March 31st, 1862, upon the Premises as above – all the neat and clean Household Furniture, Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, and other Effects, comprising Horse-hair Sofa, Oak Stand Table, Windsor Cane-seated and Arm Chairs; Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Eight-day Clock, Four-pull Beer Machine, Drinking Tables, Screens, Window Blinds, Mahogany, Iron and other Bedsteads; Feather and Flock Beds, Mattresses and Paillasses, Looking Glasses, Cups and Jugs, Pockets of Hops, Six Bags of Malt, Malt Crusher, Mash Rule, Wort Ladder, Mash Tub, Vats, cast-iron Boiler, quantity of Fine Ale, Ale Barrels, Light Spring Trap, One Store Pig, Pegs, Bowls and Frame, &c, belonging to Mr. *Henry Jeavons*, and sold under Distraint for Rent.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock. Auctioneer's Offices, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/2/1864

“At the Police Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. J. Haines and J. Solly, *Henry Jeavons*, of the GATE INN beerhouse, Little Burton, Tipton, was fined 2s 6d and costs, for having his house open during prohibited hours on the night of Sunday week.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

James Caswell, the GATE HANGS WELL, Workhouse Lane, applied through Mr. Travis. Refused.”

The license renewal to *James Caswell* was refused in October 1870.

Birmingham Daily Post 1/2/1876 - Advert

“By C. Round, This Day (Tuesday), at 11, at the HARE AND HOUNDS INN, Owen Street, and the GATE HANGS WELL, Workhouse Lane, Tipton – Household Furniture, Public-House Fittings and Effects.”

Dudley Herald 28/8/1880 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling Houses and Premises in Puppy Green, Tipton, and Freehold Dwelling-Houses, Large Yard, and Premises, in Workhouse Lane, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round, at the ALBION INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Wednesday, September 8th, 1880, at Six o'clock in the evening, which will incorporate the common form conditions of the Wolverhampton Law Association.....

Lot 2. All those Four Dwelling Houses, in Workhouse Lane, Tipton, in the occupations of Samuel Grant, Richard Beardsmore, Alfred Knowles, and William Jukes, at rents amounting to £29 5s per annum, with the brewhouse, malt-room, entrance gates, walled-in garden, and premises thereto belonging. The said Dwelling-houses were formerly one house, and known as the GATE HANGS WELL INN. Lot 2 had frontages to Workhouse Lane of eight yards, to the street adjoining of 25 yards, and to Spring Street of 10 yards 6 inches, and contain about 850 square yards.....”

GATE HANGS WELL

33, Tividale Road, Burnt Tree, Tividale, TIPTON

OWNERS

Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.

Ind Coope and Allsopp Ltd. (leased)

LICENSEES

Samuel Timmins [1818]

Elijah Cartwright [1858]

Timothy ‘Tim’ Thomas [1860] – [1861]

Samuel White [1861]

Timothy ‘Tim’ Thomas [1863] – [1865]

Richard Davies [1871] – [1872]

J Woodhall [1880]

Edward Jackson [1881]

Mrs. Emma Woodhall [1891] – [1904]

Benjamin Whitehouse [1911] – [1938]

Mrs. Caroline Whitehouse [1939] – **1940**;

Thomas Turner **(1940 – 1942)**;

Elizabeth Maria Turner **(1942 – 1944)**;

Harry Bernard Reed **(1944 – 1949)**;

Alan Frederick Pearson **(1949 – 1952)**;

Francis Norman Hewitt **(1952 – 1953)**;

Frank Ernest Cutler **(1953 – 1954)**;

John Patrick Gallagher **(1954 – 1956)**;

Kenneth Bernard Underhill **(1956 – 1957)**;

Stanley North (1957 – 1958);
Donald Henry Manton (1958 – []
Eynon Evans [c.1960]

NOTES

GATE [1818], [1860], [1861]

GATE HANGS WELL [1861], [1940]

It had a swinging sign featuring a black five-barred gate on which ‘The GATE HANGS WELL, and hinders none. Refresh and pay, and Carry on’ was written in gold letters.

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a bowling green.

London Gazette 12/10/1858

“In the Matter of the Petition of *Elijah Cartwright*, at present and for three months and twenty-four days last past residing at the GATE INN, Tividale, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Retail Brewer and Beerseller, and Dealer in Tobacco, also carrying on the trades or businesses of an Engineer, Contractor, Millwright, and General Commission Agent, and formerly for eighteen months and upwards residing at the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, Kate’s Hill, Dudley, in the county of Worcester, Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Tobacco, also carrying on the trades or businesses of an Engineer, Contractor, Millwright, and General Commission Agent, an Insolvent Debtor.

Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, acting in the matter of this Petition will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on the 21st day of October instant, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/2/1860

“T. Thomas of Tividale will run J. Long of Dudley Port 120 yards, for from £5 to £25 a side; or B. Hack of the same place, on the same terms; or J. Hall of Dudley, or Yardley of Blackheath 160 yards. Money ready any night next week at *T. Thomas’s*, GATE INN, Tividale.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 30/9/1860

“H. Thomas (a novice), who has never run for a shilling, will run Boater 100 yards for from £5 up to £20 a side. Money ready any time, at *Mr. T. Thomas’s*, the GATE INN, Tividale.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/12/1860

“W. Brazenall of Dudley Port will run T. Wallet 440 yards, for £5 a side. Money ready any night next week at *Mr. T. Thomas’s*, GATE INN, Tividale.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 22/9/1861

“Pigeon Flying at Tividale and Dudley Port. *Mr. T. Thomas*, of the GATE INN, Tividale, will give a silver cup in a handicap to be flown from the Nelson Bull Ring, Birmingham. All persons wishing to enter must apply before Sept 23. Entrance 1s; acceptances 6d each, to be made on or before the 28th inst; to fly the ensuing Monday, the 30th inst. All particulars may be known as above.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/9/1862

“Tim Thomas of Tividale and T. Price of Tipton.

As we anticipated, the match between these well-known pedestrians excited a good deal of interest, and a good deal of money was laid out on the event previous to the day of running, and a considerable sum changed hands on the ground, the backers of Thomas laying the odds of 5 and 6 to 4, which were readily

taken by Price's friends. The distance was 100 yards, for £10 a side, Mr. Coates, the final stakeholder, acting as referee. Nothing could excel the fine condition both men appeared in, Thomas, as usual, having trained himself, whilst Price had been under the careful hands of W. Williams of Great Bridge. Both men were confident, and, therefore, laid the gate money on the event. After numerous attempts the men got away well together at a clipping pace, but at half distance Thomas was slightly leading; from that point he increased his speed, and ran in a winner by two yards, amidst loud cheers. The stakes were handed to him before he left the ground. We have great pleasure in stating that so pleased are his backers and friends at his general good conduct and uprightness as a pedestrian, that a silver cup is to be presented to him on Sep 6, at the GATE INN, Tividale. Out of 15 matches he has run he has won 12."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/5/1863

"Aston Cross Grounds. Should the weather prove favorable on Monday, May 4, there is no doubt of a large attendance to witness the undermentioned matches.....

T. Thomas of Tividale and Webb of Kates Hill, Dudley. For the six score yards match, for £10 a side, in which great interest is taken not only in Birmingham, but in the localities the men hail from, the money has been made good to the final stakeholder, Mr. Challingworth of Dudley. The men to toe the scratch punctually from two to half-past two; to start by mutual consent in 15 minutes, or go by the first report of pistol. The man going before the pistol is fired to lose. The stakeholder (Mr. Challingworth) and the referee (Mr. Coates) to pick a party to fire the pistol. Thomas will be at home at the GATE INN, Tividale, and Webb at Welch's, THREE HORSE SHOES, Oldbury, on May 3, from their training quarters, where they will be glad to see their friends."

[Webb won by two yards.]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/8/1863

"Ash Tree Grounds, Tividale. T. Thomas, the proprietor of the above grounds, will £3 5s as money prizes to be run for in a 130 yards handicap, open to novices who have never won above £10, to come off on Mondays, Sept 14 and 21. Entries 1s each, to be paid to *T. Thomas*, GATE INN, Tividale, on or before Wednesday, Sept 2, and acceptances of 1s each to be paid on or before Monday, Sept 7, to *T. Thomas*, as above. Any one entering falsely will be disqualified."

AND

"J. Raden of Tividale and H. Tudor of Dudley Port. The 120 yards match for £5 a side, between these men is going on. £3 a side is down, and a further deposit is to be made on Saturday, Aug 22, at *T. Thomas's*, GATE INN, Tividale. The race to come off at the above grounds on Aug 31."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/2/1865

"W. Jones of Tividale and T. Cambridge of the same place have signed articles to run 100 yards at the Aston Cross ground, for £10 a side, on Monday, Feb 20. £2 a side is down in the hands of Mr. Clift, of Oldbury, who is stakeholder, and a further deposit for the same must be made good on Monday, at *Tim Thomas's*, the GATE INN, Dudley Road, Tividale."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/5/1865

"W. Jones of Tividale will run J. Baggott of Gritts Green 120 yards if he will give him two yards start, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at *Tim Thomas's*, GATE INN, Tividale, any night next week."

1871 Census

33, Tividale Road

- [1] *Richard Davies* (63), publican, born Presteign, Radnorshire;
- [2] *Ann Davies* (55), wife, born Bidstone, Shropshire;
- [3] *William Davies* (36), son, engineer, born Whitton, Radnorshire;
- [4] *Mary Davies* (33), daughter, married, born Whitton, Radnorshire;
- [5] *John Davies* (25), son, labourer, born Brampton, Herefordshire;
- [6] *Margaret A. Davies* (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Charles Davies* (5), grandson, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] George Davies (11 months), grandson, born Tipton;

[9] Sarah Gulliver (23), niece, married, born Stow, Shropshire:

Richard Davies, beer retailer, Tividale. [1872]

Dudley Herald 10/4/1880 - Advert

“For Sale, a couple of Vats, Two Boilers with large taps, Mash Tub, and a Refrigerator, all in excellent condition.

Apply, *J. Woodall*, GATE HANGS WELL, Burnt Tree, Tipton.”

Dudley and District News 19/2/1881

“John M’Carthy, who was fined 5s and costs, or 14 days’ imprisonment, for being drunk and disorderly at Burnt Tree on Saturday night last, was also charged with wilfully damaging a pane of glass in the bar window of the GATE HANGS WELL INN, Burnt Tree, on the same night.

Edward Jackson, landlord of the house in question, said that the defendant entered his house, and without having any drink, became abusive, refusing to go when ordered out. A young man who was in the house thereupon turned him out, and immediately after the bar window was broken. Witness went outside and found defendant there, who said he had broken the window with his head, but that was an impossibility, the window being too high.

Defendant, who admitted the offence, saying he was drunk at the time, was ordered to pay 9d damage, and fined 5s and costs, or fourteen days, for the wilful damage.”

1881 Census

33, Tividale Road

[1] *Edward Jackson* (55), millwright at iron works, GATE HANGS WELL INN, born Cannock;

[2] Sarah Jackson (56), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] Edward Jackson (22), son, millwright at iron works, born Wednesfield;

[4] Frank Jackson (18), son, gardener, born Wednesfield;

[5] Elizabeth Jackson (25), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesfield;

[6] Sarah Birchill (17), domestic servant, born Netherton:

Evening Star 17/2/1882

“On Friday, Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the GATE HANGS WELL, Tividale Road, near Dudley, on the body of the male illegitimate child of Maria Wittingham, of Tividale Road, who died shortly after birth on Sunday.

Mrs. Wittingham, grandmother of deceased, said her daughter was confined on Sunday at 5.30am, she being attended to by a midwife named Mary Ann Webb. The child died at 8.30 the same day.

By the Coroner: When the child was born the midwife told her it would not live.

The Coroner: Was there any doctor sent for?

Witness: No, sir.

The Coroner: Then you thought the child might as well die without the assistance of a surgeon.

Witness said she thought Mrs. Webb could do as well as a doctor, as she was a practical midwife.

A witness said neither the midwife nor anyone else suggested that a doctor should be called in. When she went to the Registrar he refused to give her a certificate for the burial.

Mary Ann Webb, Tividale Road, said she had been a midwife for 30 years, and had attended at the confinement of Miss Whittingham. The child was a very weakly one. From the first she did not think that the child would live, neither did she or anyone else call in a medical man.

The Coroner asked her why she did not call in medical assistance, knowing the condition the child was in.

Witness said she did not consider it necessary. She had had similar cases where the children had lived a day, and had not called in further assistance.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died from Natural Causes, and that death was considerably hastened by neglect and want of medical aid, both at and after birth. At the request of the jury grandmother of deceased and the midwife, Mrs. Webb, were recalled, and the Coroner, addressing them, said Mrs.

Wittingham was greatly to blame for not calling in medical aid when she knew and had been told by Mrs. Webb, that the child would not live. Turning to the midwife he said from the reports that had reached him he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that she was totally unfit to perform the duties of a midwife. He had had a report from a neighbouring medical man stating that he had attended three women who had been waited upon by her, and had had the greatest difficulty in saving their lives. He had given positive instructions to all the registrars and police in his district to report all her cases to him. She had had a very narrow case of being committed for manslaughter. If ever she came before him again under similar circumstances, he should have no hesitation in committing her for manslaughter. He should keep a strict watch on her, and should instruct every medical man to do the same. He disallowed their fees.”

1891 Census

33, Tividale Road – GATE HANGS WELL INN

- [1] *Emma Woodhall* (44), widow, licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] Arthur Woodhall (24), son, booking clerk L&NWR Co, born Tipton;
- [3] Thomas Woodhall (21), son, butcher, born Tipton;
- [4] Eliza Green (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Druscilla Bate (46), visitor, born Pensnett;
- [6] Winnie Bate (6), visitor, born Dudley:

Mrs. *Emma Woodhall*, beer retailer and butcher, 33, Tividale Road. [1896]

1901 Census

33, Tividale Road

- [1] *Emma Woodhall* (55), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tividale;
- [2] Lilly Ellis (16), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [3] Maria Clark (73), charwoman, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Emma Woodhall*, beer retailer, 33, Tividale Road. [1904]

She died on 23rd December 1907.

Smethwick Telephone 4/1/1908 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale by Auction of Household Furniture and Effects at the GATE HANGS WELL INN, Tividale, near Dudley.

Messrs. Samuel Jones, Son, and Vernon, instructed by the Executors of the late Mrs. *Emma Woodhall*, will Sell by Auction on the above licensed premises, on Monday, January 13th, 1908, the whole of the Household Furniture and Effects.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock prompt. No Catalogues.

Auctioneers' Offices: 29, Church Street, Oldbury, and Lloyds Bank Chambers, High Street, Smethwick.”

Smethwick Telephone 11/1/1908 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale by Auction of Household Furniture and Effects, at the GATE HANGS WELL INN, Tividale, near Dudley.

Samuel Jones, Son, and Vernon, instructed by the Trustees of the late Mr. Joseph Woodall, will Sell by Auction, on the above licensed premises, on Monday Next, January 13th, 1908, the whole of the Household Furniture and Effects.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock prompt. No Catalogues.

Auctioneers' Offices: 29, Church Street, Oldbury, and Lloyds Bank Chambers, High Street, Smethwick.”

London Gazette 21/1/1908 - Notice

“Re *Emma Woodhall*, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having any claims against the estate of *Emma Woodhall*, late of the GATE HANGS WELL INN, Tividale, in the parish of Tipton, Staffordshire, Widow, deceased (who died on the twenty-third day of December, 1907), are hereby required to send the particulars, in writing, of their

claims to us, the undersigned (the Solicitors for Brasilia Bate, of Tividale aforesaid, Widow, and Ernest Reid, of Kates Hill, Dudley, Pawnbroker, the executors of the said deceased), on or before the seventeenth day of February, 1908, after which date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated This 17th Day Of January, 1908.

W. Shakespeare And Co., Oldbury, near Birmingham, Solicitors for the said Executors.”

Smethwick Telephone 1/2/1908

“Messrs. Samuel Jones, Son and Vernon the auctioneers have also sold privately the ‘on’ beerhouse known as the GATE HANGS WELL, Tividale at a satisfactory price.”

1911 Census

33, Tividale Road

[1] *B. Whitehouse* (36), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Caroline Whitehouse* (36), wife, married 14 years, born Tipton;

[3] Thomas Whitehouse (13), son, school:

Benjamin Whitehouse, beer retailer, 33, Tividale Road. [1912]

Alterations were made in 1927.

The full license of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Toll End, Tipton, was transferred here in April 1927.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 5/5/1928

“That the Dudley and Stourbridge tramwaymen are a very happy family was evident by a very enjoyable evening which was spent by about 35 of them at the celebrated hotel, the GATE HANGS WELL, Tividale, on Wednesday night, when a dinner was held in honour of Mr. T. Gibson (ex-chief inspector of the Dudley and Stourbridge Tramway Company), recently transferred to the Birmingham Corporation Tramways. A presentation was also made to him in the form of a suitably inscribed fountain pen and 3 cut glass vases.....”

Eynon Evans (aka E. Eynon Rees) played *Tommy Troubles* on radio in “The Welsh Rarebit”. [1940s]

He used to hold Free and Easy nights here, hosting them himself, at first.

He was born on 18th May, 1904, in Nelson, Caerphilly.

He died in 1989.

[Is this a landlord of a Black Country pub? Was the real landlord’s nickname Tommy Troubles?]

1939 Register

33, Tividale Road

[1] *Caroline Whitehouse*, date of birth, 29/04/1875, tenant, publican, widowed;

[2] Thomas J. R. Whitehouse, dob, 15/06/1923, student, single;

[3] Edythe (Edith Winifred) (Price) Sault, dob, 08/06/1906, bar general, single:

A team from here took part in the Tividale and District Darts League. [1952]

Frank Ernest Cutler – see also NEWMARKET TAVERN, Oldbury.

Tipton Herald 19/6/1965

“Two men causing a disturbance after being ejected from a public house, had to be forced into a police car, and later, while one of them was being taken to hospital, he threw a police officer over the back of the driver, it was stated at Tipton Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday.

Kenneth Stanton (21), mill-hand, of 70, Lupin Road, Dudley, pleaded not guilty to being drunk and disorderly but guilty to assaulting a police officer and causing him actual bodily harm.

After hearing that Stanton had been previously convicted of causing actual bodily harm, using threatening behaviour and being drunk and disorderly, the presiding magistrate, Mr. H. H. Taylor, told him 'You have an appalling record and fines seem to have no effect whatever on you.'

Stanton was sent to prison for six months.

Malcolm Woodcock (16), labourer, of 104, Regent Road, Tividale, who pleaded not guilty to assaulting two police officers and being drunk and disorderly, was fined a total of £60.

He was fined a further £2 for damaging a police cell window at Tipton, and ordered to pay £1 3s 6d compensation for the damage.

Inspector S. G. Saunders said shortly after 10pm on June 4th the two men were ejected from the GATE HANGS WELL public house in Dudley Road, Tividale, following a disturbance and because of their subsequent conduct outside, the police were were sent for.

When Police Constable Rogers and Police Constable Marston arrived the licensee pointed out the two men, who were staggering about shouting obscenities and were arguing with each other. They were given every opportunity to quieten down, but they were drunk, and the officers took hold of them and started to walk towards the patrol car, when they struck and kicked at both officers and the licensee and others helped to overpower them. They were finally forced into the car and taken to Tipton Police Station and placed in the cells.

Later, added the inspector, Stanton demanded hospital treatment and arrangements were made for him to be taken to hospital in a patrol car. The car had gone only about 10 yards when Stanton assaulted Police Constable Marston again and the car was stopped and Stanton handcuffed. About 200 yards further on he grabbed Police Constable Marston and threw him over the back of Police Constable Rogers who was driving. The car swerved across the road and Police Constable Marston was flung into the door pillar. Blood spurted from a wound in his forehead for which he had to receive hospital treatment and as a result of which he was off duty for two days.

Stanton, said Inspector Saunders, had to be restrained but Police Constable Marston was in no condition to assist, and further help had to be sought. Stanton was eventually treated at the hospital and was later taken back to the cells.

At about 2.00am on June 5th, the sound of breaking glass was heard, and Woodcock was found to have put his fist through the cell window.

Stanton said in evidence that after leaving the public house he was going to a fish and chip shop when he had a blackout. After being taken to the police station where he asked to be taken to the hospital he was kicked onto the police car. At one stage, he alleged, two officers were holding him and he was gasping for breath. Woodcock alleged that outside the public house one of the officers grabbed him by the hair and threw him into the patrol car. Woodcock was said to be on probation for breaking-in offences and theft."

Closed

It was demolished in the mid 1970s.

GEORGE AND CROWN

52, (51), (57), Queen Street, Princes End, (Brierley), TIPTON

OWNERS

John Skidmore, publican, Hallfields
South Staffordshire Brewery Co.
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Harriet Evans [1868] – 1874);
Edward Skeldon (1874 – 1875);
John Kinsey (1875 – 1878);
Isaiah Pritchard (1878 – 1881);
Mrs. Sarah Hall Craddock (1881 – 1882);
Thomas Henry Hull (1882 – 1885);
Jeremiah Skidmore (1885);
James Percival (1885);
Emma Percival (1885 – 1886);
Samuel Green (1886 – 1888);
George Richards (1888);
John Pickering (1888 – 1889);
Annie Boycott (1889 – 1891);
Richard Bray (1891 – 1893);
Henry Mulloy (1893);
John Hamer (1893 – 1894);
Samuel Howell (1894 – 1896);
Mrs. Annie Boycott (1896 – 1904);
Robert Bowater [1901]
Joseph Forrester (1904 – 1905);
Edward Knight (1905 – 1906);
Thomas Trevor (1906);
William Copson (1906);
John Kirby (1906 – 1907):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

57, Queen Street [1881]
51, Queen Street [1891], [1901]
52, Queen Street [1896], [1904]

GEORGE AND GROOM [1879]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

It had a six-day license.

Mrs. *Harriet Evans*, beer retailer, Princes End. [1868], [1870]

1881 Census

57, Queen Street
[1] *Isaiah Pritchard* (37), publican, born Deepfields;
[2] Sarah Pritchard (36), wife, born Deepfields;
[3] Sarah Evans (8), niece, born Deepfields:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1881

“At the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, the following licenses were fully transferred.....
Isaiah Pritchard, GEORGE AND CROWN, Princes End, to *Sarah Hall Craddock*, widow.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/3/1885

“At Bilston Police Court, yesterday, the following licenses were transferred The new license of the GEORGE AND CROWN INN, Queen Street, Princes End, was granted to *Jeremiah Skidmore*.”

James Percival was married to *Emma*.
He died on 11th November 1885.

Birmingham Daily Post 22/6/1889

“Mrs. Alice Golding, shopkeeper, 115, Salop Street, Wolverhampton, applied for the license of the GEORGE AND CROWN INN, Princes End, to be transferred to her. In reply to questions, she denied that she had taken the house for a man and his wife who were now in gaol. The application, however, was opposed by the police, and refused.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 24/6/1889 - Advert

“Capital Beerhouse.

GEORGE AND CROWN, Queen Street, Princes End, free; ingoing £15; to let under exceptional circumstances.

Apply on premises, or Powell and Brown, Tipton.”

1891 Census

51, Queen Street

- [1] *Richard Bray* (30), beerhouse keeper, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Martha Bray* (28), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Thomas K. Bray* (3), son, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Mary Ellen Bray* (1), daughter, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [5] *John Thomas Bickerton* (24), boarder, coal miner, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [6] *Annie Nicklin* (14), general servant, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [7] *Fanny Nicklin* (16), general servant, born Dawley, Shropshire:

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/5/1891

“*Louisa Mantle*, Queen Street, Princes End, was charged with being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. The landlord of the GEORGE AND CROWN, Princes End, had been previously fined for supplying her with ale early on Sunday morning. She was fined 20s and costs.”

Samuel Howell, beer retailer, 52, Queen Street. [1896]

An application for a seven day license was granted at the Annual Licensing Meeting on 27th August 1897.

1901 Census

51, Queen Street – GEORGE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *Robert Bowater* (63), iron blacksmith, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Ann Bowater* (62), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [3] *Alfred Bowater* (25), son, stove fitter, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [4] *James Harris* (42), visitor, labourer, born Wellington, Shropshire:

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Sedgley Licensing Sessions [held on 3rd March] Objection was raised on the grounds that the license was not required; premises dilapidated and insanitary.

Mr. Turton said he produced plans for alterations. The house was licensed in 1851.

PS Shaffery said the rooms were very dark, the floors uneven, and the house drawn, through mining operations. The adjoining property was condemned. The house was about 10 inches lower than the road.

Mr. Pratt (Clerk): If Mr. Turton can prove that it is an ante-1868 license the justices have no jurisdiction.

Mrs. Jeavons, Princes End, said she had known the house to be licensed for over 50 years. It was once a six-day license.

The license was renewed.”

Mrs. *Annie Boycott*, beer retailer, 52, Queen Street. [1904]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/2/1907

“According to the report of Police-Superintendent Spendlove read at the annual brewster sessions for the Bilston Petty Sessional Division yesterday, there are 356 licenses of all kinds within the division, or one to every 174 of the population.

The Clerk (Mr. Pratt) said the Bench had decided to recommend the following eleven houses on the ground of redundancy to be referred for compensation, and the cases would be adjourned to the adjourned meeting, and in the meantime notices would be given to the owner.....

GEORGE AND CROWN, Queen Street, Princes End.”

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 18th June 1907.

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

“County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

GEORGE AND CROWN, Queen Street, Princes End, Coseley, beer license, *John Kirby* (licensee).....

Mr. R. A. Willcock (Wolverhampton) formally applied for the provisional renewal of the license, and Superintendent Spendlove gave evidence as to redundancy and structural unsuitability.

Mr. W. A. Foster (Tipton) appeared for parties interested. In the Princes End district there was one license to every 167 of the population. Renewal refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/8/1907

“The adjourned meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Saturday, Lord Hatherton presiding. The remainder of the claims for compensation in the case of licences the renewal of which had been refused were considered, and the following awards were made.....

GEORGE AND CROWN, Queen Street, Princes End, Coseley, beer licence (Yardley and Co. Ltd.), £330.”

Compensation of £330 was paid on 12th October 1907.

GEORGE AND DRAGON

111, Bridge Road, (111, Toll End Road), Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Manchester Brewery Company [1891]

Showells Brewery Co. Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

LICENSEES

Joseph Mason [1841]

Thomas Whale [1853]

Benjamin Aston [1859] – **1875**;

Mary Aston (1875 – []
William Cahill [] – 1891);
Hawkins* (1891 – []
Alfred Thomas Onions Hawkins* [1896]
John Grainger [1901]
John Evans [1903]
George Perks [1906]
Charles Edward Davies [1910] – 1923);
Albert Perry (1923 – 1924);
Thomas Goode (1924);
Alexander James Davies (1924 – 1927):

NOTES

Bridge Road [1861], [1865], [1868]
111, Toll End Road [1871]
111, Bridge Road [1881], [1901], [1908]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/12/1841 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold Property, at Toll End.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Wednesday next the 29th day of December, at the house of Mr. *Joseph Mason*, the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, at Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, at six o'clock in the evening, either together or in lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions to be produced – all that Messuage, Tenement, or Public House, with Brewhouse, Out-buildings, situated and being at Toll End aforesaid, and called or known by the name or sign of the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, and now in the occupation of Mr. *George Mason*.....”

Thomas Whale = Thomas Wheale

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/1/1853

“Phillip Harrison will fight Harry Caton of the Staffordshire potteries for from £10 or £20 a side, or he will fight Fowke of Shropshire for the same sum. Man and money always ready at *Thomas Whale's*, GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/2/1853

“Phillip Harrison will fight H. Caton, £15 to £20, as £50 is too much for him to find, and will fight half-way between home and home. Money always ready at *Thomas Wheale's*, GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Tollend, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr.....

The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows.....

Benjamin Aston, Toll End, supported by Mr. Hinchliffe, and opposed by Mr. Caddick, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Whitehouse, licensed victualler, whose premises are adjacent Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1860

“The annual adjourned Special Sessions for transacting licensing business was held on Thursday.....

There were twenty-nine applications from retail brewers for wine and spirit licenses, with the following results.....

Tipton.....

Benjamin Aston, Toll End Refused.”

1861 Census

Bridge Road

- [1] *Benjamin Aston* (40), beer seller, born Ocker Hill;
- [2] *Mary Aston* (60), wife, born Brockmore;
- [3] *Moses Skeldon* (8), nephew, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [4] *Hannah Whitehouse* (22), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Mary Eldon* (24), daughter, married, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary Eldon* (11 months), visitor, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Thursday last.....

the following is a list of applicants for wine and spirit licenses.....

Benjamin Aston, Toll End, opposed These applications were likewise refused”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1862

“The special annual Session for renewing licensed victuallers’ licenses and for hearing application for fresh ones within the West Bromwich division of the county of Staffordshire was held yesterday at the Scott’s Arms, Great Bar There were twenty applications for new licenses from the following places.....

Benjamin Aston, GEORGE AND DRAGON.....

The magistrates will give their decision in these cases, at the adjourned licensing meeting, on the 15th of September.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1862

“On Thursday the following applications for spirit licenses were heard.....

Benjamin Aston, Toll End, Tipton, granted.”

1871 Census

111, Toll End Road

- [1] *Benjamin Aston* (50), innkeeper, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Mary Aston* (70), wife, born Brockmoore;
- [3] *Mary Ann Aston* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 23/4/1872

“At the Police Court, yesterday, *Benjamin Aston*, the landlord of the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, was charged with assaulting his wife, but the case was withdrawn. He was then charged with unlawfully and wilfully permitting drunkenness in his house. Mr. Clulow (Brierley Hill) defended.

From the evidence of Police-constable Thompson, it appeared that when he visited the house Mrs. *Aston* was bleeding from the mouth, and the defendant was violently drunk. In cross-examination, witness said there were seven or eight persons in the house, but no one was drunk except the defendant.

Mr. Clulow, in defence, stated that Mr. *Aston* had kept the house for 15 years, and during that time there had been no complaint against him. The charge did not come within the statute referring to wilful permission of drunkenness in his house. The question was a moot one, similar cases having been dismissed.

The Bench fined defendant £5 and costs, and offered to grant a case if Mr. Clulow thought fit.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1872

“The Pelsall Hall Colliery Disaster.

The following amounts had been received at the *Daily Post*, in addition to £150 3s 10d previously acknowledged.....

Collected at Mr. *Aston*’s, GEORGE AND DRAGON, Toll End, Tipton, £1 1s.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 2/11/1874

“At the Tipton Police Court, this morning, *Benjamin Aston*, landlord of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Toll End, was charged with having been drunk in his own house, and also with permitting drunkenness on the

22nd ult. Two men named Jewkes and Wynn, were also charged with having been drunk and riotous, at the same time and place Jewkes was fined 5s and costs, Wynn 20s and costs, and *Aston*, who had been convicted before, was fined £10 and costs. The license was also ordered to be endorsed. This was the first conviction under the Act at this court.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/5/1875

“*Benjamin Aston*, landlord of the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, Tipton, sued Joseph Beebee, of the STILL INN, Digbeth, Walsall, for the sum of £5 5s, being the value of a harness alleged to have been left in the care of the defendant. Mr. Sprotson (from the offices of Messrs. Duignan, Lewis and Williams) appeared for the plaintiff, whose case was that in September last he left the harness in question with defendant’s ostler, after having taken away his horse and trap, which he had put up at defendant’s stables. He told the ostler not to deliver the articles to anyone but his ostler or himself in person; but he soon afterwards handed them over to a man named Cleobury, who was in the employ of a horsebreaker with whom the plaintiff had dealings, and Cleobury, absconding, they were lost.

Mr. Dale for the defence, took the objections that at the time the plaintiff left the harness with the ostler he was not a guest of defendant’s, and that they were not delivered to defendant as bailee.

His Honour held that the defendant was not liable as an innkeeper, because the goods were left after plaintiff had left the house as a guest, but reserved the question whether he was not liable as a bailee.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/6/1875

“Last night Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held three inquests in various parts of Tipton, parish. . . .

The second inquiry was at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, upon *Benjamin Aston*, who for some time past had been the landlord of the house. Mrs. *Aston* showed that her husband had been off drinking for a week or so. He was frequently intoxicated, and on Sunday last he was brought home from Walsall, where he had been for some days. Deceased was put to bed, and attended to, but he died on the following day. The jury found that the deceased had died by the Visitation of God.”

Mrs. *Aston* carried on ‘an extensive business as a canal carrier.’

Mrs. *Aston* was the widow of *Joseph Mason* who died in 1841, she married *Benjamin Aston*, who had been employed as a potman. In August 1876 a dispute over the will of *Benjamin Aston* was heard in the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice.

County Express 28/4/1877

“On Monday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Toll End, on the bodies of Hannah Piper, aged 13 years, and Walter Thompson, aged 13 months, nurse girl and child. The first witness called was Mr. J. Thompson, a chartermaster, of Kate’s Hill. He said the girl was destitute, and as she was a relation of his wife the girl was engaged as nurse many months ago. She left home some days ago with the child, but as the girl was in the habit of taking the child to her mother’s, they felt no anxiety for some time. He might add that on the previous night the girl had fetched beer from a public-house in his name, and upon his desiring an explanation she said she had spilled the beer. Did not attach any importance to the fact, and nothing more was said to the girl.

Evidence as to the finding of the body was then given. Police-constable Hill said he found the body of the girl on Sunday. He and the inspector had searched the pool for some hours on Saturday as well as Sunday. He could hear of no suspicious circumstances.

After this evidence the Coroner summed up, and showed the jury that an open verdict would enable them to hold further enquiry.

The jury then returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 2/6/1877 - Advert

“To Hotelkeepers, Licensed Victuallers, Brewers, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round, at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Tuesday Next, June 5th, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be read.

The Goodwill and Possession of all that well-known and much frequented Roadside Old-Licensed Inn, the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, situate on the main road leading from Tipton to Wednesbury, and immediately adjoining the Birmingham Canal.

The Premises consists of Front Spirit Vaults, Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Tap Room, Kitchen, three Chambers, good Cellaring; Brewery fitted with Coppers; Malt Room, Stabling, enclosed Yard and Premises, with a back road to the Birmingham Canal and Aston Street.

To Parties in search of a good genuine Old-licensed Business this will be found one of the best in the neighbourhood; the present occupier has carried on the business for thirty years, and is retiring in consequence of advanced age on a good competency.

A Lease will be granted at a fair rental.

The Licenses, Stock, and Fixtures to be taken by valuation in the usual way, an inventory of which will be produced at the time of Sale.

For further particulars, apply to William Shakespeare, Esq, Solicitor, Oldbury; or to Mr. Charles Round, Hotel Valuer and Auctioneer, Tipton.”

1881 Census

111, Bridge Road

[1] John Lambeth (26), unmarried, barman, born Tipton;

[2] Amy Lambeth (14), sister, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday..... *William Cahill*, the MOULDERS ARMS alehouse, Bridge Road, and the GEORGE AND DRAGON alehouse, Toll End, came before the Bench. The objections were that he was non-resident, and that he managed both houses. It was stated that both houses belonged to the Manchester Brewery Company, and that the GEORGE AND DRAGON had been practically transferred to Mr. *Hawkins*, auctioneer Granted, subject to one license being transferred to the Manchester Brewery Company, and the other to Mr. *Hawkins*.”

* possibly the same person

Birmingham Daily Post 26/3/1894

“On Saturday afternoon Mr. Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the St. GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Toll End, on the body of Albert Edward Law (24), gold-pencil maker, who resided with his parents at 52, Sycamore Road, Aston. On the afternoon of the 5th inst. deceased left home, expressing his intention of going for a walk. He did not return, and all efforts of his relatives to ascertain his whereabouts proved futile. On Friday afternoon two boatmen discovered his body floating in the canal, near Messrs. Bailey’s works, Toll End. There were no marks of violence on the body, and nothing was missing from the pockets. Deceased, who was subject to fits, had been out of employment since August last, but had some work to go to on Monday following the day he was missed. He had no friends or relatives in the Tipton district, and no reason for going there could be assigned. He was fond of walking by the side of canals, and the possibility of his having fallen into the water at Perry Barr whilst under the influence of a fit, and his body being carried into the Tipton district by the current caused by the locks, was suggested by several of the jury. A verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

1901 Census

111, Bridge Road

[1] *John Grainger* (33), coffin maker and innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Betsy Grainger*, (33), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Dottie Grainger*, (13), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Lillie Grainger* (9), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *William Grainger* (7), son, born Tipton;

[6] *John Grainger* (2), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Arthur Grainger* (10 months), son, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 16/11/1906

“Mr. W. Lewis (Deputy Coroner) held an inquest at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, yesterday, relative to the death of Agnes Maude Perks (14), daughter of *George Perks*, landlord of the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Tipton.

The mother stated that she last saw her daughter alive at 11pm on Monday night, when she retired to rest. She was then ‘just as jolly as usual.’ She had never threatened to take her life. Witness did not know of anything that was likely to trouble her, with the exception that she was subject to headache. Three years ago she was afflicted with St. Vitus’s dance. On Tuesday morning witness went to her bedroom and found the girl in a stooping position on the bed. She found her hand very cold, and then discovered that she was dead. On Monday night witness told her daughter that she would have to complain of her to her father about going to a certain place which she had been forbidden to frequent.

Dr. Morris deposed to being called to the house and finding the lips and mouth in an unnatural condition, as if deceased had swallowed some irritant fluid. A post mortem showed that the stomach contained carbolic acid. There was an imperfection in the condition of the valves of the heart, which in all probability had been produced by the St. Vitus’s dance. He was of opinion that death was due to carbolic acid poisoning.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased Committed Suicide, but that there was no evidence to show the state of her mind.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the ‘long pull’. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the ‘long pull’ and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

GEORGE AND DRAGON, Bridge Road.”

1911 Census

111, Bridge Road

[1] *Charles E. Davies* (50), manager licensed premises, born Tipton;

[2] *Harriet Davies* (51), wife, born Tipton:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

“The temporary transfer of the license of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Bridge Road, Toll End, from *Thomas Goode* to *Alexander James Davies*, was granted at Tipton Police Court on Tuesday.”

It closed on 8th April 1927.

The license was transferred to the GATE HANGS WELL, Tividale Road, Tividale.

GEORGE AND DRAGON

138, (135), High Street / Upper Church Lane (Old Church), Princes End, (Brierley), (Wednesbury Oak),
TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Southall
Annie Garbett
Elwell, Williams and Co, Town Brewery, Brierley Hill
Smith and Williams, Town Brewery, Brierley Hill
Julia Hanson and Son (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Skidmore [1828] – [1830]
Phoebe Breine [1830]
Henry Woollers [1834]
Joseph Southall [1839] – **1856**;
James Hemmings (**1856** – []
Joseph Southall [1861]
John Hill [1864] – **1866**;
Mrs. Mary Hill (**1866** – **1881**);
John Caddick [1873] (?)
Samuel Garbett (**1881** – **1884**);
Sarah Garbett (**1884** – **1890**);
Miss Annie Garbett (**1890** – **1899**);
Thomas G Martin (**1899** – **1921**);
Joseph Caddick (**1921** – [1940]
Brian Dudfield [1970]
John Butler [1971]
Grant Mitchell-Birch [2003] – [2004]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

135, High Street

138, High Street [1871], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1932], [1939], [1940]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/5/1839

“On Friday night last, as Mr. Peter Edwards, of Bilston, was returning home from Princes End, about half past ten o’clock, three men came up to him in a field between Brierley farm and Messrs. Banister’s colliery, near Bradley Bridge, and one held him there, grasping him by the throat, while the others rifled his pockets; they took from him three sixpences, a silver pencil case, and other articles, and also a pair of Blucher boots, nearly new, which he was wearing at the time. After this they threw a large stone at him, which inflicted a severe wound on his forehead, above his left eye; they then ran across the field in the direction of Bloomfield and Tipton. As soon as the robbers were gone Mr. Edwards shouted for help, and a man named Granger came up and assisted him to the GEORGE AND DRAGON, at Princes End, kept by Mr. *Southall*, where every attention was promptly rendered. A pocket book containing a bill of exchange for £25 and other valuable papers fortunately escaped the notice of the plunderers. One of the robbers was a large powerful man about five feet eight or ten inches high, and had on a round velvet coat; the other two were short in stature, apparently youths about eighteen or twenty years of age, and dressed in broad bodied coats, similar to those worn as the holiday dress by men engaged in iron works.”

AND

“Mr. *Joseph Southall*, the keeper of a beer shop at Princes End, appeared to answer informations preferred

against him by the Excise, for selling wines and spirits without having a license to do so. The cases were proved by the evidence of a person named Sweetapple, who stated that on the 4th of April he called at the house of the defendant, and, having had a glass of ale, he had a glass of rum and water, for which he paid; and the on the 7th of April he had a glass of port wine and water served to him by Miss *Southall*, for which he paid eight pence. The defendant did not deny that the spirits and wine had been served, but said they were obtained from his daughter in his absence, in consequence of the pressing solicitations of the witness, Sweetapple. The bench convicted the defendant in two penalties of £12 10s each, being the lowest amount the situation permitted then to inflict. The third information for selling a glass of port wine and water to the same witness at the time he had the rum and water, was not proceeded with. The penalties were immediately paid.”

Joseph Southall was also a timber merchant. [1845], [1849], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/9/1847

“Mary Pass and Elizabeth Russell, residing at West Bromwich, were charged with having stolen a silver watch and watch guard, the property of Mr. *Joseph Southall*, of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End. It appeared that on the previous Thursday the prisoners had been drinking in the tap room, where the watch was hanging previously, and though it was not missed until an hour and half after they had left, yet certain circumstances fixed upon them the suspicion of having taken it. Accordingly, on the following day, Mr. *Southall* and two police officers went to the house of the prisoner Russell, where they searched for a long time without success, and probably would have left the house without having accomplished their object, had not one of the prisoners told him where it was concealed. It was found in the cellar, at the bottom of a bag containing a quantity of rubbish. The prisoners endeavoured to criminate each other, but were both committed for trial at the sessions.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/10/1847

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

Mary Pass pleaded guilty to stealing one silver watch and guard chain, at Sedgley, the property of *Joseph Southall*. To be imprisoned for four months.

Elizabeth Russell, who was included in the same indictment, was acquitted. Mr. Kynnersley, for the prosecution, stating that the evidence would not sustain the indictment for stealing; but she might have been indicted as a receiver of the property.”

Birmingham Journal 9/11/1850 - Advert

“Old Licensed House To Be Let.

To be Let, with immediate possession, all that old-established and well-accustomed Public House, known as the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Commercial Inn, Princes End, Tipton. It is situated in a densely-populated Manufacturing District, and only 100 yards from the ‘Old Church’ extensive iron Works. Stock, Fixtures, and Furniture, to be taken to at a fair valuation.

For further particulars, apply on the Premises.”

Joseph Southall was also wine and spirit merchant. [1851]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 3/2/1851 - Advert

“The GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Princes End.

G. H. St. Clair has received instructions to Sell by private Treaty the above excellent and old-accustomed Public House.

The premises consist of a large Spirit Shop, elegantly fitted up with compartments, capital club-room capable of dining one hundred and fifty, large dining-room, six sleeping-rooms, bar parlour, front and back parlours, kitchen, tap-room, brewhouse, and capital vaulted cellars, capable of storing 3,000 gallons; large Yard, Stabling for ten horses, and an abundant supply of hard and soft water.

The above premises are situated in a densely-populated neighbourhood, and about 150 yards from the extensive Church Iron Works, with numerous others closely situated.

The Stock, Fixtures, and Furniture to be taken at a fair valuation. Coming-in about £500, which may be reduced, if required. Rent and payments moderate.

Also a large Garden, Land, Wharfs, Office, &c, situated at the back, which may be taken with or separate. For further particulars and to treat apply on the premises; or to Mr. St. Clair, Auctioneer and Valuer, 31, Temple Street, Birmingham.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/11/1851

“An inquest was held on Friday, at the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, on the body of Ellen Whitehouse, aged six years, who died on the 6th instant in consequence of injuries received through her clothes catching fire whilst at play on a pit bank on the 28th ultimo. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 26/6/1852 - Advert

“The Best Old-Established Wine and Spirit Establishment, at Princes End, near the Old Church, Gospel Oak, Wednesbury Oak, and other extensive Ironworks, employing several thousand pairs of hands, and close upon several Branches of the Railway.

John Roderick has received instructions to obtain a Tenant at a fair rental, for the above lucrative Commercial Tavern and Spirit House, known as the GEORGE AND DRAGON, at Princes End, which has been successfully carried on by the Proprietor, Mr. *Southall*, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

The premises consist of six Bed Rooms, Dining Room for 200 persons, and Private Room for eighty; Front Spirit Shop, 15ft by 27ft, Tap Room, 13ft by 27ft; Bar and Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Cooking Kitchen, capital Brewhouse, 23ft by 18ft; Stabling for fourteen horses, good yard, and excellent Cellars to store 5,000 gallons of Stock.

The above Concern is one of the best in the Midland District. The valuation of the Fixtures, Furniture, and Stock, may be reduced to £300, if required.

For further particulars, and to treat, apply to John Roderick, Agent and Appraiser, 54, New Street, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 24/8/1854 - Advert

“First-rate Old-Licensed Victualler’s House With Liquor Shop And Concert Room, known by the sign of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, near Tipton.

To be Sold By Auction, By John Gray, upon the Premises as above, on Wednesday next, August 30, at Five o’clock in the evening (unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty) – the Licenses, Goodwill, and valuable Possession of the above old-established Liquor Vaults and Concert Room, undeniably situated in one of the best parts of the Mining District, and surrounded by extensive ironworks. The Premises comprise large Concert Room, elegantly fitted-up, and capable of holding 300 persons, Liquor Shop, two Parlours, large Tap Room, Bar, six Bed Rooms, large Brewhouse, Stabling, and good dry Cellaring. The rent £50, per annum. There is a very extensive ready money business now being done. The Coming-in, including premium, will be about £300.

For particulars, apply on the Premises, or to John Gray, Auctioneer and Public House Valuer, 117, Coleshil Street, corner of Stafford Street, Birmingham.”

[The concert hall/club room seemingly keeps growing in size?]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 8/9/1856 - Advert

“Sale Of The Excellent Ale and Store Casks, Brewing Utensils, Stock in Trade, Household Furniture, and Effects, at the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, Tipton.

By John Roderick. To be Sold by Auction on the premises, on Friday next, September 12, at eleven – the very capital hogshead and half-hogshead barrels, mash-tub, brewing utensils, vats and coolers, ale machine, strong painted drinking tables, backed benches, the fitting-up of stage, with proscenium, Piano-Forte, a variety of useful Household Furniture, stock of Wines and Spirits, Signs, large quantity of Timber and Building Materials, several pairs of Carriage Wheels, capital Malt Crusher, and other Effects; full particulars of which will appear in catalogues, to be had on the premises; and of the Auctioneer, New Street, Birmingham, tomorrow (Tuesday).”

1861 Census

High Street

[1] *Joseph Southall* (69), victualler, born Enville;

[2] *Sarah Southall* (68), wife, born Swindon;

[3] *Edward Southall* (25), son, butcher, born Dudley;

[4] *Mary Haines* (23), house servant, born Edgerton, Shropshire:

[Enville and Swindon are described as being in Worcestershire, but are probably the ones in Staffordshire.]

Birmingham Daily Post 18/11/1864 - Advert

“Stolen or Strayed, on the 3rd November, a Bay Pony, 13½ hands high, star on head, blemish on hip.

Any one returning him to *John Hill*, GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, Tipton, will be rewarded.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/11/1865

“On Tuesday, at the Police Court, before Mr. Isaac Spooner, *John Hill*, licensed victualler, the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, was fined £5 and costs for allowing drunkenness in his house. The house was visited at midnight on the 15th ult, and four men were found intoxicated, as was also the landlord.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report.

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

John Hill, GEORGE AND DRAGON, High Street, Sedgley left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1866

“Yesterday, the adjourned Licensing Session was held at the Police Court, before Captain G. P. A. Pudsey and Mr. H. Ward, when the following licenses were granted.....

John Hill, GEORGE AND DRAGON, Tipton.”

1871 Census

138, High Street – GEORGE AND DRAGON INN

[1] *Mary Hill* (56), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Septimin Hill* (26), son, assistant, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary A. Beards* (22), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/5/1872 - Advert

“Lost, May 1st, a Brown Paper Parcel, containing some Accounts and Receipts, between the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, and Bilston.

Anyone returning them to the GEORGE AND DRAGON, or 14, Greencroft, Bilston, will be handsomely rewarded.”

Dudley Herald 31/1/1880

“A petition has been filed in the Dudley County Court, by *Mary Hill*, late of the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, High Street, Princes End, licensed victualler and widow, but now in lodgings at the RED LION INN,

Princes End, of no occupation. The liabilities are about £1,200, and assets not known. Messrs. Stokes and Harper are the solicitors to the debtor.”

Dudley Herald 9/10/1880

“Coseley Local Board.....

The Surveyor said he had a plan for proposed alterations to the GEORGE AND DRAGON, High Street, Princes End. The plans were passed.”

1881 Census

138, High Street – Uninhabited

Samuel Garbett = Samuel Garbutt

Samuel Garbett was married to *Sarah*.

Dudley and District News 6/1/1883

“On Thursday an inquest was held at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Princes End, by W. H. Phillips, Esq, coroner, on the body of William Henry Evans James, son of John James, and ironworker of Tipton. Deceased was staying at the house of a Mrs. Evans one Monday in October last, and was left by a servant in the back kitchen whilst she went into the yard. On the servant returning she found deceased in flames, and he told her that the sash of his pinafore had caught fire. He was attended to by Dr. Underhill, but succumbed to his injuries. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Samuel Garbett died on 1st March 1884.

Darlaston Weekly Times 5/4/1884

“At Bilston, yesterday, the following license transfers were granted.....

GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, executors of David [sic] *Garbutt* to *Sarah Garbutt*.”

Sarah Garbett = Sarah Garbutt

Dudley and District News 16/8/1884

“An inquest was held at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Princes End, on Tuesday afternoon, on view of the body of a boy named Frederick Simmons, aged eight years, who was drowned in the Birmingham Canal, at that place, on Sunday afternoon last. The boy lived with his parents at Princes End, and on Sunday afternoon he was returning from Sunday school, in company with his brother Harry, aged nine, and a deaf and dumb boy. On their road home they went to the canal side, and the deceased, whilst in the act of throwing a stone into the water, fell in. The cries of his companions brought a number of persons to the spot, and a man named Samuel Kee jumped in and got him out, but not before it was too late. Every effort was made to restore animation, but without avail. The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1887

“*Sarah Garbett*, of the GREEN [sic] DRAGON INN, Princes End, was summoned for keeping her house open during prohibited hours on the 11th inst.

The evidence of the police showed that two boys were seen to leave the defendant’s house with a small barrel of beer at 11.15 on Sunday morning the 11th inst.

Mr. A. Whitehouse, who defended, said no sale took place, the facts being that the defendant was the owner of a colliery, and she sent the usual pit beer to the men who were at work.

In the course of a lengthy argument, the Stipendiary held that there had been a contravention of the Licensing Act and Truck Act. It was a custom which would have to be abolished. As it was the first case of the kind that had been brought before him he should only order defendant to pay the costs.”

Sarah Garbett died on 2nd November 1890.

1891 Census

138, High Street, Brierley

[1] *Annie Garbett* (23), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Pelsall;

[2] Frank E. Garbett (21), brother, butcher, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 7/5/1891 - Advert

“Noted and Long-established Old-licensed Public House, Dwelling Houses and Premises, at Princes End, Staffordshire. To Be Sold By Auction.

By Messrs. Powell & Brown, at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Princes End, near Tipton, on Wednesday Next, the 13th day of May, at Six for Seven o’clock in the evening precisely.

Lot 1. That well-accustomed Old-licensed Public House, the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, commandingly situated in the best position in High Street, at its junction with Upper Church Lane, at Princes End, for many years in the occupation of Mr. *Garbett* and his family; together with the convenient Dwelling House and Premises adjoining, and Numbered 139, as occupied by Mr. Cook.

This Public House is one of the most genuine ever offered to the public. It is excellently placed for business purposes, fronting to the roads of great traffic; within three minutes walk of Iron and Brick Works and Collieries where over 1,000 hands are employed, adjoining the Princes End Railway Station and the Tram Stage, and in a dense population; and for many years it has commanded a good steady trade. The House is entirely Free, and in every way adapted to the large business now being done, and can be confidently recommended as a bona fide sound business concern. The Fixtures (a list of which will be produced at the Sale) will have to be taken at a valuation, to be made in the usual manner.....”

1901 Census

138, High Street

[1] *Thomas G. Martin* (34), engineer’s turner, born Wrockwardine Wood, Shropshire;

[2] Eleanor M. Martin (32), wife, born Pensnett;

[3] Sarah J. Martin (2), daughter, born Princes End;

[4] Lilly Buxton (13), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Tipton Herald 23/10/1909

“Mr. Lewis Davies, of Princes End, Tipton, saddler and motor car agent was one of the best known and most highly respected men in that part of the district, and the news of his untimely and painfully sudden death created widespread regret among a very wide circle of people. Mr. Lewis Davies, who carried on business as Messrs. Lewis Davies and Son, had been for three years a co-opted member of the Coseley Education Committee. He attended the monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, driving there in his own motor car. After the meeting was over Mr. Davies turned to Mr. Charles Lathe, JP, and said he would be able to give him a lift on his motor car on his way home. They then left the room together, Mr. Davies preceding him and chatting most of the way. To use Mr. Lathe’s own words, ‘I saw him go to the front of it, and immediately he turned the handle it started forward and went over him’.

Mr. Wilson (the chairman of the committee) saw Mr. Davies’s car start, and noticed the peculiar manner in which it bumped. It then swerved towards a wall on the opposite side of the road. The car was brought to a standstill by going into the wall.

The theory put forward as the cause of the accident seems most feasible, which is that Mr. Davies had left his car in gear (at the first speed) and directly he set the engine going at the front of the car, the car started and forced him to the ground.

After the accident, Mr. Davies was carried in an unconscious condition to the surveyor’s office, and Dr. Clendinnen was speedily in attendance. The twenty minutes, which afterwards elapsed will never be forgotten by those who waited anxiously outside for news of the condition of their colleague. After some time intimation was given that there was little hope of recovery. It was not considered so serious as that; but a few minutes later it was announced that all efforts at artificial respiration had proved unavailing, and that death had taken place.

A large crowd had by this time, gathered around the Public Offices, and the news quickly spread throughout

the district.

The question of breaking the news to Mr. Davies's family was subsequently considered.

Mr. Lewis Davies, prior to becoming a member of the Coseley Education Committee, in 1907, had had a long connection with educational matters as one of the managers of Christ Church Schools, Coseley, and at the time of his death he was manager of St. John's Schools, Princes End. For a good many years he had ably filled the position of people's warden at Christ Church.

The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and three daughters, one of whom is married. It had been the intention of Mr. Davies, on leaving the committee meeting to attend a concert at the SWAN INN, Woodsetton, which was being held in the interests of a man who had met with an accident.

The inquest was held on Thursday morning at the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Princes End, by Mr. T. A. Stokes.

Miss Ethel May Davies, daughter of the deceased, formally identified the body of her father. She last saw her father alive on Tuesday evening about 6.45pm when he was going to the Education Committee. He was brought home dead about 8pm. Her father had driven his own car for several years, and thoroughly understood motor cars. She had not heard before of her father's car starting before the driver had got in.

Benjamin Millington, carpenter, 15, Church Street, Lower Gornal, stated that on Tuesday night he was in a house in Green Street, Coseley about 8pm. He heard the noise of a motor car and on looking out of a window he saw a man fall down in front of the car and the motor run over him. Witness ran to the car and found the iron under the steering wheel pressing in deceased's back, the deceased being underneath the car. The mudguard of the car was against the wall. After he saw the man fall down the car went about two yards. Another man stopped the engines as witness ran up. Witness shouted that deceased was under the car. Several people lifted a wheel of the motor and one or two more pulled the body out from under the car. Mr. Davies was unconscious.

A Juror: Did you notice whether he was struck by the underwork of the car or whether he was dragged along? – I cannot say. When I first saw the car it had mounted the footpath, and was near the wall.

Alfred Barnett, 1, Gough Road, Coseley, said he drove Mr. G. A. Allen in a motor car to the education meeting, and he saw Mr. Davies arrive in his car. There was a third car belonging to Mr. Mobberley in the street. There were many children playing outside, but he kept an eye on the cars, and did not see them interfere with it at all. Some of the youngsters looked at the headlight on Mr. Davies's car.

Nobody could have put the clutch in without you seeing it? – There is a bare possibility that someone put it in gear, but I can't think they did.

You can't start a car without putting in the clutch? – The clutch is in all the time, and you disengage it to put the car in gear.

Continuing, witness said he did not remember having seen Mr. Davies leave the building. When he saw Mr. Allen leaving, he started the engine in Mr. Allan's car, and when next he looked round he heard someone shout, 'He's under the car.' He switched off the engines in Mr. Allan's car, and then switched off the engines in Mr. Davies's car. The wall had stopped the progress of the deceased man's car, and they lifted the deceased from underneath.

The Coroner: In some way or other the gear must have been left in the car? – Yes.

But you don't think anybody interfered with it? – I don't.

Have you ever known of cases where the gear has slipped in? – There have been cases, where after undue wear, the gear has slipped in.

Supposing having taken out the clutch, he had left the lever in the first speed forward, the car would start right away, when he turned the handle? – Yes.

In reply to Police Sergeant Shaffery, witness said he had never seen the car start in a similar manner, but he had heard that such had been the case.

In answer to a Juror, witness stated that since the accident he had driven the car, and so far as the gear was concerned it was in good order. There was no question of it slipping back now.

Jesse Davies gave evidence that he examined the car after the accident. He noticed that the lever was in the first gear.

The Coroner: It must have been in one of the gears to start? – Certainly.

Can you suggest any means? – It is easily done. There is not much difference in the position of the gears. He may have made a slip, and put in the first slot what was intended for the neutral slot.

There is only a little distance between? – Just about half inch.

Dr. Clendinnen, who attended Mr. Davies five minutes after the accident, said the latter was lying unconscious in the road, and was removed to the surveyor's office, where he died in about ten minutes. There were very few marks of injury. On the right cheek was a slight graze, and on the left side of the nose an abrasion. It might have been, he said, that deceased had a fit or a heart attack in turning the handle, but that was simply theoretical. Mr. Davies had sustained concussion of the brain and there was strong presumptive evidence that the base of the skull was fractured. Death was undoubtedly due to injuries to the head, caused by the car.

The Coroner said it appeared to be a very easy thing to overshoot the neutral slot, and leave the car in the first gear, in which case it would start when the handle was turned.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and passed a resolution of sympathy with the widow and family.”

1911 Census

138, High Street

[1] *Thomas Martin* (45), manager, born Shropshire;

[2] *Eleanor Martin* (43), wife, married 15 years, born Staffordshire;

[3] *Irene Martin* (12), daughter, born Staffordshire;

[4] *Dorothy Martin* (9), daughter, born Staffordshire:

Conveyance 2/7/1934

“First all that piece of land at Princes End in the County of Stafford fronting the road from Tipton to Gospel Oak adjoining on one side to Old Church Lane on the other side to land hereinafter secondly described and premises of _____ abutting at the back part to a road leading out of Old Church Lane and containing six hundred square yards And Also All That messuage or public house known by the sign of The GEORGE AND DRAGON INN erected thereon formerly in the occupation of *Annie Garbett* but now of the Vendors or their undertenant.....”

1939 Register

138, High Street, Coseley UD

[1] *Joseph Caddick*, date of birth, 24/09/1879, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Lizzie Caddick*, dob, 16/01/1878, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/4/1970

“A Tipton licensee was robbed of his week's takings by an attacker who punched him in the face and knocked him unconscious. Mr. *Brian Dudfield*, aged 25, of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Princes End, was taking a brown bag containing £627 in £5 and £1 notes to the bank when he was attacked on waste ground in Coppice Street, Tipton.

He was found unconscious by a lorry driver and was recovering at home. He was unable to describe his attacker, and last night Det. Chief Supt. R. Scragg, head of the West Midlands CID appealed for witnesses. He said ‘Mr. *Dudfield* had just parked his car on the waste ground, and we would like anyone who saw a person hanging around Coppice Street or Old Cross Street at about 3.25pm to come forward’.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/23/1971

“Thieves took £600 from a safe at the GEORGE AND DRAGON public-house, Tipton. They used a glass cutter to get into the bar while the licensee, Mr. *John Butler*, his wife, and two children were sleeping upstairs. The thieves fed scratchings to the family's pet dog, Shandy, to keep him quiet.”

It closed in 2005.

It was sold at auction on 7th December 2005 for £100,000.

It was demolished in 2008.

GEORGE AND DRAGON

123, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Tansley [1864]

Sally Tansley [] – **1870**;

Charles Fox (**1870** – [1871])

John Cashmore [1872] – [1901]

William Veitch [1904]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

G. Tansley, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1864]

Birmingham Daily Post 25/5/1864

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the following beerhouse keepers were fined in the sums appended to their names for selling ale during prohibited hours.....

George Tansley, GEORGE AND DRAGON, Horseley Heath, £2 and costs.”

1871 Census

123, Horseley Heath

[1] *Charles Fox* (40), roll turner, born Sedgley;

[2] *Caroline Fox* (39), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *Clara Fox* (18), daughter, general servant, born Sedgley;

[4] *William Fox* (17), son, roll turner, born Sedgley:

‘King Of The Forest’ Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters met here. [1875]

John Cashmore, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1870]

1881 Census

123, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge

[1] *John Cashmore* (42), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Maria Cashmore* (36), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Ann M. Cashmore* (10), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Thomas Cashmore* (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Florence A. Cashmore* (5), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[6] *Arthur Cashmore* (2), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Abraham Cashmore* (7 months), son, born Tipton;

[8] *Mary Morris* (46), niece, domestic servant, born West Bromwich;

[9] *Eliza Skelton* (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

123, Horseley Heath

- [1] *John Cashmore* (50), coal dealer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Cashmore* (46), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Ann M. Cashmore* (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Cashmore* (18), son, commercial clerk, born Tipton;
- [5] *Florence Cashmore* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Arthur Cashmore* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Abraham Cashmore* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Fred Cashmore* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Ernest Cashmore* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] *Mary Ann Morris* (23), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;
- [11] *Thomas Cashmore* (60), brother, widower, blacksmith, born Tipton;
- [12] *George Sidebottom* (5), visitor, born Scotland:

John Cashmore, beer retailer and coal and lime dealer, 123, Horseley Heath. [1896]

John Cashmore, beer retailer, 123, Horseley Heath. [1900]

He issued tokens from here.

1901 Census

123, Horseley Heath – GEORGE AND DRAGON INN

- [1] *John Cashmore* (60), publican and machinery broker, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Cashmore* (57), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Arthur Cashmore* (22), son, butcher, born Tipton;
- [4] *Abraham Cashmore* (20), son, carpenter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Frederick Cashmore* (17), son, commercial clerk, born Tipton;
- [6] *Henrietta Simkin* (22), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

William Veitch, beer retailer, 123, Horseley Heath. [1904]

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided. The license of the GEORGE AND DRAGON was refused, there being no opposition.”

It closed on 19th July 1907.

GLADSTONE

Aston Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Goddington [1858] – [1870]

GLOBE

Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Salt, Kates Hill Brewery

LICENSEES

Davies [1894]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Post 26/4/1894 - Advert

“The Estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, Brewer, Deceased.

To Brewers and Others. Highly important Sale by Auction of the Kates Hill Brewery, Maltings, Stores, and Land, together with Twelve Freehold and Two Leasehold Public Houses, in and around Dudley.

Alfred W. Dando has been favoured with instructions from the Trustee of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, to Sell by Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday Next, May 1 (unless an acceptable offer for the whole is in the meantime made), at Seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced.....

Lot 9. All that Old-established Property, known as the GLOBE INN, Owen Street, Tipton, with Bar, Vaults, four Bed Rooms, and enclosed Yard and Out-buildings at rear, now in the occupation of Mr. *Davies*.

N.B. The whole of the foregoing houses were purchased by the late Mr. Samuel Salt with excellent judgement, and are nearly all occupied by respectable and old tenants under agreements (copies of which may be seen upon application), and are well worth the attention of brewers desirous of increasing their trade and private individuals wishing to start in the public business.....

Further particulars and plans may be obtained at the Offices of Messrs. A. G. and S. Hooper, Solicitors; or the Auctioneer, all of Dudley.”

County Advertiser 5/5/1894

“On Tuesday evening, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, Mr. Alfred W. Dando, auctioneer and valuer, of Dudley, offered for sale by auction valuable properties belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, brewer. There was a large attendance. The biddings throughout were very spirited, and the sale was a very successful one. The total amount realised was £8,941.....

GLOBE INN, Owen Street, Tipton, sold for £390.”

GLOBE

34, (24), Union Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

R. A. Harper Ltd. [1903]
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Deakin [1859] – [1865]
Samuel Paskin [] – **1866**;
Richard Shepherd* (**1866 – 1868**);
Elizabeth Whitehouse (**1868** – [1869]
Richard Sheppard* [1868] – [1870]
Samuel Whitehouse [1871] – [1873]
James Whitehouse [1881]
John Blincow [1891] – [1892]
William Turner [1896]
Albert Frederick Nurse [1903]
Albert Meese [1904]
William Dawes [1908]
Henry Cox [1911]
John Rogers [1912]
Edgar Vickers [1915]
Frank Pearman [1916]
George Williams [1919] – **1922**;
Sarah Lucy Bloor (**1922 – 1928**):

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24, Union Street [1871], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912]
34, Union Street

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr.....
The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows.....
William Deakin, Union Street, supported by Mr. Hinchliffe Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1860

“The annual adjourned Special Sessions for transacting licensing business was held on Thursday.....
There were twenty-nine applications from retail brewers for wine and spirit licenses, with the following results.....
Tipton.....
William Deakin, Union Street Refused.”

1861 Census

Union Street – Public House

- [1] *William Deakin* (50), publican, born Walsall;
- [2] Mary Deakin (51), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] George Deakin (19), nephew, born Trent Lane, Shropshire;
- [4] Elizabeth Round (18), niece, born Nottingham;
- [5] William Nightingale (37), servant, road labourer, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1863

“The adjourned licensing meeting for West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Walsall, was held yesterday.....
New applications for spirit licenses were then taken.....
Mr. Motteram applied for a license for *William Deakin*, of the GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton Green, which was granted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/11/1863 - Advert

“Wanted, for the country, respectable middle-aged Woman as Cook; also a strong Girl willing to make herself generally useful.

Apply Mrs. *Deakin*, GLOBE INN, Tipton Green.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/9/1866 - Advert

“By Charles Round. To be Disposed Of by Private Treaty, the GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton. The Licenses, Goodwill, Stock-in-Trade, and Fixtures to be taken to by valuation.

Coming-in about £100.

For further information, apply to Charles Round, Auctioneer, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/9/1866 - Advert

“Sale On Friday next, September 21.

To Publicans, Brokers, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Charles Round, at the GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton.

All the Brewing Vessels, Public-House Effects, and Household Furniture, belonging to Mr. *Samuel Paskin*.

Sale to commence at Eleven a.m.

Catalogues may be had at the Auctioneer’s Offices, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 27/10/1866 - Advert

“Two Boilers, 24 feet long, 6 feet 6 inches diameter; three capital Oak Pit Frames and Roller Posters; five Flat Chains; about 30 tons of Wrought-iron Rails.

R. Shepperd, GLOBE INN, Tipton.”

It had a wharf adjacent. [1867]

* possibly the same person

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/9/1867- Advert

“For Sale, an excellent Pit-Winding Apparatus, with Brake complete; a bargain.

Apply, *R. Sheppard*, GLOBE INN, Tipton.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 25/4/1868 - Advert

“The GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton. To be Let, the above well-known old-licensed Inn. Satisfactory reasons for giving up.

Apply to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, Union Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1869

“The annual Sessions was held at West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday Mr. Sharpe announced that the licenses of Henry Erwin and *Elizabeth Whitehouse* of Tipton, who had been suspended, would be withdrawn.”

1871 Census

24, Union Street

[1] James Whitehouse (50), cinder dealer, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Whitehouse (53), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Jabez Whitehouse (32), son, moulder, born Tipton;

[4] *Samuel Whitehouse* (27), son, publican, born Tipton;

[5] Ann M. Whitehouse (21), daughter, born Tipton;

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1874

“Yesterday, Mr. G. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the GLOBE INN, Union Street, on the body of John

Mills (44), shoemaker, New Cross Street. On Saturday night Mr. Mills was passing along the towing path of the canal, when his dog fell into the water. Mills endeavoured to rescue the animal and leaned too far over. He accordingly fell into the canal, and before assistance could arrive he was drowned. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

24, Union Street – GLOBE INN

[1] *James Whitehouse* (65), widower, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Jabez Whitehouse* (40), son, iron founder, born Tipton;

[3] *Harriet Roberts* (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 28/9/1881

“Yesterday, Mr. Hooper held an inquest, at the BEEHIVE INN, Tipton, on the body of David Westwood (21), grinder, in the employ of Messrs. Whitehouse.

In evidence it was stated that deceased, who had been drinking at the GLOBE INN, was walking along the canal side in Factory Road, in company with Albert Reeves, on Saturday night, when he fell into the water. Reeves made an attempt to rescue him, but failed. The body was taken out of the water by the police at one o’clock on Sunday morning.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Dudley and District News 1/10/1881

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest on Tuesday at the BEEHIVE INN, Elliotts Road, Tipton, on the body of David Westwood (22), grinder, at Messrs. J. and J. Whitehouse, Phoenix Foundry, Tipton, and residing in Foundry Street, Deepfields, Coseley, who was found drowned in the Birmingham Canal, Factory Road, Tipton, on Sunday morning last, the 25th inst.

William Waterfield, of Deepfields, Coseley, having identified the body as that of his nephew, Albert Edward Reeves was next examined. He explained that the deceased and he were on Saturday at the GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton, from about 3.30 to 6.45, drinking ale and liquors. When they left they were not sober. Going by the canal side, they both fell into a pool of water, the deceased’s hat being blown into the canal. Deceased got up himself, and immediately witness saw him struggling in the middle of the canal, and heard him shouting to him. He picked up deceased’s hat, and went off for assistance, having had a drop too much to render any help himself. He went on to Princes End along the canal side, and being met by a young man named Edward Povey, was taken home by him, and another person named Waite and two women. Waite went and told deceased’s uncle what had happened, and subsequently witness pointed out the place where the deceased fell into the canal.

The coroner remarked that witness had told the jury more plainly than nine out of ten would. A verdict of Accidentally Drowned was returned.”

Dudley and District News 23/12/1882

“An inquest was held at the GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton, on Tuesday morning, touching the death of Mr. Henry Hughes (55), of 26, Union Street, who met with his death in the following painful manner. About one o’clock on Saturday last, the deceased, who was employed as machine clerk and timekeeper at the Tipton new gas works, belonging to the Tipton Local Board, went to assist a labourer named James Cotton who was removing some railway trucks from the London and North Western line, along the siding to the weighing machine near the works. As one waggon came down the incline, the deceased took an iron bar from Cotton for the purpose of scotching the wheel. He failed in his attempt and overbalancing himself, fell under the waggon, the hind wheel of which passed over his body.

The evidence of Vincent Hughes, the manager of the gas works went to show that it was no part of the deceased’s duty to ‘brake’ the waggons; or to bring them along the siding, his work simply being to weigh them.

The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

During the enquiry the deceased’s wife stated that her husband was a member of a death club from which she would get £10.

The relatives of the deceased were represented by Mr. Tinsley, and Mr. G. M. Waring represented the Local Board.

The deceased was for many years employed at the Bloomfield ironworks, and was brother to Mr. John Hughes, publican of Sedgley. He leaves a widow and children who are grown up.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/21/1888 - Advert

“To Let, the GLOBE INN, Tipton; first-class full-licensed house, in very busy part. Incoming and rent low. Apply, Salt, Kate’s Hill, Dudley.”

John Blincow = John Blinecow

1891 Census

24, Union Street

[1] *John Blincow* (67), licensed victualler, born Wroxton, Oxfordshire;

[2] Mary Ann Blincow (64), wife, born Banbury;

[3] Louisa Blincow (17), niece, born Middlesbrough:

Dudley Herald 27/1/1900

“James Nicklin, Queen’s Road, and John Aikin, Walton Street, were charged with stealing a bottle containing three quarts of ale, value 2s 9d, the property of William Ward, miner, Horse Shoe Row, on January 20th. Prosecutor stated that on the date in question he saw the defendants at the GLOBE INN. He borrowed a bottle from the landlord and had three quarts put in it. He left the house in the company of Charlotte Harrison at 10.15. As they were proceeding along Waterloo Street, Aikin came up and asked him for a drink, which he refused. Aikin took hold of the bottle and knocked prosecutor down. Nicklin then came up, and when prosecutor got on to his feet he was knocked down again. The two defendants took the bottle away with them. Charlotte Harrison corroborated.

PS Heath stated that he arrested the prisoners on the 21st and charged them with the offence. Aikin said if he had known it was going to turn out like this he would have had nothing to do with it.

Defendants were each fined 15s including costs.”

1911 Census

24, Union Street

[1] *Henry Cox* (58), moulder, iron, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] Druscilla Jane Cox (55), wife, married 36 years, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Florence May Cox (22), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] Druscilla Beatrice Cox (19), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Ethel Kate Cox (16), daughter, born Sedgley:

Henry Cox – see also KING WILLIAM, Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich, DOG AND GUN, Tipton, and OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Temple Street, Bilston.

Birmingham Daily Post 4/2/1915

“The licensing sessions for Tipton were held at the Court-house yesterday.....

Notice of opposition to the renewal of the license of the GLOBE INN had been served upon *Edgar Vickers* on the ground that his premises had been ill conducted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/3/1915

“At the Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

The renewal of the license of the GLOBE INN, Union Street, was opposed on the ground that the late licensee had been convicted for not admitting the police.

Mr. W. Foster, who supported the renewal of the license, said the owners had since put in another tenant.

The renewal was granted.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/3/1928

“With regard to the GLOBE, Union Street, Inspector Savery gave the dimensions of the rooms, all of which, he said, were clean and in fair condition. The structure was fair, stabling none, no accommodation for travellers.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/7/1928

“The principal meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the County was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday, when 14 licenses which had been scheduled by the licensing justices, mostly from the South Staffordshire area, came under consideration, of these three were renewed and remainder were referred for compensation.....

Mr. Kenneth Wood (barrister) appeared for the justices in the case of the GLOBE INN, alehouse (licensee, *Sarah Lucy Bloor*).

Mr. H. H. Jackson (Walsall) for the owners, urged that this was just the modest, quiet, comfortable old-fashioned type of house that some workmen liked to frequent in preference to a large and modern house.

Mrs. *Bloor*, the tenant, who is a widow said she had been at the house for six years and depended upon it for her livelihood. Previously she kept a house at Wednesbury for sixteen years without any complaint.

Inspector Savory, in reply to Mr. Jackson, said the house was scrupulously clean, and the accommodation was reasonable.

Evidence having been given as to building development in the locality, the committee decided to refer the GLOBE for compensation.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 4/8/1928 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 16th day of July, 1928, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 14th day of September, 1928, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Premises.....

GLOBE INN, Union Street, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *Sarah Lucy Bloor*. Owners, Eleys (Stafford) Brewery, Ltd.”

It closed on 29th December 1928.

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/1/1929

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions. Compensation Awards.

At the Supplemental meeting the committee awarded a total sum of £15,230 in compensation, and considered that the amounts agreed upon were satisfactory both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund. The amounts approved were as follows.....

GLOBE INN, Tipton, alehouse, £1,550.”

It became a fish and chip shop. [1970]

GOLDEN BALL

Dixons Green, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William S Pendlebury [1830] – [1842]

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Aris's Birmingham Gazette 14/12/1835 - Advert

“To Publicans And Others, near Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by D. Taylor, on the premises, on Monday the 21st day of December inst, part of the Household Furniture, Fixtures, Brewing Vessels, iron-bound Casks, Beer Machine, Screens, Malt Mill, and Effects of *W. S. S. Pendlebury*, Sign of the GOLDEN BALL, Dixon's Green, near Horseley Heath, Tipton, who is changing his residence.

Sale to commence precisely at ten o'clock – conditions as usual.”

Check below.

GOLDEN BALL

149, Horseley Heath / Ballfields, (Great Bridge), TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Holland

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [1903]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

John Pershouse* [1828] – [1851]

T Pershouse* [] – **1852**;

William Lewis (**1852** – [1853]

James Lewis [] – **1854**);

George Hollies (**1854** – []

William Lewis [1858] – **1859**);

James Clarke (**1859** – **1860**);

Henry Beddow (**1860** – [1873]

Joseph Holland [1881]

Joseph Bott [1891] – [1901]

Arthur Henry Bott** (**1903** – []

Alfred Henry Bott** [1904]

John Mansell [1908]

Thomas Hill [1911] – [1912]

John Sheldon [1916] – **1922**);

George Henry Moore (**1922** – **1927**):

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GOLDEN BAR [1845]

BELL [1866], [1870], [1878], [1880], [1882], [1883], [1884]

BALL [1848], [1851], [1854], [1858], [1861], [1864], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1877], [1880], [1883], [1884], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1916]

GOLDEN BALL [1873]

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/1/1828 - Married

“On the 1st inst. at Tipton, by the Rev. John Howells, Mr. *John Pershouse*, of the BALL INN, Great Bridge, to Miss Phoebe Whitehouse, third daughter of Mr. Wm. Whitehouse, of the BOAT INN, Tipton.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 6/1/1834 - Advert

“Road-Side Public House, Great Bridge, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Sept. Davis, on Friday, January 7, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

The Licenses, Good-will, and early Possession of the old-established Public House, known by the Sign of the GOLDEN BALL, near to Great Bridge, Tipton, adjoining the turnpike road from Dudley to Birmingham, and in the centre of extensive works.

The above valuable House has been in the possession of the present proprietor and his family upwards of forty years, and there is every convenience for conducting an extensive business. The cellars are capacious and dry; front tap-room, and a good bar, parlours, and large club-room on the ground floor, kitchen, a large pantry, five bed-rooms and store-room, capital brewhouse, good stable, and a range of pigsties, back yard, and a covered gate-way, play ground, and excellent garden, with a close of Meadow Land adjoining the premises, with good water and out-offices; also there is attached to the premises and carried on with great success, the business of a Baker, Flour Dealer, and Maltster. The present proprietor is leaving on account of other engagements, the rent will be moderate.

The Stock of Ale is good, and the Spirits will be reduced.

There is a numerous and respectable Club held at this house.

For further particulars apply on the premises, or to Septimus Davis, Protector Fire Office, West Bromwich.”

1841 Census

Great Bridge

[1] *John Pershouse* (30), baker, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Phoebe Pershouse* (33), baker, born Staffordshire;

[3] *Phoebe Williams* (20), f.s., born Staffordshire:

John Pershouse was also a baker. [1845], [1849], [1850]

* probably the same person

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/5/1848

“Inquests Before George Hinchliffe, Esq.....

On Wednesday last, at the BALL INN, Horseley Fields, Tipton, upon the body of James Brown, a boy, who left his home on Monday morning in search of employment, and who was found the following day in the Birmingham Canal, near Westbromwich, verdict Found Drowned.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 19/6/1848 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling Houses and Land, at Horseley Heath, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell (by order of the Trustees for sale under the Will of the late Mr. Thomas Hodgkins), To-morrow (Tuesday), June 20, at the house of Mr. *John Pershouse*, GOLDEN BALL INN, Horseley Heath, in the parish of Tipton.....”

1851 Census

Ball Fields – BALL

- [1] *John Pershouse* (44), widower, victualler and brewer, born Tipton;
[2] *Elizabeth Cartwright* (52), house keeper, born Tipton;
[3] *Joseph Cartwright* (56), house servant, born Tipton;
[4] *Ann Smith* (18), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

The renewal of the old licenses, 219 in number, were granted, with the following exceptions, without remark.....

J. Pershouse, Tipton, cautioned.....

Those cautioned had that remark written on the back of their license.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1853

“In accordance with recent regulations, a Special Petty Sessions was held at the Scott Arms, Barr, on Wednesday last.....

Cases, in which the re-granting of old licenses in this district had been suspended, were gone into, with the following results.....

William Lewis, BALL INN, Tipton, did not attend the last meeting; he made today a satisfactory excuse, and his license was restored.”

Birmingham Journal 5/9/1857 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. R. S. Mathews, (by order of the Mortgagees) at the ROYAL OAK, Tipton, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst, at Four o’clock – all that Freehold Public House, known as the GOLDEN BALL, at Horseley Heath, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, with Out-houses and Appurtenances thereto belonging.

The House is doing a large business, with a commanding frontage, well-built, and in a first-rate situation. For further particulars, apply to Messrs. Tarleton and Roberts, Attorneys, 36, Temple Street; or to the Auctioneer, Cannon Street, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 6/3/1858 - Advert

“The GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To be Let, with immediate possession, this very desirable Old-Licensed House. It is very commodious and excellently situated for Public Business.

For rent and particulars, apply to Mr. Solomon Powell, Auctioneer, Tipton; or Mr. Thomas Walker, Solicitor, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“The usual meeting for the examination and passing of victuallers’ old licenses was held on Tuesday.....

These parties had been for the offences noted fined since the last annual licensing day.....

William Lewis, BALL INN, Horseley Heath, allowing drunkenness, fined 20s and costs.....

These parties were generally admonished or cautioned by the Magistrates.”

Birmingham Journal 30/10/1858 - Advert

“To Licensed Victuallers.

To be Let, the GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath, with immediate possession, the present Proprietor declining the Trade.

Apply on the Premises.”

James Clarke = James Clark

1861 Census

Horseley Heath – BALL INN

- [1] *Henry Beddow* (56), butty miner and publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beddow* (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Clementina Beddow* (23), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Ann Jane Beddow* (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Hannah Beddow* (16), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] *Oliver Beddow* (15), son, born Dudley;
- [7] *Jacob Beddow* (7), son, born Tipton;
- [8] *Edward Willis* (34), boarder, coal miner, born Ironbridge, Shropshire:

London Gazette 9/9/1864

“*James Clark*, formerly of the BALL INN, Horseley Heath Licensed Victualler having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy on the 12th day of July 1864, a public sitting, for the said bankrupt to pass his Last Examination, and make application for his Discharge.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/11/1866

“An inquest was held on Saturday afternoon, before Mr. E. Hooper, at the BELL INN, Horseley Heath, touching the death of *Sarah Lawrence*, aged 82, who lived near the above place. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased, who was nearly helpless, was left alone in the house where she resided on the previous Thursday morning. The neighbours were shortly afterwards alarmed by hearing screams in the house, and Mrs. H. Jones, the woman with whom the deceased lodged, entered the house in company with several others. They found the deceased enveloped in flames, and, from the position of the kettle, it is presumed she had attempted to remove it from the fire. Mr. Layton, from Mr. Underhill’s was called in, but his services were of no avail. The deceased died the same afternoon.
The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 7/8/1869 - Deaths

“On the 30th ult, at the BALL INN Horsley Heath, Tipton, in her 63rd year, *Elizabeth*, the beloved wife of *Henry Beddow*; deeply lamented.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/10/1869 - Advert

“By Powell and Son, at the GOLDEN BALL INN, Horseley Heath, This Day, at 6pm – Freehold Old-Licensed Public-House, at Horseley Heath, and Freehold Dwelling Houses, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/7/1870 - Advert

“Peremptory Sale Of The CLARENCE INN, and Three Messuages at Horseley Heath Tipton.
By Davies and Halford, on Monday next, the 4th of July, at the House of Mr. *Henry Beddow*, the BELL INN, Horseley Heath aforesaid, punctually at Seven o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions then to be produced.....”

1871 Census

149, Horseley Heath – BALL INN

- [1] *Henry Beddow* (64), widower, victualler, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Hannah Beddow* (23), daughter, born Kates Hill, Dudley;
- [3] *Edward Hollis* (50), visitor, coal miner, born Shropshire;
- [4] *Martha Parry* (19), servant, born Horseley Heath:

Dudley Herald 26/2/1876 - Notice

“Re *Henry Beddow*, Deceased.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that all Persons, having any Claim or Demand against the Estate of *Henry Beddow*, late of the GOLDEN BALL INN, Horseley Heath, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, deceased, are requested to Send Particulars thereof to me, the undersigned forthwith, in order that the same may, if correct, be discharged.

And all Persons indebted to the above Estate are requested to pay the amount of their Debts to me without

delay.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1876.

Jos. Stokes, 1, Priory Street, Dudley, Solicitor for the Executors.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/8/1877

“South Staffordshire Coal Trade. The Wages Question.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of district agents and delegates was held at the BALL INN, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge. The proceedings were private, but it was understood that a deputation had been appointed to wait on Mr. Edward Fisher-Smith as to the affairs of the coal trade.”

Midland Advertiser 2/3/1878

“A miners’ council meeting was held on Tuesday, at the BELL INN, Great Bridge, and there were there present representatives from nearly the whole of the district. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously passed: That in the opinion of this meeting the conduct of Mr. Checkley, of Forrest Colliery, near Walsall, in attempting to reduce the wages of his men contrary to the Birmingham agreement most reprehensible, considering that he is already paying the lowest standard of wages, and that the workmen and employers as a body are honourably abiding by the Birmingham agreement.”

Wednesbury Herald 13/9/1879

“On Tuesday night a meeting of miners was held at the BALL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton. Mr. Henry Rust presided, and there was a large attendance. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Bowen, Foy, Jones, Barnes, and Griffiths, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

(1) That this meeting is of opinion that the suffering and distress which miners are passing through at the present time, brought about by the present low rate of wages, is unnecessary and uncalled for, and ought not to be endured any longer. We, therefore, ask the District Council to appoint a deputation to wait on the masters to ask them for an advance in the rate of wages for the miners of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire, hoping they will see their way to grant our request, seeing that the trade is much better now than when we received the last reduction in our wages.

(2) That the meeting agrees to establish a branch of the Workman’s National Emigration Association at this house on Saturday next, the society to be free to men of all trades, and the subscription to be 3d, 6d, 9d, or 1s per fortnight, each one to have his chance in the ballot in proportion to the amount he contributes to the society; each member entitled by ballot to the assistance money shall have a grant of £6 if going to America and £10 if going to Australia or New Zealand; all these payments to be made to the shipping agent by the general treasurer.”

Wednesbury Herald 17/1/1880

“A meeting of miners’ agents was held on Wednesday, at the BALL INN, Tipton.

A discussion took place upon the recent correspondence as to the suggested alteration to the sliding scale; and it was resolved that the need of a revision of the scale from 3d to 4d per day when the coal went up 1s, and the want of a better organisation among the men should be laid before district meetings.”

Wednesbury Herald 17/4/1880

“A special meeting of colliers was held on Monday at the BALL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, to consider, among other things, the advisability of dispensing with the present sliding scale. Mr. T. Griffiths was elected president and Mr. Barnes, secretary.....”

[A resolution in favour of organisation was afterwards proposed.]

Lichfield Mercury 7/5/1880

“For some time past the colliers of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire have been dissatisfied with the working of the sliding scale of wages fixed two or three years ago by Mr. Chamberlain, MP, and the delegates, at a meeting held on Monday afternoon, at the BELL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, decided by thirty-eight votes to ten, to give notice to terminate the agreement.”

Evening Express 29/1/1881

“A representative meeting of miners and miners’ agents in the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire districts was held on Friday afternoon, at the BALL INN, Great Bridge, the business being to lay before the meeting the reason why the conference of the employers and employed had not been held with reference to the Employers’ Liability Act; to consider the miners’ position with reference to the Act; and to take into consideration the course to be operated in the future.

A miner presided.....”

[The employers were against it.]

1881 Census

149, Horseley Heath

[1] *Joseph Holland* (32), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Holland* (37), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *William H. Holland* (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Sarah E. Holland* (9 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Ann Parkes* (60), widow, domestic servant, born Tipton;

[6] *Mary Wall* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[7] *John Nightingale* (14), inn servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 2/9/1882

“A largely attended meeting of miners was held on Friday night at the BELL INN, Great Bridge, to consider the advisability of joining the Permanent Provident Relief Society and to discuss the question of organisation. Mr. Thomas Boycott presided.

Mr. Henry Barnes spoke in terms similar to those employed at a meeting held at Dudley the previous night, after which it was resolved ‘That we hereby agree to put into force at once, the committee already formed, so as to wait upon our respective employers, at those collieries who have not as yet started the Permanent Provident Relief Society, kindly requesting them to become honorary members with their workmen, so as to avoid litigation, believing in the mutuality of employers and employees combined, and that the Provident has priority over any insurance scheme whatever.’

Another resolution was passed in favour of joining the Union with a view to secure an advance of wages, those believing that good and powerful organisations were the only means to secure their rights as working men.”

Wednesbury Herald 31/3/1883

“On Tuesday morning a meeting of miners was held at the BALL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, to discuss the subject of over-production and organisation. A miner presided, and Mr. Henry Root (president of the Miners’ Association), and Mr. Henry Barmes (secretary), both attended and addressed the men.....”

Dudley and District News 26/5/1883

“On Thursday night a large meeting of colliers assembled at the BELL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, to receive the arbitrator’s award on the wages question. A working collier presided, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. Henry Barnes, secretary to the Midland Federation Board. The award was read and most cordially received. In giving an account of the arbitration proceedings, Mr. Barnes remarked that one of the employers stated that the men were in a false position. His impression was that it was the masters who were in a false position. When coal rose, from 10s 3d to 19s a ton the men only got sixpence worth of advance, although they had their wages reduced as the coal dropped afterwards. Again, the masters had taken ten minutes off their dinner hour without giving any compensation. It was then agreed that the twelve men who were to represent the men should be drawn from all the principal mining districts in South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire, and it was also the expressed feeling of the meeting that the employers’ representatives should be as near as possible coalmasters only. A subscription having been started to defray expenses incurred by the delegates, the meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the chairman and the delegates.”

Wednesbury Herald 5/1/1884

“A representative meeting of colliers was held on Wednesday night at the BALL INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, to consider the wages question, to arrange the Birmingham conference, and to discuss the matter of winding over night hours at some of the local collieries. After discussion the following resolution was adopted.

‘That all miners be requested to consider the desirability of uniting together so as to stay drawing over night hours a shift, and of regulating the production of coal in order that their interests may properly be protected, and wages raised to a higher standard.’

It was also agreed to hold meetings in all parts of the district to ascertain workmen’s opinions on the wages question, and that such opinions be made known to the secretary of the association before the 28th inst. A resolution was also passed in favour of paying quarterly contributions with the employers to the Wages Board.”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/8/1884

“Miners Strike. A meeting of the Central Committee was held yesterday, at the BELL INN, Great Bridge, when the following resolution was passed. ‘That, seeing the men are more determined than ever to continue the strike, and they consider themselves in a better position to do so, that the strike be continued till the old rate of wages is given to all men.’ It was reported that at the Cannock Lodge Colliery, Messrs. Bloxwich, the employers, are offering work to a part of their men at the old rate of wages.”

Dudley and District News 23/8/1884

The Miners Strike....

At a meeting of the Strike Committee held at the BALL INN, Great Bridge, on Monday evening the following resolutions were unanimously passed. ‘1. That the best thanks of the meeting be given to all religious bodies, brass bands, and other people who have so nobly assisted the miners in their present struggle. 2. Seeing that more employers are giving the rate of wages every week, and that other districts are now giving practical and liberal support, the men are more determined than ever to continue the strike until the old rate of wages is obtained.’ It was stated that three or four pits under Messrs. Philip Williams and Sons and Mr. Hayward were at work at the old rate of wages; and also that the men employed at Sandwell, Rowley, and Old Homer Hill Collieries were at work on similar terms. This being so all miners were strongly advised not to accept anything short of the old rate of wages. It was stated that a hundred men employed at Messrs. Bradley and Co.’s returned to work at the reduction on Monday, and that in consequence threats had been used by a number of miners from the Old Hill district to fill the pits up on them in case they continued working. It was also stated that at the commencement of the strike the funds standing to the credit of the men in the bank amounted to £5,000, and that of this sum £4,000 had been withdrawn more than a week ago. If this is correct it evidently denotes that the ability of the men to continue the strike is within ‘measurable distance’ of ceasing altogether.”

Joseph Bott was formerly a brass worker.

1891 Census

149, Horseley Heath

[1] *Joseph Bott* (50), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Esther Bott* (48), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Alfred Henry Bott* (23), son, hinge maker, born Tipton;

[4] *Lavinia M. Bott* (18), daughter, pupil teacher, born Tipton;

[5] *William Holland* (13), nephew, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Minnie Holland* (7), niece, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Sarah Sinclair* (21), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[8] *Alice Cotton* (14), domestic servant, born Tipton:

[*Lavinia Bott* married *Edward Guest* in 1892. They lived at 149b, Horseley Heath in 1901.]

Joseph Bott married *Esther Holland*.

1901 Census

149, Horseley Heath – GOLDEN BALL INN

- [1] *Joseph Bott* (60), contractor (hauling), born Tipton;
- [2] *Esther Bott* (58), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Holland* (23), nephew, born Tipton;
- [4] *Florence M. Holland* (17), niece, born Tipton:

** possibly the same person

Tipton Herald 19/12/1903

“Frank Brecknell, no fixed abode, was charged in custody, with stealing £2, the money of Mr. *A. H. Bott*, licensee of the GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath, on December 8th.

Mrs. *Bott* stated that about 7pm prisoner came in the house and asked if she had any coppers she could let Mr. *Davies*, pawnbroker, Great Bridge, have. She let him have 5s worth, and prisoner gave her two shillings, promising to return with the other. Prisoner afterwards came back and asked for £2 worth of silver for Mr. *Davies*. If they had no silver four half sovereigns would do. She gave prisoner two half sovereigns and one pound's worth of silver. At the suggestion of prisoner witness sent a girl with him for the money. The girl returned for some halfpennies and witness gave her 16. The girl afterwards returned without any money, and she (witness) gave information to the police.

Maud *Coley*, domestic servant, stated as to going with prisoner to fetch the money from Mr. *Davies*'s. When she got near the door prisoner pushed her back, telling her to stay outside the shop and he would bring the money. Prisoner came out of the shop and sent her for some halfpennies. She did not see prisoner again till he was in custody.

Harry Albert *Davies*, pawnbroker, Great Bridge, stated as to prisoner coming to his shop and asking him if he could do with 5s worth of coppers. Witness received the coppers, and gave prisoner the equivalent in silver. He did not send prisoner for the silver.

Inspector *Robotham* stated as to arresting prisoner at Aston. Prisoner made no reply to the charge. Prisoner, who now pleaded guilty, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions.”

[Frank *Britnell*, alias Francis William *Bricknell*, Henry *Smith* and John *Lucas* was sentenced to 12 months.]

Indenture 28/10/1909

“All that piece or parcel of land situate at the junction of Ball Fields and Horseley Heath bounded by the main road leading from Dudley to Birmingham on one side by Ball Fields aforesaid on the other side.....”

1911 Census

149, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Thomas Hill* (30), iron moulder and licensed victualler's manager, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Beatrice Alice Hill* (26), wife, married 7 years, assisting in business, born Dudley;
- [3] *Laura Hill* (6), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Luke Hill* (4), son, born Dudley;
- [5] *Charles Hill* (1), son, born Dudley;
- [6] *Elizabeth Perkins* (25), general servant, born Dudley:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/3/1925

“An inquest was held at the GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath, on Thursday afternoon, touching on the death of the five day's old child of Mr. and Mrs. *Frewen*, of 52, Ball Fields. A verdict of Accidentally Overlain was returned.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/5/1927

“Notice Of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 19th day of July, 1927, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....

GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath. Alehouse. Licensee *George Henry Moore.*”

Lichfield Mercury 22/7/1927

“Sixteen licenses were scheduled for consideration at the principal meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority at Stafford on Tuesday.....

Renewal of the licenses was refused in the following cases.....

GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath.”

It closed on 31st December 1927.

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/1/1928

“At the meeting of the Compensation Authority held on July 19, the Committee refused 13 out of 16 licenses referred to them. At the Supplemental Meeting the Committee fixed the compensation of the undermentioned cases as follows.....

GOLDEN BALL, Horseley Heath, alehouse, £1,550.

In all the before-mentioned cases the money had been apportioned amongst the interested parties, and would be paid on 24th December instant.”

Demolished

GOLDEN CROWN

Park Lane West, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Whitehouse []

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[1730]

[1840s]

GOLDEN CUP

76, Lea Brook Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Oliver Ltd.

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired on 28th April 1945) [1961]

LICENSEES

Edward Young [1911] – **1923**);

Isaiah Platt (**1923 – 1935**);

Thomas Frederick Kimberlin (**1935 – 1944**);

Alfred Silk (**1944 – 1961**):

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GOLDEN CUP TAVERN

It was an ante 1869 beerhouse.

It had a beer and cider license.

1911 Census

76, Lea Brook – GOLDEN CUP INN

[1] *Edward Young* (51), publican, born Tring, Hertfordshire;

[2] Mrs. Young (50), wife, married 27 years, assisting in the business, born Hebrington, Gloucestershire;

[3] Eliza Small (21), servant, born Wednesbury;

[4] Archie Young (5), grandson, born Wednesbury:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/12/1938

“A Tipton licensee – *Thomas Frederick Kimberlin*, of the GOLDEN CUP, Leabrook – was charged with receiving a Landis type diehead between 22 June and 27 July, well knowing it to have been stolen.

Evidence was that in March last a diehead valued £17 10s was made at the works of Charles Richards and Sons, Ltd., Imperial Nut and Bolt Works, Darlaston. It was given out for use in the screwing department and on 22 June was returned to a toolmaker for repair. This employee left it on his bench and the following morning the chief part was missing. The plate and shank remained for some days, and on 28 July when the toolmaker was shown the completed diehead in the office at the works, he went back to his bench and discovered that the other part was also missing.

William Arthur Toussaint, residing at 39, Gainsborough Road, Great Barr, a director of A. Toussaint Ltd., cycle accessories manufacturer, of 290 Brierley Street, Birmingham, said he bought the diehead from accused and sold it for £5 15s to Gray, of Coventry.

Mr. Cooper, outlining the case, said that Gray went to the works of Charles Richards on 27 July and offered the diehead for sale.

A statement alleged to have been made by the accused was to the effect that he bought the diehead at his works from a man whom he did not know for £2 and produced a book which showed an entry ‘one piece of brass and diehead £2 0s 9d.’ When the police asked accused if the brass and diehead were brought from the same person, he said they were bought from different persons.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned for two days.”

Evening Despatch 4/1/1939

“*Thomas Frederick Kimberlin*, aged 48, described as a licensee and works manager, was found not guilty at Staffordshire Quarter Sessions, at Stafford, of receiving a diehead, value £17 10s, the property of Charles Richards and Sons, Ltd., Imperial Nut and Bolt Works, Darlaston, knowing it to have been stolen, and was discharged.”

1939 Register

76, Leabrook Road

[1] *Thomas F. Kimberlin*, date of birth, 31/01/1890, foreman capstan and machine toolmaker, ARP;

[2] *Lilian D. Kimberlin*, dob, 10/03/1890, housewife:

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Sentinel 3/6/1961 - Notice

“The Licensing Act, 1953. Notice of Principal Meeting County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above area, will be held in the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Wednesday the 21st day of June, 1961, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the renewal of the licenses of the premises specified in the subjoined list, all those persons to whom under the Licensing Act, 1953, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the persons interested in any licensed premises in question and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....
GOLDEN CUP TAVERN, Leabrook Road, Wednesbury. Beerhouse (Ante 1869). Licensee, *Alfred Silk*.”

Staffordshire Sentinel 1/7/1961 - Notice

“The Licensing Act, 1953. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 21st day of June, 1961, to refuse the Renew of the Licenses of the premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of payment of the compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensees and the Registered Owners of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 22nd day of July, 1961, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in the manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to compensation under the said Act in respect of the said premises.....
GOLDEN CUP TAVERN, 76, Leabrook Road, Wednesbury. Beerhouse (ante 1869). Licensee, *Alfred Silk*. Registered Owners, W. Butler & Co. Ltd.”

It closed on 31st December 1961.

GOLDEN CUP

99, New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

John F Organ

LICENSEES

John Rhodes [1871]
Thomas Bryan [1878]
Frederick Organ [] – **1880**;
William Lyndon (**1880** – []
Samuel A Cartwright [1881]
John Hughes [1891] – [1901]
Thomas Dennis [1911]
George Parkes [1913]

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It had an ante '69 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

John Rhodes, New Road, Great Bridge, applied through Mr. Travis. No opposition. Refused.”

1871 Census

99, New Road

- [1] *John Rhodes* (34), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah J. Rhodes (30), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Sarah J. Rhodes (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Samuel Rhodes (3), son, born Tipton;
- [5] William Rhodes (1), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Samuel Rhodes (23), lodger, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 31/12/1877 - Advert

“GOLDEN CUP, New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton. A genuine house of business, doing two brewings weekly. Will bear investigation. Price £250.

Apply, Joseph Greenway, 12, Cannon Street, Birmingham.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/11/1878

“*Thomas Bryan*, beerhouse-keeper, of the GOLDEN CUP, Great Bridge, was summoned at the instance of the police on the charge of permitting drunkenness. Mr. Stokes defended. Police-constable Brown stated that he visited the house of the defendant on the 2nd inst, and found there a man named Giles drunk. When cross-examined, witness said that the man did not stagger, and the only indication of intoxication was his red face. The Bench said that was not sufficient to convict and dismissed the case. Mr. Stokes then desired that the charge against Giles for drunkenness should be proceeded with. Several persons who were present in the house at the time were called, and denied most emphatically that the man was drunk, and the Bench dismissed the case. Mr. Elwell remarking that it was not a right thing for the defendants to be put to such trouble by the police unless there were better facts to work on.”

Dudley Herald 7/8/1880

“The Bench granted the following transfers.....

Frederick Organ, GOLDEN CUP, Great Bridge, beer licence, to *William Lyndon*, New Road, Great Bridge.”

1881 Census

99, New Road

- [1] *Samuel A. Cartwright* (24), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;

- [2] Ellen Cartwright (22), wife, born Dudley;
[3] Andrew Quinn (24), servant, brewer, born Dudley;
[4] William Chane (4 months), visitor, born Aston:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/5/1881 - Advert

“One of the best Beerhouses in the Midlands, the GOLDEN CUP, New Road, Great Bridge. Lease seven years. Rent £30. In-coming £350.
Hawkins and Son.”

Birmingham Mail 4/8/1881 - Advert

“Beer-House (first-class, free) to Let, GOLDEN CUP, near the railway station, Great Bridge, coming-in £175.
Apply on premises, or to Hawkins and Son, auctioneers and trade valuers, 26, Temple Street, Birmingham.”

1891 Census

99, New Road – GOLDEN CUP

- [1] *John Hughes* (63), brewer and beer retailer, born Denbigh;
[2] Matilda Hughes (57), wife, born West Bromwich;
[3] Matilda Hughes (25), daughter, barmaid, born West Bromwich;
[4] Elizabeth Hughes (21), daughter, dressmaker, born West Bromwich;
[5] William Hughes (19), son, butcher, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

99, New Road – GOLDEN CUP INN

- [1] *John Hughes* (73), publican, born Chirk, Denbighshire;
[2] Matilda Hughes (68), wife, born West Bromwich;
[3] Matilda Hughes (35), daughter, born West Bromwich;
[4] Elizabeth Hughes (31), daughter, born West Bromwich;
[5] Edith Taylor (15), granddaughter, born Dudley:

1911 Census

99, New Road, Great Bridge

- [1] *Thomas Dennis* (49), publican and jobbing gardener, born Littleham, North Devon;
[2] Mary Dennis (47), wife, married 23 years, born Stoke Works, Worcestershire;
[3] Albert Thomas Dennis (21), son, iron driller, (bridge works), born Bournbrook, Worcestershire;
[4] Annie Dennis (23), daughter-in-law, married 2 years, born Langley;
[5] Mary Adalide Dennis (2 years and 1 months), granddaughter, born Langley;
[6] Albert Thomas Dennis (1 year and 4 months), grandson, born Great Bridge:

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

The renewals of the licenses of the following were objected to on the ground of redundancy.....

GOLDEN CUP, New Road.....

After hearing evidence, the Bench referred for compensation the licenses of the GOLDEN CUP.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/7/1913

“The Staffordshire Licensing Committee, at their meeting at Stafford yesterday, had thirty-eight cases to consider, the question being whether the licenses should be withdrawn and the houses extinguished under the compensation clauses of the Licensing Acts.....

Four houses were referred from the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division – the FOUNTAIN, Darlaston; the GOLDEN CUP, Great Bridge; the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Tipton; and the RAILWAY INN, Tipton. With the exception of the RAILWAY INN, the licenses were not renewed.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/8/1913 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 24th day of July, 1913, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 7th day of September, 1913, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

GOLDEN CUP, Great Bridge, Tipton. Beerhouse ‘on’ ante 1869. Licencee, *George Parkes*. Registered Owner, John F. Organ.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/1/1914

“The annual report of the County Licensing Committee stated the number of licenses ‘referred’ this year from 15 divisions and boroughs in the county was 43, and the committee decided to proceed upon 38 cases The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund. In the following 27 cases the committee fixed the compensation GOLDEN CUP, Great Bridge, Tipton, £600.”

GOLDEN CUP

53, (52), (68), Toll End Road, (Ocker Hill Road), Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Robinsons and Co., Burton on Trent
Ind Coope and Co. [1929]
Ind Coope and Allsopp Ltd. [1934}
Ansells Ltd. [1960]
Parmjit Singh (acquired in 1981 for £60,000)

LICENSEES

Anthony Robinson [1828] – [1830]
Joseph Jevon [1830] – **1860**);
William Walters (**1860 – 1866**);
W Degg (**1866** – []
John Tomkins [1868] – **1869**);
William Watson (**1869** – []
Thomas Smith [1871]
George Rowley [1872] – [1873]
Joseph Gutteridge [1880] – [1881]
Edward Ward [1886]
Edward Ward [1891]
Benjamin Ward [1890] – [1892]
William Butler [1896] – **1922**);
Robert Harvey (**1922 – 1926**);
Arthur Jones (**1926 – 1936**);

William Rowlinson Chrimes (1936 – 1940);
Ann Maria Chrimes (1940 – 1942);
Frederick Cecil Rathbone (1942 – 1949);
John Rickerby (1949 – 1950);
Henry James Harford (1950 – 1953);
Reginald Thacker (1953 – [1966])
Parmjit Singh (1981 – [1986])
B S Kalirai [1993]

NOTES

Ocker Hill Road [1868]
68, Toll End Road [1871], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1908], [1909], [1912]
52, Toll End Road [1916], [1921]
53, Toll End Road [1932], [1940], [1983]

OLD GOLDEN CUP [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868]
OLD GOLD CUP [1868], [1870]
GOLD CUP [1872]

Joseph Jevon = Joseph Jevons = Joseph Jeavons

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/7/1837

“The opening of the New Inclosure for pigeon shooting, at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End, Tipton, will take place on Friday next, when the proprietor will present those friends of the trigger who favour him with their presence with a splendid Silver Cup.”

1841 Census

Toll End

- [1] *Joseph Jevon* (35), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Ann Jevon (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Joseph Jevon (5), born Staffordshire;
- [4] Ann Jevon (2), born Staffordshire;
- [5] Martha Rollinson (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Ann Autler (15), born Staffordshire;
- [7] William Tunford (25):

Joseph Jevon was also a farmer. [1845], [1849], [1850]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/6/1860 - Advert

“By R. L. Courtney, on Monday Next, at the GOLDEN CUP, Tipton, Toll End – about One Hundred Lots of Modern Household Furniture, carts, &c.”

1861 Census

Ocker Hill Road – GOLDEN CUP

- [1] *William Walters* (57), victualler, born London;
- [2] Ann Walters (58), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Thomas W. Walters (18), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Esther Hardman (19), servant, born Bloxwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 12/9/1865 - Advert

“Black Country Public House. To be Disposed of, the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End. It has changed hands

once in forty-five years; given up now on account of the present Proprietor having entered into another class of business at a distance. The House is well situated for business, roomy, and convenient, has a large Garden, Stables, Cow-houses, Piggeries, &c, &c. Rent £28. The Coming-in, without Stock, will be about £130; the Stock will be reduced to suit a Customer.

Apply to Courtney and Son, Auctioneers, West Bromwich.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1866

“On Saturday at the Police Court, a Special Sessions for the temporary transfer of license was held before H. Wiggin and G. C. Adkins, Esqs.....

The GOLDEN CUP, Ocker Hill, from Mr. *W. Walters* to Mr. *W. Degg*.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/1/1868 - Advert

“To Let, Sold, with immediate possession, that Old-Licensed Inn, the GOLDEN CUP, Toll End, Tipton, now doing a good trade. Satisfactory reasons given for leaving.

Apply to E. Cox, Auctioneer, High Street, West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/9/1868 - Advert

“OLD GOLDEN CUP, Toll End, Tipton.

By E. B. Scholefield, on Monday Next, September 28th, commencing at Eleven o’clock – Household Furniture, walnut Cabinet, Oak-carved Chairs, Beds, Tables, Screens, gas Fittings, Metallic Bedsteads, &c, &c, Brewing Vessels, 350-Gallon Copper Boiler, 120-Gallon ditto, 18-Bushel Mash Tub, Ale Coolers, 250-Gallon Casks, Lead Piping, Tubs, Shelves, Cow-shed, Chaff-house, and Effects.

Catalogues at the place of Sale; and 28, Church Street, Wednesbury.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/2/1870 - Advert

“Found, Black Retriever Dog. If not owned in three days will be Sold.

Apply, GOLDEN CUP, Toll End, Tipton.”

1871 Census

68, Toll End Road

[1] *Thomas Smith* (29), publican, born Liverpool;

[2] *Sarah Smith* (25), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *John Smith* (6), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Eliza Smith* (5), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Thomas Smith* (2), son, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Martha Walker* (19), general servant, born Toll End:

Wednesbury Herald 5/9/1879

“An adjourned inquest was held on Monday at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End, on the body of a miner named *William Cope* (50). The deceased was employed at the No.5 pit of the West Bromwich Colliery Company.

On the 23rd of July an explosion of fire-damp occurred, by means of which he was badly burnt on the neck, breast, and arms. Immediately after the accident the Home Secretary was communicated to concerning the matter, and the inspector of mines for the district was directed to make an examination of the pit. Having done so the inspector’s assistant [Mr. Scott] reported that he considered blame attributable to the negligence of the deceased, and it was therefore that Cope should be summoned.

Owing, however, to the illness and subsequent death of Cope, the law could not be carried out.

Evidence showing the disastrous effects of the explosion was now adduced. The explosion occurred in No.5 stall. The doggy cautioned deceased not to go near that stall, as there was gas in the vicinity, and he (deceased) gave an indistinct reply, which was taken by the doggy as an understanding that he would observe the command. Deceased appears to have gone to the stall in question for a shovel shortly afterwards, as the explosion then took place, blowing out all the lights, and necessitating the deputy ascending to the surface to obtain lights to recover Cope, who was removed to his home, where he died as stated. The deceased was

rather deaf, and it is thought not improbable that he misunderstood the remark addressed to him by the doggy; hence the fatal mistake. Under these circumstances a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Wednesbury Herald 31/7/1880

“Samuel Barnsley, of no fixed residence, was charged with breaking into the GOLDEN CUP public house at Tolle End, Tipton, on Sunday, the 18th inst.

Joseph Gutteridge, engineer and machinist, and landlord of the GOLDEN CUP public house, said he went to the till at a quarter to seven o’clock on Monday morning, and found that the 5s left in the till had been taken away. He also missed a piece of ham, a quantity of cigars, one of a pair of chawls, three gallons of best French brandy, part of a round of beef, and four bottles of claret. Entrance to the house was effected by the cellar, which was closed by folded doors. Mrs. Guttridge [sic] deposed that she closed all the doors on Sunday night, but neglected to lock the cellar door. She had seen the prisoner in the village lately, and he came into her house three or four months ago.

William Tilley, boatman, said he took the prisoner to Walsall in his boat early on Monday morning, and James Wood said the prisoner came to his lodgings at the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Walsall, about a quarter to five that morning. The prisoner, when charged with the offence, Detective Salt said he said the ‘chawl might be theirs but the liquors I know nothing about.’

Mr. Superintendent Holland said the prisoner had already undergone a term of penal servitude. The prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, was committed to the next Stafford Assizes.

The hearing of the case occupied the Court from half past eleven o’clock in the morning, until after four in the afternoon.”

Dudley and District News 6/10/1880

“On Tuesday evening, as Mr. *Joseph Gutteridge*, landlord of the GOLDEN CUP, Toll End, was driving home, and while endeavouring to get out of the way of a vehicle containing a large boiler, his trap collided with that of Mr. Lawrence, of the GEORGE HOTEL, Wednesbury, the shock from which precipitated him to the ground. Mr. *Gutteridge*, when picked up, was found to be insensible, and he was at once taken to the BOAT INN, where he soon resuscitated under the care of Dr. Garmon, who was sent for after the accident. Mr. *Gutteridge* was subsequently taken home, and is progressing favourably.”

Staffordshire Sentinel 6/11/1880

“Samuel Barnsley, 57, labourer, was indicted for burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of *Joseph Gutteridge*, the GOLDEN CUP, Tipton, on the 19th of July last, and stealing therein 3s in money and a quantity of beef, and other articles, his property.

Mr. Haden Corser appeared as counsel for the prosecution.

The jury, after fully hearing the case, convicted the prisoner, and the learned Judge passed upon him a sentence of one year’s imprisonment with hard labour, and seven years’ police supervision afterwards.”

1881 Census

Toll End Road – GOLDEN CUP INN

- [1] *Joseph Gutteridge* (54), mechanic, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Eliza Gutteridge (48), wife, born Grindon, Herefordshire;
- [3] John T. Gutteridge (23), son, fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Jane E. Gutteridge (21), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Annie Gutteridge (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Ada Gutteridge (12), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Herbert Gutteridge (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

Birmingham Daily Post 11/10/1881

“A petition has been filed in the Dudley District Court, on behalf of *Joseph Gutteridge*, licensed victualler, of the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End, Tipton. Liabilities £400. Mr. Travis is the solicitor to the debtor.”

AND

London Gazette 14/10/1881

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Joseph Gutteridge*, of the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End Licensed Victualler, Engineer, and Machinist.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person on the 27th day of October 1881.....”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 22/6/1885

“This (Monday) morning the body of a young woman, apparently about 23 years old, was found in the canal at Doe Bank, Ocker Hill, by a man named John Banks. The body has the appearance of having been in the canal several days. The body was removed to the GOLDEN CUP INN, and has not yet been identified.”

Smethwick Telephone 27/6/1885

“Inquest at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End Road. Tipton, on the body of Lucy Bott (17), who was found in a dreadful state of decomposition in the canal on the previous Monday.”

[Adjourned for post mortem.]

London Gazette 24/8/1886

“*Ward, Edward* late of the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End and also lately trading at the Cup Colliery, Toll End Now living in lodgings at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End Licensed Victualler and Char-ter Master, now out of business.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/1/1890

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Mr. J. B. Lees and Mr. Fellows, *Benjamin Ward*, of the GOLDEN CUP, Toll End, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on the night of 26th December. Police-constable Parsons visited the house at 11.20 and found fourteen persons inside. He asked the landlord for an explanation, and defendant said he had a belief that all publicans had an extra hour on Boxing Night. He was told that he ought to have a license. Fined 2s 6d and costs. The Bench stated that had the house been opened under other circumstances the fine would have been heavier.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/8/1890

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Ocker Hill, on the body of Charlotte Griffiths, the daughter of a boatman, whose boat is now in the canal near Toll End. The child was two months old. The mother stated that she, her husband, and three children, together with the deceased – six in all – slept in the cabin of the boat, which was registered, but she could not tell the number. The child was taken in a fit, and died in about ten minutes. Witness took her on her lap, but did not put her in hot water; nor did she send for a surgeon, for it was too late. Witness fed the child on biscuit boiled in water, and when she had no biscuit she gave it bread. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

1891 Census

68, Toll End Road

- [1] *Edward Ward* (62), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Esther Ward* (61), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Elizabeth Ward* (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Florence Ward* (17), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Silas Farr* (9), grandson, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

Toll End Road – GOLDEN CUP

- [1] *William Butler* (61), widower, licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *William Butler* (32), son, barman, born Salioak [*Selly Oak?*], Staffordshire;
- [3] *Rose Butler* (28), daughter-in-law, born Tipton;
- [4] *Willie Butler* (8), grandson, born Tipton;

[5] Eliza Butler (4), granddaughter, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 28/12/1901

“A painful sensation was caused on Saturday morning last by the news that the lifeless body of Mrs. Louisa Lawley, headmistress of the infant department of St. Mark’s National Schools, Ocker Hill, had been recovered from the Birmingham Canal, between Toll End and Ocker Hill. Deceased was very popular in the district, and was held in high esteem. It seems, however, that during the last 12 months she had led a most harassed life, owing, there is grave reason for stating, to the conduct of her husband, who, as was shown at the inquest, had given way to drink, declined to work, and had made incessant demands on his wife for the means whereby to satisfy his cravings. Driven by this constant demand, and no doubt overwrought by the continual strain, the poor woman yielded to an acute temptation, and the result of the worry and the wrong she had been led to commit was, that on Saturday last she took the fatal step, and was found in the canal, as stated.

Mr. H. A. Pearson (Coroner) held an inquest at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Ocker Hill, on the body of deceased. Mr. J. H. Thursfield (Wednesbury) represented the Rev. C. W. Pearson (Vicar), and the managers of St. Mark’s School. Inspector Given (Tipton) and PCs Wingfield and Johnson were also present.

Thomas Lawley, formerly a colliery clerk, of Toll End Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton, said deceased was his wife, and she was a schoolmistress at St. Mark’s School, Ocker Hill. She had complained of pains in the head, but had never threatened to take her life. There was a penny-bank at the school of which the Rev. C. W. Pearson was the treasurer, and deceased had been in the habit of collecting the money from the scholars, and handing it over to the Vicar. Witness, in reply to questions by the Coroner, said he had not worked for twelve months, and had taken no money home during that time. His wife had kept him the whole of the time. He had been attended to by Dr. Underhill.

The Coroner: For what? – For illness.

What kind of illness? – No reply.

Was it an illness brought on by drink? – Yes.

Have you ever been locked up for being drunk? – Yes, once.

Inspector Given: And it was also for threatening his wife.

Continuing his evidence, witness said he last saw his wife alive on Saturday morning, when she got up and said she was going down the yard. He asked her to bring him a glass of water up, which she did, and she also lit the fire. This was about 6.40, and the next he saw of her was at about eight o’clock, when her dead body was brought home. They had lived ‘happy and comfortable together for the last three weeks, two of which he had not been out of the house.’ He identified his wife’s handwriting in the following pitiful letter, which had been written with the intention of sending by deceased to her sister at Coalville, Leicestershire.

‘St. Mark’s School, Ocker Hill

My dear Fan,

I expect you think I am not keeping my promise in not sending the last twice, but I have tried my best to do so; but Jim is worse than ever; he has been something terrible since September. He has done no work since September 8th, and he will have money or my life, so I don’t know what to do. However, I am determined to end it one way or another this Christmas, and then I will try and pay up in the new year. I hope I may be able to send you word he is gone before then, as he cannot possibly live much longer. If that does not happen I have thoroughly made up my mind to have a separation order. I can’t bear the thought of the disgrace, but anything will be better than the life I am living. We shall have to sell the home to make money for him to drink, and then he can go where he likes, as I can keep myself and child in lodgings and still pay you. Oh, what would I give to be free from such a tyrant as he is! Don’t let this put you about, as I believe it will all come right in the end. I have often wished that you had lived near, as I know Tom would have taken my part, but here I am without a soul only my own child, and got to bear all this. I will write you again next week, and let you know how I am going on. I hope you are all vey well, and will spend a different Christmas from what I know I shall. Be sure never let Jim know that I have had money from you.

Your loving sister.

Loo.’

Witness, in answer to the Coroner, said he did not know his wife had had money from her sister until Saturday. Questioned as to two other letters, witness said he found them on the table when he returned from his

mother's after his wife's body was brought home. These were read by the Coroner, and were as follows. 'I am about £50 short of the bank money. I have tried my best to get it, but can't. Ask your father or mother to lend it you. Forgive me, as I have forgiven you. Whatever I have done has been for your sake. Nobody knows, as I could not tell anybody, so do the best you can. Love my Gwennie for my sake. God bless you both.

Loo.'

Second Letter.

'I can bear this life no longer. I have gone to end all. You will find my body in the canal at the back of the house. Look in my purse; that will explain all.

Your heart-broken, Loo.'

During the reading of the letters the witness showed some signs of emotion, but otherwise he appeared quite indifferent. The Coroner said there were four sovereigns in the purse, and a few other papers, which did not relate to the deceased's affairs in the least.

In course of cross examination, witness said a police officer had not had to be fetched several times owing to his abusive conduct to his wife. He had never threatened his wife at the schools. He did not remember that the Vicar sent to the police offices, and made complaints as to his conduct. PC Wingfield had been to his house, and he admitted this was on account of his threatening his wife. He knew that his wife had been to public houses and paid his drink score.

A Juryman: Shame.

Mr. Shenton, a brother of deceased, said he had given her advice several times to get a separation order, and she had even gone as far as a solicitor's door, but then had turned away with the exclamation that she could not do it.

Mary Ann Hughes said she had lived next door to deceased for some time, and she could say that her (deceased's) life had been most unhappy. When Mr. Lawley was out of drink there was not a better husband, but when in drink she was sure he was not responsible for his actions. He was, however, in drink a good deal. Witness had heard deceased threaten to take her life, but at other times she said she would not for the sake of her child. She knew nothing of the financial troubles alluded to. Witness, in answer to the police inspector, said she had very often been roused in the middle of the night to act as peacemaker between deceased and her husband. She had also known deceased locked out at night, and had assisted her to get through the window.

Rev. Charles William Pearson, Vicar of St. Mark's was next sworn. He said deceased was headmistress of the infant department at St. Mark's Schools, and there had been a penny-bank system in vogue at the school for years, conducted by the teachers. The money was received by the teachers, who paid it to him, and he then paid it into the bank. Witness did not know until the day of her death, which was the date when the money was due to be paid out, that deceased was behindhand with her money. By one small cashbook he had since found he saw that the amounts he had been paid each week were less than that received, and there was now a deficiency of a little over £50. Deceased was most attentive in her work, and very kind to the children. She received £80 per year, and was paid £6 13s 4d on the day preceding her death. This was the first time there had been a deficiency in the amounts of money.

William Winfield, a police-constable stationed at Ocker Hill, said he had received complaints from deceased, the school-master, and the Vicar, about the threats and ill-usage of Lawley towards his wife. About three months ago witness was sent for to the schools, where Lawley was in a drunken condition, threatening his wife, and also the school-master. He was subsequently locked up, and when brought before the magistrates was fined.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that there could be no doubt that from the notes left behind that death was due to drowning, and that deceased threw herself into the canal. What they had to find was the state of her mind when she committed the act. They had heard a dreadful story of most despicable conduct on the part of the husband, which seemed to have made the poor woman's life a veritable hell on earth. He did not think words of his could adequately describe such conduct or his feelings in regard to the same. They had heard of her taking the money to supply her husband's craving for drink, and when this was likely to be found out she had been unable to face it, and so had committed that act. He asked the jury to try and come to some conclusion as to the state of deceased's mind.

The jury at once returned a verdict that deceased Committed Suicide whilst Temporarily Insane, and ex-

pressed the opinion that her husband, who should be censured, drove her to the act.

The Coroner, in censuring Lawley, said the jury thought his wife had committed suicide through his conduct, and he would go away a disgrace to the whole community. Not having brought any money home his wife in consequence of the claims he made upon her had taken money belonging to the school, and had not been able to stand the disgrace of having it brought home to her. If he was not legally responsible for his wife's death he was morally responsible, and he was a disgrace to mankind. 'Really,' said the Coroner, 'I can hardly find words harsh enough to show my feelings at your most despicable conduct.'

Mr. Thursfield said he would like to state that the children would not be losers of the money taken.

The Coroner: I am glad the poor little children have not to suffer also as the result of this wretch's conduct. Of course, I shall disallow his expenses."

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich and Tipton Quoits League. [1903]

Tipton Herald 5/9/1903

"Saturday, 12th inst, will be a red letter day in the quiting annals of the Black Country, when the chief event of the English Quiting Association, viz, the final for the All-England Challenge Cup, will be played on the GOLDEN CUP grounds, Toll End. The contestants will be Ironbridge, Salop (who on Saturday last defeated Wolverhampton to the tune of 90, and who are present holders of the cup) and Boyd's Institute, London (runners-up 1902) or West Kent (runners-up 1896). The conditions are 8 players aside, 18 yards, heats 25 points up, catch weight quoits, Association rules....."

1911 Census

Toll End Road – GOLDEN CUP INN

[1] *William Butler* (41), publican, born Selly Oak, Birmingham;

[2] *Rose Butler* (39), wife, married 20 years, assists in business, born Tipton;

[3] *William Butler* (18), son, draughtsman, born Tipton;

[4] *Eliza Butler* (14), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Elsie Butler* (7), daughter, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

"Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The following houses would be reported for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....

GOLDEN CUP, Toll End."

South Staffordshire Times 3/1/1920

"On Tuesday an interesting wedding ceremony was held at St. Mark's Church, Ocker Hill, the contracting parties being Miss Eliza Butler, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *W. Butler* of the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End Road, and Mr. T. W. Shaw, of Princes End, assistant master at the Ocker Hill Council Schools....."

Mr. *Jones* was a councillor.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 17/11/1928

"The annual dinner and prize distribution in connection with the GOLDEN CUP (Toll End) Bowling Club, was held on Saturday evening at headquarters. Mr. G. Morrall (president of the club) presided....."

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

It had its own jazz band (The Robin Hood Jazz Band) in the 1930s.

Birmingham Mail 14/8/1940 - Advert

"*William Rowlinson Chrimes*, Deceased.

Any Person having any Claim against the Estate of the above-named deceased, late of the GOLDEN CUP HOTEL, Toll End Road, Tipton, Birmingham, is requested to send particulars forthwith to me, the under-

signed Solicitor for the Executrix.

Alec H. Evans, Daimler House, 33, Paradise Street, Birmingham, 1.”

Birmingham Mail 11/11/944 - Advert

“Golden Cocker Puppy 5 months old, grand specimen £15.

GOLDEN CUP, Ocker Hill, Tip 1573.”

A team from here took part in the Tividale and District Darts League. [1952]

A team from here won the local domino league in 1957.

Tipton Herald 15/6/1957

“Although members of West Bromwich and District League for several seasons, Heath Rovers FC of Tipton had not, until last season, won any honours. This year, however, they were runners up in the West Bromwich and District League, Division I, and were presented with the Hale Cup by Mr. G. Moore, match and referee Secretary of the league, at the club’s annual dinner held at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Friday of last week.....”

Tipton Herald 29/10/1960

“Eighty old age pensioners from Tipton were the guests of ATV’s ‘Lunch Box’ on Friday.

They travelled with the Mayor, Councillor A. Morton and Mayoress Mr. R. Morton, in two coaches, one of which had been provided by the licensee of the GOLDEN CUP, Ocker Hill.

The elderly people were from the Ocker Hill and Tibbington old people’s clubs.”

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

Express & Star 7/3/1986

“.....A licensing court at West Bromwich yesterday refused to renew the license after hearing that he [*Parmjit Singh*] had broken liquor and gaming laws considering appeal.....”

- The license was renewed after appeal on 26th April 1986.

It had an Indian restaurant. [2000]

[2003]

Closed

It was demolished in 2004.

GOLDEN FLEECE

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Lewis [] – 1871);

Annie Boulton (1871 – []

GOLDEN LION

29, Albert Street (29, Victoria Street) / Queen Street, Princes End, (Brierley), TIPTON

OWNERS

Phoebe Stanford
Sarah Stanford
Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Phoebe Stanford [1871] – **1874**);
Isaac Duffield (**1874 – 1876**);
Francis Stanford (**1876 – 1883**);
Mrs. Sarah Stanford (**1883 – 1920**);
Herbert Stanford (**1920 – 1931**);
Frederick Thorpe (**1931 – 1932**);
Bert Lester (**1932 – 1933**):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

29, Victoria Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921]
29, Albert Street

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

29, Victoria Street

- [1] *Phoebe Stanford* (60), widow, publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Henry Stanford* (38), son, married, millwright, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Emily Stanford* (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Hannah Challenger* (14), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Mrs. *Phoebe Stanford*, beer retailer, Victoria Street. [1872]

1881 Census

29, Victoria Street

- [1] *Francis Stanford* (40), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Stanford* (40), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Annie Stanford* (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Rosa Stanford* (11), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Frank Stanford* (8), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Herbert Stanford* (6), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Lizzie Stanford* (4), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

Francis Stanford died on 2nd December 1883

1891 Census

29, Victoria Street, Brierley

- [1] *Sarah Stanford* (52), widow, beer retailer, born Aldington, Worcestershire;
- [2] Rose Stanford (21), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Herbert Stanford* (16), son, iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [4] Lizzie Stanford (14), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] Ethel Wainwright (3), granddaughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] Ann Harris (76), mother, born Aldington, Worcestershire:

Mrs. *Sarah Stanford*, beer retailer, 29, Victoria Street, Princes End. [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916]

1901 Census

29, Victoria Street

- [1] *Sarah Stanford* (61), widow, publican, born Aldington, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Hubert Stanford* (25), son, brewer, born Princes End;
- [3] Lizzie Stanford (23), daughter, barmaid, born Princes End;
- [4] James Harris (85), father, widower, living on own means, born Badsea, Worcestershire;
- [5] Frances E. Wainwright (13), granddaughter, born Princes End:

1911 Census

29, Victoria Street

- [1] *Sarah Stanford* (71), widow, innkeeper, born Badsea, Worcestershire;
- [2] Ethel Wainwright (23), granddaughter, assisting in business, born Coseley:

Herbert Stanford, beer retailer, 29, Victoria Street, Princes End. [1921]

Sarah Stanford died in the 4th quarter of 1931.

Frederick Thorpe was married to Treasa.

See also OLD COURT HOUSE.

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 3rd February 1933.

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/8/1933

“County Licensing Authority.....

Renewal of the following licenses was also refused on the ground of redundancy, and all were referred for compensation, the police evidence being to the effect that the needs of the various localities were better met by other licensed houses.....

GOLDEN LION, Princes End, Coseley, beerhouse, ante 1869.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1934

“County Licensing Report.....

At the supplementary meeting held on October 7, the County Licensing Committee fixed compensation as follows.....

GOLDEN LION, Coseley, beerhouse, £1,425.”

Compensation of £1,425 was paid on 24th December 1933.

GOLDEN LION

63, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mr. Woodward, miller's traveller, Wolverhampton
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Silvester [1871]
William Foley [] – **1876**);
John Williams (**1876** – []
James Williams [1879]
Thomas Bailey [1881]
Sarah Macdonald [1901]
Edward Hampson [] – **1907**);
George Roberts (**1907** – **1909**);
James Whitehouse (**1909**);
William Amor (**1909** – **1911**);
Ebenezer Henry Jeens (**1911** – **1915**);
Edwin Thomas Picken (**1915** – **1918**);
George Drew (**1918** – **1923**);
Albert Roberts (**1923** – **1926**);
William Hughes (**1926** – **1927**);
William Thomas Humphries (**1927**);
George Hodges (**1927** – **1930**);
William Henry Best (**1930** – **1932**):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Great Bridge – GOLDEN LION INN

[1] *Joseph Silvester* (31), beer seller, brewer, born Birmingham;

[2] Charlotte Silvester (28), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah Silvester (2), daughter, born Great Bridge;

[4] Florence Jones (13), domestic servant, born Tipton:

William Foley = William Fowley

Birmingham Gaily Gazette 6/2/1877

“At the Police Court yesterday, before Mr. W. L. Underhill and Mr. A. Elwell, William Sutton and William Tonks, labourers, were charged with stealing a watch and chain. Mr. Sheldon defended Sutton, and Mr. Travis appeared for Tonks.

John Mills, hawker, stated that on Tuesday last he was at the GOLDEN LION, Great Bridge. He asked if

anyone wanted to buy a watch. Sutton asked to look at one he was wearing, and he handed it over to another man who ran away with it. Sutton prevented him following. There was no indication from Sutton that he wished the other man to run off.

Police-constable Hill apprehended Sutton, who said, upon being charged, that he had never seen the watch and knew nothing about it.

Police-sergeant Smith stated that on Wednesday he was sent for to the house of the prisoner Tonks's father. He saw there the prisoner, who handed him the watch and chain. He said, 'This is the watch and chain Sutton is charged with stealing. Sutton gave it to me and told me to run away.'

The Bench adjourned the case for further evidence."

Evening Express 23/7/1881

"John Bradley (64), miner, Horton Street, West Bromwich, a convict on license, was brought up on four different charges of fraud.

Last week the prisoner was charged with failing to report himself to the police, and was remanded, it being then stated that the prisoner was suspected of being the perpetrator of various petty frauds in the district. Since then four charges had been preferred against him. The first of three investigated was one of obtaining the sum of 1s 6d, and two pints of ale from Hannah Whitehouse, the wife of a publican, in Rolfe Street, Smethwick. According to the evidence, the prisoner, on the 17th of June, went there and represented that he wanted to engage a room in which to hold the weekly meeting of a Free Gardeners' Lodge, which was then held at another house. He inspected the clubroom, expressed himself satisfied with it, and told the landlady that a committee of his lodge would meet there on the following Saturday night. He obtained two pints of ale, and, on the plea that he had forgotten to put any money in his pocket when starting from home, further obtained from Mrs. Whitehouse 1s 6d in money.

Another charge of obtaining ale from *Thomas Bailey*, landlord of the GOLDEN LION INN, Great Bridge, on the 30th of June, was next taken. In this case the modus operandi was very much the same as in the previous case.

The prisoner, it was alleged, represented to the prosecutor that he was going to endeavour to transfer a club from the LIMERICK INN to the GOLDEN LION. He was given two pints of ale, and on leaving he asked for some more. The prosecutor hesitated, upon which prisoner said he need not be afraid, as the club paid all expenses. Evidence was called to prove that the prisoner's story about the club was a false one.

Prisoner denied that he was out of his home on the night in question.

The Bench committed him for trial to the Sessions."

[At Stafford John Bradley was sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment.]

Birmingham Daily Post 30/1/1904

"There were eight prisoners for trial at the West Bromwich Quarter Sessions yesterday, held before the Recorder, Mr. R. C. E. Plumptre.....

George Williams, of Great Bridge, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour for burglary at the GOLDEN LION, Great Bridge. His brother, Arthur Williams, was let off with one days' imprisonment."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/4/1914

"At the West Bromwich County Court yesterday, Frederick Hantson, claimed £2 6s 4d from *Ebenezer Henry Geenes* [sic], of the GOLDEN LION, Great Bridge. The claim was for the value of two little pigs which fell into the canal when defendant was delivering them to plaintiff, who was the purchaser of a litter of six. The pigs subsequently died of pneumonia. Without hearing the defence, his Honour dismissed the case."

Evening Despatch 8/7/1918

"What three police officers saw in the early hours of a Sunday morning through a window was described at West Bromwich today during the hearing of two summonses against *Edwin Thomas Picken*, licensee of the GOLDEN LION beerhouse, Great Bridge, for supplying intoxicating liquor and permitting it to be consumed on his premises during prohibited hours. Fred Morris, licensee of the STORK HOTEL, his wife, and Thomas Caughan, who lodged at the GOLDEN LION, were summoned for consuming intoxicants on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

The case for the prosecution was that at 1.20 in the morning, 17 June, the police officers saw a light in the smoke room of the GOLDEN LION. Owing to the blinds not fitting properly, they were able to look into the room, where they saw all the defendants and Mrs. *Picken*. Morris had a glass, apparently containing ale, in his hand, from which he drank, and the women, who sat at a table on which there were two glasses, also apparently containing ale, were seen to drink from them.

When the police knocked the door the defendants went into the living room, taking their glasses with them. On being admitted the police found glasses containing the remainder of ale and empty ale bottles.

Picken said they were served before closing time, but Morris said 'I will tell you the truth. My wife and I came over to see these people after I had closed my house at nine o'clock, and that is all I can say. We have had a drink'. Proceeding."

Dudley Herald 17/1/1931

"West Bromwich Harriers. On Saturday the members had a run from the GOLDEN LION, Great Bridge, the home of one of the vice-presidents of the club. About twenty turned out, and they had a run under the captancy of W. A. Evans, the course being along the roads in the thoroughfare of Great Bridge. The team were entertained afterwards by Mr. *Best*, the host. Tomorrow (Saturday) the club run their annual 7½ miles cross country handicap from headquarters. Mr. J. Bird, the well-known West Bromwich sportsman, has promised a cup for the winner of this event, and there will be the usual club medals."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/2/1932

"At West Bromwich Licensing Sessions yesterday.....

There was an increase of two in the number of full licenses, and the clerk gave notice that all would be renewed with the exception of three beerhouse licenses, to which objection would be raised on the ground of redundancy. These were the GOLDEN LION, Great Bridge."

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 10th March 1932.

The renewal was refused on 15th June 1932.

The license was extinguished on 7th November 1932.

Check LION.

GOLDEN PHEASANT

High Street, Upper Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Enoch Wheeler [1860] – [1863]

John Ford [1864] – [1867]

NOTES

PHEASANT [1863]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1860

"At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before James Bagnall and D. Round, Esqrs, the following

beer sellers were summoned and convicted of having kept their houses open for the sale of beer at the wake beyond the hours allowed by the statute, viz, till half-past eleven at night *Enoch Wheeler* They were all fined 5s and costs, and cautioned as to their future transactions.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 21/10/1860

“E. Williams of Tipton will run F. Wright of Sedgley 110 yards, for £10 or £15 a side, or W. Thompson of Tipton his own length for the like sum, or Derry of Musham 120 yards on the same terms; or he will give Wingey one yard start in six score, for the same sum. Money ready any time at Mr. J. Higgs, GOLDEN PHEASANT, Upper Green Tipton.”

1861 Census

High Street – GOLDEN PHEASANT

- [1] *Enoch Wheeler* (26), retail brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] Drucilla Wheeler (25), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] Phoebe J. Wheeler (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Joseph H. Wheeler (3), son, born Tipton;
- [5] John Wheeler (15 months), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Basmouth (17), visitor, dress maker, born Newcastle, Staffordshire:

AND

High Street – GOLDEN PHEASANT

- [1] Joseph Higgs (50), coal miner, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Phoebe Higgs (51), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] Mary Higgs (28), daughter, general servant, born Netherton;
- [4] Ann Higgs (18), daughter, general servant, born Netherton;
- [5] Harriet Higgs (15), daughter, general servant, born France;
- [6] Phoebe J. Higgs (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

London Gazette 25/8/1863

“Joseph Higgs, residing in furnished lodgings at the house of *Enoch Wheeler*, PHEASANT INN, High-street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Miner, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley, on the 18th of August, 1863.....”

John Ford, beer retailer, High Street. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Post 12/7/1865

“At Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, a middle-aged woman, named Mary Whitehouse, was brought up, on remand, before Messrs. J. Marshall and T. Davis, charged with having committed no less than four robberies in one afternoon. On the 7th inst, between the hours of one and four o’clock, the prisoner entered the houses of John Twist, licensed victualler, Bell Street; *John Ford*, publican, High Street; and Henry Welling, of the WHITE HORSE INN, and after remaining a short time in each house, went away, taking with her a pilot coat from Mr. Twist’s, a shawl from Mr. *Ford*’s and a toilet cover from Mr. Welling’s. The coat she pledged for 10s at the shop of Mr. H. Lewis, and immediately stealing it again from the counter, she took it to the shop of Mr. S. Round, and obtained a second 10s upon it. She was subsequently given into the custody of Sergeant Swift, who found the shirt, toilet cover, and shawl upon her. She was committed for trial at the ensuing Quarter Sessions. Mr. Travis prosecuted, and Mr. Sheldon defended.”

[At the Stafford Assizes, Mary Whitehouse was sentenced to three months’ imprisonment.]

Birmingham Daily Post 11/3/1868 - Advert

“GOLDEN PHEASANT, High Street, Tipton.

To Publicans, Brokers, and Others.

By Mr. John Bent, To-Morrow (Thursday) March 12 – the whole of the Brewing Plant and Public-House Fixtures, comprising excellent Mash Tub, pair Cooling Vats, wrought-iron Boilers and Settings, Gather-

ing Tub, well-seasoned Ale Casks, rail-back Benches and Seating, the whole of the Gas-fittings and piping throughout the Premises, four-pull Beer Machine and Piping, Pewter Ale Measures, Cups and Glasses, Tap Table (metal top, fitted up with cupboard and drawers), Malt Crusher, Drinking Tables, Cup and Glass shelving, a capital Bagatelle Board (Slate Bottom with Ball, Cues, and Marking Board complete), Sign, and numerous Effects, belonging to Mr. *John Ford*, who is changing his residence.
Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning."

London Gazette 21/8/1868

"*John Ford*, for about four months last past in lodgings at John Ford's the younger, Dudley-road, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Labourer, previously thereto for four weeks at Henry Ford's, High-street, Tipton aforesaid, and previously of the GOLDEN PHEASANT, High-street, Tipton aforesaid, Retailer of Beer and Labourer, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the County Court Worcestershire, holden at Dudley, on 28th day of July, 1868, a public sitting, for the said bankrupt to pass his Last Examination, and make application for his Discharge, will be held at the said Court, at Dudley, on the 19th day of September next, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely, the day last aforesaid being the day limited for the said bankrupt to surrender. Thomas Walker, Esq. of Dudley, is the Official Assignee, and George Burn Lowe, of Dudley, is the Solicitor acting in the bankruptcy."

GOSPEL OAK

1, Bilston Road / 8, Gospel Oak Road, (Wednesbury Oak Road), Ocker Hill, (Lower Bradley), (Wednesbury Oak), (Brierley) TIPTON

OWNERS

William Clarke

Miss Emma Matthews and Mrs. Fanny Shore, Harts Hill, Brierley Hill
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [recently acquired in 1903]
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Esther Turner [1830] – [1842]

William Clarke [1845] – [1861]

Edward Hickman [1871] – [1872]

William Clarke [1872] – **1884**;

Charles Silvers and William Clarke **(1884)**;

Emma Matthews **(1884 – 1886)**;

William Henry Davies **(1886 – 1893)**;

John Bradshaw **(1893 – 1897)**;

Betsy Jeavons **(1897 – 1898)**;

William Jeavons **(1898 – 1900)**;

Betsy Jeavons **(1900 – 1903)**;

Harold Reynolds **(1903 – 1904)**;

George Valentine Turton **(1904 – 1905)**;

William Samuel Mansell **(1905 – 1908)**;

James Samuel Shipton **(1908 – 1909)**;

Joseph Shipton **(1909 – 1919)**;

Emma (Shipton) Benfield **(1919 – 1927)**;

George Benfield (1927 – 1928);
Charles Henry Thornley (1928 – [1940])
Colin Fantom (1982 – [])
Dave Gales [1986] – [1988]
Derek Tyler [1993]
Sandra Hanke [2012] – [2013] manager

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

8, Gospel Oak Road [1871]
Wednesbury Oak Road [1891]
Gospel Oak Road [1896]
1, Bilston Road [1993]

It had a six-day license.

It was known locally as “Old Mother Shipton’s”.

William Clarke = William Clark

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/4/1851

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, at the GOSPEL OAK TAVERN, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, on the body of George Wilkes, aged four years, on the 28th March last, from injuries received through his clothes taking fire on that day. It appeared that the deceased was left in school with a number of children, and went near the fire, when his clothes caught. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

Bilston Road – GOSPEL OAK INN Public House

- [1] *William Clark* (40), licensed victualler, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] Sarah Clark (39), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Joseph Clark (20), son, colliery clerk, born Sedgley;
- [4] Emma Whitehouse (14), house servant, born Tipton:

1871 Census

8, Gospel Oak Road – Public House

- [1] *Edward Hickman* (35), mill furnaceman, born Tipton;
- [2] Mary Hickman (37), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Jane Hickman (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Hickman (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Rebecca Hickman (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

Gospel Oak New Road

- [1] *William Clarke* (52), colliery manager, born Cinder Hill;
- [2] Esther Clarke (51), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] William Clarke (18), son, miner, born Sedgley
- [4] Lizzie Clarke (11), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] Emma Clarke (9), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] Kate A M. Clarke (6), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

William Clarke died on 5th February 1884.

Darlaston Weekly Times 5/4/1884

“At Bilston, yesterday, the following license transfers were granted.....
GOSPEL OAK, Sedgley, executors of *William Clarke* to *Emma Matthews*.”

The license was extended to a seven day one at the General Annual Licensing Meeting on 26th August 1887.

1891 Census

Wednesbury Oak Road – GOSPEL OAK INN

- [1] *William Henry Davies* (44), boat unloader, born Warwickshire;
- [2] Rosannah Davies (50), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Sarah Ann Davies (24), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [4] May Jane Davies (21), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] George William Davies (17), son, boat unloader, born Sedgley;
- [6] Percy Herbert Davies (7), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] Mary Guttery (77), widow, mother-in-law, born Northington, Hampshire;
- [8] Mary Rhodes (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

William Jeavons was convicted on 30th March 1900, for permitting drunkenness.

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/8/1900

“At the annual licensing meeting for Bilston division, Supt. Walters reported that there were 354 licensed houses in the division, which gave one to every 181 of the population. During the year, four licensed victuallers and two beerhouse keepers had been convicted. Compared with the previous 12 months, this was a decrease of one licensed victualler and three beerhouse keepers convicted. Since the last meeting 565 males and 82 females were proceeded against for drunkenness, 548 males and 75 females being convicted. As against last year, this showed an increase of 49 males convicted, and a decrease of four females. Objections were made, on the ground of convictions, to the renewal of the licenses of.....

Betsy Jeavons, GOSPEL OAK INN, Princes End.....

The Chairman said it was gratifying that there had been fewer charges against licensed victuallers, but he was sorry that there had been an increase in the number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness. Mr. R. A. Willcock referred to the ‘long pull’ question, and said notice of opposition to two license holders with respect to that matter had been served. After the attitude taken on the previous day by the Wolverhampton county magistrates, the Council of the Wolverhampton and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association had decided to take no further action, and the notices of objection would be withdrawn. The licenses to which the police objected were renewed.”

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Sedgley Licensing Sessions [held on 3rd March] Objection was made on the grounds that the house was not required, premises dilapidated and insanitary.

Mr. W. H. Thompson appeared on behalf the Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, the owners of the house and said they had put in plans for the entire rebuilding of the house.

Superintendent Walters said the house would fall down if it was not taken down. There was a doctor in the house a few weeks ago, and he nearly fell through the floor.

Mr. Thompson said the property had been very much damaged by mining operations in years gone by, and it was proposed to entirely rebuild it. There were three licensed rooms.

PS Shaffery gave evidence as to examining the premises. The bar was 12ft by 11ft, living kitchen 12ft 6in by 10ft, smokeroom 13ft 6in by 9ft 6in, and a disused taproom 14ft by 13ft 6in. The latter was dangerous. All the rooms on the ground floor were four feet below the road. The bar was the only place where business was carried on. The only way to deal with the house would be to rebuild it. In his opinion the house was not required. If the premises had been in a proper condition, he would not have reported them to his super-

intendent. The great objection was the condition of the premises. He did not think the house was safe to live in.

PC Davies said the house was a poor tumbledown one. There was two other licensed houses within 200 yards. There was a fence round the house to prevent people falling down.

Mr. Thompson said the police admitted that to make the necessary alterations the house would have to be rebuilt, and the rooms enlarged. The Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries had only recently purchased the house. He hoped the Bench would grant permission to rebuild the premises [at the junction of the Wednesbury and Bilston roads.]

The application was adjourned.”

1911 Census

GOSPEL OAK TAVERN

[1] *Joseph Shipton* (59), licensed victualler, born Toll End;

[2] *Emma Shipton* (58), wife, married 34 years, born Greet Green;

[3] John Shipton (21) son, bricklayer, born Gospel Oak;

[4] George Shipton (12), son, school, born Gospel Oak:

Joseph Shipton died on 19th September 1919.

South Staffordshire Times 2/2/1924

“To remove any erroneous impression as to the ‘removal’ of the ‘Element’ Lodge R.A.O.B. from the GOSPEL OAK to the COTTAGE SPRING, it is stated in a letter we have received to be unfair to Mrs. *Shipton* (hostess) who has ‘always done all she could for the members’ comfort, and has been to considerable expense in equipment.’ It is also stated the ‘removal’ has been effected without the consent of some of the members, who are indignant.”

Emma Shipton was fined 20s, on 14th March 1924, for supplying, by a servant, intoxicating liquor during non permitted hours, for consumption off the premises.

South Staffordshire Times 30/8/1924

“The women patrons of Mrs. *Shipton*’s GOSPEL OAK INN had their annual outing to Bridgnorth on Tuesday, and were favoured with glorious weather. The party were conveyed by char-a-banc, and the ride was thoroughly enjoyed. A temporary halt was made on the journey, an alfresco lunch was partaken of, and the destination was reached about 12.20. During the afternoon places of interest were explored, everyone desiring to extract as much pleasure as possible during their few hours of relaxation from domestic responsibilities. After their rambles the party resorted to the Vine Inn, where they had an excellent tea. Mrs. *Shipton* was thanked for her generosity.”

Emma Shipton married *George Benfield* on 7th August 1926.

1939 Register

1, Gospel Oak Road, Coseley UD

[1] *Charles Henry Thornley*, date of birth, 09/06/1873, licensed victualler, widowed;

[2] Eric Albert Thornley, dob, 24/12/1903, plumber (cable jointer);

[3] Doris Edith (Thornley) Martin, dob, 01/04/1901, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57], [1957-58]

Dave Gales was married to Carole.

It was refurbished in 2002.

Express & Star 22/3/2021

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space..... GOSPEL OAK, Bilston Road, Tipton.”

[2021]

GRAPES

38, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Daniel Hipkins [1848]
William Hipkins [1851] – [1877]
John Smith [1891]
Robert Henry Fitzsimmons [1892] – **1922**);
John Smith [1901] manager
Mrs. Alice Tomkys [1911] manager
Reginald Fitzsimmons **(1922)**;
Frank Howells **(1922 – 1923)**;
George Henry Smith **(1923 – 1926)**;
Robert Harvey **(1926 – 1937)**;

NOTES

It was previously known as the SPIRIT VAULTS.

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1848

“Applications For Spirit Licenses.

Daniel Hipkins, of Owen Street, made an application for a license. Mr. Holland supported the application, which was respectably signed. Mr. Collis opposed the claim on the ground that the license was unnecessary; but the magistrates considering the premises to be advantageous, granted the application.”

Birmingham Journal 13/1/1849 - Advert

“To be Sold, a powerful, fine-toned Finger Organ, suitable for a small Place of Worship at Public Room. To be seen at Mr. *Hipkins*’s, NEW WINE AND SPIRIT VAULTS, Owen Street, Tipton.”

1851 Census

Owen Street

- [1] *William Hipkins* (26), wine and spirit merchant, employing 1 man, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Hipkins* (27), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Maryann Wall* (21), general servant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *John Wilkinson* (14), apprentice, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/11/1851

“At the Town Hall, on Tuesday (before James Bagnall, J. Williams, and W. E. Jones, Esqs.) John Steadman, John Williams, Joseph Hunt, John Jenks, Benjamin Williams, Wm. Aspley, James Harris, John Bishop, and Jane Walters, were charged with obstructing police-constable Denston while in the execution of his duty, on the night of Saturday, the 9th instant. It appeared that on the night in question, a man named Joseph Holloway, went into the liquor vaults of Mr. *Hipkins*, where his conduct became so violent that Mr. *Hipkins* was obliged to call in the police to remove him. Having got him outside the door, the officer requested him to go quietly home; instead of doing this he knocked the officer down; two other constables arriving at the same time were similarly treated. Holloway was then taken into custody, but was soon rescued by the crowd, and the police severely beaten. They, however, succeeded in re-capturing the prisoner, when he was again rescued by the crowd, but not until he had received some severe injuries from the officers’ cutlasses, and which confined him to his bed ever since. The whole of the defendants were sworn to having taken an active part in the affray. Mr. Williams severely reprehended the conduct of the defendants, and said that the next time a similar charge was brought before him he would certainly commit the parties for trial. Steadman and J. Williams were ordered to find two sureties each; Hunt, Jenks, B. Williams, Aspley, and Harris, one surety each; and Bishop and Walters were ordered to enter into their own recognizances to keep the peace.”

1861 Census

Owen Street

- [1] *William Hipkins* (36), wine and spirit merchant, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Hipkins* (31), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Emma Jane Hipkins* (8), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Ellen Hipkins* (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Richard Crewe* (28), servant, born Colton, Shropshire;
- [6] *Samuel Potter* (26), servant, groom, born Chadesley, Worcestershire;
- [7] *Joseph Aslow* (17), servant, born Powick, Worcestershire;
- [8] *Eliza Peace* (27), servant, born Nelchwood Common, Shropshire;
- [9] *Sarah Dodd* (20), servant, born Harcott, Shropshire:

1871 Census

38, Owen Street – Liquor Shop

- [1] *Edward Hipkins* (21), nephew of occupier, unmarried, assistant in shop, born Tipton;
- [2] *John Sefton* (20), porter, born Wollason, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Bromley* (28), general servant, born Largehill:

William Hipkins was also a rectifier. [1873]

Birmingham Daily Post 29/12/1873 - Advert

“Horse for Sale, the purchaser to choose from one 9 year old, 16 hand high; the other 6 years old, 15 hand high.

Apply, *William Hipkins*, SPIRIT VAULTS, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/3/1877 - Advert

“To be Sold, a chestnut Horse 5 years old, 16 hands high; quiet and steady in harness. Suitable for doctor, traveller, maltster, &c.

Apply, *Wm. Hipkins*, SPIRIT VAULTS, Owen Street, Tipton.”

1881 Census

38, Owen Street

- [1] Edward R. Hipkins (31), unmarried, servant in Liquor Shop, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth A. Heath (46), general servant, born Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire;
- [3] Alfred Hick (16), servant in Liquor Shop, born Tipton;
- [4] Joseph Southall (14), servant in Liquor Shop, born Tipton:

1891 Census

38, Owen Street

- [1] *John Smith* (55), manager of public house, born Kings Norton;
- [2] Sarah A. Smith (45), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Wallace H. Smith (19), nephew, general servant, born Kings Norton;
- [4] Mary Steventon (18), general servant, born Tipton:

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons was licensee of the BLACK COCK simultaneously. [1892]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/12/1893

“William Salt, aged 23, High Street, Tipton, was, at the local police court yesterday, fined 10s and costs for stealing a skirt belonging to Miss Ellen Nutteridge, barmaid at the GRAPES INN, Owen Street. The skirt, which was missed from the counter, was found under the sofa at defendant’s house, and earlier in the day he had been in the house to have a drink. Defendant pleaded he was under the influence of drink, and said he would never have any more.”

Robert Henry Fitzsimmons was also described as a wine and spirit merchant of Canal Street. [1896], [1916]

He was also described as a wine and spirit merchant of Factory Road. [1921]

1901 Census

38, Owen Street

- [1] *John Smith* (62), manager vaults, born Kings Norton;
- [2] Sarah A. Smith (50), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Polly Maddox (23), barmaid, born Tipton;
- [4] Esther Lucas (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 24/1/1903

“Licensing Sessions 21/1/1903. Mr. C. Round applied on behalf of Mr. R. H. Fitzsimmons to retain the licenses of the BLACK COCK and the GRAPES, Owen Street, he being practically occupier of both premises and using them for his business as wholesale wine and spirit merchant and brewer. He held complete supervision over both premises, and the managers of both houses were under his personal supervision and control. Under the exceptional circumstances the Magistrates agreed to grant the application, but intimated that such must not be taken as a precedent.”

1911 Census

38, Owen Street

- [1] William Roberts Tomkys (36), traveller in licensed trade, born Tipton;
- [2] *Alice Tomkys* (34), wife, married 12 years, manageress of licensed house, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Bernard Tomkys (11), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Harold Tomkys (9), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Margery Tomkys (6), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Alice Maud Tomkys (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Arthur Tomkys (2), son, born Tipton;
- [8] Kathleen Ada Tomkys (11 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[9] Ellen Nuttridge (23), servant, barmaid, born Hednesford, Staffordshire;

[10] Maud Maria Beddell (14), servant, housemaid, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 5/6/1920

“At Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. J. T. Homer and Simeon Webb, Chas. Hodgkinson (38), 1 Alexandra Street, Dudley; Walter Flavell (34), 28 Ivy House Lane, Coseley; and Alfred Wm. Hart (34), 27, Ivy Lane, Coseley, were charged with breaking into the warehouse of Mr. *Fitzsimmons* [landlord of the GRAPES and BLACK COCK, Owen Street, Tipton], Factory Road, and stealing therefrom six dozen bottles of stout and ale.

Mr. C. Round prosecuted and Mr. W. Lees defended and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Round said defendants were charged with breaking and entering the warehouse and stealing the ale and stout. As the firm were desirous of having the matter settled, they were willing, with the permission of the Bench, to withdraw the charge of breaking and entering and reduce it to common larceny. Mr. *Fitzsimmons* had a store in Factory Road of which the father of Hodgkinson had been the storekeeper for many years. The defendant Hodgkinson was the son, but did not live with his father. He, however, knew that the key of the store was kept in a certain place when the father was away. On Sunday the key was in its usual place, and on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, the housekeeper Mrs. Nelly Gutteridge, saw Hodgkinson and the other defendants come up in a motor, and then, after the defendant, Hodgkinson had been to the verandah, the key was gone. Later it was brought back.

In answer to Mr. Lees, witness said she had never seen defendant in the bottling stores or in the house but once. On that particular day, while the father was away at Burton, the defendant Hodgkinson came and asked for his brother at half-past one. He was neither drunk nor sober. She directed him to the stables, and when he came back again, he had evidently had a lot more. She had no reason to expect the key to be taken, but was struck by the fact that it was not in its usual position. When the key was taken the second time the defendant was so drunk she did not believe he was accountable for his actions. He nearly fell in the canal when he went away.

Hannah Harris, aged 15, employed at the store, gave evidence of being near on the Sunday afternoon about half-past four, and seeing a grey motor-car near the door. Mr. Hodgkinson's son was near the open door of the stores with two bottles in his hand. The other two defendants were also there, and each had two bottles. One of the men (Hodgkinson) asked the crowd round to lend him a pen-knife, and said he would then give them all a drink. Under a rug she saw some dozens of bottles.

In answer to Mr. Lees, witness said there was no other motor about. There did not seem to be any secret about it, and she heard the folks around say it was Hodgkinson after the car drove away. Hodgkinson, who was very drunk, started to sing and was told by the other men, who were repairing the car, to shut up, she only saw the other two men on the step with bottles in their hands.

Thos. Rowlatt, carter, gave evidence of Hart looking through the doors of the stores, and the three men by the motor car.

Witness further said that Hodgkinson was very drunk, and the other two men were not far off. (Laughter).

PC Balance said when he interviewed Hodgkinson, that defendant said it was all a drunken folly, and that they took the drink and consumed it. When charged he said: ‘We didn't have that much, what we had we carried away in our pockets.’ The others said that Hodgkinson told them they would give them a drink.

When their homes at Coseley were visited, the bottles produced, bearing *Fitzsimmons* name were found in the car. When cautioned and jointly charged, Hodgkinson said when he started he had no intention of going into the stores, and they had had only two bottles each.

By Mr. Lees: The car had been to the Owen Street garage, and that probably was the reason the car was in the vicinity. Flavell said he had bought two bottles locally, and Sergt. Flavell afterwards found that was so. Mr. *Fitzsimmons*, son of the prosecutor, said Hodgkinson Snr. had been employed by the firm for about 33 years, and was a most respected man. He lived opposite the stores. Witness could say nothing about anything being missing, except from what he had been told him. He had received a letter from Hodgkinson expressing regret at the occurrence, which happened when he was very drunk, and promised not to offend again. When putting in the machinery, he knew where the key was put, and so he imagined he had the old privilege.

By Mr. Lees: This man had had no connection with the stores for the last 10 years. Anyone in the father's

house could see the stores. Having had the letter he was instructed not to press the case.

Mr. Round: We have agreed to have it dealt with as a case of larceny only.

Gutteridge was recalled, and said Hodgkinson was alone after 4 o'clock, and he then was so drunk that he nearly fell into the canal. She could hear no motor car about at that time. She saw him again at ten at night, and he was then the same as at four o'clock.

The defendant Hodgkinson, engineer, at Thompson's said he had several drinks, went into the stores to look round as he was in the habit of doing, and had a drink. He came out, locked the door and left the premises. At the garage he met the other two defendants. He had not seen them before on that day. He had two bottles in his pocket, and being in a talkative mood and jolly, he gave them a drink. He did not remember them going into the store. His condition was such that he was in a haze as to what did happen. Everything had been told him since then, and he was really surprised. He enlisted in September, 1914. He was discharged on February 1st 1919. He was wounded, had shell shock, and was in the last big push. He was told he ought never to have beer. He was 38 on the previous day, had never been charged before, was married with two children, was in a responsible position, and was willing to sign and keep the pledge.

By Mr. Round: He was so hazy he could not contravert the evidence that the other two defendants did go into the stores. He did not think he was doing wrong in going into the stores, as he was designer of the bottling machines there, and hankered to see them.

By the Clerk: At most he should say they had about two dozen bottles, which the three of them put into their pockets. The interest in machines was at the first visit. He had some drink then, but it was on the next visit that the bottles were taken. He must have visited the stores more than once, because one of the bottles burst in his pocket.

Mr. Homer: Burst! Why I thought it was very weak nowadays. (Laughter).

Hart said he and Flavell met Hodgkinson, but thought he walked with him about 20 yards away from the stores he did not go in, nor did he take any bottles from the stores. They took Hodgkinson 'who was very rocky,' to Dudley, but they could not get rid of him. They acted on the advice of his wife who said: 'Take him to Tipton and leave him there to walk back.' While witness was putting the tyre on after a puncture, Hodgkinson got into the car, and they had to take him to Coseley, where they got him out, and left him to walk home by himself.

Mr. Round: He denied the statement that any witness saw him with bottles in his pocket.

Witness admitted that Hodgkinson put somewhere about a dozen bottles into the car, and produced them out of his pockets.

The Clerk: A bit of a conjurer wasn't he?

Mr. J. T. Homer: I don't think that statement is 'Jonick.' This very drunken man carried nine bottles safely to the car.

Flavell, on oath, said Hodgkinson was drunk when they first met him. He gave them and the man at the garage a drink, and they then took him home. He insisted on getting into the car, and then Hodgkinson took them to the street the stores were in. He did not assist in the theft, nor put any in the motor car, but did take two bottles in his pockets. He did not go into the stores nor anywhere near them.

By the Bench: The only reason for running Hodgkinson up and down to Tipton, was to get him home, and they did not think of the cost of the petrol. (Laughter).

Mr. Lees argued that there was no evidence against Flavell and Hart, and that Hodgkinson's act was only a piece of drunken folly.

The magistrates retired, but before they did so, Mr. Round asked that if they decided to convict they would allow the prosecutor the costs of the prosecution.

On their return, Mr. Homer said it was a very distressing and very grave case, and the magistrates could do no less than fine each defendant £20, and £3 special costs, or £1 each in addition to the £20. The money to be paid in one week."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/3/1937

"At the adjourned licensing sessions yesterday, Tipton magistrates referred for compensation the licenses of the GRAPES, Owen Street; the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath; and the BROWN LION INN, Co-neygree.

They renewed the licenses of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, and the VINE INN, Horseley Heath."

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/8/1937

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 20th day of July, 1937, and at their Adjourned Principal Meeting, held on the 30th day of July, 1937, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their Claims before the 20th day of September, 1937, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

GRAPES INN, Owen Street, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *Robert Harvey*. Registered Owner, Julia Hanson & Sons Ltd, Tower Street, Dudley.”

It closed on 31st December 1937.

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1938

“The Epiphany Quarter Sessions for the County were held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

The report of the County Licensing Committee for 1937 stated that the number of licenses referred from three divisions and two boroughs was 15, and it was decided to proceed on all cases.....

The supplemental meeting was held on October 30, when the Committee went in great detail into the figures submitted, and upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. Compensation was as follows.....

GRAPES INN, Tipton, alehouse, £2,450.”

GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

15, Bradley's Lane, Princes End, Brierley, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Turton

Sykes Brewery Co. Ltd. [1891]

Atkinsons Ltd.

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

Wiltshire Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Turton [1864] – **1880**;

Jabez Bywater **(1880 – 1881)**;

Elizabeth Jones **(1881)**;

George Bywater **(1881 – 1883)**;

William Edward Cotter **(1883 – 1890)**;

Louisa Price **(1890 – 1891)**;

Samuel Whitehouse **(1891)**;

Isaac Caswell **(1891 – 1892)**;

Edward Taylor (1892 – 1893);
Frederick Charles Martin (1893);
Frederick Bangham (1893 – 1894);
Frederick Charles Martin (1894);
Edward Taylor (1894 – 1895);
Charles Ellis (1895 – 1896);
Isaiah Millington (1896 – 1898);
William Askew (1898);
Noah Dunn (1898 – 1899);
Charles Ellis (1899 – 1901);
John Henry Crofts (1901 – 1903);
Joseph Mason (1903 – 1932);
Thomas John Saunders (1932 – 1938);
Edward Cyril Playdell (1938 – 1939);
Henry John Clarke (1939 – [1940]
Reg Aston [1950s] – [1960s]
Thomas ‘Tommy’ Callow []
M Kirkham [1976]
Shaun Cherrington [1993]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Coseley Road [1868], [1870]

It was originally the WHITE SWAN.

It was situated next to Princes End and Coseley Railway Station.
It was purpose built in 1801 as a hotel for railway passengers.

WHITE SWAN [1864], [1868], [1870], [1873], [1874]
SWAN [1873]

It was a listed building.

It had a large club room upstairs.

Black Country Bugle 31/5/2001

‘Old Princes End pub gone but not forgotten’ by Reg Aston Jnr.

“.....Downstairs was the Smoke Room which did not have a bar of its own, customers would be served through a small hatch in the corridor where they had to crook their neck to seek service. Beneath the pub was a large brick-arched, whitewashed cellar The pub itself was surrounded by the Allen’s factories At the back of the pub near to the outdoor conveniences were a collection of two-storey outbuildings that formed a small courtyard. It was obvious at some time the pub had brewed its own beer however the buildings had fallen into a bad state of repair There were many memorable darts nights All GREAT WESTERN customers will remember the black stove that stood in the middle of the bar with a long pipe running off to the outside wall The GREAT WESTERN was also the only pub where I have ever seen a full size bagatelle table installed. It was located in the bar and the game was played with billiard balls on green baize. The table was laid out with numbered cups at one end and two side pockets Sadly the ‘Western’ has now gone, demolished to leave an empty plot.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/9/1864

“The annual licensing sessions for the district of Bilston was held yesterday, at the Police Court, in that town.....

Mr. Travers applied on behalf of *William Turton*, of the WHITE SWAN, Princes End. The house was a commodious one. It was the applicant’s own property, and it was near the Great Western Railway Station. There was no opposition.....

The Magistrates granted a license to Mr. *Turton* only.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/9/1864

“Bilston Adjourned Licensing Day.....

Mr. Travis applied on behalf of Mr. *William Turton* for a license for the WHITE SWAN beerhouse, at Princes End. The house was described as one built by the applicant for the business of a licensed victualler, large and commodious, and adjoining the Great Western Railway station. That station was small, and the authorities of the railway, as shown by a memorial handed in, were anxious that the applicant should succeed in his application for an old license, that his house might afford to persons waiting for trains that comfort and accommodation they could not get at the station. The Earl of Dudley was about to open a colliery in the neighbourhood. The testimonials to the character of the applicant were of an unexceptional character.

The Bench said that Mr. Travis had made out a good case. The locality was one where there was a demand for a public house, the house was adapted for the purpose, and the applicant seemed fully qualified for its management. The license was granted accordingly.”

1871 Census

15, Bradleys Lane

- [1] *William Turton* (46), forgerman, born Oldbury;
- [2] H. Turton (47), wife, born Papliss End, Worcestershire;
- [3] Mary Turton (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Hannah Turton (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Elizabeth Turton (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Prudence Turton (16), daughter, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [7] William Turton (15), son, railway station clerk, born Sedgley;
- [8] John Turton (14), son, born Sedgley;
- [9] Sarah Turton (12), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [10] Alice Turton (11), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [11] Frank Able (7), nephew, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [12] William Able (40), brother-in-law, labourer (iron works), born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 17/3/1873

“On Saturday night, a meeting of colliery winders was held at the WHITE SWAN INN, Princes End, to hear an address from Mr. Thomas Rhodes (engineers’ agent, North Staffordshire) on ‘Unity, Co-operation, and Amalgamation; their Necessity and Advantages.’ The speaker urged his hearers to be true friends of unionism, of which they had lately seen the advantage; to save their money, so as to start on co-operative principles of a colliery or a forge; and to amalgamate with the Lancashire, Durham, North Wales, and North Staffordshire Engine-tenders’ Association. In the north of England, the speaker said, the men were getting 5s 2d per day of eight hours, coal, and a garden patch. After a short discussion, the meeting resolved: ‘That it is wise on the part of all winders to be amalgamated, and that this meeting agrees to the amalgamation.’”

Midland Examiner 15/1/1876

“An inquest was held on Thursday at the SWAN INN, Princes End, before W. H. Philips, Esq, coroner, touching the death of young woman named Elizabeth Benfield, who was drowned on Tuesday last in a pool at Tibbington Colliery, Princes End. The evidence showed that she was sliding on the ice, when it suddenly gave way and precipitated her into the water, and she was drowned before assistance could be rendered. A verdict in accordance with the evidence was returned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/6/1878

“An official paper which has just been issued gives the names of the registered trade unions, showing those which have, and those which have not, made returns according to law, and, with regard to the former, the amount of their funds on the 31st December, 1876, their income for that year, and the number of their members.....

Pioneer Branch (No.1) of the National Federation of Engineers' Protection Association of Great Britain and Ireland, WHITE SWAN INN, Princes End; funds, £11; annual income, £52; number of members, 41.”

Alterations were made in 1880.

Dudley Herald 20/11/1880

“GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End.

On Monday evening, Mr. *Jabez Bywater* gave a sumptuous dinner to upwards of eighty of his friends and supporters, in celebration of his having become the sole proprietor of the above named hotel.

The large room in the hotel was nicely decorated for the occasion, and no expense had been spared in studying the convenience of the guests. The menu was more than ample, and being of the first-class quality and excellently served, reflected the greatest credit upon the worthy host and hostess.

Among other items the menu comprised stewed eels, turbot, jugged hares, sirloin of beef, roast and boiled mutton, fowls, turkey, ducks and geese, plum pudding, apple tarts, fruit pies, cheese, celery, watercress, apples, pears, grapes, and other varieties of fruits and nuts. The wines were of the best, and showed that the host kept a good cellar.

The Dudley glee party, viz. Messrs. Taylor, Whitehouse, Spittle, and Pardoe, were in attendance, and discoursed pleasantly several glees and songs, which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

After the cloth had been removed Mr. W. T. Travis occupied the chair, and Mr. Bramell, in the absence of Mr. T. Skidmore, who was unwell, the vice-chair.....”

1881 Census

15, Bradley Lane – G. W. HOTELL [sic]

[1] *Jabez Bywater* (44), married, auctioneer &c, born Princes End;

[2] *George Bywater* (20), son, agent, born Birmingham;

[3] *Annie Bywater* (16), daughter, born Princes End;

[4] *Hellin Bywater* (13), daughter, born Princes End;

[5] *Elizabeth Jones* (38), widow, house keeper, born Gospel Oak;

[6] *William Aldridge* (50), visitor, china dealer &c, born Princes End:

Evening Express 28/6/1881

“On Friday night [24/6] Mr. *Jabez Bywater*, auctioneer, died, after a short illness, at his residence, the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End.

The deceased has for many years taken a prominent part in parish matters, and during the past seven years has been an active member of the Coseley Local Board. The deceased was in his 44th year.”

Dudley and District News 2/7/1881 - Notice

“*Jabex Bywater*, Deceased.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Creditors and all other Persons having any Claims against the estate of *Jabez Bywater*, late of the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End, in the County of Stafford, Auctioneer and Victualler, who died on the 24th day of June, 1881, are required to send to us, the undersigned, the Solicitors to the executrix, the particulars of their Claims against the estate of the said *Jabez Bywater*, deceased.

Dated this first day of July, 1881.

Stokes and Co, 1, Priory Street, Dudley, Solicitors to the said Executrix.”

AND

“Great excitement prevailed on Tuesday afternoon in the Princes End and Coseley districts, in consequence

of the funeral of Mr. *Jabez Bywater*, the late landlord of the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, and a well-known auctioneer and appraiser of the district. Deceased was a member of the Local Board, where he has been the cause of several amusing and exciting scenes, and from a number of circumstances associated with his life, he had been conspicuously notorious for some time past, indeed, as the following report will show, his burial has been made the occasion for the exhibition of a most unseemly and disgraceful feeling. At about half past twelve a large gathering commenced to assemble around the late residence of the deceased, and the crowd continued to increase until half past three, the time appointed for the interment to take place, when the number of persons assembled had augmented to about 8,000, and the streets along the route to Coseley Church were lined with spectators. The opening of the bedroom window to let down the coffin was the signal for great shoutings, hurrahs, groans, and other similar noises, and these continued without cessation until the departure of the funeral party. During its progress all sorts of offensive observations were freely indulged in, the people waving their handkerchiefs, and indulging in shouts and groans. On arriving at the church the yelling was resumed as the coffin was being taken out of the hearse, but the gates were quickly closed, and only those connected with the funeral party were allowed inside the burial ground. The Rev. Thomas Slater read the funeral service, and so far all was orderly, but immediately after it was over the crowds which had gathered on the adjoining pit banks renewed their disorderly conduct, and joined in singing to a popular tune, the well-known 'Old Hundredth Psalm,' which was followed by the hymn, 'When I can read my title clear,' but ending with the chorus 'All will be well.' These were followed by the deceased's favourite song, 'The cottage well thatched with straw,' and other lively tunes. A noteworthy fact is that some of the relations who attended the ceremony were attired in clothes of various colours, significant of rejoicing rather than of woe. On the return of the hearse, &c, to deceased's late residence there was another display of popular feeling. A number of persons hovered around the premises until a late hour. But for the exertions of the police, the tumult would, no doubt, have ended seriously."

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1881

"Yesterday the Licensing Sessions for the Bilston division of the county were held at the Public Office. The transfer of the license of the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End, from the executors of the late *Jabez Bywater* to *Elizabeth Jones*, and from *Elizabeth Jones* to *George Bywater* would be granted."

Dudley and District News 6/5/1882 - Advert

"Valuable Freehold & Leasehold Properties at Princes End, Daisy Bank, and Tipton. Mr. Benjamin Bellingham has received instructions to Sell by Auction, at the house of Mr. *George Bywater*, the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End, on Monday, the 15th of May, 1882, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be produced, all the following Freehold Properties."

William Edward Cotter = William Edward Colter

Birmingham Daily Post 8/9/1883

"Yesterday, at the Police Court, *William Colter*, landlord of the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End, was fined 40s and costs, and his license endorsed, for permitting gambling on the 27th August."

Birmingham Daily Post 3/6/1890 - Advert

"To Let, GREAT WESTERN INN, Princes End. Apply, Sykes Brewery Company (Limited), 119, Pope Street, Birmingham."

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/1894

"Mr. Neville (stipendiary) was occupied for a long time yesterday, at the Bilston Police Court, in hearing cases arising out of a raid on public-houses in Bilston, Willenhall, and the neighbourhood. *Edward Taylor*, of the GREAT WESTERN INN, Princes End, was charged with permitting gaming in his house on the 22nd and 29th September. In this case it was stated that men were found playing cribbage for money, which was spent in beer served by the landlord. A fine of 20s and the costs was imposed with regard to one charge only."

1901 Census

15, Bradleys Lane

- [1] *Charles Ellis* (62), widower, licensed victualler, born Balsall Heath;
- [2] James B. Ellis (22), son, assistant licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [3] Florence N. Ellis (20), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] Olive W. Ellis (17), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] Eva E. Ellis (14), daughter, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 15/5/1909

“At a meeting of the members of the Wednesbury, Darlaston, and Tipton licensed trade, held on Monday night, at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, under the presidency of Councillor Sheldon, it was decided to increase the price of spirits as follows.

A halfpenny on two pennyworth, a penny on 3d, a penny on all specials, and 6d per bottle on all proprietary brands. Bulk spirits are to be increased 1d per half quartern, 1½d per quarter, 3d per half pint, and other quantities in proportion. Respecting the ale trade the meeting passed a resolution that the longpull ought to be abolished.”

1911 Census

Princes End – GREAT WESTERN INN

- [1] *Joseph Mason* (36), publican, born Coseley;
- [2] Mary Elizabeth Mason (36), wife, married 11 years, born Coseley;
- [3] Edith May Mason (11), daughter, school, born Coseley;
- [4] Elsie Mason (9), daughter, school, born Coseley;
- [5] Joseph William Mason (2), son, born Coseley:

1939 Register

Bradley Lane, Coseley UD – GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

- [1] *Henry J. Clarke*, date of birth, 14/11/1872, licensee;
- [2] Emily Clarke, dob, 23/01/1880, unpaid domestic duties:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 6/8/1940

“Alleged to have been found so drunk that he could not stand, *Henry J. Clarke*, aged 68, licensee of the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Princes End, Tipton, who was fined 10s, told the magistrates yesterday that he had slipped from a bus and struck his head on the kerb and knocked himself unconscious.

The police officer, who arrested him, said because of this suggestion *Clarke* was taken to hospital for examination. No trace of injury could be found, and a doctor certified that his condition was due to drink.”

Reg Aston was married to *Zelma*.

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55], [1955-56], [1957-58]

Closed

It was demolished after being destroyed by fire in 1995.

GREAT WESTERN STORES

113, New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Clifford, West Bromwich

LICENSEES

Edward Hickman (1876 – 1887)

Daniel Bailey [1881] – [1883] manager?

Samuel Rhodes [1891]

Samuel Horton [1901] – [1911]

James Horton [] – 1919):

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse (and cider) license.

113, New Road [1881], [1901], [1911]

112, New Road [1891]

1881 Census

113, New Road

[1] *Daniel Bailey* (34), coal miner, born Donnington Wood, Shropshire;

[2] *Sarah Bailey* (34), wife, born Handsworth;

[3] *Samuel B. Bailey* (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Louisa E. Bailey* (8 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Ellen Hardman* (20), general servant, born Bloxwich:

Wednesbury Herald 23/6/1883

“At the Tipton Police Court, on Monday, *Daniel Bailey*, landlord of the GREAT WESTERN Beerhouse, of Great Bridge, was fined 20s and costs for keeping open his house during prohibited hours, at 8.20 on Sunday morning.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/1/1888

“Re *Edward Hickman*, licensed victualler, of the STORK VAULTS and Concert Hall, 72, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, and also of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheep Wash Lane, Great Bridge. The first meeting of creditors was held yesterday, at the offices of the Official Receiver (Mr. L. J. Sharp), Colmore Row. The official receiver’s report stated that the debtor, who was an ironworker, commenced business in 1872, at Gospel Oak, Tipton, with a capital of £50. In 1876 he removed to the GREAT WESTERN STORES, at Great Bridge. In 1878 he purchased the SEVEN STARS public-house for £800, and obtained a mortgage for £750 upon the property. He also gave £97 12s 6d for the fixtures, stock, &c. In 1880 he took the STORK VAULTS, at a rental of £270, and paid £750 for the lease, stock, &c. To enable him to do this he borrowed £400, of which sum £370 was still owing. He continued trading in the hope of improving his position, but the trade for the past four or five years had gradually fallen away. In the beginning of the year the debtor was called upon to pay off the mortgage upon the SEVEN STARS, which he had reduced to £500, but was in arrear with interest. He succeeded in obtaining a new mortgage for £650. The balance was paid to his bankers. The lease of the STORK expires at Christmas. Up to September last the bankrupt was also trading at the GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, but as the business had not paid for the last two years he disposed of it to his manager, who agreed to pay him for the fixtures. At the request of the creditors the debtor was ordered to render an account of the goods received into his business premises within the past twelve months, in order that it might be seen what amounts of receipts he should account for. As the debtor had no offer of compensation to make, and the case was a summary one, the Official Receiver is constituted trustee.”

1891 Census

112, New Road – GREAT WESTERN STORES

- [1] *Samuel Rhodes* (42), iron moulder and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Charlotte Rhodes (38), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] John Rhodes (17), son, iron moulder, born Tipton;
- [4] Samuel Rhodes (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Edward Rhodes (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] James Rhodes (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Ann A. Wilkinson (16), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [8] Ellen Hughes (69), widow, servant, nurse, born Halifax, America;

1901 Census

113, New Road – GREAT WESTERN STORES

- [1] *Samuel Horton* (34), licensed store keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Charlotte Horton (47), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Edward Rhodes (18), stepson, grocer's assistant, born Tipton;
- [4] James Rhodes (16), stepson, railway labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] Jenny Tilly (18), general servant, born Tipton;

1911 Census

113, New Road, Great Bridge

- [1] *Samuel Horton* (43), widower, beer retailer, born Tipton;
- [1] James Rhodes (27), stepson, butcher's manager, born Tipton;
- [3] Rose Rhodes (23), wife, married 1 year, born Langley;

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/7/1919

“The Principal Meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the county was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

In the Wednesbury Division..... The Committee referred three ante-'69 licenses, the GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, Great Bridge; the JUNCTION INN, Sedgley Road, Tipton; and the SAXHORN TAV-ERN, Coppice Street, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/11/1919

“The following amounts have been settled by the Licensing Compensation Authority for Staffordshire to be paid in respect of licenses the renewal of which was refused by them at the principal meeting on July 24 last. The sums mentioned will be apportioned amongst the parties interested.....

GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, Great Bridge, beerhouse, beer and cider, ante 1869, licensee *James Horton*, registered owner Mrs. Clifford, £1,150.”

It closed on 29th December 1919.

GREEN DRAGON

Park Lane, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Moses Smith [1809]

Samuel Taylor [1818]

George Ainsbury [1826] – 1827)

Ann Dudley [1828] – [1830]

NOTES

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 29/5/1809 - Advert

“To Be Sold by Auction, by R. Crump, at the GREEN DRAGON INN, near Tipton Green, in the County of Stafford, this present Monday, the 29th of May, between the hours of Four and Six in the Afternoon, subject to Conditions, and together or in such Lots as shall be fixed on at the Time of Sale; all that substantial Messuage, with the Appurtenances, called the GREEN DRAGON INN, advantageously situated in the midst of Collieries, and a populous neighbourhood, near Tipton Green aforesaid, now in the occupation of Mr. *Moses Smith*; and two other Messuages, with the Appurtenances adjoining, in the occupation of the Widow Smith and Robert Morris. The Premises are Leasehold.

The two Messuages, with a Butcher's Shop and Appurtenances situate in Pease Lane, in Dudley, in the County of Worcester, now in the Occupation of Thomas Robinson and Edward Jones, intended to have been sold with the above, are disposed of by private Contract.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. Crowther, Attornies, Wednesbury.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 15/5/1826 - Advert

“Valuable Property At Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by R. Homer, at the dwelling house of *George Ainsbury*, called the GREEN DRAGON, at Tipton, on Tuesday the 23rd day of May inst. at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions as will be then produced, and in such lots as may be then determined,

The above-mentioned well accustomed Public House, called the GREEN DRAGON, containing a large kitchen, two parlours, and five upper rooms, including a spacious club room, with the convenient Outbuildings belonging thereto, consisting of brewhouse, stable, gig-house, blacksmith's shop, and other premises, in the occupation of *George Ainsbury*.

Five other Tenements or Dwelling Houses, Shop, and Premises, adjoining the said Public House, in the several occupations of John Jesson, William Paskins, and two others.

A plot of eligible Building Land, now occupied as garden ground.

These Premises are situate at Park Lane, in the parish of Tipton, and produce a considerable rent, part of them being Leasehold and part Freehold.

To view the premises apply to Mr. Benjamin Wright, of Tipton, and for all further particulars to Mr. Crowther, Solicitors, Wednesbury, or Mr. Fellowes, Solicitor, Dudley.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28/5/1827 - Advert

“Excellent Public House, Tipton Green.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, this present Monday, May 28, the Household Furniture, Brewing Utensils, and other Effects belonging to Mr. *George Ainsbury*, GREEN DRAGON INN, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, together with the Goodwill and Licenses of the above-named old accustomed House, which will be put up for sale precisely at twelve o'clock. The purchaser, if he please, may be accommodated with a lease.

For particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Dudley.”

London Gazette 17/7/1827

“*Ainsbury, George* (rendered as *George Ansbury*), formerly of Tipton, Staffordshire, carrying on business with Robert Ainsbury, under the firm of *George Ainsbury and Company*, Coal-Miners, and late of the same

place, Victualler and. Miner.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/3/1828

“*George Ainsbury*, heretofore of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, near Dudley, following the business of a Miner and Victualler, and late of Dudley aforesaid, out of business.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 27/9/1829

“John Beddoe, of Tipton, will fight Holden, of Great Bridge, for any sum from one to five pounds, and will meet him at the GREEN DRAGON, Park Lane, Tipton, on Monday, the 5th of October, to make a match.”

GRIFFIN

90, New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Showells Brewery Co. Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1916]

Ind Coope and Allsopp Ltd. (leased)

Ansells Ltd. [1960]

LICENSEES

Henry Beasley [1853] – [1880]

John Frederick ‘Fred’ Organ [1880] – [1892]

John Middleton [1896] – [1898]

Joseph Bird [1901]

Joseph Middleton [1903]

John Middleton [1910] – [1911]

Ralph Austin Alanthwaite [1919] – **1920**);

John Henry Clark **(1920 – 1923)**;

Harry Johnson **(1923)**;

James William Reid **(1923 – 1928)**;

George Sidwell **(1928 – 1930)**;

Arthur Perks **(1930 – 1931)**;

Robert Edward Williams **(1931 – 1933)**;

Harvey Scott **(1933 – 1934)**;

Alice Maud Scott **(1934)**;

Geoffrey Day **(1934)**;

Frank Corbett **(1934 – 1936)**;

William Harley Francis **(1936 – 1938)**;

John Thomas Hill **(1938 – 1939)**;

George Ronald Smith **(1939)**;

James Lewis Dawes **(1939 – 1940)**;

Samuel George Evans **(1940 – 1943)**;

William Henry Harley **(1943 – 1947)**;

Fred Westmoreland **(1947 – 1950)**;

Frederick Reginald Bastable **(1950 – 1951)**;

William George Owen **(1951 – 1953)**;

Jack Eric Cooper **(1953 – 1955)**;

Robert Graham Terry (1955);
Leslie Claxton (1955 – 1956);
Alfred Frederick Moore (1956 – 1958);
Frederick James Coley (1958 – 1960);
Beatrice Alice Elizabeth Coley (1960 – 1963);
Mary Ann Mason (1963 – 1964);
Bert Jones (1964);
John Thomas Davidson (1964);
George Edward Roper (1964 – [1966])

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Birmingham Journal 1/10/1853 - Advert

“To Boat Builders. Wanted, several good Hands, who can have constant employment, at good wages. Apply to Mr. *Henry Beasley*, GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1853

“In accordance with recent regulations, a Special Petty Sessions was held at the Scott Arms, Barr, on Wednesday last, to consider upwards of sixty applications, almost of all of which were from retail brewers for spirit licenses.....

The following new applications were granted.....

Henry Beasley, of the New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

It was for the first time publicly announced that any applicant for a spirit license, who had been fined on any information within the twelve months from the last licensing day, would be refused. This rule had been acted upon in previous years.”

Birmingham Journal 11/2/1854 - Advert

“To Coal Dealers And Others.

GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge.

Henry Beasley begs most respectfully to inform his Friends and the Public generally, that he will Commence a Boat Club at his house on Tuesday Next, 14th of February, 1854. Any Party who are requiring Boats will find this an advantageous way of becoming the Owner of a Boat – or more, as the Parties may require – as the money that is paid for Boat Hire will more than pay the Contribution, and at the end of the Society the Boat will become their own Property.

Builder – William Morris, Toll End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 30/7/1859

“Ancient Order Of Foresters. The annual dinner of Court Flag of Liberty, No.2402, took place on Monday last, at Brother *H. Beasley*'s, GRIFFIN INN, New Road. The chair was taken by Brother John Clee, P.C.R., and the vice by Brother John Worth.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/9/1859

“On Saturday morning last an inquest was held by G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq., coroner, at the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, on the body of James Taverner. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was a sinker, and in the employ of Messrs. Walker. At the colliery, at Gospel Oak, there is a bye pit, at the bottom of which is a sump several yards deep in water. Out of the shaft of the bye pit two headways or levels have been driven about 164 yards to another pit for the purpose of conveying water out of the latter. The levels or headways are about six feet high in some parts. The first is about 117 yards down the shaft. On Friday some rails required to be taken out of the headway, and the deceased and two other men descended to the first level taking two candles, and immediately they reached it a quantity of sulphur exploded and the de-

ceased was blown down the shaft and fell into the sump which contained eighteen yards of water. Some time elapsed before he could be found; he was dead, his neck was broken, and he was burnt. The two other men were also severely burnt. It appeared that the men only went into the level occasionally, and the safety lamp had always been tried until Monday morning, and the ground bailiff desired Taverner to take a lamp that morning, but he replied that there was no necessity as there was not any sulphur. The witness could not state the cause of the sulphur accumulating. The coroner said it was very desirable that the jury should hear the evidence of the men who were with the deceased when he was killed, but they were so much injured they could not attend that day, and he thought the pit should be examined by the Government Inspector. The inquest was then adjourned until Monday week."

1861 Census

New Road

[1] *Henry Beasley* (46), victualler, born Attelbrough, Warwickshire;

[2] *Phebe Beasley* (50), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *George Beasley* (25), son, corn dealer, born Nuneaton;

[4] *Emma Beasley* (19), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Henry Beasley* (16), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Jane Beasley* (11), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] *Mary Ann Wood* (20), servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 4/11/1864 - Advert

"Found, at Walsall Station, on the 27th ult., a Black Ticked Greyhound Bitch. The owner can have her by paying all expenses, on applying to Mr. *Beasley*, the GRIFFIN, Great Bridge."

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/3/1866 - Advert

"County of Stafford. Weights and Measures. District C, or South Staffordshire.

Notice is hereby given, the *William Tullett*, the Inspector of Weights and Measures for District C, or South Staffordshire Will attend at the under-mentioned times and places for the purpose of comparing all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to him for that purpose, and stamping such of them as shall be found correct. . . .

GRIFFIN INN, at Tipton, on Fridays, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, 1866, at ten o'clock am. . . .

All persons in the said district, desirous of having their Weights and Measures stamped may bring or send them to any of the above places for adjustment as shall be most convenient; or to the NEW MARKET INN, St. Peter's Walk, Wolverhampton, on Wednesday or Saturday in every week.

Persons within any local jurisdiction, for which a separate Inspector is appointed, cannot have their Weights and Measures examined or stamped by the Count Inspector.

William Tullett, Inspector of Weights and Measures for the said District, Wolverhampton, March 28th, 1866."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/4/1868 - Advert

"County of Stafford. Weights and Measures. District C, or South Staffordshire.

I hereby give notice that I shall attend at the undermentioned times and places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining such Weights and Measure as shall be brought to me for that purpose, and stamping such items as shall be found correct. . . .

GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, on Fridays, May 15th, and June 12th, 1868, at Ten o'clock am. . . .

All Persons residing in the said District desirous of having their Weights and Measures stamped should bring them or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be most convenient; or to my residence, at Goldthorn Hill, near Wolverhampton, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Persons within any local jurisdiction, for which a separate Inspector is appointed, cannot have their Weights and Measures Examined or Stamped by the County Inspector.

J. George Horder. Inspector of Weights and Measures for the said District.

Brueton Villa, Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton. April 1, 1868."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/3/1869 - Advert

“To be Sold, five useful Oak Boats.
Apply *H. Beasley*, GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/3/1869 - Advert

“Two Copper Boilers, for sale, hold respectively 73 and 78 Gallons.
Apply, *H. Beasley*, GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge.”

1871 Census

90, New Road – GRIFFIN INN

- [1] *Henry Beasley* (57), licensed victualler, born Nuneaton;
- [2] *Phebe Beasley* (60), wife, born Warwick;
- [3] *Henry Beasley* (26), son, blacking manufacturer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Jane Beasley* (21), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Martha Davis* (19), servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/3/1872 - Notice

“County of Stafford. Weights and Measures, District C, or South Staffordshire.

Notice is hereby given, that I shall attend at the undermentioned times and places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to me for that purpose, and Stamping such of them as shall be found correct.

At the GRIFFIN INN, at Great Bridge, on Fridays, April 12th, May 10th, and May 31st, 1872, at ten o'clock am.

All persons residing in the said District desirous of having their Weights and Measures stamped should bring or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be most convenient, upon the days and at the hours mentioned.

Persons within any local jurisdiction for which a separate Inspector is appointed cannot have their Weights and Measures Examined or Stamped by the County Inspector.

J. George Horder. Inspector of Weights and Measures for District C, or South Staffordshire.
Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton, March 16th, 1872.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1872

“At the Dudley County Court, yesterday, before Mr. Rupert Kettle, Judge, *Henry Beasley*, landlord of the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, sued Daniel Lawrence, landlord of the GEORGE HOTEL, Wednesbury, for £50, as damages for an assault committed in the previous month. Mr. Lewis (Messrs. Duignan, Lewis, and Co.) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Godson (instructed by Messrs. Caddick) was for the defendant.

The plaintiff's case was that he visited the Dudley Cricket Ground on the occasion of the All-England match, and there met Mr. Erwin, landlord of the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge. After the match he called at the latter's house with the landlord, and found the defendant in the passage. Without a word of provocation, defendant struck Mr. Erwin, with whom he had been at litigation, and when the latter passed on defendant seized plaintiff round the neck, and administered several blows on his mouth, loosening two or three teeth, which ultimately came out. Plaintiff had suffered considerably by the loss of the teeth.

In cross-examination plaintiff admitted that he had been drinking during the afternoon, and that after the assault he was in a private room in the LIMERICK with the defendant, and several bottles of champagne were drunk in this room by the company generally. In that room there was a great deal of 'chaffing' going on, and in reply to a statement of Lawrence's, about the latter's capability to fight all the Beesleys in the family, the plaintiff said he had often given the defendant's father a basin of broth.

In defence Mr. Godson argued that Mr. *Beasley* was intoxicated, and that he did not remember the circumstances, and that the supply of champagne was called for in order to make the matter up. The defendant was then called, and he in his evidence bore out this theory.

After several ineffectual attempts to settle the case, his Honour said he was sorry to see three respectable men in a case like that, and called the solicitors and counsel engaged into his private room. Upon their return Mr. Godson said the parties had agreed upon the terms suggested by his Honour, and Mr. Lawrence was willing to apologise to Mr. *Beasley* for the blows, which were without ill-feeling. Mr. Lewis said his client

was willing to accept the terms, and be good friends with Mr. Lawrence. His Honour then stated the terms, £5 5s to be paid by the defendant to the West Bromwich Hospital, and the costs as between solicitors and clients; so that Mr. *Beesley* should not be a shilling out of pocket. The plaintiff and defendant shook hands and left the court.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/1/1875

“Open To All England. Pigeon Shooting.

A splendid pig will be shot for on Tuesday, Jan 26, at Mr. *H. Beaseley*'s, GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, Staffordshire, two minutes walk from Great Bridge station, and 10 from Dudley Port, by 30 members at 10s each, 5 birds each, 25 yards rise, 5 traps, double guns use of both barrels 1¼oz of shot, 80 yards boundary. Shooting to commence at 12 o'clock sharp.”

Wednesbury Herald 30/3/1878

“William Underhill was charged with being drunk and riotous, assaulting the police, and also with being disorderly on licensed premises.

Phoebe Beesley, landlady of the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, said prisoner came to her house on Saturday evening, and she requested him to leave because he was using bad language and insulting the company. He refused to leave and she sent for the police.

Police-constable Brien said he was called to the house of the last witness where he saw the prisoner drunk and asleep. He took him out and asked him for his name, which he refused to give. When he was bringing the prisoner to the station he was very violent and he had to get assistance of another police officer to get him to the police station.

Prisoner was fined 20s and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment in default of payment.”

Dudley and District News 19/6/1880

“On Monday a petition for liquidation was filed in the Dudley County Court, on behalf of *Henry Beasley* of the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, licensed victualler. The liabilities are estimated at £1,200. Messrs. E. and A. Caddick, West Bromwich, are the solicitors to the debtor.”

AND

London Gazette 25/6/1880

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Henry Beasley*, of the GRIFFIN INN, New Road Licensed Victualler, and of Colton's Fold, Tipton, aforesaid, Farmer, and trading as Baron and Co, of Great Bridge.....”

Dudley and District News 20/11/1880

“On Monday, before Jas. Solly, Esq. and Major Williams, *Frederick Organ*, licensed victualler, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises. PC Beardsmore said he went into the defendant's house, the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, on the night of the 9th inst. He saw defendant drunk, and tried to persuade him to go to bed, but he said he was master there, and he should please himself.

Defendant admitted the offence, expressing sorrow.

The Bench thought it was setting a bad example to his guests by being drunk in his own house. He was fined 30s and costs.”

Dudley and District News 5/2/1881

“John Tompkins, mining engineer, Church Lane, Tipton, was charged with being drunk in the GRIFFIN INN, situate at New Road, Great Bridge, the licensed premises of *Frederick Organ*. Mr. J. Stokes (Messrs. Stokes and Harper) defended.

PC Godsall stated that hearing a noise in the GRIFFIN INN about 11.20pm, he rapped at the door, and it was opened by the landlady. He went into the bar and there found defendant drunk and smoking. Witness threatening to lodge information, the landlord said. ‘I can't help it.’ Defendant in leaving the premises, fell against the door, and was afterwards led part of the way home by witness. In defence defendant said he had been asked to stay supper. He was not drunk nor did he have anything to drink after closing time.

William Patrick, a workman at the Patent Shaft and Axle Works, Wednesbury, who was at the house with defendant, hesitatingly said he was sober. In being cross-examined, he admitted that defendant and he had been at the STORK INN previously, where they had three glasses of liquor each. Had one glass of liquor at the GRIFFIN.

Jeremiah Latham deposed to seeing defendant about 10.30 when he was quite sober.

Frederick Organ, the landlord, explained that he asked the defendant to stay supper. He was perfectly sober at the time the police officer came.

Sarah Ann *Organ*, wife of last witness, gave corroborative evidence.

The Bench fined defendant 5s, the costs being 9s 6d; in default seven days.

Mr. Stokes intimated that he should appeal.

William Patrick, a witness in the preceding case, was also charged with being on licensed premises the same evening during prohibited hours.

Mr. Stokes, who defended, said that but for the decision of the Bench in the last case, he should have called the defendant as a witness in this case, but he could not do that now because if he had committed perjury in the last case he could not be believed now. It appeared to him positively useless calling witnesses.

Mr. Underhill: What are we to infer from that? The Bench has been called into question by some professional gentlemen before.

Mr. Stokes: We want rough, broad justice.

The Bench eventually fined defendant 1s and costs, in default 7 days.”

Wednesbury Herald 12/2/1881

“At the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, *Frederick Organ*, landlord of the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours.

Mr. Stokes, who defended, stated that his client was under the impression that the Act of Parliament permitted a landlord to entertain persons who had been customers as friends after eleven o’clock. But it had recently been decided by the Courts of Appeal that that is a wrong interpretation of the Act of Parliament.

The magistrates believing that the defendant did not know that it was an infringement of the Act, inflicted a fine of 1s and costs.”

1881 Census

90, New Road

[1] *John Organ* (44), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] Sarah Ann *Organ* (42), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Agnes Hales (23), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Wednesbury Herald 17/9/1881

“Great Bridge Angling Club. The 6th annual dinner of the above club was held last week at the Club House, the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge. The chair was occupied by Mr. Hawkins (in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. L. Morgan), and the vice chair by Mr. T. Davis (the vice president). Upwards of fifty gentlemen were present.....”

Dudley and District News 25/3/1882

“On Wednesday night, at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, a meeting of ratepayers in the Toll End Ward was held under the auspices of the Tipton Liberal Association, for the purposes of nominating a candidate to represent the ward on the Tipton Board of Health in room of Mr. S. Mathews who declined to stand for re-election. Mr. J. Whittaker occupied the chair. Mr. W. Babb proposed the nomination of Mr. Richard Mason, jun., coalmaster, and was proceeding to make a speech on the importance of proper representation, when a ratepayer who had come to the meeting with a dog in his arms interrupted him by saying ‘Oh, we didn’t come here to listen to speeches; we come to support Dich Mason.’ Saying this he left the room, and Mr. Babb proceeded with his oration when the Chairman, who was evidently the worse for liquor, refused to allow him to proceed, as he was taking up too much time.

Several of those present voted the Chairman out of order, and ultimately he was deposed, Mr. Charles Golding being elected in his place. The motion being again put it was seconded by Mr. James Everitt, and carried

in the midst of interruption by the late chairman who kept shouting 'Adjourn the house'; and was met by cries of 'Turn him out.' Mr. Mason then thanked those present for the honour they proposed doing him, and promised, if elected, to devote his whole attention to the interests of the ward. A vote of thanks to the retiring member was then given with acclamation, a similar compliment to the chairman, which was seconded by the ex-chairman, terminating the proceedings."

Birmingham Daily Post 29/12/1885

"Strike Of Ironworkers At West Bromwich.

A number of the ironworkers in the employ of Messrs. J. B. and S. Lees, at the Albion Street Ironworks, have turned out on strike. A general meeting of sheet-mill rollers, shearers, and furnacemen in the district was held yesterday, at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, to take into consideration the position of the men on strike at this portion of Messrs. Lees' works. Mr. J. Kent presided over a well-attended meeting. The Chairman and other speakers commented upon the action of Messrs. Lees in seeking to reduce the wages of their workmen at the present time, and most of them characterised their conduct as altogether unjustifiable. The rates paid to sheet-iron workers by other firms were compared, and it was stated that Messrs. Lees' prices were already below the county prices. It was stated that Messrs. Lees gave fourteen days' notice to stop the mill through depression in trade, and after paying one week of the notice the men were informed by the employers that they could finish their notice at the old rate, but if they would accept the 10 percent reduction they would find them regular work, and if they could not work at that price they (the firm) should get those who would. The men complain that they are being unfairly treated, inasmuch as no general reduction of wages has taken place.

After considerable discussion at the meeting yesterday, the following resolution was carried unanimously. 'That this meeting pledges itself to support the men as long as they remain out on strike, as the reduction is uncalled for according to the Wages Board; further, this meeting strongly condemns the action of Messrs. Lees in seeking to reduce the men's wages apart from the Wages Board.'

It was decided that deputations should wait upon their fellow-workmen at the various works in the district in order to lay their grievances before them, and elicit their sympathy and assistance."

Dudley Mercury 21/1/1888

"At the County Court, on Thursday, before Sir Rupert Kettle, Judge, John Patrick, labourer, West Bromwich, sued John Bird, secretary of the 'Flag of Liberty' of the Ancient Order of Foresters, held at the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, for 10s and costs for sick pay.

Plaintiff said that six weeks ago he was in receipt of sick pay, and he was fined 6s for alleged violation of the rules. He believed the demand to be illegal and refused to pay. His sick pay was in consequence discontinued.

For the defence it was stated that Patrick visited public-houses during his illness, and the Court had therefore fined him.

The rules having been produced, his Honour said it was quite clear from the specified rule that the arbitrators, to whom the matter should have been referred, only had the power to inflict fines.

The Secretary said the Court did fine him.

The Judge: But the arbitrators only could do it.

Verdict, with costs for the plaintiff."

Birmingham Daily Post 15/9/1888 - Advert

"Important Sale of Valuable Freehold Beerhouse, Business Premises, and Dwelling Houses, situate at Great Bridge, West Bromwich, and at Ocker Hill and Horseley Heath.

Messrs. Joseph Cooksey & Son have received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell by Auction, at the house of Mr. *Organ*, the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of October, 1888, at Seven o'clock in the Evening.....

Lot 1. A Capital Freehold Beerhouse and Premises, known as the GOLDEN LION INN, No.39, Great Bridge Street, let on lease to Messrs. Walter Showell and Sons (Limited) for an unexpired term of four years from the 25th day of December last, at a rent of £27 10s per annum....."

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1890

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, on the body of a child two months old, the son of John Mantle, collier, Eagle Square. The mother stated that she awoke at three o'clock in the morning of the 22nd inst., and found the child dead by her side. there was no indication of suffocation, and Dr. Underhill, who had attended the child, stated that the infant had a weak heart. In reply to the Coroner, the mother said she should have 30s from a 'sick and draw' fund. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

1891 Census

90, New Road – GRIFFIN INN

- [1] *Fred Organ* (54), publican, born Wootton under Edge, Worcestershire;
- [2] Sarah Ann Organ (52), wife, born Gloucestershire;
- [3] Gertrude Middleton (20), niece, born Tipton;
- [4] Rachael Beardsmore (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 27/4/1895

“On Saturday, Mr. E. Hooper, (coroner), held an inquest at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, relative to the death of Hannah Smith (59), 32, New Road, Great Bridge.

On Tuesday night deceased retired to rest in her usual health, and the next morning her daughter, with whom she resided, found her mother dead in bed.

A doctor expressed the opinion that death was due to heart disease.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

Dudley Herald 7/5/1898

“On Saturday last the members of the ‘Rose in Bloom’ Lodge (No.1310) of the Birmingham Equalised District Order of Druids held their annual open-night and free concert at the lodge-house, Mr. *Middleton's*, GRIFFIN INN, New Road. Bro. F. W. Judge, D.G.M., took the chair, and Bro. A. E. Rose, D.D.G.M., the vice-chair, supported by other district officers and trustees.

The Chairman in his opening remarks, said he was pleased to see the large room so well filled, and explained that the concert was held to show outside friends the principles on which the order worked, and to induce young men to join the society.

The programme commenced with a piano solo by Mr. F. Dyke. Songs were rendered by the following brothers and friends: Bro. C. Vaughan, N.G.A., Bro. Forester, Master J. Hartill, Bro. J. Chadbourn, P.N.G.A., Mr. B. Yardley, and Bro W. A. Smith.

The Grand Master of the Order (Bro. T. Newman, of Birmingham) gave an account of the progress the Order had made in 20 years, and pointed out the advantages and benefits to be derived therefrom. They included sick and funeral benefits, convalescent home and compensation. Bro. T. Newman made three presentations to brothers for their services during the last 12 months, which consisted of an emblem framed each to Bro. H. Groom, P.N.G.A., and Bro. S. W. Nicholls (secretary), and a meerschaum pipe to Bro. S. W. Nicholls, P.G.N.A.

Bro. F. Baines gave a piano solo and accompanied the following singers: Mr. F. Dyke, Bro. J. A. Latham, P.D.G.M., Master F. Crockett, and Bro. W. Walters, all of whom were loudly applauded.

Bro. A. J. Roberts, P.N.G.A., in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the grand master, the district officer, and all who had contributed towards the evening's harmony, said he should be pleased if both old and young members would take note of the remarks of the grand master and attend their lodge regularly, and so qualify for the same recognition as he had been given All by the above brethren.

A very enjoyable evening terminated with the National Anthem.”

1901 Census

90, New Road – GRIFFIN INN

- [1] *Joseph Bird* (60), publican, born Middleton, Warwickshire;
- [2] Amelia Bird (60), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Charles Bird (31), son, steam hammer driver, born Tipton;

- [4] Joseph Bird (27), son, blacksmith's striker, born Tipton;
[5] Phoebe Davies (16), general servant, born Netherton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the ‘long pull’. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the ‘long pull’ and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge.”

1911 Census

90, New Road – GRIFFIN

- [1] *John Middleton* (61), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
[2] *Eliza Jane Middleton* (59), wife, married 40 years, assisting in the business, born Tipton;
[3] *George Frederick Middleton* (36), son, iron worker (roller), born West Bromwich;
[4] *Maud Lillian Middleton* (23), daughter, assisting in the business, born West Bromwich:

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday Lord Hatherton C.M.G. (chairman of the County Licensing Committee) presided.....

When the license of the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Street, Tipton, was being considered, PS Collins stated that the present licensee had been in occupation since September, 1921. During the last ten years there had been four transfers of license. Within 500 yards there were nine other fully licensed houses and three beer houses. Replying Mr. Eadon (for the owners and licensee) said the present licensee (Mrs. M. Williams) was quite satisfactory, and there was no complaints against her. He knew certain works in the neighbourhood employed 2,300 men, and if the SWAN were to close these men would have to go to the GRIFFIN.

Mr. Eadon: And the overflow meeting from the GRIFFIN would be the RAILWAY INN, I suppose? Do you know, as a matter of fact that the SWAN is doing a larger trade than the RAILWAY TAVERN? – I was not aware of it.

If that is so do you agree that it is a more important house than the RAILWAY INN? – I do not. Witness added that he did not think any inconvenience would be caused if the SWAN were closed and prospective customers had to go another 260 yards to the GRIFFIN or the RAILWAY INN.

Minnie Williams, licensee of the SWAN, said she was doing a larger trade than the RAILWAY INN, which had been referred for compensation twice on the ground of redundancy. She was satisfied that when trade improved the house would do considerably better.

Further evidence in support of renewal of the license of the SWAN TAVERN was given by John Henry Watkins (representing the owners), and Enoch Wood, an architect and surveyor, of West Bromwich, the latter describing the house as particularly convenient and superior to the RAILWAY INN.

A working man witness, who had used the house for 12 years, said he drank beer when the weather was warm and whisky when it was cold.

Mr. Wylie: How many bottles do you have? – Oh, about three a week.

Mr. Wylie: Don't you consider that this house is rather a danger to your existence? – (Loud laughter).

Another witness admitted he drank about the same number of bottles of whisky as the previous witness when it was cold, and he could afford it, whereupon Mr. Wylie commented that these two men must have drunk all the spirits in the house, because there were only seven bottles used in a week.

After consulting in private the Chairman said the committee had come to the conclusion that they must refuse the license.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/9/1924

“At the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, the license of the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, was temporarily transferred from *Harry Johnson* to *James William Reid*.....”

Alterations were made in 1927.

Harvey Scott died on 31st January 1934.

Plans for alterations were approved on 6th February 1934.

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

A team from here competed in the Shropshire, Staffordshire and Derby division of The People National Darts Teams Championship of England and Wales in 1952/3.

Birmingham Daily Post 27/4/1955 - Advert

“By Order of the Sheriff.

On Premises in the occupation of Mr. *J. E. Cooper*, GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton.

Messrs Fox & Harrison, F.A.I., Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents, will Sell by Auction at the Above Address, on Friday Next, April 29, the Modern Household Furniture, including Upright Pianoforte, Two Oak Bedroom Suites, Oak Dining-Room Furniture, Marconi All-Mains Radiogram, &c.

On view an hour prior to sale.

Sale at Eleven a.m.

Cash Settlement. Cheques cannot be accepted.

Auctioneer's Offices: 51, Lower Hall Lane, Walsall.”

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Darts League. [1956-57], [1959-60], [1960-61]

Tipton Herald 13/7/1957

“The Mayor and Mayoress of West Bromwich presented the awards at the annual prize distribution of Greets Green Darts League, held at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Tipton, on Tuesday, and attended by more than 200 people.

League winners: 1. SWAN, Swan Village; 2. GRIFFIN INN; 3. DUNKIRK, Whitehall Road, West Bromwich.

League knock-out cup: BIRD IN HAND; runners-up DUNKIRK.

British Legion knock-out cup: DUNKIRK; runners-up COPHALL, Sheepwash Lane.

The Pairs cup was won by two brothers, R. and S. Paul, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Tame Bridge, Tipton.....

After the distribution, the Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by the hostess of the GRIFFIN INN, Mrs. *A. Moore*.....”

[1976]

Closed

Demolished

GRINDERS ARMS

134, Horseley Heath / Lewis Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Showells Brewery Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp Ltd. (leased)

LICENSEES

E Thomas [1863]
Henry Cave [1891]
Caroline Cave [1901]
John Hill [1905]
Charles Wilson [1910] – [1911]
John Pugh [1919] – **1922**;
Richard John Nicholls (**1922 – 1923**);
Charles Lloyd (**1923 – 1924**);
William James Elton (**1924 – 1926**);
Stephen Keeley (**1926 – 1928**);
William Burns (**1928 – 1934**);
Frederick Walter Malin (**1934 – 1936**);
William Henry Dumbleton (**1936 – 1937**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/1/1863

“T. Thomas of Tividale will run P. Matin of Hill Top or B. Aston of Oldbury 100 yards level, or he will take two yards in 100 of T. Winsper of Darlaston, for £10 or £25 a side. Money ready at *E. Thomas*'s, GRINDERS ARMS, Great Bridge, any night next week.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/4/1872 - Advert

“GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, Tipton. Excellent Beerhouse. Rent £24. In-coming under £30. Brewing 4 bags a week. Apply to William E. Davies, Auctioneer, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

It was rebuilt in 1887.

1891 Census

134, Horseley Heath – GRINDERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Cave* (45), publican's manager, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Caroline Cave* (44), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Ellen Cave (22), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] William Henry Cave (19), son, iron moulder, born Tipton;
- [5] George Henry Cave (17), son, iron moulder, born Tipton;

Birmingham Daily Post 26/2/1900

“George Cave, the Albion back, is reported to be improving rapidly, and hopes are entertained that he will be able to assist his club again. It is scarcely likely that he will resume his old position in the team this season, but there is every prospect of seeing him don the Albion jersey next season.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/4/1900

“Cave, the Albion right back, is now reported to be fit and well, and it is anticipated that he will receive a trial in the reserve team match at Stoney Lane against Berwick Rangers next Saturday. Garfield, who, like Cave, has been absent from the first team for a considerable period, has thoroughly recovered from his injury and he will also play in the same match.”

1901 Census

134, Horseley Heath – GRINDERS ARMS

- [1] *Caroline Cave* (54), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *George Harry Cave* (27), son, professional footballer, born Tipton;
- [3] *Hannah Gilbert* (20), niece, domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/9/1901

“George Cave, the old Albion back, who it is feared is suffering from consumption, returned from a long holiday at Clent on Saturday very much improved in health.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/11/1903

“Albion Old Players’ Union are arranging for a benefit match for Cave, the old Albion back, who is this week leaving the Consumptive Sanitorium, where he has been under treatment for some time.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/12/1903

“Albion play a district team a benefit match for George Cave, their old back, on Christmas morning.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/1/1905

“A case involving the question of the sealed bottle occupied the attention of the stipendiary at Wednesbury yesterday, when *John Hill*, landlord of the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, was summoned for supplying a child under 14 years of age with intoxicating liquor otherwise than in a corked and sealed vessel. On the evening of January 8 a police-officer met a ten-years-old girl, named Cashmore, coming from defendant’s premises with a pint of ale in a bottle which the prosecution alleged was neither corked or sealed. Mr. Sharpe, of West Bromwich, submitted there was no sale within the meaning of the Act, as the beer was allowance beer which the girl’s father received, as he played the piano at the public house. The Stipendiary said no doubt it was an allowance for the strains of harmony, but held that mere delivery was a contravention of the Act, and fined defendant 40s and costs.”

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority in March 1909.
It was renewed.

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the ‘long pull’. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the ‘long pull’ and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath.”

1911 Census

134, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Charles Wilson* (38), publican, born Huddersfield;
- [2] *Annie Elizabeth Wilson* (35), wife, married 9 years, born Handsworth;
- [3] *Charles Bertram Wilson* (8), son, born Smethwick:

South Staffordshire Times 5/1/1924

“At Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, Mrs. Hartland, Mr. E. H. Hipkins and Mr. J. Richards granted the temporary transfer of the licenses of the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, the GROVELAND BROOK, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street, from the outgoing to the incoming tenants.”

Stephen Keeley = Stephen Heeley

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/5/1926 - Notice

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1926, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice is Hereby also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list..... GRINDERS ARMS, Horsley Heath. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee *Stephen Heeley*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/7/1926

“No fewer than 34 licensed premises were scheduled for consideration at the Principal Meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. In 23 cases the authority decided to refer licenses for compensation, four were renewed, and the remaining seven were adjourned to be dealt with on July 12.....

The cases adjourned were those of GRINDERS ARMS, Horsley Heath.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/7/1926

“At the adjourned principal meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday In the case of the GRINDERS ARMS, Horsley Heath, renewal was granted.”

Alterations were made in 1927.

William Burns married Florence Crutchington in 1897.
He died in 1942.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/3/1937

“At the adjourned licensing sessions yesterday, Tipton magistrates referred for compensation the licenses of the GRAPES, Owen Street; the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath; and the BROWN LION INN, Cooneygree.

They renewed the licenses of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, and the VINE INN, Horseley Heath.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/8/1937

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910.

County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 20th day of July, 1937, and at their Adjourned Principal Meeting, held on the 30th day of July, 1937, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their Claims before the 20th day of September, 1937, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, Tipton. Beerhouse, not Ante 1869. Licensee, *William Henry Dumbleton*. Registered Owner, Ind Coope & Allsopp Ltd, Brewers, Burton-on-Trent.”

It closed on 31st December 1937.

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1938

“The Epiphany Quarter Sessions for the County were held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

The report of the County Licensing Committee for 1937 stated that the number of licenses referred from three divisions and two boroughs was 15, and it was decided to proceed on all cases.....

The supplemental meeting was held on October 30, when the Committee went in great detail into the figures submitted, and upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. Compensation was as follows.....

GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, Tipton, beerhouse, £1,175.”

Demolished

GROVELAND BROOK

22, Sedgley Road East, (New Road) / Cleton Street, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Sarah Smith

J. Rolinson and Sons Ltd., 7, Lovatt Street, Wolverhampton (leased from 1909)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1925)

LICENSEES

Daniel Smith [1863] – [1881]

Mrs. Sarah Smith [1891] – [1908]

Mrs. Elizabeth Perks [1911]

John C. Perks [1912]

Thomas Downing [1916] – 1922);

Alfred Mayer (1922 – 1924);

Thomas Roderick (1924 – 1928);

Owen Newman Solloway (1928 – 1929);

William Bradley (1929 – 1930):

NOTES

Clayton Street [1863]

Cleton Street [1865]

New Road [1870]

22, Sedgley Road [1871], [1896], [1901], [1904]

22, Sedgley Road East [1881]

It was known locally as The Brook.

It had a six day license.

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1863

“The adjourned licensing meeting for West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Walsall, was held yesterday.....

New applications for spirit licenses.....

Mr. Hooper applied on the part of *Daniel Smith*, Clayton Street, Dudley Port. The application was granted.”

Birmingham Journal 26/3/1864 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling Houses And Premises, at Tividale, in the Parish of Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by John G. Wright, on Wednesday, April 6, 1864, at the house of Mr. *Daniel Smith*, GROVELAND BROOK INN, Tividale, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/7/1864

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper, district Coroner, opened inquests on the bodies of the unfortunate lads whose deaths had been caused, as already reported in the *Daily Post* of Thursday last, in consequence of a skip in which they were ascending a pit belonging to Mr. James Solly, at Toll End Colliery, having been drawn over the pulley. The first enquiry took place at the COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, where the proceedings were simply confined to the identification of the body of William Ponn (12), one of the deceased, who resided in that locality, and had been removed to his home. The Coroner said that he had only taken this evidence with the object of an adjournment, and that the inquest would be resumed at ten o’clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, the 26th inst. The next inquest was held at the house of Mr. Wm. George, the PRINCE REGENT, Horseley Heath, on the body of Abraham Cooper (11), where identification of the body having been finally proved, the further proceedings were postponed until noon on the 25th inst, the Coroner stating that the Government Inspector of Mines, Mr. Baker, would be present at the third inquest that day (yesterday).

The third inquest was opened at the house of Mr. *Daniel Smith*, the GROVELAND BROOK INN, Dudley Port, and Mr. Baker attended it. The inquest was on the body of Thomas Evans (14). The only witness called was Sarah Evans, who was deeply affected. She said: I am the wife of James Evans, a miner, and mother of the deceased, who worked for Mr. Solly, at the Toll End Colliery. He left home for work on Tuesday morning, at half-past five o’clock, and he was brought home dead in the evening at eight o’clock. Most of his bones were broken. It was only his second day in Mr. Solly’s employment.

The Coroner here, as on the former occasions, suggested an adjournment, in order that the Jury might from being nearer the spot where the fatal occurrence took place, have an ample opportunity of inspecting the works and the machinery.

A Juror, Mr. Abraham Lewis, landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, protested against any such arrangement, giving as his reason that it ‘would not suit his personal convenience.’ The Foreman and the other gentlemen of the Jury, having expressed a strong opinion on the subject of Mr. Lewis’s ideas of ‘personal convenience’ where human lives were at stake, it was ultimately decided that the Jury should proceed, with the Coroner and the Government Inspector, to examine the machinery, after which they should resume the enquiry at ten o’clock on the morning of the 23rd inst.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1864 - Letters

“To the Editor of the *Daily Gazette*.

Sir. It has been said, a fortnight ago, that the strike was virtually at an end, but not so, for the very least number reported by the Amalgamated Committee to be on strike was 4,106, exclusive of 120 non-union men. There were a few commenced working this week; and I dare say it was thought by the masters that the strike was ended and the men defeated. Such, no doubt, was the opinion of Mr. C ____ of the Ironmaster’s Association, when riding through Great Bridge this week, and seeing a group of poor colliers, pulled off his hat and swung it round in token victory. Sir, we did not expect such from a gentleman with such education. Sir, is such conduct gentlemanly? Is it not offering insult to injury? But even the poor ignorant, despised colliers are not that ignorant, but what they know when they are insulted, even by a rich man. But the strike is not ended, and so will that gentleman think if he sees a general strike of all the amalgamated districts held this week. There has been three public meetings this week to ascertain the opinion of the men relative to a general strike; one at the LEOPARD, Great Bridge on Wednesday last, the 24th inst., and at the Temperance Hall, Oldbury, Thursday night, and last night (Friday), at the GROVELAND BROOK INN. The meetings were addressed by none but practical miners – none but such as thoroughly understood mining operations – none but are good servants to good masters; no idle scamps that want to get a living without working for it

– men that have been brought up to work hard in the mine, and can go through its various branches; men that want to take no undue advantage of masters, that only want to live by their labour, and give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. At each meeting it was agreed unanimously for a general strike, and those at work to come out for a once, and not supply that trade any longer, but sink or swim together. By inserting the above in your valuable and widely circulated journal you will much oblige.
Your humble servant, A Miner.”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/10/1865

“An inquest was held yesterday, at the GROVELAND BROOK INN, Tipton, before Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, touching the death of Samuel Whay (22), miner. About noon on Thursday, deceased and a miner called Robert Hall were engaged in a shaft ‘cleaning.’ The men were working with naked candles stuck in the sides of the shaft, from which there was a ‘heading’ to another pit, in which an explosion of sulphur took place. The ‘heading’ was formed of bricks, and the explosion scattered them in all directions. Several of them fell on the deceased, who was taken out insensible, and died in about half an hour, notwithstanding medical assistance was immediately obtained. Several witnesses were examined who worked in the pit where the explosion occurred, and their evidence was to the effect that they were working by the aid of locked lamps, and that no one was smoking. How the sulphur became ignited remains, therefore, a mystery. It is probable that the gauze of one of the lamps may have been injured by something falling on it, or it may have been burnt through. It came out in the evidence that the men in the pit were in the habit of smoking, one witness saying he had even seen the bottom of the safety lamp unscrewed to get a light. Some act of this kind may have occasioned the explosion. In the absence of any evidence as to the cause, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

22, Sedgley Road

- [1] *Daniel Smith* (46), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Smith* (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Amelia Smith* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Joseph Smith* (15), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *William Woodward* (76), father-in-law, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 16/9/1876

“Yesterday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the GROVELAND BROOK INN, Tividale, near Dudley Port, on the body of Thomas Latham (28), a collier, who died on the 12th inst., from the effects of injuries he received on the 4th inst. Mr. Baker, Inspector of Mines was in attendance at the inquiry.

Elizabeth Latham, wife of the deceased, stated that her husband had worked at the Brades Hall Colliery, and on the 4th inst. he was taken home badly burned. Before deceased died he said he got burned from a shot fired by his mate Plimmer.

Samuel Plimmer, miner, working at Messrs. Wright and North's, Brades Colliery, said that deceased fired a bottom hole, and witness afterwards fired a top hole. Witness then went along the gateroad, and thought deceased was out of the way. When he heard the shot he went back and found that the shot had ignited the powder in the canister, and that being close to deceased had burned him. Deceased was about 17 yards distant from the place where the shot was fired, and when he picked up deceased he said ‘I wish I had gone down the road or else gone with you.’ Deceased had used the powder last but he could not say whether the deceased had left the top upon the canister or not. Had never seen any gas or heard of any.

By Mr. Baker: I always tried the headway with the lamp but never found any gas or heard of any. I asked the deceased about it but he never said how it occurred.

Mr. Baker said it was a matter of regret that accidents of this kind were becoming more frequent.

Edwin Whitehouse, an overman at the colliery, said he examined the mine, and some two months ago he found a little sulphur but not much, and he had found a little since deceased was burned but not in the same place.

By Mr. Baker: I cannot read the rules. I don't know whether the powder should go down in the canister or

cartridges. The men generally carry the powder with them. If I found gas I should stop the men from going where the gas was. I do not know the powder should be taken in cartridges. Since I found gas there recently the powder has gone down in cartridges.

The Coroner said he did not think the questions put by the Inspector had anything to do with the inquiry, but they disclosed a very sad state of affairs at the pit. The case unfortunately was enveloped in mystery and he hoped some steps would be taken to alter such a state of things. The Act of Parliament did not seem to have been complied with at all and it was a great pity arrangements were not made for someone to attend and take statements from any person injured, and in many instances justice was not done in consequence.

Mr. Baker said the Act of Parliament was not infringed by the taking down the powder in 4lb tins unless gas was found in the pit, but it seemed that in this case the Act had been infringed.

The jury then returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

22, Sedgley Road East – GROVELAND INN

[1] *Daniel Smith* (56), victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Smith* (54), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Joseph Smith (25), son, labourer, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 30/9/1882

“Dudley Port Rovers Cricket and Football Club held first annual dinner here.....”

1891 Census

Sedgley Road East – GROVELAND BROOK INN

[1] *Sarah Smith* (64), widow, publican, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah R. Parkes (15), granddaughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 23/11/1891

“Mr. Hooper held an inquest at the GROVELAND BROOK TAVERN, Sedgley Road, on the body of Thomas Wylde, aged six months, the son of Joseph Wylde, a miner of Clayton Street. Death in this case was due to convulsions, and a verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

1901 Census

22, Sedgley Road

[1] *Sarah Smith* (74), publican, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 8/5/1909

“Substantially-erected, Well-situated, Main Road Old-Licensed Public House and Premises, the BROOK INN, Sedgley Road East, Nr. Dudley Port, in the Parish of Tipton, in the County of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction by Messrs. Powell and Brown by direction of the representatives of the late Mrs. Smith, at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Wednesday, May 12th 1909, at 6 for 7 o’clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale incorporating the Common Form Conditions of the Wolverhampton Law Society, the undernamed Most Desirable Fully-Licensed Freehold Inn.

All that exceedingly well-built, conveniently arranged and capitally situated Freehold Old-Licensed Main Road Public House, the BROOK INN, with the Out-Offices, Yard and Premises thereto belonging, situate at the junction of Cleton Street with Sedgley Road East, at Groveland, near Dudley Port, in the Parish of Tipton, aforesaid.

It contains 4 capital dry Cellars, with Rolling Way, Entrance Hall, Bar and Tap Room, each 15ft square with Bays, Smoke Room 19ft x 15ft, Pantry, Cooking Kitchen, 3 Capital Bedrooms, very large Club Room, &c, all exceedingly lofty.

The Out-Offices include Brewery, with Malt Room over, outer Kitchen, 3 Piggeries, Stable, and large walled-in Yard with gateway approach from the main road.

This house was specially built for the trade nearly half a century ago, and the business has never changed hands. It is on a road of immense traffic at the corner of a thickly-populated street, close to large Engineer-

ing and Brick Works in full operation, and is practically without opposition, and in the hands of an energetic man a large trade would be done therein. It is entirely free, and possession will be given on completion. Full detailed particulars may be had on application to Mr. J. Arthur Shephard, Solicitor, Dudley Port, Tipton, or Messrs. Powell and Brown, Auctioneers and Estate Agents, 3, Owen Street, Tipton.”

1911 Census

Sedgley Road East – GROVELAND BROOK INN

[1] *John C. Perks* (27), slaughterman, born Trowey, Derbyshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Perks* (25), wife, married 5 years, in charge of inn, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

Mr. W. W. Doughty (presiding magistrate) congratulated the parish upon the decrease in drunkenness. With regard to the condition of the licensed houses, the magistrates had found that in a few cases greater cleanliness was desirable, and this would be insisted upon. There were still too many licenses, and at the adjourned sessions the justices would consider the reported unsuitability of the GROVELAND BROOK TAVERN and the alleged redundancy of the BROWN LION, Church Lane; the VIOLIN, Bloomfield; the PLOUGH, Dudley Port; the BULLS HEAD, Dudley Port.....”

South Staffordshire Times 22/1/1921

“Mr. G. C. Lewis (coroner) held two inquests at Tipton on Tuesday morning the first was at the GROVELAND BROOK INN, touching the death of Arthur Palmer, the fifteen-weeks old child of Benjamin and Harriet Palmer, 9, Cleton Street. The child had a fit on 29th December, was attended by Dr. Sidney Price and recovered apparently. On Sunday morning, about 7.30, the mother brought the child downstairs, apparently in its usual health. While it was at the breast it had another fit, and though all was done for it that could be, the child expired in the mother’s arms about 8.30. The coroner returned a verdict of Natural Causes.”

The second enquiry was held at the NAGS HEAD, touching on the death of Edward Hanbury, aged 67, of 2, Mill Street. He had suffered from his heart for some time, and had been attended by Dr. Dunlop. On Friday night, about 8, he called at the STAR HOTEL and had a drop of brandy. At a quarter past 8 his wife and daughter came to meet him and he then complained of feeling ill. He sat on a doorstep for a few minutes and then became unconscious. He was carried home on a chair, and died about 8.40pm. Dr. Mason was sent for and attended, but death had ensued before his arrival. A verdict of Natural Causes. PC Benton was in attendance at both enquiries.”

Dudley Chronicle 23/3/1922

“On Saturday afternoon the match between Tipton Parish Church Sunday Morning Adult School and the Duport Works Football Clubs was a great success.....

[The match was a 1-1 draw.]

At the conclusion of the match, Mr. W. A. Crowther, Superintendent of the E. M. School, put the ball up for auction, as was desired by the kind donor of it, Mr. Jesse Pennington, West Bromwich Albion’s captain. The bidding was commenced by the Rev. G. Mortimore at 5s, and went up to 26s, paid by Mr. Jack *Downing*, GROVELAND BROOK INN, Dudley Port, on behalf of the Dudley Football Club.

After the match the two clubs and directors were invited to tea by Mr. and Mrs. *Downing* and friends.....”

South Staffordshire Times 5/1/1924

“At Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, Mrs. Hartland, Mr. E. H. Hipkins and Mr. J. Richards granted the temporary transfer of the licenses of the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, the GROVELAND BROOK, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street, from the outgoing to the incoming tenants.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 23/6/1928

“Some time ago the Tipton Licensing Justices decided, with regard to the licensing of managers of public houses, that such management must be ‘one man, one job’, and that the licensees must give a guarantee that they would not engage in other work. This has since been made a condition, and applicants have promised

to act on it, although in one instance the licensee preferred to give up the license rather than relinquish his 'job'.

The matter was criticised from a legal point of view in the Police Court, on Tuesday, when an application for a transfer was adjourned for a week in order that the legal point might be gone into whether a manager, having another job, became thereby not 'a fit and proper person' to hold a license.

The application was made by Mr. Churchill, barrister in law (instructed by Messrs. Thompson and Warmington, Dudley), for the transfer of the license of the BROOK INN, Groveland Road, Dudley Port, from *Thomas Roderick* to Thomas Albert Sisman, son of a well-known contractor, and at present engaged as an assistant surveyor, at £4 10s per week, by the Coseley Council.

The Clerk (Mr. J. A. Shephard) pointed out that some time ago the Tipton magistrates decided that no person should be appointed to the position of manager of licensed premises if he had other employment, and this fact gave rise to a difficulty in the present application.

Mr. Churchill contended that legally if an applicant's character was good, the fact that he had other employment did not prohibit him from holding a license. In this case nothing could be alleged against the character of Mr. Sisman, who was appointed to his present position under Coseley District Council in May last. He (Mr. Churchill) suggested that it was beneficial to the license holder to be usefully employed during closing hours. He put in the agreement with the brewery, showing that applicant undertook to do thoroughly all that would be required at the house. The law clearly laid down what 'fit and proper person' meant. It applied to character and had no reference to any other employment, though that, of course, was a matter for the discretion of the licensing justices.

The Clerk said the 'one man, one job' statement was made at the meeting of the licensing justices, but each case would, of course, be decided on its merits. The character of Mr. Sisman was quite satisfactory.

Supt. Adams said it was. The police had no objection whatever.

The Clerk said it was a matter of principle, and whether the licensing justices could say that a man should not be engaged in another business.

'That' said Mr. Churchill, 'is a matter of discretion; a matter of debate for Parliament rather than a matter for a local Court.' In his case, he added, everyone was satisfied that the applicant was 'fit and proper person' as defined by the law. It was a very important point as to whether magistrates could affect a man's character by stating, for such a reason as a double employment, that he was not a fit and proper person to hold a license.

The Clerk: It is agreed that there is nothing to affect the character of the applicant in the slightest degree.

Mr. Hipkins: Certainly not.

The Clerk: But the point seems to be the question, that if a manager is away during the whole of the day, can he be considered a 'fit and proper person' to hold license apart from any question of character? Could he, being away, exercise a proper supervision?

Mr. Churchill: The law does not say anything on that point, but simply stipulates that an applicant should be 'a fit and proper person'.

Asked if he would consent to the transfer, Mr. *Roderick* said he would be glad to get away.

After a retirement by the magistrates, the Clerk announced that the application would be adjourned for seven days. Mr. *Roderick* then promised to continue the management of the public house for another week."

[The license was not transferred to to Sisman.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/8/1930 - Notice

"The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of July, 1930, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 20th day of September, 1930, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

GROVELAND BROOK, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *William Bradley*. Registered Owner, Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries."

Provisional license renewal to expire on 27th December 1930.

It later became a sports club.

GYPSY'S TENT

The Coppice, Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Brefitt []

NOTES

Blackcountryman (Summer 2004)

“.....lived in the Coppice at Ocker Hill and a large house where my grandparents lived. At one time this had been a local hostelry called ‘The GYPSY’S TENT’. The last tenants were my grandmother’s parents whose surname was *Brefitt*.”

HARE AND HOUNDS

76, (76a), (76a+77), Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Grafton Hartill Bullas [1907]

LICENSEES

William Jones [1881] – **1883**)

Denis Lyons [1891] – **1903**);

John Hamblett (**1903** – [1904]

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76, Owen Street [1881]

76a, Owen Street

76a+77, Owen Street [1891]

It had a beer (and cider) house license.

Birmingham Daily Post 1/2/1876 - Advert

“By C. Round, This Day (Tuesday), at 11, at the HARE AND HOUNDS INN, Owen Street, and the GATE HANGS WELL, Workhouse Lane, Tipton – Household Furniture, Public-House Fittings and Effects.”

1881 Census

76, Owen Street – HARE AND HOUNDS

- [1] *William Jones* (53), beer seller, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Sarah Jones* (54), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Lizzie Leach* (29), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *William Leach* (32), son-in-law, born Tipton;
- [5] *Clara Jenkins* (23), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Leah Jones* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Estha Jones* (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Eliza Jones* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Florence M. Jones* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] *William Leach* (7), grandson, scholar, born Tipton;
- [11] *Charles H. Leach* (5), grandson, scholar, born Tipton;
- [12] *George E. Leach* (4 months), grandson, born Tipton;
- [13] *Mary Maud Jenkins* (4 months), granddaughter, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 15/12/1883

“On Tuesday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the HARE AND HOUNDS INN, Owen Street, on the body of *William Jones*, cab proprietor, and landlord of the house in which the inquest was held.

After the body had been identified by the widow, she stated that about two months ago her husband was thrown off his cab, in Tipton, and hurt his side. He seemed to recover from that, but on Thursday night last he came home from driving a hearse. He was crying, and said he had had a narrow escape. The horses had pulled him off the seat onto their backs, and falling between them and the vehicle, the latter had passed over him. He said, however, he was not hurt beyond a slight injury to the elbow. Her husband went to see his daughter, for fear she might hear that he was killed. That night he slept till three o’clock, and again cried out. He said that he was stiff, and should not go to work. No surgeon was sent for up to that time, because her husband did not wish it. On Saturday morning the deceased began to fear he was worse, and Dr. Underhill was sent for. A bottle of medicine came back, and after a draught from it deceased said he should be well directly. In few minutes, however, he seemed to be fainting, and died directly. He had been an abstainer for many years. He had a weak heart, and witness knew it for some years, because he could not get insured without extra payment. Her husband had the use of one hand only, and when he was driving he was in the habit of twisting the reins round his left wrist. He said one of the horses had slipped and pulled him forward.

William Southall, baker, New Road, Great Bridge, said he was going over the canal bridge at Factory Road about four o’clock on the previous Thursday. He saw *Jones* driving a pair of horses in a hearse. One of the horses slipped on a sewage grate and fell. The other pulled him up, and then the horses ran away.

The jury had considerable time to come to a verdict owing to the want of evidence. Finally twelve out of the jury agreed upon a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1891 Census

76a+77, Owen Street – HARE AND HOUNDS INN

- [1] *Denis Lyons* (35), beer retailer and shoe manufacturer, born Dudley;
- [2] *Felina Lyons* (35), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Felcia Agnes Lyons* (13), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Symphairisa Joyce Lyons* (10), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [5] *Denis Lyons* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *James Isidore Lyons* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;

- [7] William Vincent Lyons (2), son, born Tipton;
[8] Emma Brothwood (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Denis Lyons, beer retailer, 76a, Owen Street. [1896]

Denis Lyons, beer retailer and boot maker (77, Owen Street), 76a, Owen Street. [1900]

Dudley Herald 21/4/1900 - Letters

“Crooked Lane, Tipton.

To the Editor of the *Herald*.

Sir, I should be glad if you would insert the enclosed correspondence with myself and Mr. *Denis Lyons*, in your next issue.

Yours truly, E. Downes, Dudley Road, Tipton.”

AND

“57, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, March, 13th, 1900.

Dear Sir, My Client, Mr. Edward Downes, has handed me a copy of the *Dudley Herald* of the 3rd instant, containing a report of the monthly meeting of the Tipton Urban District Council. In that report you are made to say that my client’s action is ‘a manufactured dodge to get work done by the Parish’ (meaning the Tipton parish) for the benefit of one ‘man (meaning Mr. Edward Downes)’.

You are of course aware that this allegation constitutes a most serious charge against Mr. Downes, and before taking any further steps I should be glad to hear from you whether you admit the accuracy of the report.

Yours truly, W. Arthur Foster.

Denis Lyons, Esq., HARE AND HOUNDS INN, Tipton.”

AND

“Owen Street, Tipton.

Mr. Foster. Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter. I do not understand the meaning of it; I never mentioned Mr. Downes’s name, and was not even thinking of him at the meeting.

Yours, *D. Lyons*. Dudley Road, Tipton, March, 25th, 1900.”

AND

“Sir, Mr. Foster informs me that you have written to him denying that you referred to me in your speech at the Council on Tuesday, the 27th ult. I have again referred to the newspaper report, and inasmuch as you mention me by name, it is quite obvious that your remarks could apply to nobody but myself. If, however, you still persist in saying that the remarks did not apply to myself, I must request you to be good enough to state so at the next Council meeting.

Yours truly, G. E. Downes.

Denis Lyons, Esq.”

1901 Census

76, Owen Street – Tavern

- [1] *Denis Lyons* (45), shoe manufacturer, born Dudley;
[2] *Selicia Lyons* (45), wife, born Dudley;
[3] *Symphorosa Joyce Lyons* (20), daughter, schoolteacher, born Tipton;
[4] *Selicia Agnes Lyons* (23), daughter, born Dudley;
[5] *Denis Lyons* (17), son, pupil teacher, born Tipton;
[6] *James Isidore Lyons* (15), son, boot shop assistant, born Tipton;
[7] *William Vincent Lyons* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
[8] *Alice Whitehouse* (22), domestic servant, born Tipton:

John Hamblett, beer retailer, 76a, Owen Street. [1904]

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

The Bench considered six houses reported as redundant.....

HARE AND HOUNDS, Owen Street, kept by *John Hamblett*. Referred for compensation.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

“County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

Mr. J. G. Thursfield, clerk to the justices, stated that the following licenses had been referred in the Wednesbury division.....

HARE AND HOUNDS, Owen Street, Tipton, beer and cider ‘on’ license (licensee *John Hamblett*).

Mr. Thursfield stated that there was no opposition, the amount of compensation having been agreed upon. After formal evidence, the renewal of the license was refused.”

It closed on 19th October 1907.

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The committee went very carefully in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee considered that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.....

HARE AND HOUNDS, Owen Street, Tipton, £600.”

Demolished

HARRIER

Powis Avenue, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Paramount Investments [2009]

LICENSEES

Joseph ‘Joe’ Pearce **(1956 – 1957)**;

Hannah Marie Pearce **(1957 – [1958]**

Ron J Reaney [1961] – [1966]

David Summers **(1984 – []**

Bob Randle [1985] – [1991]

Maxine Millard [2012] manager

L Abercrombie [2013]

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It was named after Tipton Harriers.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1955

“The 65th annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited was held yesterday at Wolverhampton, Mr. F. J. Yardley (Chairman and Managing Director) presiding.....

Since the relaxation of building restrictions work has commenced on six new houses and it is expected that contracts will be let in respect of 11 others before September, 1956. The capital expenditure involved in respect of all the above houses is estimated at £318,000.

The new houses in the course of erection, together with their approximate dates of opening are as follows.....

HARRIER, Tipton, January 1956.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1956

“The annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited will be held on December 31 at Wolverhampton. The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. J. Yardley.....

Six new houses have been opened during the year.....

HARRIER, Tipton, in March.....

They are all doing good business and in a full year should fully justify the capital outlay involved and make a valuable contribution to earnings.”

Joe Pearce was married to *Marie*.

Tipton Herald 12/5/1956

“Alcohol is no good to you. It is poison, in spite of what the hoarding say.’

This remark was addressed to a 19-years-old Lower Gornal youth, Robert Ian Pountney, of 39, Boundary Hill, Lower Gornal, by Mr. A. F. Welch, Chairman of Tipton Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday, when the youth who pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, was fined £2.

P.Cons. R. Hubbard said he had seen Pountney with a group of youths outside the HARRIERS public house, Powis Avenue, Tipton. The accused was shouting and using abusive language. Asked what was the matter, Pountney replied, ‘It is —— all to do with you.’

Pountney apologised to the court, saying that he had drunk too much beer.”

Tipton Herald 16/2/1957

“One of Tipton’s best known licensees, Mr. *Joseph Pearce*, of the HARRIER, Powis Avenue, died at his home on Thursday, aged 62. A native of Tipton, Mr. *Pearce* started as a steel roller, and later became a salesman, milk supervisor and finally a licensee. In 1940 he became ‘mine host’ of the ENGLISH OAK in Upper Church Lane and remained at that house until taking over the newly built HARRIER in March last year.

Mr. *Pearce* leaves a widow and a son by a first marriage. The funeral takes place on Monday at St. Martin’s, Lower Church Lane.”

Tipton Herald 13/4/1957

“Mr. *Joseph Pearce*, of the HARRIER INN, Powis Avenue, Tipton, formerly of the ENGLISH OAK, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, who died on February 14th last, left £3,619 12s 8d gross, £3,549 16s 11d net value. (Duty paid £35).”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/11/1959

“On the night that he started work as a bar-man at a Tipton public house, a Scotsman became so drunk while he was serving that he was ordered off the premises, Tipton magistrates were told yesterday. He is Alexander Urquhart (aged 32), of no fixed address. His companion in the public house, it was stated, was a fellow Scot, Harold McCord (aged 30), electrician, of North Frederick Street, Glasgow. He, too, was ordered out of the public house because of his condition. Outside, both were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Later, it was found that the till at the HARRIER INN, where Urquhart had been working, was deficient. Statements made by the men showed that Urquhart gave McCord money from the till. Urquhart admitted

stealing £9 from the till and McCord admitted receiving £3 10s 6d, knowing it to have been stolen. The offences, it was stated, occurred in less than two hours. Urquhart and McCord promised never to touch drink again and they said they had joined an organisation to help them. On the money charge they were given a conditional discharge and were fined £1 each on the drink charge.”

Tipton Herald 20/2/1960

“During the past 10 years more than £1,500 has been raised for St. Dunstan’s by the Ocker Hill Domino League, and now they are helping another cause. At the league’s annual prize distribution on Friday of last week at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, it was revealed that a cheque for £35 is to be presented to the Sunshine Homes for Children.

Prizes were presented by Mr. Leslie Reece, League President to DEW DROP INN (league winners), SHAKESPEARE INN (St. Dunstan Cup), and HARRIER A (Victory Cup). Other prize winners were G. Harrison and E. Baker, RAILWAY TAVERN (Thacker Cup), C. Jukes, HARRIER A (Knockout Cup), R. Power, CROWN AND CUSHION B (most wins).”

Tipton Herald 26/3/1960

“Shortly after her 19-guinea coat had been stolen from a car parked outside the HARRIER INN, Powis Avenue, Tipton, on November 14th last year, the owner, Mrs. Edith Maud Mose, of 16, Stone Lane, Kinver, saw another woman wearing it, Tipton magistrates were told on Tuesday. Mrs. Mose was unable to challenge the woman at that time, said Mr. Frank Cooper, prosecuting, but on February 28th she saw the same woman wearing the coat, and informed the police.

Before the court was William Loveridge (39), of 99, Moat Road, Tipton, who admitted receiving the coat knowing it to have been stolen. He was fined £10 with £13 13s costs. In a statement to the police, Loveridge said that about a month before Christmas he was in the bar of the HARRIER INN when a man came up to him and asked if he wanted to buy a ladies coat for 10s. He bought the coat and was going to give it to his cousin who was not well off. He did not know the man from whom he bought the coat, except that he was a welder by trade.

Loveridge was also charged with Cecil Lawrence Teece (47), of 22, Hawthorne Road, Wednesbury, with stealing an electric motor worth £50 from Babcock and Wilcox, their employers, on February 16th. The men, who admitted the theft, were each fined £5 and ordered to pay £5 costs each. Mr. Cooper said that Loveridge was a driver and Teece a foreman electrician at the works. When the police visited Loveridge’s home on another matter they found the motor and enquiries revealed that it had been stolen from the firm.”

Birmingham Weekly Mercury 26/4/1964

“Midland Inn Signs.....

In Powis Avenue, Toll End, Tipton, the HARRIER sign features on one side the hawk known as a harrier and on the other a cross-country runner in the green and white striped vest of the famous Tipton Harriers.”

One-armed Bandits were installed here in 1965.

Birmingham Daily Post 11/11/1966

“Moves are being made at some Tipton public houses for cash gifts to be earmarked for the Aberfan disaster fund to be used to buy equipment for a hospital near the village.

Mr. E. Turley, licensee of the BUSH INN, Leabrook Road, said last night, ‘The promoter of our tote is approaching others to form a committee with the idea that donations should be diverted to buying hospital equipment in the name of the children and others who died. We felt that money will not bring them back and that with so much being contributed to the disaster fund our money could be better used to preserve life in hospital. Our tote committee will meet on Saturday for reports on the reactions of other totes.’

Mr. R. J. Reaney, licensee of the HARRIER, Powis Avenue, and the treasurer of the tote, said the HARRIER tote committee felt similarly. ‘What we are doing at the moment is presenting £1,000 for a kidney machine for Dudley Guest Hospital,’ he said. The committee had been promised it would be ready for mid-December. It was also committed to providing £1,050 for Christmas parcels for old people.”

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

[2018]

HEN AND CHICKENS

Canal Side, (Canal Street), Owen Street, Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Lakin [1818]
Abraham Mills [1825] – [1830]
William Hill [1836]
Robert Scotthorn [1839]
Samuel Evans [1841] – [1845]
Joseph Turton [1849] – [1851]
Moses Scholefield [1857] – **1861**);
George Downes (**1861 – 1864**);
Whitmore Lathe (**1864** – []

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Canal Street [1860]

HEN AND CHICKENS [1825], [1830], [1849], [1861]
OLD HEN AND CHICKENS [1857], [1860], [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Journal 15/10/1825 - Marriages

“Lately, at St. Martin’s church, in this town, Mr. Thomas Fullard, of Arley, Warwickshire, to Mary, daughter of Mr. *Abraham Mills*, of the HEN AND CHICKENS INN, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/9/1830 - Advert

“HEN AND CHICKENS Public House, Lower Green, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Private Contract, the Goodwill and Licenses of the above old established House, the present Proprietor absolutely retiring from Business.

The Premises are spacious, and fitted up with every Convenience. There are three large Bedrooms and Closets, two large Club-rooms, one 20 by 7 Yards, and the other 14 Yards long, two Parlours, a very excellent Back Kitchen, Tap-room, good Bar, large Pantry, three dry Cellars, capital Brewhouse, and Bakehouse, good Water in Abundance, which supplies the House and Premises by turning a Brass Tap, six stall Stable, a five ditto, Coal Yard, two Privies, three large Pigsties and Cistern, good Playground, a large and well planted Garden, with Fruit Trees and Vegetables.

The above Premises are situated at the Lower Green, Tipton, fronting and adjoining the Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Worcester Canals, in the centre of Tipton, and surrounded by the Coal and Iron Works, and other Manufactories.

Rent very Low. The Fixtures, Bewing Vessels, Barrels, &c, to be taken to at fair Valuation. The Stock is small. The Furniture, which is good, may be valued or not, at the Option of the Purchaser.

NB If the House is not disposed of before the 21st of September, the Licences and Goodwill will be Sold by Auction, on that Day, on the Premises, at two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

To treat, or for further Particulars, apply to Septimus Davis, Auctioneer, Great Bridge, Tipton."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 25/4/1836 - Advert

"To Publicans, Retail Brewers, and Others.

To be Sold by Auction, on the premises (without reserve), by John Newbold, on Monday next the 2nd of May, the clean and genteel Household Furniture, capital well-seasoned iron-bound Casks, Brewing Vessels, stock of Spirits, Ale, and other effects, the property of Mr. *William Hill*, of the HEN AND CHICKENS INN, Tipton, who is relinquishing the Public business; also the valuable Licences, Good-will and Possession of the said Inn.

Particulars are expressed in catalogues, which may be obtained at the place of sale, and at the offices of the Auctioneer, Dudley or Stourbridge."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/6/1838

"William Perry will make a match with John Farnal, of Wednesbury, for from £25 to £50 a side. The money is ready at the HEN AND CHICKENS, Tipton."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 23/9/1839 - Advert

"To Publicans and Others.

To be Sold by Auction, by Thomas Pitt Stokes, on Thursday the 10th day of October, 1839.

All the Household Furniture, Brewing Utensils, capital four-pull Beer Machine, and other effects belonging to Mr. *Robert Scotthorn*, of the HEN AND CHICKENS, at Tipton Green, who is declining the public business and leaving the neighbourhood.

Catalogues may be had on application at the office of the Auctioneer, or at Mr. Thomas Danks's Printing Office, High Street, Dudley, or Owen Street, Tipton.

The Sale to commence in the morning at ten o'clock precisely."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/11/1841 - Advert

"A Light Chestnut Pony Found, on Monday, the 8th of November instant, at Dudley Port, having a white face, and a long tail, and stands between ten and eleven hands high, the owner may have it restored to him upon application to Mr. *Samuel Evans*, HEN AND CHICKENS INN, Tipton, Staffordshire."

Samuel Evans was also a coal and timber dealer. [1845]

1851 Census

Canal Side, Owen Street

- [1] *Joseph Turton* (40), publican, born Whitwick [Wightwick?], Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Turton* (40), wife, born Bratch [Wombourne], Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Turton* (21), son, captain of a boat, born Wordsley;
- [4] *William Turton* (20), son, boatman, born Whitwick [Wightwick?], Staffordshire;
- [5] *Mary Turton* (15), daughter, born Whitwick [Wightwick?], Staffordshire;
- [6] *Thomas Turton* (11), son, born Stourport;
- [7] *Martha Turton* (9), daughter, born Compton;
- [8] *Sarah A. Turton* (7), daughter, born Compton;
- [9] *George Turton* (4), son, born Stourport;
- [10] *Henry Turton* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [11] *Eliza Wood* (19), general servant, born Tipton;
- [12] *Henry Hanson* (35), lodger, journeyman sadler, born Reigate, Surrey;
- [13] *Henry Groin* (20), servant, brewer, ostler, boatman, born Stourbridge;
- [14] *Henry Perry* (40), servant, boatman, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [15] *Robert Marnier* (30), lodger, artiste, born London:

Birmingham Journal 11/7/1855

“A boatman, giving the name of Joseph Fisher, was charged with having, during a fight, which took place at the HEN AND CHICKENS, Tipton, robbed a companion named William Dominick of 8s 6d. He was seen to do it, but beyond complaining that Dominick and others beat and kicked him the rogue had nothing to say, and he was fully committed for trial.”

Moses Schofield = Moses Scholefield

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

Moses Schofield, HEN AND CHICKENS, Lower Green, Tipton, license suspended till the 25th September.”

AND

Birmingham Journal 26/9/1857

“.....licensed victuallers who had their licenses suspended the Magistrates, after due caution, restored the licenses.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/9/1857

“On Thursday evening, between ten and twelve o’clock, the house of Mr. *Moses Scholefield*, a publican, the OLD HEN AND CHICKENS, Tipton Green, was feloniously entered through one of the bed room windows. Upwards of £27 in money was taken, one gold watch, and four silver watches. One of the watches had a figured face, with a representation of the Plough and Harrow in the centre.”

1861 Census

Lower Green – HEN AND CHICKENS

- [1] *Moses Scholefield* (40), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Maria Scholefield (30), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Emma Mooren (12), orphan, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] William Mooren (7), orphan, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] James Austin (43), lodger, labourer, born Reading;
- [6] Thomas Rutt (29), lodger, boat builder, born Leicester:

Birmingham Journal 2/8/1862 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Important Sale, at Tipton.

The Old-Established Public House called the HEN AND CHICKENS, the WHITE HART INN, and the LOCK HOUSE INN. Valuable Grocer’s Premises, and Various Other Houses and Sites; in the centre of the town of Tipton, suitable for public and other business purposes.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell, at the house of Mr. James Aston, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Wednesday Next, the 5th day of August, at Six o’clock in the evening, the under-mentioned valuable Freehold properties, in the following or such other lots as shall be then determined upon by the Auctioneer at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be read.....

Lot 4. All that Old-licensed and Established Public House, the HEN AND CHICKENS INN, now in the occupation of Mr. *George Downes*, having a frontage of 14 yards to the road leading from Owen Street towards Park Lane, and also a frontage of 48 yards to Canal Street aforesaid, containing 542 square yards, or thereabouts.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1877

“West Bromwich Annual Licensing Sessions. Yesterday these Sessions were held at the Police Court West Bromwich.....

Captain Corngreve then objected to the renewal of the licenses of....

Mr. William Hipkiss, licensed victualler, HEN AND CHICKENS INN, Tipton. In this case not only did Mr. Hipkiss not reside on the premises, but the house had been used as a private house for some years. He did

not suppose the magistrates wished to keep up a fictitious value of the kind. Superintendent Holland stated that the owner had agreed to abandon his claim to a renewal.”

HEN AND CHICKENS

Summer Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Doughty [1898]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Dudley Herald 28/5/1898

“Richard Fisher, Hall Street, and George Green, Factory Road, were charged, the former with stealing and the latter with receiving, a brass tap, valued 10s, the property of *Thomas Doughty*, landlord of the HEN AND CHICKENS beerhouse, Summer Hill, Tipton, the latter stated the he visited the CASTLE MILL beerhouse, Tipton, having in his possession the brass tap which he wished to show the landlord. The latter, however, said he did not want it, and witness then showed him some knives. He last saw the tap in Fisher’s hands, and saw him go out. Afterwards he missed it, and eventually discovered it in his brewhouse. Other evidence was called, but the magistrates considered it so inconclusive that they dismissed the case.”

HIT OR MISS

Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Morris [1862]

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/6/1862

“*John Morris*, keeper of a beerhouse at Toll End, known by the name of the HIT OR MISS INN, was convicted of allowing disorderly conduct on Saturday night, the 17th ultimo; fined 5s and costs.”

HOO ARMS

29, Bilston Road, Gospel Oak, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hazledine [] – **1849**);

William Beard (**1849** – []

Henry Smith [1851]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 26/11/1838 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction.....

Lot 3 comprises a desirable piece of Freehold Land, containing about 2 Acres, with all the mines and minerals unbroken, situated in the Redding Field, Wednesbury.....

For particulars of lot 3 apply to Mr. Clare, Mine Agent, HOOS ARMS, Gospel Oak.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/6/1849

“Transfer of Innkeepers' Licenses. The following licenses have been transferred by the Magistrates within the last few days.....

HOO ARMS, Bilston, from *William Hazledine* to *William Beard*, of Watery Lane, Tipton.”

1851 Census

Gospel Oak

[1] *Henry Smith* (34), victualler and farmer, 25 acres, employing 1 man, born Gospel Oak;

[2] *Sarah Smith* (34), wife, born Smethwick;

[3] *Thomas Smith* (13), son, born Gospel Oak;

[4] *Ann Smith* (11), daughter, born Gospel Oak;

[5] *Isaac Smith* (7), son, born Gospel Oak;

[6] *Joseph Smith* (4), son, born Staffordshire;

[7] *William Smith* (1), son, born Staffordshire;

[8] *Joseph Smith* (22), farmer's servant, born Warwickshire;

[9] *Martha Bartlam* (12), house servant, born Staffordshire:

Closed

It became a private house, “Ivydene”, 29, Bilston Road. [1988]

Patricia Arnett, artist, who painted the murals in West Bromwich Library (c.1948), the Newton Road mural, and the 1993 triptych of John Wesley, lived here.

Demolished [2014]

HOP AND BARLEYCORN

57, (51), Dudley Port (Road), (Horseley Heath), TIPTON

OWNERS

Holdings Brewery Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Roberts [1851] – **1855**);
John Jones (**1855 – 1857**);
John Pessoll (**1857 – 1871**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Pessoll (**1871 – [1872]**)
Mrs. Rosannah Williams [1873]
William Griffiths [1879]
John Field [1880]
Annie Hunt [1881]
Walter Grainger [1891] – [1904]
John Williams [] – **1903**);
James Latham (**1903 – []**)
Thomas Healey [1908] – **1930**);
Joseph William Marston (**1930 – 1933**);
George Henry Smith (**1933 – 1939**);
Joseph Harold Williams (**1939 – 1942**);
Lucy Frances Williams (**1942 – 1950**);
Sydney Baden Button (**1950 – 1954**);
Lewis Horace Fairbairn (**1954 – 1955**);
William James Walters (**1955 – 1956**);
Harry Vazey (**1956**);
John Somerville (**1956 – 1957**);
Frederick Westwood (**1957**);
Gerald Burfoot (**1957 – 1958**);
Harry Parker (**1958 – 1963**):

NOTES

51, Dudley Port [1871], [1891], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1932], [1940]
57, Dudley Port [1881]

BARLEYCORN [1875]

It had two bay windows flanking a central doorway.

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852](#)

“On Wednesday, the annual petty sessions for the Hundred of Offlow South was held.....
The following publicans were cautioned only.....
Thomas Roberts, HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Dudley Port, Tipton, open on Sunday.”

John Pessoll = John Pessol = John Bessell = John Pessel

Birmingham Journal 5/9/1857

“An inquest was held on Tuesday, at the house of *John Pessoll*, the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Dudley Port, before E. Hooper, Esq, on the body of Thomas Fielding, a miner, aged fifty-four years. Deceased was employed in sinking a pit at Mr. Edward Williams’s Factory Colliery. About four pm on Saturday last, deceased was at work at the bottom of the pit. He lashed a stone, weighing ten cwt, to a pair of tackles, and rode on it until he was within a yard of the pit’s mouth, when, in consequence of the immense weight, the pulley-frame gave way, the rope broke, and the unfortunate man was precipitated to the bottom, a distance of thirty-three yards. A fellow workman descended the pit and found the deceased quite dead, and in a most deplorable condition, his body being literally cut to pieces. The mutilated limbs were collected and taken up the pit, and conveyed to his own house. The enquiry occupied a considerable time, during which the Coroner was most particular in his examination of the various witnesses, as to the state of the rope and machinery at the time of the accident. Each witness stated that the weight of the stone, together with the deceased, was much greater than the pulley was capable of carrying. Deceased had been advised to break the stone before taking it up, but he declined to do so, in consequence of which he lost his life. The Coroner having laid the fact clearly before the Jury, and feeling satisfied that deceased had met his death through his own indiscretion, and not through the neglect of any other person, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. Deceased has left a widow and three young children to lament his loss.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/9/1859

“On Saturday last G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, held an inquest at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Thomas Hughes, aged 30 years. The deceased was employed at Messrs. Bagnall’s pit; on the previous Thursday he was working in a stall about six feet wide, when a quantity of coal fell from the roof upon him. When he was taken from under he was dead. A small piece of coal was hanging from the side, and deceased was trying to pull this down, when the other gave way. The witnesses attributed the fall to a fault running in the coal, and which could not be seen until it came down. The place had been examined in the morning, and appeared safe. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port Road – HOP AND BARLEYCORN

- [1] *John Pessoll* (31), coal miner and publican, born Donnington Wood, Shropshire;
- [2] Margret Pessoll (31), wife, born Snetshill, Shropshire;
- [3] Enoch Pessoll (10), son, scholar, born Rowley Regis;
- [4] Emma Alberry (18) house servant, born Snetshill, Shropshire;
- [5] Samuel Follows (12), visitor, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/10/1863

“On Tuesday last, the 28th inst, a young man named John Williamson, employed at No.1 Pit, Horseley Colliery, near Tipton, was engaged as banksman to Mr. *J. Pessoll*, when through some sudden affair, not as yet accounted for, he after emptying a loaded bowk pushed it back to the pit’s mouth, and pushed it too far, and it was precipitated into the chasm beneath, and the deceased after it. The shock was so sudden as to cause the men employed in the neighbouring shaft to think that an explosion had occurred. An inquest was held at the house of Mr. *J. Pessoll*, HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, before Mr. E. Hooper, and it was adjourned till Monday, the 2nd November. The deceased young man was the sole support of an aged mother.”

[At the adjourned inquest a verdict of Accidental Death was returned, Mr. *Pessoll* was severely censured by the Coroner over safety.]

Birmingham Daily Post 28/4/1864

“At Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before Mr. L. Spooner, Stipendiary, Elizabeth Scott and Lavinia Noble, two ‘unfortunates,’ were brought up on remand, charged with stealing wearing apparel, the property of Margaret Fletcher, a domestic servant at the house of Mr. *Pessel*, the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN,

Dudley Port, and also other wearing apparel the property of Sarah Astley, a relative of the landlord of the house. The evidence went to show that on the 13th of March, a bedroom at Mr. *Pessel's* house was entered, and a large quantity of wearing apparel, belonging to the prosecutors stolen therefrom. On the 14th inst. Police-constable Langdon received Scott into custody at Burton-on-Trent, on another charge, and she was there found to be wearing a portion of the stolen property. The other portion was found in the possession of Noble, at a house of ill-repute in Blake's Buildings, Great Bridge. The prisoners, who pleaded guilty, were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour."

Birmingham Daily Post 3/7/1865 - Advert

"Wanted, a Farming man, to live on the Farm; no small children.
Apply at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, Staffordshire."

Birmingham Journal 5/8/1865 - Advert

"Eligible Freehold property, in Lower Church Lane, Tipton, Staffordshire.
To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. Powell and Son, at the house of Mr. *John Pessoll*, HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, on Tuesday, the 15th day of August inst, at Six o'clock in the evening subject to conditions....."

County Express 14/12/1867

"On Wednesday evening, Mr. Hooper, held an inquest at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, touching the death of Abraham Moore, who was killed while in the pit at Cottrell's Farm Colliery, belonging to the Darlaston Steel and Iron Company. The deceased was employed as doggy at the colliery, and on Tuesday evening was in the pit, near to the boat-hole, considered one of the safest parts, when a tremendous quantity of coal fell in, bursting the settings, and crushing deceased beneath it. Death was instantaneous. Another man was working within a short distance, and the unfortunate man was talking to him when the coal fell. It was shown that the occurrence was purely an accident, and the proper means had been taken to render the pit safe. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/4/1871

"Transfer of Licenses.....
HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Dudley Port, from *John Pessoll* (deceased) to *Mary Ann Pessoll*."

1871 Census

51, Dudley Port – HOP AND BARLEYCORN
[1] *Mary Ann Pessoll* (40), widow, licensed victualler, born Shropshire;
[2] Enoch Pessoll (20), son, engine fitter, born Staffordshire;
[3] Sarah Astbury (59), aunt, born Shropshire;
[4] James Ball (53), uncle, brewer, born Shropshire;
[5] Ellen Griffiths (14), niece, born Staffordshire;
[6] Mary Ann Griffiths (12), niece, born Shropshire:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/7/1871 - Advert

"Wanted, a situation as Engineer in a Factory, stationary or otherwise, by a young man. Three year's good character.
Address, T. H. P., HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Dudley Port."

Birmingham Daily Post 22/11/1871

"Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest yesterday afternoon, at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Dudley Port, on the body of a child named Bence (5), who was burnt to death on the 17th inst. The child was playing near a bonfire, when she caught fire. A sister of deceased, 12 years of age, was examined by the Coroner, and she showed such deplorable ignorance that her evidence was not taken. She had never said her prayers, neither did she know what was meant by the expression. The mother was called, and she said she could not teach the child its prayers, because she never knew any, but she had heard of them.

The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

County Express 3/10/1874

“Co-operative Movement In The Iron Trade.

A numerously attended meeting of ironworkers was held on Monday at the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Dudley Port. The proceedings were conducted in private, the resolution adopted, after discussion, being as follows. ‘That, in the opinion of this meeting, the time has arrived when the ironworkers of this district should take up the question of co-operation, and raise funds in one pound shares, for the purpose of renting, purchasing, or erecting suitable premises for the manufacture of iron, to be conducted on the co-operative and limited liability principle’.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/6/1875

“Last night Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held three inquests in various parts of Tipton parish. The first was at the BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Marianne Ball, aged six years. On Monday last the deceased was sent by her grandmother to the pool of an adjacent colliery for some stream water. As the child was crossing the incline connected with the pit, a wagon on its way down to the wharf knocked her down and killed her on the spot. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1877 - Advert

“HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Dudley Port, close to railway station. Good Liquor Vaults. Capital brewing plant. Twelve years lease. Immediate possession. Other engagements sole cause of leaving. Apply on the Premises; or to E. B. Scholefield, Auctioneer, Church Street, Wednesbury.”

London Gazette 3/2/1880

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Oldbury.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *William Griffiths* previously of the HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Dudley Port Licensed Victualler.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 17th day of February, 1880.....”

Dudley Herald 7/2/1880

“*John Field*, landlord of the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, was charged with supplying drink to PC Reynolds when on duty, on the 10th ult.

William Porter said that on the night in question he was in the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, and saw defendant’s wife fill the police-constable a glass of whisky.

Defendant said he was at Tipton on the night in question, and it was his wife who served Reynolds. It was not whisky but aniseed.

The Magistrates’ Clerk said it did not matter what he served him with, he had no right to serve him with anything at all when on duty.

Defendant said he was very sorry, and that it would not occur again.

Superintendent Holland said he did not wish to press the charge, but only wished publicans to know that they could not supply the police when on duty with drink.

The Bench said the maximum fine for the offence was £20; but taking a merciful view of the case, they would fine him 20s, including costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/3/1880 - Advert

“Noted Old-licensed, on main road to Dudley, now doing a good trade. Two good clubs held. Good roomy premises. Every convenience. Nine years lease. Illness of wife cause of giving up.

Apply, *John Field*, HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port.”

1881 Census

57, Dudley Port – HOP AND BARLEY CORN

[1] *Annie Hunt* (22), daughter, married, manageress, born Kensington;

[2] Walter Grainger (29), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 23/4/1886

“Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest on Wednesday at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, near Dudley Port, on the body of William Berrington (42), miner, late of 65, Dudley Port, who was fatally injured on Saturday, at the Earl of Dudley’s Coneygree colliery, owing to a fall of coal. Mr. Pickering said there was no infringement of the Mining Regulation Act, but he thought the men ought to stand at the side of such a place to pike, and to set a sprag up. He considered the affair an accident. The jury returned a verdict to this effect.”

1891 Census

51, Dudley Port – HOP AND BARLEYCORN

[1] *Walter Grainger* (39), publican, born Dudley;

[2] Mary A. Grainger (29), wife, born Dudley:

Wednesbury Herald 25/5/1895

“An interesting event took place on Saturday evening at the Good Samaritan Lodge (West Bromwich and Smethwick District), held at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port. A large number of members and district officers were present for the purpose of initiating the Rev. Geoffrey Wynn Griffiths, of Tividale, and the Rev. William T. De Vine, vicar of St. Martin’s, Tipton, hon. members of the lodge.....”

Wednesbury Herald 14/12/1895

“Dudley Port and Great Bridge United Friendly Societies. On Wednesday the committee of the above met at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, for the purpose of congratulating each other on the success attained in the friendly societies’ parade for the present year. Upwards of thirty members from different courts sat down to a repast provided by the host and hostess.....”

Dudley Herald 5/3/1898

“On Monday night a dinner was held at the HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Dudley Port, in connection with Court ‘Prince of the Forest,’ No.3289, of the Wolverhampton and District A.O.F. After dinner Councillor W. J. Cox, P.D.C.R., presided.....”

Dudley Herald 23/6/1900

“On Tuesday evening Mr. H. A. Pearson, coroner, held an inquest at the HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Dudley Port, touching the death of Ernest Felton, who met with his death by drowning in a marlhole, on Saturday. Mr. G. S. Peake was elected foreman of the jury, and the following evidence was adduced. James Felton, boat-loader, 30, Dudley Port, said he identified the body as that of his son Ernest, who was 10 years of age. Deceased had always been healthy, and on Sunday when he saw his son at 3pm he was in his usual health. Deceased shortly afterwards went out to play, and about 4.30 news was brought that he was drowned. The body was brought home and Dr. Price sent for, who pronounced life to be extinct. John Cooper (8), Old Terrace, Dudley Port, said he knew deceased, and on Sunday he was on the top of the bank, but deceased was down by the water accompanied by a lad named Ernest Riley. Deceased had a small tin catching fish, and saying he could see a big fish, walked into the water up to his chest and then fell forward. Witness saw deceased struggling in the water and shouted to some youths, who came and pulled him out.

Samuel Felton, brother of deceased, said he last saw his brother alive at 2.45, he afterwards heard he had been drowned in a marlhole. He went to the place and saw a man named Butler pull deceased out, who seemed to be dead.

Henry Butler, ironworker, Tudor Street, Coneygree, said that on Sunday he, with some other young men, were lying down on a bank, some 300 yards away from the marlhole, when he heard a shout from the direction of the marlhole and ran. When he got to the marlhole he undressed and walked into the water. He saw the body swimming on top of the water and he fetched it out. It took him seven minutes to get him out, and he was dead.

By the Foreman: Deceased was not in the mud. He was about four yards from the side. He did not under-

stand artificial respiration.

PC Wood, stationed at Tipton, said he heard of the occurrence about 4.40. When he was coming over the waste ground a woman shouted and told him that a boy was drowned. He went to deceased's residence and tried artificial respiration, but life was extinct. The water at the point where deceased drowned was about 5ft 3in deep, and a lot of refuse on top of the water.

The Coroner having summed up the jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned.

The Foreman said there was strong desire on the part of the jury that the Midland Railway Company should be written to calling their attention to the insufficient fencing. They were written to on a similar case, since which they had done lots of fencing, but it now seemed entirely forgotten.

The Coroner concurred."

1901 Census

51, Dudley Port

[1] *Walter Grainger* (49), publican, born Dudley;

[2] *Mary A. Grainger* (35), wife, born Dudley:

1911 Census

51, Dudley Port

[1] *Thomas Healey* (58), publican, HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, born Oldbury;

[2] *Thirza Healey* (56), wife, married 37 years, born Cradley Heath;

[3] *Lizzie Healey* (33), daughter, born Oldbury;

[4] *Bertha Healey* (27), daughter, born Oldbury;

[5] *Gertie Healey* (24), daughter, born Oldbury;

[6] *Minnie Healey* (21), daughter, born Rowley;

[7] *Rose Healey* (17), daughter, born Rowley;

[8] *Thomas Healey* (14), son, born Rowley;

[9] *Thirza Healey* (12), daughter, born Rowley:

Birmingham Daily Post 10/10/1915

"At Tipton Police Court, yesterday, *Thomas Healey* (65), licensee of the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port, was summoned for failing to close his licensed premises for the consumption of intoxicating liquors on October 27. Mr. Graham Milward defended.

The case for the prosecution was that at 9.30 on the night in question Police-constables Wills and Haynes were outside defendant's premises when they saw the defendant's daughter take a glass of beer to the driver of a brougham. They went inside and saw Mr. Samuel Barnett, a local manufacturer, who had a glass of beer in front of him. Asked if the beer was his, Mr. Barnett said 'It is, and I shall have another if I want it. I know the law as well as you.' The landlord admitted he had supplied Mr. Barnett and the coachman with the beer. He added that Mr. Barnett was his brother-in-law, and that he did not know he was doing wrong supplying him.

The defence was that defendant's son, who had returned wounded from the Dardanelles, and been driven to a theatre in Birmingham, and on the return the brougham was pulled up at the public-house, and the landlord asked Mr. Barnett to have a drink.

Referring to the military order issued in respect of closing houses at 9pm 'for the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquors,' Mr. Milward said it had been held by the Lord Chief Justice that that must be interpreted in accordance with the Licensing Acts. It meant that drink purchased before closing time could not be consumed on the premises after, but it did not mean that a publican was deprived of the ordinary rights of a citizen.

Mr. Hipkiss (presiding magistrate) said it was a peculiar construction to place the sentence on order, but they could not go beyond the ruling of the Lord Chief Justice. The case was dismissed."

Birmingham Daily Post 30/6/1916 - Advert

"Farmers, Contractors, Others. Eight Cart Horses, mares from six to nine years; all warranted quiet and best workers in shafts, chains; cause of sale finish of contract. Prices £12 to £38.

Apply, HOP AND BARLEY CORN HOTEL, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

HOP AND BARLEYCORN, £2 9s.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

1939 Register

HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN

[1] *Joseph H. Williams*, date of birth, 22/10/1898, licensed victualler, married;

[2] Lucy F. (Williams), Button, dob, 22/11/1901, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] Alan W. Williams, dob, 26/03/1928, at school, single:

Tipton Herald 30/11/1957

“On his visit to Tipton next Thursday the Duke of Bedford, who is to present cups to winners of darts and domino competitions organised by a local contractor, will be entertained to lunch at the works of Vono Ltd. and during the afternoon will be taken on a conducted tour of Vono and Revo works.

In the evening at Horseley Bridge and Thomas Piggott’s canteen the cups will be presented to the BRITANNIA INN, Dial Lane, West Bromwich, winners of the domino competition, and to the STAR INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, winners of the darts competition, who beat their opponents the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Tipton, at the final held at Vono’s club rooms on Monday evening. Both the cups have been given by Mr. J. Monahan, known throughout Tipton as ‘Blackout’

The license was surrendered.

House closed on 13th May 1963.

HOP AND BARLEYCORN

26, Hurst Lane, (Bloomfield Road), (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Jane Mills, 25, Hurst Lane, Tipton

John Mills

LICENSEES

James Mills [1860] – [1861]
John Mills [1864] – [1872]
Mrs. Jane Mills [1879] – [1891]
James Mills [1896] – **1923**;
George Harold (**1923 – 1924**):

NOTES

Dudley Road [1860]
Bloomfield Road [1879]
26, Hurst Lane [1871], [1881]

HOP INN [1879]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Hurst Lane

- [1] *James Mills* (52), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Eliza Mills* (49), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *John Mills* (29), son, roll turner in mill, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Eliza Mills* (22), daughter, born Sedgley:

John Mills, beer retailer, Hurst Lane. [1864], [1865], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

26, Hurst Lane – HOP AND BARLEYCORN

- [1] *John Mills* (39), publican and brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Mills* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Eliza Mills* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *James Mills* (4), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *John Mills* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Elizabeth Groves* (22), servant, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

26, Hurst Lane – HOP AND BARLEYCORN

- [1] *Jane Mills* (46), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Eliza Mills* (15), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [3] *James Mills* (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *John Mills* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Thomas Mills* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Samuel Wagstaff* (23), assistant brewer, born Shatterford, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Mary Allen* (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 13/1/1883

“On Friday evening, the 5th inst, the employèes of the firm of Messrs. Lee, Howl, Ward, and Howl, engineers, Tipton, held their first annual dinner at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton. About forty sat down to dinner, and did ample justice to the substantial fare of roast beef, boiled mutton, plum pudding, and various kinds of pastry. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. Thos. Walton was unanimously voted to the chair, and Mr. Walter Snowden to the vice-chair. The Chairman on rising, thanked the men for the compliment they had paid him in placing him in the chair, but he thought there were others present who were more capable than himself of filling that post of honour.....”

1891 Census

26, Hurst Lane

- [1] *Jane Mills* (56), married, beerhouse keeper, born Woodbury Hill, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Mills* (25), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *James Mills* (24), son, turner, engineering works, born Tipton;
- [4] *John Mills* (21), son, iron master's clerk, born Tipton;
- [5] *Tom Mills* (19), son, iron master's clerk, born Tipton;
- [6] *Charlotte Baker* (23), general servant, born Dudley:

James Mills, beer retailer, 26, Hurst Lane. [1896], [1900], [1904], [1912]

1901 Census

26, Hurst Lane – HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN

- [1] *James Mills* (34), engine fitter, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Mills* (31), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Annie Mills* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Polly Hickman* (23), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

1911 Census

26, Hurst Lane

- [1] *James Mills* (43), licensed brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Maria Mills* (41), wife, married 16 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *Annie Elizabeth Jane Mills* (15), daughter, student, born Tipton;
- [4] *Emily Doggett* (26), domestic servant, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 13/1/1922 - Advert

“194, Bloomfield Road, Bloomfield, Tipton.

Notice of Sale By Auction of soundly constructed Freehold Business Premises, with ample Living Accommodation.

Ernest Davies and Willetts have been favoured with instructions to Sell By Auction at the house of Mr. *James Mills*, The HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday, January 23rd 1923, at seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale to be read. All that exceedingly well-built Freehold property formerly know as the OLD HOUSE AT HOME (now de-licensed).....”

South Staffordshire Times 18/8/1923 - Advert

“To the Licensed Trade, Home Brewers and Others. Announcement of Sale By Auction of an Important Freehold, Double Fronted, ante-69, Home Brewing Beerhouse known as The HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, commandingly situate on the main Tipton-Wednesbury Road at Hurst Lane, Tipton, immediately opposite the Works of Messrs. Harper, Sons & Bean Ltd., Makers of the famous ‘Bean’ Car, close to several large Works, and in the centre of a large industrial community.

The Accommodation Comprises – Central Entrance Passage, Bar-Parlour, 1 Tap Room, Smoke Room, Sitting Room, 4 Bedrooms, Larders, and an excellent range of Basement Cellarage. At rear in paved yard having entrance thereto from Crooked Lane and the canal side is a well equipped Brewery and usual conveniences. Fronting the street and immediately adjoining the foregoing and to be sold therewith a Freehold Dwelling House, No.25 Hurst Lane, containing two Bedrooms, Sitting Room, Kitchen and Cellar.

The whole of the fast Fixtures of the licensed house together with the Fixed Brewing Plant, will be included in the Sale of the Freehold, and Vacant Possession will be given on completion of the purchase.

The foregoing Property has been in the hands of Mr. *James Mills* and his predecessors for upwards of 100 years, and is now being brought to the Market solely for the purpose of winding up a Trust Estate.

Davis and Walker have been favoured with instructions from the trustees of the late Mr. *John Mills* to Sell By Auction the above widely-known beerhouse at the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, Tipton, on Tuesday, August 28th, 1923, at 7 o'clock in the Evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then read.

Further particulars, may be obtained from Charles Round Esq., Solicitor, Tipton; or at the Auctioneers, 20, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

South Staffordshire Times 1/9/1923

“Much interest was centred in the sale of the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, an ante-69 beerhouse, which was offered for sale by Messrs. Davies and Walker F.A.I., auctioneers, of Dudley, on Tuesday last. The house is one of the oldest in Tipton, and for well over a hundred years has remained in possession of the *Mills* family. The sale was brought about for the purpose of closing the trust and many representatives of well-known firms were in attendance at the auction. Biddings were started at £1,500, and the house eventually disposed of at £2,020. Mr. Charles Round, of Tipton, was the solicitor for the representatives of the late Mr. *John Mills*.”

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following licenses had been objected to on account of the redundancy of the houses, and these licenses would be considered at the adjourned Licensing Sessions on March 4th. The BOAT, Boat Row; the COW AND CALF, Owen Street; the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street; the BARREL, Sedgley Road; and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/7/1924

“At a meeting under the Licensing Consolidation Act the Staffordshire Compensation Authority refused yesterday to renew the licenses of fifteen house on the ground of redundancy.....

The houses in respect of which the authority declined to renew the licenses were as follows.....

HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, ante 1869 beerhouse.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/8/1924

“The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority (Licensing Consolidation Act) for the county of Staffordshire was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday.....

In the case of the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, a beerhouse, Inspector Challinor said the house was over 100 years old. It was below the level of the footpath; the pavement and the buildings were in a state of decay and dangerous, and there was no living accommodation for the licensee. There were 10 full licensed houses, and four beerhouses within 500 yards.

After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Tipton.”

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After consulting in private the court refused to renew the licenses of the COW AND CALF, the BOAT INN, the COTTAGE SPRING, and the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, all at Tipton, but they renewed the licensed of the BARREL INN, Sedgley Road West, Tipton.”

It closed on 31st December 1924.

Lichfield Mercury 9/1/1925

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee, in their report for 1924, stated that they had fixed the compensations in

respect of a number of houses as follows.....
HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Tipton, £2,300.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/1/1925

“On Monday morning the doors of the COW AND CALF, Owen Street, the COTTAGE SPRING, High Street, the BOAT, Lockside, Park Lane West, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Hurst Lane, were closed to the licensed trade, the houses having been referred for compensation on the grounds of redundancy.”

HOP AND BARLEYCORN

38, Toll End Road, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Thacker [1863] – [1865]
Joseph Bullock [1871]
William Roden [1881]
John Astley [1891]
William Gilson [1896]
Henry Hilton [1898]
Thomas Evans [1901]
Henry Morris [c.1902]
James Latham **(1903 – []**

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It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1861 - Advert

“HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Toll End, Tipton.

By R. L. Courtney, To-Morrow (Wednesday), at Eleven – The Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession, Furniture, &c.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/11/1863

“*Thomas Thacker*, of the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Toll End, was fined £2 and costs for having kept his house open during unlawful hours on Sunday, the 15th inst.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/12/1863

“At the Petty Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Spooner, a man who stated that he had no name, but who was known to the police as Joseph Smith and Henry Davies, by turns, was charged with being on the premises of Mr. *Thacker*, a beerhouse keeper, of Toll End, with intent to commit a felony. It appeared that on the previous day Mr. *Thacker* had killed a pig, which he hung up in his yard. At about half-past two o'clock in the morning he saw the prisoner in his yard, attempting to cut off the pig's head, and he went down and captured him. Inspector Phair gave the prisoner ‘a character’ and the Stipendiary sentenced him to three months' hard labour.”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/12/1865 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, Toll End, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Joseph Whitehouse, To-Morrow (Thursday), December 7, 1865, at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Toll End, near Pound, the property of Mr. *Thomas Thacker*, comprising ten Store Pigs, two Half-bred Horses, Patent Two-knife Chaff Engine, about seven tons of Mangold Wursel, six Ale Casks, Beer Machine and Piping, Iron Boilers, Ale Coolers, part of two Pockets of Hops, and sundry effects, according to catalogues which may be had at the Office of the Auctioneer, Russell Street, Wednesbury. Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/2/1869 - Advert

“To be Let, and may be taken to immediately, that first-class Beerhouse, known as the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Toll End, Tipton, in consequence of the death of the late proprietor. Apply on the premises.”

1871 Census

38, Toll End Road

- [1] *Joseph Bullock* (62), beerseller, born Weest Bromwich;
- [2] Naomi Bullock (55), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Elizabeth Smith (14), visitor, born Tipton:

1881 Census

38, Toll End Road

- [1] *William Roden* (56), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Phillis Roden (50), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] George Henry Roden (16), son, labourer, born Ocker Hill:

1891 Census

38, Toll End Road – HOP AND BARLEY CORN

- [1] *John Astley* (39), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Mary A. Astley (34), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Beatrice Astley (5), daughter, born West Bromwich:

London Gazette 18/9/1896

“*William Gilson* lately trading at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Toll End Beerhouse Keeper. Date of Order September 15th, 1896.”

Walsall Observer 1/10/1898

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Other licenses opposed were held by *Henry Hilton*, of the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Toll End, Tipton.”

AND

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. Wilcock also represented John Williams, of the COTTAGE OF CONTENT beerhouse, Darlaston. It was stated that since the conviction the house had been well conducted, and the Bench renewed the license. A similar course was taken with regard to the HOP AND BARLEYCORN beerhouse, Toll End, Tipton; John Marks, JOLLY COLLIER beerhouse, Ocker Hill; and the COURT HOUSE INN, Tipton, in each of which cases Mr. Wilcock appeared.”

1901 Census

Toll End Road – HOP AND BARLEYCORN

[1] *Thomas Evans* (39), coal miner (below), born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary A. Evans* (41), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah A. Evans* (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Sydney S. Evans* (9), son, born Tipton:

Henry Morris was the father of *Freddie Morris* (WBA player).

He married *Ann*.

Tipton Herald 12/12/1903

“*James Latham*, HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Toll End, Tipton, was charged with being drunk on his own licensed premises.

Inspector Robotham stated that on November 25th he visited the defendant’s house, the HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Toll End, Tipton. In the tap room he found defendant in a drunken condition. On seeing witness defendant got up and staggered across the room to the back of the bar. Witness asked if the landlady was about, and defendant said, ‘I am behind the bar.’ Witness told him he was not in a fit condition to manage the business. A man at the end of the counter said he was defendant’s brother, and would remain. Witness advised the defendant to leave the bar.

PC Reeve corroborated.

PS Cooke deposed to visiting the house later in the evening, and then found *Latham* very drunk. Defendant said he was not drunk, but upset, owing to his wife having had a stroke.

Thomas Latham, brother of defendant, said his brother was not drunk, neither was he sober.

Fined 10s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/2/1904

“Mr. Wilson Lloyd, who presided at the annual Licensing Sessions at Tipton, yesterday, remarked that the magistrates viewed with considerable disaffection the great increase in drunkenness, there being twenty two more convictions than the previous year. At Tipton they had not been imposing the maximum penalty of 40s, and it was a question whether they had acted wisely in not doing so. If the members of the trade had been more careful there could not possibly have been 179 convictions for drunkenness. There had been thirty-six houses reported to be in an inefficient sanitary state, and if the defects were not remedied during the next twelve months the licenses would be jeopardised. The police objected to the renewal of the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Toll End, on the ground of insufficient evidence of character and a conviction.”

Closed

It was demolished c.1905

The site was later occupied by the Tan Sad Works.

HOP AND BARLEYCORN

38, (36), Union Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Foster, Woodsetton

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. [1925]

LICENSEES

Joseph Brown [1857] – [1877]

William Edwards [1881]
Caroline M L Foley [1891]
John Percival [1896]
Thomas Taylor [1895] – [1912]
George Whitehouse [1919] – **1922**);
Philip William Hazell (**1922** – **1924**);
Alfred Mayer (**1924**);
Felix Wildblood (**1924** – **1925**):

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36, Union Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901]
38, Union Street [1911]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Journal 14/3/1857

“An inquest was held on Tuesday last, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, at the HOP AND BARLEYCORN beerhouse, Tipton Green, on the body of a boatman, named William Fydoe, aged twenty years, who was found dead in the Horseley Heath Canal Lock, on Saturday. The deceased was at work with a boat in the canal at Horseley Heath, and going to the lock to loose off the water, it was supposed that in trying to close the upper gate of the lock, he fell into the canal. A man who was steering the boat did not see the accident, and missing deceased, looked for him and found his cap upon the water. The body was found in an hour. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“Annual Licensing Day Sessions adjourned till Friday, the 25th day of September next, when forty-two applications from retail brewers in the division for wine and spirit licenses will be considered.....
Joseph Brown, Union Street, Lower Green, Tipton.”
[Refused at the adjourned sessions.]

1861 Census

Union Street (West side) – HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN
[1] *Joseph Brown* (45), iron worker, labourer, born Tipton;
[2] Lucy Brown (48), wife, born Tipton;
[3] Samuel Brown (25), son, joiner, born Tipton:

Joseph Brown, beer retailer, Union Street. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

36, Union Street – HOP AND BARLEYCORN
[1] *Joseph Brown* (58), publican, born Tipton;
[2] Lucy Brown (55), wife, born Tipton;
[3] Samuel Brown (35), son, carpenter journeyman, born Tipton;
[4] *William Edwards* (24), nephew, carter, born Tipton;
[5] Betsey Edwards (20), niece, born Tipton:

1881 Census

36, Union Street
[1] *William Edwards* (34), chain tester, born Tipton;
[2] Betsy Edwards (29), wife, born Tipton;
[3] Samuel Edwards (6), son, born Tipton;

- [4] Lucy Edwards (1), daughter, born Tipton;
[5] *Joseph Brown* (67), uncle, widower, whitesmith, born Tipton;
[6] Samuel Brown (44), cousin, joiner, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 9/1/1890 - Advert

“Pianist Wanted; young Lady Vocalist preferred. Live in. Girl kept.
HOP AND BARLEYCORN Union Street, Tipton.”

1891 Census

36, Union Street – HOP AND BARLEY CORN

- [1] Isaiah Foley (46), mining engineer and surveyor, born Worcestershire;
[2] *Caroline M. L. Foley* (37), wife, innkeeper, born Worcestershire;
[3] Dora Clarris Foley (3), adopted daughter, born Worcestershire:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/11/1895

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, *Thomas Taylor*, the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises, and Joseph Smith and Joseph Atkins were charged with being in the house in a drunken condition.

Police-constables Heath and Farrall deposed to finding the men in the house on the night of the 19th October in a drunken condition, and to Smith saying that Heath had given him a blow under the ear not long before, and that he would give just another such a blow if he had him outside by himself. Mr. Foster appeared for the defence.

The Stipendiary dismissed the charge against the landlord, and fined the men 10s each and costs.”

John Percival, beer retailer, 36, Union Street. [1896]

Thomas Taylor, beer retailer, 36, Union Street. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

1901 Census

36, Union Street

- [1] *Thomas Taylor* (39), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
[2] Sarah Taylor (35), wife, born London;
[3] Sydney Thomas Taylor (16), son, miner (underground), born Tipton;
[4] Minnie Taylor (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
[5] Lillian Sarah Taylor (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
[6] John William Taylor (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;
[7] Alfred Percy Taylor (8 months), son, born Tipton:

1911 Census

38, Union Street

- [1] *Thomas Taylor* (49), brewer and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
[2] Sarah Taylor (46), wife, married 27 years, born London;
[3] Lillian Taylor (21), daughter, born Tipton;
[4] Alfred Taylor (11), son, born Tipton;
[5] Samuel Taylor (9), son, born Tipton;
[6] Doris Taylor (6), daughter, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 5/1/1924

“At Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, Mrs. Hartland, Mr. E. H. Hipkins and Mr. J. Richards granted the temporary transfer of the licenses of the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath, the GROVELAND BROOK, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street, from the outgoing to the incoming tenants.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/3/1925

“At the annual licensing sessions at Tipton yesterday three licenses were refused, two – the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street – on the grounds of redundancy, and the third, the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Gospel Oak Street, Ocker Hill, on the ground of structural deficiency and unsuitability without compensation.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 7/3/1925

“.....Tipton licensing justices, at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions, held in the Police Court on Tuesday..... In opposition to the taking away of the license of the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street, Mr. W. H. Thompson appeared for Messrs. Julia Hanson and Sons, Dudley.

Inspector Challenor gave the details, and said the rent was £1 a week and the present tenant had entered into occupation on January 6th last. There had been five previous transfers in ten years, and no convictions during the last five years. On December 18th he called at the house and was told by the landlady that she had no beer to sell on the previous day, as the owners refused to supply except for cash. The licensee told him that his wife had to borrow cash for an 18-gallon cask, and that she had had to sell furniture and jewellery to get money to carry on. The present licensee was, however, doing two barrels a week. In reply to Mr. Thompson witness said he did not consider that a good trade, but he knew the present tenant did want the license renewed.

Mr. Thompson said the figures quoted by the inspector showed that trade was increasing. It would be absurd to say that in Tipton there were not any redundant houses, nor would he contend that the HOP AND BARLEYCORN was not redundant. He wanted, however, to submit the peculiar aspects of the matter to the Bench and ask them not to take away this license, which the owners and licensee wished to keep. The house belonged to Messrs. Hanson, of Dudley, a small company which owned a small number of houses in the parish. As a matter of fact they owned six. They had been badly hit, because out of five houses scheduled two had belonged to the company. If the license was renewed the company would have the house thoroughly renewed and done all the way through.

The Chairman announced that both licenses would be refused on the ground of redundancy.”

[The other case was the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street, Tipton]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/6/1925

“The Principal Meeting of the County Compensation Authority, under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

Another ante '69 beerhouse, the HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Union Street, Tipton, referred on the ground of redundancy, was stated to be doing only one barrel a week trade. There had been five changes in tenancy in the last ten years. Julia Hanson and Sons, Ltd. are the owners. The renewal of the licence was refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/6/1925 - Notice

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of June 1925, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Union Street, Tipton. Beerhouse, Ante 1869. Licensee, *Felix Wildblood*. Registered Owner, J. Hanson and Son, Limited.”

It closed on 30th June 1925.

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1926

“The County Licensing Committee compensation was fixed as follows.....
HOP AND BARLEY CORN, Tipton, beerhouse, ante 1869, £934.”

HOPE

77, (76), Lower Church Lane, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

S. Woodhall and Co. [1906]

LICENSEES

John Benjamin Baker [1868] – **1871**);
James Nurse (**1871 – 1873**)
Mrs. Elizabeth Westwood [1879] – [1882]
William E Nicklin [1891]
Elizabeth Makee [1898]
John Wood Tustin [1901]

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Church Lane [1868], [1870], [1869], [1871], [1872], [1873], [1882]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Benjamin Baker, beer retailer, Church Lane. [1868], [1870]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/1/1869

“Sparrow Shooting. To be shot for at the house of Mr. *J. Baker*, HOPE INN, Church Lane (three minutes walk from the Dudley Port station on the London and North Western Railway), on Monday next, Jan 11, a first-class double-barrelled gun, by 24 members, at 5s each, 3 birds each, guns not to exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ bore, 1½oz of shot, to be handicapped from 15 to 20 yards. Shooting to commence at twelve o’clock.”

1871 Census

76, Lower Church Lane

- [1] *John B. Baker* (39), millman employing 4 men 9 boys, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Baker (35), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Amelia A. Baker (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary A. Baker (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah E. Baker (11), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Hannah Baker (9), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Priscilla Baker (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] Emily Baker (1), daughter, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 30/9/1871

“Starling Shooting. To be shot for at Mr. *James Nurse*’s, HOPE INN, Church Lane, three minutes walk from Dudley Port station, on Monday next, Oct 2, a purse of £10, 20 members 10s each. Conditions, to shoot 5 starlings each $\frac{1}{4}$ oz of shot, double guns, 19 yards rise, single guns 21 yards rise. Shooting to commence at Twelve o’clock.”

James Nurse, beer retailer, Church Lane. [1872]

See also HORSELEY TAVERN.

Dudley Herald 7/6/1873

“Unreserved clearing out sale at the HOPE INN, Church Lane, Dudley Port to be sold by auction the whole of the excellent fixtures, seating and backing round the kitchen, painted Oak, Partition and Door,

four capital cross-leg drinking tables, quantity of spittoons, pillar stove and piping, 4 long Venetian blinds 4-pull beer machine with piping and barrel piping complete, set of pewter ale measures belonging to Mr. *James Nurse* who has taken to the HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN.”

Dudley Herald 2/8/1879 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Properties, situate at Watery Lane, Tipton, Dudley Port and Tividale.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Jabez Bywater, on Thursday, the 7th day of August, 1879, at the house of Mr. William Clark, the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, at Six o’clock in the Evening, subject to Common Form Conditions of the Birmingham Law Society.....

All that well and substantially-erected Public House, situate and being at Lower Church Lane, Tipton, and known by the sign of the HOPE INN, consisting of large Tap-room, with seating and backing all around, large Kitchen, with cupboard, Back Kitchen, with oven and boiler and room over. Four Large Bedrooms, Clubroom, Two Closets and Attics, Two good Cellars, Piggeries one-horse Stable, Gig-house, Three Closets, Coalhouse, Brewhouse, with large Yard enclosed with Gates and brick wall, together with Brewing Plant, consisting of Copper and Wrought-iron Boilers, with brickwork and grate bars complete, Mash Tub, Wort Pump, &c, and in the occupation of Mrs. *Elizabeth Westwood*, at an annual rental of £31.

The Property stands up from the road, and is well supplied with hard and soft water, and in capital condition. It contains about 670 square yards, and is divided from the house by a brick wall.....”

1881 Census

76, Lower Church Lane

[1] *Elizabeth Westwood* (45), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] Joseph Westwood (23), son, born Tipton;

[3] John Westwood (20), son, moulder, born Tipton;

[4] Mark Westwood (18), son, striker, born Tipton;

[5] Mary A. Westwood (15), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Amelia Westwood (12), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;

[7] Kate Westwood (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 13/5/1882

“sale freehold public house HOPE INN low rental £33 per annum.”

Dudley and District News 10/6/1882

“*Elizabeth Westwood*, the HOPE INN, Dudley Port, was charged with keeping her house open during prohibited hours. PC Godsall said on Wednesday night, 10th May, about 11.20, he saw the defendant’s son, and asked him what he had got there, and he replied, ‘Half a gallon of ale,’ which he was going to take to Church Lane for some friends to drink. He took the son back to the house, and asked defendant how she accounted for giving her son the ale. She replied that the beer was paid for before 11 o’clock, and her son stopped to supper, and then intended to take the half gallon away.

Alfred Smith, 3, Church Lane, said before 11 o’clock he paid for a gallon and a half of ale, and as the defendant had not a large enough bottle to contain the whole of the ale he paid for, he took home with him a gallon, and left the other half gallon to be brought home by defendant’s son. Defendant was fined 5s and 13s 6d costs, or in default seven days.”

Dudley and District News 16/12/1882

“James Swift of Railway Lane, and Emily Jones, of Church Lane, Tipton, were charged with being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. On Saturday night the 2nd inst. PC Price saw Mrs. Jones, who is the wife of a respectable tradesman, go into the HOPE INN, Church Lane, at 11.15. At 11.50 he gained admission and saw her in the kitchen standing near the fire. A glass containing beer stood on the table. The landlady hurried into the room, and Price following her, found Swift playing at cards with her son. A quart jug containing beer was on the table. Both the defendants admitted the charge. It was shown that Mrs. Jones who had been a teetotaller for many years went to the house purely on a matter of business, and was talking to the landlady when Price entered. The case against her was dismissed, and Swift was fined 5s and

costs, or 14 days.”

Dudley and District News 23/12/1882

“*Elizabeth Westwood*, landlady of the HOPE INN, Church Lane, was charged with keeping her house open during prohibited hours on the night of the 2nd inst. On the night named PC Price observed a woman go into the inn at 11.15. He followed, and in the smoke room he found a man named Swift playing cards with the landlady’s son. For the defence it was stated that Swift, who had called to court the landlady, had no beer after eleven o’clock. The Bench fined the defendant 18s 6d including costs; the license not to be endorsed.”

Dudley and District News 10/2/1883

“*Elizabeth Westwood*, late of the HOPE TAVERN, Lower Church Lane, but now residing at No.3 court, Lower Church Lane, both of Tipton, out of business.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/8/1884 - Advert

“HOPE INN, Lower Church Lane, Tipton. In-coming very low. Free Gardeners Lodge. Apply on premises.”

1891 Census

77, Lower Church Lane – HOPE INN

- [1] *William E. Nicklin* (66), carpenter and licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Nicklin (56), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Walter W. Nicklin (22), son, commercial traveller, born Tipton;
- [4] Annie W. Instone (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 27/8/1898

“Mary Ann Morgan, of Dudley Port, was charged with stealing a doll, the property of *Elizabeth Makee*, of the HOPE INN, Dudley Port. Prosecutrix stated that she missed the doll on the 20th inst, and her servant, who followed defendant, found it in her possession. The case was dismissed.”

1901 Census

77, Church Lane – HOPE TAVERN

- [1] *John Wood Tustin* (38), innkeeper, born Lower Tyes, Warwickshire;
- [2] Hannah Elizabeth Tustin (38), wife, born Hook Norton, Oxfordshire;
- [3] Ethel Wood Tustin (14), daughter, knitting machinist, born Tettenhall;
- [4] Mabel Ellen Tustin (12), daughter, born Tettenhall;
- [5] Cyril John Tustin (10), son, born Tettenhall:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

HOPE INN (Tipton). A supper in connection with this club was held on Friday last. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. J. Cartwright. Songs were given by Mr. H. Jones (Old Hill), Mr. W. Butler, and others; concertina solos and songs by Mr. E. Butler (Cradley Heath); pianoforte solos by Mr. J. Foley (Cradley Heath); and piano duets by Messrs. H. Jones and J. Foley. Selections on a gramophone, lent by Messrs. S. Foley and Son (Cradley Heath), were also given.”

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided..... Mr. Graham Millward applied for the renewal of the license of the HOPE INN, Church Lane, Tipton, and Mr. Disturnal, on behalf of the licensing justices, opposed, and called evidence as to the structural character of the house.

Evidence of differentiation was given by Inspector Robotham, who said in addition that the population of the

district had decreased, owing to the closure of some ironworks, collieries, and lime-stone pits. Mr. Stamps, the secretary of S. Woodall and Co., brewers, gave evidence as to the trade done at the house. During the last few years there had been steady increase, and last year the sales exceeded one hundred barrels.

Mr. Wood, architect, Birmingham, stated he had examined the different public houses in the neighbourhood, and in his opinion the differentiation was in favour of the HOPE TAVERN.

The Committee refused to renew the license.”

Lichfield Mercury 17/8/1906

“Staffordshire Licensing Committee.....

The meeting of the Committee on Wednesday was for the purpose of further considering the question of compensation to persons interested in those public houses the licenses of which had not been renewed by the Committee.....

An impression would seem to prevail in certain quarters that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on this compensation question, will be more generous in fixing the amounts, as quite a number of applications were made for cases to be referred to them, and in each case the Committee complied with the requests made to them. The houses affected by this decision are appended, the amounts claimed being stated, together with the amount which the licensing magistrates considered reasonable, though the latter sum was decided before Mr. Justice Kennedy’s decision, which, among other matters, was that the volume of trade and the rent should be capitalised and taken into account, as well as the depreciation of the fixtures.....

HOPE INN, Church Lane, Tipton, no figure submitted.”

It closed on 19th July 1907.

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the twenty-four cases referred to them last year.....

HOPE INN, Tipton, £658.”

HOPE AND ANCHOR

3, Sedgley Road East, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Ince [1869] – **1871**);

Samuel Bullas (**1871** – []

Charles Pearson [1877]

George Peake [1878]

Timothy Perry [1881]

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It had a beerhouse license.

Dudley Herald 3/4/1869

“*Benjamin Ince*, landlord of the HOPE AND ANCHOR, Dudley Port fined 40s and costs for selling alcohol during prohibited hours.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

Mr. Travis applied for *Benjamin Ince*, of Burnt Tree. No opposition. Refused.”

1871 Census

3, Sedgley Road East – HOPE AND ANCHOR

- [1] Maria Bullas (50), married, born Tipton;
- [2] Mary Stacey (29), daughter, widow, born Sedgley;
- [3] John Bullas (20), son, furnace blacksmith, born Sedgley;
- [4] Joseph Bullas (18), son, clerk at ironworks, born Tipton;
- [5] Hannah Bullas (22), daughter, born Spain;
- [6] Jeremiah Bullas (12), son, born Moxley;
- [7] John P. Smart (16), nephew, furnace labourer, born Tipton;
- [8] George Smart (14), nephew, furnace labourer, born Tipton;
- [9] Benjamin Smart (12), nephew, born Tipton;
- [10] Maria Stacey (6), niece, born Darlaston;
- [11] William Stacey (3) grandson, born Moxley;
- [12] John Stacey (1), grandson, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1877

“West Bromwich Annual Licensing Sessions. Yesterday these Sessions were held at the Police Court West Bromwich.....

The following reports as to the convictions of publicans during last year was made by Superintendents Wollaston and Holland, for the police divisions of West Bromwich and Wednesbury.....

Charles Pearson, HOPE AND ANCHOR, Tipton, keeping open, fined 20s and costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/11/1878

“*George Peake*, of the HOPE AND ANCHOR beerhouse, Sedgley Road, was fined 20s and costs for permitting drunkenness.”

1881 Census

3, Sedgley Road East – HOPE AND ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Timothy Perry* (33), licensed victualler, born Gornal;
- [2] Emma Perry (33), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] Emma L. Perry (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Esther P. Perry (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] John T. Perry (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Joseph H. Perry (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Agnes M. Perry (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Ellen Perry (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] James T. Perry (2), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 9/1/1890 - Advert

“Pianist wanted; Female, good vamer and singer.

Apply HOPE AND ANCHOR, Sedgley Road, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/4/1890 - Advert

“Beerhouse to Let; long lease; taking other business.
Apply HOPE AND ANCHOR, Sedgley Road, Dudley Port.”

HORSE AND JOCKEY

40, (39+40), Moat Road, Summer Hill, (Summerfield), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Fleet

LICENSEES

John Seedhouse [1857]

John Wall [1868] – [1881]

Mrs. Caroline Bailey [1891]

James Seedhouse [1896] – [1898]

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Summerfield [1868]

40, Moat Road [1871], [1891]

39+40, Moat Road [1881]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/5/1848

“Inquests Before George Hinchliffe, Esq.....

On Tuesday, at the HORSE AND JOCKEY, INN, Princes End, Tipton, on the body of Charles Bradley aged 25 years. It appeared that on Saturday last the deceased left his lodgings and went off drinking. He was at various public houses on Sunday morning, but being missed in the afternoon, search was made, and his lifeless body was found in the canal at Princes End, on Monday afternoon. It presented no marks of violence. Verdict, Found Drowned.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/10/1857

“Mr. Thos. Seedhouse of Summerhill, Tipton, will fly a pigeon from the Nelson in Birmingham, against W. Whitehead’s of Princes End, for £5 a side. Money ready at Mr. *Seedhouse*’s, HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Summerhill.”

John Wall married Eliza Seedhouse, the daughter of *John*.

John Wall, beer retailer, Summerfield. [1868], [1870], [1872]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/1/1868

“Mr. *Wall* will match his bitch Gip of Summerhill to run Mr. *Wall*’s bitch Quick of Darlaston 200 yards, in one month, for £5 a side; or Mr. Turner’s dog Nelson of Coseley can have a match. To come off in a month from signing articles. Money ready at *Wall*’s, HORSE AND JOCKEY, Summerhill.”

1871 Census

40, Moat Road – HORSE AND JOCKEY

[1] *John Wall* (36), iron moulder, born Dudley;

- [2] Ann Wall (32) wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Louisa Wall (13), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] John Wall (11), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] Eliza A. Wall (9), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] Isaac Wall (7), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] Thomas Wall (5), son, born Sedgley;
- [8] Emma Wall (8 months), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [9] Eliza Ellis (15), servant, born Sedgley:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/11/1871

“Mr. *Wall*, the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Summerhill, Tipton, will match his brindle bitch Gip to run Burn’s brown dog Peter of Birmingham, 200 yards, for £10 a side, to give and take 2½ yards to the pound. Mr. *Wall* will be at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, Dudley Port to make a match and draw up articles.”

1881 Census

39+40, Moat Road

- [1] *John Wall* (49), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Ann Wall (43), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Louisa Wall (23), daughter, dress maker, born Dudley;
- [4] Thomas Wall (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Emma Wall (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] James Wall (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Kate Wall (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] E. A. M. Wall (1), daughter, born Tipton:

1891 Census

40, Moat Road – HORSE AND JOCKEY

- [1] *Caroline Bailey* (66), widow, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] James Seedhouse (39), son-in-law, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [3] Harriett Seedhouse (39), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth A. Seedhouse (19), granddaughter, milliner, born Tipton;
- [5] Louisa Seedhouse (14), granddaughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Joseph Seedhouse (12), grandson, born Tipton;
- [7] Florence Seedhouse (10), granddaughter, born Tipton:

James Seedhouse, beer retailer, 40, Moat Road, Summerhill. [1896]

Dudley Herald 18/6/1898

“*James Seedhouse*, landlord of the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Moat Road, Princes End, was charged at Bilston Police Court, before Mr. Neville (Stipendiary), with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. Mr. R. Tildesley appeared for the defence.

PC Davies said he visited the inn on the afternoon of the 30th ult, and found a man named Charles S. Sharpe asleep on a bench. He awoke the man, and finding that he was drunk told the landlord not to serve him again. He saw Sharpe leave the house, but on visiting it again in the evening he found Sharpe there again, and the landlord admitted that Sharpe had been served with ale. Mr. Neville said the defendant had acted in a foolish manner. He was fined £3 and costs. Sharpe, who lives in Moat Road, Princes End, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk on licensed premises.”

Elizabeth Hill of the HORSE AND JOCKEY found drowned in the canal in August 1898. Supposed suicide.

Walsall Observer 27/8/1898

“Wednesbury Brewster Sessions.....
Superintendent Salt reported.....”

Since the last annual licensing meeting seven licensed victuallers and six beerhouse keepers had been summoned in respect of offences against the tenour of their licenses. Of the victuallers five were fined and two dismissed, and of the beerhouse keepers four were fined, one paid costs, and one was dismissed. Three of the convicted beerhouse keepers had since transferred their licenses. He had caused notice of opposition to the renewal of these licenses to be served upon the present holder of the license in each case where there had been a conviction during the year.....

James Seedhouse, HORSE AND JOCKEY, Summerhill.....

The consideration of objections was deferred until the adjourned sessions, to be held on the 28th of September.”

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. J. P. Parfitt applied on behalf of *James Seedhouse*, for the renewal of the license of the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Summer Hill, Tipton.

Evidence was given by Inspector Johnson that the house was at present untenanted and Superintendent Salt opposed on the ground that the house was in such a dilapidated condition as to be unfit either for habitation or to be used for the purpose of carrying on the trade of a licensed victualler.

In support of the application John Henry Whittaker, builder, Dudley, gave evidence that he was putting the house into a proper state of repair and had instructions to do this irrespective of cost.

Mr. Doughty (magistrate) suggested that it would have been well if the house had been pulled down and rebuilt, and witness replied that he would have done this if he thought the police required.

Joseph Fletcher, whom it was proposed to put into the house as tenant was called.

The Bench refused the renewal on the ground that the house was of a disorderly character, and that satisfactory evidence of character had not been produced.”

Dudley Herald 22/10/1898

“*James Seedhouse*, the tenant of the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Moat Road, Summerhill, Tipton, and Joseph Fleet, the owner of the house, appealed to Staffordshire Quarter Sessions on Thursday against the decision of the Licensing Justices at Wednesbury refusing to renew the license of the public-house. The grounds on which the license was refused were that *Seedhouse* had been convicted under the licensing laws, and that there had been convictions against the house. The Court upheld the decision of the Court below, and ordered appellants to pay costs.”

HORSELEY TAVERN

238, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Messrs. Haines, Highfield, Churchdown, nr. Cheltenham

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

InnSpired [2004]

Punch Taverns Ltd. [2006], [2013]

Patron Capital (acquired 5/3/2018)

LICENSEES

Richard Haines [1855] – [1873]
James Nurse (1873 – [1876]
Edward Farley [1881] – [1896]
David Roberts [1898] – [1900]
Edward Roberts [] – 1900);
William Dawes (1900 – [1904]
John Thomas Wilson [1904]
George Whitehouse [1908] – [1912]
Joseph Bore [1916]
Mrs. Kate Bore [1919] – 1930);
Frederick John Adkins (1930);
Alfred Purnell (1930 – 1934);
Frank Levick (1934 – 1939);
Arthur Bird (1939 – 1940);
Thomas Howes Ward (1940 – 1946);
Albert Victor Simms (1946 – 1962);
Leslie John Tew (1962 – [1966]
Brian Bland [1993]
Keith Frank Thomas []
Arthur Edwards [1997]
Alistair Milne [2010]
S Collins [2013]

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HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN [1869], [1873], [1883], [1900]
HORSELEY HEATH INN [1873]
HORSELEY TAVERN [1865], [1881], [1912], [1940], [1996]
HORSELEY ARMS [1891], [1920]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

Richard Haines, Horseley Heath.”

Birmingham Journal 19/9/1857 - Advert

“HORSLEY TAVERN, Tipton.

No.2 Money Society will commence on Wednesday evening, September 30th, 1857, from Seven to Nine o'clock, at Mr. *Richard Haines*'s, HORSLEY TAVERN, Tipton.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/11/1858 - Died

“On the 24th ult, in the 46th year of her age, Eliza, wife of Mr. *Richard Haines*, of HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 10/9/1859 - Advert

“No.3 Money Society, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

Will Commence On Wednesday Next, September 14th 1859.

Payments per Fortnight..... £2 0s 0d for £100

Payments per Fortnight..... £1 0s 6d for £50

Payments per Fortnight..... 10s 6d for £25

Payments per Fortnight..... 5s 6d for £12

Richard Haines, HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/9/1860 - Advert

“To Horse Dealers, Coal Masters, Butty Colliers, and Others.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. S. Hipkins, on Monday, September 10th, 1860, at the HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, 17 powerful and useful draught Horses and Harness, Gearing, silver-mounted Harness, two modern-built Gigs, &c, the property of Mr. *Richard Haines*, who has no further use for them.

The Auctioneer specially invites the attention of parties in want of first-class Horses to avail themselves of the opportunity, as the whole of them are well seasoned, and their quality undeniable.”

1861 Census

Horseley Heath – HORSELEY TAVERN

[1] *Richard Haines* (46), widower, victualler and coal miner, born Tipton;

[2] Mary Haines (25), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] Phoebe Haines (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Elizabeth Haines (18), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Thomas Swadkins (31), brewer, born Birmingham;

[6] Emma Hunt (21), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/7/1861 - Advert

“HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

No.4 Money Society, having commenced at the above House, any person becoming a member will oblige.

£100 40s 6d per fortnight

£50 20s 6d per fortnight

£25 10s 6d per fortnight

£12 10s 5s 6d per fortnight

Next Night of Meeting, Wednesday Next, July 31.”

Richard Haines was also a charter master.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/3/1864

“On Thursday afternoon a meeting of the South Staffordshire Charter Masters’ Association, of which M. J. Thomas, of Willenhall, is the secretary, was held at the HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN, Dudley Port, to disseminate information on the nature of the association, and to receive a deputation from the East Worcestershire Society. About twenty new members were enrolled, making the total number about 160.....”

London Gazette 21/9/1866

“*Richard Haines*, of Horseley Heath, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Chartermaster and Licensed Victualler having been adjudged bankrupt, under a Petition filed in Her Majesty’s Court of Bankruptcy for the Birmingham District, on the 19th day of September, 1866, is hereby required to surrender himself to Alfred Hill, Esq, a Registrar of the said Court, at the first meeting of creditors to be held before the said Registrar, on the 3rd day of October next, at twelve o’clock at noon precisely, at the said Court, at Birmingham. Mr. George Kinnear, of Waterloo Rooms, Waterloo-street, Birmingham, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. C. and C. Warmington, of Castle-street, Dudley, are the Solicitors acting in the bankruptcy.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/8/1867 - Advert

“Wanted immediately, a respectable Young Girl, from 14 to 16 years, to Assist in waiting in the Bar, and make herself generally useful.

Apply to Mr. *Richard Haines*, HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 29/2/1868 - Advert

“Wanted a Brewer, to make himself generally useful. Good character required. Address, Mr. *Richard Haines*, Horseley Tavern, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 16/1/1869

“On Monday last, an inquest was held at the house of Mr. *Haines*, HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN, before E. Hooper Esq, respecting the death of a driver named Henry Gorton, aged 16 years, lately employed at No.12 pit of the Moat Colliery Company. Benjamin Gorton, miner, Church Lane, father of the deceased stated that his son was a horse driver in the Moat Colliery. He thought he must have been riding on the skip, and having been hit by a tree, he must have fallen off and got crushed.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/11/1870

“An inquiry into the cause of death of Timothy Billingham (28), sinker, of Park Lane, was held before Mr. Hooper, Coroner, at the HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, on Saturday afternoon. More than usual interest was taken in the proceedings, in consequence of rumours reflecting upon the characters of Police-constable Critchlow and Hunt.

Caroline Billingham, the wife of the deceased, deposed that on Tuesday morning last her husband left home, and at night she went in search of him, and, ‘taking all the public-houses before her,’ she at length found him at the BRITANNIA INN. He was not sober. She persuaded him to leave but he afterwards went into another tavern, and when they came out he was so unsteady in his walk that he asked her to lay hold of his arm and lead him. As they were standing a man came up to them, and a quarrel took place between him and her husband. When they reached the railway crossing this man and his companion commenced fighting the deceased. ‘They fought and kicked him till they rolled him up the canal bridge.’ A shout of ‘Police’ caused them to loose her husband, who ran down the side of the canal, with the officers after him. She followed and saw him jump into the canal. She met the policeman running back again and he said, ‘Make haste, cross the bridge, for I’ll have the —— dead or alive.’ She saw her husband in the water, and he put his hand for her to lay hold of, and they pulled him back again. The police made no attempt to rescue the deceased, and would not allow any one to get him out. She did not remain till his body was recovered. She saw him go down, and then she left. The father and sister of deceased both died from drowning.

By Superintendent Mills: She thought her husband was drowned, because he sank, and then she went away. She only knew that the police prevented persons getting her husband out because she had been told so.

Police-constable Hunt said that on the night in question he found deceased and a man named Rowley fighting. He gave the latter in charge of the railway officials, and went in pursuit of Billingham, who ‘jumped as far as he could into the canal.’ Witness then went over the bridge to the other side, where Police-constable Critchlow, and a number of people had arrived. He did not make use of any expression to the effect that he would catch the man dead or alive.

Griffiths Parry deposed that he was present immediately after deceased jumped into the canal, and Police-constable Hunt did not speak a word, but after looking into the water went round the other side. He saw nothing in the conduct of the officer to find fault with.

Ralph Pugh, grocer, said that the deceased could swim well, and might have saved himself if he liked. He remained in the middle of the canal for some time, and appeared to be ‘acting’ in the view of getting the policeman in with him. He would then come to the side, and when anyone reached towards him he would go back.

Police-constable Critchlow stated that he did all he could to rescue the deceased and said to him, ‘Come on, if you will come here, I will lift you out, so I shan’t come into the water.’ An attempt was made to rescue Billingham with a rope belonging to a boat that was passing, and he did all that he considered was his duty on the occasion.

The next witness – Edward James Mallin – was of opinion that the police did not neglect to do anything which they ought to have done.

Thomas Haynes deposed that he saw Billingham in the water, and he tried to go in after him, but Police-constable Critchlow laid hold of him and prevented him saving the man’s life. Mr. Mallin was close by and saw this, and must have heard the police say, ‘I will have you, dead or alive, you ——.’

Upon being recalled, Mr. Mallin denied that any such observation was made as that last witness attempted to get into the water after deceased.

The Coroner, in summing up, remarked that that was an important inquiry. Blame had been cast upon two police-officers, and it became their duty to ascertain as correctly as possible whether there was any truth in the reports which had been circulated that those officers had been guilty of a very gross conduct in not attempting to save that man's life, or allowing any other persons to save it. It appeared from the evidence of three most respectable witnesses that the reports raised were totally unfounded. On the other side there was only the evidence of Hayes, and it would be for the jury to say which evidence they relied on. After a brief consultation, a verdict of Found Drowned was returned, and it was explained that the jury had come to their decision as they were in doubt whether the deceased committed suicide, or was accidentally suffocated and drowned. It was also stated that the jury exonerated Police-constables Critchlow and Hunt from any blame in the matter, and the Coroner remarked that he entirely concurred with them. Superintendent Mills took occasion to observe that they were both well-conducted officers."

1871 Census

238, Horseley Heath

[1] *Richard Haines* (58), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Lucy Haines* (52), wife, born Edington, Staffordshire;

[3] *Lizzie Haines* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Frederick Woodside* (19), man servant, born Hagley, Worcestershire:

Birmingham Daily Post 31/5/1873

"On Thursday night, shortly before ten o'clock, an explosion of fire-damp occurred in the shaft at the New Denbeigh Pit, Dudley Port, and two sinkers, named Joseph Whitehall (26), of Greet's Green, and James Scribbins (50), of Tipton lost their lives. The shaft to the pit required alteration, and after the colliers had left work the sinkers began their operations, some ten or twelve feet above the sump, using a scaffold on which to work. About the time mentioned, the two men whose names are given above relieved two others, who at once ascended the shaft. Before they reached the top an explosion took place, and this was followed by the heavy fall of the men Whitehall and Scribbins to the bottom. Several persons connected with the pit at once went to the bottom, and found that the whole of the scaffolding and men were in the sump, and that the latter were dead. Their bodies showed marks of extensive burning, but it is believed that the men were drowned rather than burnt to death. The sinkers were close to an air-heading which was giving off good air, and therefore it is conjectured that the fire-damp had accumulated beneath the scaffolding, and that when the men lowered their lights to see how far the other sinkers had bricked up, the gas fired, with the above described result. The bodies are now lying at the HORSELEY TAVERN, close by the pit."

Birmingham Daily Post 6/6/1873

"Yesterday, Mr. Hooper, coroner, opened an enquiry at the HORSELEY TAVERN, Dudley Port, on the bodies of two sinkers, named Joseph Whitehall (27) and James Scriven (60), who were killed under circumstances already reported in the *Post*. Mr. J. P. Baker, the Government inspector, was present, and also Mr. B. G. Cale, the secretary of the Denbeigh Hall Colliery Company (Limited).

George Munday, sinker, of Dudley, said the sulphur fired just as the men – Whitehall and Scriven – reached the scaffolding which he and his mate Bill, a Welshman, had left when their shift was finished. He had used naked candles and so did the other men. After the explosion witness went down and found the men had fallen twelve yards into the water, which was 3ft 6in deep. In answer to questions from Mr. Baker, witness said it was an hour and a half before the first body was recovered. They had plenty of air. Gas had been met with in each seam of coal as they passed it, but troughs and bags for conveyance of air had been provided. Witness's hair had been singed by the flame from the sulphur, and the bowk in which he and his mate were riding had been knocked on one side by the concussion. The examination of the shaft had been made by means of a safety lamp. In reply to the Coroner, witness said he had worked in the place all day, and believed it safe. The enquiry was then adjourned."

James Nurse issued tokens from here.

See also HOPE.

Birmingham Daily Post 9/1/1874 - Advert

“7 Dozen first-class Farmer’s Pigeons for Sale. Price 15s per dozen.
Apply to *James Nurse*, HORSELEY TAVERN, Dudley Port.”

Dudley Herald 1/1/1876

“Epitome Of Local Events For 1875. 1st March.

At the Tipton Police Court, *James Nurse*, landlord of the HORSELEY TAVERN, was fined £5 and costs for aiding and abetting in the sale of bad meat.”

Dudley Herald 16/12/1876

“At the Tipton Police Court, on Monday, before J. Solly and Wilson Lloyd, Esqs, James Bunn, landlord of the BELL INN, and *James Nurse*, landlord of the HORSELEY TAVERN, applied for an extension of hours for the Christmas holidays, until twelve o’clock on the 23rd inst, until twelve o’clock on the 26 inst, and until half-past twelve on the 1st of January. The Bench granted the applications with the exception of the 23rd, and in that case the Bench allowed an extension of half an hour, believing that would not so much interfere with the Sunday as another half-hour would.”

Edward Farley = Edward Farly

1881 Census

238, Horseley Heath – HORSELEY TAVERN

- [1] *Edward Farley* (30), widower, licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] Eliza Farley (35), sister, born Wednesbury;
- [3] David Roberts Farley (27), brother-in-law, bucket (?) fitting forger, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Mary Ann Farley (22), sister, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Edward Farley (8), nephew, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] John Farley (6), nephew, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] Ephraim Farley (3), nephew, born Bilston;
- [8] William Farley (1), nephew, born Tipton;
- [9] Eliza Emberton (17), general servant, born Bilston:

Dudley and District News 28/5/1881

“Enoch Price, a young man of Horsley Heath, was charged with stealing 11s from the person of James Shakespeare, blacksmith, Woodside.

Prosecutor stated that about 11pm on the 20th inst, he had just left the HORSLEY TAVERN, Horsley Heath, when the prisoner asked him for a copper. Prosecutor, thinking he had not a copper put his hand into his pocket to see, and pulled some money out, when the prisoner snatched at it and took 11s.

Joseph Doran, puddler, Station Yard, Tipton, said that on the night in question he had just left the HORSLEY TAVERN, and when he had got some way down the road the prisoner, who was running, overtook him.

PC Brian deposed that from information he received he went to prisoner’s house and charged him with stealing 11s from the prosecutor, when he said ‘No.’

Prisoner, who admitted taking 1s out of the prosecutor’s hand, was fined 20s and costs, or one month’s hard labour.”

Wednesbury Herald 31/12/1881

“On Tuesday Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Horseley Heath, relative to the death of Alfred Henry Lilley (13) who was found drowned in the Birmingham Canal.

The evidence showed that during a dense fog on Friday night the deceased missed his way and walked into the Birmingham Canal, and was drowned.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Wednesbury Herald 13/1/1883

“General Servant Wanted. About 18.
Apply HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

London Gazette 13/3/1883

“Notice is hereby given, that the Britannia’s Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, Register No.2016, held at the HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN is dissolved by Instrument, registered at this office, the 8th day of March 1883.....”

Dudley and District News 28/6/1884

“On Tuesday evening Mr. Hooper held an inquest at the HORSELEY TAVERN, on the body of Priscilla Roberts, (63) a widow. It was shown that the woman died suddenly in her bed. She was in receipt of 2s 6d a week and a loaf of bread, and out of this she paid 1s per week for her lodgings. It was shown that her landlady had behaved well towards the woman, who was in the words of the Coroner, a mere skeleton. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

Dudley and District News 19/7/1884

“On Wednesday a pig belonging to Sydney Young, Hill Street, Park Lane, Tipton, was found to be suffering from swine fever, and on the instructions of Mr. Edward Aston, of Bilston, the veterinary inspector, the animal was destroyed. On Thursday a pig, the property of *Edward Farly*, of the HORSELEY TAVERN, died from the effects of the same disease.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/12/1886

“On Saturday night a puddler named Thomas Price, attended a lodge meeting at the HORSELEY TAVERN, and upon leaving the room he fell down a flight of steps. The man died on the way to the Guest Hospital.”

1891 Census

238, Horseley Heath – HORSELEY ARMS

- [1] *Edward Farley* (41), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] David Roberts (48), brother-in-law, fitting maker, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Mary A. Roberts (45), sister, born Tipton;
- [4] Edward Roberts (18), nephew, horse driver, born Bilston;
- [5] John Roberts (15), nephew, general labourer, born Bilston;
- [6] Ephraim Roberts (13), nephew, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] Sarah Roberts (9), niece, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Eliza J. Cranage (20), niece, born Wednesbury;
- [9] Kate Seward (22), general servant, born Oldbury;

Birmingham Daily Post 14/1/1893

“Yesterday Mr. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the HORSELEY TAVERN, relative to the death of Sarah Mason (34), of Gough’s Buildings, Horseley Heath. On Sunday deceased got out of bed to warm herself at the fire, when a falling ember ignited her nightdress. Before the flames were extinguished she was badly burnt, and died on Tuesday from the effects of her injuries. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Dudley Herald 16/4/1898

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner) held an enquiry at the HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, respecting the death of William Morris (3), of 15 court, Horseley Heath, who was killed on Tuesday.

The mother stated that on Tuesday afternoon deceased followed witness’s brother into the street, and in less than two minutes he was run over and died shortly after.

Eliza Downing said she was coming out of a sweet shop when she saw a horse attached to a baker’s cart coming down the street at a slow trot. The child was knocked down, and one of the wheels passed over his head. She shouted to the driver to stop, but no notice was taken. In fact the horse was driven off at full speed in the direction of Dudley Port. She picked deceased up, and in a quarter of an hour the driver came

to see what was the matter. The horse was on the left side of the road at the time of the occurrence. Thomas Morris said he did not notice deceased was following him till he had crossed the street to fetch some beer. He heard a scream and saw the horse knock the child down. He picked the child up and took him home, and subsequently deceased was taken to Dr. Price's surgery by the father. When the latter returned the child was dead.

Frederick Wright (15), Brewery Street, Kate's Hill, said he was driving from Great Bridge to Dudley at a trot on the left side of the road. He was within three yards of the child when he saw him, and he tried to pull up, but the horse kicked deceased. He did not hear anyone shout, but it was a fact that he drove on half a mile before stopping to make inquiries. He was frightened at first, but afterwards thought it best to turn back. He was employed by Mr. Price, a baker, of Brewery Street, Kate's Hill.

William Thomas Wright, brother of the last witness, said they shouted at the child. The horse was trotting steadily. He did not feel the cart lift at all. The child seemed thrown out of the way.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and remarked that they thought the boy should have pulled up at once.

The Coroner cautioned the lad to be very careful in future."

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1899

"Licensing Sessions. This was the annual licensing sessions for Wednesbury (County).....

The renewal of the following licenses was ordered to be considered at the adjourned sessions on objections from the police.....

HORSELEY TAVERN, Tipton."

Wolverhampton Express and Star 27/9/1899

"Wednesbury County Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. C. H. Darby applied for a renewal of the license of the HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, to *David Roberts*, but Superintendent Salt objected because the license was not required, of the disorderly character of the house, that on April 11th, 1899, he was convicted of permitting drunkenness and fined 20s and costs, and further that he had not produced satisfactory evidence of good character License renewed."

Dudley Herald 27/1/1900

"The case of *David Roberts*, of HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN, for a breach of the Licensing Act, was down for adjudication, but owing to defendant being confined to his house through illness it was adjourned for a fortnight."

Dudley Herald 22/9/1900

".....valuable freehold lease of old established public house now and for many years in the hands of the late Mr. *Roberts* and family house contains bar, smoke room, tap room, kitchen, capital cellaring, large club room, bedrooms and brewery, large yard, stabling and gateway entrance one of the most noted home brewing free houses in the district."

1901 Census

238, Horseley Heath – HORSELEY TAVERN

[1] *William Dawes* (43), licensed victualler, born Woodsetton;

[2] *Laura Dawes* (42), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] *Maude Dawes* (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Clarice Dawes* (10), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *William Dawes* (6), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Laura Dawes* (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] *John Norriss* (44), boarder, born Gornal:

Tipton Herald 31/10/1903

"John Norris, in lodgings at the HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN, Tipton, was charged with threatening

Thomas Baker, a chartermaster, of Woodsetton. He was also charged with assaulting Thomas Baker, and with doing damage to the extent of 10s to a pit frame. Mr. W. A. Foster prosecuted. Mr. Sharpe (Messrs. Sharpe and Darby) defended.

Mr. Foster said the complainant was a chartermaster and royalty master under the Earl of Dudley, carrying on his work at No.64 Pit at the Foxyards, Woodsetton. It appeared that on Friday afternoon the 9th inst Mr. Baker saw the defendant up the pit frame liberating the guard rails. He had a spanner in his hand. Mr. Baker asked the defendant what brought him up there, and defendant said he had a right to be there. Mr. Baker then asked him who authorised him to do it, and told him to come down. Defendant was under the influence of drink. He eventually came down, and went to his overcoat and took out a revolver, which he pointed to Mr. Baker, and said he would 'blow his ——— brains out.' Mr. Baker naturally ran away, and was very much afraid of the defendant. He came back after the defendant had gone away. It was a most serious offence, and he hoped the Bench would mark their sense of it by binding the defendant over.

The complainant was called and corroborated the statements of Mr. Foster. In answer to Mr. Sharpe he denied throwing a piece of wood at the defendant whilst he was on the pit shaft. It was a revolver similar to the one produced. He had the shaft, which the defendant was up, from a Mr. Davies, for whom the defendant worked. He did not know that the defendant had any right being up there. He did not know that Davies had authorised the defendant to take it down. He had bought the frame from a man named Elwell, who only lent it to Davies.

Several other witnesses were called.

Mr. Sharpe, for the defence, submitted that the complainant had failed to prove his case. Baker himself denied throwing anything at the defendant whilst up the shaft, but the son said his father did throw a piece of timber. The revolver was not loaded. It was only a rusty one taken out of some scrap. The defendant only kept it to frighten people from the colliery at night time.

Several witnesses were also called for the defence.

The Bench decided to dismiss the case of wilful damage and the case of assault. With regard to the threats, which were very serious, they would bind the defendant over for six months, in three sureties of £10 each. There was a cross summons against Baker for throwing the piece of timber, and the Bench considered that case proved, and fined him 40s and costs."

Tipton Herald 7/11/1903

"An inquest was held on Thursday morning, at the HORSELEY TAVERN, Horseley Heath, before Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner), concerning the death of Ernest Walter Jones, aged two, whose parents reside in Park Lane. On Monday the little fellow complained of pain in his foot, and his mother took him to Dr. Underhill, who found that the bone was fractured. The doctor continued his attention, but the child became worse and died.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Mail 26/9/1904

"An extraordinary tale of domestic infidelity was unfolded at the Tipton Police Court today, the defendant being *John Thomas [Wilson]*, who was summoned by his wife for a maintenance order. The parties were married at Handsworth, and had three children. Defendant was now the licensee of the HORSELEY TAVERN, Tipton, but formerly was landlord of the OXFORD INN, Bilston. Whilst at Bilston he became acquainted with Rose Waldron, licensee of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, Bilston. Subsequently he told his wife that he loved Waldron, and should have nothing more to do with her, adding that he wished she was a corpse. The wife stated that in consequence of his intimacy with the woman she went to reside with a nephew, and her husband took Rose Waldron to the HORSELEY TAVERN, where, it was alleged, she still lived with him. Defendant had sent sums of money to his wife amounting to £7. Defendant was ordered to contribute 30s weekly, his wife being allowed the custody of the children."

AND

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/9/1904

"At Tipton Police Court yesterday *John Thomas Wilson*, licensee of the HORSELEY TAVERN, was summoned by his wife for maintenance....."

1911 Census

238, Horseley Heath – HORSELEY TAVERN

[1] *George Whitehouse* (47), widower, publican, born Smethwick:

South Staffordshire Times 17/12/1921

“.....The Clerk said there was an application from the HORSELEY HEATH TAVERN, but as the necessary notice had not been sent to the police the application must be made next Tuesday.”

South Staffordshire Times 2/6/1923

“Mr. W. Checkley (Deputy Coroner) held an inquest at the HORSELEY TAVERN on Tuesday afternoon touching the death of Eliza Jones aged 83, of 219, Horseley Heath, who was found dead in her home on Monday morning. PC Haynes was in charge of the inquiry.

Mary Cox, 43, Wellington Road, Tipton, a widow, sister of the deceased, said her sister was the widow of John Jones, a moulder, who was her second husband. Deceased had turned 82 years of age. She lived alone, and seemed all right on Saturday and Sunday. She left the home of witness at a quarter to nine on Monday morning, and was then as usual. She was in pretty good health considering her age. Deceased had been in the habit of living alone in the daytime and came to witness's house to sleep.

Fanny Maria Doughty, 216, Horseley Heath, wife of David Doughty, said that on Monday morning she went to her neighbour's house to borrow a bath. She was unable make the deceased hear when she went to the kitchen so she went into the front room and found Mrs. Jones lying on the floor apparently dead. Witness sent for deceased's stepson who fetched Dr. Spring.

Dr. Douglas Martin Spring, Whitehall Lodge, Great Bridge, said he was called to the deceased about 10 o'clock, but was not notified that the woman was likely to be dead. She was placed on a bed in the front room, and when he examined her he found she had been dead about an hour and a half. He had attended her on several occasions for an affection of her heart, due to senile decay, which was the cause of death. There were no marks whatever on her body.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

Alterations were made in 1927.

1939 Register

Horseley Heath – HORSELEY TAVERN

[1] *Arthur Bird*, date of birth, 09/09/1893, butcher, married;

[2] *Kate Bird*, dob, 15/06/1895, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Kathleen Y. (Bird) Bell*, dob, 09/04/1916, comptometress,

[4] *Catherine M. Bird*, dob, 16/02/1930, typist (seeking work):

Birmingham Daily Gazette 17/9/1946 - Advert

“£2 Reward still offered, information leading to return Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel, lost Sept.1. Last seen Walsall.

Sims, HORSLEY TAVERN, Horsley Heath, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/8/1953

“Wicked, Wicked Tipton Likes Its Late Hours.

The publicans ask for help.

The townspeople of Tipton are refusing to go home at closing-time now they have discovered that no license is required for them to sing and dance all night in the town's public houses.

It is now so difficult for the landlords to clear their bars when drinking stops at 10pm that they have appealed to the Dudley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association for help.

But the Association is baffled by the 60-year-old privilege which has kept the power to regulate after-hours entertainment out of the hands of the local magistrates. So they have asked the Licensed Victuallers Defence League for a ruling.

‘A month ago our pubs were nice and quiet,’ said Mr. *Victor Simms*, the tenant of the HORSELEY TAVERN,

Dudley Port, Tipton, last night. ‘But recently they have been turned into a rowdy bedlam – everybody is singing and dancing. They will just not go. We have to sit down and wait until the customers make up their minds to move, which is often in the early hours of the morning. We don’t know whether we can stop all this singing and dancing, and are waiting for advice from the Defence League.’

The trouble, the town’s publicans complain, started shortly after last month’s meeting of Tipton Council when it was decided not to allow the magistrates to control the town’s after-hours entertainment. The wide-spread publicity that was given to the decision was the first idea many of the townspeople had of the 60-year-old privilege, which is denied every other town in the country.

Said the Mayor, Ald. A. E. Bolton, last night, ‘The Press is to blame for creating an erroneous impression. It rests with the licensee whether or not he allows singing and dancing.’

But last night, as they listened to their customers singing after closing time the town’s publicans were still patiently waiting to hear from their Defence League.”

[See MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, 30/7/1953 – ‘This is wicked, wicked Tipton’ & FOUNTAIN, Owen Street, 29/8/1953 – ‘Wicked, wicked Tipton goes gay’.]

Tipton Herald 15/1/1955

“Licensee of the BRITANNIA INN, Church Lane, Tipton, Mr. W. Goldby, was chief prize winner at the annual supper and distribution of awards of the HORSELEY TAVERN Angling Club on Wednesday.

Always a keen angler, Mr. Goldby told our reporter that patience and optimism were two of the salient features of the sport. But according to the general trend of conversation amongst the less successful anglers on Wednesday, it seems that patience and optimism are rarely rewarded, for the biggest fish always seemed to be those still at liberty.

Artistes at a concert which followed the prize distribution were William Campbell (tenor), Derek Walker (baritone), George Freeman (Black Country comedian) and Madam Eaton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1955

“Tipton anglers need no longer travel out of the district on a Sunday morning to ‘dip their lines.’

The HORSELEY TAVERN angling society has leased a 1¼-mile stretch of the Toll End Canal from the Inland Waterways, and it is believed the canal is ‘loaded’ with roach and chub. On September 10 angling clubs in the area will send teams to the canal bank to compete for the biggest catch.

‘There are ten clubs in Tipton,’ explained Mr. *Victor Sims*, the licensee of the tavern and club secretary, last night. ‘Each club is allowed to send three teams comprising six anglers in each’.”

Tipton Herald 26/11/1960

“The Tavern Homing Society, Tipton, recently held their annual prize presentation at their headquarters, the HORSELEY TAVERN.

Bill Jones was presented with the Duffield Memorial Cup for the longest race.

Messrs. Tromans and Whitney received the President’s Cup for the best average of the year.

The trophies were presented by the President’s wife, Mrs. A. V. Sims, in the presence of the Chairman, Mr. T. Fellows.”

It was renovated in the 1980s.

London Gazette 2/3/1998

“*Thomas. Keith Frank* carrying on business as the ANGEL Public House, Wednesfield, WHITE ROSE Public House, Temple Street, Bilston, BIRD IN HAND, Hill Street, Bradley, SHEPHERDS COTTAGE, Princes End, Tipton, HORSELEY TAVERN, Dudley Port, COTTAGE SPRING, Alexandra Road, Tipton Date of Filing Petition – 26th January 1998.....”

Arthur Edwards was married to Mavis.

[2018]

HORSESHOE

TIPTON

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[1869]

JACOBS WELL

Hall Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [1903]

LICENSEES

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Tipton Herald 12/12/1903

“To Let, JACOBS WELL INN, Hall Street, Tipton. Easy terms to suitable local man. Apply North Worcestershire Breweries, Stourbridge.”

JOLLY BREWER

46, Burnt Tree, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Darby

Walter James Wallace George

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1940)

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Darby [1851]

Mrs. Ann Darby [1861]

John Hartley [1862]

Thomas Harris [1868] – [1881]

William ‘Will’ James Wallace George [1891] – 1940);

John Thomas Brown (1940 – 1943);

Eliza Alice May Brown (1943 – 1961);

Alice Maud Mary Kimberley (1961 – [1966])

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JOLLY BREWERS [1904], [1908]

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

John Darby, Burnt Tree, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Not granted.]

1861 Census

Burnt Tree – JOLLY BREWERS INN

[1] *Ann Darby* (52), innkeeper, born Darlaston;

[2] Thomas Wright (26), son, fender fitter, born Tipton;

[3] Emma J. Wright (22), daughter-in-law, born Shipston on Stour, Worcestershire;

[4] Joseph Darby (19), son, pattern maker, born Tipton;

[5] Joseph Wright (2), grandson, born Tipton;

[6] Samuel Wright (1), grandson, born Tipton;

[7] Mary A. Millington (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 8/6/1861 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public-House, Burnt Tree; and Messuages, West Bromwich.

To Be Sold By Auction, by John G. Wright, on Wednesday Next, June 12th, at the JOLLY BREWER, Burnt Tree, in the parish of Tipton, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read – the under-mentioned lots of Freehold Property, by order of the Devises of the late Mr. *Darby*.

Lot 1. All that compact and well-situated Public House and Premises, sign of the JOLLY BREWER, at Burnt Tree aforesaid, comprising Tap Room, Bar, Kitchen, three Chambers, roomy Cellaring, large and recently-erected Club Room, Brewhouse, Stable, and Malt Room, good supply of hard and soft Water, and Water Pumps, large-enclosed Yard, and entry to the same, late in the occupation of Mrs. *Ann Darby*.

Lot 2. All those two well-built Messuages or Dwelling Houses situate in and fronting Temple Street, West Bromwich; each comprising front and back Kitchen, two Chambers, Cellar, Brewhouses, and Out-buildings, enclosed Yard, and joint use of Entry leading thereto; now in the occupation of Isaiah Cotterell and Jabez

Wilkes, at the aggregate rent of £18 4s.

The Purchaser of Lot 1 may purchase the Public House Fixtures and Plant by valuation. For further particulars, apply to Mr. Warmington, Solicitor; or the Auctioneer, Dudley.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/5/1862

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, James Butcher, BROWN LION beer-house, was convicted of having kept his house open for the sale of beer, during prohibited hours. The offence was committed on Sunday last week. Fined 40s and costs. *John Hartley*, JOLLY BREWER, beer-house, was ordered to pay costs for a similar offence.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 29/6/1862

“S. Totty (late of Walsall, and now of Burnt Tree) will run Hale of Gornal 120 yards if he will give him two yards start, for from £10 to £25 a side, to come off at the Aston Cross Grounds. If a deposit is sent to *Bells Life*, and articles to Totty, at *Hartley’s*, the JOLLY BREWER, Burnt Tree, near Dudley, a match can be ensured.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/7/1862

“T. Wright of Sedgley is surprised at Cruddington of London repeatedly challenging him to run 120 yards, well knowing it is not his distance, but Wright will run Cruddington or Mallins of Birmingham 200 yards, or Brushey of Birmingham 140 yards or take four yards start of Mole of Walsall in 160. Either of the matches can be made for £20 a side, by applying to W. Haden, *T. Hartley’s*, JOLLY BREWERS INN, Burnt Tree, Dudley, the editor of *Bells Life* to be stakeholder.”

Birmingham Journal 13/12/1862 - Advert

“Retail Public House.

To be Let, that Old-established Retail Public House, sign of the JOLLY BREWER, fronting the Birmingham Turnpike Road, at Burnt Tree, near Dudley, with every convenience for carrying on a lucrative trade, and only a few fixtures to be taken. Rent £16 per annum.

Apply to John G. Wright, Auctioneer and Valuer, King Street, Dudley.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/1/1863 - Advert

“JOLLY BREWER, Burnt Tree.

To Be Sold By Auction, by John G. Wright, To-Morrow (Wednesday), January 28, all the Public House Effects, Household Furniture, &c, &c, upon the Premises sign of the JOLLY BREWER, Burnt Tree, near Dudley, comprising Screens, Rail-back Benches, Hogshead and Half-hogshead Barrels, Tables, Oval Mash Tub, Wort Tubs, and a variety of useful Household Good. Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock in the morning. Auctioneer’s offices – King Street, Dudley.”

Thomas Harris, beer retailer, Burnt Tree. [1868], [1870], [1872]

He issued tokens from here.

1871 Census

46, Burnt Tree

- [1] *Thomas Harris* (35), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Harris* (34), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Harris* (15), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Eliza Harris* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Emily Harris* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Joseph Harris* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Lizzy Harris* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Sarah Harris* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Mary A. Harris* (3), daughter, born Tipton;

Dudley Guardian 17/1/1874

“An interesting gathering consisting of the draymen and deckhands employed by the Midland Railway Company in this borough, was held on Saturday evening, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Harris*, the JOLLY BREWER, Burnt Tree, who had prepared for their entertainment a most substantial supper in a first-class style. After the men had done full justice to the good things provided the cloth was removed, and the chair taken by one of themselves and a right merry evening was spent, the jovial toasts and songs over, the social bowl enlivened the proceedings. In the course of the evening the health of the Directors of the Midland Railway, and a vote of thanks to the many ladies and gentlemen who had subscribed to the workmen’s fund for the expense of entertainment, were duly proposed and honoured. The company separated at eleven o’clock.”

1881 Census

46, Burnt Tree

- [1] *Thomas Harris* (45), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Harris* (43), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Harris* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary A. Harris* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1891 Census

46, Burnt Tree – JOLLY BREWER

- [1] *William George* (24), school master, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. George* (23), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sieley(?) Hill* (18), domestic servant, born Rowley Regis:

Wolverhampton Express and Star 27/9/1899

“Wednesbury County Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Objection was taken to the granting of the license of the JOLLY BREWER alehouse, Burnt Tree, Tipton, to *William James Wallace George*, on the grounds that the house was not required and that the premises were so arranged as to be difficult of police supervision License renewed.”

1901 Census

46, Burnt Tree

- [1] *William George* (34), licensed victualler JOLLY BREWER, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann George* (32), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Reginald George* (8), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Scotthorn George* (5), son, born Tipton;
- [5] unnamed *George* (under 1 month), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Maria Baggott* (16), niece, born Tipton;
- [7] *Beatrice Hickman* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 24/1/1903

“.....recently fully licensed.....”

County Express 5/12/1908

“At a meeting of the Executive of Dudley and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association, held on Thursday at the JOLLY BREWER, Tipton, Mr. A. Paterson presiding, the secretary stated that he had had a complaint from Woodside of giving the ‘long pull.’ In fact, one member had stated that he could not afford to pay his subscription in face of the ‘long pull’ competition. The President (Alderman M. Smith) said the publicans of that particular locality had been called to consider the question, so that they could fall into line, but it fell through.

Mr. Perks said that in Tipton there appeared to be every probability that the agreement to give no more than 25 per cent over-measure would fall through. One firm, he believed, instructed their managers to give ‘long pull.’

The Chairman said the large brewers were the most to blame. In fact, the brewers really started it. They,

however, could not do anything in it.”

1911 Census

46, Burnt Tree

- [1] *William George* (44), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann George* (43), wife, married 20 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *Reginald George* (18), son, engineer’s apprentice, born Tipton;
- [4] *Scotthorn George* (15), son, student at school, born Tipton;
- [5] *Cecil George* (10), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Frank George* (4), son, born Tipton:

County Express 8/7/1911 - Advert

“Ben Wilkinson (late of HORSE SHOE and STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, VINE AND RAILWAY HOTEL, Cradley Heath) is now at the FOUNTAIN INN, Hagley Road, Stourbridge, and presents for Sale his Pure Home-Brew’d Ales, brewed at *Will George’s*, JOLLY BREWER, Tipton. Old and new friends heartily welcome.”

Dudley Chronicle 11/5/1918

“An inquest was held on Tuesday afternoon at the JOLLY BREWER INN, Burnt Tree, by Mr. W. C. Checkley, deputy coroner, touching the death of Mr. Samuel Barnett, aged 64, The Orchards, of the firm of Messrs. Barnett & Sons, brick manufacturers, of Dudley Port, who died on Saturday, following serious injuries received in a trap accident on the previous Wednesday.

The horse was startled by a traction engine going in the same direction. The horse started galloping, and the vehicle came into collision with a lamp-post, which became jammed between the wheel and the shafts, breaking them and causing both occupants to be thrown out.

Medical evidence showed that the deceased had a fractured skull and discolouration of the face, and that one of the bones of the pelvis had been broken, and that the injuries and the shock and exhaustion consequent on them was the cause of death.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death and no one was to be blame for the accident.”

Burnt Tree and Round About

“*W. W. George* - a champion for the corporation of Tipton in the 1930s.”

William J. W. George was president of the Dudley and District LVA Wine and Beer Retailers Protection and Benevolent Society. [1917]

He was vice president [1918]

He was also a Tipton councillor [1918] and became the first Deputy Mayor of Tipton in 1938.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 31/1/1923

“At Tipton Council, last night Mr. *George* suggested that the Prince of Wales be invited to Tipton.

The Chairman: Where are you going to entertain him? – Mr. *George* (who is a licensee): At the JOLLY BREWER. (Laughter).

‘Queen Victoria’ he added, ‘used to buy her beer from Burnt Tree. It may be information to you, but her coat-of-arms are on the Burnt Tree Brewery.’

The matter is to be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.”

William James Wallace George was fined £5 and £5 5s special costs on 28th June 1927, for aiding and abetting John Brown in the consumption of intoxicating liquor on his premises at other than permitted hours, namely 10.22pm.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 1/2/1928

“.....annual Licensing Sessions at Tipton He [Superintendent Adams] had caused notice of objection to be served on *William James Wallace George*, JOLLY BREWER INN, Burnt Tree, on the ground that the

licensed premises had been ill-conducted.....”
[The license was renewed in February 1928.]

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/8/1933

“A fine of £2 (with 7s 6d costs) was imposed at Tipton yesterday on William Sheldon, aged 49, an unemployed miner, of 5, Gilbert Street, Tipton, for stealing a fire-grate and six iron barrel hoops (value £1 1s) belonging to Councillor *W. J. W. George* of Tipton Urban Council.

The property was taken from the yard of the JOLLY BREWER INN, of which Mr. *George* is licensee, and was sold to a scrap dealer for 2s 6d. Sheldon said he thought the iron was no good.”

1939 Register

46/47, Burnt Tree

[1] *William J. W. George*, date of birth, 06/07/1866, license holder, married;

[2] Mary A. George, dob, 10/12/1867, assisting husband, married;

[3] Frank H. George, dob, 21/09/1906, brewer, single:

Evening Despatch 12/4/1940

“Four Midland Men Aggregate. 150 Years as Licensees. 100 Years as Councillors.

Black Country licensed victuallers have always taken their full responsibility in municipal administration, and particularly is this true in the area round Dudley.

Tipton, Sedgley, and Coseley Councils are ‘fathered’ by ‘mine hosts’ and the last named authority has another member of the trade with a long record of public usefulness.

The four are: Ald. *W. J. W. George*, of the JOLLY BREWER INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton; Councillor George Mills, C.C., of the SWAN INN, Sedgley; Councillor J. Grange, of the APPLE TREE INN, Coseley; and Councillor H. Griffiths, of the QUEENS HEAD INN, Woodsetton.

Their aggregated service to the community exceeds a hundred years, and as licensed victuallers they total nearly a hundred and fifty years.

Ald. *George* had held the license of the JOLLY BREWER for just 50 years, and has continuously served on Tipton Council for 41 years.

Councillor Mills has taken out 39 licenses, and his membership of Sedgley Council covers an unbroken period of 26 years, and Councillors Grange and Griffiths, who have been licensees for more than 25 years, have between them nearly 40 years service on Coseley Council.

Many years ago the first three named were the chairmen of the respective councils during the same year.

These interesting facts were revealed to the *Evening Despatch* reporter by Ald. *George*, who is shortly retiring from business.

He has sold the JOLLY BREWER, the only ‘free’ house between Birmingham and Dudley (on the West Bromwich route), to a Wolverhampton brewery firm.

It is 50 years since his marriage to the daughter of a former owner of the house, Mr. *T. Harris*, who brewed beer there for many years.

Ald. *George* took over the license when he married, his wife’s parents having died.

Mrs. *George*, now 73, was born in the house, and she had always lived there.

Before entering the licensed trade Ald. *George* was assistant master at the Tipton Green schools.

He has been chairman of the Urban Council three times, chairman of the Education Committee once, and when Tipton became a borough 18 months ago was elected the first Deputy Mayor.

For many years he has served on the Dudley and Staffordshire Assessment Committee, and for a long time period president of the Dudley and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association.

Undignified scenes were at one time all too frequent in the old Tipton Council Chamber, and Ald. *George* recalls at one meeting a member presented a pair of boxing gloves to the chairman.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/7/1940

“Alderman and Mrs. *W. J. W. George*, host and hostess of the JOLLY BREWER INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton,

for over 50 years, celebrated their golden wedding yesterday. Ald. *George*, who has an unbroken record of 41 years' public service, was three times chairman of the old Tipton Urban Council, and was first deputy-Mayor of the borough. His wife was born at the JOLLY BREWER, and lived there all her life until a few months ago, when she and her husband retired and went to live at 251, Birmingham Road, Dudley."

A team from here took part in the Tividale and District Darts League. [1952]

[1976]

Closed

It was demolished in 1980.

JOLLY COLLIER

51, High Street, (51, Princes End Road), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Wainwright, Albert Street, Princes End

William Rich

Darby's Brewery Ltd. (acquired 25th April 1936)

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

E Dickens [1867]

Thomas Turner [1879] – [1884]

Elizabeth Turner [1891]

Jacob Rich [1897] – [1904]

William Rich [1911] – **1939**);

Thomas William Baker (**1939**);

Mrs. Winifred Nora Baker (**1939 – 1940**);

Edwin William Wilson (**1940 – 1948**);

Alice Maud Wilson (**1948 – 1951**);

John Thomas Smith (**1951 – 1952**);

James Lionel Males (**1952 – 1953**);

James Ernest Lloyd (**1953**);

John Frank Watson (**1953 – 1954**);

John Horace Gwyfryn Humphreys (**1954 – 1955**);

Ernest Evans (**1955 – 1956**);

Howard Heath (**1956 – 1958**);

Dora Ashmore (**1958 – []**)

Charles Bridgman [1973]

NOTES

51, Princes End Road [1881], [1891]

51, High Street [1901], [1911], [1939]

It had a beer and cider license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/11/1855

“On Friday last, at the Public Office, William Climes, John Jones, William Price, William Pickman, George Young, Samuel Climes, Thomas Jones, and James Goodman, were charged, the first two with engaging in a prize fight, and the others with being abettors in the same. Police-officer Fieldhouse stated on Monday night he heard a noise over a gambling table in the JOLLY COLLIER beerhouse, at Princes End, and a challenge given by one man to fight another for £1. The challenge was accepted, and soon afterwards the men turned out, and went into Mr. Williams’s field; the combatants stripped, and commenced fighting. On seeing him, however, they ran away. He could identify two of them only. Two of the defendants – Young and James – were called as witnesses. The former identified William Climes and John Jones, and the latter said the whole of the defendants were present. They were ordered to find sureties to keep the peace.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/11/1867

“An All England 125 Yards Handicap will come off at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Mondays, Nov 18 and 25, when a few gentlemen of Princes End will give £5 16s to be run for, being for the benefit of H. Pevions and W. Lem (both of Princes End), who have lost their sight through an accident in the pits. Entries of 1s each may be made at *E. Dickens’s*, JOLLY COLLIER INN, Princes End; Mr. B. Hawkins’s, Wednesbury; Mr. Rogers’s, CROSS KEYS, Bilston; or at the grounds. Entries will close on Monday, Nov 11. Stamps taken as cash. Any one entering falsely disqualified. Admission to the grounds 6d each.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/8/1870 - Advert

“By J. C. Round, on Monday next, at Seven, on the Premises – Freehold Public-House, known as the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Princes End.”

1881 Census

51, Princes End Road – JOLLY COLLIER

[1] *Thomas Turner* (48), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Ann Turner* (48), wife, born Forest of Dean;

[3] Sarah Elizabeth Harris (14), adopted child, scholar, born Birmingham:

Dudley and District News 29/3/1884

“Joseph Edmund Paget (23), no settled abode, was charged with stealing four coats the property of Walter Brown, Castle Foot, on the 5th of January, 1883; and further with stealing two coats on the 17th inst.

Water Brown, clerk, said he lived with his father at Castle Foot. He identified the three coats produced as his property. He saw them safe in the passage on the 5th of January, 1883, about seven o’clock in the evening. The passage communicates with the back door. He missed that the same night about 8.15. Inspector Wigley brought them to him in February, and marked them. The coats were worth £3.

Thomas Turner, the JOLLY COLLIER, Princes End, said he remembered prisoner coming to him in February last year between nine and ten at night and calling for a pint of four-penny. Some one else called for beer, and when he came back prisoner was crying. He pulled off an over-coat produced and asked witness to buy it, saying that his wife and children would have to lie under the hedge all night if he could not get some money; and eventually he bought the coat, giving him 2s for it. Prisoner then pulled another coat off, and witness bought that also, giving him 6s for it. Prisoner then pulled a third coat off and offered it for sale to Richard Stanford, who bought it for 1s 6d. He still had another coat on. Witness gave up the three coats to PC Houston a few days afterwards.

PC Houston said he received the coats (produced) from last witness on the 10th of January last year. He brought them to Dudley, and handed them over to Inspector Wigley.

Inspector Wigley said he received the coats from the last witness in presence of prosecutor, who identified them, and on 2nd of February he marked them and handed them over to prosecutor. Prisoner was then in custody on another charge. He showed him the three coats on the 20th February, and charged him with stealing the coats and selling them in a public house at Princes End. Prisoner said he knew nothing at all

about it. He should prove he was at Longford, near Coventry, at the time.

Prisoner pleaded guilty to the first charge. He was then charged with stealing two coats on the 17th inst. Ann Brown, wife of Thomas Brown, collector, Castle Foot, said on the 17th inst. she was sitting in her house when she heard a noise in the pantry. She went to see what it was, but saw no one, and called to Philip, her youngest son, who she thought was going out. She got no answer, and went out of doors. She saw a man putting on a coat, and told him to take it off, at the same time laying hold of him. He dropped the coat, and threw it down, saying he would come in the morning. The coat was worth 5s. Prisoner was brought the same evening, and she identified him.

Ann Harrison, servant to Mr. Brown, said she saw the coat safe in the pantry on the 17th inst.

Inspector Wigley said from information received he went in search of the prisoner and found him in a lodging house in Birmingham Street. He asked him if he was the man who had come to the station about having lost his watch and chain. Prisoner said he was. He then took him to the station, and afterwards to Mr. Brown's where Mrs. Brown identified him. Prisoner pleaded guilty and said he was in beer at the time. For the first offence prisoner was sentenced to three months' hard labour, and three months' for the second, to be consecutive.

The Bench censured *Turner* for his conduct in the matter."

1891 Census

51, Princes End Road

[1] *Elizabeth Turner* (58), widow, living on own means, born Gloucestershire;

[2] Sarah A. Shortland (25), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/1/1901

"At Bilston yesterday, *Jacob Rich*, landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, High Street, Princes End, was summoned for permitting gaming on his licensed premises on December 12 and 21. The magistrates fined defendant 40s and costs for permitting gaming on December 12, and dismissed the other summonses."

1901 Census

51, High Street

[1] *Jacob Rich* (47), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *William Rich* (16), son, learning iron moulding, born Sedgley;

[3] Joseph Rich (14), son, learning fitting, born Sedgley:

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/10/1901

"The general Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County begin at Stafford on Tuesday.....

There is already a heavy list of appeals, and the following having been entered for hearing.....

Jacob Rich v. Justices of the Wednesbury Division against the refusal to renew the license of the JOLLY COLLIER, Tipton."

Wednesbury Leader 26/10/1901

"On Friday last, at the Staffordshire Quarter Sessions, before Lord Hatherton and other magistrates, *Jacob Rich*, landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Tipton, appealed against the refusal of the Wednesbury County Justices to renew his license. Mr. Plumptre (instructed by Mr. W. A. Foster, Wolverhampton) was for the appellant, and Mr. Disturnal (instructed by Mr. J. H. Thursfield, Wednesbury) appeared for the respondent justices.

Mr. Disturnal, in opening, stated that the licensing justices refused the renewal on the ground that the house was of a disorderly character, and that the appellant had failed to produce satisfactory evidence of character. The objection to the renewal was based on a conviction for permitting gaming in the house by the appellant, but he was instructed to say that if the owner of the house had come forward with a new tenant the licensing justices would have favourably considered the application.

Mr. Plumptre said that the owner of the house was a young girl of 17 years, and that probably explained why the owner had not come forward with a fresh tenant. He mentioned that the gaming was simply at a game of tippet, and that the appellant bore a good character, a fact which was testified to by a petition which had been

signed by 200 persons who lived in the neighbourhood. Appellant had been in the house four years, and there was only one conviction against him, and he made a strong appeal to the Court not to ruin the young woman, the owner of the house, which was the only property she had, or the appellant by refusing to renew the license because of that solitary conviction. He appealed to the Court to renew the license on the costs being paid by the appellant.

Appellant was sworn, and said that the offence was detected the first night the game was played in the house. The Chairman said it was very extraordinary.

Mr. Disturnal said that if the Bench thought, having regard to the circumstances of the case, and that all costs should be paid so that the county should be put to no expense, that the license should be renewed, so let it be.

The Chairman said that after the excellent character it had been shown the appellant possessed, the Court were willing to agree to the suggestion made by Mr. Plumptre, and not objected to by Mr. Disturnal, that the appellant should pay the whole of the costs so that the county should be put to no expense, and allow the appeal.”

Jacob Rich, beer retailer, 51, High Street, Princes End. [1904]

1911 Census

51, High Street

[1] *William Rich* (26), oven grate maker, born Sedgley;

[2] *Emma Rich* (23), wife, married 1 year, born Tipton;

[3] *Joseph Rich* (1), son, born Sedgley;

[4] *Annie Kinsey* (21), servant, born Tipton:

William Rich, beer retailer, 51, High Street, Princes End. [1912], [1916], [1921]

South Staffordshire Times 8/1/1921

“About 50 guests were entertained to an excellent repast at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Princess End, on New Year’s Eve. Councillor L. Foster J.P., C.C., presided, and the vice-chairman was Mr. J. Smith.....”

South Staffordshire Times 9/8/1924

“About 40 of the patrons of Mr. *W. Rich*, JOLLY COLLIER INN, Princes End, had their annual outing on Monday, when Mr. W. Bentley conveyed them by brake to Brewood. A pleasant ride was enjoyed, via Tettenhall Rock, and a halt was made at Kingswood Common, where luncheon was enjoyed. After another pleasant ride the destination was reached. The party enjoyed themselves in various ways during the afternoon, and subsequently an excellent tea was partaken of at the Rodney Inn, and all spent a most enjoyable day. On Wednesday the women customers had their annual outing to Brewood, being conveyed by brake, and they spent a happy day together. The respective parties were provided with a plentiful supply of refreshments by the host.”

1939 Register

51, High Street

[1] *Thomas W. Baker*, date of birth, 17/09/1906, licensee (JOLLY COLLIER), married;

[2] *Winifred N. (Baker) Harder*, dob, 11/05/1907, unpaid domestic duties, married:

[Winifred married Harder in 1947.]

Black Country Bugle (1973)

‘The Old Traditions Still Survive At the Jolly Collier’

“This ancient Black Country pub and its rival the TILTED BARREL just across the way, owe their divergence from the perpendicular to the black tunnels burrowed out by generations of miners in the 19th century. The former is a spartan establishment with a warmth of atmosphere which belies its rugged exterior.”

A full license was confirmed on 24th April 1953.

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1956-57]

Closed

It was demolished c.1975.

JOLLY COLLIER

Horseley Road, (Bridge Road), (Toll End Road), Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Holland [1851] – [1862]

Mrs. Sarah Holland [1864] – **1869**);

Henry Spittle (**1869** – []

John Hathaway [1885]

NOTES

Bridge Road [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

Horseley Road [1868]

MINERS ARMS [1851]

MINER [1856]

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/2/1851

“An inquest was held on Saturday last, the 8th instant, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, at the MINERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of Sarah Ann Berry, aged nine years, who was drowned in the cabin of a boat, which sunk on Thursday morning in the canal at Mr. Hopkins’s wharf, Dudley Port. It appeared from the evidence that the father of the deceased was employed by Mr. Hopkins in taking goods from and bringing ironstone to his works, and on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst, he took his boat loaded with ironstone into the basin of the canal, having with him his wife, two sons and the deceased. About ten o’clock that night they retired to bed in the cabin of the boat, and the next morning whilst they were asleep, a quantity of water was forced by the wind into the boat, and it began to sink. The cabin immediately filled with water, and the rush of it awoke the father of the deceased, who immediately jumped up and forced the cabin door open and the hatchway off, and though over head in water, seized his wife by the hair of her head, dragged her to the top of the cabin, and she took hold of the hands of each of her sons, and dragged them through the water out of the cabin with her, and the father landed them on the wharf. The father of the deceased afterwards got on the boat, which had then sunk to the bottom of the canal, and dived under the water twice to the cabin door to bring his daughter (the deceased) out, but he could not succeed, and she was not found until some hours afterwards in the water of the cabin quite dead. The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned.”

1851 Census

Toll End

[1] *Thomas Holland* (31), publican, born Tipton;

- [2] *Sarah Holland* (29), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Thomas Holland* (5), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Elizabeth Holland* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Matilda Holland* (5 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Emma Austin* (23), servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Mary Wilkes* (14), visitor:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/10/1856 - Advert

“Sale of Freehold Property and Cottage Land, at Toll End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by William Butler, at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End, on Thursday, the 13th day of November, 1856, at six o'clock in the evening, and subject to conditions then to be read, the following Valuable Freehold and Cottage Property.

Lot 1. A Piece of Cottage Land, having a frontage to the road leading from Horsley Heath to Wednesbury of 40ft 10in, and containing 232 square yards. Also a Piece of Freehold Land at the back thereof, containing 294 square yards, and in the whole 526 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 2. A very Desirable and Substantially-erected Messuage or Dwelling House, used as a Public House, and known by the name of the MINER, adjoining lot 1, together with the Garden, Brewhouse, Stable, and Piggeries thereto belonging, having a frontage to the road of 67ft 7in, and containing, including the site of the buildings, 895 square yards, in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Holland*, at the yearly rental of £20.

Lot 3. Three Dwelling Houses and Premises, with Brewhouses and other Appurtenances thereto belonging, adjoining lot 2.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/12/1860

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before W. Partridge, Esq, a beerhouse keeper named *Thomas Holland*, living at Toll End, was summoned to answer a charge of having kept his house open for the sale of beer beyond the hours allowed by statute. Mr. Sheldon was instructed for the defence. The evidence of Police-constable Torr was to the effect that at a quarter past eleven on the night of the 20th ult (Thursday) he visited defendant's house. There were thirteen men in the kitchen, some of whom were standing up. The defendant was present, and there were glasses on the table containing beer. Police-constable Langdon was with him, and they were both asked to drink, a jug being given to the servant to procure some for them. The servant took the jug away, and defendant did not tell her not to fill it. Police-constable Langdon corroborated his statement. Mr. Sheldon cross-examined these witnesses, and elicited that when they told defendant the time, he told the company to go. He then submitted that as there was no actual sale proved, the case must be dismissed. The Act of Parliament referred simply to the sale of beer, and all the evidence before the Court was that the house was open. He cited a case which he contended was in point.

Mr. Partridge said that the Act was, in his opinion, clear, but if it were necessary to prove the sale in order to ensure the law being enforced, then they might have a lot of beer brought in and paid for just before eleven, and the house might be kept open all night. Such a course would clearly be an evasion of the Act, and a defence founded on such an assumption could not be sustained.

Mr. Sheldon subsequently addressed himself to the question of time, arguing that there might have been a mistake as to a few minutes, which, also, would exonerate his client. He afterwards called a servant of defendant, named Hannah Gratton, who swore that on the night in question she was in the bar, and no ale was drawn after eleven o'clock. She took half a gallon of ale in at half-past ten, and was sure that the reckoning was called and paid, and that none was drawn afterwards. She also swore that when the police came in there were neither glasses or jugs on the table, and that the men were stood up ready to go at the defendant's request. Mr. Sheldon was going to call defendant's wife, but the Court ruled that she could not be heard. As this was a first offence, and the case was not a very flagrant one, the mitigated penalty of 5s and costs was inflicted.”

1861 Census

Toll End Road

- [1] *Thomas Holland* (42), coal miner, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Holland* (38), wife, born Wednesbury;

- [3] Thomas Holland (15), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Holland (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Holland (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Joseph Holland (4), son, born Tipton;
- [7] John W. Holland (4 months), son, born Tipton;
- [8] Mary Wilkes (20), house servant, born Wednesbury:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/8/1861

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before T. Jesson and T. Davies, Esqs, Isaac Jones, alias Scholie, was charged with stealing £8 from the person of Thomas Ingram, an engine-fitter in the employ of Messrs. Lloyds. Mr. Slater prosecuted, and Mr. Sheldon defended.

Prosecutor stated that on the previous Saturday night he met the prisoner at Toll End, and upon saying he had no money he (prosecutor) paid for a cup of ale; they went to various public houses, and at HOLLAND’S TAVERN at Toll End he felt tired and laid his head upon the table. Prisoner put his own coat under his head, and he afterwards came and fetched it away; he felt a hand at his pocket, and afterwards missed his money. Suspicion was attached to the prisoner, as he was seen the same night with gold in his possession. In the absence of an important witness the case was remanded for a week, bail being taken for the re-appearance of the accused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Thursday last..... the following is a list of applicants for wine and spirit licenses.....
Thomas Holland, Toll End These applications were likewise refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/4/1862

“An inquest was held before E. Hooper, Esq, coroner, on Friday, at the JOLLY COLLIER public house, Toll End, on the body of a man named George Copeland, who met his death the previous day under the following dangerous circumstances. The deceased, it appears, was employed as a kind of manager over a certain department of the ironworks of Messrs. Lloyd, of Wednesbury, and on the day in question was superintending the removal of some waggons along the line of rails loaded with pig iron, and whilst standing at the rear of one of waggons that was then in motion, loaded with coals, came suddenly upon him, and before the unfortunate man could make any attempt to escape he was jammed fast between the two. Some of the workmen who were near the spot at the time of the accident immediately went to his assistance, and released him from his perilous position, but he died within a few minutes. On being examined it was found that his back had been broken by the violence of the concussion. He was a married man, and leaves a large family totally unprovided for. He held the situation he occupied at the time of the accident for several years, and was greatly respected by a large number of his fellow workmen. After hearing the evidence of the witnesses the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1862

“The special annual Session for renewing licensed victuallers’ licenses and for hearing application for fresh ones within the West Bromwich division of the county of Staffordshire was held yesterday at the Scott’s Arms, Great Bar There were twenty applications for new licenses from the following places.....

Thomas Holland, JOLLY COLLIER, Toll End.....

The magistrates will give their decision in these cases, at the adjourned licensing meeting, on the 15th of September.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1862

“On Thursday the following applications for spirit licenses were heard.....

Thomas Holland, Toll End, Tipton, refused.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1863

“The adjourned licensing meeting for West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Walsall, was held yesterday.....

New applications for spirit licenses were then taken.....

Mr. Motteram asked for a license for the JOLLY COLLIER, Toll End, Tipton. The application was granted.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 17/3/1866

“J. Hughes of Toll End, is surprised at J. Tudor of Dudley Port asking for two yards start in 100; but if he really means business, J. H. will run him level, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at the JOLLY COLLIER, Toll End, Tipton; or he will take two yards start from W. Kent of Great Bridge, for the same amount.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/12/1866 - Advert

“For Sale, a Bargain, Two-horse Engine, with Boiler and Gearing complete. Apply, JOLLY COLLIER, Toll End, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/20/1867

“Young Hughes of Toll End will run E. Adridge of Ocker Hill 100 yards, if he will give him three yards start, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at *Holland's*, the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Toll End.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/1/1868 - Advert

“To be Let, with immediate possession, that Old-established House, situate at Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, known by the sign of the JOLLY COLLIER. It is an excellent premises and will be Let at a moderate rent.

Apply to Mrs. *Sarah Holland*, whom the house is now being carried on. Fixtures to be taken at a fair valuation.”

Dudley Herald 21/3/1868

“To be sold by auction on 24th March all that well accustomed public house, known by the sign of the JOLLY COLLIER, situated in Horseley Road consisting liquor shop, bar parlour, tap room, kitchen, large club room, three bedrooms, two attics, four ale cellars, liquor cellar, cooking kitchen with a large brewhouse, malt room, workshop, stable, two large soft water cisterns, well of water, pigsties and yard now in occupation of Mrs. *Holland*.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/11/1868

“.....Mr. Walker afterwards addressed a meeting of electors the same evening at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Toll End, the Rev. A. Solari (in the absence of Mr. T. Underhill) in the chair. Mr. Walker met with a very enthusiastic reception; and at the conclusion of his address, a unanimous vote of confidence in him was passed with great cheering. A very few of Mr. Brogden's supporters also attempted to create a diversion in favour of Mr. Brogden, but the attempt resulted in a most miserable failure. The meeting separated with three hearty cheers for Mr. Walker, and three more hearty groans for Mr. Brogden.”

Dudley Herald 21/8/1869

“JOLLY COLLIER, Toll End near Tipton. To be sold by auction the licenses, goodwill and possession, stock in trade, brewing plant etc. etc. comprising 150 gallon wrought iron boiler, 120 gallon ditto, 18 bushel mash tun, pair cooling vats, round tubs and oval cooler, well seasoned ale casks, excellent spirit vault fittings, capital counter, 8 pull spirit fountain, very superior 4 pull patent lever beer machine (by Mason), ale and spirit measures, hot water muller, cups and jugs, ale and cut wine glasses, decanters, stock of ale, wines and cigars.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1885

“West Bromwich and Wednesbury. The annual licensing session for these Divisions was held yesterday, at West Bromwich There were a few cases they should have to take special notice of, and those would stand adjourned until the adjourned licensing day.....

John Hathaway, JOLLY COLLIER, Toll End, Tipton.”

JOLLY COLLIER

29, (21), Leabrook Road, (Doe Bank), Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1928], [1950]
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

John Powell [1878]
William Connop [1891] – [1898]
John Marks [1898] – [1901]
Isaac Marks [1911] – **1926**;
Mrs. Betsy Marks (**1926 – 1931**);
Frank Hughes (**1931 – 1937**);
Albert Emms (**1937 – 1938**);
John Walker (**1938 – 1940**);
George Edward Bradley (**1940 – 1955**);
Horace Preece (**1955 – [1958]**)
George Smith [1993]
Margaret Horton [2012]
C Mills [2013]

NOTES

21, Lea Brook Road [1891], [1901]
29, Lea Brook Road [1911], [1940]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/7/1859

“John Welch, a powerful-looking man was charged with assaulting Edward M’Coy, in a violent manner, on the night of Monday week. It appeared in the course of the case that the complainant had been indulging too freely at the JOLLY COLLIER, Lea Brook, and on his way home he indulged in strong expressions of national antipathy to English people in general and those he met in particular. The defendant took advantage of this, and under pretence of defending others most brutally assaulted M’Coy, leaving him insensible and suffering serious injuries. The magistrates fined the defendant £2 and costs, or in default two months’ imprisonment. The defendant did not, however, get clear with this inflection, for he was identified as the man against whom a warrant had been issued so early as March 1857, for having most violently assaulted Sergeant M’Urea and Police-constable Davies. On this charge he was also convicted and fined £5 in addition, or in default two months’ imprisonment.”

London Gazette 17/12/1878

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley.
In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *John Powell* previously of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Die Bank, Ocker Hill, Tipton aforesaid, Publican.”

1891 Census

21, Lea Brook Road – JOLLY COLLIER

- [1] *William Connop* (52), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Martha Connop* (51), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Alfred Connop* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Emma Green* (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 8/1/1898

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, *William Connop*, landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Lea Brook, was charged with selling ale to an intoxicated person on the 7th ult. PC Dobson saw a man named Thomas Bradshaw near to defendant’s house. He was very drunk. He had in his possession a jug of ale, which had been served at the JOLLY COLLIER. For the defence it was stated that Bradshaw was refused beer in the house by the landlord, but it was taken outside by his son. Fined 5s and 20s costs.”

Walsall Observer 27/8/1898

“Wednesbury Brewster Sessions.....

Superintendent Salt reported.....

Since the last annual licensing meeting seven licensed victuallers and six beerhouse keepers had been summoned in respect of offences against the tenour of their licenses. Of the victuallers five were fined and two dismissed, and of the beerhouse keepers four were fined, one paid costs, and one was dismissed. Three of the convicted beerhouse keepers had since transferred their licenses. He had caused notice of opposition to the renewal of these licenses to be served upon the present holder of the license in each case where there had been a conviction during the year.....

John Marks, JOLLY COLLIER, Ocker Hill.....

The consideration of objections was deferred until the adjourned sessions, to be held on the 28th of September.”

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. Wilcock also represented John Williams, of the COTTAGE OF CONTENT beerhouse, Darlaston. It was stated that since the conviction the house had been well conducted, and the Bench renewed the license. A similar course was taken with regard to the HOP AND BARLEYCORN beerhouse, Toll End, Tipton; *John Marks*, JOLLY COLLIER beerhouse, Ocker Hill; and the COURT HOUSE INN, Tipton, in each of which cases Mr. Wilcock appeared.”

1901 Census

21, Leabrook Road

- [1] *John Marks* (58), publican, born Buckinghamshire;
- [2] *Martha Marks* (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Frederick Marks* (30), son, puddler, born Tipton;
- [4] *Martha J. Marks* (26), daughter, born Tipton:

The license renewal was objected to, in February 1903, on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervision.

The license was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/2/1903

“This being the adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

The objections generally – other than where there had been various convictions – were the licenses not required – that the premises were dilapidated and insanitary, and lacked the necessary accommodation, and the house not duly qualified by law. After hearing evidence of witnesses and statements by counsel.....

Mr. Lawrence, KC, offered on behalf of the Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries (Limited) to give up the license of the DOE BANK COTTAGE, Leabrook Road, if the Bench would consent to the renewal of the license of the JOLLY COLLIER, a beerhouse in the same road, in regard of which he suggested a full license should be granted. The Bench accepted the offer.”

1911 Census

Lea Brook Road – JOLLY COLLIER

[1] *Isaac Marks* (42), axle maker, born Tipton;

[2] *Betsy Marks* (40), wife, married 17 years, business, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[3] Lily Marks (16), daughter, assisting in business, born Tipton;

[4] William Knibb (66), uncle, widower, assisting in business, born Sedgley:

Isaac Marks, beer retailer, 29, Leabrook Road. [1912]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/3/1928

“.....There had, said the Inspector, no conviction, and the present tenant had held the license since 1904 (?), and her parents before her. The house was damp and cold. There were three bedrooms and a disused clubroom, and the paper was falling from the damp walls of that room. The premises were generally damp and out of condition and needed a good deal of attention.....”

[The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority. It was renewed.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/7/1928

“The principal meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the County was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday, when 14 licenses which had been scheduled by the licensing justices, mostly from the South Staffordshire area, came under consideration, of these three were renewed and remainder were referred for compensation.....

In the case of the ante '69 beerhouse, the JOLLY COLLIER (licensee, *Betsy Marks*), Inspector Savory said the premises were out of date, and needed a good deal of renovation, but replying to Mr. J. Wylie (barrister) for the owners, he admitted that the house was not redundant so far as the trade was concerned.

Evidence having been given as to building development in the locality, the committee decided to renew this license.”

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/2/1934

“At the Tipton annual licensing meeting yesterday.....

With the exception of the WHITE ROSE, Horseley Heath, and the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Lea Brook Road, Ocker Hill, (consideration adjourned until 6 March), all licenses were renewed.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/3/1934

“Tipton Licensing Justices yesterday renewed the license of the WHITE ROSE, Horseley Heath, and referred for compensation that of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill.

Insp. Heath said that apparently the clubroom and a bedroom at the JOLLY COLLIER were used as pigeon flights. When he visited the place he found a pigeon in a basket in the bedroom with corn and water placed for it.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/6/1934

“Notice Of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all

those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....

JOLLY COLLIER, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Frank Hughes*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/6/1934

“There were only three licenses for consideration at the principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, held at the Shire Hall Stafford, on Monday..... The other license before the committee was that of the JOLLY COLLIER, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill, a beerhouse, which had been referred by the Tipton Justices.

Mr. W. Field Hunt appeared for the renewal justices, and Mr. John Wylie, on behalf of the owners, applied for the renewal of the license.

Police-Supt. Heath stated that structurally the house was in a very bad state, and having regard to the drinking facilities in the neighbourhood he did not think there was any need for the license. The licensee informed witness that from the time he took over the house he had lost £170.

Mr. Wylie recalled that the license was referred for compensation in 1928, but on that occasion the application for renewal was successful. If the license was not redundant at that time, then much less could it be said to be redundant now, because there had undoubtedly been an increase in the barrelage. Since the extra tax had been taken off the price of beer trade had improved and the licensee was now retrieving what he lost when trade was not so good.

The Chairman announced that the license would be renewed.”

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

It was the headquarters of Ocker Hill United FC. [1949]

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1949.

Tipton Herald 14/1/1950

“.....I, Thomas Henry Bunce, of Parkdale, Wolverhampton Road, Bilston, in the County of Stafford, Licensed House Supervisor Do Hereby Give You Notice that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Meeting for the Petty Sessional Division of Tipton for the provisional grant of an Order sanctioning the removal of the Justices License now in force and held by *George Edward Bradley* in pursuance of which the said *George Edward Bradley* holds an Excise License to sell by retail any intoxicating Liquor for consumption either on or off the premises situate at Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton, aforesaid and known by the sign of the JOLLY COLLIER from such premises to a house and premises to be erected at the rear of the site of the existing JOLLY COLLIER and to be at the junction of Leabrook Road and Bagnall Street.....”

Demolished

Rebuilt

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

Birmingham Daily Post 24/8/1971

“A man has been charged with the murder of 58-year-old Mr. James Large, found dead behind a Tipton bridge parapet on Sunday. He will appear in court at West Bromwich today.

Mr. Large's body was found at 10.35pm on Sunday, behind a parapet of the Bilston road canal bridge at Tipton.

House-to-house inquiries followed in the Tipton district.

Mr. Large was single, unemployed, and lived with his sister Mrs. Maud Jeavons at Charnwood Close. His body was lying on loose red shale, used to fill in the Bradley Locks which end at the canal bridge.

Police said that on Saturday night Mr. Large went out for a drink, and left the JOLLY COLLIER public house, Leabrook Road, Tipton, at about 11pm to walk more than a mile back home.”

[At the Staffordshire Assizes, on 10th November, 1971, Allan Davies was gaoled for life for the murder of Mr. James ('Little Jimmy') Large.]

A play group was based here from 2012.

[2018]

JOLLY COLLIER

Newhall Street, (Hall Street), Upper Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Mills [c.1857]

Thomas Thacker [1861]

Thomas Edwards [1861]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Hall Street – JOLLY COLLIER

[1] *Thomas Thacker* (44), publican, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Jane Thacker* (40), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Mary Thacker* (17), daughter, born Weedon Ason [Wheaton Aston?];

[4] *Stephen Thacker* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Richard Thacker* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton:

London Gazette 18/6/1861

“Whereas a Petition of *Thomas Edwards*, now and for nine months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beershop, Newhall Street, Upper Green carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, also working as a Miner, previous thereto residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beershop, Union Street, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Porter, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also working as a Miner, and also for a short time, in partnership with Benjamin Hazeldine, at No.2 Pits, Cinder Meadow Colliery, Oldbury and also at the Ash Leasow Colliery, Tipton aforesaid, as Butty Miners, and previous thereto residing at the RAILWAY INN, Owen Street, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter, Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also working as a Miner, and previous thereto residing at the DUKE OF WELLINGTON Beershop, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter and Cider.”

AND

“Whereas a Petition of *Thomas Thacker*, now and for two months and upwards last past residing at the

JOLLY COLLIER INN, Hall-street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Beer, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also that of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and for eighteen months and upwards, previously thereto, residing in the Fox-yards, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and previously thereto residing at the WHITE LION INN, Boat-row, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Cider, and Beer, and Dealer in Tobacco, during the whole of the said time carrying on the trade or business of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and also a portion of the said period that of a Dealer in Hay, Straw, and Corn, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *Thomas Thacker*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Thomas Thacker* is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 4th day of July next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon precisely, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors' assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *Thomas Thacker*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Thomas Walker, Registrar of the said Court, at his office, at the Court-house, Priory-street, Dudley, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent."

London Gazette 20/9/1861

"In the Matter of the Petition of *Thomas Thacker*, now and for two months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Hall Street, Tipton carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Beer, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also that of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and for eighteen months and upwards, previously thereto, residing in the Foxyards and previously thereto residing at the WHITE LION INN, Boat Row, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Cider, and Beer, and Dealer in Tobacco, during the whole of the said time carrying on the trade or business of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and also a portion of the said period that of a Dealer in Hay, Straw and Corn, an insolvent debtor."

London Gazette 18/10/1861

"WHEREAS a Petition of *Richard Mills*, now and for two and a half years and upwards last past residing at the SUMMER HOUSE Beerhouse, at the Fox Yards, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, and carrying on there the trades or businesses of a Beerhouse Keeper, Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and for one year and five months or thereabouts prior thereto residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beerhouse, in Hall-street, Tipton, in the said county of Stafford, and carrying on there the same trades or businesses, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *Richard Mills*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Richard Mills* is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 5th day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon precisely, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors' assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *Richard Mills*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Thomas Walker, Registrar of the said Court, at his office, at the Court-house, Priory-street, Dudley, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent."

JOLLY COLLIER

Union Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edwards [1853]
Thomas Edwards [1860]

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 2/4/1853 - Advert

“A Beer House To Let.

To be Disposed Of by Private Treaty, and excellent Beer House, coming-in about £60.
Inquire of Mr. *Edwards*, JOLLY COLLIER INN, Union Street, Tipton.”

London Gazette 18/6/1861

“Whereas a Petition of *Thomas Edwards*, now and for nine months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beershop, Newhall Street, Upper Green carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, also working as a Miner, previous thereto residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beershop, Union Street, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Porter, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also working as a Miner, and also for a short time, in partnership with Benjamin Hazeldine, at No.2 Pits, Cinder Meadow Colliery, Oldbury and also at the Ash Leasow Colliery, Tipton aforesaid, as Butty Miners, and previous thereto residing at the RAILWAY INN, Owen Street, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter, Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also working as a Miner, and previous thereto residing at the DUKE OF WELLINGTON Beershop, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter and Cider.”

JOLLY COLLIER

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Smith [1844]
Thomas Dailey [1849]
Richard Mansell [1849] – [1853]
Edward Wilkinson [1859]
Thomas Martin [1859]
T Hawkes [1860]
Henry Sawbridge [1861]
John Abbott [1862]
David Foster [1864] – [1865]

NOTES

JOLLEY COLLIER

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/3/1844 - Advert

“Dudley Port.

To be Sold By Auction, By Messrs. Walker and Page, at the house of Mr. *Smith*, called the JOLLY COLLIER, at Dudley Port, aforesaid, on Monday, March 25, 1844, at five o’clock in the afternoon.”]

Birmingham Journal 3/3/1849 - Advert

“Sale At The JOLLY COLLIER INN, Dudley Port, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, on the Premises, by Solomon Powell, on Tuesday next, the 6th day of March. All the superior Brewing Utensils; large Copper and Iron Furnaces, Fittings, &c; fourteen-strike Mash Tub; Working, Gathering, and other Tubs, Buckets; two strong Wort Vats, and lead Pipe; twenty Hogshead and Half-hogshead Barrels; 100 Gallons of prime Cherry Beer; Public-House Fixtures; Screens, four-pull Beer Machine. Also, all the clean and useful Household Furniture, Bedsteads and hangings, painted Wardrobe, mahogany Writing Desk, mahogany and other Tables, Uxbridge Chairs, Carpets, Kitchen and Culinary Articles, and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Dailey*, of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, aforesaid, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

The Licenses and Possession of the above Inn will be Sold precisely at Eleven o’clock in the morning. The Sale to commence at Ten o’clock in the morning.”

Richard Mansell = Richard Mansel

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/6/1849

“C. Lawrence will run Charles Hodgett of Smethwick if he will give him 25 yards start in one mile, or he will run him four miles level, for £25 or £50 a side; or he will run J. Pinder of Sheffield, or Williams of Gerton one mile level; or Cook, Bishop, or Hawks (all of Birmingham), and give them 25 yards start in one mile, for a like sum; or John Rhoads of Wolverhampton 10 miles for £50 a side. By sending £5 to us, and articles to Mr. *Richard Mansell*, the JOLLY COLLIER, Dudley Port, a match can be made.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/8/1850

“W. Williams is surprised at Hale of Tividale wanting to run him half a mile, when he knows he had beaten him in that distance before easily; but Williams will run him 500 yards, or take 20 yards on half a mile, or run 700 yards, if he will stake £10 to £8; or Riley 200 yards. The money is ready at the JOLLY COLLIER, Tipton. *R. Mansel* of the JOLLY COLLIER, Dudley Port, has a novice he will back to run Young Cartwright, who won at Tividale on Monday.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/1/1852 - Letters

“Williams and Burns. Mr. Editor: Having been a backer of Williams ever since he began to run, I was quite surprised at Burns’s party sending two reports, to the effect that Williams offered him money to lose the race. I can deny this for both Williams and his backer, for it has always been their wish that he should run on his merits. After the match was made, Burns’s party would have been glad to have taken £5, but Williams would not give it them, and they offered to run for bets if Williams’s party gave them their stakes back. Williams’s backers will bet Burns or Hatley of Birmingham £20 to £50, that neither of them can prove it; but Hatley of Birmingham is well known to get up such matches, and is the only man that caused both reports to be sent to your paper; but Williams and his backers hope that as both men are matched to run 440 yards, for £25 a side, that the better man may win, and no more sneers cast.
Yours, &c, *Richard Mansell*, JOLLY COLLIER, Dudley Port, Jan 6, 1852.”

Birmingham Journal 25/6/1853 - Advert

“To Publicans, Brokers, and Others. Sale at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Dudley Port.

To Be Sold By auction, by Mr. W. England, on Tuesday next, the 28th day of June – all the Brewing Utensils

and Fixtures of the above Inn, comprising an excellent assortment of Brewing Requisites, Copper and Iron Boilers, Coolers, Vats, Gathering and other Tubs, upwards of thirty Store and other Casks, very good Beer Machine, substantial Club-room Tables, Parlour and Kitchen ditto and Chairs; several Forms and Benches, Beanfet and mahogany corner Cupboard; very superior Malt Crushing Mill, gauze, pressed, and other Window Blinds, and a variety of good useful Articles, the property of Mr. *Mansell*, who is leaving. Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the morning."

London Gazette 23/8/1859

"In the Matter of the Petition of *Edward Wilkinson*, now and for two months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Brewer, Beer Retailer, and Dealer in Tobacco, also carrying on the business of a Butty Miner, at No.17 Pit, Wednesbury Oak Colliery, in the county of Stafford, in partnership successively with Daniel Griffiths and John and Daniel Griffiths, and previous thereto residing at the RAILWAY TAVERN, Dudley Port aforesaid, Licensed Brewer, Retailer, and Dealer in Tobacco, also a Butty Miner at No.17 Pit, Wednesbury Oak Colliery, in the county of Stafford, in partnership, successively, with Daniel Griffiths and Daniel and John Griffiths, and Daniel Griffiths, an Insolvent Debtor.

Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, acting in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on the 6th day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary."

Birmingham Journal 29/10/1859 - Advert

"Freehold Public House, and Eleven Messuages, Adjoining; Situate at Dudley Port, near the Railway Station, Tipton, Staffordshire.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Solomon Powell (by direction of the Trustees under the will of the late Mr. William Smith, deceased), on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, at the house of Mr. John Pessol, the HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Dudley Port aforesaid, at Six o'clock in the evening, an subject to conditions then to be produced – the undermentioned valuable Properties, viz.

Lot 1. All that Freehold Public House, known as the JOLLEY COLLIER, situate at Dudley Port aforesaid, and fronting the Turnpike Road leading from Birmingham to Dudley, together with the Two Dwelling Houses adjoining, and the Out-buildings and Shopping at the back thereof, now in the occupation of *Thomas Martin*, Mrs. Smith, and William Aston, producing an annual rent of £48 2s....."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/9/1860 - Advert

"JOLLY COLLIER, Retail Public House, near Dudley Port Railway Station.

To be Disposed Of, and may be entered upon immediately, that well-known Retail Public House, the JOLLY COLLIER INN, being near the Dudley Port Railway Station. Its situation is one of the best in the parish of Tipton, for doing a first-class business.

Apply to Mr. *T. Hawkes*, on the Premises as above."

Birmingham Journal 27/7/1861 - Advert

"Sale At The JOLLY COLLIER INN, Dudley Port.

To Innkeepers, Brokers, families, and Others.

Messrs. Hipkins and Thomas have received instructions to Offer for Sale by Public Auction, without the least reserve, on Tuesday Next, July 30th, 1861 – all the neat and clean Household Furniture, Stock-In-Trade, Brewing Utensils, &c; comprising Windsor and other Chairs, round Dining and Drinking Tables, eight-day Clock, mahogany Chest of Drawers, Bagatelle Board, four-post, tent, and other Bedsteads, feather and flock Beds, Bedding, &c; Gathering Tub, well-seasoned Barrels, Mash Tub, Boiler, Pocket and-a-half of prime Sussex Hops, Brewing Requisites, &c, belonging to Mr. *Henry Sawbridge*, who is declining the public business.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock.

Auctioneer's Offices, Burnt Tree and Horseley Heath, Tipton.

Money Advanced On Goods For Positive Sale."

Birmingham Daily Post 20/11/1862

“On Tuesday, at Wednesbury Petty Sessions, before J. Marshall and T. Davis, Esqs, the following beerhouse keepers were summoned for breaches against their licenses, Mr. Travis, of West Bromwich, prosecuting in each case.....

John Abbott, of the JOLLY COLLIER, Dudley Port, was charged with allowing gambling in his house on the 8th inst, and also permitting drinking during prohibited hours on the 9th. Mr. Bayley defended, and endeavoured to show that a rival tradesman had prompted the prosecution, and had taken a pack of cards into the house, and had commenced playing for money with the company. The Magistrates, however, considered the offence proved, and imposed a penalty of 20s and costs in the first case, and 10s and costs in the second, the costs in each case to include attorney’s fee.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/1863 - Advert

“To be Let, with immediate possession, The JOLLY COLLIER INN, Dudley Port. Rent £26.
Apply on the Premises.”

JOVIAL FARMER

59, Union Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Jinks [1861] – [1881]
William Houghton [1891] – [1901]
Robert Clark [] – **1900**);
G T Day (**1900** – []
William Rowley [1904] – [1905]
William Samuel Chambers [1906]
Eliza Bodin [1908] – [1912]
Mrs. Amelia Millington [1916]
Henry Insley [] – **1919**):

NOTES

CIDER HOUSE. [1861]
JOVIAL FARMER [1891], [1911]
JOLLY FARMER [1905]

It had a beer and cider license.

1861 Census

Union Street (West side) – CIDER HOUSE INN
[1] *Samuel Jinks* (41), puddler of iron, born Tipton;
[2] Ann Jinks (32), wife, born Tipton;
[3] Samuel Jinks (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

- [4] Martha Jinks (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Mary Eliza Jinks (2), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Hannah Foster (62), aunt, born Tipton;
- [7] Martha Davies (18), general servant, born Tipton:

1871 Census

59, Union Street

- [1] *Samuel Jinks* (51), puddler and publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Ann Jinks (42), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] John Jinks (17), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Martha Jinks (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Jinks (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Alice Jinks (3 monthhs), born Tipton:

1881 Census

59, Union Street

- [1] *Samuel Jinks* (63), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Ann Jinks (53), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Lizzie Jinks (23), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Alice Maud Jinks (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1891 Census

59, Union Street – JOVIAL FARMER

- [1] *William Houghton* (54), iron moulder and innkeeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Clara Houghton (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Kate Colley (16), visitor, dress maker, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary A. Colley (14), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1901 Census

59, Union Street

- [1] *William Houghton* (64), iron moulder, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Comfort Houghton (64), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Florence Morris (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

William Rowley, beer retailer, 59, Union Street. [1904]

County Advertiser 6/10/1906

“*William Samuel Chambers*, JOVIAL FARMER INN, Union Street, Tipton, was charged with drunkenness. Police-sergeant Haden deposed to finding the defendant the previous night helplessly drunk in the urinal in Birmingham Street. He had a bottle of rum in his pocket. Police-constable Williams and Large took him to the police station on the ambulance. Defendant was fined 10s and costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

Mr. W. A. Foster stated that since the conviction against the JOVIAL FARMER INN, Union Street, the license had been temporarily transferred, and he asked for a full transfer. The applicant and Mr. Hamilton Day, the owner of the public-house, gave an undertaking that there should be no giving of the ‘long pull,’ and the application was granted.”

Mrs. *Eliza Bodin*, beer retailer, 59, Union Street. [1908], [1912]

1911 Census

58, Union Street

[1] *Eliza Bodin* (50), widow, innkeeper, born Dudley;

[2] William Henry Bodin (28), son, fitter and turner, born Dudley;

[3] Gertrude Mary Bodin (23), daughter, born Smethwick;

[4] Harold Charles Bodin (18), son, despatch clerk, iron foundry, born Dudley:

Mrs. *Amelia Millington*, beer retailer, 59, Union Street. [1916]

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/1918

“The renewal of the licenses of the following public-houses, opposed on grounds of redundancy, would be postponed until the adjourned sessions.....

The JOVIAL FARMER, Union Street.”

The license was surrendered in March 1919.

JUNCTION

2, Sedgley Road West / High Street, Upper Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Emily Barker

LICENSEES

Benjamin Round [1869]

Edward Aston Jnr. [1870] – **1871**);

John Shenstone (**1871**);

James Sutton (**1871** – [1872]

John Thompson [1874] – [1881]

Mrs. Emily Price [1888]

George Allen [1890]

Thomas Price [1891] – [1896]

Mrs. Emily Price [1901] – [1904]

William Thomas Siddall [1912]

John Thomas Brown [] – **1919**):

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 28/11/1868 - Advert

“To be Let, the JUNCTION INN, High Street, Tipton.

Enquire on the Premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1869

“The annual Sessions for the hearing of applications for new licenses to sell spirits, was held at West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday Mr. Sharpe intimated to the solicitors that the houses of all the applicants

had been visited by some of the Magistrates, who had reported to the Bench on them, and it would, therefore, be advisable for all speeches to be as brief as possible. The following applications were then made.....
Benjamin Round, JUNCTION INN, High Street, Tipton, applied through Mr. Travis. Rental £30, rated at £30; 150 yards from the nearest licensed house. No opposition. Application refused.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/12/1869

“Mr. Aston of Tipton hearing that Mr. Warwick of Oldbury wants to match his brown bitch Fan, Mr. Aston will match his bitch Lady to run her 200 yards, for £10 or £20 a side, to give and take 2½ to the pound. To run any fair ground in England. Money ready at Mr. *Round's*, the JUNCTION INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/1/1870 - Advert

“The JUNCTION INN, Upper Green, Tipton.

To be Let, the above well-known Beerhouse, situate opposite Tipton Green Ironworks. Rent £30 per annum. Coming-in £80.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Surveyor, 69, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/2/1870 - Advert

“JUNCTION INN, High Street, Tipton.

By Edwin Jackson – Capital Retail brewery, Rare business position by extensive Works. In-coming moderate.

Apply, 4, Cherry Street, Birmingham; or Rowley, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

Mr. Travis applied on behalf of *Edward Aston*, jun., JUNCTION, High Street. No opposition. Granted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/3/1871 - Advert

“To be Let, the JUNCTION INN, High Street, Tipton, valuation about £60.

Apply on the Premises; or Jabez Bywater, Auctioneer, Bilston Street, Princes End.”

1871 Census

2, Sedgley Road West

[1] *John Shenton* (51), beer seller, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Shenton* (51), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary S. Hickman* (6), granddaughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Victor (?) J. Hickman* (44), widower, visitor, labourer, born Sedgley:

James Sutton, beer retailer, High Street. [1872]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/4/1874

“Alexandra Park Recreation Grounds, Rood End, near Oldbury.

The above beautiful grounds, which are available from all parts of England, being situated within a few minutes' walk of Oldbury, Spon Lane, and the Smethwick stations on the Stour Valley Railway, and West-bromwich, Smethwick Junction, and Rood End stations on the Great Western Railway (Rood End in particular, being only 300 yards distant), are reopen to the public, and the proprietors, Messrs. Smith and Bradley, respectfully announce that they will give £15 to be contested for in an All England Foot Race, distance 135 yards, on Saturday and Monday, April 18 and 20. First prize £10, second £4, third £1. Entrance 1s 6d, no acceptance, to be declared on or before Tuesday, April 14. Wednesday morning's letters will be in time. All entries to be made at the grounds, or at any of the following places.....

Thompson's, JUNCTION INN, Tipton.....

Betting and gambling strictly prohibited. No one allowed to run unless in proper costume.”

1881 Census

2, Sedgley Road – JUNCTION INN

- [1] *John Thompson* (46), butcher and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Thompson* (45), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Zillah Thomas* (26), married, daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Alfred Thompson* (14), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Alice Thompson* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Alexander Thompson* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Maud E. A. Thompson* (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Francis H. Thompson* (4), son, born Tipton;
- [9] *Elizabeth Deboery* (20), domestic servant, born Oldbury:

Mrs. *Emily Price*, beer retailer, 2, Sedgley Road West. [1888]

In March 1890, *George Allen*, the JUNCTION INN, Tipton, was found guilty of aiding and abetting a prize fight at Calf Heath, he was bound over in his own recognisances of £20 to keep the peace for six months and pay costs.

Birmingham Daily Post 11/11/1890

“At the Police Court – before Mr. H. Parkes and Mr. Macpherson – *George Allen*, of the JUNCTION INN, Tipton Green, was charged with allowing his licensed premises to be used for gambling. Mr. Whitehouse defended. John Turner said he went to the house on October 10 and laid a wager about a horse with the landlord. The next day he learnt that he had won, and went for his money. The defendant was not at home, and witness had some drink and some tobacco on the strength of his winnings; but afterwards the defendant would not give him the money. He had bet at the house many times; and on this treatment he told the police. Defendant was fined £5 and costs, or a month in default.”

1891 Census

2, Sedgley Road West

- [1] *Thomas Price* (33), pattern maker, born Dudley;
- [2] *Emily Price* (31), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Edward Price* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Edward Aston* (76), father-in-law, widower, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Mould* (14), niece, born Tipton;
- [6] *Elizabeth Paskin* (15), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 30/11/1895

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, Tom Anderton Twist, Byrne Road, Blakenhall, was charged with stealing 23s, the money of Thomas Middleton, landlord of the BLACK HORSE, Bloomfield. The evidence went to show that prisoner and another man went into the public house and called for drinks. Whilst they were being served a woman came in and asked for change for a 5s piece. The landlord gave her the change, and put the coin in a cupboard, which he locked. A short time after the accused asked for pen and ink, and began to write, at the same time telling his companion to copy what he had written. The landlord thinking they had private business left the room. When he got back the men had gone, and so had 23s out of the cupboard. When arrested prisoner had a key in his possession that would unlock the cupboard. Prisoner attempted to prove an alibi, but the magistrates convicted him, and sent him to gaol for a month. He was acquitted on a charge of stealing 7s, the money of *Thomas Price*, landlord of the JUNCTION INN, Sedgley Road.”

Thomas Price, beer retailer, 2, Sedgley Road West. [1896]

Dudley Herald 22/10/1898

“The Tipton Friendly Societies’ Committee were entertained to dinner on Wednesday evening at the JUNC-

TION INN, Tipton. Host and Hostess *Price* having the catering in hand, acquitted themselves in their good old style, for which every credit is due, upwards of 30 sitting down to a sumptuous repast. After partaking of the good things provided the cloth was cleared, and Mr. J. I. Cox, chairman of the committee, was voted to the chair, Mr. T. Clements, of Dudley, taking the vice-chair.....”

1901 Census

2, Sedgley Road

[1] *Emily Price* (40), widow, licensed victualler, born Bloomfield;

[2] Joseph Price (11), son, born Bloomfield;

[3] Beatrice Price (8), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] John Brown (27), nephew, cutter, machines, born Birmingham;

[5] May Brown (24), niece, born Burnt Tree;

[6] Thomas Brown (1), son-in-law, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/8/1903

“An inquest was held yesterday at the JUNCTION INN, Tipton, by Mr. A. H. Pearson, respecting the death of William Henry Male, of Tipton, who was fatally injured at the Tipton Green Furnaces belonging to Messrs. Roberts and Co. Evidence was given by John Cartwright, a ‘charger’ at the furnaces, to the effect that the deceased got on a steam lift to get to the top of the furnaces. Witness heard a shout, and saw deceased held by the head in the lift. Witness lowered the hoist, and it was seen that deceased’s head had been badly injured. He died soon after. The lift was used for conveying mineral to the top of the furnaces, and deceased had no right to be on it. He had not set the lift in motion himself.

John Wilson said he heard deceased shout for the lift to be sent down to him. The lift was lowered, and deceased stepped on it, and witness heard a crunching sound. He then saw that the deceased had his head wedged against the side of the lift. He died almost immediately.

Mr. James Donachay, manager, said the lift had been in existence about 14 years, and worked very slowly. The deceased had no right to be on it.

Dr. Naylor said that the deceased bled to death from the rupture of the deep vessels of the neck.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned, the Coroner stating that the firm had promised to have wire netting placed on the side of the lift to prevent anybody putting his head outside.”

Tipton Herald 19/12/1903

“*Emily Price*, licensee of the JUNCTION INN, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises on November 28th. Mr. Sharpe, West Bromwich, defended.

PS Cooke stated that at 10pm on November 28th he was standing opposite defendant’s premises in company with PC Stevens. While standing there he saw the defendant come to the inner door several times and look through the glass panels. After they had been standing there several minutes they saw a man named Banner being led out of the house in a drunken condition. He sent PC Stevens home with Banner, and witness went and spoke to defendant about the condition of Banner, and she said, ‘He has not been here long.’ Witness asked her how long, and she replied, ‘About a quarter of an hour, and she had filled him two half pints.’

By Mr. Sharpe: Defendant did not tell him that she turned Banner out as soon as she saw him.

PC Stevens stated as to seeing Banner come out of the JUNCTION and also as to going home with him.

Mr. Sharpe said defendant had kept the house for 30 years without any complaint. He did not dispute the condition of Banner, but as soon as his condition was discovered he was told to go. Banner really went in the house for the purpose of having a conversation with John Brown, a fellow workman, who lodged at the house. Banner was only in the house two minutes, and every reasonable step was taken to get him out. Defendant, on oath, stated that she did not know the man was there. He was not supplied with anything in the house.

By Superintendent Bult: She did not tell PC Cooke that she had supplied Banner with any beer.

Edward Wheale, potman at the JUNCTION, stated as to Banner coming to the house. Banner called for a pint of beer, which was refused, because he had had sufficient. Banner went in the bar to speak to John Brown about some work. Witness was with Banner all the time, and saw that he had nothing to drink.

John Brown stated that Banner was not supplied with anything while in the house.

Richard Fletcher corroborated.

The case was dismissed.

Zaccheus Banner, Neptune Street, Tipton, was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises.

PS Cooke stated the facts.

Fined 10s and costs.”

Mrs. *Emily Price*, beer retailer, 2, Sedgley Road West. [1904]

Tipton Herald 27/3/1909

“Frank Willis, a brewer’s drayman, of Smethwick was fined 5s and costs for leaving his horse and dray outside the JUNCTION INN, High Street, Tipton.”

William Thomas Siddall, beer retailer, 2, Sedgley Road West. [1912]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/7/1919

“The Principal Meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the county was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

In the Wednesbury Division The Committee referred three ante-’69 licenses, the GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, Great Bridge; the JUNCTION INN, Sedgley Road, Tipton; and the SAXHORN TAV-ERN, Coppice Street, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/11/1919

“The following amounts have been settled by the Licensing Compensation Authority for Staffordshire to be paid in respect of licenses the renewal of which was refused by them at the principal meeting on July 24 last. The sums mentioned will be apportioned amongst the parties interested.....

JUNCTION INN, 2, Sedgley Road West, Tipton, beerhouse, beer, ante 1869, licensee *John Thomas Brown*, registered owners the Executors of *Emily Barker*, deceased, £1,250.”

It closed on 29th December 1919.

South Staffordshire Times 24/1/1920 - Advert

“JUNCTION INN, High Street Tipton.

On Thursday Next, February 15th, 1920.

To Be Sold By Auction by Messrs. Powell and Brown (William Brown) in consequence of the house being de-licensed, Public House Fittings, including Tables, Benches, Forms, Four-Pull Beer Machine, with all fittings; the capital Brewing Plant, including deal coolers; 30-Gallon Copper Boiler and underwork, 180 Gallon Steel Boiler and settings, 200 Gallon oak Fermenting Vat, Copper refrigerator, lead piping, etc, and afterwards in Neptune Street, Thirty Lots of Smiths Tools, the whole of which will be divided into Lots at time of sale.

No Catalogues. Sale at 10.30am.

Auctioneers Offices: 3 Owen Street Tipton.”

KINGS ARMS

36, (31), (16), Bloomfield Road, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Whitehouse, Princes End
Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd., Netherton
Anells Ltd. [1968]
Wiltshire Brewery [1989]

LICENSEES

William Whitehouse [1818] – [1827]
Mrs. Jane Whitehouse [1827] – [1830]
William Whitehouse [1830] – **1882**);
William H. Preston [1880] – [1881] manager
William Henry Preston (**1882**);
Catherine Preston (**1882 – 1885**);
Henry Kingsland (**1885**);
Frank Matthews (**1885**);
George Henry Hardy (**1885 – 1886**);
Charles John Cresswell (**1886 – 1887**);
Thomas Brown (**1887 – 1890**);
James Neale (**1890 – 1903**);
James Smith (**1903 – 1904**);
Mrs. Lizzie (Smith) Higgins (**1904 – 1910**);
William Millard (**1910**);
Charles Smith (**1910 – 1913**);
Samuel James Whitehouse (**1914**);
Miss Alice Preston (**1914 – [1940]**)
I W Horne [1976]
Jack Brazier (**1983 – [1985]**)
Brian Tilley []
Alan Simpson [1988]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

36, Bloomfield Road [1871], [1881], [1901]
31, Bloomfield Road [1891]
16, Bloomfield Road [1908]

It was known locally as “Preston’s”

It had a malthouse attached.

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 29/10/1827 - Advert

“Mines At Tipton.

To be Sold by Private Contract, the Mines of Coal and Ironstone under about twenty Acres of Land (including the canal and towing-path) situate at Tipton, adjoining to the Moat Colliery, and the Three Furnaces belonging to Messrs. Dixon and Dalton there now, in the occupation of the Executors of *William Whitehouse* deceased.

These mines are of the best quality, and well situated for market, the Birmingham Canal passing through the centre of the estate.

Mrs. *Whitehouse*, at the KINGS ARMS, Tipton, will shew the land.

None but personal applications will be attended to, which must be made at the office of Messrs. Stubbs and Son, Solicitors, Walsall, where a plan of the estate will be shewn.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/3/1830 - Advert

“Freehold Builds And Land, at Tipton.

To be Sold By Auction, by R. Corbett, on Wednesday, the 24th of March, Inst., at Four o’Clock in the Afternoon, at Mr. *William Whitehouse*’s, the KINGS ARMS Public House, Princes End, near the Soap and Lead Manufactory, Tipton, in the County of Stafford (under the Direction of the Devisee in Trust for sale named in the Will of Mr. Stephen Hipkins, late of Brierley Farm, deceased), subject to Conditions then to be produced.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/7/1837

“The following inquisitions have been held before H. Smith, Esq. coroner.....

On John Calloway, verdict, Temporary Insanity; Calloway it appears, was a member of a friendly society meeting at the house of Mr. *W. Whitehouse*, KINGS ARMS, Princes End, and at a meeting of the committee to consider whether his relatives were entitled to the sum usually paid on the death of a member, it was determined that self-destruction was a violation of the rules of the society, but from sympathy towards the deceased’s family, a widow and three children, the committee voted them the sum of 15s.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 16/10/1837 - Advert

“Votes For South Staffordshire.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Tuesday, October 24, 1837, at the house of Mr. *William Whitehouse*, the KINGS ARMS, near Bloomfield Engine, in the parish of Sedgley, at six o’clock in the evening, in the following or such lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale subject to conditions.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/4/1839

“On the evening of the 9th instant, the Sedgley Operative Conservative Association met at the COURT HOUSE, Sedgley. S. S. Briscoe, Esq was in the chair; and in an impressive speech showed the necessity for such associations, and offered every assistance to the institution. Samuel Bateman, Esq, J. H. Turton, Esq and J. Ballendon, Esq also attended the meeting. Mr. W. S. Naylor, of West Bromwich, addressed the meeting at considerable length. Several other animated addresses were delivered, and a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Briscoe for his able conduct in the chair. It was the largest meeting the association has had, and the greatest unanimity existed amongst all present. The next meeting of the Association takes place at the KINGS ARMS, Princes End, on the evening of the 23rd instant.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/5/1839

“Sedgley Operative Conservative Association. This association held their meeting at Mr. *Whitehouse*’s, the KINGS ARMS, Princes End, on Tuesday evening. Mr. W. S. Naylor was called to the chair.....”

1841 Census

Upper Princes End

[1] *William Whitehouse* (30), victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] Hannah Whitehouse (25), born Staffordshire;

[3] George Whitehouse (20), born Staffordshire;

[4] Elisha Whitehouse (15), born Staffordshire;

[5] Esther Whitehouse (3), born Staffordshire;

[6] Hannah Whitehouse (6 months), born Staffordshire;

[7] William Wagstaff (15), ms, born Staffordshire;

[8] Caroline Steading (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

William Whitehouse was also a brewer and maltster. [1845], [1851], [1854]

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/9/1844

“Inquests before T. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner.....

On Thursday, at the KINGS ARMS, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, on a child named James Wassall, 4 years old, who was drowned in a reservoir, near the edge of which he had been playing. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/9/1845

“South Staffordshire Junction Railway.

Two lines of Railway having been submitted to the public, connecting the Mineral Districts of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire with the Midland Railway at or near Alrewas, we the undersigned Merchants, Coal and Iron Masters, Manufacturers, Traders, Agriculturists, and other inhabitants, residing at the boroughs of Wolverhampton, Walsall, and Dudley, at the towns of Wednesbury, Darlaston Bilston, Willenhall, Tipton, West Bromwich, and other places in these districts, also at the city of Lichfield, and its neighbourhood, do hereby express our opinion that the projected South Staffordshire Junction Railway, which will communicate with the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railways, at Dudley, and at Wolverhampton, and with the Grand Junction Railway, and also with the intended Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, and South Staffordshire Junction Railway, at one Grand Central Station in the town of Wolverhampton, where all the Railways will meet, is the line best calculated to serve the important Mining, Manufacturing, Trading, and Agricultural Interests of the districts and places enumerated, and we promise to it our strenuous support.....

William Whitehouse, brewer, Princes End.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/10/1845

“An inquest was held on Monday, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, at the KINGS ARMS, Princes End, on the body of John Millington, who died suddenly on the preceding Saturday. The deceased, who was about 62 years of age, was a ball furnaceman, and between eight and nine o'clock in the morning, Elizabeth Downes, a neighbour, was called in and found him sitting upon a bench, in a speechless and dying state; he expired soon afterwards. He had been sitting reading a testament, and had taken a hearty breakfast immediately before his death. Verdict Accidental Death.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/11/1846

“Inquests During The Week Held Before George Hinchliffe, Esq.....

On Tuesday, on the body of Thomas Bitterley, at the KINGS ARMS, Princes End, Tipton. The deceased was sitting in his chair on Monday morning, when he suddenly fell and instantly expired. The jury returned a verdict, Died by the Visitation of God.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/7/1848

“Dreadful Boiler Explosion At Bloomfield Ironworks, Three Men Killed.....

On Saturday last an inquest was held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, on the body of Henry Millington, who was found dead among the ruins, and had been conveyed to his late home at Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, and a respectable jury, of which Mr. Thomas Horton, boiler maker, was the foreman, at the house of Mr. *Whitehouse*, KINGS ARMS, Princes End. Mr. Canning, of the firm Fellowes, Coldicott, and Canning, of Dudley, was in attendance to watch the proceedings on behalf of the proprietors of the works (Messrs. Barrows and Hall).

The first witness examined was Robert Purcell, engineer. He knew deceased Millington; he was about twenty, and was a bolter down the rolls. Witness worked alternate weeks – days and nights. He was on days that week, and left about six o'clock on the evening in question (Thursday), when William Price, the other engineer, since deceased, took witnesses place. The engine and every part of the machinery connected with it appeared in good repair, and working order. It was a cylinder boiler, of good construction, and of sufficient strength. There were two water indicators, and also a visible safety whistle attached. John Nicholls is the field engineer, and it was his duty to put the proper weight on the lever, and he looked after the machinery generally every day. When witness left on Thursday evening the same weight was upon the lever as had been upon it for several months past. There was a good supply of water, and the boiler did not leak. It was repaired about two months since. The boiler was full of water when witness left it on Thursday evening, and

he never knew the boiler to be short of water when the pump was throwing. Witness examined the end of the boiler which was blown out, but could not account for the bursting of it, except from an excess of steam. He never knew the plates of the boiler to be red hot; there was always sufficient water in the boiler. Witness had been an engineer upwards of twelve years, and was of opinion the boiler was a good one in every respect. There were three stay rods in the boiler, and witness believed that the cramps were all perfect. Charles Johnson, assistant stock taker, deposed that he left the works that evening about six o'clock; he was at work days that week; the engine then seemed to be working regularly. About eight o'clock witness was standing on Factory bridge, a distance from the works, when he observed a number of persons running in the direction of the works, and immediately saw a large quantity of steam ascending. Witness also went to the works, and found one end of the boiler had exploded, and the boiler blown a considerable distance. It was the back end of the boiler that was out from the fire. Witness's first attention was directed to the removal of the bricks and rubbish from the men who had been knocked down, and assisted in removing a large quantity of bricks and rubbish from Perry, who was got out, and seemed to be in a dying state. Witness then assisted to get out Millington, who was underneath Perry; he was observed to breathe once and expire. Upwards of half a ton of bricks and rubbish was upon him. The plates of the boiler which had exploded were seven-sixteenths in thickness. They did not appear to have been red hot; scurf was upon them, which would not have been the case had the boiler been red hot. Witness always considered the boiler safe; he had known the engineer Price upwards of twenty years, he was a steady and experienced man.

John Davis, a mill furnaceman, who appeared with his head bound up from injuries received, was next examined. He deposed to going to the works about five o'clock that evening (Thursday), being at work nights that week. Everything appeared to be working right that evening up to the moment of the occurrence, when he was instantaneously knocked down by a brick, and also scalded from the water of the boiler. Witness never knew or heard of any defect in the machinery of the boiler, which he always considered to be a good one, and to be properly worked. He never heard any complaint of want of water, or of neglect or inattention of Price. Mr. Nicholls is the inspector of the engines, and he was at the works daily. The engine was at work the instant of the explosion. Witness did not hear the safety whistle. Had there been a deficiency of water in the boiler, the safety whistle would have made a noise.

John Nicholls, engineer of the works, was then called. He stated that he examined the boiler about a month ago; it appeared perfectly safe in every respect; the plates were securely riveted, and the angle iron not welded. There were three stays from the flat end of the sides properly fastened. Witness had examined the boiler since the occurrence; the plates were from three-eighths to half an inch thick; the end plate being half an inch in thickness. The weight upon the safety valve was not more than 12lbs to the square inch; witness could have considered it safe to have put 16lbs. Never knew greater or indeed any other weight than 12lbs upon the safety valve. Witness saw the weight was on about four o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday. The plates of the boiler he considered had not been red hot, that the occurrence was accidental, and no blame could be attached to anyone. Witness found one side of the rods in the boiler after the explosion. It was broken at the end next to the flat plate, and appeared to have been recently broken. The witness stated, in answer to a question by Mr. Canning, that Messrs Barrows and Hall had spared no expense in carrying on the works with a view to the safety of the workmen in particular; that several persons were employed specially to superintend the engines and the working of the machines generally, and that Mr. Hall himself frequently inspected the same.

The jury, in accordance with their wish, then inspected the boiler, and after a short consultation, intimated a desire that the investigation should be adjourned for the production of further evidence, particularly as to the interior of the boiler, when the Coroner adjourned the inquiry till Thursday evening."

[At the adjourned inquest, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.]

William Whitehouse was described as being also a hop merchant. [1850]

1851 Census

Princes End

[1] *William Whitehouse* (43), maltster, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Whitehouse* (40), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *Mary Whitehouse* (7), daughter, born Sedgley;

- [4] William Whitehouse (4), son, born Segley;
- [5] Samuel H. Whitehouse (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [6] Mary Whitehouse (17), visitor, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Ann Williams (24), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/7/1857

“Victoria Iron Foundry and Hurdle Works, Princes End, in the Parish of Sedgley, Staffordshire. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, (by order of the Mortgagees) at the KINGS ARMS INN, Princes End, Tipton.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/7/1859 - Advert

“Desirable Messuages And Gardens, at Round’s Hill, Dimmack’s Lane, in the Parish of Sedgley. To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, at the house of Mr. *William Whitehouse*, the KINGS ARMS, Bloomfield, Tipton, on Tuesday Next, the 19th day of July instant, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1863

“The meeting for the renewing and granting of licenses was held on Friday, at the police-office..... Mr. Thurstans, of Wolverhampton, applied for a license for the house of Mr. *Whitehouse*, the KINGS ARMS, Princes End; and it appeared from the statement of Mr. Thurstans that the house had been in existence for many years, the landlord was a very respectable man, and the house was creditably conducted. The locality was a fast increasing one, and there were now 273 houses close by. Mr. Waterhouse opposed the application on behalf of George Littlewood, of the BOAT INN. After a short deliberation, the Magistrates refused the application.”

William Whitehouse was described as an ale and porter brewer, maltster and hop merchant, Princes End Brewery. [1868], [1870]

Birmingham Daily Post 17/8/1870 - Advert

“To be Sold, a first-class Bass Drum (nearly new), 32-inch Heads. Apply to G. Littlewood, KINGS ARMS, Princes End, Tipton.”

1871 Census

36, Bloomfield Road – QUEENS [sic] ARMS – no one sleeps

William Whitehouse was also s brewer [1872]

He was also a brewer, maltster and wine and spirit merchant. [1873]

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1880 - Letters

“Distress In The Black Country.

To the Editor of the *Daily Post*

Sir.....

Two centres of feeding them were at once started – one at the KINGS ARMS, Bloomfield, and the other at Tipton Green. At the former place the numbers have gradually increased from 500 per week to over 2,000. During the last four weeks 10,252 have been fed there, at a little less than 1d per head. Five days a week they are supplied with an unlimited amount of good wholesome soup and bread at dinner time, and on the sixth day they have plain bread.....”

Dudley Herald 4/12/1880

“The Distress In Tipton And Princes End.

The distress in these districts had not abated, and the relief committee are still working energetically to relieve the wants of the distressed. The number of meals given to the poor children by the committee at the KINGS ARMS INN, Princes End, and at the Schoolroom, Wood Street, Tipton, and the cost of the same

from the week commencing July 12th to the week ending November 20th, have been 50,776 meals, at a cost of £214 16s 2½d, the cost per head per diem for each child being one penny. The committee speak in the highest praise of Mr. and Mrs. *Preston*, of the KINGS ARMS INN, for the great interest they have taken in the poor children, while their self-imposed labours on their behalf have been of the most onerous description. The committee are, unfortunately, under the necessity of curtailing their operations – having to limit the number of meals given at the KINGS ARMS to three days per week, in consequence of the fund becoming somewhat exhausted; but should funds be forthcoming they will only be too happy to return to the six days per week, as before. Donations and old clothing will be thankfully received by Mrs. Wilkinson, the bank treasurer; Mrs. Edgar Underhill, hon. sec, Tipton district; and Mr. W. Allen, Tibbington Foundry, treasurer; and Mr. J. Whitehouse, 77, High Street, hon. sec, Princes End district.”

1881 Census

36, Bloomfield Road – KINGS ARMS

[1] *William H. Preston* (35), manager, born Birmingham;

[2] *Catherine Preston* (33), wife, manageress, born Wiltshire;

[3] *William T. Bruntnall* (14), son-in-law, born Birmingham:

Evening Star 19/5/1882

“Oldbury County Court – This Day, before W. D. Griffiths, Esq, Judge.

A Princes End Brewer and his Customer.

This was an interpleader action in which *William Whitehouse*, late of the KINGS HEAD BREWERY [sic], Princes End, Tipton, was the execution creditor, and *Caroline Smith*, a dressmaker, of Walsall, was the claimant. The amount at issue was about £12.

Mr. Shakespeare was for the claimant, and Mr. Williams, Walsall, represented the execution creditor.

The evidence was that *Sarah Smith*, a sister of the claimant, had kept a beerhouse, and had been supplied with beer by Mr. *Whitehouse*. Claimant had been residing with her sister at 69, Picknell Street, Golds Hill, and had a piano and a quantity of furniture on the premises at the time the execution was put in, all of which were seized by the execution creditor.

His honour gave a verdict for the claimant for the full amount without costs.

An interpleader, arising out of the same case, in which *Job Smith* was claimant and *Whitehouse* execution creditor, was disposed of in a similar manner.”

William Henry Preston died on 24th September 1882.

Dudley and District News 22/11/1884

“The large array of ‘Corks’ who appeared at the KINGS ARMS HOTEL, Princes End (bro. Mathews) the other evening, shows the gigantic growth of ‘Corkism’ in the district. A regalia visit from Lodges 128 RED LION (Wednesbury), 330 THREE CROWNS (Swan Village), and 428 CASTLE HOTEL (Dudley), took place, when about 100 brothers attended and passed a most enjoyable evening, harmony and the object of the society being combined, under the presidency of Bro. Captain H. Allen. The society is now 22,000 strong, and is a registered society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1875. Its advantages were most ably explained by Bros. Captain Oates and Lieutenant Hall.”

Catherine Preston died on 14th January 1885.

Henry Kingsland was the grandson of *William Henry* and *Catherine Preston*.

Wolverhampton Express and Star 20/2/1885

“The following transfers of licenses were granted.....

KINGS ARMS, Bloomfield Road, Princes End, from the administratrix for the late *Catherine Preston* to *Frank Matthews*.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/3/1887

“At the Public Office, before the Stipendiary, *John Cresswell*, landlord of the KINGS ARMS INN, Bloomfield, Princes End, was fined 20s and costs for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the 23rd ult. It was shown that the defendant converted his customers into friends to play at whist.”

Dudley Mercury 2/5/1887

“On Monday, at the Police Court, Mr. George Fawdry and Mr. Henry Round were charged with being on the premises of Mr. *Cresswell*, KINGS ARMS HOTEL, Bloomfield, during illegal hours. Mr. W. H. Tinsley defended.

It was shown that during the previous week the landlord had been fined £1 and costs for allowing his house to be open for the supply of drink to the defendants. His defence was that the people were his guests.

Mr. Fawdry said he and his friend, Round, went into the house just before eleven o'clock, and Mr. Round paid for two glasses. The landlord invited them to stay, and said all would be all right if they did not pay for anything. Nothing was paid for.

The Stipendiary said that customers could not be converted into guests, and that landlord was to blame for misleading the defendants. The summons would, under the circumstances, be dismissed under payment of costs.”

James Neale = James Neal

1891 Census

31, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *James Neale* (29), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Jane Neale (29), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Ellen Neale (2), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] William Neale (10 months), son, born Dudley;
- [5] Mary Ayden (18), domestic servant, born Dudley:

1901 Census

36, Bloomfield Road – KINGS ARMS INN

- [1] *James Neale* (39), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] Sarah J. Neale (39), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Bertha Neale (16), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] Thomas Neale (15), son, sheet iron worker, born Dudley;
- [5] Ellen Neale (12), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] William Neale (10), son, born Dudley;
- [7] Lucy M. Neale (7), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] Florence Neale (5), daughter, born Sedgley:

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich and Tipton Quoits League. [1901], [1903]

Lizzie Smith married Samuel Thomas Higgins on 23rd April 1905.

1911 Census

Bloomfield Road – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *Charles Smith* (39), licensed victualler, born Priestfield;
- [2] Edith Smith (39), wife, born Codsall;
- [3] George Henry Smith (16), son, box making at foundry, born Priestfield;
- [4] Christiana Baldwin (71), widow, mother-in-law, birthplace not given:

Requirements here, had been carried out, it was announced at the adjourned Licensing Session, on 4th March 1930.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/1/1940

“One of the two students who took part in the attempt to rescue four children in a pool at Coseley, last Friday afternoon, said at the inquest that he learned to swim at Tipton Baths and gained his first aid knowledge with the Midland ‘Red’ Black Country Bus Ambulance Division, of which his father is superintendent. The youth, Arthur Edwin Bennet, aged 15, who is a student at Dudley Technical College, and lives at Westmead, Millard Road, Coseley, said that he was on a mound by Brook Pool, Brook Street, The Coppice, with his friend Bertram Smith, aged 15, a fellow student, of the KINGS ARMS, Bloomfield Road, Princes End, when the tragedy occurred.

He and Smith undressed and dived into the water. He recovered the body of one child and tried artificial respiration until a doctor arrived.

Police-sergeant Martin, who recovered the other bodies, said that the pool was 60 feet deep in the centre. The Coroner (Mr. J. T. Higgins) returned a verdict of Accidental Death and complimented the would be rescuers.

The victims of the tragedy were Norman Fellows, aged 13, of 13 Caddick Street; Irene Fletcher, aged ten, and Desmond Gordon Fletcher, aged eight, brother and sister, 7, Hartland Avenue, and Joseph Gerald Flavell, aged nine DRUIDS HEAD INN, Caddick Street.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1955-56]

Two teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1956-57]

Alan Simpson was married to Julie.

[1990]

Closed [1996], [1999]

It was demolished in 2000.

KINGS ARMS

12, (12a), Toll End Road, Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Chenaniah Taylor [1835] – [1850]

Charles Taylor [1851] – **1854**);

Selina Taylor (**1854 – 1855**);

Edward Darby (**1855 – 1857**);

John Jones (**1857 – 1863**);

Henry Bate Erwin (**1863 – 1867**);

John Walford [1866] – [1867] ?

William Walford (**1867 – 1868**);

Robert Baker (**1868** – []

Joseph Baker [1870] – [1875]

Abraham Roper [] – **1881**);

John William Roden (1881 – []
Mrs. Elizabeth H Bishop [1891] – [1892]
Samuel Bentley* [1896] – [1900]
Harry Walter Round [1904] – 1905);
Lucy Reynolds (1905 – []
Mrs. Sarah Green [1908]
Samuel Bentley* [1911] – [1912]
Thomas William Singleton [1916] – 1922);
Richard Baggott (1922 – 1926);
James Lloyd (1926 – 1927);
John Mann (1927 – 1930);
Louisa Raybould (1930 – 1931);
George William Newbold (1931 – 1932);
William Edward Harper (1932 – 1933);
Thomas Corfield (1933 – 1938);
James McFarlane (1938 – 1940);
Ernest Day (1940 – 1946);
Dennis Day (1946 – [1966]
Harold Lowey [1960] manager
Ken Cadman [] – 1986);
Phil Taylor (1986 – []
Trevor Morrell [1991] – [1993]
Andrew ‘Andy’ Clark [2011] – [2018]
Jenny Witter [2022] – [2023]

NOTES

12, Toll End Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1932]

QUEENS ARMS [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

Chenaniah Taylor, beer retailer, Toll End. [1835], [1841]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 8/1/1844 - Advert

“To be Let, an old-licensed Public House, the **KINGS ARMS**, situate at Toll End, Tipton, on the road leading from Great Bridge to Wednesbury, Bilston, and Wolverhampton, and in the centre of the Coal and Iron Works.

Rent £20 per annum. Coming-in low.

May be taken to at any time between now and Ladyday next.

For particulars apply on the premises.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/7/1850 - Deaths

“On the 4th instant, in the 69th year of his age, Mr. *Chenaniah Taylor*, of the **KINGS ARMS INN**, Great Bridge, Tipton, deeply regretted by his family and friends.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/3/1851 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Building Land, at Toll End, Tipton, Staffordshire.

Mr. G. Allin will Sell by Auction, at the house of Mr. *Charles Taylor*, **KINGS ARMS**, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday, 17th day of March instant, at six o’clock in the evening, in one or such other lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be produced.....”

1851 Census

Toll End

[1] *Charles Taylor* (24), married, victualler, born Rowley Regis;

[2] *Mary Ann Carpenter* (18), house servant, born Bilston;

[3] *Sarah Ann Hillman* (18), house servant, born Bilston:

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/10/1855

“At the Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, Henry Pearse, captain of a boat lying at the Tipton locks, was brought up under the following suspicious circumstances. A little before one o’clock that morning the prisoner was found by the servant of Mr. *Edward Darby*, landlord of the KINGS ARMS, Toll End, crouching down in the pantry. He pretended to be asleep, and in defence said he was tipsy and had gone to sleep there. Three witnesses, however, said he was quite sober. He was directed to pay the costs, £1 1s 6d.”

Birmingham Journal 31/1/1857 - Advert

“KINGS HEAD INN, Toll End.

To be Let, with immediate possession, that well-accustomed Inn called the KINGS HEAD. The House comprises Spirit Shop, Bar, Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Kitchen, Tap Room, large Club Room, five Bed Rooms, Brewhouse, Yard, &c, and is situated in the above densely populated and thriving neighbourhood. The Licenses, Fixtures, and Effects to be taken to at a Valuation.

The House and Premises have been successfully carried on by the same family for the last twenty years. Satisfactory reasons will be given for the present Proprietor leaving.

Applications to be made to Mr. George Wood, Auctioneer and Appraiser, Hall Street, Dudley.

N.B. The Stock of Ales, Spirits, &c, will be removed.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/1/1861

“At the Petty Sessions, held at Wednesbury, yesterday, John Maloy was charged with having stolen a watch from the person of John Brooks. The prosecutor said that he and the prisoner were together in the KINGS ARMS INN, at Toll End, on Saturday night, where they remained together for about an hour, when he missed the watch. There was not any one besides himself and the prisoner in the house during the time. The prisoner was taken at Great Bridge on the same night when the watch was found upon him. The prisoner said he was drunk at the time, and that the prosecutor laid the watch on the table, and he took it up intending to give it up. Eventually, however, he pleaded guilty, and was sent to prison for a month.”

1861 Census

Toll End – KINGS ARMS

[1] *John Jones* (35), unmarried, victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Betsy Jones* (25), sister, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Gardener* (16), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 20/6/1862 - Advert

“Found, a Greyhound. The Owner may have him by describing him and paying expenses. If not claimed in three days will be Sold to defray expenses.

At the KINGS ARMS, Toll End, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Henry Bate Erwin = Henry Bate Irwin = Henry Earn

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/8/1864

“Renewal of Licenses.....

From the Superintendent’s statement it appeared that there were but thirteen publicans who had been convicted since last licensing day, and but few of those who had been fined more than once. The list of convictions was as follows.....

Henry Erwin, KINGS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, open on Sunday, May 10th, fined 20s and costs.....

After the licenses of those persons who had not been convicted had been renewed, those landlords whose names appeared on the black list were called in, all of whom were severely censured and cautioned by the Bench.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1864

“The annual Petty Session for the renewal of publican’s licenses in the Walsall, Wednesbury, and West Bromwich district was held yesterday, at the Scott Arms, Great Barr.....

The undermentioned persons were reported by the police to have been fined during the year for offences against their licenses. The fines, however, appeared to have exercised a salutary effect, as they had, with the exception of two innkeepers, whose licenses were suspended, all conducted their houses since the several convictions in a very orderly manner.....

Henry Earn, KINGS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton **license renewed.**”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/11/1865 - Advert

“Wanted, a single young Man as Brewer, to live in the house.

Apply, KINGS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/4/1866

“A meeting of the members of the Tipton Victoria Cricket Club was held at the KINGS ARMS INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, on Friday evening last, at which there was a numerous attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Joseph Collins, captain of the club. After going into the preliminary business of the meeting, a committee was appointed to carry out the objects of the club for the ensuing season, and Mr. William Whitehouse was reappointed secretary. It was decided to commence playing on the Tipton Victoria Ground, on Monday, the 30th of April instant. It was reported that several new members had given their names to join the club, and the committee feel assured that with the energy which they hoped each member would exert, it would become this season one of the best clubs in the county.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/11/1866 - Advert

“By R. L. Courtney, To-Morrow (Tuesday), at the house of Mr. *Erwin*, the KINGS ARMS INN, Toll End, Tipton, at Seven o’clock – all that Freehold Messuage, tenement, or Dwelling House and Premises, known as the THREE HORSE SHOES, situate at Toll End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1867

“The annual licensing meeting for the West Bromwich district was held in the Public Office, West Bromwich....

The following publicans against whom convictions were recorded, were reprimanded, but had their licenses renewed.....

John Walford, KINGS ARMS INN, Tipton, keeping open during prohibited hours.”

Tipton Herald 25/7/1868

“The annual dinner of the Tipton Tradesmen’s Society was held at the KINGS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday last. The secretary read his annual report, which was found to be satisfactory.”

Joseph Baker was fined 10s and costs for permitting drunkenness in July 1870.

1871 Census

12, Toll End Road

[1] *Joseph Baker* (46), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;

[2] *Mary Baker* (45), wife, born Darlaston;

[3] *Daniel Baker* (18), son, printer’s compositor, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Sarah Jane Baker* (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Mary A. Baker* (14), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[6] *Martha Baker* (13), daughter, born Wednesbury;

- [7] Phebe A. Baker (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
[8] Joseph Baker (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
[9] Emma Baker (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
[10] Samuel Baker (10 months), son, born Tipton;
[11] Martha Rubery (67), mother, widow, born Newtown, Staffordshire:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/6/1871

“C. Shelley and G. Sheldon (both of Great Bridge) run 100 yards, Shelley having a yard start, for £5 a side; Mr. *Baker*, KINGS ARMS, Great Bridge, stakeholder, and referee.”

Birmingham Daily Post 8/8/1874 - Advert

“Sale by Private Treaty of Valuable Freehold Public House and Land, at Toll End, Tipton.
To Publicans, Investors, and Others.

By E. Cox, all that Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed Public House, known as the KINGS ARMS INN, with the adjoining Buildings and Land, situate in and fronting to the main road, Toll End, Tipton.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to Mr. E. Cox, Auctioneer, High Street, West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/10/1874 - Advert

“Highly-important Sale To Licensed Victuallers, Brewers, and Others.....

All that desirable Freehold Old-licensed Public House and Premises, known as the KINGS ARMS INN, situate on the main road, Toll End, Tipton, comprising large Club Room, three Bed Rooms, Malt Room, Liquor Shop, Parlour, Tap Room and Kitchen; convenient Brewery and Cooking Kitchen, three Cellars, Stable with Loft, Piggeries; large enclosed Yard, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Baker*.....”

Midland Examiner 3/4/1875 - Advert

“KINGS ARMS INN, Toll End, Great Bridge. Unreserved Sale.

To Licensed Victuallers, Parties Furnishing, Brokers, and Others. On Monday, April 5th, 1875.

Mr. E. Scholefield will Sell by Auction, on the Premises, on Monday, April 5th, 1875, the Brewing Vessels, comprising Two large Copper Boilers, Iron Boilers, Mash Tub, Ale Coolers, Lead Piping, Ale Casks, 4-pull Beer Machine, Slate bottomed Bagatelle Board. The Sale includes a portion of the Household Furniture, Mahogany Table, Deal Tables, Mahogany-framed Couch, Chimney Glasses, Timepieces, Fenders, Chairs, Iron and Wood Bedsteads, Paillasses, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Toilet Glasses, Venetian Blinds, and numerous other effects, belonging to Mr. *Joseph Baker*, who is leaving the premises.

Sale to commence at Half-past Ten a.m.

Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale, and at the Auctioneer’s offices, 28, Church Street, Wednesbury.”

Evening Express 1/3/1881

“A petition for liquidation was on Monday filed in the Dudley Crown Court on behalf of *Abraham Roper*, licensed victualler, of the KINGS ARMS INN, Toll End, Tipton. Liabilities estimated at £765. Messrs. Thursfield and Messiter are solicitors to the debtor.”

1881 Census

12, Toll End Road – QUEENS [sic] ARMS

[1] *John Roden* (31), married, puddler and victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *James Roden* (29), brother, puddler, born West Bromwich:

Dudley and District News 3/9/1881

“*John William Roden*, landlord of the KINGS ARMS, Tividale [sic], was charged with keeping open his house after eleven o’clock on the night of Tuesday, 16th August. Mr. Hooper appeared for the defence. PC Godsall, said he was passing the house about 11.40, and on looking through a window, saw two men sitting drinking and playing cards. He went to the back, and seeing a servant, he knocked at the door. He

saw a girl run into the room where the men were, and she opened the door. He went in, and found the bar locked, and the room in which he saw the men empty. He went upstairs, and found two men hiding in a bed. Cross-examined by Mr. Hooper. He was certain as to the time, as he had been at a meeting at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, till ten minutes past eleven. It might have been water the men had in their glasses. Sarah Roden said she was in charge of her son's (defendant's) house that evening. In consequence of being wanted at home, she shut up the bar at five minutes to eleven, and cleared the house of all except two gentlemen who were to lodge all night in her husband's house (the HOP AND BARLEYCORN). She went back to the KINGS ARMS about ten minutes past eleven and saw PC Godsall there.

James Moss, said he went to the KINGS ARMS to fetch his supper beer about three minutes to eleven, and was told the bar was closed.

The magistrates said there was no doubt the men knew that they were doing wrong or they would not have hid themselves. Defendant would be fined 20s and costs, and if he again appeared on a similar charge, they would endorse his license.

For being in the house during prohibited hours, John Herbert and William Grainger were each fined 7s including costs."

Birmingham Daily Post 27/3/1890 - Advert

"Sale Of The Brewing Plant at the KINGS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton.

Gilbert & Rooker will Sell by Auction, on Wednesday Next, April 2.

The Capital Brewing Plant, two large copper Boilers, pair of Coolers, large gathering Square, Hogsheads, Half-hogsheads, and other Casks, Wort Spouts, Bowls, Lead Pipe, and other Utensils.

Sale at Eleven o'clock.

Auctioneer's Offices. 102, Colmore Row, Birmingham."

1891 Census

12, Toll End Road – KINGS ARMS

[1] Thomas Bishop (27), gold assayer, born Birmingham;

[2] *Elizabeth H. Bishop* (24), wife, born London;

[3] Thomas Victor Bishop (4), son, born Birmingham;

[4] Madeline S. Bishop (1), daughter, born Birmingham;

[5] Annie L. Stevenson (22), visitor, born London;

[6] Martha Jones (27), domestic servant, born Birmingham:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/8/1891

"Mr. Shakespeare asked for the sanction of the Bench to certain alterations to be made at the FOX AND DOGS INN, High Street, West Bromwich, and explained that the house had been licensed for a hundred years. It had cost the present owner £3,000, and it was proposed to expend £1,000. A similar application was made in respect of the KINGS ARMS INN, Great Bridge, and the NELSON INN, New Street, West Bromwich. All the applications were ordered to stand over until the adjourned licensing day."

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1891

"West Bromwich. The adjourned licensing session for this borough was held yesterday.....

Mr. Sharpe's application for extensions to the KINGS ARMS INN, Great Bridge, was granted, subject to the approval of the surveyor."

Birmingham Daily Post 11/10/1893

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the KINGS ARMS, Toll End, on the body of David Griffiths, whose parents reside at Toll End. Deceased, it appeared, fell into the canal on the 7th instant whilst playing with some of his companions, and was drowned before any effective assistance could be rendered him. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

* possibly the same person

It had its own quoits ground. [1901]

A team from here took part in the Tipton and District Quoits League. [1901]

Indenture 28/10/1909

“All that messuage and premises used as a public-house and known as the KINGS ARMS formerly numbered 12 and 12a but now numbered 12 Toll End Road.....”

1911 Census

Toll End – KINGS ARMS INN

[1] *Samuel Bentley* (46), public house manager, iron dresser, born Tipton;

[2] *Margaret Bentley* (47), wife, married 25 years, born Tipton;

[3] *Margaret Bentley* (21), niece, servant, born West Bromwich:

Samuel Bentley – see also COUNTRY GIRL.

It was extended to include two adjacent houses in 1924.

South Staffordshire Times 30/8/1924

“On Wednesday an important ceremony was held in connection with the Queen Victoria Lodge of the R.A.O.B. at the KINGS ARMS, Toll End, when five brethren were raised to the second degree.....”

Dennis Day was married to *Ada*.

Tipton Herald 16/7/1960

“Many lofts in Tipton are strangely silent this week. Owners are looking wistfully into the sky for the return of 100 birds valued at nearly £1,500 missing somewhere along the 368 miles course from Nantes, in France, to the Black Country Two hundred and eighteen pigeons were released from the French coastal town on Saturday morning, and were expected to return home in about 10 hours. But yesterday only 118 had returned Prizes for the event were distributed at the KINGS ARMS public house, Toll End Road, Tipton, on Thursday.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/9/1960

“*Harold Lowey*, manager of the KINGS ARMS INN, Great Bridge, was ordered to pay a total penalty of £61 3s 6d at West Bromwich yesterday for two National Insurance offences.

He was fined £25 for having in his possession five used National Insurance stamps and a further £25 for fixing to an insurance card previously used stamps. He also had to pay £11 3s 6d costs.

It was stated that *Lowey*, who pleaded guilty to both charges, failed to return to the Ministry an insurance card which expired last December. He said it had been sent to the head office of the brewery but there was no trace of it. A scientific examination of his next card disclosed traces of pink material and print on the stamps. The previous card was pink.”

Smethwick Telephone 21/7/1970

“Pigeon fanciers packed the KINGS ARMS, Toll End last week.....”

It closed on 4th February 1987.

It was demolished in 1987.

A temporary building was erected whilst new pub was built on an adjacent site.

The new building opened on 19th November 1987.

Phil Taylor was married to *Marilyn*.

Andy Clark ran the pub with *Mandy Britton*.

Express & Star 16/8/2017

“A derelict pub which once honoured ‘one of the bravest of the brave’ Tipton war heroes has been left to rot. Calls have been made for the NAGS HEAD, in Market Place, Great Bridge – also the former home of Tipton Royal British Legion – to be brought back to life.

In the mid 1990s the pub was renamed the FUSILIER in honour of Corporal Joseph Davies, before reverting back to the NAGS HEAD.

A blue plaque used to be situated on the front wall of the building commemorating his heroic actions after he saved the lives of eight comrades at Delville Wood on July 20, 1916, during the Battle of the Somme. The dedicated soldier, who lived in nearby Nock Street, was awarded the Victoria Cross by King George V. The plaque was put on the building in 1992, after a campaign by Tipton Civic Society and the Royal British Legion Tipton Branch. It is now on the KINGS ARMS in Toll End Road. A memorial stone honouring Corporal Davies’ life was unveiled last year at Victoria Park. It was due to be converted into apartments and shops after plans were pushed forward in 2014 following objections to its demolition, but work is yet to get under way.

Chairman of Sandwell Council planning committee, Councillor Paul Sanders, said, ‘It was a lovely pub that sadly got abandoned. It would be great to see it refurbished or converted into flats.’

Keith Hodgkins, chair of Tipton Civic Society, said the building was ‘one of the best’ in the area. He said it was designed by local architect George Wenyon, who was also behind Tipton Library and Dudley Library. Corporal Davies died in the 1970s. ‘We think the NAGS HEAD is a very important building. When it closed we took the plaque off and last year had it put on the KINGS ARMS, in Toll End Road. We are very sad to see it as it is.’”

Express & Star 22/3/2021

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space..... KINGS ARMS, Toll End Road, Tipton.”

Express & Star 6/5/2023

“The KINGS ARMS in Tipton will be having a ‘Royal knees-up’ on Saturday, where people are welcomed to take part and enjoy their celebration for the King’s Coronation. Charles III and Camilla will be crowned in a historic event at Westminster Abbey on May 6, just one month shy of the 70th anniversary of Elizabeth II’s coronation in June 1953. To celebrate the historic event, people across the country will be partying and taking part in celebrations to mark the occasion, including pubs such as the KINGS ARMS, which will be decorated in red, white and blue with bunting hanging. The KINGS ARMS, which is aptly named, considering the weekend’s historic event, will be hosting a big celebration for their regulars, locals and families all around. Landlady *Jenny Witter* has turned it into a popular spot for family events, and this weekend will be no different with an outdoor kids disco, bouncy castle, face painting and a barbecue. The following afternoon, there will be a themed party for adults. Those attending are being encouraged to don fancy dress in a competition for the king and queen costumes, with the winners securing a £30 price. The event is free to attend, and *Jenny* said she is expected a lot of people to turn up, as her family events are always popular. *Jenny*, 48, has run the pub since February 2022 after working in the care industry for 17 years but now she is living her lifelong ambition of running her own pub. She said, ‘I worked as a care support worker for 17 years but I always wanted to run my own pub since I was a child, so during the Covid pandemic I started doing some courses and training, took my personal license qualification and then began looking at pubs I could take over and thankfully I found the KINGS ARMS. I finally found my calling and my dream job, so yeah, you could say I’m living the dream. I jokingly say that I’m still caring for people but it’s just my customers now, but that is one thing I love about the job, the social aspect, meeting new people and the conversations you get to have.’

The pub will open its doors from 10am on Saturday for the King's coronation where hot drinks will be served along with breakfasts, and the event will be shown on the screens in the pub. Speaking about what the transition was like moving from the care sector to the hospitality industry, and during a testing time following the pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis, *Jenny* added, 'The move was fine. I'm originally from Birmingham, and so at first it took people a little time to take to me but after some hard work I've got the locals on my side now, I have been able to win them over, and now we get on like a house on fire and they're like my family. I also look after my dad here too, but overall I've received great support from the locals and regulars. It has been quiet during the weekdays but I think that things are slowly picking up following Covid and now the cost of living. Weekends are of course the busier days, and to help, I'm going to start serving my own food. Marstons took their food options out, and so it is a wet-led pub at the moment with just cobs and snacks but I've served a few curries and homemade scotch eggs and the customers are loving them, and so I will be launching my own menu within the next month. What has helped us as a pub too is by hosting these big events for families and also serving cocktails, which has brought on a lot of younger customers. Firstly, I love doing events for kids, and it goes back to the family-feel of the pub which is nice to have. I recently did an Easter hunt event for the kids, with breakfast with the Easter bunny which was thoroughly enjoyed. And for Christmas we had a big grotto for the kids, with Santa giving out presents and Christmas stalls in the area, it was all really nice and they are very popular, and so that is why this weekend I of course wanted to do a special things for adults for the coronation, but also for the kids too. Families feel safe coming here and bringing their children, locals say they can't believe how much I've changed the pub around. And as a single lady, I've managed to turn it around on my own which gives me a sense of pride and makes me happy. We also serve cocktails here which are really popular, and it helps getting younger customers in as they enjoy drinking the cocktails rather than the traditional beers and drinks. So especially with the warmer weather approaching, we tend to sell a lot of cocktails, and Anton the cocktail maker does a great job at the bar.'"

[2023]

KINGS HEAD

Dudley Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaac Jinks [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

Dudley Road – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *Isaac Jinks* (35), pudler and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Jinks* (29), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Victoria E. Jinks* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Sarah Bridge* (45), house servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *William May* (27), lodger, pudler, born Dudley;
- [6] *Albinas Bridge* (20), female, house servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Maria Bridge* (9), nursery servant, born Tipton;

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/6/1861

“W. Buxton of Dudley Port will fight A. Bagot of Walsall at 8st 11lb, or J. Mabber of Walsall at catch weight, from £10 to £20 a side. Man and money ready at Mr. *I. Jinks*’s, KINGS HEAD INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, any night next week.”

KING WILLIAM

29, Factory Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Penn Brewery Co.

LICENSEES

Richard Turner [1846]
Moses Hartland [1868]
Joseph Scriven [1870] – [1871]
Joseph Parker [1881]
Joseph Dickensen [1883]
Samuel Turley [1891]
Mrs. Harriet Callow [1896]
William Starkey [1900] – [1901]

NOTES

It was built in 1770.

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Journal 28/11/1846 - Advert

“Caution.

I hereby forewarn all Persons from trusting my Wife, Sarah *Turner*, she having left her house without any just cause.

Dated this 21st day of November, 1846.

Richard Turner, KING WILLIAM TAVERN, Factory Locks, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/2/1861 - Advert

“Sale At The KING WILLIAM INN, Union Street, Tipton.

To Publicans, Blacksmiths, Brokers, And Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Charles Round This Day (Tuesday), February 19.

All the Public House and Brewing Effects, and part of the Household Furniture; also Blacksmith’s Tools, Smith’s Bellows, two Fanning machines, Loose Stock and Working Tools in Two Shops at the Factory, and Round’s Hill, Tipton.

Sale to commence at Ten o’clock precisely, in Union Street, Tipton, and at the Shops immediately at the close of the Union Street Sale.”

Birmingham Journal 13/6/1863 - Advert

“Tipton. An Opportunity Seldom To Be Met With.

To be Let, that Old-established Retail Beerhouse, KING WILLIAM THE FOURTH, near Factory Locks. This is a genuine House of Business, being surrounded with Iron Works, it is certain a fortune may be realised in a short time. Coming-in £50, or thereabouts. Satisfactory reasons can be given why the present owner is giving up.

Apply to Mr. Jabez Bywater, Auctioneer, &c, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/1/1868 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, This Day (Tuesday), January, at the KING WILLIAM INN, Factory, Tipton.

To Publicans, Brokers, And Others.

To Be Sold By auction, by Mr. Charles Round – all the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, and Household Furniture, belonging to Mr. *Moses Hartland*, and sold under a distress for rent and bill of sale.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock punctually.

Auctioneer's Offices, Owen Street and Bloomfield, Tipton.”

Joseph Scriven = Joseph Scrivens

Joseph Scriven was fined 2s 6d and costs for serving during prohibited hours in August 1870.

1871 Census

29, Factory Road – Public House

- [1] *Joseph Scriven* (36), licensed beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Scriven* (34), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Sarah Scriven* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Emma Matilda Scriven* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

29, Factory Road – KING WILLIAM INN

- [1] *Joseph Parker* (49), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Parker* (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Matilda Nightingale* (35), sister, born Tipton;
- [4] *Eliza Nightingale* (30), sister, born Tipton:

County Express 3/11/1883

“Local Liquidation. On Wednesday last, at the Dudley County Court, a petition was filed on behalf of *Joseph Dickens*, Woodsetton, Sedgley, grocer, now of the KING WILLIAM INN, Tipton, beerhouse keeper, and contractor's clerk. The liabilities are £200, and Messrs. T. M., J. and A. Whitehouse are the solicitors.”

1891 Census

29, Factory Road – KING WILLIAM INN

- [1] *Samuel Turley* (35), shingler iron works, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Hannah Turley* (34), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Honor Parton* (15), cousin, domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Mrs. *Harriet Callow*, beer retailer, 29, Factory Road. [1896]

William Starkey, beer retailer, 29, Factory Road. [1900]

1901 Census

29, Factory Road

- [1] *William Starkey* (29), publican and agent, born Barnsley, Yorkshire;
- [2] *Florence Starkey* (26), wife, born Walsall;

[3] Thomas Starkey (6), son, born Walsall;

[4] Fanny Wise (26), servant, born Germany, British subject:

The license was withdrawn on 27th February 1903 on the grounds that it was dilapidated and insanitary.

It became a café, then a coach firm's office (Ward's), and undertaker's, and a car sales pitch.

KING WILLIAM

Union Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Russell Hill [1860] – [1861]

NOTES

KINGS HEAD [1861]

KING WILLIAM [1861]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1860

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before James Bagnall and D. Round, Esqrs, the following beer sellers were summoned and convicted of having kept their houses open for the sale of beer at the wake beyond the hours allowed by the statute, viz, till half-past eleven at night *William Russell Hill* They were all fined 5s and costs, and cautioned as to their future transactions.”

London Gazette 5/3/1861

“*William Russell Hill*, late of the KINGS HEAD INN, Union-street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Retail Brewer, Dealer in Cigars and Tobacco, Blacksmith, and Butty Collier, and in the last mentioned business for the last eighteen months or thereabouts in copartnership at one pit with John Burslow, sometimes trading in the name of Hill and Co., and sometimes as Hill and Purslow.”

1861 Census

Union Street – KING WILLIAM

[1] *William Russell Hill* (42), blacksmith, born Sedgley;

[2] Maria Hill (41), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Sarah Hill (19), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] Thomas Hill (17), son, scholar, born Sedgley;

[5] David Hill (15), son, blacksmith, born Sedgley;

[6] Mary Hill (9), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] William Hill (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] Hannah Hill (3), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[9] Edmond Hill (?), son, born Tipton:

LAGOON

151, High Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Brian George Hayward [1986]

Dave Parry [1987]

James 'Jamie' Lloyd [] – **2007**)

NOTES

[1976]

London Gazette 30/10/1987

“Hayward, Brian George, Tenant Publican, residing and carrying on business at the LAGOON Public House Court – Dudley Date of Release – 29th September 1987.” [Petition filed 8/9/1986.]

Black Country Bugle 24/12/1998 - Advert

“The LAGOON, 151 High Street, Princes End, Tipton.

Marlene, Tracy and Staff wish Everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas Eve – Disco

Boxing Day – Leather & Lace (Karaoke Disco)

New Years Eve – Disco

Jan 1st– Live Entertainment with Izzy (Female Vocalist).”

The Guardian 12/9/2002

“The British National Party has sponsored a pub football team in a West Midlands town that has links to Islamist terror suspects being held in Cuba. The sponsorship of the Tipton Boilers, who play in the Sandwell premier and district Sunday football league, goes against Football Association rules and the club has been banned from playing until it removes BNP logos from its kit. But the far right organisation has defended its involvement, claiming a ban forcing them to end the sponsorship would contravene human rights laws. Simon Darby, the party’s West Midlands organiser, denied the move was intended to stir up racial tensions in the town but merely reflected growing local support for the BNP.

‘It is a free country and we can sponsor who we want. In the middle of Birmingham there is a mosque named after Saddam Hussein,’ he said. ‘I would ask why we can’t have a football team with BNP on its strip if a mosque is allowed to have the name Saddam Hussein.’

Mr. Darby said the team, based at the LAGOON pub, High Street, Princes End, Tipton, had played several league matches already in their red, white and blue strip. He said the team had approached the BNP for sponsorship but refused to say if any players were party members, adding: ‘There are a lot of members in Tipton, so you work it out.’ Mr. Darby added any moves to stop the team playing in a BNP-sponsored kit would be challenged under human rights laws governing freedom of expression.

A Tipton Green councillor, Ian Jones, said the move was ‘disappointing’ in the light of the FA’s ‘kick racism into touch’ campaign. ‘Football has, over the last few years, had a concerted effort to kick racism out of sport and it is entirely the sentiment I share. Sport has no place for racism, or politics, in that sense,’ he said. Paul Newman, a Football Association spokesman, said the organisation’s Birmingham branch had written to

the club and its league to make them aware they were contravening national regulations. The FA's A4 regulation forbids any political message of any kind, or any that is likely to cause offence, appearing on players' strips. The team will not be allowed to participate in any league matches until it removes the BNP logo from its kit, added Mr. Newman.

Three Britons from Tipton were detained in Afghanistan and are being held at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. News of the men's alleged involvement with the deposed Taliban regime catapulted Tipton into the media spotlight. The situation also prompted the BNP to contest unsuccessfully two seats in Sandwell during last May's local elections."

Express & Star 13/1/2007

"A Tipton pub that was at the centre of a machete attack, shooting and brawls is set to lose its licence after a request from police to the council. The LAGOON in High Street, Princess End, will learn its fate next Tuesday after police asked Sandwell Council to revoke its licence. West Midlands Police has put together a report listing problems at the venue which will be considered by licensing bosses. The document details incidents that occurred at the pub throughout last year. It states that on June 2 a fight took place in The LAGOON between three customers. The report said designated premises supervisor *Jamie Lloyd* separated two parties involved and allowed one man to leave.

'The departing participant at this time had received what can only be described as a good beating, with loss of teeth,' police said.

The following day the victim of the attack returned to the pub with another man who handed him a semi-automatic weapon which was fired at and narrowly missed Mr. *Lloyd*. In November it was reported that people in the bar had been threatened by a man wielding a machete and that Mr. *Lloyd* had again been the target of the attack."

Express & Star 16/10/2007

"A Tipton BNP councillor has been kicked off Sandwell Council for failing to attend a single authority meeting in the last six months. *James Lloyd*, who represented the Princes End ward, has been disqualified as a result of his absence and failing to explain why.

The councillor, first elected in 2004, was sent a letter from the authority's chief executive Allison Fraser yesterday informing him of the decision. In her letter, Dr. Fraser said, 'You last attended a meeting of the authority on April 12, 2007 when you were recorded as being in attendance at a meeting of the Employment Appeals Panel. During six months you have not provided reasons for your failure to attend and have not sought approval from the authority. You have now ceased to be a member of the authority.'

The disqualification will be announced to members at a meeting of the full council on October 30. Mr *Lloyd* said today he was not aware of the council's decision and had been working away from home. The BNP member was at the centre of a scandal in January when he was asked to quit as licensee of the LAGOON pub in Princes End following a string of violence. He said today, 'Since I lost the business I have been forced to take a building site job in Oxfordshire, working up to 15 hours a day. I have been coming back to Sandwell at weekends, but my phone is on 24/7 for the people who voted for me'."

It closed in 2007.

It was severely damaged in an arson attack in July 2008.

It was demolished in December 2008.

Express & Star 2/11/2017

"Nine houses will be built on the site of the old LAGOON pub, in High Street, Princes End, Tipton, if the plans are given the go-ahead. The pub was the scene of trouble, which resulted in the police trying to shut it down. It closed in 2007 and was bulldozed two years later. Now plans have gone in for five two-bedroom houses and four three-bedroom houses, along with off-street parking. The pub became an eyesore following its closure and was regularly targeted by arsonists, while squatters also broke into the premises. Police launched action against the pub over a series of violent incidents.

Plans show a row of nine homes lined up next to each other at the junction of High Street and Union Street. A decision on the plans is due to be made by Sandwell Council in the coming weeks.”

LAME DOG

262, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Broughton [1881]
Mrs. Ann Broughton [1891] – [1901]
Moses Martin Baggott [1904]
Philip Buswell [1911] – **1920**:

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Dudley and District News 17/4/1880 - Advert

“To Be Let, the LAME DOG INN, Dudley Port, doing a first-rate trade. Incoming at Valuation, Rent low. Satisfactory reasons given for leaving. Apply G. Thomas, Auctioneer, 20, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”
[This advert appeared from April to November 1880.]

Dudley and District News 4/12/1880 - Advert

“Notice. The announcement of the LAME DOG INN, Dudley Port, which appeared in this column, was inserted by inadvertency. The house is NOT to Let. Geo. Thomas, Auctioneer.”

1881 Census

262, Dudley Port

[1] *Robert Broughton* (70), licensed victualler, born Derby;
[2] *Ann Broughton* (49), wife, born Bayston Hill, Shropshire;
[3] *Harriet Chatham* (19), domestic servant, born Silverdale, Staffordshire:

1891 Census

262, Dudley Port – LAME DOG INN

[1] *Ann Broughton* (65), widow, publican, born St. Julians, Shropshire;
[2] *Phoebe E. Vaill* (20), niece, born Walsall;
[3] *Maria Attwell* (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Ann Broughton*, beer retailer, 262, Dudley Port. [1896], [1900]

County Advertiser 17/7/1897

“John Cunningham, hawker, of 40, Cross Street, Dudley, was charged at the Wolverhampton Police Court on Wednesday morning, with being drunk and disorderly and with assaulting Police-constable Wheatley and a

domestic servant.

On Tuesday the prisoner, whilst under the influence of drink, went into the LAME DOG INN at Dudley Port and commenced begging. He struck the servant in the face, and on the arrival of the policeman dealt him a blow in the face which caused his nose to bleed. He also bit a piece out of one of Wheatley's fingers, and, seizing the officer by the throat, scratched some skin off, causing the blood to ooze.

Prisoner was fined 5s and costs, or seven days imprisonment for being drunk, 10s and costs or fourteen days for assaulting the servant, and sentenced to one month's hard labour for the assault on the policeman."

1901 Census

262, Dudley Port – LAME DOG INN

[1] *Ann Broughton* (75), widow, innkeeper, born Baston Hill, Shropshire;

[2] *Eliza Hadley* (23), servant, born Dudley;

[3] *Mary Harris* (29), servant, born Tipton:

Moses Martin Baggott, beer retailer, 262, Dudley Port. [1904]

1911 Census

262, Dudley Port – LAME DOG INN

[1] *Philip Buswell* (59), beerhouse keeper, born Stoke Lime, Oxfordshire;

[2] *Betty Buswell* (58), wife, married 3 years, born Tipton;

[3] *George Buswell* (21), son, iron holder's assistant, born Tipton;

[4] *Arthur Buswell* (18), son, printer, born Tipton;

[5] *Florrie Horton* (25), assistant in business, born Darlaston:

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

South Staffordshire Times 17/7/1920

"The following licenses were refused at the principal meeting of the compensation authority for the county held at Stafford on Thursday.....

LAME DOG, Dudley Port."

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1920

"An adjourned supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Committee, acting as the Compensation Authority, was held at the County Buildings, Stafford, on Saturday, Lord Hatherton presiding.

The following sums were approved by the Committee as compensation in cases where the licenses have not been renewed.....

LAME DOG, Dudley Port, Tipton, beerhouse, ante 1869, £1,600."

It closed on 31st December 1920, after compensation of £1,600 was paid.

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

"Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

Superintendent T. Salt read the annual report which stated that the number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the parish of Tipton was 134. At the census taken in 1911 the population of the parish was given as 31,763, according to which there was one licensed house to each 237 of the inhabitants. At the time of the last annual licensing meeting the number of licensed houses was 138. The reduction in the number had been brought about by the licenses of the AQUEDUCT beerhouse, Dudley Port; the FITTERS ARMS beerhouse, Horseley Heath; the LAME DOG beerhouse, Dudley Port, and the PARK LANE TAV-ERN, Park Lane, having been referred for compensation and extinction at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions last year. The houses were closed on December 31st last....."

LEGENDS

1-3, Unity Walk, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mark Arnold [2006] – [2009]

Mrs. J Freeman [2013]

NOTES

Mark Arnold was born c.1979.

[2018]

LEOPARD

118, Horseley Heath, (Market Street) / Meeting Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Williams

Marie Louise Onions, 119, Trench Road, Wellington, Shropshire

Jack Downing's Brewery

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Williams [1852] – **1870**);

Mrs. Maria Williams (**1870** – [1884]

Joseph Williams [1891] – [1912]

Harry Onions [1911]

William Thomas Evans [1919] – **1928**);

William Henry Cave (**1928** – **1938**);

Edward James Holland (**1938** – **1940**);

Sarah Ann Mander (**1940** – **1945**);

Francis Thomas Elston (**1945** – [1958]

Albert Jones [1968]

Albert James Dunkley (**1971** – **1975**)

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

It was the headquarters of the Great Bridge Darts League.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/6/1852

“Henry Hayward of Great Bridge wishes to run Walker of Tividale, Morris of Tipton, Bailey of Oldbury, Whitehouse of Princes End, Nuttall of Dudley Port, Jackson of the same place, Cox of Wombourn, or Kelshaw of Oldbury 120 to 200 yards; or Freakley or Taylor of Wolverhampton, for £10 a side. The money is ready at *J. William’s* SPOTTED LEOPARD, Great Bridge.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/6/1853

“Philip Harrison will fight Henry Caton for £25 or £50 a side. Money always ready at *Joseph Williams’s*, LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/4/1855

“Curley Harrison of Dudley Port will fight Harry Caton of the Staffordshire Potteries for £15, £25, £50, or £100 a side. If Caton will send a deposit to use and articles to Harrison, at *Joseph William’s*, LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, a match will be made.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/7/1856

“James Brown of Great Bridge will run Enoch Thomas, James Tibbets, Thomas Cashmore, or Abraham Cooper, from 100 to 120 yards, for £10 or £20 a side. Money ready at *Joseph Williams’s*, SPOTTED LEOPARD, Great Bridge.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 2/8/1857

“Parkinson and M’Nulty. The final deposit of £3 a side for the match, it appears was made at Mr. *William’s*, LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, and was taken away by Parkinson’s backers to forward to *Bells Life*, which they did not do according to articles. E. Giles, the referee waited upon Parkinson’s backers, on Wednesday, but they refused to come to any terms, or fight against the stakes down; M’Nulty therefore thinks he is duly entitled to the stakes. It is impossible for us to settle this matter. Parkinson’s backer ought certainly to send up the £6, and agree to a day and place of fighting.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/4/1859

“At the Public Office, West Bromwich, on Saturday last, Maria Marr was charged with stealing a silver watch and guard chain, the property of Abraham Wilkes, a shingler, living in Union Street, Wednesbury On the 17th of February, the mother of the prisoner and the prisoner herself pledged the stolen watch and chain at Mr. Harper’s, Great Bridge, for £2. Both prisoners, daughter and mother, were committed for trial. A second charge was then preferred against the daughter. It appeared that she formerly lived as servant at Mr. *Joseph Williams’s*, the SPOTTED LEOPARD beerhouse, Horseley Heath. She left there for the purpose of getting married. On the 25th of March she visited the beerhouse. Mrs. Williams, requiring to visit a neighbour, left the prisoner in her house with the servant girl. Returning, however, in a short time, she found that in the interval Maria Marr had left. On the following Sunday, Mrs. Williams found that the lock of a drawer upstairs had been partly forced down, so that it would open rather easily. Surprised at this, she made a search, and found that two silver watches, gold seals, gold and silver guards, and £4 in money had been stolen. In the evening of the same day Mrs. Williams found that two other silver watches (from a drawer containing six) had also been stolen. The prisoner was then committed for trial on this charge also. Inspector Holland then stated that a third and more serious charge existed against the daughter. This was of having, some months ago, stolen £20 in gold, and a gold watch, from the same Mr. *Williams*. Sergeant Adams said that the watch had been found. It had been sold by the prisoner. She was remanded.”
[At Stafford Quarter Sessions Maria Marr, 23, and Maria Coley, 52, were found guilty of having stolen the watch and guard of Abraham Wilks and were each sentenced to twelve months’ hard labour. The other indictments were not proceeded with.]

Joseph Williams, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

1861 Census

Horseley Heath

- [1] *Joseph Williams* (40), mill roller, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Maria Williams* (33), wife, born Worcestershire;
- [3] Samuel Williams (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Joseph Williams* (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Maria Skidmore (14), servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/12/1863

“At the Petty Sessions, yesterday, *Joseph Williams*, keeper of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, was charged with selling ale in prohibited hours on Sunday, the 13th inst. The case was proved by PC Hunter. The defendant having been previously convicted, was fined £3 and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1864 - Letters

“To the Editor of the *Daily Gazette*.

Sir. It has been said, a fortnight ago, that the strike was virtually at an end, but not so, for the very least number reported by the Amalgamated Committee to be on strike was 4,106, exclusive of 120 non-union men. There were a few commenced working this week; and I dare say it was thought by the masters that the strike was ended and the men defeated. Such, no doubt, was the opinion of Mr. C ____ of the Ironmaster’s Association, when riding through Great Bridge this week, and seeing a group of poor colliers, pulled off his hat and swung it round in token victory. Sir, we did not expect such from a gentleman with such education. Sir, is such conduct gentlemanly? Is it not offering insult to injury? But even the poor ignorant, despised colliers are not that ignorant, but what they know when they are insulted, even by a rich man. But the strike is not ended, and so will that gentleman think if he sees a general strike of all the amalgamated districts held this week. There has been three public meetings this week to ascertain the opinion of the men relative to a general strike; one at the LEOPARD, Great Bridge on Wednesday last, the 24th inst., and at the Temperance Hall, Oldbury, Thursday night, and last night (Friday), at the GROVELAND BROOK INN. The meetings were addressed by none but practical miners – none but such as thoroughly understood mining operations – none but are good servants to good masters; no idle scamps that want to get a living without working for it – men that have been brought up to work hard in the mine, and can go through its various branches; men that want to take no undue advantage of masters, that only want to live by their labour, and give a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay. At each meeting it was agreed unanimously for a general strike, and those at work to come out for a once, and not supply that trade any longer, but sink or swim together. By inserting the above in your valuable and widely circulated journal you will much oblige.

Your humble servant, A Miner.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 12/11/1864

“Newton and Turner. We have received the deposit of £1 a side, staked for the fight between these men, at Mr. *William*’s, LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, on Monday, Nov 7, and the next deposit of £1 has to be made good on Monday, Nov 14, at Mr. J. Field’s, STRUGGLER INN, Hill Top.”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/8/1866 - Advert

“Notice. If the Goods left by Mrs. Rogers, at the LEOPARD INN, Horsley Heath, Tipton, are not Fetched Away within seven days from this date, they will be Sold to defray expenses.
August 4, 1866.”

The Sportsman 28/5/1867

“Mr. Nuttall’s inclosure received a fair share of patronage yesterday, dog racing constituting the principal items. The opening event was the 200 yards race, for 20 sovs [20 pounds], between C. Darby’s (of Oldbury) Polly and J. Turner’s (of Tipton) Nelson. Both dogs were very well trained. Nelson had a ‘preliminary canter,’ which not proving satisfactory, odds of 6 to 4, and ultimately 2 to 1, were

laid on Polly, who had a start of 10 yards 27½in allowed, the respective weights being Polly 12lb 12oz; Nelson 17lb 3oz. A capital race ensued, Nelson diminishing the distance between them and making a splendid finish of it, Polly having it at the post by a bare half yard. Mr. Aston, of Bloomfield, stakeholder; Mr. *J. Williams*, LEOPARD INN, Greatbridge, referee. After the above the grounds were cleared.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 14/3/1868 - Advert

“Found, a Black-and-Tan Terrier Dog, March 10, 1868, between West Bromwich and Great Bridge. If not owned in three days will be Sold to pay expenses.
Apply to *Joseph Williams*, LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/3/1869

“Thompson's Lady of Bloomfield and Turner's Nelson of Oldbury are matched to run on handicap terms 200 yards, Nelson to be catch weight, and to receive three yards start inside; Lady not to exceed 21½lbs weight; for £10 a side. To come off on March 29. Mr. *Williams* of the LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, is stakeholder, and J. Turner of Bilston referee.”

Joseph Williams died c.1870.

Dudley Herald 30/7/1870

“*Maria Williams*, beerhouse keeper, Horseley Heath.....”

1871 Census

118, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Maria Williams* (40), widow, innkeeper LEOPARD INN [sic], born Worcestershire;
- [2] Samuel Taylor (76), father, boot and shoe maker, born Shropshire;
- [3] Samuel Williams (19), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Joseph Williams* (18), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Mary Ann Rolaston (17), general servant, born Birmingham:

Maria Williams, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 25/10/1875 - Advert

“Found, on the 19th, at Great Bridge, a dark-roan Pony. If not owned in fourteen days will be sold to defray expenses.
Apply at Joseph(?) *Williams*' LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

1881 Census

118, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Maria Williams* (52), widow, licensed victualler, born Upton on Severn;
- [2] Samuel Williams (29), son, roll turner (unemployed), born Tipton;
- [3] Elizabeth Nock (12), adopted daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] William Ashwood (26), brewer, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 16/8/1884

“Elizabeth Smith, for being drunk in the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, was fined 5s and costs, or seven days. PC Chisholme proved the charge.”

Dudley and District News 11/10/1884

“Samuel Williams, son of Mrs. *Williams*, of the LEOPARD INN, Great Bridge, and James Stanton, brick-layer, Horseley Heath, were charged with stealing a watch, the property of Aaron Cotton, jeweller, Birmingham. Mr. Shakespeare defended.

It seems that on the 24th September Israel Cotton, traveller for his brother, was in the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge. The prisoners and a number of other men were present. He offered a silver watch for sale,

and placed it in the hands of Williams. Another man asked him to let him look at a watch guard. Having shown the guard he asked Williams for the watch. All the men then began to laugh at him. He thought they were joking, but as they persistently refused to give the watch up he sent for a policeman. PC Chisholme came and searched several of the men. He at last found it in the possession of Williams.

On being cross-examined by Mr. Shakespeare, Cotton said he now believed the men were only joking and that they did not wish to rob him. All he wanted was his watch back again.

PC Chisholme said Williams took the watch out of his small ticket pocket and said Stanton put it there.

When apprehended Stanton admitted putting the watch in Williams's pocket.

The Bench thought the defendants had had a very narrow escape and hoped it would be a lesson to them in the future not to play such practical jokes. They were discharged on payment of costs."

Birmingham Daily Post 5/1/1887

"Yesterday Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, on the body of William Sheldon (9), who was found in the Birmingham Canal. It was shown that the boy was sent for some coal, and put to wait in a shed until a barrow was at liberty. The boy wandered off in the fog, and was drowned. The Coroner held it to be an imprudent thing on the part of the mother to send the boy out in the fog. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

"The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday..... Mr. H. H. Jackson applied for the renewal of the license of *Joseph Williams*, the LEOPARD beerhouse, Horseley Heath, who had been opposed on the grounds of convictions for disorderly conduct and drunkenness Granted, subject to the license being transferred to an approved transferee."

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

"The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday..... Mr. Disturnal (instructed by Mr. Wilkes) applied on behalf of *Joseph Williams*, for the renewal of the license of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath. He said the objections were that the licensee had failed to produce a good character, and that there were convictions against him. At the licensing meeting last year, the license was renewed on the condition that the license should be transferred to another person within three months, but the applicant had failed to obtain a tenant, or to sell the property except at great sacrifice. Granted."

Joseph Williams, beer retailer, 118, Horseley Heath. [1896], [1904], [1912]

1901 Census

118, Horseley Heath

[1] *Joseph Williams* (48), widower, publican, born Tipton;

[2] Lucy Williams (22), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] Mary A. Rhodes (53), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Blackcountryman (Autumn 1968)

'Visit To The Leopard, Great Bridge'

".....The pub was originally squeezed in between small terraced houses, but since the war the large smoke room has replaced two of them Mr. Jack Davies, a retired railwayman and a sprightly eighty four years old, has lived next door since 1913. He can remember the first owner, *Joe Williams*, who brewed his own beer. That was in the days when a pint of beer or a rum and coffee could be had for twopence at six o'clock in the morning when the night shift finished. *Joe Williams* was a noted whippet runner and rabbit courser From the Williams family the pub passed into the hands of Downing's Brewery, and the then landlord was very keen on pigeon flying....."

1911 Census

118, Horseley Heath

[1] *Harry Onions* (31), innkeeper, born Tipton;

- [2] Maria Louise Onions (32), wife, married 3 years, assisting in business, born Tipton;
[3] Harry Shaw Onions (2), son, born Tanworth in Arden, Warwickshire;
[4] Ernest Markham (20), servant, assisting in business, born Tipton;
[5] Elizabeth Onions (45), sister, milliner, born Tipton:

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

LEOPARD INN, Horsley Heath, £1 11s 9d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/3/1937

“At the adjourned licensing sessions yesterday, Tipton magistrates referred for compensation the licenses of the GRAPES, Owen Street; the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath; and the BROWN LION INN, Cooneygree.

They renewed the licenses of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, and the VINE INN, Horseley Heath.”

Francis Thomas Elston was the son of Lewis George and Edith Mary Elston (see WEST END, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, FIVE WAYS, Lake Street, Lower Gornal, Sedgley, BLUE BOAR, Stone Street, Dudley, BRITISH OAK, Salop Street, Dudley, BEEHIVE, Tinchbourne Street, Dudley, BUSH, Summit Place, Lower Gornal, Sedgley and SWAN, Lake Street, Lower Gornal, Sedgley).

Lewis George Elston died on 15th November 1943. Probate to Edith Mary Elston, widow, and *Francis Thomas Elston*, licensed victualler. Effects £202.

Edith Mary Elston died on 16th June 1946. Probate to *Francis Thomas Elston*, licensed victualler, and Sydney Lewis Elston [his brother], chauffeur. Effects £758 19s 3d.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/8/1946 - Marriages

“On August 6th, at St. Martins Parish Church, Tipton. Enid Grace, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E Humpage, of 67, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, to Lewis George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. *F. T. Elston*, of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

A full license was confirmed on 15th April 1954.

It closed on 19th October 1975.

It was demolished in 1975.

LEVIATHAN

60, Upper Church Lane, Summerhill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Kates Hill Brewery [1902]

LICENSEES

Isaac Summerhill [1861]

John Jackson [1873]

William Collins [1881] – [1891]

John Thomas [1895] – [1896]

Edward Watson [1900] – [1901]

William Henry Hunstone [1904] – [1910]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Summer Hill – LEVIATHAN

[1] *Isaac Summerhill* (46), tin man, born Gibraltar's, Saul(?);

[2] *Mary Summerhill* (44), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *James Summerhill* (19), son, millman, born Harts Hill, Worcestershire;

[4] *Sarah Ann Summerhill* (17), daughter, scholar, born Harts Hill, Worcestershire;

[5] *Isaac Summerhill* (16), son, millman, born Harts Hill, Worcestershire;

[6] *William H. Summerhill* (14), son, millman, born Harts Hill, Worcestershire;

[7] *Patience Summerhill* (12), daughter, scholar, born Harts Hill, Worcestershire;

[8] *Matilda Summerhill* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[9] *John Summerhill* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[10] *Mary Summerhill* (2), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 8/6/1871 - Advert

“To be Let, the LEVIATHAN INN, Summer Hill, Tipton, near extensive Ironworks, at a fair valuation. Apply to Joseph Hickman, ROSE AND CROWN, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

1881 Census

60, Upper Church Lane

[1] *William Collins* (50), publican, born Wordsley;

[2] *Elizabeth Collins* (50), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *Maria Poole* (28), daughter, married, born Wordsley;

[4] *Isaac Poole* (29), son-in-law, ironworker, born Tipton;

[5] *Elijah Collins* (21), son, ironworker, born Tipton;

[6] *Elizabeth Collins* (20), daughter, born Wordsley;

[7] *Mary Collins* (13), daughter, born Wordsley;

[8] *William Collins* (4), son, born Tipton:

1891 Census

60, Church Lane – LEVIATHAN INN

[1] *William Collins* (59), publican, born Wordsley;

[2] *Elizabeth Collins* (59), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *William Collins* (13), son, born Tipton:

William Collins – see also OLD CHURCH.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/7/1894 - Advert

“Beerhouse to Let, known as LEVIATHAN INN, Summer Hill, Tipton. Death cause of leaving. Apply on premises.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/12/1895

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the undermentioned persons were proceeded against at the instance of the RSPCA.....

John Thomas and *John Westwood*, both of the LEVIATHAN INN, Summer Hill, Tipton, were charged with allowing a mare to be worked which was in a suffering condition. The charge was proved by Police-constable *Green* and *Mr. Davies*, veterinary surgeon. *Thomas* was fined 20s and costs or one month’s imprisonment, and *Westwood* 1s and costs or seven days’ imprisonment.”

John Thomas, beer retailer, 60, Upper Church Lane. [1896]

Edward Watson, beer retailer, 60, Upper Church Lane. [1900]

1901 Census

60, Upper Church Lane

[1] *Edward Watson* (30), maltster and publican, born Scotland;

[2] *Laura Jane Watson* (29), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Edward Victor Watson* (5), son, born Bilston;

[4] *Laura Annie H. Watson* (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Kate Florence Pumphrey* (16), servant, born Sedgley:

County Advertiser 26/7/1902 - Advert

“To Brewers And Wine And Spirit Merchants.

Announcement Of Highly Important Sale By Auction, of The Kates Hill Brewery, Dudley, with the 10-quarter Fixed Plant, and Five Old-licensed Freehold Houses, and One Short Leasehold Beerhouse, viz.

The MALT SHOVEL INN, Office, and Dwelling-House adjoining the Brewery.

The JUNCTION INN, Watsons Green Road, Dudley.

The BIRD IN HAND, High Street, Kates Hill, and adjoining Houses and Premises.

The JOLLY CRISPIN, Gornal, and Two Cottages adjoining.

The LION, Old Hill.

The LEVIATHAN, Summerhill, near Princes End (Short Leasehold).

The Freehold 15-Quarter Malt House, Residence, Stabling, Coach-houses, and other Buildings and Land running through from George Street to Owen Street, Kates Hill, Dudley.

The Freehold 10-Quarter Malt-House, immediately opposite.

Alfred W. Dando had received instructions to Sell By Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, in One Lot, on Tuesday, August 12th, 1902, at Seven o’clock in the Evening precisely (unless in the meantime an acceptable offer is made by private treaty), subject to Conditions of Sale then to be produced, the above very important Trading Concern.

The average payments for Beer Duty the last three and a half years have exceeded £1,000 per annum; in addition a considerable Malting and Wine, Spirit and Cigar Trade is done.

The Licensed Houses are situated in good populous districts, within easy reach of the Brewery, the concern being of genuine character and particularly worth the attention of those desirous of embarking in the trade, or established companies wishing to increase their businesses.

Further particulars may be obtained of *Mr. Thomas Cooksey*, Solicitor, Old Hill; *Messrs. Smith, Bagott, and Co.*, Solicitors, High Street, Dudley; *Messrs. Jobson and Marshall*, Solicitors, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley; or the Auctioneers, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley. Telephone No.56.”

The license renewal was objected to on the grounds that it was dilapidated and insanitary, and was difficult for police supervision, at Tipton Licensing Sessions, in February 1903.

William Henry Hunstone, beer retailer, 60, Upper Church Lane. [1904]

[*William Henry Hunstone* could be the same person as Billy Hunstone, ENGLISH OAK.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The renewal of the licences of the following public houses would be opposed on the ground of redundancy.....

LEVIATHAN, Summerhill.”

Lichfield Mercury 1/7/1910

“On Friday the principal meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Authority was held at the Shirehall, Stafford Licenses refused.....

LEVIATHAN, Tipton, ante-1869 beerhouse.”

Lichfield Mercury 6/1/1911

“The annual report of the County Licensing Committee stated that at the principal meeting the committee refused to renew 27 licenses. At the supplemental meetings the committee went into great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee considered that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.....

LEVIATHAN, Tipton, beerhouse, ante 1869, £350.”

LIMERICK

4, Market Place, (5, Great Bridge), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Co. Ltd. [1877]

Wrexham Brewery Co. [1878], [1880]

Thomas Brennand (acquired in 1894), [1900], [1904], [1908], [1921]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1930], [1940]

Vintage Taverns [1996]

Major Singh Kheela

LICENSEES

Septimus Davis [1824] – [1828]

John Millington [1828] – [1842]

Elizabeth Millington [1844]

Thomas Rhodes [1845] – [1847]

Alexander Patterson [1848] – **1855**);

George Thomas Patterson (**1855** – [1865]

Samuel Meek [1866]

Thomas Maunder [] – **1867**);

Henry Bate Erwin (1867 – [1875]
E Hands [1877] manager
Joseph Bagnall [1878] manager
Joseph Bagnall (1880 – [1892]
John Southwick [1881] manager
Mrs. Williams [1884]
William Perry [1891]
Thomas Brennand [1896] – 1903);
Arthur Cumberbatch (1903 – 1943);
Philip Day (1943 – 1955);
Joseph Evans (1955 – [1966]
Tom Parton (1970 – 1976)
Gian Singh Cheema (1979 – [1987]
Brian Dubberley (1998 – [1999]
Major Singh Kheela [] – 2022)

NOTES

4, Market Place [1871]
4, Great Bridge [1891]
5, Great Bridge [1911]

It was known locally as “The Wrexham”.

LIMERICK HOTEL [1896], [1904], [1908]
WREXHAM HOTEL [1921]

The Local Board of Health met here.

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 13/6/1814 - Advert

“Stock in Trade, Shop Tools, Household Furniture, Horse, Cart, &c. at West Bromwich.

By Robins and Terry. To be Sold by Auction, on the Premises, this present Monday and To-morrow, the 13th and 14th of June, the Whole of the Household Furniture, finished and unfinished Stock, Shop Tools, and other Effects, of Mr. Benjamin Turner, of Mares Green, West Bromwich, in the County of Stafford, Bayonet Maker, a Bankrupt.....

Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale; at the SWAN and BULLS HEAD INNS, West Bromwich; TALBOT INN, Wednesbury; LIMERICK INN, Tipton; ANCHOR INN, Oldbury; BUSH INN, Dudley, and at the Auctioneers’ Office, Birmingham.

To commence each Morning exactly at Ten O’clock subject to the usual Conditions, which will be strictly attended to.”

Septimus Davis was also an auctioneer. [1824], [1827], [1828]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 17/5/1824 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by *S. Davis*, on Monday the 31st of May inst. at four o’clock in the afternoon, at Mrs. Holloway’s, the SWAN INN, West Bromwich, in forty lots, consisting of Building Land, late part of the Dunkirk Estate, situate at Greet’s Green, near to the banks of the Birmingham Canal, and fronting to two principal roads, one leading from the SWAN INN, West Bromwich, to Oldbury, and the other from Great Bridge, by Dunkirk House, up Greet’s Green, and communicating again with the turnpike road on West Bromwich Heath.

Also two Freehold Dwelling Houses, Brewhouses, Gardens, &c in Union Street, Oldbury, near to Oldbury Chapel, in the parish of Hales Owen.

N.B. The lots are particularly described in hand-bills, which will be distributed in due time, and may be had at the SWAN and WAGGON AND HORSES INNS, West Bromwich; the CART AND HORSES INN, Oldbury; and of the Auctioneer, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton; and further particulars may be had, and plans may be seen at Mr. Hawkes, Solicitor, West Bromwich; and for a view of the building lots, which are marked out, apply at Mr. Green's Foundry, near to the land, who will also shew the different lots."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 11/2/1828 - Notice

"The Creditors of Richard Coley, late of Great Bridge, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Tailor, an insolvent debtor, who was lately discharged from the county goal at Stafford, are requested to meet the Assignees of his estate and effects of Tuesday the 26th day of February instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of *Septimus Davis*, known by the sign of the LIMERICK INN, at Great Bridge....."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/2/1828 - Advert

"To be Sold by Auction, by *Septimus Davis*, on Tuesday, April 29, 1828, at the house of Mr. *Millington*, the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, at four o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions, all those six newly erected Freehold Dwelling Houses, situate in the Sheepwash Lane, Tipton....."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 15/11/1830 - Advert

"Moulder Wanted. A Man, who has a thorough knowledge of Casting Chilled and Grain Rolls, may hear of a permanent situation, with liberal wages, by applying to Mr. *John Millington*, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton. No one need apply who is not fully competent."

Staffordshire Gazette 24/10/1840

"Staffordshire Michaelmas Sessions.

George Herbert, 32, was convicted of stealing a great coat, the property of Joseph Sneyd. Mr. Kynnersley conducted the prosecution, the prisoner was undefended. It appeared from the evidence of the prosecutor that, on the 27th of September last, he was at the LIMERICK INN, in Tipton, and hung his great coat on the screen, near to where the prisoner was sitting. He missed his coat from off the screen, and upon an investigation being instituted, it was found in a bundle which belonged to the prisoner. The constable of Tipton and another witness gave corroborative evidence. The jury found the prisoner guilty; and he was sentenced to three months imprisonment; seven days in solitude."

Worcestershire Chronicle 28/2/1844

"An inquest was held on Friday last, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on view of the body of the wife of William [sic] Butler, when the jury returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against the husband, who has since been committed to Stafford to take his trial. It appears that the unfortunate woman, who is about 25 years of age, had been married to the prisoner about three years, and he had behaved very brutally towards her on many occasions. On Monday, the 19th inst, before he went out, he told his wife to get something for supper; she replied she had nothing in the house, and had no money to buy any. He then told her that if there was not something when he came home, there would be a d—l of a row. Between eight and nine o'clock he returned home, and asked if there was anything for supper; to which she replied that neither she nor the children (one two years and the other seven weeks old) had tasted anything to eat since morning. Words ensued, when the man struck her with his fists several times, knocked her down, and when on the ground kicked her on the chest, and thus caused her death. The prisoner, who lived at the Eagle Row, Great Bridge, in the parish of Tipton, is about 27 years of age, a hinge maker by trade, but latterly has been too idle to work. After he had committed the murder he went to the LIMERICK INN and told a policeman what he had done, and asked him to go to his house and see if she was dead, and said that if she was not, he would go and finish her. His friends are trying to prove that he was insane when he committed the crime; but persons who were in the habit of seeing him daily, and who were in his company a few hours before the murder was committed, say that he was quite sober, and perfectly sane. When taken to Stafford, he did not seem to feel any regret for what he had done, or any concern at his awful situation."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1844

[At the Staffordshire Spring Assizes, Edward Butler was indicted for the Wilful Murder of Ann Butler, his wife. The jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter.]

“His Lordship proceeded to pass sentence upon him in the following terms.

‘Edward Butler, although I am about to pass upon you a very heavy sentence, yet there is little ground for questioning the propriety of so doing. The jury have taken, as I expected they would do, a most candid and favourable consideration of your case, and have consequently relieved me of a much more painful duty than that which now devolves upon me. You are acquainted with the circumstances of the case much better than any one in this court, and although it has been partially revealed, yet the real nature of it will only transpire when you will appear before another tribunal. The unfortunate woman whom you had sworn to protect – the mother of your child – who was entitled to your kindness and protection – in a moment of ungovernable passion, without consideration and without compassion, you sent to the bar of God. By the verdict of the jury you will have time to repent, and if you have the least grace bestowed upon you, you will employ it in imploring mercy at the hands of an offended God. However many or few your days may be, I hope no one will be lost. You must prepare to quit for ever your native land, and in a foreign country endure the rigours of perpetual slavery; but I hope you will even there, by repentance and a virtuous life, atone in some degree for the dreadful crime you have committed.’

His lordship then, in the usual form, sentenced him to be transported for the term of his natural life.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 3/6/1844 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction on Thursday next the 6th day of June, at the house of Mrs. *Elizabeth Millington*, known by the sign of the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge all those nine substantially-erected Messuages or Dwelling Houses.....”

Thomas Rhodes = Thomas Roade

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/4/1845 - Advert

“To Florists, Amateurs, and Others.

Unreserved Sale by Auction, by Solomon Powell, on Friday next, the 4th day of April, 1845 (removed to the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, for convenience of sale), upwards of 1,000 pairs of fine Carnations and Picotees, consisting of the choicest and newest Flowers for the season, which for floridness are justly celebrated, and second to none.....”

Birmingham Journal 28/2/1846

“An inquest was held on Thursday, at Mr. *Roade's*, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, before G. Hinchliffe, Esq, on the body of an infant, four months old, named John Nock. From the evidence of Mrs. Skelton, who lives next door to the parents of the deceased, it appeared that at about half-past 11 in the morning of Wednesday last, she heard the mother of the deceased scream, and ran in to see what was the matter, when she observed the deceased in its mother's arms, apparently in a fit. On taking the infant from its mother, she perceived that it was quite black in the face; and after giving three gasps, it expired in her arms. Verdict, Died by the Visitation of God.”

Worcestershire Chronicle 8/7/1846

“Last week the wife of Mr. *Thomas Rhodes*, of the LIMERICK INN, at Great Bridge, near this town, was safely delivered of three children, two boys and a girl, who, with the mother, are going on well.”

Birmingham Journal 27/2/1847

“About the latter end of last week considerable excitement was caused in Great Bridge by a rumour that a girl of about eighteen years of age, named Ann Murray, had given birth to a child which had been murdered. Minute inquiry, however, showed that the rumour was unfounded, although the case was accompanied by circumstances of a most unusual character. It appears that the girl resided with her parents in Wolverhampton until very recently, when her mother took her the length of Great Bridge, under the pretence of accompanying her through the country to sell lace and other articles of that description. Here, however, the girl was left with her aunt, Mrs. Mackintire, while the mother returned to Wolverhampton. It was evident that the

poor girl was enceinte, but she steadily refused to tell who the parent of the child was. Meanwhile, rumours spread abroad that suspicion attached to her own father, and that it was on this account that serious quarrels had arisen between her parents, the result of which was that she was sent away. She was asked by Mrs. Mackintire whether this horrible suspicion was correct but the girl refused to give any answer. On Saturday morning, a male child was born, but some time elapsed before proper assistance was procured, and in consequence the child was found dead in the bed beside her, in a few hours after. On Saturday, Mr. T. Underhill, surgeon, of Tipton, happened to be in the yard in which Mrs. Mackintire lived, and was requested by her to give a certificate of the cause of death, in order that she might get the child buried. This he very properly refused to do, as he had not seen the child previously. He subsequently made a post mortem examination of the body, from which it appeared that the child had died from natural causes, although had proper assistance been secured at the time the child might have lived.

An inquest was held on Monday, at Mr. *Thomas Rhodes*'s LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, before George Hinchliffe, Esq. A long and patient investigation (which lasted between four and five hours) of all the circumstances connected with this extraordinary case was instituted, when facts to the foregoing import were elicited, and the Jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes."

Birmingham Journal 10/7/1847

"On the morning of yesterday week, an accident of a dreadful nature occurred to a man named Thomas Henstock, fifty years of age, and employed as engineer at Mr. Davis's foundry at Great Bridge. It appears that the unfortunate man, in going into the engine house, had heedlessly put his foot upon a fly-wheel which was standing at the time, and as it was thereby turned round, he lost his balance, and fell into the hole in which the wheel revolved, being about nine feet deep. To get him extricated from this place, some brickwork had to be removed, and an hour and three quarters elapsed before this was accomplished. On being taken out, it was found that his thighs and one of his arms had been broken, and that other portions of his body had sustained serious contusions. He lingered, however, till Monday, when he died from the effects of the injuries. An inquest was held on Tuesday, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, when the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/12/1848

"Evan Griffiths was charged with stealing two glass cruets, the property of *Alexander Patterson*, of the LIMERICK INN, Tipton. John Patterson, son of the prosecutor, stated that on Sunday evening last the prisoner was in the smoke-room as a customer, and was put out by him at eleven o'clock, when he felt something in his pocket. The next morning he missed the two cruets, and early this morning went with the police officer to the prisoner's house, where they found the cruets in a box in his bedroom. Committed."

[At the Staffordshire Epiphany Sessions Evan Griffiths pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/3/1851

"An adjourned inquest was held on Friday, the 21st March instant, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, to inquire further touching the death of Charles Bevington, aged twelve years, who had been killed by a large fall of coal, at Willingworth Colliery, Wednesbury. It appeared from the evidence of several witnesses that the place in the pit where the deceased was obliged to go under to work was not safe, and that William Turner, the doggy or manager of the pit, set the deceased on to work and knew that the place was unsafe, and that it was pointed out to him both before and after the death of the deceased. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against William Turner, who was committed by the coroner to Stafford gaol, but one of the Judges on the circuit afterwards bailed him."

[At the Staffordshire Midsummer Assizes the Grand Jury ignored the bill for manslaughter.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/5/1851

"On Tuesday the 6th inst, Mr. William Massey, and Mr. Henry Hickinson, retail brewers, of Westbromwich, accompanied by Matthew Magnass, iron roller, residing at New Town, went out for an excursion with a horse and trap belonging to Mr. Massey. After driving to Princes End and Bilston, they called at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, the whole of the party having partaken freely of drink. After remaining there

some time, Magnass and Dickinson drove off, leaving Massey behind. The horse, which was a spirited animal, dashed off at a rapid pace and soon became unmanageable. On turning a sharp corner, in Sheepwash Lane, the trap was upset, and both were thrown violently to the ground. They were taken up insensible, and carried to the house of Mr. William Morgan, close by, and Mr. Underhill, surgeon, was sent for, who promptly attended; but Magnass never rallied or spoke again, and died about three o'clock on Wednesday morning. Mr. Dickinson was conveyed home, and although severely injured his life is not considered in danger."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/10/1851 - Died

"October 24, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, in the 29th year of his age, after a short illness, deeply regretted by his family and friends, John, second son of Mr. *Alexander Patterson*, of Dudley."

Worcestershire Chronicle 7/1/1852 - Advert

"Wanted immediately, a Young Man who understands Malting and Brewing. As the situation will be a permanent one, none need apply who cannot produce testimonials as to ability and character. Apply by letter to the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Staffordshire."

In January, 1854, Lord Ingestre, during the South Staffordshire Election campaign, addressed 'large and enthusiastic meetings of the electors' at the SEVEN STARS INN Princes End, the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge; and the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton Green.

George Thomas Patterson = George Thomas Pattison

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/11/1857 - Advert

"Wanted, a strong active young Man, as Brewer. Wages, with board and lodgings, £25 per annum. Apply to Mr. *Patterson*, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton."

Worcestershire Chronicle 3/2/1858 - Died

"Jan. 30th, after a few weeks' illness, in his 3rd year, Alexander, son of Mr. *George A. Patterson*, the LIMERICK, Great Bridge."

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/4/1858

"On Wednesday last, an inquest, twice adjourned, was concluded before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on the body of Joseph Plant. The deceased was crossing the road near the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, in a state of intoxication, at about eleven o'clock on the night of the 5th instant, when he was knocked down by the shaft of a trap – which was coming at a furious rate from the direction of Westbromwich – striking him on the left breast. The driver, instead of stopping his horse, drove off in the direction of Ocker Hill as fast as he could, and immediately afterwards the man was picked up by some persons who had witnessed the occurrence, and found to be quite dead. Mr. Underhill stated, as the result of a post mortem examination, that he found only a slight external bruise on the left breast, but on opening the chest he found the fourth and fifth ribs separated from the breast bone, the cavity was filled with blood, the pericardium ruptured, the heart empty, and a wound in the right ventricle of the heart large enough to admit his finger, which had been caused by the edge of the breast bone being driven against it, and he stated that the man must have been struck with almost the force of a cannon ball. Three witnesses were examined, who described the trap as coming at a very furious rate. The police not having been able to discover the driver, the jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter against some person unknown."

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/7/1858 - Notice

"County Of Stafford. Weights And Measures. District C, or South Staffordshire.

Notice is hereby given, the William Tullett, the Inspector of Weights and Measures for District C, or South Staffordshire, will attend at the undermentioned times and places, for the purpose of comparing and examining all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to him for that purpose, and Stamping such of them as shall be found correct, viz.....

At the LIMERICK HOTEL, at Tipton, on Mondays, July 26th, August 23rd, and September 20th, 1858, at

ten o'clock am."

Birmingham Daily Post 1/6/1859

"An enquiry, which excited considerable interest, was heard at the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before J. Leigh, Esq, where a girl named Harriet Greenwood, for whom Mr. Sheldon appeared, charged Mr. *George Pattison*, and his wife, with having committed an assault on Tuesday last. Complainant is a domestic servant, and the defendants deep the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, and the CROSS GUNS, West Bromwich. Mr. Plunkett appeared for the defence. The facts detailed in evidence were to the effect that on the night in question complainant was at the LIMERICK, where she lived as servant. Mrs. *Pattison* was then at West Bromwich, but Mr. *Pattison* was at home. Complainant, after placing the supper things, retired to bed at about one in the morning, but shortly afterwards she heard the bell ring twice, and immediately Mrs. *Pattison* went up to her room, and before she could dress herself, took hold of her and shook her. She then went downstairs, when Mr. *Pattison* boxed her ears, and called her 'a drunken ——'. The following morning she was turned out of the house without her breakfast. The grievance appeared to be that complainant had gone to bed before her mistress's return, and without waiting to put the supper things away. In cross-examination, complainant denied that she had had more than half a pint of beer, and asserted that she was perfectly sober, did not call Mr. *Pattison* a liar when he said she was drunk, but did say 'it's untrue'. Mr. Plunkett, in addressing the Court for the defence, said he was instructed to deny emphatically the whole of the charges brought against his clients; and it was necessary for them to resist the present complaint in order that they might maintain their position among their numerous servants, and also in order that the character of complainant might be properly understood. He would call evidence to show that she was drunk on the night in question Mr. Leigh said he thought the evidence was very weak as to the charge of drunkenness against complainant, and he certainly did not consider such a charge had been substantiated. The evidence of the witnesses on this point was very inconsistent. If defendant had considered her sufficiently sober to go on with her business until past twelve at night, there certainly seemed but slight ground for then imputing drunkenness to her He could not see anything to justify the assault on complainant, though there was perhaps a question whether she ought to have gone to bed without taking away the supper things, but that would not justify an assault, and it must be remembered that complainant did not go to bed until past midnight. Under all the circumstances, he considered that Mr. *Pattison* must pay a fine of 40s and costs, and Mrs. *Pattison* 20s and costs. On the application of Mr. Sheldon the Court allowed one guinea for the attorney and 10s for complainant's witness."

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/11/1859

"Mary Evans, a servant at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a quantity of linen and other articles, the property of her master, Mr. *Patterson*, the landlord of the house, who said he did not wish to press the charge. She was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, Mr. *Patterson* promising to take her back at the expiration of that period."

Birmingham Journal 14/4/1860

"Monday was a high day and a holiday with the members of the Tipton Volunteer Rifle Corps, as it was the day set apart for parading the parish, attending church, and partaking of the dinner liberally provided for them by the Captain, W. Barrows, Esq, jun. About ten o'clock in the morning, the commissioned and non-commissioned officers, with ninety-four men, all dressed in uniform, assembled in the spacious Masonic Hall of the NAVIGATION INN, and having armed themselves with their rifles and bayonets they proceeded to St. Paul's Church After the service was concluded, the corps proceeded up Owen Street to the Bloomfield Works, and presented arms to Messrs. Barrows and Hall. They next visited the private residence of P. Williams, Esq. (Deputy Lieutenant) and presented arms. Mr. Williams received them very cordially, and entertained them at a sumptuous luncheon, which was done full justice to. Having given three lusty cheers for their hospitable entertainer, they proceeded to Messrs. Walker's works, at Gospel Oak. These gentlemen have been very liberal contributors to the corps, and are celebrated makers of cannon. From thence the riflemen marched to the LIMERICK, at Great Bridge, and the lieutenant (Mr. Hall) treated them to some more refreshments Having been out about six hours, they returned to the drill ground, where Colonel Vernon inspected them in the ranks, and paid a very high compliment to them on their generally ef-

ficient state, stating that he was proud to see them muster in such force, carry themselves so well under arms, and exhibit such a soldier-like bearing. The officers and men then marched to the NAVIGATION INN, where a substantial dinner was provided by the host.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861 - Advert

“County Of Stafford. Weights And Measures. District C. or South Staffordshire.

Notice is Hereby Given that William Tullett, the Inspector of Weights and Measures.....

Will attend at the undermentioned Times and Places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to him for that purpose, and Stamping such of them as shall be found correct, viz.....

At the LIMERICK HOTEL, at Tipton, on Fridays, January 18th, February 15th, and March 15th, at ten o'clock am.....

All persons residing in the said District, desirous of having their Weights and Measures Stamped, may bring or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be convenient; or to 29, King-street, Wolverhampton, on any other than the days above appointed.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/2/1861 - Advert

“LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge.

Arrival Of Robert Hales, The Celebrated Norfolk Giant.

Mr. *Patterson* respectfully informs his Friends and the Public, that His Highness, Robert Hales, The Great Norfolk Giant, Patronised by Her Majesty, will hold his Court at the Above Inn, until Further Notice.”

[Robert Hales was reputed to be seven feet six inches in height and thirty-three stone in weight. He was presented to Her Majesty the Queen in 1851 as the tallest and heaviest man in Europe.]

1861 Census

LIMERICK INN

- [1] *George Thomas Patterson* (42), spirit dealer, born Dudley;
- [2] *Martha Patterson* (36), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Isabel Patterson* (14), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *George Alfred Patterson* (17), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Thomas Maunder Patterson* (14), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary Louisa Patterson* (7 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Alexander Patterson* (25), brother, visitor, born Dudley;
- [8] *Julia Adams* (17), cousin, visitor, born West Bromwich;
- [9] *Sarah Ann Wilcox* (21), barmaid, born West Bromwich;
- [10] *Catherine Adams* (19), housemaid, born Wollaston;
- [11] *Hannah Harvey* (14), nurse, born Sedgley;
- [12] *Harriet Carter* (19), cook, born Old Park, Shropshire;
- [13] *Thomas Mayall* (14), errand boy, born Potmore, Worcestershire:

Birmingham Daily Post 20/2/1862

“On Monday an adjourned inquest was held at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on the body of a man named Samuel Wheeler, aged 26 years. The facts deposed to were to the effect that deceased was, on the 30th ult, at work at Mr. B. Whitehouse’s pit, when a quantity of dirt fell down the shaft upon him, crushing his shoulders and head, and so injuring him that he expired on the same day. At the opening of the inquest, about a fortnight ago, the enquiry was adjourned to await a visit from the Government Inspector of Mines. The evidence of this official was quite satisfactory as to the shaft being a good one, and the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/11/1863 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong active Man, as Brewer, and to make himself generally useful. Wages according to ability. Apply to Mr. *Patterson*, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/4/1864 - Advert

“Wanted, immediately, a Housemaid.

Apply to Mr. *Patterson*, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge.”

Western Daily Press 12/9/1864

“Great Strike of the Staffordshire Colliers.

A mass meeting of colliers was held on Thursday at Deepfield. Three thousand men were present, and it was resolved to come out that night. The whole of the miners of the thick coal district were urged to stand or fall together. At mid-day on Thursday a meeting, under the auspices of the Colliers' Strike Committee, took place on a piece of waste ground in Union Street, Tipton. From 8,000 to 10,000 persons were present. A resolution was carried expressive of the determination of the men to prolong the strike until their demands should have been acceded to; and arrangements were made for the assembling, at 4.30 on Friday morning, of one body of men at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, to proceed with the Great Bridge Band to Fiery Holes, Moxley, and for the assembling of another body, at the same hour, at the BLUE BALL Tividale; the object of these early gatherings being to lay the case of the men before their comrades at work at the collieries in the localities indicated. A district meeting was subsequently to take place at Crene Hills, at ten o'clock. It was also arranged to organise a body of men to proceed to Brownhills and Cannock at an early hour on Monday morning, for the purpose of addressing the men employed in that neighbourhood.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 15/10/1864 - Advert

“LIMERICK INN, Wine and Spirit Vaults, Great Bridge, in the Parish of Tipton.

To Capitalists, Innkeepers, and Others.

To be Sold by Auction, by John G. Wright, on Monday, October 24th, 1864, upon the Premises, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read. All that very Valuable Commercial Inn, Liquor and Wine Vaults, eligibly situate for business purposes, with superior Accommodation, and possessing unusual advantages, having commanding frontages at the junction of the roads leading from Great Bridge to Birmingham, Dudley, and Wednesbury, and comprising excellent Liquor Vaults, with a frontage of 66 feet to the Market Place. There are likewise in immediate connection with the above a Concert Hall, 82 feet long, with Bar and Dressing Rooms, Billiard Room (46 feet 6 inches) having Ante-Rooms and Conveniences communicating with the Concert Hall and Bar. The LIMERICK INN comprises large Parlour, Drawing Room, eight Chambers, Hall, Tap Room, Smoke Room, Cooking Kitchen and Larder, Brewhouse, Coachhouse, Yard, and side Gateway Entrance, with extensive Ale and Wine Cellars, and commodious Store Rooms, Hard Water, Water Cisterns and Closets. The whole has been recently renovated, and some portions re-erected at a great outlay.

The Property contains an area of 910 square yards or thereabouts, and is leasehold for an unexpired term of 32 years from the twenty-fifth day of March last, at the nominal rent of £1.

The purchaser to take to the Trade Fittings and Fixtures at a fair valuation, and to be allowed the option of taking to the Stock and Furniture in the same way.

To view, apply at the LIMERICK INN, and all further particulars may be obtained of Messrs. Coldicott and Canning, Solicitors, Dudley; Mr. W. S. Allen, Solicitor, Birmingham; or of the Auctioneer, Dudley.”

George Thomas Patterson – see also MARKSMAN, West Bromwich.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 1/9/1866 - Advert

“Joseph Whitehouse has been favoured with instructions from Mr. *Samuel Meek*, the proprietor, to Sell by Auction, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on Tuesday, the 11th day of September All those eleven substantial and well-built Messuages or Dwelling Houses.....”

Henry Bate Erwin = Henry Bate Elwin = Henry Irwin

Birmingham Daily Post 27/1/1868

“On Saturday an inquest was held by Mr. Edwin Hooper, Coroner, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, touching the death of Thomas Coomber, lately in the employ of Mr. B. Irving, boot lace manufacturer, of

Balsall Heath, Birmingham. It appears that the deceased was driving along the New Road, Great Bridge, shortly after two o'clock on Friday afternoon, and when near the bridge of the Great Western Railway, one of the wheels of his dogcart came into contact with a wheelbarrow belonging to Mr. Frost, road contractor. The horse taking fright, the dogcart was dragged upon one wheel to the distance of nearly one hundred yards, when the deceased was thrown out, and, while trying to recover himself, a wheel of a large wagon passed over his head, death ensuing within ten minutes. After hearing the evidence of the three witnesses who stated these facts, the Coroner said that if the Jury thought there had been negligence on the part of any person, he was willing to adjourn the enquiry. It did not, however, appear to him that there was blame attaching to anyone.

The Jury considered an adjournment unnecessary, and at once returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The deceased was twenty-six years of age, and had been in the employ of Mr. Irving for about four years. Mr. Irving attended the inquest."

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/3/1868

"Joseph Masters, a young man employed at the Horseley Works, was committed for trial at the Assizes, charged with breaking into the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, kept by Mr. *H. B. Erwin*. During the night of the 26th ult, two persons who were passing found one of the shutters of the house open. They knocked and shouted, and presently they observed the prisoner making his exit by a window. Three boxes of cigars were afterwards found in his possession, which Mr. *Erwin* identified as his property."

[Joseph Masters (24), gas fitter, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 1 calendar month in the House of Correction at Stafford.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/8/1868

"Ancient Order Of Foresters. The High Court Meeting In Wolverhampton.

.....in the room for the accommodation of those attending the meetings, and refreshments are provided in the adjoining room, at a very reasonable price by Mr. A. Kendrick, of the ROYAL OAK, Great Bridge, and Mr. *H. B. Erwin* of the LIMERICK INN, Tipton....."

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/11/1868

"On Thursday night a congratulatory meeting on the success of the Liberals was held in the Music Hall of the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge. Mr. James Solly occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. Upon the platform were Messrs. Lester, West, Bedworth, Cuxton, Smith, Whitehouse, Cox, &c. The Chairman congratulated the meeting upon the large majority obtained by Mr. Brogden, MP, who was worthy of their confidence, inasmuch as he would well represent that district in all its wants. Mr. W. Lester observed that Mr. Brogden had been to Wednesbury that day, and had given £200 to provide blankets and warm clothing for the poor during the coming winter. It was proposed to extend the Borough Electors' Protection Society to Great Bridge, as it was stated that there was a probability that men would be discharged from their employment for voting for Mr. Brogden."

Birmingham Daily Post 8/7/1869

"At the Police Court, on Tuesday, Mr. *H. B. Irwin*, of the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house. Sergeant Chatfield said that on the 29th of June last he visited the defendant's premises early in the morning. There were a number of drunken men in the house, and two bull dogs fighting. The landlord was also drunk. Police-constable Hand deposed that after the men had been ejected by the sergeant and the defendant, the house was again opened, and at three o'clock, an hour and half after the first offence, there were other drunken men in the house. Mr. *Irwin* strongly denied that he was drunk or that he knew the drunkenness or fighting were going on. In order to confirm this he brought three witnesses, but the Magistrates said they considered the case proved, and should deal heavily with the case. Fined £5 and costs."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/8/1869

"The annual licensing meeting for the West Bromwich district was held yesterday.....

The following list of victuallers brought before the magistrates during the year ending 25th August, was

handed to the magistrates by Superintendent Woollaston.....

H. B. Erwin, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge.....

The magistrates suspended the license of *H. B. Erwin*, of Great Bridge, until the 29th September.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1869

“The annual Sessions was held at West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday Mr. Sharpe announced that the licenses of *Henry Erwin* and Elizabeth Whitehouse of Tipton, who had been suspended, would be withdrawn.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/10/1869 - Letter

“To the Editor of the *Daily Gazette*. Sir. Permit me to draw attention of the Tipton authorities to the nuisances that people have to put up with in Great Bridge. Every Friday night, without exception, in New Road, between the LIMERICK INN and the TIPTON TAVERN, the stench that arises from the butchers’ premises in boiling up the refuse is really unbearable. I am sure, at the present time especially, when diarrhoea and fever are so prevalent, that this nuisance ought to be put a stop to. In the next instance I will call the attention of the police to the prostitutes that are allowed to congregate at the entrance to the station (London and North Western). Every night without exception, they surround the gin-shop entrance, and in the passage to the station. Indeed, it is seldom that people can pass by without hearing some filthy expression, or being insulted by them, and it is often the case that the police pass by without saying a word. Now, Sir, if such proceedings as these are allowed to go on, what shall we expect next? It ought to be looked into at once.

Yours, respectfully, T. B. Great Bridge, Oct. 13, 1869.”

County Express 4/12/1869

“Mr. Charles Bayley, Deputy Coroner, concluded an inquest at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on Tuesday, upon the body of Edward Bumford, an old man who died a short time ago, by a fall at the Railway station. After Mr. Thomas Underhill, surgeon, and a man named Smith, who found deceased on the rails, had given their evidence, the Jury returned an open verdict: That the deceased was found injured, and that he died from such injuries but how they were inflicted it was not possible to tell.”

County Express 24/9/1870

“A meeting of ironworkers was held on Monday at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge..... Resolutions were unanimously passed to the effect that the agitation be continued with firmness and perseverance, with the view of obtaining the increase of 6d per ton which was taken off the rate of wages when the reduction took place in 1863, and which was promised to be given back when the state of trade improved.....”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 17/12/1870

“To be shot for on Tuesday, Dec 20, at Mr. *Erwin*’s, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, close to stations on Great Western and 10 minutes’ walk from Dudley Port station, a capital dog cart and £10, by members 20s each, 5 birds each, 1½oz of shot, 60 yards fall, handicapped from 18 to 21 yards rise. The £10 will be given however few shooters. First prize dog cart, second £7, third £3.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/1/1871

“LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, near Dudley Port. The rabbit coursing sweepstakes for £6 10s, announced for last Monday, stands postponed till Jan 16, on account of the weather.”

1871 Census

4, Market Place

- [1] *Henry Bate Erwin* (32), victualler, born Liverpool;
- [2] Ann Maria Erwin (31), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Ada Ellen Erwin (7), daughter, born Great Bridge;
- [4] Lizzy Maria Erwin (6), daughter, born Great Bridge;

- [5] Clara E. Erwin (3), daughter, born Great Bridge;
[6] Caroline L. Erwin (5 months), daughter, born Great Bridge;
[7] Ann Barrett (22), barmaid, born Birmingham;
[8] Latischa Lawrence (18), general servant, born West Bromwich;
[9] Dora Whitehouse (15), general servant, born Great Bridge;
[10] Edward Durham (22), brewer, born Swindon, Wiltshire:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/9/1871

“Yesterday morning a meeting of puddlers, millmen, forge rollers, and furnacemen was held at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, with reference to the disputed wages question.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1871 - Advert

“To be Sold, a First-class Billiard-Bagatelle Table, with five Pockets. Balls, Cues, Marking Board, all complete.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. *Erwin*, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge.”

Dudley Herald 6/1/1872

“.....Meeting of colliers at LIMERICK to further agitate in favour of the 9 hours movement.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/1/1872

“Yesterday morning a large meeting of ironworkers was held at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge..... Mr. Vaughan submitted the following proposition. ‘That when bar-iron is £7 per ton, the puddlers’ wages shall be 8s 6d per ton (the minimum); iron £8, wages 9s; iron £9, wages 10s; iron £10, wages 11s; iron £11, wages 12s; iron £12, wages 13s, and so on in proportion.’ Carried.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/4/1872

“On Saturday night a meeting of mill and hand sawyers was held at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, to consider the affairs of their society, and the position of the men out on strike.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1872

“At the Dudley County Court, yesterday, before Mr. Rupert Kettle, Judge, Henry Beesley, landlord of the GRIFFIN INN, Great Bridge, sued Daniel Lawrence, landlord of the GEORGE HOTEL, Wednesbury, for £50, as damages for an assault committed in the previous month. Mr. Lewis (Messrs. Duignan, Lewis, and Co.) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Godson (instructed by Messrs. Caddick) was for the defendant. The plaintiff’s case was that he visited the Dudley Cricket Ground on the occasion of the All-England match, and there met Mr. *Erwin*, landlord of the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge. After the match he called at the latter’s house with the landlord, and found the defendant in the passage. Without a word of provocation, defendant struck Mr. *Erwin*, with whom he had been at litigation, and when the latter passed on defendant seized plaintiff round the neck, and administered several blows on his mouth, loosening two or three teeth, which ultimately came out. Plaintiff had suffered considerably by the loss of the teeth. In cross-examination plaintiff admitted that he had been drinking during the afternoon, and that after the assault he was in a private room in the LIMERICK with the defendant, and several bottles of champagne were drunk in this room by the company generally. In that room there was a great deal of ‘chaffing’ going on, and in reply to a statement of Lawrence’s, about the latter’s capability to fight all the Beesleys in the family, the plaintiff said he had often given the defendant’s father a basin of broth. In defence Mr. Godson argued that Mr. Beesley was intoxicated, and that he did not remember the circumstances, and that the supply of champagne was called for in order to make the matter up. The defendant was then called, and he in his evidence bore out this theory. After several ineffectual attempts to settle the case, his Honour said he was sorry to see three respectable men in a case like that, and called the solicitors and counsel engaged into his private room. Upon their return Mr. Godson said the parties had agreed upon the terms suggested by his Honour, and Mr. Lawrence was willing to apologise to Mr. Beesley for the blows, which were without ill-feeling. Mr. Lewis said his client was willing to accept the terms, and be good friends with Mr. Lawrence. His Honour then stated the terms,

£5 5s to be paid by the defendant to the West Bromwich Hospital, and the costs as between solicitors and clients; so that Mr. Beesley should not be a shilling out of pocket. The plaintiff and defendant shook hands and left the court.”

Dudley Herald 4/4/1874

A meeting of striking miners was held here.

Henry Bate Erwin – see also KINGS ARMS.

County Express 8/1/1876

“On Wednesday an important conference of miners’ delegates was held at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, with the principal object of considering what course should be adopted to secure an increase in the colliers’ wages.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/1877 - Advert

“An Important Unreserved Clearance Sale, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, Dudley Port, of Furniture, Public House Fixtures, Liquor Shop Fittings, Brewing Plant, Casks, Lichfield Cooking Range; 7 pockets Prime Hops, 32 bushels Malt, Two Modern Shop Fronts, Ginger, Gin, Soup, and other Cordials; 9 cases Champagne, 47 boxes Cigars, Cigarettes, and other valuable Effects.

Messrs. Gray, Son, and Walker are instructed by Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. (who contemplate making extensive alterations), to Sell by Auction, on Tuesday and Wednesday next, February 20 and 21.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/3/1877

“Henry Harvey (20), labourer, Newtown, Great Bridge, was charged with stealing two gas brackets, value £1 1s, the property of Messrs. Fox and Co. The brackets were stolen from the prosecutors’ premises, the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on the 22nd ult, and nothing was seen of them until last Friday afternoon, when the prisoner offered them for sale at a broker’s, named Stamps, in Sheepwash Lane. The broker sent for the police, and gave the prisoner into custody. Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, said that a man whom he did not know had asked him to dispose of the brackets for him. He was committed for trial.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 13/3/1877

“Henry Harvey (20), New Town, Great Bridge, was charged with stealing two gas brackets, worth a guinea, belonging to Mr. *E. Hands*, manager of the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge. About four o’clock on the 22nd February, Mr. *Hands* had his attention called to an escape of gas in the smoke room, and he then noticed that the brackets had been stolen. On Friday the prisoner offered the brackets for sale to Mr. Stamps, broker, who at once recognised them as those stolen from the LIMERICK, and detained the prisoner until Sergeant Smith arrived and took him into custody. The manager of the LIMERICK identified the brackets as his property, and the prisoner was committed to the Sessions.”

[At the Staffordshire Easter Quarter Sessions Henry Harvey was sentenced to one month’s hard labour for stealing two gas brackets, the property of *Joseph Bagnall*.]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/9/1877

“At the Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Barrows and Mr. George Heaton, a labourer, named John Garretty, was charged with assaulting the police and committing wilful damage at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge. About eleven o’clock on Saturday night the defendant refused to quit the inn, and became violent, ultimately smashing a stained glass window, valued at £5. When apprehended he assaulted Police-constable Brien. He was ordered to pay £1 for the damage and fined 1s and costs, or in default three weeks’ imprisonment. For the assault he was fined 10s and costs, with the alternative of another three weeks’ imprisonment.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/9/1877

“At the West Bromwich Police Court yesterday, John Groome, importer of wine and spirits, the Crypt, Chester, was summoned on the information of *Henry Bate Erwin*, gentleman, West Bromwich, charged with

having obtained on the 26th September, 1875, with intent to defraud, and by false pretences, from the complainant a bill of exchange for £36 11s 3d.....

The nominal prosecutor was Mr. *Erwin*, but the real prosecutors in the case were Messrs. Jameson and Sons, carrying on business as whiskey distillers in Bow Street, Dublin For some time past Messrs. Jameson and Sons had been aware that various quantities of whiskey had been going about the market bearing on the casks their trade mark, although it had not been manufactured by them Mr. *Erwin* formerly kept the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, and on 24th September, 1875, he met with Mr. Williams, the agent or traveller of defendant Mr. *Erwin* gave him an order for three hogsheads a memorandum was drawn up and signed by Mr. Williams to the effect that it should be Jamesons' whiskey, and the price 4s 6d per gallon.....

Mr. *Erwin*, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Arundel (Messrs. Jameson's manager) having given evidence, the further hearing of the case was adjourned for a fortnight."

[Mr. Groome stated that the transaction took place while he was abroad and without his knowledge, and he tendered an apology for what had been done. Messrs. Jameson, not being desirous of pressing severely against Mr. Groome, but simply being anxious to prevent a repetition of the frauds, accepted the apology, and the case terminated to the satisfaction of all parties.]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 15/12/1877

"Yesterday afternoon an inquest was held before Mr. Hooper at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on the body of Caroline Jones (42), who was found dead in the Birmingham Canal on Tuesday morning. Mr. Travis watched the proceedings on behalf of William Mansfield, a carpenter, who cohabited with the deceased, and who is in custody on suspicion of causing the death of the woman.

Ann Maria Martin identified the body, and said that the deceased left Old Cross Street, Birmingham, five weeks ago with Mansfield.

Mr. William Adkins, hatter, stated that at half-past four on Monday night he saw two men endeavouring to get the deceased, who was very drunk, off the ground. The man now in custody was one of the parties, and he saw him pass with the woman by Mr. Swift's. He was not ill-treating the deceased, but was acting to the contrary.

Benjamin Painter, watchman, in the employ of the London and North Western Railway Company, found the dead body of the woman in the canal.

John Musgrove, yard foreman, heard a quarrel on the canal side, and saw a man and a woman there. The deceased was that woman, but prisoner was nothing like the man.

Mr. Wynne, assistant surgeon, said he found slight bruises on the nose of the deceased, and a bruise over the left eye. They might have been caused by a fall. He discovered no other marks.

William Mansfield made a statement to the effect that he had been living at Penge before coming to Birmingham, where he met with the deceased. On Monday night he left her with three men, after making useless attempts to get her along. He offered no violence. They had been in Mr. Shaw's public house that night and there were men there who knew her. She was also known to Mr. Shaw.

Henry Bessley, jun, said he saw Mansfield and the woman, and they were both very drunk. She wore a silk dress, a striped shawl, and a silver chain. The next day, after the body was found he saw Mansfield and sent for the police. The prisoner came to Great Bridge to make inquiries about his paramour, and offered no resistance, but expressed willingness to accompany him to the station. On Monday night he saw other men with the woman, and heard one of them say, 'Come on, let's go and have a game.'

Inspector Harrison said he assisted the surgeon in examining the body. In the clothing, which was clean and good, there was nothing disordered. He did not see anything which would lead him to suppose that any foul play had been used.

The jury returned an open verdict of Found Dead."

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/6/1878

"An official paper which has just been issued gives the names of the registered trade unions, showing those which have, and those which have not, made returns according to law, and, with regard to the former, the amount of their funds on the 31st December, 1876, their income for that year, and the number of their members.....

Westbromwich, Oldbury, Tipton, Coseley, and Bradley District of the Amalgamated Association of Miners, LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, established April 1, 1873; funds, £4,922; annual income, £7,749; number of members, 2,603.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/10/1878

“John Perry, labourer, of Swan Village, was charged with stealing 2s, the property of *Joseph Bagnall*, manager of the LIMERICK STORES, belonging to the Wrexham Brewery Company, at Great Bridge. The prosecutor stated that on the 6th inst. he left £3 in change at the back of the bar, and as he had missed money on two previous mornings he watched the prisoner (who was employed in cleaning the taps), and saw him take 2s from the money. The Bench thought it was very imprudent on the part of the prosecutor to place the money in such a position. The prisoner was sent to gaol for a month.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/10/1879 - Notice

“The Master Bakers of the Borough of Wednesbury intend holding a Meeting this (Monday) evening, October 20, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, to Consider the Retail Price of Flour.

Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock.

W. Yoxall, Hon. Sec.

P.S. All Retailers of Flour are most cordially Invited to Attend.”

Dudley and District News 31/7/1880

“Tipton Local Board The Collection of Tolls at Great Bridge Market.

Mr. Astley complained that the Wrexham Co, the proprietors of the LIMERICK INN, in Great Bridge market, had collected tolls for stalls, etc. standing on the public road on market day. He stated that for a distance of 25 yards outside their own pavement they had been in the habit of collecting tolls. He did not really think that was fair, for they had no right to collect tolls from the public road.

Mr. Bradshaw denied that the Wrexham Company had collected tolls from the public highway.

Mr. Bedworth thought that the shopkeepers of Great Bridge had great grounds for complaint, for people came with stalls on market day and did great injury to them, while if those people paid any tolls at all they did not go towards paying the rates and taxes of Tipton.

It was decided ultimately to leave the matter in the hands of the surveyor to discover what power the Wrexham Company really possessed.”

Its name was changed to WREXHAM by *Joseph Bagnall* in 1880.

1881 Census

LIMERICK INN – Great Bridge

[1] *John Southwick* (30), public house manager, born Newbold, Yorkshire;

[2] Margaret A. Southwick (26), wife, born Liverpool;

[3] John E. Southwick (5), son, scholar, born Liverpool;

[4] Alice M. Southwick (3), daughter, born Liverpool;

[5] Rachel Southwick (2), daughter, born Birmingham;

[6] Thomas William Southwick (1), son, born Birmingham;

[7] Robert Wilson (29), barman, born Edinburgh;

[8] James Robinson (23), barman, born Ingleton, Yorkshire;

[9] Sarah Smith (22), general servant, born Coventry:

County Express 3/2/1883

“On Wednesday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, on the body of James Cook (56), sinker, who died from injuries received in the Brickhouse Pit, West Bromwich Colliery Company, Hill Top. Mr. W. B. Scott, assistant inspector of mines, was present, as were also Mr. Phillips, the manager of the colliery, and Mr. Gibbs, of the Employers' Liability Insurance Corporation. It was shown that Cook and several others were at work cleansing the pumping shaft. He was in charge of the party, and went up the shaft in a bowk to adjust another trough pipe for ventilation. There was a 'horse'

with lashing chains provided; but Cook declined to use it, on the ground that time would be wanted. Whilst driving in a nail to secure the pipe he lost his balance, and fell to the bottom of the shaft, breaking his arm, dislocating his shoulder, and smashing one of his ankles. Medical aid was promptly secured, but the man died the next day. The Coroner summed up, and pointed out that, as Cook was in charge of the party, no one was to blame but himself. It was satisfactory to know that the representatives of the deceased would receive £50 from the insurance company. Mr. Gibbs said the pit had only been insured four days when the accident occurred.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1891 Census

4, Great Bridge – WREXHAM

- [1] *William Perry* (39), publican’s manager, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Susannah Perry* (31), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *William Perry* (8), son, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Joseph Barell* (26), boarder, barman, born Hagley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Frank Gregory* (28), boarder, barman, born Shrewsbury;
- [6] *Lizzie Evans* (20), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday.....

Mr. A. Young mentioned two cases in which he was concerned, one of which was the renewal of whose license had been objected to on the ground that the licensee was non-resident. He pointed out that under the Acts of Parliament residence was not necessary in the case of holders of alehouse licenses, though necessary in the case of beerhouse licenses. Mr. Elwell said the magistrates had given every consideration to this question, and had decided to renew all licenses where the holders were bona-fide owners or tenants. This decision affected the following cases.....

Joseph Bagnall, LIMERICK, Great Bridge.”

Its name was changed back to LIMERICK in 1894. (?)

West Bromwich Weekly News 6/1/1900 - Advert

“Use the Wrexhams. West Bromwich and Market Place, Great Bridge.

Single bottles of wines and spirits at wholesale prices.

Comfortable public smoke rooms. Football Results at All Houses.

Walkers, Burton on Trent, Ales in Splendid condition.

Thomas Brennand, proprietor.”

1911 Census

5, Great Bridge

- [1] *Arthur Cumberbatch* (37), licensed victualler, born Talke, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Cumberbatch* (36), wife, married 15 years, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Marion Cumberbatch* (14), daughter, cook, assistant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Charles Edward Cumberbatch* (12), son, school, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Mary Jane Cumberbatch* (8), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Arthur Cumberbatch* (3), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Ellen Cumberbatch* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Henry Reece* (24), waiter, born Cradley Heath:

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

‘Great Bridge And District’ by Terry Price

“.....An open market had been on the site in front of the LIMERICK INN since the early part of the 19th century. After the move to nearby Mill Street in the early 1970s shopping in Great Bridge was never quite

the same again.”

“Great Tavern in Great Bridge” c.1980s.

Gian Singh Cheema was British 100kg weightlifting champion in 1987.

Closed

It reopened on 11th March 1998

Black Country Bugle 24/12/1998 - Advert

“*Brian, Lynn and Staff* would like to thank all their customers for their support throughout 1998 and wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The LIMERICK INN, Market Place Great Bridge.

Large Selection of Bass and Banks’s Beers.

Wednesday Nights – Karaoke

Saturday Nights – Live Entertainment

Sunday Lunchtimes – Karaoke (2pm-6pm)

Monday Nights – Bingo

Christmas Eve – Karaoke

Boxing Night – Live Entertainment

Sunday 27th December Live Entertainment with Just Bev

New Tandoori Restaurant opening early in the New Year serving Balties and curries etc. Local delivery services available.

Sky TV for all your Sporting Events – Pool Table – Darts.

Car park security cameras.”

Closed

It reopened in July 2001.

[2005]

Closed [2006]

It reopened as the LOUNGE BAR. [2007]

Express & Star 25/11/2022

“A long-standing Tipton publican has died just three months after he stopped serving behind the bar. *Major Singh Kheela*, who owned the LOUNGE BAR in Market Place, Great Bridge, for many years, has died at the age of 72. His son Bobby led the tributes. He said, ‘My dad was 72 years old and a grandfather. He was a former weightlifter and owned several businesses in Great Bridge Town Centre most notably the LOUNGE BAR & RESTAURANT which has recently had a new restaurant opened at the hub of Great Bridge. He moved to Tipton with his family in 1979 and managed several public houses before successfully setting up as a Market Trader in the 90s where he eventually purchased the run-down business in Great Bridge and fully restored it to provide a lifeline to the town and local businesses.’

Wanting to celebrate his 65th birthday *Major Kheela* invited everyone to join him and to ensure his party would be unforgettable he had a free bar all day and night, which meant the bill topped £20,000. Bobby said, ‘Most famously he celebrated his 65th birthday the LOUNGE BAR with an open invite to the public. He was a very kind hearted person and extremely popular in the local community and will be dearly missed by everyone.’

The funeral is on Sunday, November 27 with the Cremation Service at Sandwell Crematorium at 10am. All mourners please meet at 8am at the LOUNGE BAR, Market Place, Great Bridge, Tipton. A collection and a donation will be made to the British Heart Foundation in memory of *Major Singh Kheela*.”

Express & Star 24/1/2023

“Dal Bhat rice dishes and momos also called Tibetan dumplings are among the scrumptious items on the menu at a newly opened restaurant. The LOUNGE BAR and Restaurant is up and running at the site of a former public house, in Market Place, in Tipton, after director Gyanendra Sapkota decided to set up business in the town. Ten jobs have also been created at the enterprise.

The Nepal-born chef says, ‘There are a few Indian restaurants around which serve Nepalese food, but we’re the only one in this area. We serve authentic Indian and Nepalese food. Favourite dishes include momos and chow mein and various sauces. We opened the doors in November on the site of the LOUNGE pub and invested in a revamp and a newly-built lounge at the side of the pub. It’s going all right. We have a 150-seater function hall upstairs where we also offer bookings and catering for events. I was born, in Chitwan, Nepal, and I’ve been in the UK since 2009. I ran another restaurant, but it was a bit small and I wanted to expand into a bigger space and that’s why I have come to this area.’

The premises also has a game machine, pool table, television screens and a football table for customers to use. Take away orders are also available.”

[2022]

LION

66, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Silvester
Charlotte Silvester
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1953]

LICENSEES

Joseph Silvester Snr. [] – **1874**);
Joseph Silvester Jnr. (**1874 – 1884**);
Mrs. Jettina Silvester (**1884 – 1885**);
Mrs. Charlotte Silvester (**1885** – [1891]
H G Sandage [] – **1900**);
H Warren (**1900** – []
Charles Lucas [1911] – **1947**);
Howard Hughes (**1947 – 1953**)
Teddy England [1953]
John Greenhalgh [] – **1956**):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as “Lucas’s”

It was originally the ACORN.

1881 Census

66, Great Bridge

- [1] *Joseph Silvester* (41), retail brewer, born Edgbaston;
- [2] *Charlotte Silvester* (38), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Sarah Silvester (12), daughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [4] Joseph Silvester (8), son, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [5] Clara Silvester (7), daughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [6] James Silvester (3), son, born Great Bridge;
- [7] John Silvester (10 weeks), son, born Great Bridge:

Joseph Silvester Jnr. died in 1884.

Charlotte Silvester = Charlotte Sylvester

1891 Census

66, Great Bridge Street

- [1] *Charlotte Sylvester* (48), widow, public house keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Sylvester (22), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Joseph Sylvester (17), son, butcher, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Clara Sylvester (17), daughter, millener, born West Bromwich;
- [5] James Sylvester (15), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Mary Sylvester (8), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich:

1911 Census

66, Great Bridge

- [1] *Charles Lucas* (35), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Ada Lucas (31), wife, married 5 years, assisting in business, born Tipton:

Charles Lucas, beer retailer, 66, Great Bridge. [1912]

Charles Lucas was married to Ada.

Ted England was married to Alice.

John Greenhalgh was married to Mary.

It closed in 1956.

Check GOLDEN LION.

LITTLE BURTON

18, Alexandra Road, (18, Workhouse Lane), TIPTON

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph George [1855] – **1865**);
Daniel Mills (**1865** – [1873]
Richard H. Beardsmore [1881]
William Robbins [1886] – [1896]
Thomas Smith [1900] – [1904]
Benjamin Bullock [1908]
Solomon Sheldon [1911] – [1916]
James Bradbury [1919] – **1920**);
Richard Baggott (**1920** – **1922**);
Samuel Heath (**1922** – **1923**);
Clarissa Eliza Price (**1923** – **1930**);
George Corbett (**1930** – **1931**);
Joseph Smith (**1931** – **1933**);
Alice Maud Neave (**1933** – []
Arthur Marsden [1938] – **1940**);
Alice Marsden (**1940** – **1953**);
Thomas Burns (**1953** – [1966]
Mrs. Rita Bird [1987]

NOTES

Workhouse Lane [1861]
18, Workhouse Lane [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1908]
18, Alexandra Road [1911], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1940]

BURTON INN [1865], [1868], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1932], [1940]

It originally stood in front of the gas works.

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/3/1855

“At Wednesbury, on Tuesday, John Blackham was charged with a series of assaults upon Mr. *Joseph George*, of the BURTON INN, Tipton, *Joseph George*, jun., and George Fisher. He was also charged with wilfully damaging a door, and was fined in several sums, amounting to 46s and costs, or three months’ imprisonment.”

Birmingham Journal 5/7/1856

“On Thursday an inquest was held by the Coroner at the house of Mr. *Joseph George*, the BURTON INN, Workhouse Lane, Tipton, on the body of a newly-born female infant, which it is supposed to have been murdered. It would appear that on Wednesday morning about half-past six o’clock, as a boatman, named Benjamin Wall of Great Bridge, was proceeding along the Birmingham Canal, near Toll End, near Messrs. Motteram and Deeley’s furnaces, he observed something floating upon the surface of the water. Having succeeded in getting it to the side, he discovered that it was the body of an infant. Information was conveyed to Parish-constable Dutton, who lived near the spot, and he took possession of the body. It was wrapped in an old dark shawl, a piece of tape was tied tightly round its neck, and attached to the tape a piece of whipcord about a yard in length. The child was taken to the Tipton Workhouse, where a post mortem examination was made by Mr. W. L. Underhill, surgeon. That gentleman was of opinion that the child died of strangulation. It was a full grown infant, and was evidently only three or four days old. It was supposed to have been in the water two days. From an examination of the lungs, Mr. Underhill was of opinion that the child was dead before it was submerged. The inquest was adjourned until the 14th instant.”

Birmingham Journal 25/4/1857

“On Easter Monday, a young girl, fifteen years old, Mary Ann Maria Insull, who lived in Workhouse Lane, left home at about half-past six o’clock in the morning to proceed to a house at Coseley, where she was engaged nursing. She never arrived at this place, and not returning home up to Tuesday night, a search was made, when it was ascertained that she had been seen on Monday morning near Mr. Cresswell’s works, at Tipton. Believing that she might be in one of the canals, her friends procured some quicksilver which they deposited in the centre of a loaf of bread, which they placed in the canal, in the belief that when it got over the body it would remain stationary. Some time was spent with this experiment but without success. Drags were then procured, and after searching the canal for three or four days successively, they on Sunday last, about midday, found the body at Claycroft Bridge, a quarter of a mile from Messrs. Cresswell’s works, in the direction of Coseley. It was thought that the deceased must have been in the water for six days. The inquest was held at Mr. *Joseph George*’s, BURTON INN, Tipton, on Tuesday, by G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq. It was believed that, owing to the roughness of the weather, and to the deceased having an umbrella, that she was either blown into the canal or unintentionally walked in with the umbrella before her. Verdict, Found Drowned.”

Birmingham Journal 5/9/1857

“Mary Kilmartin was charged at the Petty Sessions, with stealing £2 9s from William Smith. Smith stated that on Saturday night last he was in the BURTON INN, Tipton, when defendant came in, asking charity. He gave her a penny, and she sat down and began to smoke. Shortly afterwards he fell asleep, and she, as he was told, then picked his pocket. James Ballal deposed that he called at the BURTON INN on the evening in question. He saw complainant asleep, and the woman take a purse out of his pocket. The landlord coming in at the time, he called him, and delivered the purse into custody. Some more money, besides what was in the purse, was found on her person. *Joseph George*, the landlord, and Police-constable Kent, who took her in charge, having been examined in corroboration, the prisoner was committed to the Sessions.”
[Mary Kilmartin received two calendar months’ imprisonment with hard labour at the Sessions.]

Birmingham Journal 11/2/1860 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling Houses and Premises, in Workhouse Lane, Tipton, and Albert Street, Princes End, near Tipton.

Mr. Charles Round will offer for sale by Auction, on Wednesday next, the 15th of February, at the house of Mr. *Joseph George*, the BURTON INN, Workhouse Lane, Tipton, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions – the undermentioned properties, in the following or such other manner as may be agreed upon at the time.....”

1861 Census

Workhouse Lane – BURTON

- [1] *Joseph George* (68), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary George* (66), wife, born Alvechurch, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Joseph George* (24), son, grocer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Susannah Clarke* (129), house servant, born Leeds, Yorkshire:

Joseph George was also a grocer. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Post 5/9/1864 - Advert

“To be Let, that well-known Public-House and Grocer’s Shop, the BURTON INN, Workhouse Lane, Tipton. Apply on the premises. Immediate possession may be had.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/1/1865

“On Saturday the following licenses were temporarily transferred.....
BURTON INN, from *Joseph George* to *Daniel Mills*.”

1871 Census

18, Workhouse Lane

- [1] *Daniel Mills* (42), iron worker, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Mills* (36), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Margaret E. Mills* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Julia A. Mills* (14), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Daniel Mills* (12), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Jane Mills* (9), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Phoebe Mills* (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Emily Mills* (1), daughter, born Tipton:

Richard H. Beardsmore = Richard H. Beardmore

1881 Census

18, Workhouse Lane – BURTON INN

- [1] *Richard H. Beardmore* (49), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Beardmore* (43), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Ellen C ?* (13), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 9/6/1881

“On Monday last, June 6th, about forty members of the Albion Lodge (No.1314, WD) assembled at the house of Bro. *R. H. Beardsmore*, BURTON INN, Workhouse Lane, Tipton, and partook of a good substantial dinner.....”

Dudley and District News 18/8/1883

“On Thursday morning an inquest was held before Mr. Hooper (district coroner), at the BURTON INN, Workhouse Lane, Tipton Green, on the body of John Booth (15), son of Edward Booth, a gas-fitter, Workhouse Lane. On Tuesday morning deceased left home at 6.30, taking another boy with him named Underhill to bathe in the canal. When they reached the canal, Underhill asked Booth if he could swim. Booth said he could, and divesting himself of all his clothes, he jumped into the water and swam about three yards, getting out of his depth. Underhill heard him shout ‘Oh,’ and saw him sink immediately. He rose to the surface three times. The boy Underhill ran to two boatmen who were in the locks, and told them there was a boy drowning in the canal, but they refused to go, saying they would get into trouble. He then went and told a young man named Evans, who immediately jumped into the water, and found the deceased with his face stuck in the mud at the bottom of the canal, quite dead. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. Deceased was but recently charged with shooting at a servant girl, in the employ of Mr. Stanton, Owen Street, Tipton.”

William Robbins = William Robins

Birmingham Daily Post 25/5/1886

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Mr. W. L. Underhill and Mr. Thomas Underhill – *William Robins*, BURTON INN, Workhouse Lane, was charged with having his house open during illegal hours, and permitting gambling. Mr. A. Whitehouse defended.

Police-sergeant Swift and another officer deposed that they scaled a wall at the rear of defendant’s premises at 12.10 on the morning of the 26th April, and entered the house by an open door. The defendant and five or six men were present in one room, and the latter were playing at cards. There was copper money on the table, and jugs and glasses containing beer.

Police-inspector Casson said the defendant had been with him twice since the night of the occurrence, and on one occasion he expressed his dislike to being fined, and said he would rather pay £5 to the Guest Hospital than a smaller amount as a fine.

For the defence, Mr. Whitehouse held that the house was not open in the legal sense, for no one could enter unless they climbed a wall.

Mr. Underhill (the Magistrates' Clerk) said the argument was untenable because, if that was understood, there would be no particular difficulty in climbing a wall in search of a drink during prohibited hours. Mr. Whitehouse further contended that the men were guests and kindred, and that although there were cards no money or money's worth was played for. The coppers were part of the landlord's takings of the day, and they were in shillings ready to pack up, and over three-halfpence over. He called the persons in the house, and the females swore that they paid for no drink, while the men said the same, and further they were not gambling.

The Bench dismissed the charges, but said they thought the police were justified in entering the house and reporting the circumstances."

1891 Census

18, Workhouse Lane – Public House

[1] *William Robbins* (53), widower, licensed victualler, born Trelick, Monmouthshire;

[2] *Fanny Elizabeth Robbins* (18), daughter, housekeeper, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Agnes Robbins* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Sarah Jessie Robbins* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 14/1/1893

"Yesterday Mr. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest, at the BURTON INN, Tipton, on the body of Isaiah Rogers (38), who was killed on Monday by the upsetting of a gin at Mr. Thomas Chaloner's coalpit, Workhouse Lane, Tipton. Mr. W. B. Scott, Government Inspector of Mines was present.

Deceased was employed as an engineer at Deepfields, but as he was not required to commence work until the afternoon on Monday he took a walk to Mr. Chaloner's pit, where he was formerly employed. The men at the pit were taking down the gin, the work being done, according to the evidence of a witness named Wyatt, under the direction of Frank Davies. As Davies was aloft making some final preparations for slinging the cross-beam prior to taking it down, deceased began to knock it with a piece of timber. Davies told him to desist, but he struck it again, and the beam came off one of the uprights before Davies was ready, and the 'legs,' which were not very firmly set, were pulled down. The beam fell upon deceased, and crushed his chest.

Davies stated that he was a field carpenter, and had a knowledge of such work, and was set on to do it along with two other men. He did not know who was meddling down below when he was making preparations for slinging the beam, but he was told to wait a bit, as he was not ready. Witness made contradictory statements as to whether the legs of the crane were properly set, and the enquiry adjourned for a short time whilst the Coroner and the jury visited the pit.

On returning, the Coroner expressed the opinion that the 'legs' of the crane had not been properly erected, and told Davies that he ought not to have allowed Rogers to meddle with the work at all.

Davies replied that he did not set the legs; but he examined them, and in his opinion they were properly erected.

Mr. Chaloner was examined as to the nature of the arrangements, and the Coroner remarked that he did not appear to realise the gravity of the matter from the manner in which he gave his evidence, and if he were not very careful they would meet somewhere else. Chaloner replied that it was a pure accident, as Rogers ought to have kept away.

A man named John Devey corroborated Davies' evidence.

The latter was re-called, and, after further examination, the Coroner characterised his evidence as a 'pack of lies,' and remarked that the whole enquiry had been most unsatisfactory. In directing the jury, he observed that it was not a case of manslaughter, but it was very near it.

The jury, who retired for a short time, returned a verdict of Accidental Death, but found the Chaloner had been guilty of negligence in employing an incompetent man, and that the evidence of Davies and Devey was most untrustworthy. The Coroner severely censured them, and disallowed their expenses."

William Robbins was also a tailor. [1896]

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/9/1896

“On Saturday M. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the BURTON INN relative to the death of Alice Elizabeth Hasdell, aged six weeks, daughter of Thomas Hasdell, miner, Workhouse Lane, who had been found dead in bed. Mr. John Kimberley, licensed victualler, [ALBION] Owen Street, one of the jurymen, failed to attend the enquiry at the appointed time. The Coroner fined him £5 and instructed Police-constable Wheatley to obtain another juror. In the case under notice a verdict of Natural Causes was returned, as also in the case of another child found dead in bed with its mother.”

Dudley Herald 2/7/1898

“Rather an amusing application was made at the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, when a local publican applied for permission to change the name of the LITTLE BURTON INN at Tipton to the ‘Jacobs Well’. For about 50 years this ‘pub’ has been known as the LITTLE BURTON INN, but has now changed hands, the present owners are anxious to alter the name for one which they consider more appropriate. Questioned whether he could consider another name the applicant said he did not know whether there was really much in the name suggested. The Chairman therefore remarked that the applicant would perhaps continue the old name for another twelve months, and in the meantime consider the matter.”

1901 Census

18, Workhouse Lane

[1] *Thomas Smith* (59), bricklayer and publican, born Dudley;

[2] *Elizabeth S. Smith* (55), wife, born Northampton:

Plans were passed in September 1905 for the re-building of the BURTON INN, Little Burton.

1911 Census

18, Alexandra Road

[1] *Solomon Sheldon* (48), manager of public house, and coal miner (hewer), born Great Bridge;

[2] *Elizabeth Sheldon* (48), wife, married 30 years, born West Bromwich;

[3] *William James Sheldon* (27), son, coal miner (hewer), born West Bromwich;

[4] *Lizzie Sheldon* (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Annie Sheldon* (18), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[6] *Harold Sheldon* (12), son, born West Bromwich;

[7] *Gladys May Sheldon* (3), niece, born West Bromwich:

Requirements here had been carried out, it was announced at the adjourned Licensing Session, on 4th March 1930.

London Gazette 12/8/1930

“*Clarissa Eliza Price*, deceased Notice is hereby given that all persons having any debts, claims or demands against the estate of *Clarissa Eliza Price*, late of the LITTLE BURTON INN, Alexandra Road who died on the 7th day of May 1930.....”

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960 - Thanks

“The wife and family of the late William Brown, licensee of the BLACK COCK INN, wish to express their most grateful thanks to relatives and friends for the floral tributes and sympathy in their sad loss. Wreaths and flowers sent by Mr. *Burns* of the LITTLE BURTON.....”

It was closed in the 1980s.

It was converted into housing and subsequently shops.

LOCK HOUSE

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 2/8/1862 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Important Sale, at Tipton.

The Old-Established Public House called the HEN AND CHICKENS, the WHITE HART INN, and the LOCK HOUSE INN. Valuable Grocer’s Premises, and Various Other Houses and Sites; in the centre of the town of Tipton, suitable for public and other business purposes.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell, at the house of Mr. James Aston, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Wednesday Next, the 5th day of August, at Six o’clock in the evening, the under-mentioned valuable Freehold properties, in the following or such other lots as shall be then determined upon by the Auctioneer at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be read.....

Lot 10. An important Corner Plot of Building land, adjoining Lot 9, with the LOCK HOUSE INN, and another dwelling House, Stable, and Out-buildings, erected thereon, the site having a frontage of 13 yards 1 foot to the said road leading from Owen Street to Park Lane, and also a frontage of 70 yards to the tow-ing-path of the Birmingham Canal and Lock Street, in the occupation of Atkin and Cox, containing 714 square yards, or thereabouts.....”

MAGPIE

86, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph A Wakelam [pre 1905]

William Sutton [1881]

Sale [] – 1889);

Henry Hodgetts (1889 – []

Samuel Mills [1891]

Thomas Elmore [1901]

William Starkey [1903]

NOTES

It had an ante’69 beerhouse license.

1881 Census

86, Owen Street

- [1] *William Sutton* (38), beer seller, born Bilbrook, Warwickshire;
[2] *Sarah Jane Sutton* (46), wife, born Walsgrave, Northamptonshire:

Dudley and District News 4/3/1882

“Joseph Aiken (26), miner, Watery Lane, was charged with being drunk and disorderly the same morning. About ten o’clock PS Dutton was called into the MAGPIE beerhouse, Owen Street, by the landlord, and there found the prisoner drunk. On being asked to leave he refused, and the officer ejected him. When in the street he became very disorderly and defied the officer to arrest him. He was, however, smartly handcuffed and taken to the police-station, where in the cool atmosphere of the cells he soon became more tractable, and was brought before the magistrates and fined 2s and costs or seven days. He had been convicted over a dozen times, having commenced his downward career in a drunken riot during the general election in 1874.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/10/1889

“Wednesbury, Darlaston, and Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. Superintendent Holland opposed the renewal of the license of the MAGPIE INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on the ground that the occupier had recently been convicted of two offences. Mr. R. A. Willcock (Wolverhampton) submitted that the magistrates had no discretion in the matter, inasmuch as the notice of objection was defective. The Magistrates Clerk (Mr. Thursfield) held that the magistrates had discretion, and that it was not necessary to give notice of the grounds of objections. The magistrates decided not to renew the license to *Sale*, but to *Henry Hodgetts*.”

1891 Census

86, Owen Street – MAGPIE INN

- [1] *Samuel Mills* (36), plumber and joint maker, born Tipton;
[2] *Maria Mills* (32), wife, born Tipton;
[3] *Samuel Herbert Mills* (5), son, born Tipton;
[4] *Maud Matilda Mills* (4), daughter, born Tipton;
[5] *Clara Mills* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
[6] *Rebecca Taylor* (29), sister-in-law, living on her own means, born Tipton;
[7] *Edith Taylor* (3), niece, born Dudley;
[8] *Phoebe Greensill* (14), domestic servant, born Dudley:

1901 Census

86, Owen Street – Tavern

- [1] *Thomas Elmore* (42), sheet iron roller, born Willenhall;
[2] *Sarah Ann Elmore* (38), wife, born Pontypridd, Wales;
[3] *Lily Maud Elmore* (18), daughter, born Pontypridd, Wales;
[4] *Jonathan Elmore* (14), son, warehouse labourer, born Dowlais, Wales;
[5] *Ruth Elmore* (10), daughter, born Bills Hill, Scotland;
[6] *Howard Elmore* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
[7] *Victoria Sidia Elmore* (1), daughter, born Great Bridge:

The license renewal was objected to, in February 1903, on grounds that it was insanitary, lacked accommodation, and was difficult for police supervision.

Tipton Herald 6/6/1903

“Valuable Freehold Investments, consisting of a Free, Old-established Beerhouse. A Noted Butcher’s Shop Messrs. Powell and Brown, by direction of the owners

Lot 1. Corner block of business premises, consisting of a noted and long-established, Freehold Retail Wine and Beer House, the MAGPIE INN, licensed before and continually since July 3rd 1869, with two Retail Shops adjoining, situate in and being Nos.85, 86 and 87, Owen Street (at the junction with Wood Street), Tipton, the Beerhouse being in the tenancy of Mr. *William Starkey*.....”

Closed
Demolished

MANCHESTER STORES

68, Great Bridge Street, (7, Great Bridge), TIPTON

OWNERS

John Spittle, Carters Green, West Bromwich
Mrs. John Spittle, Carters Green, West Bromwich
Harper, Great Bridge
E. W. Smith, Bourne Street, Dudley
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Hughes [] – **1870**);
Robert Swift (**1870 – 1871**);
Henry Jeavons (**1871** – []
Mark Harrison [1871] – **1887**);
William Harris (**1887 – 1888**);
Daniel Bailey (**1888** – []
Thomas Clement Pardoe (**1889**);
John Plant (**1889 – 1891**);
Charles Stamps (**1891 – 1892**);
William Bache (**1892**);
Jesse George (**1892 – 1893**);
David Allport (**1893 – 1895**);
John William Brookes (**1895 – 1896**);
David Allport (**1896 – 1897**);
Benjamin Garfield (**1897 – 1900**);
George Clark (**1900 – 1902**);
Joseph Henry Howell (**1902 – 1903**);
Matilda Edge (**1903 – 1905**);
John Henry Hughes (**1905**);
George Roberts (**1905 – 1907**);

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

It was originally an Unnamed Beerhouse.

MANCHESTER HOUSE [1870], [1871]
MANCHESTER STORES [1871]

1871 Census

7, Great Bridge – MANCHESTER HOUSE

- [1] *Mark Harrison* (31), publican, born Meriden, Warwickshire;
- [2] Eliza Harrison (34), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Arthur Harrison (6), son, born Birmingham;
- [4] Eliza Harrison (5), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] Henry Harrison (4), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Frederick Harrison (3), son, born Tipton;
- [7] Thomas Harrison (1), son, born Tipton;
- [8] John England (35), visitor, labourer, born Tipton:

1881 Census

68, Great Bridge – MANCHESTER HOUSE

- [1] *Mark Harrison* (40), labourer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Eliza Harrison (44), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Arthur Harrison (16), son, labourer, no birthplace given;
- [4] Eliza Harrison (15), daughter, assistant to mother, born West Bromwich;
- [5] George Henry Harrison (13), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Frederic Harrison (12), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Thomas Harrison (9), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] Edith Harrison (6), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [9] Charles Harrison (4), son, born West Bromwich:

Smethwick Telephone 28/2/1885

“West Bromwich Police Court. *Mark Harrison* (45), publican, was summoned for being drunk in his own licensed premises on the 15th inst. MANCHESTER beer house at Great Bridge.”

[He was fined 50s and 11s 6d costs.]

John Plant was fined 20s and costs, on 26th March 1891, for permitting drunkenness.

Birmingham Daily Post 27/3/1891

“At the Borough Police Court, yesterday, *Charles Stamps*, landlord of the MANCHESTER HOUSE INN, Great Bridge, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 14th inst. Mr. J. S. Sharpe defended.

Four police-officers spoke to visiting the house and finding there a man named Flannagan the worse for liquor.

Mr. Sharpe contended that *Stamps* did not know that Flannagan was in his house; and defendant, George Roberts, and John Round, gave evidence to that effect.

Stamps was fined £2 17s 6d, including costs; and Bernard Flannagan was fined 2s 6d and costs or seven days.”

1891 Census

68, Great Bridge Street

- [1] *Charles Stamps* (26), public house keeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Mary Jane Stamps (24), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Jabez C. Stamps (7), son, scholar, born Castleford, Yorkshire;
- [4] Trifinious S. Stamps (5), daughter, scholar, born Castleford, Yorkshire;
- [5] Linora Stamps (3), daughter, born Wigan, Lancashire;
- [6] Florence M. Stamps (7 months), daughter, born Preston, Lancashire;
- [7] Ann Millard (66), mother-in-law, born Tipton;
- [8] Thomas Millard (66), father-in-law, assists publican, born West Bromwich;
- [9] Edward Whitehouse (30), boarder, ironworker (labourer), born West Bromwich:

David Allport was fined £2 and £1 19s 6d costs, on 22nd February 1897, for permitting drunkenness.

1901 Census

68, Great Bridge

- [1] *George Clark* (37), iron grinder, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Clark* (38), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Elsie Clark* (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Hilda Clark* (5), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *George Clark* (3), son, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Arthur Clark* (1), son, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Athel Whitehouse* (12), visitor, female, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/3/1906

“The adjourned licensing sessions for the borough of West Bromwich were held yesterday.....

Applications were made on behalf of the YEW TREE INN, Albion Road; MANCHESTER HOUSE, Great Bridge, and the SHOULDER OF MUTTON, Dial Street, for permission to make structural alterations. The Bench granted the application in respect of the YEW TREE INN and refused all the others.”

AND

“The other houses to which objections were taken were....

MANCHESTER HOUSE, Great Bridge.....

After a lengthy hearing the magistrates decided to refer them all to the compensation authority, with the exception of the ROSE AND CROWN, and this license they renewed on condition that plans for restoration of the house was at once deposited and, if approved, forthwith carried out.”

The License renewal was refused on 26th June 1906.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/11/1906

“The West Bromwich Compensation Authority met at the Law Courts for the purpose of considering the amounts to be allocated under the Licensing Act, 1904, for five houses scheduled to be closed under the Act. The houses concerned and the amounts claimed were.....

MANCHESTER HOUSE, Great Bridge; licensee, *George Roberts*; owners, the North Worcestershire Breweries, Ltd, £1,649 16s.....

Figures were given by the parties interested respecting the rental and annual trade of each of the houses, and Mr. F. Field, chairman of the compensation authority announced that all the cases would be adjourned and a sub-committee, which had been appointed, consisting of the Mayor, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. W. Lawley, and himself, would, with the professional advisor of the authority, Mr. Smith (of Messrs. Smith and Wilson, Birmingham), meet the valuers of the parties interested in the various house, and endeavour to agree upon the amount of compensation.

They would then report to the authority, and if agreement were not arrived at, the matter would require to go to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/2/1907

“On March 18, £3,900 will be paid to the parties interested in four licensed houses in West Bromwich, which seven days later will finally cease to exist as licensed premises.

This was announced at the adjourned meeting of the compensation authority at the Law Courts, West Bromwich, yesterday. The Mayor (Mr. J. E. Wilson), presided.

The compensation was allocated in the following proportions.....

MANCHESTER HOUSE, beerhouse, Great Bridge, £1,050; the debenture trustees of the North Worcestershire Breweries, Ltd, the freeholders, takes £950, the North Worcestershire Breweries, Ltd, the lessees, take £50, and the tenant, *George Roberts*, takes £50.”

The license was extinguished on 25th March 1907.

MASONS ARMS

Ocker Hill, (Wednesbury Oak), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Nock [1828] – [1830]

Richard Lunn [1851]

MELTING POT

79, Dudley Port, (Tipton Road), (Dudley Street), TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Salt, Kates Hill Brewery

Atkinsons Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

LICENSEES

Ebenezer Barrett [1851] – 1857);

Benjamin Nuttall (1857 – 1860);

Thomas Morse (1860 – 1861);

James Sheldon (1861 – []

Thomas Dollman [] – 1862);

Samuel Morris (1862 – 1865);

Richard Wright (1865 – []

Samuel Hale [1867] – 1870);

John Roberts (1870 – []

John Rowley [] – 1871);

Samuel Adams (1871 – [1872]

Thomas Harwood [1873]

Thomas Griffiths [1874]

Richard Blakemore [1876]

Edwin Beesley [1878] – [1879]

Joseph Williams [1880] – [1881]

William Beech [1883]

Sarah Waldron [1889]

Henry Beasley [1891]

William Hackett [c.1894]

N Burrows [1894]

Mrs. Mitchell [1894]

John Cutler [1895]

Mrs. Mitchell [1898]
John Hamblett [1901]
Oscar T Reed (1903 – []
Francis Silvester [1911]
Frank Wheatley [] – 1919);
Mrs. Dora Lottie Wheatley (1919 – 1924);
Samuel Timmins (1924 – 1930);
Henry Richard Lakin (1930 – 1937);
George Henry Hill (1937 – 1939);
David Charles Woodings (1939 – 1940);
Frank Willetts (1940 – 1941);
Samuel Merton (1941 – 1953);
Charles Morris (1953 – [1966]

NOTES

WHITE HORSE [1873]

It was originally the WAGGON AND HORSES.

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

Ebenezer Barratt, Dudley Port, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Not granted.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

Ebenezer Barratt, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

Benjamin Nuttall, WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port, cautioned.”

Birmingham Journal 5/9/1857

“An inquest was held on Monday, at Mr. *Benjamin Nuttall's*, the WAGGON AND HORSES, Tipton, before E. Hooper, Esq, on the body of Richard Langford, aged 15 years. On Saturday last, deceased was bathing in the Birmingham Canal, near Dudley Port. Two boats were proceeding in different directions, and through

some unforeseen accident the rope of one boat caught in the mast of the other, thereby causing the two boats to bump. The unfortunate lad was between the boats, and his head was much injured. If the rope had not caught deceased could easily have swum between the boats. A lad who was standing by fetched deceased out of the water; he was conveyed home, and medical assistance called in, but he expired the same evening at ten o'clock. The Coroner having sent the case to the Jury, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Birmingham Daily Post 20/8/1860 - Advert

"WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port.

By R. L. Courtney. To be Let, and immediate possession may be had of that well-established Old Licensed Roadside Public House, known as the WAGGON AND HORSES, which comprises roomy well fitted-up Bar, Back Parlour, large Tap Room, Cooking Kitchen, Club Room, four Chambers, excellent Cellars, Yard, Stable, and the usual Outbuildings. Given up on account of the present proprietor declining the public business. This is a first-class opportunity for a persevering couple.

Apply on the Premises; or to the Auctioneer, High Street, West Bromwich."

Thomas Morse = Thomas Moore

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/3/1861 - Advert

"WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port.

To be Disposed Of by Private Contract, in consequence of the Proprietor holding an important situation, his employers wish him to resign the public business. This house is worthy the attention of any person wishing to enter the public trade. Rent £30. In-coming about £200.

Apply to W. Ashcroft and Son, Auctioneers, &c, 38, Snowhill, Wolverhampton."

Thomas Dollman = Thomas Dullman

Birmingham Daily Post 6/6/1865 - Advert

"To be Let, with immediate possession, the old-licensed House, known as the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, either with or without a splendid self-acting Euterpeon Organ. The present Proprietor is retiring from the public business.

For particulars, apply on the Premises."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 1/8/1868 - Advert

"For Sale, a Self-acting Organ; plays 32 tunes.

Apply to *Samuel Hale*, WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/8/1869 - Advert

"To be Disposed of, by Private Treaty, that Old-licensed Inn, the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port.

Apply to *Samuel Hale*, on the Premises."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 18/9/1869 - Advert

"Sale on Monday next, September 20th, at the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Charles Round – the whole of Tenant's Fixtures, capital Stock of sweet and well-bound Ale Casks, and Effects, belonging to Mr. *Samuel Hale*, who is declining the public business, and described in catalogues, which may be had of the Auctioneer, at his Offices, 69, Owen Street, Tipton.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock prompt."

Birmingham Daily Post 30/1/1871 - Advert

"WAGGON AND HORSES, Tipton Road, Dudley Port, well-known old Licensed House. In-coming about £100.

Edwin Jackson, Cherry Street."

1871 Census

79, Dudley Port – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *Samuel Adams* (32), licensed victualler, born Rushall;
- [2] Prudence Adams (33), wife, born Caverswall, Staffordshire;
- [3] William G. Adams (9), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Louisa E. Adams (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Samuel Adams (6), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Mary Ann Brazier (20), servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1871

“The annual adjourned licensing sessions for the West Bromwich Division, which comprises the parishes of West Bromwich, Handsworth, Darlaston, Harborne, Tipton, and Wednesbury, was held yesterday, at the Police Court at West Bromwich.....

The Magistrates also granted the renewals of....

Samuel Adams, licensed victualler, supported by Mr. Travis.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/7/1872 - Advert

“Found, on Tuesday last, a Liver-and-white Pointer Dog, spotted.
Apply, WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port.”

Dudley Guardian 18/7/1874

“Important to Lovers and Young Men going Courting. The truth of the proverb ‘That the course of true love never did run smooth’ was shown in a new light at Tipton, on Monday, and perhaps in a sense in which the poet never intended it, for we believe it originated prior to the age of ‘grandmotherly’ legislation, and certainly before the legislature presumed to call us to account for the time we might spend in courting young ladies of our choice. However, we progress with the times, as the following narrative will show.

At the Police Court, on Monday, (we begin rather prosaic) a young man named Benjamin Hunt, we don’t know his address and it doesn’t much matter, was charged with going courting at illegal hours – on Sunday the 5th of July. This is not usually reckoned an offence, provided the young folk’s intentions are honourable &c, and approved of by the parents, which appears to have been the case in this instance. But when your fiancée happens to be the daughter of a licensed victualler, or perhaps a pretty barmaid, the case assumed a different aspect, at any rate in the stern mind of PC X. To return to the narrative. On the afternoon of Sunday the 5th of July, Mr. Hunt before mentioned, was in the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, kept by Mr. *Griffiths*, when in walked Mr. Sergeant Chatfield. Now it never occurred to that astute and worthy officer that possibly the young man was thinking of something far more ethereal and divine than vulgar beer or gin, or even exhilarating pop or lemonade, for you must know, all you thirsty souls and ardent lovers that these things are ‘forbidden’ on a Sunday afternoon when you ought to be at Church or Chapel, or reading ‘The Dairyman’s Daughter’ instead of going courting or seeking the attractions of Bacchus. Yet so it was. Mr. Chatfield naturally wanted to know why the young man was there. Of course the young man could not tell him – he was so nervous, he didn’t know. The truth was there was a lady in the case, and she with more courage stoutly answered ‘Oh he’s come to keep my company’. This could not be taken as a sufficient excuse. The legislature plainly says, no one (otherwise than the family and lodgers) shall be upon licensed premises after certain hours on Sundays. Here then was a flagrant violation of the law which nothing but an appearance before a bench of magistrates could satisfy. Accordingly, as we have before stated, Benjamin Hunt had to appear to explain the matter before the Bench on Monday. The facts were not disputed and defendant called the young lady to prove the truth of his story. The officer in answer to the Bench said there was no drink upon the tables when he went in. The Chairman said he thought the defendant had made out a sufficient excuse and dismissed the case.

Mr. *Griffiths*, the landlord of the house in question, was then charged with having kept his house open after eleven o’clock in the evening on Tuesday the 30th of June.

Sergeant Chatfield stated that at about half-past eleven o’clock he visited the house in question and found in the back yard a policeman (off duty) in company with a young lady – not the one alluded to in the previous case. Defendant’s back door was open but there was no one drinking in the house.

The Chairman to defendant: Well, what have you to say?

Defendant: Oh, this is another courting case I suppose.

Miss Beardsmore, a milliner, assisting in the house, stated that the policeman was talking to her, when their conversation was interrupted by his superior officer.

This case was dismissed also. We can only express surprise that it was ever brought into a Public Court.”

Midland Examiner 12/12/1874

“*Thomas Griffiths*, landlord of the WAGGON AND HORSE INN, Dudley Port, was summoned by PC Blakewell with permitting drunkenness. Mr. Edwards appeared for defendant.

The Constable stated that about a quarter to ten o’clock on Saturday evening he visited, in plain clothes, defendant’s house. In the tap-room he saw two men drunk and quarrelsome, one of whom was Bateman. Bateman was supplied with a pint of ale, and the other man two pints.

In reply to Mr. Edwards witness said he thought the two men ought to have been put out. He, and the constable with him, remained in the house about three-quarters of an hour, and they had two pints of beer, but not several.

Mr. Edwards contended no offence had been committed, in support of which he called the defendant; after which the case was dismissed; the magistrates advising the defendant to take care.”

Dudley Herald 18/11/1876

“Disgraceful Conduct of Roughts at Dudley Port. Richard Austin, ironworker, was charged with assaulting John Wright on the 4th inst. Mr Sheldon appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Travis defended.

Mr. Sheldon, in opening the case, said that the complainant was sitting in the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, on the night in question, when a disturbance arose in the house, and the landlord, *Richard Blakemore*, ejected the disturbers. After that defendant went into the house and struck complainant on the eye, because he could not beat his brother, and the landlord had to eject them both.

Richard Blakemore was called, but said he did not see the blow struck and he ejected all in the house on account of the disturbance. He might say that whenever the Wrights went to his house there was always a row. Joseph Sharratt Smith, Thomas Smith, William Tudor, John Wright, John Smith, William Whitehouse, Richard Austin, William Morgan, Isaac Hale, and Sampson Hale were charged with aiding and abetting.

PC O’Brien said that on Sunday afternoon, about a quarter to three o’clock, he was on duty in plain clothes, when he heard there was a disturbance near the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port. He went there and saw the four first-named defendants fighting, the others aiding and abetting, and some four or five hundred people witnessing the row.

Henry Wild said the row commenced by Joseph Sharratt Smith and the other defendants setting about Isaac Hale. He saw all the defendants in the row, except William Tudor, John Smith, and William Morgan.

Eliza Wright corroborated and said she did not believe there would have been any row if it had not been for the row the day before, and Elijah Wright assaulting Samuel Hale.

Joseph Sharratt Smith was then charged with assaulting Isaac Hale.

Complainant said he was going home when the defendant and Elijah Wright started upon him and his brother, knocked them both down, and when on the ground kicked them.

Elijah Wright was then charged with assaulting Sampson Hale at the same time and place.

William Tudor and William Morgan were discharged, and the cross summonses were dismissed, on payment of costs.

Mr. Underhill said that perhaps Mr. Sheldon was not aware of what was going on Sunday after Sunday in the district. Letters had not only been written about it, but the press had commented upon what took place every Sunday morning by a set of roughs going up and down the district and so thronging the roads that people were unable to pass. He was present and he was sorry to say he not only saw people stopped but insulted.

They, as magistrates, must do something to put a stop to such disgraceful proceedings. He did not wonder at their getting the name of the Black Country when such work was carried on Sunday after Sunday, a lot of roughs insulting everybody that came in their way. It was disgraceful beyond measure, and as the Bench were determined to inflict the severest punishment they could, an example would be made upon the first four defendants, each would have to find two sureties in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for six months or go to prison for two months, the two Hales would have to find one surety in £5 or go to prison for one month, and the others would have to find two sureties in £5 or go to prison for one month.”

Edwin Beesley = Edwin Beasley

Wednesbury Herald 13/4/1878

“Margaret Price, was summoned for threatening Ann *Beesley*, landlady of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the complainant. Complainant said on Wednesday, the 27th ultimo, the defendant came down to her house and threatened her. Defendant was ordered to find two sureties of £5, or in default 21 days’ imprisonment. Defendant: I shall go. She then went skipping out of the Court.”

Dudley Herald 10/5/1879

“On Wednesday a meeting of the creditors of *Edwin Beesley*, landlord of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, was held at the office of Mr. J. E. Sheldon, Wednesbury. The liabilities amounted to £545 17s 3d and the assets to £30. The debtor’s solicitor stated that the debtor had been placed in the unfortunate position through heavy losses sustained in business. It was resolved to accept a composition of 1s in the £ payable in three and six months. Mr. W. Jackson, of Wednesbury, was appointed trustee.”

Dudley Herald 30/8/1879

“The annual general licensing sessions for the districts of West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Tipton, were held at the Police Court, Wednesbury, on Wednesday.....
Edwin Beasley, of the WAGON AND HORSES, Tipton, who had been fined 40s and costs for keeping his house open after hours. Adjourned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1879

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division was held yesterday.....
Edwin Beasley, of the WAGON AND HORSES, Tipton, who had been fined 40s for keeping open after hours, had his license renewed, the Chairman expressing a hope that the offence would not be repeated.”

Dudley and District News 31/7/1880

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Boughey (Stipendiary), *Joseph Williams*, landlord of the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, and Samuel Williams, ironworker, Dudley Port, were charged with violently assaulting Daniel Lawrence, landlord of the GEORGE HOTEL, Wednesbury, at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, on the night of the 19th inst. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Sharpe for the defendants.

The complainant said he had occasion to drive a gentleman to the STORK HOTEL on the night in question. Upon going into one of the rooms in the hotel the defendants came up to him, and without provocation struck him, knocked him down, and kicked him violently about the body.

Mr. Boughey: But how do you account for their illusing you?

Witness: The only way that I can account for such brutality is that about eight years ago I had a law case with defendants’ family.

After the hearing of a large number of witnesses, Mr. Sharpe said complainant made use of insulting words to the defendants, and a free fight followed.

The Stipendiary fined each of the defendants 20s and costs.

Both defendants were also fined 5s and costs each for assaulting a waiter, named Abraham Cooper, at the same time and place.”

1881 Census

79, Dudley Port – WAGGON AND HORSES

[1] *Joseph Williams* (26), publican, born Tipton;

[2] M. E. Williams (20), wife, born Manchester;

[3] W. L. Williams (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] P. A. (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/8/1881 - Advert

“This is to certify that I, *Joseph Williams*, of the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port, Tipton, will Not be responsible for any Debt or Debts contracted by my wife, Mary Ellen *Williams*, after this date, August 1, 1881.

(Signed) *Joseph Williams*.

Dudley Port, August 1, 1881.”

Dudley and District News 6/1/1883

“John Smith, labourer, was charged with being disorderly on licensed premises on the 26th ult. Defendant was in the WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port, kept by *William Beech*. He was not drunk but very disorderly, his conduct greatly annoying the company. He jostled the landlord when he interfered. Dismissed on payment of costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/3/1884 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, at the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port.

Messrs. Hawkins & Son will Sell by Auction, tomorrow (Friday), March 21.

The Lease, Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession, with the Fixtures, Furniture, &c, comprising four-pull Beer Machine, Piping and Taps, Ale and Spirit Measures, Ale and Spirit Glasses, Shelving and Seating round rooms, Drinking Tables, Gasfittings, Boilers and Settings, Mashing Tubs and Casks, Refrigerator, Water-tap and Piping, and other useful Effects. Particulars in catalogues.

The License, Goodwill, and Possession will be offered as Lot 1.

Sale to commence punctually at 12 o'clock.

Auctioneers' Offices, 26, Temple Street, Birmingham, Great Bridge, and Brierley Hill.”

Dudley Mercury 16/2/1889

“Joseph Smith, labourer, Oldbury, was charged with stealing four brushes and two clothes lines, the property of Charles Ivey, on the 6th inst.

Prosecutor said that on the date named he went to the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, and had a number of brushes and clothes lines on his back. Someone cut the string, and the goods fell to the ground, and the defendant ran off with several.

PC Winfield said that he found four brushes and two clothes lines at the defendant's house.

Sarah Waldron, landlady of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, said that the prosecutor came into her house in a helpless state of drunkenness. She saw a number of brushes on the floor and being kicked about by the company. The defendant did not pick them up when they were in the room.

The Bench thought defendant was the worse for beer at the time. He would be fined 10s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/1/1890

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper held and inquest at the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port, on the body of Hannah Elizabeth Foster (7), the daughter of a working man in the neighbourhood.

On the 3rd January the child with others was sliding on the ice covering the marlhole near the railway station. There was a fire in a bucket by the side of the hole for the convenience of the workmen, and the child got so close to this that the wind blew her clothes upon the flames. She lingered for some thirteen days.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

The Coroner said he should write to the railway company as to children playing on and near the marlhole.”

1891 Census

79, Dudley Port – WAGGON AND HORSES Public House

[1] *Henry Beasley* (40), licensed victualler, born Nuneaton;

[2] *Jane Beasley* (44), wife, born Cowbridge, Glamorganshire;

[3] *Percival R. A. Beasley* (9), son, born Cardiff:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/4/1894 - Advert

“The Estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, Brewer, Deceased.

To Brewers and Others. Highly important Sale by Auction of the Kates Hill Brewery, Maltings, Stores, and Land, together with Twelve Freehold and Two Leasehold Public Houses, in and around Dudley.

Alfred W. Dando has been favoured with instructions from the Trustee of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, to Sell by Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday Next, May 1 (unless an acceptable offer for the whole is in the meantime made), at Seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced.....

Lot 10. The Excellent Fully-Licensed Premises, known as the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, containing Bar, Smoke Room, Sitting Room, and Kitchen, with good Bed Room accommodation, and excellent Out-buildings and Yard at rear, now let to Mr. *N. Burrows*.

N.B. The whole of the foregoing houses were purchased by the late Mr. Samuel Salt with excellent judgement, and are nearly all occupied by respectable and old tenants under agreements (copies of which may be seen upon application), and are well worth the attention of brewers desirous of increasing their trade and private individuals wishing to start in the public business.....

Further particulars and plans may be obtained at the Offices of Messrs. A. G. and S. Hooper, Solicitors; or the Auctioneer, all of Dudley.”

Wednesbury Herald 23/3/1895

“*John Cutler*, landlord of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises.

Sergeant Moss stated that he visited the house at 10.10pm on February 23rd, and amongst the customers in the vaults he noticed a man named Samuel Morgan, who was drunk and tumbling about. A man named Samuel Taylor was also drunk, and when witness spoke to him he offered him a drink out of his jug.

Police constable Tortoiseshell corroborated.

Cutler said he was ill at the time of the occurrence. He had been in bed three days, the house being in charge of his wife. Morgan was talkative, but not drunk. He turned him out. Taylor was there, but he was quite sober.

Fined 10s and costs.....”

Dudley Herald 23/4/1898

“Edward Morgan, Burnt Tree, was charged with refusing to quit the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Port, and threatening the landlady, Mrs. *Mitchell*, on the 24th January.

Mr. J. Sharpe prosecuted and said defendant was ordered to leave in consequence of his bad language and after refusing ultimately went out but came back two or three times and threatened the landlady. There was no desire on Mrs. *Mitchell*'s part to press the case but she wished it to be a warning.

Mrs. *Mitchell* bore out Mr. Sharpe's statement and said defendant said he did not mean to be turned out by a woman. She believed he was excited when he used the threats.

Defendant was further charged with being drunk and disorderly at Coneygre Junction, Dudley Port, on the 12th instant, PC Wall proving the case.

Inspector Johnson said the defendant had been in custody since the 12th inst.

Defendant promised to amend in the future.

He was fined 5s and costs in each case of being drunk and disorderly and refusing to quit, and the charge of threats was withdrawn.”

1901 Census

79, Dudley Port

[1] *John Hamblett* (33), engine driver, tram, born Dudley;

[2] Sarah A. Hamblett (39), wife, born Daventry, Northamptonshire;

[3] John H. James (15), stepson, bricklayer's labourer, born Tipton;

[4] Frank James (14), stepson, brewer's clerk, born Rowley;

[5] Albert James (11), stepson, born Rowley;

[6] Edith James (9), stepdaughter, born Rowley;

[7] Annie Pitt (16), general servant, born Tipton:

1911 Census

Dudley Port – WAGON AND HORSES

[1] *Frances Silvester* (55), publican, born Birmingham;

[2] Rose Silvester (56), wife, married 35 years, born Birmingham;

[3] Beete Worsworthwoth (16), servant, born Great Bridge:

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port, £4 3s 1½d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/10/1952

“Ronnie Allen, West Bromwich Albion centre forward, presented the trophies at the annual prize distribution last night of the Tividale and District Darts League Pearson Cup runners up WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port.”

It was renamed MELTING POT in February 1975.

It closed in 1996.

MINERS ARMS

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Nuttall [1851]

Thomas Shorthouse [1853]

Charles Horton [1857] – **1861**);

R K Wilkinson (**1861** – []

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 31/3/1849 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Sale at the MINERS ARMS, near Dudley Port Bridge, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by J. Prince, on Monday Next, April 2.

Two capital Oak Open Boats, Two Traps, and Two Spring Carts, Gig and Cart Harness, Plough and Agricultural Implements, Two Ponies and one useful Cob Horse, New-Milch Cow, and Three Store Pigs, a One-horse High Pressure Steam Engine, 150 Casks and Tubs, various sizes, three-pull Beer Machine; also a quantity of useful Household Furniture, comprising goose feather Beds, Bedsteads, and mahogany Chests-of-Drawers, two-leaf and other Dining Tables, mahogany Secretary and Bookcase, Chamber and other Chairs; capital eight-day Clock, moon dial, in very elegant mahogany case, and chimes the quarters; a fine toned Organ, with three barrels, plays thirty tunes; brilliant Chimney and other Glasses, with a great variety of other Effects.

Sale to commence punctually at half-past Ten o'clock.

The Boats may be viewed at Dudley Port Bridge the morning of sale, and will be offered precisely at Three o'clock.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/2/1851

“William Jackson of Dudley Port is surprised at William Bayley of Oldbury challenging him to run six score yards, when he knows that is not his distance; but he will run him 200 yards, for £5 or £10 a side; or Cemus Junes of Lye Waste the same distance, if he will give him two yards start, for the like sum; or Simcox of Westbromwich five score yards if he will give him five yards start, for £5 or £10 a side. The money will be ready at the MINERS ARMS, Dudley Port, on Monday night.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 30/3/1851

“Nuttall and Evans. Benjamin Nuttall of Dudley Port and Jeremiah Evans of Wednesbury ran six score yards on Monday last, for £3 a side; Evans won by one yard. Nuttall not being satisfied will run Evans again 160 yards, for the like sum. The money is ready at *Nuttall's*, the MINERS ARMS, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Journal 13/8/1853 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold Building Land, at Dudley Port, Tipton, in the County of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction, by Solomon Powell, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Shorthouse*, the MINERS ARMS INN, Dudley Port, on Monday, the 22nd day of August.....”

Charles Horton issued tokens.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“The usual meeting for the examination and passing of victuallers' old licenses was held on Tuesday.....

These parties had been for the offences noted fined since the last annual licensing day.....

Charles Horton, MINERS ARMS, Dudley Port, open on Christmas day, fined 1s and costs.....

These parties were generally admonished or cautioned by the Magistrates.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/2/1860 - Advert

“Countermand Of Sale.

Sale of Valuable Freehold Foundry and Engineering Premises, with Steam-Engine and Blowing Apparatus and Surplus Land, situated at Dudley Port, Tipton.

The above Sale, advertised for this present Monday, February 27, at the house of Mr. *Charles Horton*, the MINERS ARMS INN, Dudley Port. Will Not Take Place.

Coldicott and Canning, Solicitors. Thomas Danks, Auctioneer.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/4/1861

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, at the MINERS ARMS, Dudley Port, before Mr. Hooper, coroner, on the body of Susannah Slater, aged five years. For some considerable time the deceased had been living with her godmother, Caroline Hatton, in Conigree Lane, in premises belonging to Mr. Daniel Pearson. It

appeared that Mrs. Hatton took every possible care of the child, and treated her in every way as though she had been her own daughter. On Saturday deceased was, as usual, at play in the garden, when, after she had been there some time, she was missed by Mrs. Hatton. She searched for her for some time, but could neither see nor hear anything of her. Upon some men coming from a neighbouring works it was suggested that the well, which is five or six yards from the back door, should be dragged, whereupon the body of the child was discovered at the bottom. The well was 18 feet deep, and contained 12 feet of water. The mouth of the well was quite level with the ground and totally unprotected. On Mrs. Hatton taking the premises, she particularly requested the landlord or his agent to have a pump erected, or the well covered, in order to prevent accident, but her request was refused. The coroner commented severely on the conduct of the landlord in refusing to take the necessary precautions to save life. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, at the same time expressing their entire concurrence in all the coroner had said, they being of the opinion that the accident would not have happened if Mr. Pearson had done his duty.”

Birmingham Journal 19/7/1862 - Advert

“South Staffordshire. Freehold Property at Dudley Port.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. John Bent, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1862, at the MINERS ARMS, Dudley Port, at Seven o’clock in the evening.....”

MINERS ARMS

56, Owen Street, (44, Coppice Street), TIPTON

OWNERS

Henry Ward
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Tranter [1859]
John Evans [1859] – [1864]
Thomas Mullens [1868]
Thomas Swift [1869] – [1885]
Daniel Whale [1891]
Job Allen [1894] – [1901]
Henry Ward [1904] – **1928**);
James Enoch Ellis (**1928 – 1929**);
Mrs. Marjorie Winifred (Summers) Buxton (**1929 – 1950**);
Rosslyn Vivian Davis (**1950 – 1952**);
Sidney Henry Evans (**1952 – 1953**);
John Smith [1953]
Charles John Hickman (**1953 – [1960]**)
Mrs. Beatrice May Hickman [1974] – **1975**)

NOTES

Coppice Street [1859]

44, Coppice Street [1861]

56, Owen Street [1871], [1891], [1901], [1911], [1932], [1940], [1975]

It was originally called the ROUND OF BEEF. [1859], [1869], [1870], [1872]

It was known locally as “The Widders”.

It had a beer and wine license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/4/1859

“Turner and Williams. These midland district men are matched to run 440 yards, for £25 a side, at Shelford Common. They meet at Mr. *Tranter*’s, the ROUND OF BEEF, Tipton, to make it £5 a side down and draw up articles.”

Birmingham Journal 15/10/1859 - Advert

“Notice Is Hereby Given, that I, *John Evans*, will not be Accountable for any Debt or Debts that John Onions may contract in my name; and Notice is further given, that the said John Onions is not authorised to receive any Moneys on my account. Dated this 13th day of October, 1859.

John Evans, Publican, Coppice Street, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/1/1861

“Buxton of Dudley Port and Povey of Tipton. These men have now agreed to draw the stakes, Povey’s backers agreeing to give Buxton £2 do to do. Buxton wishes his money (£20 and £2 for the draw, making £22) to be sent to him at Fleet’s CROSS KEYS INN, Dudley Port, and Povey wishes his to be sent to him at Mr. *Evans*’s, MINERS ARMS, Chaney Buildings, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/1/1861

“Buxton and Povey. We have again been requested to send £22 of this money to Buxton, at Mr. Fleet’s, CROSS KEYS, Dudley Port, and the remaining £18 to Povey, at Mr. *Evans*’s, MINERS ARMS, Chaney Buildings, Tipton. This we shall do unless we hear to the contrary by Wednesday morning.”

1861 Census

44, Coppice Street – MINERS ARMS

[1] *John Evans* (40), miner and publican, born Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Evans* (40), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *William Evans* (10), son, born Sedgley;

[4] *David Morris* (33), servant, brewer, born Sedgley:

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 18/6/1864 - Advert

“Tipton, Staffordshire, Important Freehold Property, in High Street and Coppice Street.

Mr. Solomon Powell will Sell by Auction (by direction of the Executors of the late Mr. George Onions), at the house of Mr. Joseph Whitehouse, the CASTLE INN, High Street, Tipton, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, 1864, at Six o’clock in the evening.....

Lot 1. All that Freehold Public House, known as the MINERS ARMS situate in Coppice Street, Tipton, aforesaid, and occupied by Mr. *John Evans*, with the Brewhouse, other Out-offices, and Yard thereto belonging. And all those Five Dwelling Houses adjoining, with Out-offices and Yard, and now in the occupations of Job Allen, Thomas Ward, John Steventon, John Edwards, and Charles Strain; the whole producing a rental of £49 13s 4d per year.....”

Dudley Herald 4/4/1868

“*Thomas Mullens* fined 1s and costs for selling during illegal hours [Sunday] first offence.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 12/6/1869

“Mr. Hughes of Gornal is surprised that Mr. Aston of Tipton should challenge him, and then not make a match (according to his challenge), after Hughes making a journey to do so. If Aston means business and not bouncing he can have a match on to run at his own choice of grounds, for £10, £15, or £25 a side, and if he will call and leave a deposit of £1, at Mr. *Swift*'s, the ROUND OF BEEF INN, Tipton, the same will be covered, and a match can be made.”

Thomas Swift, beer retailer, Owen Street. [1870], [1872]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28/1/1871 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Business Premises, Owen Street, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent, on Wednesday, the 15th day of February Next, at the House of Mr. John Warr, the BLACK COCK INN, Owen Street, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read, in the following or such Lots as may be agreed upon at the time of Sale.

Lot. 1. All those Three Front Freehold Business Premises, being Nos.53, 54, and 55, situate in Owen Street, Tipton; together with the Three Houses at the back thereof, being Nos.1, 2, and 3, with Brewhouse, Stable, and other Out-buildings, with Pump of Excellent Water, and now in the respective occupations of Letter, Holland, Day, McKeith, and others, of the annual value of £64.

Lot 2. All that Excellent Public-House and Premises, known by the sign of the ROUND OF BEEF, being No.56, adjoining Lot 1, and now in the occupation of *Thomas Swift*, together with the double-fronted Butcher's Shop adjoining, being No.57, with Slaughter-house, Stable, and Piggeries, and other Out-buildings, and well supplied with an excellent Well of Water, and late in the occupation of Mr. Edge, the whole of the annual value of £46.

N.B. The situation of the above Property for business purposes is unquestionably one of the best in this important district, having an extensive frontage, with carriage drive to the back, which may be readily converted into excellent Shops, and is well worth the attention of capitalists and others as an excellent investment.

For further particulars, apply at the respective Offices of Messrs. Brooke Robinson and Co, Solicitors; or the Auctioneers, all of Dudley.”

1871 Census

56, Owen Street

[1] *Thomas Swift* (38), beerhouse keeper, born Bradley, Staffordshire;

[2] Hannah Swift (40), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Eliza Nicklin (11), niece, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

56, Owen Street

[1] *Thomas Swift* (47), beerseller, born Tipton;

[2] Hannah Swift (55), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Rachel Eliza Nicklin (21), niece, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 16/9/1885

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper (coroner), opened an inquest at the BEEHIVE INN Tipton Green, on the body of a newly-born male child, which was found in a closet at the rear of Mr. *Swift*'s, MINERS ARMS, Owen Street. In order to give the police an opportunity for further investigation, the enquiry was adjourned.”

1891 Census

56, Owen Street

[1] George Allen (31), moulder, born Tipton;

[2] Annie Allen (31), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Nellie Allen (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] George Allen (3), son, born Tipton;

[5] Annie Allen (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Martha Allen (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 12/5/1891

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Alderman Williams and Mr. W. L. Underhill – *Daniel Whale* and George Allen were charged with selling intoxicants at the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, without a license. Mr. Alfred Whitehouse defended. Mr. Allen had purchased the premises for Mrs. Jones, but did not succeed in getting a transfer, upon which *Whale* became the manager for Mrs. Jones, and he carried on the business. *Whale* was fined 20s and costs, and the charge against Allen was dismissed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1894

“The adjourned licensing session for the district took place at Wednesbury yesterday..... Mr. A. Whitehouse applied for the transfer of the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton, from *Job Allen* to his son, George Allen; and Superintendent Salt opposed, on the grounds that the son had been convicted in 1890 for allowing betting in another house [JUNCTION INN] of which he was tenant, and that he had, until recently, been getting his living as a bookmaker. Refused.”

Job Allen, beer retailer, 56, Owen Street. [1896], [1900]

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/6/1897

“*Job Allen*, landlord of the MINERS ARMS INN, Tipton Green, was charged on three summonses with suffering betting to take place on his licensed premises on April 27, 28, and 29; and George Allen and Joseph Hale, also of Tipton, were charged on several summonses with aiding and abetting. Upon the defendants being charged, Mr. Willcock raised an objection to the summonses, on the ground that notice had not been given to the defendant *Allen* of the names of the persons who were alleged to have resorted to betting on the licensed premises. He further complained that notice had not been given of the sections of the Act of Parliament under which the summonses had been issued. After a long legal argument Mr. Sharpe gave the names of the persons who were alleged to have betted on the licensed premises, and the Stipendiary said that as the proceedings had been instituted under the Licensing Act the other particulars given in the summonses were sufficient.

Police-constable Miller, of Perry Bar, gave evidence as to witnessing betting taking place in the presence of the publican, and also as to making a bet and to receiving 4s on a subsequent day as winnings. In reply to the Stipendiary, witness said marked papers were handed in.

Mr. Willcock: And I ask for those papers to be produced.

Mr. Sharpe: I do not think it necessary to produce the papers, as I have evidence to show the writing on the papers.

The Stipendiary said he did not see how they could well get on without papers.

Mr. Sharpe said if the magistrates ruled that it was necessary for the papers to be produced he should be forced to ask for an adjournment.

Mr. Willcock said if the cases were adjourned he must ask the police to pay the costs.

The Stipendiary granted an adjournment upon the prosecution paying £1 1s solicitor's fee.”

1901 Census

56, Owen Street – Tavern

[1] *Job Allen* (68), publican, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Allen (69), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Mary Ellen Allen (27), daughter, clerk at post office, born Tipton:

Sporting Life 20/4/1901

“Pedestrianism. Victoria Grounds, Rough Hills, Wolverhampton.

These grounds will be occupied on Saturdays, April 27 and May 4, with Messrs. G. Bills and W. Probert's £7 10s 130 Yards All England Handicap, for which entries of 1s each may be sent to Mr. G. Bills, BULL AND MOUTH, Bilston; Mr. G. Allen, MINERS ARMS, Tipton; Mr. W. Probert's, Hartshorn Street, Bilston; Mr. Tom Jones, Compton House, Bilston; or to the grounds. Entries close on Tuesday, April 23, Wednesday

morning's post in time. First heat each day at 4.30.”

Job Allen – see also SAXHORN.

The license renewal was objected to at the 1903 Licensing Sessions on the grounds that it was dilapidated and insanitary (dirty and smelled of sewer gas).

The license was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Henry Ward, beer retailer, 56, Owen Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

56, Owen Street

[1] *Henry Ward* (51), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Emma Ward* (46), wife, married 26 years, assisting in the business, born Tipton;

[3] *Henry Ward* (20), son, labourer, bricklayer, born Tipton;

[4] *Leonard Ward* (15), son, GPO messenger, born Tipton;

[5] *Annie Ward* (13), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] *William Ward* (11), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Emma Ward* (4), daughter, born Tipton:

Henry Ward – see also SAXHORN.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/10/1930

“Several handsome donations were received yesterday for the *Birmingham Gazette* and *Evening Despatch* Norton Canes Pit Disaster Fund, which continues to draw practical sympathy from all parts of the Midlands The Subscription List.....

Customers of the MINERS ARMS, Tipton..... £1 3s 0d.”

Marjorie Winifred Summers married Mr. Buxton c.1930.

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/7/1953

“This is wicked, wicked, Tipton.

In Tipton Staffordshire, where you can sing and dance in the public houses all night, everyone goes home at half-past ten. Although the town has just been told that its 60-year-old privilege of indulging in midnight gaiety can go on, a sober peace reigned over the little streets last night. Only the night before the Town Council rejected a request from the local magistrates to make musical entertainment ‘after hours’ subject to the magistrates’ consent.

But was there celebration last night? Was there singing? And dancing? There was not. For Tipton, home of iron foundries and metal works, is no Monmartre. As Mr. *John Smith*, licensee of the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, put it, ‘People have got to be up in the morning.’

Nobody ever tries to keep the fun going after about twenty-past-ten, said Mr. Smith. And you are lucky if you meet half a dozen people in the main street half an hour later.

The major cause for excitement in the bar parlour of the MINERS ARMS is a needle match of dominoes between Albert William and Dick Clee, who both drive lorries, crane driver Edward Moore, who has been a regular for more years than he cares to remember, and Len Whitehouse, who talks nostalgically about the far-off day when he laid a £100 note on a bar counter and ordered a pint.

‘After half-past-ten,’ said Albert William, ‘you have had it in Tipton. Nothing happens.’

Can it be that town – one of the few in Britain where all night singing and dancing without a license is not illegal – has always been so quiet?

According to 84-year-old Mr. George Purcell, and his friend 70-year-old Mr. John Smith, of Slate Street, who were taking their ease on the corner of a deserted street, it had not.

‘When I was a lad,’ said Mr. Purcell, ‘there used to be some real night life. We used to go on laughing and singing into pubs right on until one in the morning. But there’s never anything like that now.’

And what of the young people of Tipton? They can’t go to late dances because none are ever held.

Leaning back against the wall of a humped-back bridge over the canal, 17-year-old Miss Lillian Evans, a wages assistant who lived at Glebefields Road, and her boyfriend, 20-year-old Alan Smith, a painter, said emphatically, ‘It’s dead here. If we want to dance we have to go to Oldbury’.

As dusk settled the sound of a voice coming from a warmly lit ‘local’ on the corner – a clear resonant baritone. It was calling ‘Time, ladies and gents, if you please’.”

[See HORSELEY TAVERN, 8/8/1953 – ‘Wicked, Wicked Tipton Likes Its Late Hours’ & FOUNTAIN, Owen Street, 29/8/1953 – ‘Wicked, wicked Tipton goes gay’.]

Tipton Herald 15/10/1955

“Arranging the produce for the annual harvest display at the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, are the licensee and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. *C. Hickman*. The proceeds are in aid of the Park Lane and Tipton Green Wards Old People’s Welfare Fund.”

Tipton Herald 11/8/1956

“A general meeting to discuss fixtures of teams in Tipton Amateur Football League will be held in the league’s headquarters, the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton, next Thursday. All secretaries of old and new clubs are asked to be present.”

Tipton Herald 13/10/1956

“Two harvest festivals held in local public houses over the last weekend realised nearly £60 towards the funds of the local Old Age Pensioners’ Association.....

On Friday of last week at the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, the main lounge was packed to over-flowing when the annual harvest festival was held, many having to stand in the passageway.

Gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables were made and there was even a gift of unrationed coal.

After the service, conducted by Mr. Derek *Hickman*, son of the licensee, the goods were auctioned by Messrs. W. J. Collett and D. Edmunds, £27 being raised for the Park and Tipton Green Wards Old Age Pensioners Associations.”

Tipton Herald 22/12/1956

“It was a merry evening for the Tipton Green Old People’s Fellowship when they held their sixth annual Christmas party in St. Matthew’s Church Hall on Monday.

There were 160 people present, and the scene was gay and colourful with party hats, parasols and other carnival novelties A Christmas gift of £13 10d was donated by patrons of the MINERS ARMS.....”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 15/6/1957

“The darts section of the social club at the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton, were this year successful in gaining second place in the Park Lane Darts League, and at the club’s annual supper on Thursday, members of the team were presented with medals commemorating the occasion.....”

Tipton Herald 29/6/1957

“The annual general meeting of Tipton and District Amateur Football League will be held at the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, on Thursday at 8pm and all old and new clubs wishing to join the senior and junior sections of the league for the coming season are asked to attend.”

Tipton Herald 3/8/1957

“Families in Tipton and Barnsley were united on Tuesday when Mr. Derek Charles Edward Hickman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. *C. J. Hickman*, of the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton, was married to Miss Mar-

garet Sylvia Race, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Race, of 103, Blenheim Road, Barnsley. The ceremony was held at the Salem Chapel, Barnsley.

The bride, given away by her father, was dressed in a full-length gown of white lace, and her full-length veil was held in place by a diamante tiara. She carried a bouquet of cream roses, stephanotis and lilies of the valley. Her three bridesmaids – the Misses Janet Race (bride's sister), Valerie Hickman (bridegroom's sister) and Rosemary Horne (bride's friend) – were attired in full-length gowns of white brocade trimmed with forget-me-nots. Each carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis and lilies of the valley. Duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Stanley Norton, and the ceremony was conducted by the Rev. R. Taylor.

A reception was afterwards held at the Arcadian Hall, Barnsley, attended by 100 guests. The couple left for their honeymoon in Whitby, the bride wearing for her going away dress a blue two-piece.”

Tipton Herald 9/1/1960

“Wanted, a few keen anglers down Tipton way to help form the nucleus of a new angling club at the MINERS ARMS in Owen Street. Mine host, Mr. *Charles Hickman*, is the man behind the formation of the club and so far has found 26 people who are interested in the project.

But ‘the more the merrier’ says Mr. *Hickman*. So if you're interested there's a meeting of the club on Sunday week, January 17th at 12.30pm.”

Tipton Herald 16/1/1960 - Notice

“Licensing Act, 1953.

To the Chief Constable for the County of Stafford. To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Petty Sessional Division of Tipton, in the said County. To the Clerk to the Rating Authority for the Borough of Tipton aforesaid. To Messrs W. Butler & Co. Limited of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, and To all others whom it may concern.

I, *Charles John Hickman* of the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton in the County of Stafford, Beerhouse Keeper, Do Hereby Give Notice that it is my intention to apply at the First Session of the General Annual Licensing Meeting for the Petty Sessional Division of Tipton in the said County of Stafford to be holden at the Magistrates Court, Church Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday the 2nd day of February 1960 at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to me of a Justices License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell by Retail any Intoxicating Liquor which may be sold under a Publican's License for consumption either on or off the premises in respect of the premises situate at Owen Street, Tipton aforesaid now in my occupation and known by the sign of the MINERS ARMS, and in respect of which premises I now hold an Excise License authorising me to sell Beer, Cider and Wine by Retail for consumption either on or off the premises.

And I Hereby Give Further Notice that it is my intention at the hearing of the said application to offer, if my said application be granted, to surrender the before mentioned License authorising me to hold an Excise License to sell Beer, Cider and Wine by Retail at the before mentioned premises for consumption either on or off the premises.

And I Hereby Give Further Notice that W. Butler & Co. Limited, of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, are the Owners of the said premises known as the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January One thousand and nine hundred and sixty.

C. J. Hickman.”

A full license was confirmed on 25th April 1960.

Tipton Herald 13/8/1960

“New clubs wishing to join the senior division (open age) and the junior section (15 to 18 years) of Tipton and District Amateur Football League are asked to attend a league meeting which will be held on Thursday, August 18th, at the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, Tipton, at 8.15pm.”

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960

“The Annual General Meeting of the Tipton Sons of Rest will be held next Monday, October 17th, in the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, at 7.30pm.

£738 1s 4½d has so far been received for the new sons of rest building and already the ground is being levelled for construction.....”

Tipton Herald 22/10/1960

“An appeal for women helpers to come forward was made by the Tipton Sons of Rest Committee at its annual general meeting in the MINERS ARMS, Owen Street, on Monday evening.

Speaking of the prospect of a ladies sub-committee being formed in the New Year, the President of the committee, Councillor Jim Udall, said that because of poor attendance at committee meetings by lady members they would have to be replaced. ‘It’s a shame to change boats in mid-stream but dead wood must be replaced by new,’ he said.

Councillor Udall suggested leaving vacancies for ladies on the committee until someone came forward who was willing to work. He added that two women members on the general committee would ensure complete liaison between it and the ladies sub-committee when it was formed.....”

London Gazette 15/5/1975

“*Hickman, Beatrice May* (widow), of the MINERS ARMS, 56, Owen Street Date of Filing Petition – 29th January, 1975.”

It closed in 1977.

It was demolished in the 1980s.

MINERS ARMS

Park Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Ceney [1861]

Robert Ceney [1862] – [1864]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/3/1854

“G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, commenced an inquiry on Friday last, at the MINERS ARMS, Park Lane, touching the death of John Richards, who had been employed as a miner in Messrs Hopkins and Sons pit, Park Lane. It appeared that on the previous Wednesday the deceased descended the pit several times, and shortly before six o’clock in the evening he went to the bottom of the shaft and got upon a ‘bowk,’ containing a quantity of slack, and gave the signal for it to ascend the shaft. After it had ascended about twenty-five yards up the shaft, the chain suddenly broke, and deceased was precipitated to the bottom, and a portion of the chain fell upon him. He died the next day from the effects of the injuries he had received. The chain had been regarded as the safest one in the field. The inquiry was adjourned for the production of further evidence, and to afford time for the requisite notice to be given to the Secretary of State.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 4/1/1862 - Advert

“On Monday Next, At Three O’Clock, Without Reserve.

Sale of Horses, at the MINERS ARMS, Park Lane, Tipton.

Mr. H. Court will Sell by Auction, on Monday Next, January 6, at Three o’clock in the afternoon punctually, at the MINERS ARMS INN, Park Lane, Tipton – four useful Horses for regular work, belonging to the estate of *Robert Ceney*, Retail Brewer.

Catalogues may be obtained at the Offices and Sale Rooms, No.26, Union Passage, Bull Street, Birmingham.”

London Gazette 10/1/1862

“*Robert Ceney*, of Tipton, Stafford, retailer of beer and brewer.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/1/1862 - Sale This Day By Auction

“Household Furniture.

By Mr, S. Powell, upon the Premises occupied by *Robert Ceney*, in Park Lane, Tipton, This Day (Monday), at Ten o’clock.

The Household Furniture, Brewing Utensils, &c.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/1/1864

“*Robert Ceney*, keeper of a beerhouse at Park Lane, Tipton, yesterday appeared at Wednesbury Police Court, before the Stipendiary, to answer a charge of keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the night of Saturday, the 9th instant. Police-constable Cook proved the case, and spoke to having found three men and a woman in the house at 11.45 on the night named, a jug half full of ale being on the table before them. The front door was closed, but the back open. The defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.”

MINERS ARMS

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Arthur Sutton [1864]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Post 13/9/1860 - Advert

“A Road And Canal-Side Beerhouse For Disposal.

By Atree and Son. To be Let, that old-established Business, the MINERS ARMS, Great Bridge.

The situation demands a good and profitable Business, which has been done for years.

The Premises contain large Club and six Sleeping Rooms, front and back Kitchen, Bar and Tap Room, Cellars, Brew and Washhouse, two Piggeries, Yard 90 by 40 feet, convenient for horses and vehicles.

Rent £22; let off £9. Stock and Effects to begin Business, between £40 and £50.

Apply to the Publican’s Valuer, Bilston.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/7/1864

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. T. Davis and J. Haines, three men, respectively named *Arthur Sutton*, Wm. Hall, and Humphrey Pearson, appeared to answer a charge of having assaulted

Thos. Lloyd, an engine smith, living at Toll End. The complainant's evidence was to the effect that he fell asleep at *Sutton's* house, the MINERS ARMS, Great Bridge, on the evening of the 20th of June, and was awoken by the defendants, who asked him to give them 1s to purchase ale for them. He refused, and they then beat and kicked him so severely that he had to be conveyed home, and was confined to his bed for a fortnight. For the defence several witnesses were called, who deposed that defendants were not present at the time of the assault, and eventually the case was dismissed."

MINERS ARMS

~~Toll End, TIPTON~~

[Moved to JOLLY COLLIER]

MITRE

Wednesbury Oak, (Brierley), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Pinfield [1859]
William Boulton [] – **1860**);
Benjamin G Horton (**1860** – []
William Henry White [1861] – [1865]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/4/1859 - Advert

"The MITRE TAVERN, Wednesbury Oak.

By Mr. Altree. To be Let, an old-established Business House, replete with every convenience. Brewing twelve bushels weekly. Spirits, &c, in proportion. Stock, fixtures, and licenses to be taken at valuation. Apply, F. Altree, Auctioneer and Valuer, Bilston."

Birmingham Journal 20/8/1859 - Advert

"Preliminary Announcement.

Messrs. Altree and Son will Sell by Auction, the Licenses and Possession, Fixtures, Fittings, Ale, Porter, Spirits, Malt, Hops, excellent Brewing Plant, 100-gallon and 150-gallon Copper Boilers, Household Furniture, and Effects, the Property of Mr. *Pinfield*, MITRE TAVERN, Wednesbury Oak, who is retiring from the Public Business.

Full particulars in next week's papers, and at the Auctioneers', Bilston."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/8/1859 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale At The MITRE TAVERN, Wednesbury Oak.

Messrs. Atree and Son will Sell by Auction, the Licenses and Possession of the above noted old licensed house, with all Fixtures, Fittings, Brewing Plant, Cooper Boilers, stock of Ale, Spirits, Malt, Hops, Household Furniture, and other Effects.

Full particulars in next week’s paper.

F. Atree and Son, Auctioneers and Valuers, Bilston. Established 1840.”

William Boulton = William Bolton

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/5/1860

“In The County Court, on Saturday, before R. Kettle, Esq, Judge, Frederick Atree, auctioneer and appraiser, of Bilston, sought to recover £50 from *William Boulton*, landlord of the MITRE TAVERN, Wednesbury Oak, for damage done by an assault which entailed the partial loss of sight on one eye, compound fracture of the cheek bone, laying aside for three weeks, and for medicine, attendance, and loss of business. Mr. Warming-ton for the plaintiff, and Mr. Jackson for the defence.

It appeared that in February last, plaintiff put defendant in the Court for a small sum of money, but the former was nonsuited in consequence of not being a certified conveyancer, as it was requisite he should be, in order to be entitled to recover for the particular description of work for which the money was stated to be due. This fact appears to have engendered a little ill-feeling between the parties, and the assault was the result.

Mr. H. W. Larkin, Esq, surgeon of Bilston, described the injuries received by the plaintiff. He said he found him extremely depressed, and quite blind in one eye. The bone of the right cheek was depressed, and the depression would be permanent. The recovery of the nervous sensibility of the cheek was uncertain. For eighteen or nineteen days the plaintiff could not attend to business with advantage to his clients.

Mr. Jackson, for the defence, urged that the defendant received extreme provocation from plaintiff, which was the reason why the damages should be moderate.

His Honour having summed up, the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £30.”

Birmingham Journal 12/5/1860 - Advert

“MITRE TAVERN, Wednesbury Oak.

Unreserved Sale By Auction.

By R. L. Courtney, on Thursday Next, the 15th day of May, of the whole of the Stock-in-Trade, Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the Premises; Brewing Plant, comprising capital large size Copper Furnace, Mash Tub, Ale Vats, Pumps, capital iron-bound Ale Casks, Tubs and Coolers; excellent Ale-Machine, Screens, Tables, Benches, Household Furniture, and other Effects.

N.B. Purchaser of the Licenses, &c may take the Fixtures at a fair valuation.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock.

Auctioneer’s Offices, High Street, West Bromwich.”

London Gazette 10/7/1860

“*William Bolton*, formerly of Greets-green, Westbromwich, in the county of Stafford, Beer Seller, Dealer in Tobacco, and Journeyman Blacksmith, afterwards of Oldbury-road, Greets-green, Westbromwich aforesaid, Beer Seller, Dealer in Tobacco, and Journeyman Blacksmith, then of the same place, Beer Seller and Dealer in Tobacco, afterwards of Wednesbury Oak, Lower Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Beer Seller, and Dealer in Tobacco, and then and now of Oldbury-road, Greets-green, Westbromwich aforesaid, out of business.

AND

“*William Bolton*, late of Oldbury-road, Greets-green, Westbromwich, Staffordshire, out of business. In the Gaol of Stafford.”

1861 Census

Wednesbury Oak, Brierley – MITRE INN

[1] *William White* (29), publican, born Bewdley;

- [2] Jane H. White (26), wife, born Newcastle upon Tyne;
- [3] Ann White (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury Oak;
- [4] William Henry White (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury Oak;
- [5] Henry John White (2), son, scholar, born Wednesbury Oak;
- [6] Jasper Thomas White (6 months), son, born Smethwick;
- [7] Sarah Highkins Wilson (19), house servant, born Wednesbury Oak;
- [8] Sarah Ann Fellows (13), visitor, scholar, born Wednesbury Oak:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/4/1864

“*William Henry White*, of the MITRE TAVERN, Wednesbury Oak, was fined £5 and costs, for permitting card playing in his house.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/6/1864 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong respectable Girl as General Servant. One from the country preferred. Apply to Mr. *William White*, MITRE INN, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/9/1864

“The annual licensing sessions for the district of Bilston was held yesterday, at the Police Court, in that town.....

The victuallers who had been fined.....

William White, MITRE TAVERN, Princes End.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/2/1866 - Advert

“MITRE INN, Princess End, near Williams’s Works, under a Deed of Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors.

Re *William White*, on Monday Next, February 12th, 1866.

Mr. Thomas Skidmore will Sell by Auction, on the premises of the MITRE INN, Princes End, the whole of the Public House Effects, capital Brewing Plant, comprising 12-bushel mash tub, gathering and cooling tubs, prime cooperage barrels, puncheons, wort sprouts, sieves, capital 6-pull ale machine and piping, tap table with lead top, small stock of wines and spirits, about 200 gallons ale, screens, benches, and drinking tables; also useful Household Furniture, iron half-tester and French bedsteads, paillasses, mattresses, feather and flock beds, birch washstand and table, mahogany and painted chests of drawers, cane-seated and Windsor chairs, dressing glasses, toilet ware, carpeting, capital 8-day clock in rosewood case, useful kitchen requisites, and other effects.

Sale punctually at eleven o’clock.

Catalogues may be obtained at the offices of Thomas Dallow, Esq, Solicitor, Market Place; or the Auctioneer, 2, Bilston Street, both of Wolverhampton.”

MOULDERS ARMS

113, Bridge Road, (113, Toll End Road), Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Manchester Brewery Co. Ltd. [1891], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]
Samuel Allsopp and Sons [1911]

LICENSEES

Thomas Whitehouse [1845] – [1865]
Mrs. Mary Ann Whitehouse [1868] – [1873]
Harry Wilson [1877]
Elizabeth Lambeth [1881]
John Lambeth [1891] manager
William Cahill [1891] – [1892]
John Lambeth [1896] – [1911] manager
James Lambeth [1912] manager

NOTES

113, Toll End Road [1871]
113, Bridge Road [1881], [1901], [1904], [1908]

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1847

“Inquests Before George Hinchliffe, Esq.....

On Saturday last, at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of Eliza Edwards, aged 11 months, who was accidentally scalded on the shoulder, with a cup of tea, on the 6th day of April last. Verdict, Accidentally Scalded to Death.

At the same time and place, on the body of Maria Vickers, aged 38, who was dreadfully burnt, from her clothes igniting while taking a coffee pot off the fire, on Friday, the 30th ult. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 30/6/1855 - Advert

“Desirable Freehold Building Land, Toll End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. B. Wooldridge, at the MOULDERS ARMS INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Wednesday, the 11th of July Next, at Six o'clock in the evening.....”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

Thomas Whitehouse, MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, cautioned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/3/1858

“We mentioned yesterday that Mrs. *Whitehouse*'s husband, who keeps the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, is considerably the older of the two, probably twenty-five or thirty years. She seems to be enceinte. Seeing that Mrs. *Whitehouse* is pale, the inference was that the rouge found in Farley's pocket was used to give her the 'fresh complexion' which the bank clerk spoke of; but she denied having ever used anything of the kind.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/3/1858

“The charges of forgery against Mr. Frederick Farley, of Great Bridge.

An extraordinary case of forgery has just occurred, which has caused very great excitement in the south of the county, and especially in this neighbourhood, where the parties implicated reside. The accused man is the landlord of the STORK INN, Great Bridge, and has carried on the business as a plumber and glazier in the same place. His name obtained some notoriety as one of the parties in the great case of Danks and Farley at the Stafford Assizes some few years since, on which occasion the public sympathy ran so strongly in favour of the prisoner that a subscription was got up on his behalf. The facts upon which the present charge of forgery is based are these. On the 12th instant, a woman named *Whitehouse*, wife of the landlord of the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, presented a cheque for £340 at Messrs. Spooner, Attwoods, and Marshall's Bank, New Street, Birmingham, purporting to be drawn by Messrs. Roberts, of the Swan Foundry, Westbromwich. The signature being suspected, and the clerk remembering that Farley had obtained a

new cheque book for Messrs. Roberts, after a little demur went out and saw Farley standing in the street. A policeman was at once called, and Farley and the woman given into custody. Farley was brought up at the Birmingham Police Court, and the cheque proved to be a forgery. From subsequent inquiries the police have come to the conclusion that Farley was the forger of a cheque for £550, presented by the same woman, and paid by the cashier, at the Dudley and Westbromwich Bank, on the 27th January last; and of another cheque for £570, presented at the same bank on Friday, the 5th instant, but refused, and of a third for £272, picked up on the pavement near Attwood's bank immediately after Farley was apprehended by detective-sergeant Manton. The woman was brought up before J. Leigh, Esq, on Saturday, at Westbromwich, but she has since been removed under a judge's order, to Warwick assizes, where she will be admitted as an approver against her confederate. Farley has been committed on the four charges referred to, for both forging and uttering, by the Birmingham magistrates. The general impression is that he will plead guilty, as he has acknowledged the correctness of a statement made by Mrs. *Whitehouse*, which distinctly implied his guilt.”
[At the Warwick Assizes, on 17th March 1858, Frederick Farley received four years penal servitude for ‘forging an order for payment.’]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/4/1858

“.....Thomas Turner, a moulder, and member of the Friendly Society of Ironfounders of England, Ireland and Wales, was charged with forging orders of the Society, thereby obtaining money by false pretences. Under rule no.120 of the Society, a member of one year is entitled, while in search of work, to a bed at each place once in two months, and under this rule the prisoner was entitled. By rule no.122 a two years member is entitled to a bed and 1s a day. The prisoner had obtained 5s 4d from Mr. John Wagstaff, Secretary of the Branch of the Society, held at Mr. *Thomas Whitehouse's* MOULDERS ARMS INN, Toll End, by an order purporting to have been filled up by Mr. Thomas Rowley, Secretary of the Coventry Branch, which Mr. Rowley proved to be a forgery prisoner was committed for trial at the next sessions.”

Birmingham Journal 30/10/1858

“On Thursday last, an inquest was held before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, at Mr. *T. Whitehouse's*, the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, on the body of a respectable woman, sixty-six years of age, named Esther Collins. The circumstances as detailed in a very lengthened enquiry before the Coroner, are of a very painful nature. For some time past deceased had an allowance from her nephew, and she lived with another widow at Tipton. Owing to her having expended her stipend in drinking, and the natural consequences that follow, the nephew intimated his intention to take away the allowance from his aunt. This no doubt preyed on the mind of the deceased, and she was heard to say that she would destroy herself. On the preceding Monday she left home in the evening, saying she was going to Ocker Hill to see a friend. She was seen in the course of the same evening in tears, talking to a gentleman. On the next morning her dead body was found in the locks of the canal by the lock-keeper. She had a rope tied round her body, which on examination proved to be a clothes line brought from her own house. The lock-keeper, with some other men near, by a singular want of thought, let nearly an hour elapse before they took the body from the water. The excuse was that they thought it not right to do so, as the woman was dead, till a policeman came up. After the Coroner had remarked on this strange conduct and sent the case to the Jury, a verdict of Suicide in a state of Temporary Insanity was returned. Medical evidence was given that latterly deceased had been of unsound mind.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr..... The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows..... Benjamin Aston, Toll End, supported by Mr. Hinchliffe, and opposed by Mr. Caddick, on behalf of Mr. *Thomas Whitehouse*, licensed victualler, whose premises are adjacent Refused.”

1861 Census

Bridge Road

- [1] *Thomas Whitehouse* (64), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. Whitehouse* (37), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Mary Ann Whitehouse* (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Ann Elizabeth Whitehouse (2), daughter, born Tipton;
[5] James Whitehouse (52), brother, iron moulder, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Thursday last.

The following licensed victuallers, fined for various infringements of the law, and whose cases had been ordered to stand over from the former licensing meeting in August last, were called before the Magistrates, and after their respective cases had been referred to they were admonished and warned that a second offence would be of serious consequences.

Mr. *Thomas Whitehouse*, MOULDERS ARMS.”

Birmingham Journal 5/11/1864 - Died

“On the 24th ult. after a short illness, Mr. *Thomas Whitehouse*, of the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton; highly respected.”

1871 Census

113, Toll End Road

[1] *Mary A. Whitehouse* (43), widow, publican, born Willenhall;

[2] *Mary A. Whitehouse* (14), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] *Elizabeth Whitehouse* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/1/1872

“Arthur Bates, of Great Bridge, was summoned for a most brutal assault upon his wife. It appeared from the depositions that on the afternoon of the 12th inst. the complainant went to the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, where her husband was drinking. She requested him to go home, but he refused, and offering her 4s, told her to fetch a load of coal. She refused to go without him, and he caught hold of her and threw her out of the house, causing her to fall down three steps. While she was on the floor he kicked her on the hip. The poor woman got up and leaned against the wall for support, and then her husband beat her severely about the face, knocked her down again, and kicked her. Her husband followed her from place to place for an hour, and threatened further violence, and she was afraid to stay in the house with him. He was now remanded to Bilston.”

AND

“Arthur Bates, of Great Bridge, was sentenced to six months’ imprisonment and ordered to find sureties for six months for assaulting his wife.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/4/1874

“A meeting of miners was held last night at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, near Great Bridge; Mr. Samuel Wilding presided, and briefly opened the meeting.”

Bee-Hive 2/6/1877

“Trades Union Directory.

Branches belonging to the Iron Moulders Society.

MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 29/12/1877 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold Old-Licensed Inn, House, and Premises, known as the MOULDERS ARMS INN, situate at Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Charles Round (by order of the Mortgagee), at the house of Mr. John Whitehouse, the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1878, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be produced – all that excellently situated Old-Licensed Public-House, known as the MOULDERS ARMS INN, situate fronting Bridge Street, Toll End, Tipton, in the occupation of Mr. *Harry Wilson*.

The House contains three Chambers, front Tap Room, with bay window; Entrance Hall, front Parlour, Bar,

Kitchen, two Cellars, and large Club Room, with Brewhouse, Store Room, and two-stall Stable. The Out-offices comprise Wash-house, Piggery, enclosed Garden and Yard, with lock-up Gateway.

The Property has a frontage of 18 yards to the main road leading from Tipton to Wednesbury, and covers an area of 640 square yards of Land, or thereabouts, and is situated in a dense population. There is ample room for converting the House into a first-class Spirit Vaults and to Licensed Victuallers and others requiring a good old-established House, with plenty of space for extension, this will be found one of the best in the neighbourhood.

A Plan of the Property will be prepared, and further particulars may be obtained of Mr. James Round, Solicitor, 63, Owen Street; Messrs. Powell and Brown, Surveyors and Auctioneers, Owen Street; of Mr. Charles Round, Surveyor and Auctioneer, 60, High Street, all of Tipton.”

1881 Census

113, Bridge Road

[1] *Elizabeth Lambeth* (23), unmarried, in charge of public house, born West Bromwich;

[2] Sarah Lambeth (21), sister, born West Bromwich:

West Bromwich Weekly News 10/9/1881

“On Tuesday an inquest was held by Mr. E. Hooper, at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, upon the body of Thomas Smith, aged 41, boatman, Toll End. From the evidence it appears that deceased left home at 7.30pm on Saturday, and went to his club, which is held at the BROWN LION. He left the house at 10.30pm the same evening, he was then under the influence of drink. As he did not return home as usual a search was made, and his body was found in the Birmingham canal near his residence, at 12.15pm on Sunday, by a man named Samuel Bowdlyer. A verdict of Accidentally Drowned was returned.”

John Lambeth = John Lambert

1891 Census

113, Bridge Road – MOULDERS ARMS

[1] *John Lambeth* (36), public house manager, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Lambeth (28), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Alice Lambeth (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] William Lambeth (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Dot Lambeth (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Mary A. Lambeth (22), sister, born Tipton;

[7] Lucy Callaway (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday..... *William Cahill*, the MOULDERS ARMS alehouse, Bridge Road, and the GEORGE AND DRAGON alehouse, Toll End, came before the Bench. The objections were that he was non-resident, and that he managed both houses. It was stated that both houses belonged to the Manchester Brewery Company, and that the GEORGE AND DRAGON had been practically transferred to Mr. Hawkins, auctioneer Granted, subject to one license being transferred to the Manchester Brewery Company, and the other to Mr. Hawkins.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/2/1893

“On Saturday afternoon Mr. Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, on the body of Enoch Evans (19), boatman, Blackhall Street, Kidderminster. It transpired that on Thursday deceased was in charge of an empty boat, which was being conveyed from Wolverhampton to Kidderminster, and while manipulating the windlass at one of the locks at Tipton Green, he slipped into the water. His companion, a man named William Nichols, and the latter’s wife who was also on board rendered prompt assistance, but when the body was recovered life was extinct. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/8/1895

“Fatal Result Of A Brawl At Wednesbury Election.

The man William Wassell, Cleton Street, Tipton, who was injured in an election disturbance on the 17th ult, at Tipton, died on Tuesday in the Guest Hospital, Dudley. On the 17th ult, the day following the declaration of the poll in the Wednesbury borough election, a procession of the victorious party went all round the constituency. A considerable crowd collected near the CROSS KEYS public-house, Dudley Port, at the time the procession was passing, and the usual election demonstrations took place. In this case, however, it did not stop at the ordinary chaff and horse play, for a fight ensued, and in the fight, it is alleged, the deceased was struck and knocked to the ground. He was picked up in an unconscious state and was taken to Dr. Price's surgery and subsequently to the Guest Hospital. It was found he had a severe injury to the skull, and he was then considered in a serious condition, but subsequently improved, and it was thought he might recover. On Monday, however, his state again caused the gravest anxiety. He gradually got worse and succumbed early on Tuesday morning. The day following that on which deceased received his injuries, five men named William Latham, 19, Tudor Street, Tipton; Thomas Weston, 21, Dudley Port; Thomas Smith, 19, Tudor Street, Tipton; James Treadwell, 18, Sedgley Road; and James Jackson, 21, Tudor Street, Tipton, were arrested by the police and charged with unlawfully wounding Wassell. They were taken before the Tipton magistrates at the ordinary petty sessions, and in the formal evidence then adduced it was alleged that Weston was seen to strike Wassell and knocked him to the ground. When picked up blood was freely flowing from the back of his head. Other evidence was given alleging that the blue ribbon was flouted in the faces of Wassell and his companions, and this so incensed them that Smith was attacked, and the other men went to his assistance. Wassell, in running away from Weston, it was said, fell on the paving stones. The Bench discharged Treadwell and remanded the other four for a week, Weston in custody and the other three on bail.

On Thursday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, on the body of Wassell. The Coroner said the body had been removed back into Staffordshire by the consent of the relatives and of the Dudley coroner (Mr. E. P. Jobson), it being deemed advisable that the inquest should be held in the same county as the injury was received. Eliza Wassell identified the body. She said she knew nothing of the disturbance until she was sent for and saw the deceased lying unconscious in Dr. Price's surgery. She saw him several times daily until his death. He was never sufficiently conscious to be able to make a statement. The inquest was adjourned after this evidence for a week, to give opportunity for a post mortem examination.”

[Thomas Weston, James Jackson, Thomas Smith, and William Latham were charged with manslaughter. The charges were dismissed.]

Wednesbury Herald 14/12/1895

“On Saturday Mr. E. Hooper (Coroner) held an inquest at the MOULDERS ARMS on the body of Mary Ann Bradley (60), of Birmingham Street, Dudley, whose body was found in the canal on Thursday, the deceased having been missed for a fortnight. The evidence of the husband went to show that the deceased, for the past four or five years, had been practically unable to take care of herself, and twice she had attempted suicide. The last time she attempted self destruction was by hanging, and since then she had suffered from abscess in the neck. On the 20th ult, whilst he was changing his clothes upstairs, the deceased went out, and he did not see her alive again.

A witness walking along the Tipton Road on the night of the 20th ult, passed the deceased, who appeared to him to have had something to drink.

The deceased's son deposed that proceedings were taken against his mother when she attempted to commit suicide on the last occasion. She and his stepfather lived a cat and dog life. He insured his mother without his stepfather's knowledge in two offices. One of the policies had lapsed and the other he paid the premiums to.

Police-constable Taylor stated that all that was found on the body was some tobacco in a paper. There was a mark on the forehead and her leg was broken, but this, no doubt, was done by passing boats.

A verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

Dudley Herald 12/2/1898

“On Thursday morning Mr. A. A. Betham (acting coroner) held an inquiry at the MOULDERS ARMS INN, Toll End, respecting the death of William Carpenter (57), Phoenix Street, Swan Village, who was killed on

Tuesday morning at the Horseley Iron Works. Mr. J. Cherrington (manager) and Mr. Hughes (secretary) represented the Horseley Company, and Mr. J. Jackson (inspector of factories) was also present. Samuel Attwood, New Road, Great Bridge, said about 7.20am he saw deceased between an empty wagon and a full one. A crane engine was moving the empty wagon towards the other, and he shouted to the engine driver who reversed the engine, but he was caught between the buffers of the two wagons, and held there, until released by two men. There were eight wagons altogether, three of them being attached to the engine, and they were being moved for the purpose of unloading. There was no one on the side from which deceased crossed the line, and men were not in the habit of going between wagons. To get to the other side of the rails without passing between wagons deceased would have had about 20 yards to walk. He was quite sure the wagons were moving, though very slowly.

David Minns, Railway Street, said he was a riveter, and Carpenter was 'holder-up.' On Tuesday morning witness sent deceased for a 'saddle', to obtain which he had to cross the rails. He saw him pass sideways between the first pair of buffers, and the wagons were not on the move then. Shortly after he heard a scream, and on running in the direction of it, saw deceased pinned between the buffers of the wagons.

Mr. Betham: Is it usual to go between wagons in this way? – Witness: I have done it many a time.

Mr. Betham: And you don't know whether they will be on the move or not? – Witness: We don't think at the time. Carpenter was one of the most careful men on the ground, and usually went round the wagons instead of between them.

Mr. Betham: It seems you are not so particular. – Witness: Deceased was not particular that morning.

Mr. Betham: Well it is dangerous. – Witness: Boilermakers and riveters are a venturesome lot.

Mr. Betham: I suppose there are no rules to prevent you going between wagons? – Witness: No, we use our own discretion; but I should think anybody would have sense enough not to walk between wagons when they are on the move.

Mr. Jackson said Attwood stated that the wagons were being moved slowly, and Attwood re-called, said that was so.

In reply to the Coroner, Minns said he was quite sure when Carpenter went past the first buffers the wagon were stationary.

Henry Grice, New Road, said he was a labourer, but was often employed in shunting. On the day in question there were three wagons attached to an engine and five others beyond, and it was necessary that they should be pushed forward to be unloaded. Witness went ahead of the three wagons, and when he saw that all was right he went to a wagon and a half's length towards the engine, and told the driver to proceed. Thereupon he heard a scream, and found that Carpenter had been fatally crushed.

Mr. Betham: If you had remained ahead of the engine you might have prevented this accident. Witness said that was so, but Attwood was only a few yards from where the impact would take place.

Benjamin Harrison, Stone Street, Dudley, engine-driver, said only one wagon was coupled to the engine, the next was 5 yards distant, the next about 2 feet, and there were five wagons beyond. He received a signal from Grice that all was near the second wagon, and he started his engine in the direction indicted, he had only just touched the third wagon when he heard a shout, and reversed his engine. In only one instance had he had to warn men not to pass between the wagons.

PC Haynes gave evidence as to examining the body in the mortuary, and finding the ribs were pushed in.

Mr. Jackson said he had supplied the company with a list of recommendations issued by the Home Office on the subject of locomotives in works.

Mr. Betham said in that case he suggested during the shunting operations that men be employed on either side of the rails to keep a sharp look-out. He did not place much reliance on the evidence of Attwood, who either seemed to have been much confused or to have given the first answer that came to mind. He also thought that the shunter should remain in front of the wagons near to where the impact would take place.

Mr. Cherrington said those suggestions should be carried into effect.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

[Walsall Observer 1/9/1900](#)

["The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....](#)

[Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of](#)

objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Manager, Manchester Brewery Company, MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton.”

Wednesbury Leader 30/3/1901

“At the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, on Saturday last, Mr. H. A. Pearson (Coroner) held an inquiry relative to the death of Frederick Richards (26), a carpenter, who met with his death on the previous Thursday on the line near Princes End, while following his employment under the London and North Western Railway Company. Deceased, who resided at Kings Hill, Wednesbury, was at the time of his death engaged in repairing a bridge near the Wednesbury Oak Ironworks, and attempted to cross the line while a stiff gale was blowing, and was knocked down by a passing engine. At the inquiry Mr. Pargeter represented the railway company and Mr. Pearce the deceased’s relatives.

Charles Fisher, who was working with deceased at the time of his death, said they were some distance apart, and the first intimation he had of the occurrence was from the engine driver of a passenger train, who asked witness if he had any mates working with him, as he believed he had knocked one down. Witness at once got help, and together with several other men they went along the line some distance and found deceased lying quite dead in the four foot way. The spot where they found him was mid-way between Princes End and Ocker Hill.

Thomas Beddall corroborated, remarking that he assisted the last witness to remove the body. He did not hear the engine whistle blow, but if it did blow the gale would have prevented him hearing it.

John Hall, the engine driver in question, deposed to being in charge of the engine on the 12.26 train from Princes End to Ocker Hill on the occasion. When mid-way between those two places he noticed a man attempt to cross the line from the embankment. He blew his whistle, and his mate shouted, but the man did not appear to hear them. Deceased would be about 20 yards in front of the engine when he first saw him and he brought the engine to a standstill immediately.

Mr. Pargeter remarked that deceased was at least 120 yards away from his work at the time of the occurrence.

On being re-called, the first witness stated that they had been working on the parapet of the bridge. There was no look-out man, nor did he consider one necessary at that place.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1901 Census

113, Bridge Road

[1] *John Lambeth* (46), public house manager, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Lambeth (38), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Alice Lambeth (18), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] William Lambeth (17), son, steam engine fitter, born Tipton;

[5] Dot Lambeth (14), daughter, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 3/1/1903

“Tipton was startled on Monday morning by the report that a murder of a dastardly character had been committed on the Dudley Road some time during the late hours of Sunday night or the early hours of Monday morning. As the report travelled it lost nothing, and in a short time the wildest rumours were being circulated. Our representative was early on the scene, and even then found groups of men and women discussing the matter and making minute searches for anything that was connected with the affair. The least article that could be connected with what was at the time considered a murder, was picked up with the greatest care, and securely put away, probably for future reference. The most interest was centred round several spots where patches of blood were to be seen. The first of these was near the Guest Hospital. It was conjectured that that was the point where the first blow, or the first fall took place. From there every sign was prevelant that the man now deceased – who transpired to be John Spears (36), Hall Street, Tipton – made an attempt to get home and struggled to the hedgerow, by the assistance of which he got as far as the iron rails which fence off the field adjoining the road. At that point there appears to have been another fall, as a large amount of blood

was to be seen. Judging from the footmarks, which were plainly to be seen, a severe struggle had ensued evidently by Spears endeavouring to recover himself and proceed. This he evidently did, and with the assistance of the rail fencing was able to reach the canal bridge, which crosses the Dudley Road and leads to the tunnel pound. Here he appears to have had another fall, and struggled to get up. In doing so it is supposed that he caught his head against the parapet of the bridge, which accounts for the blood on the brickwork. It was at the latter place where Spears was found shortly after three o'clock on Monday morning in a practically frozen state by two men who were driving a cart. The two men knew Spears, and after despatching someone to his home to inform the relations of the discovery, they carried him into the hovel of a pit near by, and placed him by the fire. He was not dead, but was unable to speak. Soon afterwards PS Singler and PC Stevens appeared on the scene and had the man conveyed to his home. He was covered with mud, and was washed by a neighbour. While being washed in front of the fire Spears showed signs of life, and it was even then thought that he would come round. Dr. Brown, who had been sent for arrived and after being there a few minutes announced life to be extinct. On examination it was found that deceased had a large wound on the back of his head of the shape of a T. There were several bruises on the right leg and elbow, and also on the body. The police reported that deceased had been a member of a sick and draw club, and had recently drawn his share of 9s 6d. Shortly before eleven o'clock on Sunday night he was seen coming down the Dudley Road in the direction of home by his nephew, who asked him if he was going home. Deceased was the worse for drink, and was understood to answer in the affirmative. It is only about four months since the deceased had a fall which caused a serious injury to his head, and which rendered him unconscious for about twelve hours.

On Tuesday morning PCs Stevens and Woolford, under the instruction of Inspector Green, assisted with the removal of the body to the mortuary, and in the afternoon a post mortem was made by Dr. Brown, assisted by Dr. Hadley, from the Guest Hospital. There was a large crowd of people assembled round deceased's residence.

On Wednesday morning Mr. H. A. Pearson, coroner, held an inquest at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, concerning the death of the man Spears, who was found on the Dudley Road on Monday morning under circumstances detailed in the evidence given below. The police were represented by Superintendent Salt and Inspector Given (Tipton), and Inspector Rudnick (Dudley). Mr. D. Lyons was elected foreman of the jury.

Edward Spears, brother of the deceased, a chain striker residing at 39, Hall Street, Tipton, identified the body at the mortuary as that of his late brother, John Spears, who was 36 years of age, and was a chain striker by trade. Deceased resided with witness and his mother at 39, Hall Street, Tipton. Deceased had been out of employment for about three months. On Sunday, witness went upstairs to have a rest, and left deceased sitting on the squab reading a newspaper and he was apparently in good health. About 8.30am, next morning two men named Griffiths and Danks came and roused witness, and told him to go to his brother on the Dudley Road. Witness went with the two men and found his brother in a pit hovel on the Dudley Road. Deceased was alive then, but could not speak. PS Shingler and two other policemen were there, and told witness to get something and take his brother home. Witness found a wheelbarrow and the two men who fetched him assisted him to get deceased home. As soon as this was done, witness went for Dr. Brown, who came and said that life was extinct. Deceased was a very quiet and inoffensive man, and liked to be by himself. Deceased was not a teetotaler, and had of late been given to drink.

The Coroner: Was your brother alive when you got home? – I could not say whether he was or not.

The foreman: Does the witness lead the jury to understand that deceased was alive when he got home? –

Witness: I could not say.

What is the nearest to the pit hovel, the Guest Hospital or deceased's home? – The Guest Hospital.

Coroner: How far is it from the Guest Hospital to where deceased was found, and how far from his home? –

Witness: They would take deceased to the Guest Hospital in six minutes, and it would take about eight minutes to take him home.

Inspector Given: Is that the cap (produced) that was worn by your brother? – Yes!

Were these cuts in the cap at the time you saw him with it? – No.

Edward Smith, 41, Hall Street, Tipton, stated that deceased was his uncle. On Sunday evening witness went to Dudley about 7.10, but did not see deceased there. About 10.40 witness was returning home, and when opposite the London and North Western Goods Depot saw deceased. There was no one with deceased, who

was walking steadily. He said to deceased, 'Come on down the road?' and he replied, 'Go on, I am coming.' About 5 o'clock on Monday morning witness was called up, and found deceased at home. He was then dead. Deceased was in the habit of going by himself. Whether in drink or not deceased was a quiet man. Deceased was not a sober man.

Inspector Rudnick: I suppose when you saw him he was in a helpless state of drunkenness? – No, he was walking steadily on.

Was he staggering? – No.

The foreman: He was in the habit of getting plenty of beer? – Yes.

Inspector Given: Will you swear that he was sober? – No, but he was not drunk to my eye.

The foreman: Do you think he had been having any drink at all that day? – Yes. I think he had been having some.

Superintendent Salt: You don't know where he had been drinking that day? – No, I don't.

Where did you see him? – Near the London and North Western Railway Depot.

How far would that be from the canal bridge that divides the parishes? – I don't know the distance.

Is it half a mile? – I should think not.

The foreman: It is not 800 yards! – Inspector Given: It is above.

Inspector Rudnick: Is your uncle subject to fits? – Witness: No.

Do you remember telling me he was the worse for drink when you met him? – I don't remember telling you that.

The foreman: Did you consider your uncle as sensible as most men? – I never saw him do anything wrong.

The Coroner: Was deceased right in his head, Mr. foreman? – The foreman: I don't think he was.

The foreman: You saw your uncle by the goods shed? – Yes.

Did you meet anyone when coming down the road? – I met two men and two women, also a man named Woodhall.

Annie Tyler, a widow, residing at 30, High Street, Tipton, stated that on Sunday night she and her son were going along the road about 10.45. When near the goods shed she saw a man, but she could not swear who it was. He was standing against the gateway very drunk and could scarcely stand. He was reeling about. She tried to get her son to go to him, but he refused. The man was dressed in dark clothes, and was about medium height.

The foreman: Did you notice his face? – I noticed he was not a very old man.

You did not notice whether he was cross-eyed or not? – No, I didn't.

Inspector Rudnick: In what direction was he going? – Towards Tipton.

On which side of the footpath? – On the left going down.

The Coroner: Did you meet any one? – Not till we got nearly to Tipton.

William Brothwood, a carter, residing at the School Passage, stated that he knew deceased. On Monday morning he was engaged drawing manure from Union Street, Tipton, to a field past the Guest Hospital.

About 2.30am he was turning from leaving the first.....

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.....for the police. The watchman from the hovel came out, and they removed the body to the footpath. The police came in about ten minutes and deceased was carried to the hovel. Deceased had neither hat or cap on when witness found him.

Inspector Given: How many times had you been up the Dudley Road that night? – Only once.

Did you meet any other vehicle? – No.

Did you see any other persons? – No.

You did not notice any smell of drink? – No.

Superintendent Salt: What did you think was the matter with deceased? – He was exposed to the cold for one thing.

Did you notice any injury at the time? – Yes, at the back of his head, but I thought if he was drunk I could rouse him.

Inspector Given: Was there much mud on his face? – Yes, his eyes and his mouth were 'mobbed' up with mud.

Inspector Rudnick: Did you find his head on the kerbstone? – No, but it had been, and had slipped into the gutter.

Did you see any blood there? – Yes.

The foreman: You assisted to remove him? – Yes.

And put him on the footpath? – Yes.

Did you lean his head against the bridge wall? – No.

Did it strike you that it would have been better to take him to the Guest Hospital? – I thought about it, but did not suggest it.

Who suggested he should be taken home? – No one seemed to know where he lived, and when I came back with the next load he was still in the hovel, and they had sent for his relations.

The Coroner: Was he bleeding very much at the time? – No, the wound was stopped up with mud.

Inspector Rudnick: The front of his clothing was covered with mud? – I have never seen a man covered with mud so bad.

Have you seen the marks on the bridge? – No.

It was about two yards from the parapet of the bridge where you found him? – It was about ten yards.

Thomas Sheldon, night watchman at the Tipton Pieces Colliery, Dudley Road, stated that about 2.30am he was called up by the last witness, and found deceased lying in the horse road, with his head in the gutter.

Last witness asked witness to help him to lift deceased on to the footpath. Brothwood sent for some help, and deceased was carried into the hovel, where he remained twenty minutes or half an hour. Witness did not see any blood about deceased, but his face and body was covered with mud. Witness did not hear deceased speak, but he groaned very loud. About 3.30 deceased's brother came and fetched deceased away. During the night he heard no shouts about the road. If there had been much quarrelling he would be sure to hear it.

The foreman: How long have you been watchman there? – About five or six months.

Have you ever seen any quarrels on the road? – No, never a one.

Superintendent Salt: You were in the house for the greater part of the night? – Yes.

How far is your hovel from the place where the man was found? – About 50 or 60 yards.

If there had been any shout for help you would have heard it? – Sure to.

PS Shingler, Tipton, stated that about 2.45am he was in company with Police-constables Stevens and Tipper, when Brotherhood [sic] and another man came and said they had found a man on the Dudley Road. He and the officers went to the place, and found deceased with his head against the rails on the right side of the road leading from Dudley to Tipton. Deceased was unconscious, and covered with blood. Deceased smelt very strongly of drink. He and others removed him to the hovel close by. Deceased did not speak. Witness went with the others with the deceased, and did not leave him until death was pronounced by Dr. Brown. When they got home they had the body washed, and fresh clothing put on. There was a wound on the back of the head. The only things found on deceased were three unused matches. It took about five minutes to get him home, and deceased lived about half an hour after getting home.

The foreman: Did you notice what kind of boots he had on? – Lace-up boots.

Were they nailed? – Yes, and worn on the heel and toe.

Did you visit the place afterwards? – I have not seen it in the daylight since.

PC Stevens corroborated.

In reply to the foreman, witness said that deceased's brother came on the scene and said deceased had been in that state before. He did not know there was a hole in the back of deceased's head.

Inspector Given: There is no hole in the head at all.

PC Tipper also corroborated, and stated that it was the wish of deceased's brother that the deceased should be taken home, as he had seen him in that state before.

Jacob Mills, labourer, 8, Hall Street, Tipton, stated that on Monday morning he was coming along the Dudley Road about 8.15am when he picked up the cap produced. The cap was between the gutter and the tram lines. He picked it up and put it on the top of the load of fireclay. On Tuesday morning he pointed out the place where the cap was found to Inspector Given. He saw the wheel of a vehicle go over the cap before he picked it up.

Inspector Given, Tipton, stated that on Monday morning he received a written report from PS Shingler about the affair. He went and examined the body, and found two large wounds on the back of the head, a small bruise on the right side of the forehead, scratches on the nose, a large bruise on the right elbow, a small bruise on the left wrist, and a bruise on the right knee. They all appeared to have been recently done. He did not find any bones broken. He made enquiries from the relatives, and then took the brother of deceased

to show him the spot where he saw deceased on Sunday night. The place pointed out was near the London and North Western goods depot. From there until they found the first trace of blood was 336 yards, and from there to the next patch of blood was 180 yards. That was a much larger patch than the other, but not a very large quantity. Thirty yards further on and close to a lamp-post they found another patch of blood similar in size and about the same quantity as the one found previously. It appeared as though someone had been dragged through it. Close to the lamp-post a man picked up the neck of the bottle (produced), with a new cork in, and which had not been drawn. In a field opposite the patch of blood he found the other portion of the bottle, which bore the name of a Dudley firm. Opposite where the bottle was found was a very small quantity of blood, and along the top of the rail for about four or five feet it was covered with blood, as though some one had been trying to pull themselves along. About 30 yards further down another patch of blood was found, and the next patch was on the parapet of the bridge. There was also blood on the bridge at each end. The blood on the Dudley side of the bridge was higher up the wall than the one on the Tipton side. At each end of the bridge was mud, which bore traces as though someone had been trying to drag themselves along. Twenty yards further on it was pointed out that another patch of blood was found. That was right opposite the hovel.

The Coroner: You have not traced anything between the time he was seen by his nephew and the man Brothwood? – No, nor have I been able to find any trace of quarrelling on the night in question.

How far would it be from where Smith saw him to where he was found? – About 530 yards. The cap was found close to the Earl of Dudley's tramline, in the horse road. It was about 27 yards from where the body was found. There were two cuts in the back of the cap which corresponded with the wounds in the back of the head. Deceased had had nothing to eat on the Sunday, and very little on the Saturday. He was a very inoffensive man, whether drunk or sober. The police had no record against him. The road was frequently patrolled by the police. The statements in the papers that the road was neglected was false. The Tipton police regularly patrolled to the boundary, and he had given written instructions to that effect. On the night in question, in less than fifteen minutes after the notice was given there was a sergeant and two policemen on the spot. He had never had a report of an outrage on the road since he had been in Tipton. It was not on account of expected outrages or anything sensational that the police were sent there, but on account of the great amount of coal stealing. He had no reason to think there was any foul play at all.

Inspector Rudnick stated that there had been a Dudley constable working that beat, but he did not go to the boundary that night. He went down the road three times that night, the last time being about four o'clock. Witness had been at Dudley fourteen months, and had not received any complaint, and would like to mention that in common fairness to the police.

The foreman: Is there any arrangement for the police from the two parishes to meet at the boundary? – No. Dr. R. C. Brown, Tipton, stated as to being called to deceased between four and five o'clock on Monday morning. Deceased was dead when the witness got there. He had made a post mortem examination. The external marks of violence were a ragged dirty wound 2½in long on the right side of the head. It was superficial. There was another wound on the left side 1½in long. There was a bruise on the right side of the forehead, scratches up the arm, bruises on the right elbow, right knee, and left wrist. Internally the superficial vessels of the brain were dilated and congested. There was no fracture of the skull. The left lung was consumptive. The stomach was healthy and empty, the bladder full, healthy and uninjured. There was no bones broken.

The Coroner: Do you think the wounds would cause death? – No.

Do you think they would accelerate death? – Probably they might. I attribute death to heart failure accelerated by exposure and want of food. I don't think the wounds on the head had anything to do with the cause of death.

The foreman: Do you think it would have been possible to have saved the man's life if medical attendance had been called sooner? – I cannot give a definite answer to that.

You think that the wounds on the head were not the cause of death? – Yes.

The Coroner: Dr. Brown had Dr. Hadley from the Guest Hospital with him at the post mortem, and he agreed as to the disease and the cause of death, did he not? – Dr. Brown: Yes.

The wounds may have been caused by falls? – More likely by falls than blows.

Inspector Rudnick: From the result of the post mortem do you think deceased was an excessive drinker? – I won't say so.

The Coroner said they had listened very patiently to the whole of the evidence. From the doctor's evidence, the death had turned out very different to what they thought it would after the sensational reports in the newspapers. They had no evidence of violence, and if they had he did not think they had anything to put a man on his trial either for wilful murder or manslaughter.

The foreman said he had visited the place, and from the amount of blood he saw about he thought the man had bled to death.

Inspector Given said the blood was spread about.

The foreman said he did not think there had been any foul play. The deceased seemed a very simple, silly man, and he had often had to turn him from his public house. He would recommend the jury to return a verdict of Found Dead.

The Coroner: He was not found dead. He was found alive and died afterwards.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned."

At the licensing meeting on 21st January 1903 it was described as one of the best conducted houses in the district. The public accommodation was ample and good and clean. The living quarters accommodation, however, was insufficient, and should be given attention at once.

Tipton Herald 14/2/1903

"On Thursday morning, Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner), held an inquest at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, touching the death of Mary Stokes (76), residing with her son at 132, Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton, who died on February 10th.

Hannah Stokes, sister-in-law of deceased, stated that deceased resided with her, and was a widow. She had been attended by Drs. Morris and Underhill for some years. Previous to February 1st deceased had been ill in bed for some time, and on the afternoon of that date got out of bed and came to the top of the stairs, from where she shouted to witness. Witness was going to answer her, and then heard a fall by the stairs door.

On opening the door she found deceased lying there. With the assistance of her sister she carried deceased upstairs, and then sent for Dr. Morris. When the doctor came deceased complained of pains in the back. Dr. Morris attended her till she died on February 10th.

Lucy Edwards corroborated.

PC Sturgess said that from enquiries he had made there were no suspicious circumstances.

Dr. Morris said he had attended deceased on and off for about four years. She had been suffering from a weak heart, and general senile decay. On February 1st he was called in, and found deceased suffering from a superficial wound at the back of her head, and an injury to the ribs. He found no fractures. He again later examined the wound, and found it in a healthy condition. There had been no symptoms of internal injury during the time he had attended deceased. He attributed death to senile decay, and syncope, accelerated by the fall downstairs.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned."

Tipton Herald 24/10/1903

"On Wednesday morning Mr. A. Betham, the deputy coroner, held an inquest at the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton, touching the death of William Henry Hickman (18), who resided at 2 house 7 court, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, who committed suicide by jumping in the canal at Bloomfield, on Sunday evening. The following evidence was adduced.

Eliza Hickman, 2 house 7 court, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, stated that the deceased was her son and lived with her. He was a colliery horse driver. She last saw him alive about 10.30pm on Sunday evening. A woman named Edith Stanford called her out of the house, and on going she found deceased in Stanford's house. Deceased had a knife in his hand and was in the act of cutting his throat, but did not cut it. Witness took the knife from him and tried to get him home, but failed. She then shouted for her husband, who came, and deceased knocked him down, and then kicked him on the face, and afterwards went away. Deceased had previously threatened to commit suicide, and only a week last Saturday he asked witness to put her head on the table and let him cut it off, and then he would cut his own off afterwards and they could die together. She thought he had trouble with a girl, and that was the reason he did it.

Maud Powell, single woman, 56, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, stated that she had known deceased for eight

months. About 8.20pm on Sunday night she passed the deceased and a girl named Susannah Macnight, quarrelling. She again passed them at 8.45pm, and they were still quarrelling. They were in Bloomfield Road. She heard deceased say, 'I will cut your — throat,' and then she heard Macnight say, 'You — monkey.' About 10.15pm she was standing at the front door of her brother's house and saw the deceased go towards the canal. He sat down on the wall beside the towing path, unlaced his boots, and then said, 'I will — do it.' He then jumped over a little wall and into the water. She heard deceased's sister call, 'Bill, Bill.' Witness saw him throw his arms up and go under the water. Witness screamed for help, and some other women came but no men. She did not see anyone attempt to get deceased out of the water.

Susannah Macnight stated that she had known deceased nearly twelve months, during which time they had been courting. About a fortnight ago they had a quarrel, which arose through another girl telling him that witness and another girl were talking about him. Deceased was fetched from a public house and said they had better not talk about him. Witness told him they had not been talking about him, and advised him to go to the public house again, and he went. Deceased's mother saw witness and deceased and shouted, 'Drown her Will.' Deceased's mother had told deceased to drown witness and himself. They made the quarrel up, but had another on Sunday night over the same thing. Deceased came to her and asked her to go and have a glass of 'stuff' with him, but she did not. Deceased was the worse for beer. She did not hear deceased say he would 'cut her — throat.' She did not call him 'a — monkey', but did call him 'a — dog.' She was not with him more than a quarter of an hour on Sunday night. When she left him he went to the public house, and she went home. She did not tell him that she would not have anything more to do with him. Deceased was jealous of her, and had accused her of going with other young men. He had threatened in her presence to commit suicide as he had no place at home. It was when they had quarrels at home that he threatened to drown himself. About six months ago he asked her to drown herself with him. If deceased had not committed suicide she would have continued the courtship.

By PC Jones: They had had quarrels, but that was only over a cousin of hers who came over. It was not a fact that the 'haggling' at home had been caused through deceased being harboured at her father's house till late hours. She had fetched the police because the deceased and his father were going to fight. She had not detained deceased on Saturdays when he had his wages, and had not had a penny off him during the whole of the courtship.

Mrs. Hickman, re-called, stated that she never told her son to drown Miss Macnight or himself. She had heard her youngest son tell him.

PC Benton, Princes End, stated that about 10.45pm on Sunday information was brought to the Police Station that a man had drowned himself at Bloomfield. He went and searched for the body with a boat shaft in the canal near Bloomfield Road. He afterwards got a drag and recovered the body about 11.30pm. He tried artificial respiration for a quarter of an hour but without avail. He removed the body to Tipton Mortuary. He searched the body, which was divested of coat, vest, and shoes. There was nothing in the pockets.

The foreman of the jury thought the suicide had been committed in a heat of passion and a certain amount of jealousy.

A verdict of Suicide during Temporary Insanity was returned."

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 8th March 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

"The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The licenses of the following six houses were opposed on the ground of redundancy: MOULDERS ARMS, Bridge Road; BURTON INN, Hall Street; the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road; QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield; RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane; and RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street. The Bench renewed the licenses of the COUNTRY GIRL and the RAILWAY INN, and referred for compensation the MOULDERS ARMS, the BURTON INN, the QUEENS ARMS, and the RAILWAY TAVERN."

1911 Census

113, Bridge Road

[1] *John Lambeth* (56), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Lambeth* (48), wife, married 30 years, assisting in business, born Tipton;

[3] Dot Lambeth (24), daughter, home domestic, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

MOULDERS ARMS, Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton. Full Licence. Licensee, *John Lambeth*. Registered Owner, Samuel Allsopp and Sons Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

Annual Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

The cases referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.....

MOULDERS ARMS, Tipton.”c

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1913

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented the following report.....

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the eight cases referred to them last year, and the total amount awarded was £5,277.....

MOULDERS ARMS, Tipton, £887.....

The compensation money has been divided amongst the interested parties and will be paid on the 21st December.”

It closed in 1913.

It was converted into a draper’s shop.

It was demolished.

MOULDERS ARMS

135, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Rhodes [] – 1871);

Enoch Thomas (1871 – [1872]

John Rhodes [1875]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Post 20/7/1865

“An inquest was held yesterday morning at the MOULDERS ARMS, Horsley Heath, on the body of John Bayley, aged thirteen. Mr. Bristowe was present on behalf of the proprietors of the pit. The deceased was in the employ of Messrs. Dixon and Amphlett, of the Horsley Colliery. About half-past six, on Monday morning, he had got into a bowk to go down the pit, and another miner, named Bowen, had put one foot into the bowk, and was calling to the banksman to let them down, when the bowk and boy fell to the bottom. Bowen went down the pit and found deceased lying on his face at the bottom quite dead, and his right arm cut off. The pit is worked by a gin, and the hook of the bowk by some means became detached from the rope. The Coroner said undoubtedly there had been great neglect on the part of the banksman; but he thought that the fact of the deceased getting on the bowk too hastily exonerated the banksman from any criminal liability. Had the boy, however, waited a little longer, and the same thing had occurred, he was bound to tell them that the banksman would have rendered himself liable for manslaughter. It was the old tale of the butties getting all they could for a little money. The Jury then returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

135, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Enoch Thomas* (39), grinder, born Rowley;
- [2] *Hannah Thomas* (40), wife, dressmaker, born Tividale;
- [3] *Hannah Thomas* (15), daughter, born Horseley Heath;
- [4] *William Thomas* (6), son, born Horseley Heath;
- [5] *Ruth Thomas* (7), daughter, born Horseley Heath;
- [6] *Roshannah Massey* (22), visitor, born Horseley Heath:

Enoch Thomas, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1872]

Midland Examiner 10/7/1875

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, *John Rhodes*, landlord of the MOULDERS ARMS, Great Bridge, was summoned for having sold two quarts of ale on the 15th of May, the same being adulterated. In this case it was shown that on the day in question two quarts of ale were purchased from the house of the defendant, and transmitted for analysis. The certificate of the analyst showed that the samples contained 116.47 grains of common salt to the gallon. Fined £10 and the costs.”

[At this court, three landlords from Great Bridge, appeared on the same charge.]

NAGS HEAD

1, Groveland Road, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Allsopp, Wellington Street, Tipton
Alice Allsopp
Ansells Ltd. (acquired on 27th January 1933)
Alice Allsopp (leased)

LICENSEES

William Downing [1860] – **1893**;

William Downing [1894]
Joseph Walker [1896] – [1900]
Ann Walker [1901]
Edward Turley [1911]
Alice Allsopp [1919] – 1938);
Leslie John Bill (1938 – 1942);
Joseph Hubert Jones (1942 – 1945);
George Bertram Edwards (1945 – 1951);
Alec Henry Meads (1951 – 1952);
Thomas Lithgoe (1952 – 1953);
Albert William Wesson (1953 – 1955);
Joseph Bastable (1955 – 1956);
William Francis Barker (1956 – 1957);
Joseph Albert Williams (1957 – 1958);
John Smith (1958 – 1959);
Bernard Henry Burkitt/Simkiss (1959 – 1960);
Betty May Lowey (1960 – 1963);
Joseph William Mills (1963);
George Edward Batchelor (1963 – 1964);
Edwin Charles Whitehouse (1964 – [1966]
Brian Jordan (1966);
Norman Parsons (1966 – 1967);
Richard Iliffe Bateman (1967 – 1968);
Nuala Ann Lufwycke (1968 – 1972);
William Platt (1972);
David Ronald Hemming (1972 – 1981);
Kewal Singh Khatkar (1981 – 1982);
Shivdev Singh Dhandwar (1982);
Jarnail Singh Dhillon (1982 – 1984);
Gerald Patrick Cleary (1984);
Martin Robert Jackson (1984 – 1987):

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/1860 - Advert

“To Theatrical Performers And Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Hipkins, on Wednesday Next, December 5th, at the house of Mr. *W. Downing*, NAGS HEAD INN, Dudley Port – a Pavilion Theatre, complete, the Property of Mr. Fred Wheeler; comprising one Stage Waggon, Front Shutter Framing, new and old Tilting, seven Scenes, inside Stage Gallery, and Pit Framing and Seating, &c; the Drum, green baize Lamp, and other Ironwork connected therewith, for positive Sale, to defray expenses and cost of cartage, store room, &c, upon the same.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port – NAGS HEAD INN

[1] *William Downing* (44), beerseller and carter, born Oldbury;

[2] Ann Downing (44), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Elizabeth Downing (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *William Downing* (17), son, carter, born Tipton;

[5] John Downing (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Thomas Downing (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

- [7] Benjamin Downing (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Samuel Downing (2), son, born Tipton;
- [9] George Downing (3 months), son, born Tipton;
- [10] Ann Bennett (12), servant, nurse, born Tipton:

William Downing, beer retailer, Groveland Road. [1864], [1865], [1870]

William Downing, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1868]

Birmingham Daily Post 25/6/1869 - Advert

“Strayed, Red and White Cow. Deformity of foot, and default in udder.

William Downing’s, NAGS HEAD, Dudley Port.”

1871 Census

1, Groveland Road – NAGS HEAD INN

- [1] *William Downing* (55), publican, born Oldbury;
- [2] Sarah Downing (55), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] John Downing (23), son, waggoner, born Tipton;
- [4] Thomas Downing (19), son, waggoner, born Tipton;
- [5] Beham Downing (17), son, waggoner, born Tipton;
- [6] Samuel Downing (12), son, waggoner, born Tipton;
- [7] William Mansell (13), son, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 15/11/1879 - Advert

“To be Seen Alive, a Pig, from 30 to 40 score weight, at *W. Downing*’s, the NAGS HEAD, Dudley Port.”

1881 Census

1, Groveland Road – NAGS HEAD INN

- [1] *William Downing* (64), beer seller and carrier (?), born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Downing (64), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Maria A. Shadmore (39), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] William Shadmore (18), grandson, labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] Eli Shadmore (12), grandson, scholar, born Wednesbury:

Smethwick Telephone 11/10/1884 - Advert

“A curiosity to be seen at the NAGS HEAD, Dudley Port, a suckling pig 20 score.”

1891 Census

1, Groveland Road – NAGS HEAD

- [1] *William Downing* (75), haulier, born Oldbury;
- [2] Lucy Downing (75), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Anthony Downing (16), grandson, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah A. Downing (19), granddaughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Samuel Downing (9), grandson, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Stevens (18), general servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/6/1893 - Died

“On the 15th inst, at the NAGS HEAD INN, Dudley Port, in his 77th year, *William Downing*; deeply regretted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/3/1894

“*William Downing*, the NAGS HEAD INN, Dudley Port, against whom there was a previous conviction, was fined 40s and costs, or one months’ imprisonment, for allowing a horse belonging to him to be worked while suffering from severe lameness, arising from a large bony enlargement on each leg. Frederick Wills,

Burnt Tree, *Downing's* driver, was fined 5s and costs.”

Joseph Walker, beer retailer, 1, Groveland Road. [1896], [1900]

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/6/1896

“On Saturday Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the NAGS HEAD Tipton, on the body of Samuel Wilkes (7), son of Samuel Wilkes, ironworker, Groveland Road. The evidence stated that on Thursday night the deceased and another little boy, named Martin, were playing on the towing-path of the canal, when deceased stooped down to reach something from the water. In doing so he overbalanced himself and fell in and was drowned. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

The foreman of the jury (Mr. G. S. Peake) entered a strong protest against the viewing of bodies. In the present case several of the jury had been made ill by viewing a body that had been kept since Tuesday through the tropical weather of the past week. They knew how the coroner had been placed, and there was no one to blame, but he protested against juries viewing bodies in any case. The Coroner said he did not wonder at the jurymen being ill, and quite agreed with the foreman as to protesting against the viewing of bodies. He had forwarded many memorials to the Home Secretary on the subject, but nothing had been done. He would do away with it entirely except where the coroner thought it desirable, or where any jurymen wished to see the body. He would forward the jury's protest to the Home Secretary. In reply to the foreman, the Coroner said the body would be buried that afternoon.”

1901 Census

1, Groveland Road

[1] *Ann Walker* (56), widow, publican, born Hill Top;

[2] *Clements Walker* (28), son, steam engine driver, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Elizabeth Sheldon* (84), mother, born Tipton:

1911 Census

1, Groveland Road

[1] *Edward Turley* (34), haulier, born Dudley Port;

[2] *Sarah Ann Turley* (35), wife, married 12 years, born Tipton;

[3] *Elizabeth Turley* (7), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Olive Moore* (63), mother, widow, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/7/1938

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee was held at the County Buildings, Stafford, on Wednesday, when the renewal of the licenses of eight houses, which had been referred by the local justices, was considered.....

‘After careful consideration of the trade that this house is doing the renewal will not be refused,’ said the Chairman in the case of the NAGS HEAD, Dudley Port.

Inspector Haynes described the structural condition of the house as bad, and said the licensee had concentrated on a haulage business rather than on the licensed trade. There was another house belonging to the same firm 76 yards away.

The Chairman: How do you account for the trade it seems to do? – Inspector Haynes: Probably the proximity of works.

The Chairman: We are told it is increasing, and has gone up from four to five barrels.

Mr. W. Field Hunt (for the justices) stated that he understood the trade had decreased 20 per cent in the last three years.

Formal application was made by Mr. S. Smith for the renewal of the license, which, as stated above was granted.”

It had a darts team. [1948]

A Full License was granted on 20th April 1972.

The license was not renewed on 5th March 1987.

NAGS HEAD

34, (35), Market Place / Mill Street, (35, Great Bridge), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Holder's Brewery Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1919]

S. A. Brain and Co. Ltd. [1999]

LICENSEES

Henry Horton [1872] – [1881]

Mrs. Elizabeth Horton [1891] – [1901]

Jose Lopez Perez []

William Thomas Evans [1911] – [1912]

W Davis [1917]

Owen Benjamin Bourne [1919] – **1921**;

William Thomas Griffiths (**1921 – 1939**);

Frederick Pugh (**1939 – 1955**);

Harold Francis Devey (**1955 – []**)

Herbert Victor Rooney [1958]

Benjamin 'Ben' Morgan [1969]

Peter Goddard (**1974 – 1975**)

Harry N Walker [1976] – [1987]

Glynis Bennett [1991] – [1994]

Derek Williams [2000]

Anita Carol Brooks [2001] – [2002]

NOTES

35, Great Bridge [1881], [1891]

35, Market Place [1901]

34, Market Place [1912], [1940]

It had a beer and cider license.

Tokens were issued from here for its Sick and Dividend Society.

Henry Horton, beer retailer, Great Bridge. [1872]

Midland Examiner 10/7/1875

“*Henry Horton*, landlord of the NAGS HEAD INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, was summoned at the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, for having on the 15th of May last sold two quarts of ale, the same being adulterated. In this case it was shown that the ale was submitted for the purpose of being analyzed. A cer-

tificate from the analyst showed that samples contained 60.69 grains of common salt to the imperial gallon. Fined £1 and costs.”

[At this court, three landlords from Great Bridge, appeared on the same charge.]

1881 Census

35, Great Bridge – public house – NAGS HEAD

[1] *Henry Horton* (56), hinge manufacturer employing 6 men, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Horton* (53), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Charles Knible (20), nephew, born Birmingham:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/2/1890 - Died

“On the 26th inst, aged 65 years, *Henry Horton*, NAGS HEAD INN, Great Bridge, hinge manufacturer. Friends kindly accept this (the only) intimation.”

1891 Census

35, Great Bridge – NAGS HEAD

[1] *Elizabeth Horton* (60), widow, innkeeper, born Birmingham;

[2] Charles Knibb (30), nephew, hinge maker, born Birmingham;

[3] Samuel Williams (45), boarder, schoolmaster, born Tipton;

[4] William Tovey (40), boarder, general labourer, born Tewkesbury;

[5] James Sayce (22), boarder, furnaceman, born Tipton;

[6] Emily J. Blackford (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1901 Census

35, Market Place – NAGS HEAD INN

[1] *Elizabeth Horton* (68), widow, publican, born Birmingham;

[2] Charles Knibbs (40), nephew, hinge maker, born Birmingham;

[3] James Layce (34), boarder, copper worker, born Tipton;

[4] James Onions (70), boarder, hinge maker, born Tipton;

[5] Thomas Birch (30), boarder, checker at iron works, born Tipton;

[6] Emma Birch (24), boarder, born Tipton;

[7] William Birch (1 month), boarder, born Tipton:

It was rebuilt in 1907.

Tipton Herald 5/6/1909

“A meeting of the executive of the Dudley and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held on Thursday, at the NAGS HEAD, Great Bridge, Mr. Alexander Paterson presiding. The chairman regretted that owing to short notice the mass meeting called to fix prices for spirits was not so well attended as it might have been. The Budget was vindictive and spleenish, and to the Trade it appeared that Mr. Lloyd-George and his crew had gone out of their way to rob and plunder the Trade (hear, hear). It behoved every person interested in the Trade to watch the classes closely, and to repeatedly protest against them.

A long circular was received from Mr. Lawrence Levy, asking the Association to prepare petitions to the House of Commons against Sunday closing. He fully appreciated how recent was the call to them to petition the Commons, and the Lords, on the matter of the Licensing Bill, and he would not have dreamt of approaching them again had it not been for the fact that the Sunday closing proposals of the Government seriously imperilled their trade interests. They must be well aware of the fact that all over the country Sunday trading was frequently the most remunerative trading of the week. But the appeal was made to them not only in their own interests, but in the interests of their customers, whose rights and privileges would be unduly interfered with under the suggested Bill. They would make them see how unjustified is the further limitation of hours, bring before them the possibility of total closing under the Bill, wherever the local bench might so determine, and demonstrate to them that it was only the public house which was interfered with, while the clubs were scot free. In conclusion he suggested that the petitions should be forwarded to the bor-

ough member, who should be asked to present them to the House.

A letter was read calling attention to a meeting to be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on June 10th to protest against the Budget, and asking for delegates to be sent. The chairman and the secretary (Mr. F. W. Boilstone [MINERS ARMS, High Street, Dudley.]) were appointed to attend.

Commenting on the question of Sunday closing, Mr. W. George [JOLLY BREWER] (vice chairman) said the Tipton association had already issued their petition.....”

1911 Census

Great Bridge – NAGS HEAD

[1] *William Thomas Evans* (41), beerhouse keeper, born Bradley;

[2] *Ellen Evans* (42), wife, married 15 years, born Wollaston;

[3] *Caroline Cave* (64), wife’s mother, widow, born Stourbridge:

William Thomas Evans, beer retailer, 34, Market Place, Great Bridge. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/12/1917 - Advert

“For Sale, pretty chestnut Cob, 14 hands, thick-set, 7 years; exceptionally fast and fine mover, warranted quiet to ride or drive; vet’s examination reason for selling; proved in foal by the welch trotter, Cardigan Comet. Any trial. £20.

W. Davis, NAGS HEAD, Great Bridge.”

1939 Register

Great Bridge – NAGS HEAD

[1] *Frederick Pugh*, date of birth, 13/01/1883, licensed beer seller, married;

[2] *Bertha Pugh*, dob, 28/08/1882, domestic worker, married;

[3] *Elizabeth Healy*, dob, 25/03/1878, bar general, single;

[4] *Jessica (H) (Pugh) Jones*, dob, 19/09/1912, gas appliance sales department, single;

[5] *Rose (Roseanna) Purnell*, dob, 04/07/1894, barmaid, married;

[7] *Nita Bishop*, dob, 03/12/1923, domestic work, single:

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies’ Darts League. [1948]

A full license was confirmed 26th April 1949.

A team from here took part in the Tividale and District Darts League. [1952]

Benjamin Morgan was married to *Nellie*.

Peter Goddard was born in Tippetty Green, Rowley Regis.

He was married to *Ann*.

He played football for Rowley Juniors FC.

Sports Argus 9/12/1978

“Sport-Inn Quiz. Sponsored by Mitchells & Butlers & Bass Worthington.

Here is the full list of entries for the *Sports Argus* Sport-Inn Quiz competition. The draw for the first round matches will take place on January 8 and will be published next week.....

NAGS HEAD, Market Place, Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands.”

Sports Argus 6/1/1979

“First round matches for the *Sports Argus* Sport-Inn Quiz draw to be played on January 8.....

HEN & CHICKENS, Hill Top, West Bromwich v NAGS HEAD, Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands.”

[Sandwell Evening Mail 20/8/1994](#)

“Down Your Local. NAGS HEAD, Great Bridge.....

The pub is the headquarters of the Tipton branch of the Royal British Legion who meet there regularly. It is also the meeting place for the local branch of the Air Gunners.

Above the entrance outside is a Tipton Civic Society plaque, unveiled by the Mayor of Sandwell 18 months ago, in memory of a former celebrated customer, Corporal Joseph Davies, formerly of Nock Street, Toll End. The ex-Royal Welsh Fusilier was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery in action on the Somme in July 1916.

William Allen, who pops in for a drink twice a week, recalls the time when a former landlord had to remove the pub's mina bird, situated in a cage above the dart board. 'Every time you used to throw a dart it would shout 'rubbish.' This used to put you off, so it was put in a back room.'

This is a down-to-earth corner pub which has undergone a transformation in the three years since Gordon Bennett, aged 44, and wife Glenys, aged 39, moved in. Gordon, a former scrap merchant, ran his own foundry-supplying business for 20 years, with Glenys a director, before the Black Country Development Corporation slapped a compulsory purchase on the land which was wanted for the Black Country Spine Road. 'I decided then that was the time to move on,' said Gordon. 'It had always been at the back of my mind to run a pub so it seemed the right time to take the plunge.' He bought the NAGS HEAD in Market Place from brewers Bass and invested £500,000 developing it. The pub, which had been run-down, now boasts function rooms, skittle alley, a games and children's room and new toilets. 'There are two pool tables and the pub has four darts boards so we've got a bit of everything,' said Gordon. He added, 'I like to think all the work Glenys and I have put in has helped us gain the respect of the customers since we arrived. They're a great crowd here and all the customers are always doing something for charity.'

Pub Facts.

Price of a Pint: Range of traditional beers, including Banks mild, from 96p a pint; Carling Black Label lager, £1.42; Caffrey Irish Ale, £1.48.

Food: T-bone steak with all trimmings, £5.75; freshly-cooked pork sandwiches, £1; scampi and chips, £1.80; sandwiches, £1.20.

Parking: car park with spaces for 100 vehicles.

Transport: WMT bus routes 74, 310, 312, 401, 419, 459, 678.

Opening Hours: 11am to 4pm and 6pm to 11pm Monday to Thursday. 11am to 11pm Friday and Saturday. Noon to 3pm and 7pm to 10.30pm Sundays.”

It was renamed FUSILIER on 20th November 1998, in honour of Corporal Joseph Davies VC, whose blue 'Tipton Civic Society' plaque was fixed on the front wall of the pub.

[Birmingham Weekly Mercury 11/4/1999 - Advert](#)

“Elaine did it, so can You!

Elaine found it hard to slim on her own so she finally went along to one of our slimming classes for help. Elaine found the friendly atmosphere and individual attention was just what she needed to concentrate on losing weight.

Lose Your Weight with Super Slim. We give you a choice of 3 successful diets on which you will Never be hungry, individual attention, recommended only normal family foods and No Calorie Counting.....

FUSILIERS Lounge (formerly NAGS HEAD), Market Place, Great Bridge, Mon 7.00pm.”

It was renamed NAGS HEAD in 2003.

[2008]

Closed [2009], [2018]

[Express & Star 16/8/2017](#)

“A derelict pub which once honoured ‘one of the bravest of the brave’ Tipton war heroes has been left to rot. Calls have been made for The NAGS HEAD, in Market Place, Great Bridge – also the former home of Tipton Royal British Legion – to be brought back to life.

In the mid 1990s the pub was renamed The FUSILIER in honour of Corporal Joseph Davies, before reverting back to The NAGS HEAD.

A blue plaque used to be situated on the front wall of the building commemorating his heroic actions after he saved the lives of eight comrades at Delville Wood on July 20, 1916, during the Battle of the Somme. The dedicated soldier, who lived in nearby Nock Street, was awarded the Victoria Cross by King George V. The plaque was put on the building in 1992, after a campaign by Tipton Civic Society and the Royal British Legion Tipton Branch. It is now on The KINGS ARMS in Toll End Road. A memorial stone honouring Corporal Davies' life was unveiled last year at Victoria Park. It was due to be converted into apartments and shops after plans were pushed forward in 2014 following objections to its demolition, but work is yet to get under way.

Chairman of Sandwell Council planning committee, Councillor Paul Sanders, said, 'It was a lovely pub that sadly got abandoned. It would be great to see it refurbished or converted into flats.'

Keith Hodgkins, chair of Tipton Civic Society, said the building was 'one of the best' in the area. He said it was designed by local architect George Wenyon, who was also behind Tipton Library and Dudley Library. Corporal Davies died in the 1970s. 'We think The NAGS HEAD is a very important building. When it closed we took the plaque off and last year had it put on The KINGS ARMS, in Toll End Road. We are very sad to see it as it is'."

NAVIGATION

1, Park Lane West / Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Frederick Cecil Jackson, Diamond Brewery, Dudley
Atkinsons Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1908]

LICENSEES

Sarah Aston [1818]
Paul Griffiths [1828] – [1830]
Mrs. Maria Griffiths [1830] – [1843]
Benjamin Whitehouse [1845] – [1881]
Henry Jaggard [1882]
William Turner [1891] – [1892]
Samuel Langford []
Charles Evomy Carr [1895] – [1896]
John Rowe [1901]
James Sutcliffe [1904]
Samuel Martin **(1907 – 1908)**;
George Sedgewick **(1908 – []**
Frederick Harley [1909]
Edith Harley [1910] – [1911]
George Priest [1912] – [1912]
Neil Regan [1913] – [1915]
William Bayliss [] – **1915**;
John Ashmore **(1915 – [1916]**
Robert Turner [1919] – **1920**);

Araunah Charles Lewis (1920 – [1921])
Harry Bache [1926]

NOTES

NAVIGATION HOUSE [1818], [1830], [1834], [1842], [1851]

NAVIGATION INN [1849], [1868], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1908], [1912]

Commercial [1851]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/9/1842 - Advert

“To Capitalists.

To be Disposed Of, that old-established Public House, known by the name of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton Green. It has for its boundaries the Birmingham canal on one side, and the new intended Birmingham and Sedgley Road on the other, and has a good supply of water, with every convenience for Stabling, Brew-house, &c.

Application to be made to Mr. Solomon Powell, Auctioneer and Land Surveyor, Tipton.

Price moderate.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/6/1843 - Married

“On the 3rd inst. at Tipton, by the Rev. F. S. Bradshaw, M.A., Mr. George Bannister, of Tipton, to Lydia, eldest daughter of Mrs. *Maria Griffiths*, of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 30/10/1843 - Advert

“NAVIGATION INN, Tipton Green.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Thursday, the 16th day of November, 1843, at the house of Mr. E. Aston, the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, at six o'clock in the evening – the above old-established Licensed House, which is fitted up with the usual household fixtures; comprising large parlour, club, tap, and bed rooms, with every other convenience, for which this old-established house has been famed; with Land sufficient for the erection of a Malthouse or other Buildings.

The new Turnpike Toad, will be a most important advantage to this Property.

For price and to treat apply to the Auctioneer, Protector Cottages, West Bromwich.”

Benjamin Whitehouse was also a cab proprietor and hay and corn dealer.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/6/1846

“The Tipton Slasher will be at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, on Tuesday next, and will be glad to see his friends previous to going into training.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/8/1847

“An inquest was commenced on Wednesday last, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, and a respectable jury, at the house of Mr. *Whitehouse*, junior, the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, on the body of Leonard Thorpe, the prosecutor in the case given above [see below], who, on returning from Dudley to Tipton on the same night, was so severely beaten, that he died on the following day. Two Irish shoemakers, named Patrick Grady and John Malony, are in custody, on suspicion of being the guilty parties in this awful affair, and were present at the investigation. The witnesses examined were Anthony and Mary Ellis. These parties proved that the unfortunate deceased was drinking with them at the ANGEL INN, Dudley, on Saturday night, until 12 o'clock, that he was sober and had some money about him, which was afterwards found upon his person by the police. Anthony Ellis left before Thorpe, and had gone but a few yards from the inn when he was severely beaten by some Irishmen armed with bludgeons, who robbed him of his hat and handkerchief. To escape their fury he climbed over the castle wall, on the new-road, near the Lower Church, and whilst concealed there heard three men threaten the English in a dreadful manner; and at the same time identified

Grady was one of the party. Mary Ellis remained in company with Thorpe some time after her husband, and parted with him at the door of the inn, and he took the road by the Castle-wall towards Tipton.

Charles Lewis, of Tipton, a boatman, was also in company with the deceased on the night in question, and he also identified Grady as one of the men on the road who had attacked Ellis.

James Cotterill and John Guest, the former a companion, and the latter a servant to poor Thorpe, stated the circumstances attendant upon his death. At 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, he was brought by the tunnel-keeper at Tipton, to the boat of Cotterill, who noticed the blood on him, and enquired how it came, but received no reply. Deceased slept in this boat, and on the following morning, on being called by Cotterill, and asked if he was ready, he said 'Yes,' and tackled the horse for the purpose of commencing the journey. During the whole of this period, both witnesses said they observed nothing particular in the deceased's manner; and it was not until about seven o'clock that a doctor was mentioned; but Thorpe said, 'Stay a bit.' Cotterill's horse being ill, he put off his journey; and, on learning this, poor Thorpe said he should do the same. He then left Cotterill's boat and walked a space of one hundred yards to his own, where he remained dozing on the boat, until three o'clock in the afternoon, when he got up and asked his servant to get a little warm water and wash his head, saying it ached. The man did so, and in one hour afterwards he was found by him dead. He had taken nothing during all this period.

The Coroner, after animadverting upon the gross negligence displayed by these two men in not calling for medical assistance, said that he had received such information as led him to infer that a complete (although circumstantial) chain of evidence, implicating the prisoners, would be obtained if an adjournment took place, and he should therefore, recommend that further consideration of this important case to be adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next."

[Leonard Thorpe was robbed by Sarah Parkes, in the SWAN (? This changes to the NAVIGATION, at the Assizes) INN, Tipton, she was found guilty and sentenced to be transported for a period of seven years.]

[At the adjourned inquest, a verdict of Manslaughter was returned against Grady and Malony, who after being taken before the magistrates, Malony was committed to take his trial. A man named Cavanagh who was implicated, absconded. It would appear that Thomas Cavanagh and John Malony were sentenced to ten months' imprisonment at Stafford, for manslaughter.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/1/1849

"On Tuesday last Messrs. Hopkins and Son, Dudley Port in this parish, according to an annual custom, regaled the men and boys in their employ, who, together with the men's wives, assembled at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Whitehouse*, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, to the number of 200 and upwards, and partook of an excellent and abundant repast, which was provided for the occasion by the respected host, and elicited general satisfaction. An exceedingly pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present."

Birmingham Journal 18/1/1851 - Died

"On the 12th inst, of Bronchitis, aged five months, Albert William Hopkins, son of Mr. *Benjamin Whitehouse*, of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton."

Birmingham Journal 4/10/1851

"An adjourned inquest was held on Thursday, at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, on the body of John Humphreys, who was employed at Messrs. Hopkins and Rowley's pit, in the parish of Rowley Regis, and who, owing to the negligence of the engineer in not regulating the engine when the skip was being drawn up the shaft, was precipitated to the bottom of the pit, and killed on the spot. This occurred on the Tuesday previous, when the deceased, with eight fellow workmen, signalled to be drawn up, and every thing went on as usual till they approached the mouth of the shaft, when they began to ascend with great velocity, and fearful of being drawn over the pulley, six of the men jumped out on the bank, some of them narrowly escaping falling into the shaft, which was 140 yards deep. Poor Humphreys, however, was not so fortunate for in jumping out, his shoulder came in contact with the framework machinery, and he was precipitated down the pit, and kicked on the spot. Two of the men, being unable to escape from the skip, were drawn up close to the pulley, when the engineer succeeded at this critical moment in arresting the engine, by which their lives were saved, and the engineer himself escaped from the heavy consequences of a verdict of manslaughter, as the

jury, under these circumstances, returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The Coroner severely reprimanded the engineer and the banksman, (who had been absent from his duty) for their negligence, and warned them of the consequences of any future neglect. The engineer said he should not arrest the engine, as there was another heavily-laden skip coming up an adjoining shaft, worked by the same engine, which caused the increase in speed.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“On Wednesday, the annual petty sessions for the Hundred of Offlow South was held.....

The following publicans were cautioned only.....

Benjamin Whitehouse, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, refusing to admit the police.”

Lane’s Masonic Records (www.dhi.ac.uk)

“Noah’s Arke Lodge (347)

NAVIGATION HOTEL, Park Lane, Tipton, Staffordshire. 1853.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 31/1/1857

“On Monday evening, Mr. G. H. Hinchcliffe, held an inquest at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, on the body of a child named Ann Ballett, aged two years and a half, who was suspected to have been murdered by its mother, Phoebe Ballett, a woman about forty years of age, who is in custody, having been remanded by the West Bromwich magistrates on the capital charge of murder. The following evidence was adduced.

Caroline Aston, said: I know the deceased, who was about two years and a half old; her mother was Phoebe Ballett, who I believe is married; her husband, Edward Ballett, who lives apart from his wife, is a collier; the prisoner lived in a house in Union Street with her two children; no one else lived with her; the deceased child was placed at our house to nurse about two years ago; it only remained during the day, and the mother fetched it away at night; the child was at our house on Friday last, Jan. 23rd; it was taken there by the child’s brother. I left the child in charge of my mother, to go with my husband’s dinner; I returned in half a hour, the child I was told had been taken away by its mother; ten minutes later the mother of the child, Phoebe Ballett, came to me and said she had lost her child, and asked me if it had come to my house again; I told her the child was not come back; she then left immediately; I followed her as I wished to look for the child; I again saw the mother of the child, but I don’t remember what was said; seeing others going to a brewhouse belonging to Mr. Abraham Bate, I also went; it is situated more than twenty yards from Phoebe Ballett’s house; I saw a well in the brewhouse; the bricks round it were a few inches higher than the brewhouse floor; there was a piece of wood a little way over the top; some men came in and I left and stood on the outside; in a few minutes a person brought out the body of the child with its clothes wet; I did not see the child after they brought it out; the mother pretended to nail for her living; part of the two years she lived with her mother (deceased’s grandmother); during the day the mother used to fetch the child to feed it, and sometimes we sent it; she is now near her confinement.

By the Jury: I never knew Ballett ill-use her child; she seemed fond of it; the child might have got in the well by itself.

Benjamin Mason, a miner, had seen Ballett going towards the well where the body of the child was found. In a quarter of an hour afterwards heard an alarm that the child was in the well; went to the brewhouse; a candle was procured and on looking and by using a prop, discovered the child.

Elizabeth Guest said: On Friday last I saw Phoebe Ballett in my house at half past one o’clock. She came to my house. She said, ‘It is cold, I’ll have a warm.’ She remained five or six minutes, but said nothing about the child. It was not with her. She then went towards her mother’s. In five or six minutes she came again, and asked me if I had seen the child. I said, ‘No,’ and she went away again. She came a third time, and said, ‘I can’t find my child. I have been everywhere, it must be lost.’ She again went away. Phoebe Ballett raised the neighbourhood, and going out I saw her crying a short distance from the brewhouse. I heard her say to Phoebe Darby, ‘Being as you have been a washing and left the door open, my child must have got into that brewhouse.’ Search was then made and the child was found in the well. There were no marks upon her. Sergeant Adams observed to the coroner that this witness, Elizabeth Guest, had told him that Phoebe Ballett said, ‘The child must be in the well.’ The woman after some equivocation admitted that Phoebe Ballett might have said that the child must be in the well.

John Williams, a miner, of Tipton, at about half past one o'clock, saw Phoebe Ballett with the child proceeding from Aston's with the last witness. He did not see her go into the brewhouse with the child. He said he could not see whether she had the child with her or not, adding that it was after the outcry that she went into the brewhouse.

Police sergeant Adams affirmed positively that the last witness had told him he saw the woman go into the brewhouse with the child and come out without it.

Police constable Kent said that Williams had told him the same.

Williams strenuously denied it.

Edward Pugh saw Phoebe Ballett with the child and Mrs. Jones going down to Water Lane, and in a short time afterwards saw Mrs. Ballett twice peeping round some building near the brewhouse. She had the child then. The witness worked with the last witness, who he said told him, on seeing the crowd near the brewhouse, that if the child was drowned it was Phoebe Ballett's child, for he would swear before judge and jury that he saw her go into the brewhouse with the child and come out without it. [The coroner said he could not take this as evidence, as Phoebe was not present.] This witness further said, that it was generally believed that the witness Williams was the father of the child. After about half an hour after the body was found Phoebe Ballett went on to the pit bank where the witness was at work. Williams then said to her, in the witness's presence, 'Now don't you come anigh me, if you have drowned that child. Ned (addressing the witness), don't let her come anigh me, order her off.' She said, 'I am sure thee hast drowned it, and no one else, for I watched you all the way down the lane, and go into the brewhouse with it and come out without it.' She then said, 'You d—d rogue if you say I have drowned the child,' and then struck him with her fist in the breast, and on the face four or five times altogether. The witness parted them and told her to go home. Williams struck the woman and knocked her down. She declared Williams had drowned the child. She then left.

Williams was recalled, and cautioned by the coroner. He denied the first portion of Pugh's statement, but admitted asking her on the pit bank if she had drowned her child He said he did not say he watched her into the brewhouse, and saw her come out without the child. He struck her. He thought she had drowned it from the short time that elapsed between the time he met her with it and its being found drowned.

The Coroner, doubted William's evidence.

Williams said that he had given the woman money for the child.

Henry Ellis, who worked on the same pit bank, was the next witness in the woman's absence Williams told Pugh that he saw the woman go into the brewhouse with the child, and come out without it.

The coroner, however, said he would not take this as evidence, and the enquiry was adjourned."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/3/1858

"Mr. John Davies gave a dinner to upwards of twenty gentlemen on Tuesday, in the Masonic Hall, NAVIGATION INN, to celebrate the appointment of Philip Williams Esq. as High Sherriff of the County of Staffordshire."

Birmingham Daily Post 2/8/1858 - Advert

"Newfoundland Dog Found.

Found, on Thursday night last, July 29th, near Todd's End, Tipton, a large Black Newfoundland Dog.

The Owner may have him again on applying at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, describing him, and paying the expense of this advertisement."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/1/1859

"The Court was occupied for a long time in the hearing of a summons, in answer to which Mr. *Benjamin Whitehouse*, landlord of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, appeared to show cause why an order should not be made upon him as the father of the illegitimate child of Hannah Jukes, a young woman apparently about twenty-seven years of age, who had been barmaid for Mr. *Whitehouse*. Mr. Bartlett appeared to support the information, and Mr. Kenealy, of the Oxford Circuit, was engaged for the defendant. For the defence several witnesses were called to speak to circumstances affecting the character of the young woman; and Mr. *Whitehouse* entered the witness box and entirely denied the allegation, or that she had ever stated what she now swore before leaving his service. The Magistrates dismissed the case."

Birmingham Daily Post 20/7/1859

“Last evening a meeting was held in the commodious Assembly Room of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton (Mr. *B. Whitehouse*'s) to ‘receive the sentiments of those who are favourable to the formation of a Petty Sessionsal Division of Justices of the parish, and to discuss such other questions in connection with that contemplated project as may come under the notice and consideration of the meeting.’ Mr. J. Hemmand, solicitor, convened the meeting by circular.....”

Staffordshire Advertise 26/11/1859

“A Rifle Corps For Tipton.

A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, on Wednesday evening, called by a requisition bearing the names of the most leading inhabitants of the parish, including three clergymen.....

Birmingham Journal 14/4/1860

“Monday was a high day and a holiday with the members of the Tipton Volunteer Rifle Corps, as it was the day set apart for parading the parish, attending church, and partaking of the dinner liberally provided for them by the Captain, W. Barrows, Esq, jun. About ten o'clock in the morning, the commissioned and non-commissioned officers, with ninety-four men, all dressed in uniform, assembled in the spacious Masonic Hall of the NAVIGATION INN, and having armed themselves with their rifles and bayonets they proceeded to St. Paul's Church After the service was concluded, the corps proceeded up Owen Street to the Bloomfield Works, and presented arms to Messrs. Barrows and Hall. They next visited the private residence of P. Williams, Esq. (Deputy Lieutenant) and presented arms. Mr. Williams received them very cordially, and entertained them at a sumptuous luncheon, which was done full justice to. Having given three lusty cheers for their hospitable entertainer, they proceeded to Messrs. Walker's works, at Gospel Oak. These gentlemen have been very liberal contributors to the corps, and are celebrated makers of cannon. From thence the riflemen marched to the LIMERICK, at Great Bridge, and the lieutenant (Mr. Hall) treated them to some more refreshments Having been out about six hours, they returned to the drill ground, where Colonel Vernon inspected them in the ranks, and paid a very high compliment to them on their generally efficient state, stating that he was proud to see them muster in such force, carry themselves so well under arms, and exhibit such a soldier-like bearing. The officers and men then marched to the NAVIGATION INN, where a substantial dinner was provided by the host.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 8/5/1860 - Advert

“To Publicans, Shopkeepers, And Others.
Freehold Building Land.

By Mr. S. Powell, This day (Tuesday), at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, at Seven o'clock – Twenty-one lots of Freehold Building land, near the Park Lane Toll Gate, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/8/1860 - Advert

“Hooper for Coroner.

The Committees for conducting Mr. Hooper's Election sit daily at the following Places.....

Tipton, at the NAVIGATION INN.....

By order. Hodgson and Allen, G. S. Watson, Agents for Mr. Hooper. 14th August, 1860.”

[This election followed the death of George Hayes Hinchliffe. Edwin Hooper, Deputy Coroner, was elected Coroner.]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/8/1860 - Advert

“Hooper For Coroner.

Committee Room, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 12/1/1861 - Advert

“The Tipton Rifle Corps Ball, will be held in The Masonic Hall, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, on Thursday, January 29th, 1861.

Under the Distinguished patronage of Lieutenant-Colonel Vernon, Captain Barrows, Captain Wainwright, Lieutenant Hall, Lieutenant Barrows, Lieutenant Sanders, Lieutenant Hooper, Lieutenant Mathews, Quarter-master Howells.

Gilmer's Efficient Quadrille band is engaged for the occasion.

Ladies Tickets, 7s 6d; Gentlemen's 10s.

Dancing to commence at Nine o'clock.

Monsieur Gilmer, M.C.

Cars will be sent for the convenience of Ladies and Gentlemen.

Volunteers are respectfully requested to attend in Full Dress Uniform."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/1/1861

"An inquest was held on Monday evening last at the house of Mr. *Whitehouse*, the NAVIGATION INN, before E. Hooper, Esq, coroner, on the body of a man named Nicklin, who it was alleged, met with his death from injuries received in a public house encounter with a County Court bailiff named Rowland. It appears that some time ago the deceased met Rowland at a public-house, and that Rowland gave deceased a push, which knocked him over a bench. He did not, however, appear much injured. A few days after the occurrence Nicklin died, and a rumour was circulated to the effect that his death was occasioned by injuries he received in the tussle with Rowland. The medical evidence and other facts showed that deceased died from natural causes, and a verdict to this effect which exculpated Rowland, was returned."

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/1863

"On Tuesday last, a testimonial of the esteem and regard of a numerous body of the inhabitants of Tipton, in the shape of a gold watch, chain, and purse of gold, was presented by Mr. Thomas Walton, at the NAVIGATION INN, to Mr. Thomas Green, Inland Revenue officer, who has recently left Tipton, after a residence there of seven years. An appropriate address was delivered by Mr. Walton, which was responded to by Mr. Green in suitable terms. Most of the subscribers being present, a very agreeable evening was spent."

Birmingham Daily Post 13/2/1865

"It is our painful duty to record another serious accident, attended with loss of life. This occurred on Friday evening, in a pit worked by Messrs. James Brown and Taylor, at Tipton Lower Colliery, the property of the Earl of Dudley. The shaft of the pit in question is near to an arm of the canal, which runs up to Lord Dudley's lime kilns. On Friday night there were six men and three horses at work in the pit, and as they were proceeding in the usual manner of getting coal they came upon an old shaft of a worked out pit. This, it would appear, was close to the arm of the canal, for the men in working disturbed the puddle of the bed of the canal and broke it, and the water then poured into the pit with terrible violence. Three of the men who were not quite so near to the spot, discovered that an accident had taken place, from the disturbed state of the atmosphere and the extinguishing of their candles, and they rushed to the pit shaft, signalled, and were drawn up. The other three and the three horses were drowned. As soon as the news of the accident was made known by the men who had so fortunately escaped, every means were adopted to get the poor fellows out of the pit, but we believe it was not until about five o'clock on Saturday morning that the bodies were recovered. They were all found clinging together. Singular to relate they all three belong to one family, their names being David Wharton (47), married, John Wharton (45), married, and Joseph, son of John Wharton (16), all residing in the parish of Tipton. We are informed that the water in the pit has already subsided, it being carried off by a natural descent in the workings. Steps were immediately taken for repairing the bed of the canal arm, and it is now made safe. Considerable inconvenience has, of course, arisen from the stoppage of traffic on the canal, caused by the great drainage of water therefrom. Several of the boats are stranded and much injured, and they present a somewhat grotesque spectacle as they lie on the top of and across each other. Beyond the boats, the canal, and the towing-path there is comparatively little damage done, so far as at present ascertained. Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, will hold an inquest upon the bodies of deceased this day, at the NAVIGATION INN."

Birmingham Daily Post 6/12/1865 - Advert

"By Mr. Charles Round, To-Morrow (Thursday) at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, at Six o'clock.

Freehold Inn, Dwelling Houses and Premises, in Union Street, Tipton.”

AND

“By Mr. Charles Round, To-Morrow (Thursday) at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, at Six o’clock. Shares in the Dudley and West Bromwich Banking Company.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/12/1862

“Henry Gwynne, 30, boat-builder, was indicted for breaking into the dwelling house of *Benjamin Whitehouse*, at Tipton, and stealing therefrom two pounds of copper coin, and one piece of beef, his property. Mr. Mathews conducted the prosecution.

Mr. *Benjamin Whitehouse*, the landlord of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, stated that on the evening of Monday, the 28th of July, he went to bed, leaving the premises securely fastened. Next morning he got up as usual, but did not notice the house particularly, as he had to start off early to attend the annual meeting of the County Rifle Association at Brownhills. When he came home in the evening, however, he found that his premises had been broken into, no doubt the night before, and his son’s cap, about two pounds in copper, a piece of cooked beef, some cheques, and part of a painter’s apron were missing. These things were safe in the breakfast room the preceding evening. He found that the kitchen window had been forced open by an iron fork, which had been left in the smoke room, the fork was his property, and was kept in the kitchen. George Ward, a servant in the employ of Mr. *Whitehouse* gave evidence corroborating, as far as it went, that given by his master.

Elizabeth Hammond, a woman living at Wolverhampton, stated that on the morning of Tuesday, the 29th of July, between nine and ten o’clock, she saw prisoner passing her house while she was at breakfast with some other woman. They asked him in, and he sat down, and said he would have a cup of tea with her. He then pulled out some beef, which was wrapped up in part of an apron produced, out of his pocket and ate it. The part of the apron produced was recognised by Mr. *Whitehouse* as that which he had missed from his premises, and corresponded with the other portion of the apron which remained in his possession after the robbery. In cross-examination by prisoner, witness admitted that she was a prostitute and kept a brothel, and that the man she lived with was a returned convict.

Thomas Hughes, a painter, proved that on the 28th July last, he was working at the NAVIGATION INN, and that he left his apron there. On the following day he went for it, but part of it was missing. The piece produced he recognised as part of his apron.

The last witness’s sister also identified the apron produced as the one she had made for her brother.

His Lordship summed up somewhat favourably towards the prisoner, who, however, was convicted by the jury.

He (prisoner) was then charged with having on the 31st July, at Tipton, broken and entered the counting house of Thomas Round, and stolen one counterfeit crown piece, and nine silver foreign coins therefrom.

Thomas Weeks, cashier to Mr. Round the proprietor of the Lion Brewery, Tipton, stated that on 31st July, at a quarter to seven in the evening, he left the office securely locked up and the drawers in which Mr. Round kept some coin safe.

Thomas Round, the prosecutor, proved that on the 31st July, he had in a drawer at his counting house a bag of foreign and old English coins, consisting of one counterfeit crown, a Queen Anne shilling, and some French, Mexican, and American coins. There was a blue silk purse ornamented with steel beads also in the same drawer. The next morning he found that his premises had been broken into during the night and the purse and the coins taken. He identified the coins produced as those missing from his counting house.

Elizabeth Hammonds stated that early on the morning of the 1st August, the prisoner came to her house at Wolverhampton, with another man. After he had been there a few minutes, he called her out to the house and showed her some coins he had in his pocket, some of which looked like foreign coins. There was also a five-shilling piece placed among them, and a blue silk purse with steel beads. The prisoner asked her to go with him to sell the coins but she refused.

Mr. W. Clark and W. W. Wilcox, silversmiths, Wolverhampton, stated that, on the 1st of August, the prisoner came to their respective shops, and sold the foreign and other coins now produced.

Mary Jones, the wife of a beerhouse-keeper, at Wolverhampton, deposed to the prisoner, on the same day, coming to her house and offering her a base five-shilling piece in payment for some drink. She told him it was counterfeit, and returned it to him. The five-shilling piece was the one produced, and was identified by

Mr. Round as similar to the one he had missed.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and it appeared that he was a ticket-of-leave convict. His Lordship sentenced him to twelve years' penal servitude."

On 17th November 1866 an inquest was held here, on the body of Edward Prichard; after hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter against William Skinner, who was committed to take his trial on a Coroner's warrant. At Stafford, in March 1867, he was found guilty, and sentenced to 10 calendar months' penal servitude.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/2/1867

"An inquest was held on Saturday, at the house of Mr. *Whitehouse*, the NAVIGATION INN, before Mr. Edwin Hooper, on view of the body of Richard White, aged 53, who was killed by a fall of coal at Mr. Thomas Morris's colliery, Randall's Lane, Tipton. The evidence showed that on the 15th inst. the deceased was employed in the pit in getting a piece of rock down, when a mass of rock, about three or four cwt, fell and severely crushed him. He was attended by Mr. Underhill, surgeon, but expired on the 21st from the injuries inflicted. It was anticipated that the Government Inspector would be present, as information of the accident had been conveyed to him, and it had been stated that there had been a lack of good management in conducting the workings of the pit. Mr. Baker, however, was not present. In the course of the evidence it transpired that the miners, upon going down, examined the workings for themselves, and the Coroner suggested an adjournment for the purpose of obtaining the attendance of the Government Inspector, as the evidence in his opinion tended to show that the present management of the colliery was ineffective. The jury concurred in this view of the case and it was decided to adjourn until Saturday next for the double purpose of obtaining plans of the workings and the attendance of the inspector."

Dudley Herald 25/1/1868

"The annual festival of the Noah's Ark Lodge No.347 was held on Friday week, at the lodge room, NAVIGATION INN (Bro. *B. Whitehouse*)."

1871 Census

1, Park Lane – NAVIGATION INN

- [1] *Benjamin Whitehouse* (42), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Ellen Whitehouse* (43), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Ada Whitehouse* (17), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *John Walton Whitehouse* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Skidmore* (28), cousin, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [6] *Eliza Hart* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

County Advertiser 18/10/1873

"The Guest Hospital. A meeting of the Board was held in the Board Room on the 10th inst.....

The following sums were deposited in the Guest Hospital Boxes.....

Mr. B. Whitehouse, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, 12s 6d."

Dudley Guardian 8/8/1874 - Married

"On the 5th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Tipton, by the Rev. W. Cornwell, Vicar, Mr. Joseph Silk, junr, of Handsworth, to *Ada Emily Whitehouse*, second daughter of Mr. *Benjamin Whitehouse*, NAVIGATION HOTEL, Tipton."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 20/10/1877

"On Tuesday the annual dinner of the Tipton Licensed Victuallers' Protection and Benevolent Association was held at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, under the presidency of Mr. Wilson Lloyd. There was a large attendance, and deputations were present from various towns in the neighbourhood. The President, in proposing the toast of the evening, ridiculed the attempt by the junior members from Birmingham to introduce into this country the Gothenburg system, describing it, in local parlance, as nothing but a 'butty system,' and

a return to the monopolies which existed a hundred years ago.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/1/1880 - Notice

“East Staffordshire Election, 1880.....

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee for securing the election of S. C. Allsopp, Esq, and Sir John Hardy, Bart.....

B. Whitehouse, NAVIGATION HOTEL, Tipton.”

Lichfield Mercury 2/4/1880

“Yesterday, Mr. S. C. Allsop and Sir John Hardy attended to address a meeting at the NAVIGATION HOTEL, Tipton, but the proceedings were throughout of a disgraceful character. Some time before the arrival of the candidates a large body of men and boys, professing liberal principles, packed the whole of one side of the room in which the meeting was to be held, and they passed away the time in the most demonstrative manner, amusing themselves by apparently cheering, yelling, groaning, and cock-crowing, as subjects turned up which were deemed to esquire these particulars manifestations of sentiment. On the arrival of the candidates, the chair was taken by Dr. Underhill, and some of their noisy opponents immediately took up prominent positions in front of the candidates.....”

[Several election meetings were held here.]

1881 Census

1, Park Lane – NAVIGATION INN

[1] *Benjamin Whitehouse* (51), hotel keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Ellen Whitehouse* (53), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Alice Whitehouse* (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Matilda Woodhouse* (24), general servant, born Stourbridge;

[5] *Hannah Jeavons* (16), general servant, born Tipton;

[6] *Henry Walker* (24), visitor, gentleman, born Dudley:

Evening Express 10/11/1881

“On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton Green, Tipton, on the body of Thomas Brothwood (35), miner, Brook Row, Park Lane, lately in the employ of Messrs. Round Brothers, colliery proprietors, Tividale. Mr. Isaiah Foley, the certificated manager of the colliery, was present at the enquiry, as was also Mr. Henry Barnes, the secretary of the local Colliers’ Union. Mrs. Brothwood said her husband was brought home badly burnt on the 17th October. He said no one was to blame, for no one suspected any danger, and that it was he who fired the gas whilst striking into some old workings, which were unsuspected.

Eli Drew, collier, at work near the deceased, said Brothwood was holeing.

At this point the Coroner asked for the plans, and Mr. Foley explained that thirty-five years ago a jacky pit was sunk, but no record was made on the plans; this was filled up with water and refuse, and Brothwood must have struck just above the jacky pit, and so released an accumulation of gas. The jacky pit had been totally forgotten, and Mr. Scott, who had seen the place, said that whoever was working there would have thought he was striking their own workings. The colliery was finished a week after the accident.

Drew, continuing, said he, as fireman, examined the pit early and saw no gas. Had never seen gas there. Horton, the doggy, set the men to work. It was plain that Brothwood tapped the gas by striking the old workings. When burnt he cried out, ‘O Lord, catch hold of me.’ A man named Chater was burnt at the time, and he died a fortnight ago in the Guest Hospital. [There was an inquest opened on this man and adjourned for six weeks, to see if Brothwood recovered.]

The Coroner here said he did not think it necessary to go on with the inquest, inasmuch as a full inquiry would be made at Dudley.

A juryman asked if it was legal to work with naked lights.

Mr. Foley said it was, providing no gas had been found. Their men all used naked lights, except in new mines, or where gas was found. Mr. Hooper said it was legal to use naked lights if the pit was not a gaseous one.

The jury then returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from burns, but how those were received there was no evidence to show. This will leave the full enquiry to the Dudley Coroner.”

[On 7th December 1881 a verdict of Accidental Death was returned on Thomas Brothwood and George Chater.]

Dudley and District News 15/7/1882 - Advert

“NAVIGATION HOTEL, Park Lane, Tipton.

Having taken to the above Hotel, in the place of my Uncle, Mr. *B. Whitehouse*, who has retired from business, I beg to advise the public of the same, and express the earnest hope that I may have the same amount of kind patronage which was accorded to him.

H. Jaggard, Proprietor.

Commercial Accommodation. Dinners Daily At Moderate Charges. Good Stabling.”

Dudley and District News 7/10/1882

“Cornelius Regan, a young man, of Old Cross Street, Tipton, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and refusing to quit licensed premises. On the 23rd ult. the defendant went into the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, Tipton, rather the worse for drink. He was very abusive to the customers, and he was requested to leave the house. The landlord, *Henry Jaggard*, went to him for the purpose of turning him out, when the defendant took off his coat in order to fight. Sergeant Dutton was sent for, and that functionary turned him out. Defendant asked complainant if he was drunk when he entered the house, and on being answered in the affirmative, asked how it was that he served a drunken man with a glass of whiskey. Complainant stated that the whiskey was not drunk by defendant; it was afterwards served to another customer. Further evidence was given in support of the charge, which was denied by the defendant. The Bench considered the case proved, and fined the defendant 10s and costs 11s 6d, or 14 days.

Samuel Dedlock and William Tudor, labourers, were charged with a similar offence at the same house on the 25th ult. Defendants entered the house with a number of other men, and began a quarrel about some singing. They were asked by Mrs. *Jaggard* to leave the house; they went away with the others, but they returned shortly afterwards, and a police officer was sent for. Defendants admitted the charge, and expressed their sorrow. Discharged on payment of costs, the charge not being pressed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/10/1882 - Advert

“On Monday Next, Under A Bill Of Sale.

Lease, Goodwill, and Possession, Fixtures and Fittings, of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton; also the Stock-In-Trade, Brewing Plant, Household Furniture, and Miscellaneous Effects.

Blyth and Browett will Sell by Auction, upon the Premises, as above, on Monday Next, October 23, at 11 o’clock punctually – the Lease, Goodwill, and Possession, Fixtures and Fittings; also the Household Furniture, consisting of Iron French Bedsteads, excellent Feather Beds, Blankets, Bed Linen, mahogany Toilet Tables and Glasses, Toilet-ware, painted Wardrobes, mahogany Chairs in-hair seating, handsome Spanish Mahogany Sofa, elaborately carved guilt frame Chimney-glasses; Engravings, painted Benches and Assembly Room Requisites, mahogany Bookcase, Carpets and Floorclothes, mahogany Easy Chairs, China and Glass, imperial Cups and Jugs, Wedgewood Dessert Service, Dinner Ware; excellent Brewing plant, Stock-In Trade, capital Donkey and Child’s Saddle, Stable Requisites, and a variety of Household and Innkeeper’s Effects.

N.B. The lease, of which has seven years unexpired, with Goodwill and Possession, will be offered at 12.30 o’clock to the minute. The fittings and Fixtures, a list of which may be had at the Offices of the Auctioneers until the time of sale, to be taken at a valuation.

This is a genuine old business. The house adjoins the canal; has a large and well-lighted Assembly Room, which is let to the Volunteers for drills at an annual rental of £15, and the principal dinners and meetings of interest, property sales, &c, are held in this room. The business offers to an enterprising man a certain fortune, and an opportunity seldom to be met with.

For catalogues and further information, apply to Messrs. Powell and Browett, Solicitors, 104, Colmore Row; or the Auctioneers, 2, Temple Street, Birmingham.”

1891 Census

1, Park Lane West – NAVIGATION INN

- [1] *William Turner* (32), licensed victualler, born Battersea, London;
- [2] Florence Turner (29), wife, born Small Heath, Birmingham;
- [3] Frederick Turner (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] William Brown (19), lodger, errand boy, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Barnes (19), general servant, born Tipton;
- [6] Rebecca Thornton (13), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/12/1892 - Advert

“NAVIGATION HOTEL, Tipton; noted house, with volunteers’ drill hall attached; liquor vaults and every convenience; good situation for business; rent £65; let-off £15; In-coming £170. Powell and Brown, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1895

“The adjourned licensing session for the parishes of Darlaston and Tipton took place at Wednesbury yesterday.....

The police objected to the renewal of licenses to the following persons.....

Charles E. Carr, NAVIGATION, Park Lane, Tipton Renewed subject to structural alterations of the premises.”

Dudley Herald 10/9/1898

“On Monday last a man named *Samuel Langford*, of 113, Lea Bank Road, Birmingham, was admitted to the Guest Hospital suffering from poisoning. The police reported that the man and his wife called at the house of Miss. Annie Darby, who lets lodgings in Salop Street, and said they had been recommended there as likely to obtain accommodation. She agreed to accepting the man as a lodger, but could not accommodate the wife. This was on Friday, and the next day *Langford* was drinking rather heavily, and on Saturday night had an attack of delirium tremens. On Monday, he complained to Miss Darby of having a bad headache, and she gave him a bottle of ammonia and told him to smell as a means of relief. He took the ammonia into the house, and shortly afterwards she heard groans and found *Langford* in great agony. She immediately sent for Dr. Newey, to whom *Langford* admitted having taken the ammonia with intent to destroy himself. *Langford* used to be the landlord of the NAVIGATION HOTEL, Tipton, and was traveller, at one time, for a Tipton wine and spirit firm.”

[*Samuel Langford* died, and at the inquest a verdict of Suicide whilst Temporarily Insane, was returned.]

Dudley Herald 22/10/1898

“The NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, having recently been renovated at considerable expenses by the proprietor, a dinner and social gathering was held on Tuesday evening to celebrate the re-opening of the house. Upon the invitation of the proprietors and the contractor, a good number of guests assembled around the festive board and partook of an excellent repast. After the cloth had been cleared Councillor W. J. Cox was voted to the chair and Mr. J. T. Cox to the vice-chair. The loyal toast having been duly honoured, harmony was the order of the evening. Mr. S. Hartland, of Coseley, opened the programme with a pianoforte solo, ‘Moscow.’ Songs were rendered by Messrs. H. V. Cox, W. Cox, J. Hughes, Dodd, Woolett, and W. Smith. ‘The Health of the Contractor’ and ‘The Host and Hostess’ were enthusiastically received; also the ‘The Chairman and Vice-Chairman,’ who were cordially thanked for their liberality during the evening and in the past. In responding Mr. J. W. Cox expressed his pleasure in doing anything for Tipton and Tipton people. An enjoyable evening was spent.”

Dudley Herald 20/10/1900 - Advert

“Dancing. A Select Class is held at Masonic Hall, next NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, Tipton, every Tuesday evening, 7.45; terms, 6d. MC, J. Whitehouse.”

1901 Census

1, Park Lane West – NAVIGATION INN

- [1] *John Rowe* (41), brewer, born Enville;
- [2] *Clara M. Rowe* (43), wife, born Stockton, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Gertrude F. Rowe* (17), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Lewis E. Rowe* (14), son, born Dudley;
- [5] *Emily J. Rowe* (11), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] *John H. Rowe* (6), son, born Dudley;
- [7] *Evelyn M. Rowe* (4), daughter, born Dudley;
- [8] *Martha Jones* (20), general servant, born Dudley Port;
- [9] *Thomas Timmins* (24), servant, brewer's labourer, born Wall Heath:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/4/1908

“The Staffordshire Quarter Sessions were resumed yesterday, before Lord Hatherton and other justices. A decision not to renew the license of the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, by the Wednesbury county justices, was appealed against by the present tenant and lessees of the house, *George Sedgwick* and the Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. The magistrates below (Mr. W. W. Doughty, Mr. D. Hipkins, and Mr. J. Powell) had declined to renew the license on the ground that the house was ill-conducted, and that the tenant, *Martin*, had not produced evidence of good character. After the police had served notices of objection on *Martin*, the lessees changed the tenant, and it was to him that the justices refused to renew the license. The evidence of the police went to show that in *Martin's* time the house was a resort of convicted thieves, and it was shown that a quantity of stolen tobacco was found on the premises. The contention on behalf of the appellants, was that the conduct of *Martin* should not militate against the present tenant, it being pointed out that *Martin* was got out of the house at the earliest possible moment. It was urged that there was a distinction between thieves using a house and being harboured by the landlord. The Court allowed the appeal, but did not grant costs.”

Tipton Herald 13/2/1909

“The annual licensing sessions for Tipton was held on Wednesday.....

The report of Police-superintendent Salt to the licensing justices was as follows.....

Since the conviction the license of the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, has been transferred from *Samuel Martin* and is now held by *Frederick Harley*.....

At the adjourned licensing meeting last year the license of the NAVIGATION INN was refused, but was renewed on appeal to the Quarter Sessions.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/8/1910

“*Samuel Greensell* (45), New Cross Street, was charged at Tipton yesterday with being drunk and disorderly and refusing to quit the licensed premises of the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, and also with assaulting the landlady, *Edith Harley*. The latter stated that on August 6 defendant went to the public house in a drunk-en condition, and when witness refused to supply him with drink he used an objectionable expression. She then attempted to put him out, when he struck her. He afterwards had a running kick at her. Police-sergeant Sneyd said that when he visited the premises the landlady had a discoloured eye, and stated she was afraid defendant would break the windows. Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs for refusing to quit, and 10s and costs for the assault.”

1911 Census

2, Park Lane West – NAVIGATION INN

- [1] *Edith Harley* (38), widow, publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *George Harley* (11), son, born Harts Hill:

Edith Harley was the widow of *Frederick Harley* – see BOTTLE AND GLASS, Brierley Hill.

Dudley Chronicle 18/5/1912 - Advert

“Masonic Hall, adjoining the NAVIGATION, Park Lane, Tipton, to Let for Public Meetings, Concerts, etc. Splendidly lighted. Entirely renovated. Apply *Geo. Priest*, NAVIGATION INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/4/1915

“At Tipton Police Court yesterday, *Neil Regan* (27), landlord of the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, a well-known Black Country middle-weight pugilist, was summoned for being drunk on licensed premises. Mr. Philip Baker, who appeared for the defendant, said his client had been a license holder for five years and landlord of the NAVIGATION INN three years. Directly after the outbreak of war he took up his trade at the Tipton Green Chain and Anchor Works, and had been employed since in making chains for mine sweeping. On Easter Tuesday he was in the company of his friends, and on returning home saw some men in an outhouse attached to his licensed premises. He used language to them that was not discreet, and this attracted the attention of Police-sergeant Richards, who accused him of being under the influence of drink. The officer accompanied him to the house, where he went first into the kitchen and directly afterwards to bed. Sergeant Richards stated that defendant told him that he had had to go to Birmingham that day in connection with Government work, and met some ‘old pals’.

The Bench ordered defendant to pay the costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/10/1915

“*John Ashmore* was charged, at Tipton, yesterday, with selling intoxicating liquors without a license. Inspector Newey stated that on September 25 he visited the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, and saw defendant, who was standing behind the bar, supply two customers with a glass of ale and rum and peppermint. He asked defendant on whose authority he was selling liquor, and he replied ‘*Bayliss*, I suppose.’ *William Bayliss*, the person referred to, was the late landlord of the public-house. Witness told him that he was doing wrong.

Defendant made a statement to the effect that he had kept the BARREL INN, Canal Street, and that Mr. Jackson, the owner of the NAVIGATION INN, had asked him to take over the management of the public-house. He agreed to do so, adding, ‘If I have done anything wrong, I have done it in ignorance.’

William Bayliss, landlord of the RED LION INN, Park Lane, said he left the NAVIGATION INN on September 21.

Superintendent Salt: Did you give Mr. *Ashmore* any authority to carry on business on your account? – No sir, I have never seen him; I do not know him.

Mr. W. A Foster, who defended, pointed out that the license was transferred to *Ashmore* on September 23, and contended he had committed merely a technical offence.

The case was withdrawn on payment of costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/7/1919

“The Principal Meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the county was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

In the Wednesbury division The Committee agreed to renew the full license of the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane West, Tipton.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, 10s.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/7/1926 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice as to sending in Claims to be treated as Persons Interested in Licensed Premises.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of June and the 12th day of July, 1926, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

NAVIGATION INN, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *Harry Bache*. Registered Owner, Atkinson’s Brewery Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1926

“The Licensing Committee for the County have fixed the following sums as compensation.....

NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, alehouse, £1,725.”

Closed

NAVIGATION

32+33, Toll End Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Jones [1854]

Gould [1867]

Bird [1875]

John Astley [1880] – [1884]

Joseph Ashwell [1882]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/7/1854 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Properties, at Toll End and Great Bridge, Staffordshire.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, the 14th day of August, 1854, by direction of the trustee under the will of the late Mr. Samuel Grove, at the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge, at six o’clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as will be then produced, the under mentioned Properties, in the following or such other lots as may be determined upon at the time of sale.

Lot 1. All that substantially-built, Messuage, occupied by Mr. *James Jones*, as a Retail Beerhouse, known by the sign of the NAVIGATION INN, at Toll End, fronting the turnpike road leading from Great Bridge to Bilston, with brewhouse, yard, and outbuildings belonging; also three unfinished Houses adjoining the

same, with Blacksmith's Shop, Shed, and appurtenances; and also six Dwelling Houses, with brewhouse and Premises at the back occupied by Mrs. Whitehouse and others. The above premises are well supplied with water, and produce a rental of £60 per annum.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/4/1860 - Advert

“To be Let, and may be entered upon immediately, the NAVIGATION INN, Toll End, Tipton. The coming-in can be reduced to £30; the present Proprietor leaving in consequence of other engagements. Apply to J. Whitehouse, Auctioneer, &c, TURKS HEAD, Wednesbury.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/7/1867 - Advert

“Sale, at the NAVIGATION INN, Toll End, near Great Bridge.

By Mr. John Bent, This Day (Tuesday) – 12 Bushel mash Tub, pair Cooling Vats, Drinking Tables, Screens, Blinds, Clocks, &c; Gas Fittings and Piping, set Nine Pins, Bowls, Iron-frame Sign, and other Effects belonging to Mr. *Gould*, under the execution of a County Order.

Sale at Three o'clock.”

Dudley Guardian 8/5/1875

“Mr. *Bird*, landlord of the NAVIGATION INN, Toll End, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the 25th ult. Mr. Travis appeared for the defendant.

PC McCave said that on the day in question he went to defendant's house and found a man and two women there. There was no drink on the table and the landlady stated the parties had come from Netherton. The man he had since found out came from Toll End.

Mr. Travis for the defence said that the landlord a short time ago had so seriously burnt both his hands that he was unable to feed himself let alone attend to his business. His wife was recently confined, and as she could not attend to his business the man had been called in to look after the business, and on the day in question had paid them a visit with his two sisters who had come from Netherton.

Mercy Higgins and the defendant were called and corroborated the above statement, upon which the Bench dismissed the case, at the same time stating that the police officer had done his duty.”

Dudley Herald 7/10/1876

“On Wednesday morning a frightful accident occurred at Messrs. Bagnall's works, which are situated on the boundary of Tipton parish, at Lea Brook, adjoining Wednesbury. A man named Elijah Griffiths, aged 52, was throwing a bloom of red-hot iron under the steam hammer, when he fell forward, and was crushed by the blow intended for the ball of metal. The body, which presented a sickening sight, was removed to Mr. Griffith's late residence at Tipton.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, of the body of the deceased, when the above facts were adduced, a fellow-worker adding that deceased had just flung a red-hot ball under the hammer, when the ball 'kicked,' and flung deceased at full length, his head being completely crushed by the hammer.

The coroner said it was a painful case, but was evidently purely accidental.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned accordingly.”

Dudley and District News 27/11/1880

“Mary Dorriott was charged with being disorderly in a beerhouse.

May Ann *Astley*, wife of *John Astley*, landlord of the NAVIGATION INN, Toll End, said that on Saturday night, the 13th inst, the defendant and her husband were in the house, and became disorderly, they were ordered to leave, when the defendant refused to go, and threw a pint jug at witness.

Defendant was ordered to pay 10s, including costs; in default, seven days.”

1881 Census

32+33, Toll End Road – NAVIGATION INN

[1] *John Astley* (29), publican, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Mary A. Astley* (23), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah Astley (15), domestic servant;

[4] Fanny A. Woodcock (6), niece, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 1/4/1882

“*John Astley*, beerhouse keeper, NAVIGATION INN, Toll End Road, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on Saturday night last.

PC Godsall said that at 11.30pm he saw Alice Hill go into the defendant’s house and leave with a pint of ale in a bottle. He also saw Samuel Stamford go in at a quarter to 12 and get supplied with a pint of ale by the landlady, who admitted that she had supplied the ale and was very sorry for doing so.

Defendant was ordered to pay costs.

Samuel Stamford, Toll End, was charged with being on the licensed premises during prohibited hours on Saturday night last. PC Godsall proved the charge, which defendant admitted, and was ordered to pay costs.”

Dudley and District News 26/7/1884

“Ancient Order of Druids, Lodge, Anchor of Hope, No.1371. The annual dinner in connection with the above lodge was held on Monday, when a procession, headed by the Princes End brass band (assisted by several members of the Wolverhampton Prince of Wales’ band), paraded the district. The members subsequently met at the lodge house, NAVIGATION INN, Toll End, where a capital dinner was served by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Astley*). The band afterwards being further enlivened with songs and recitations by the members, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

“The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place [at Wednesbury](#), yesterday.....

George Scully applied for the renewal of the license of the NAVIGATION beerhouse, Toll End Road, Tipton; and Superintendent Salt opposed, for the reasons that the house was void and closed, and was not required to meet the wants of the locality. The applicant said he had left the house because it was **not** tenable. He wanted the license that he might get back the money he had spent on the place. The back premises were not safe, and the house had sunk some yards below the level of the road. The magistrates’ clerk pointed out that the renewal could not be opposed on the grounds stated, the house having been licensed before 1869.....

The license to George Scully would be refused, considering the condition of the house and the reasons for which the late tenant discontinued the business.”

NELSON

Wood Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Dutton [1832]

Mrs. Mary Dutton [1845] – [1850]

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LORD NELSON [1832]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 16/4/1832 - Advert

“Freehold Public House At Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction (without reserve) by Jesse Wright, on Thursday next, April 19, at Mr. Edward Aston's, the BRITANNIA INN, Owen Street, Tipton, at five o'clock in the evening, together, or in lots as shall then be agreed on, under the usual conditions – all that newly built and commodious Dwelling House and Premises, situate in Wood Street, in Tipton aforesaid, now occupied by *Thomas Dutton* as a Public House, and called the LORD NELSON. The house consists of three roomy cellars, brewhouse, tap-room, parlour, kitchen, three large bed-chambers, brewhouse, pigsty, inclosing yard.

Also a plot of land fronting Wood Street, excellently adapted for building purposes.

And also Five Small Tenements adjoining the above premises, in the occupations of the said *Thomas Dutton* and his under tenants, at rents amounting to £30 per annum. The premises are well supplied with hard and soft water.

A great part of the purchase money may remain on security of the premises.

Thomas Dutton, the tenant, will shew the premises, and further particulars may be had of the Auctioneer, or Mr. Fellowes, Solicitor, both of Dudley.”

Mary Dutton = Mary Dunton

NEW FURNACES

Copy Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Jones [1818]

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Check THREE FURNACES

NEW INN

Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Pugh [1818]

NEW INN

17, Sedgley Road East, (Coneygre Road), (Randles Lane), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Jay [1854]
Edward Jay Jnr [1861]
James Wilkinson [1865] – [1871]
Mary Ann Jay [1879]
Joseph Jay [1881] – **1892**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/8/1854

“William Morne and James Thomas were, on Tuesday, charged at the Public Office with burglariously breaking into the house of Mr. *Edward Jay*, retail brewer, of Dudley Port. The wife of the prosecutor stated that on the night of the 10th ult, her house was fastened up safe, and that on the following morning it was discovered that the cellar window had been forced open, and a quantity of bread and cheese, some bottles of porter, a pair of boots, some table knives, &c, had been stolen. Ann Johnson proved purchasing the knife produced from the prisoner Morne for threepence. Joseph Baggott deposed to seeing both the prisoners regaling themselves with bread and cheese and porter, on the day following the burglary. Police-constable Welling, from information received, apprehended the prisoners, who admitted their guilt, and told him they had hidden the boots, which however are not yet found. Both the accused were committed for trial at the Assizes.”

1861 Census

Randles Lane – Public House

- [1] *Edward Jay Junr* (29), engine turner, born Tipton;
- [2] Rosannah Jay (30), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Mary Ann Jay (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Amelia Jay (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Edward Jay (10 months), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Selina Edwards (12), servant, born Tipton;
- [7] Thomas Edwards (1 month), born Tipton:

James Wilkinson, beer retailer, Sedgley New Road, Dudley Port. [1865]

1871 Census

17, Sedgley Road East – NEW INN

- [1] *James Wilkinson* (31), engine fitter and beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] Charlotte Wilkinson (27), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Edward Hayse (25), lodger, coal miner, born Tipton;
- [4] William Speed (19), visitor, turner, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 5/7/1879

“*Mary Ann Jay*, Sedgley Road West, beerhouse-keeper, was summoned for keeping her house open during prohibited hours on the 14th ult. PC Godsall said on the evening in question, at ten minutes to twelve, he was on duty, and saw a woman named Jewkes leave the NEW INN by the back door with a jug. He went up to her and saw that she had beer in the jug. Defendant denied the charge. Fined 40s and costs. The Bench intimated to her that if she repeated the offence they would fine her £5 and endorse her license.”

Dudley Herald 30/8/1879

“The annual general licensing sessions for the districts of West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Tipton, were held at the Police Court, Wednesbury, on Wednesday.....

Mary A. Jay, of the NEW INN, Tipton, who had been fined 40s and costs for keeping open after hours. Ad-journed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1879

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division was held yesterday.....

Mary Ann Jay, of NEW INN, Tipton, who had been fined 40s in June for keeping open after hours, was also cautioned.”

Dudley Herald 27/12/1879

“Abraham Aston, a boy, Dudley Port, was charged with being on the licensed premises, of *Mary Ann Jay* during prohibited hours, on the 14th inst. PC Godsall said on the day in question, about 9.30am, he was in the Sedgley Road and he saw defendant come out of Mrs. *Jay*'s house with a jug of beer. Witness took defendant to the house and asked Mrs. *Jay* if she had served the defendant with beer and she replied she had. On defendant's mother who admitted she sent to boy to *Jay*'s house promising not to send defendant again during prohibited hours, the case was dismissed on payment of costs.”

AND

“*Mary Ann Jay*, Sedgley Road West, Tipton, beerhouse-keeper, was charged with selling, on the 14th inst, to Abraham Aston, a certain quantity of beer before the hour of half-past twelve o'clock at noon, to wit at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day. PC Godsall said on Sunday morning last he was on duty in the Coneygre Road and saw a boy come out of defendant's house with a jug of beer. He went to defendant's house and told her he would report the matter.

There having been several complaints against the house, and defendant having been previously convicted, she was fined £4 12s 6d and the license to be endorsed.”

1881 Census

17, Sedgley Road East

- [1] *Mary A. Jay* (70), head, born Tipton;
- [2] *Joseph Jay* (44), son, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [3] *Charlotte Jay* (15), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Elizabeth Jay* (43), daughter-in-law, born Tipton;
- [5] *Louisa Jay* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Elizabeth Jay* (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Sarah J. Jay* (5), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Sarah A. Speed* (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Harriet Garbett* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 7/10/1882

“At the Tipton Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs. J. Tolly and T. Underhill, *Joseph Jay*, landlord of the NEW INN, Coneygre Road, was fined 10s and costs for being drunk.

Inspector Gisson and Police sergeant Dutton proved that defendant was drunk in his own tap room, and when charged with the offence used violent language.”

Dudley and District News 7/10/1882

“*Joseph Jay* was charged with being drunk on his own licensed premises. Defendant keeps the NEW INN beerhouse, Sedgley Road, Tipton. At 10.40 on the night of September 25th, Inspector Gasson, accompanied by Sergeant Dutton, visited the house, and on going into the kitchen found the defendant very drunk. On being spoken to he became very abusive. Another man was with him at the time, but he was sober. Defendant denied the charge and called the man referred to, who stated that *Jay* was perfectly sober. The Bench considered the case proved, and fined the defendant 10s and costs, or fourteen days.”

1891 Census

17, Sedgley Road East – NEW INN

- [1] *Joseph Jay* (57), wheel turner, born Tipton;
- [2] Betsy Jay (56), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Louisa Jay (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Jay (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah J. Jay (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary A. Jay* (80), boarder, widow, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

“The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday..... Mr. W. S. Smith applied on behalf of *Joseph Jay*, of the NEW INN Beerhouse, Dudley Port, for the renewal of the license which had been withheld because of failure to produce a good character, and because of convictions. Refused.”

NEW STORK

Great Bridge Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Hale [1863]

Benjamin Aston [1866] – [1870]

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[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

Birmingham Journal 9/4/1859 - Advert

“Valuable Opportunity for Breeding.

This Season, the property of Mr. Nix, Merepool, that celebrated Horse, Volunteer, the Winner of Five Agricultural Prizes, and patronised by Lord Galway and other noblemen, at 2 guineas each mare, and 5s the groom.....

Volunteer will be on Tuesday at the NEW STORK INN, Great Bridge.....

As a proof of the high estimation Volunteer stands in as a stock getter, he has travelled with good success six seasons in one circuit and is the sire of many first-class hunters.”

[This is out of character with this pub and is probably the STORK.]

Birmingham Daily Post 21/12/1863

“At the West Bromwich Police Court on Saturday, the attention of the Magistrates was occupied for a considerable length of time in hearing informations against beerhouse keepers for permitting gambling on their premises certain officers were selected to visit, in plain clothes, the houses complained of.....

Richard Hale, the NEW STORK INN, Great Bridge, was summoned for having permitted gaming on the 31st of October. PC Hampton, who appears to have been ubiquitous, found seventeen men in the place, some playing at cards, and others, with the landlord, ‘shaking the dice’ for coppers. The defendant had been previously convicted, and he was now fined £3 and expenses.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1866

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before the Stipendiary, *Benjamin Aston*, landlord of the NEW STORK beerhouse, and Samuel Aston, his son, were charged with having assaulted the police, and the elder defendant was also charged with having kept a disorderly house. On the night of Saturday week, Police-constables Dixon and Proctor were on duty, when they heard a great noise on defendant’s (*Benjamin’s*) premises, and on going through the house they found two men sparring in the yard, surrounded by several persons. The defendants received the constables very unceremoniously, and at last committed an assault upon them of such violence that, after defending themselves as well as possible, they were glad to escape from the house without some of their uniform. They subsequently met Inspector Phair, who returned with them to the house, and apprehended the younger defendant. The elder one was afterwards summoned. He was now fined £5 and costs for keeping his house in a disorderly manner, and £2 and costs for the assault, with the option of one month’s imprisonment. His son was fined £1 and costs for the assault, with the option of fourteen days’ imprisonment. Mr. J. T. Bayley appeared for the defendants.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/11/1868

“On Monday evening, several serious disturbances, arising out of the present political excitement, occurred in the vicinity of Great Bridge and Horseley Heath. A number of men and youths, returning from the nomination at Wednesbury, commenced throwing large stones through various windows as they passed along..... At the house of Mr. *Aston*, the NEW STORK INN, West Bromwich, several windows were broken, and the landlord struck twice with large stones, once upon the arm and once on the chest. A visitor also sustained a cut on the temple, which rendered him insensible. His name is Henry Gore, and he is by trade a boatbuilder.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/2/1869

“On Saturday, at the West Bromwich Petty Sessions, before Messrs. C. Ratcliff and J. W. Williams..... *Benjamin Aston*, NEW STORK INN, Great Bridge, was fined £5 and costs [14s 6d] for selling ale during prohibited hours, on the previous Sunday. Defendant had been repeatedly fined previously.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 20/8/1869

“At the West Bromwich Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. T. Kendrick and Mr. H. Williams, *Benjamin Aston*, of the NEW STORK INN, Great Bridge, was charged with having had his beerhouse open at improper hours on the previous Sunday. PC William Wright said he visited the house at eight o’clock on the morning in question, and found five men concealed in the back kitchen. They had vessels with them containing ale. He asked defendant how he accounted for that state of things, when he asked him if he would have a glass.

The wife of defendant appeared for him.

A list of convictions was handed to the magistrates, showing that the defendant had been before the bench on five occasions for offences against the provisions of his license, on the following dates: 6th October, 25th November, 8th December, 1866; 26th April and 14th February, 1869. On the 25th November, 1866, defendant was fined £5 and costs.

Mr. Hebbert, magistrates’ clerk, said that before the passing of the Beerhouses’ Act, 1869, it was necessary, if previous convictions were counted against a defendant, that the last two should have been inflicted within the previous twelve months, and the third within eighteen months. However, under the 1869 Act any convictions within five years might be counted in considering the amount of the fine. Mr. Hebbert asked defen-

dant's wife for the license allowing them to sell beer, and on her saying that she had not got it, he informed her that one of the provisions of the Beerhouse Act was that whenever a conviction was inflicted by the magistrates it should be entered on the back of the license for the information of the bench. Defendant was liable to penalty of £10 for not producing the license, and he must produce it on the following Saturday. Defendant said she or some one else would produce the license on the following Saturday. The magistrates fined defendant £5 and costs."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/9/1869

"Yesterday the adjourned Beersellers' Licensing Sessions were held at the Police Court, West Bromwich..... *Benjamin Aston*, of the STORK, applied to have his certificate renewed, but as he had been convicted seven times within the last few years the magistrates refused to grant the application."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 17/4/1871

"At the West Bromwich Police Court, on Saturday, before Colonel Ratcliff and Messrs. W. Sharp and H. Williams, *Benjamin Aston*, who formerly kept the NEW STORK INN, whose license was refused about two years ago, but who still lives in the premises, was summoned for having on the 7th inst. unlawfully sold and retailed a quantity of beer, not having a license in force authorising him to do so. Mr. Young (instructed by Mr. Travis) appeared for the defence.

Elizabeth Burford, Great Bridge, on being examined, stated that on the morning of the 7th inst. at about half-past ten o'clock, hearing that her husband was not at work she went in search of him, and found him in the back kitchen of the defendant's house. He had just emptied a pint of ale, and was calling for another. She saw defendant take up the 3d which her husband gave in payment of the ale. Having drunk nearly all the ale, the husband pushed the jug towards witness, which she ran off with, and meeting an exciseman, she was sent to the West Bromwich police station, where she gave information to Mr. Superintendent Woollaston. James Burford stated on the day in question he paid *Aston* 1s 3d for five pints of beer, which, he said, in answer to Mr. Sharpe, 'had liked to have killed him;' it wasn't good stuff. *Aston*, a man named Henry Crow, and himself, were the only persons in the house. He was there about two hours.

Superintendent Woollaston stated that the wife of Burford came to him on Friday, the 7th inst. and complained to him of the matter, bringing with her a jug containing ale. On Tuesday last a number of policemen, under his instruction and by virtue of a warrant obtained, went to defendant's house, and found a quantity of distilled spirits in bottles, beer in barrels, and a quantity of bottled ale. A number of vessels containing beer were also found in the cellar, and some brewing vessels having the appearance of being recently used were also discovered with a quantity of fresh barm. The vessels and contents were taken possession of; and on going upstairs the officers found a sack of crushed malt and three pounds of hops.

Mr. Young having spoken at some length in defence, called Henry Crow, who deposed that he was a shoemaker; that he worked for defendant; that on the day in question he was going to his house for the purpose of measuring him for a pair of boots, when he met defendant on the road. They both went into the house together. When they got in Burford was there, and handed his cup to witness, which he drank out of. Burford's wife came in, and after reprimanding her husband for being in the house while he had work to do, said she would make it 'hot' for the defendant. There was not a fraction paid for beer in witness's presence. Burford left before he did. The magistrates after a brief deliberation fined the defendant in the sum of £5 18s 6d; and ordered the beer and liquors which had been seized to be sold."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/5/1871

"At the West Bromwich Police Court, on Saturday, before Messrs. H. Wiggin and R. Bagnall, *Benjamin Aston*, formerly the landlord of the NEW STORK INN, was summoned for selling beer without a license. Mr. Sheldon prosecuted. On the 15th ult. the defendant was summoned and fined £5 for a similar offence, at the instance of the police, who had seized a quantity of beer on his premises; but, as the Act of Parliament made it imperative for the Excise to prosecute also, he was again summoned on the same charge. Mr. Barton, the Excise Supervisor, was willing to agree to a mitigated penalty being inflicted, and the magistrates accordingly fined defendant £5 and costs."

NEW YORK

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

H Aston [1868]

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/10/1868

“J. Lee (the boatman) of Great Bridge will run Baggott of Greet’s Green 120 yards and give him a yard start, for £10 a side, or H. Smith or H. Tudor (both of Dudley Port) can have a match on the same terms. Money ready at *H. Aston*’s, the NEW YORK INN, Great Bridge.”

Check NEW STORK.

NOAHS ARK

12, (54), Wood Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Frederick Lane, maltster, Sedgley

Frederick William Jones, New Oxley, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

Marstons plc

LICENSEES

John Warr [1841] – [1871]

Henry Walton [1881]

Herbert Haffner [1887]

Henry Parkes [1888]

Thomas Cartwright [1891]

William Moore [1896]

Henry Parkes [] – **1900**;

James Uttley (**1900** – [1901])

Edward Giles [1904]

Isaac Chater [1904] – **1922**;

William Beasley (**1922** – **1933**);

Thomas ‘Tom’ Cartwright (**1933** – **1944**);

Mildred Cartwright (1944 – [1970])
David Chebsey [] – 1985)
Peter Golding [1991] – [1993]
Bridget K Smith [2013]
Natalie and Liam Walker [2015]

NOTES

95, Wood Street [1861]
54, Wood Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1911], [1912], [1939]
12, Wood Street

It had a beer and cider license.

It was reputedly haunted.

John Warr, beer retailer, Wood Street. [1841]

1851 Census

Wood Street

- [1] *John Warr* (48), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Warr (46), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Thomas Warr (21), son, miller, born Tipton;
- [4] Joseph Warr (17), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] John Warr (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Betsy Warr (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] David Warr (8), son, scholar, born Tipton:

1861 Census

95, Wood Street – NOAHS ARK

- [1] *John Warr* (57), beerseller, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Warr (56), wife, born Tipton:

J. Warr, beer retailer and shopkeeper, Wood Street. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Post 19/7/1865

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before the Stipendiary, Thomas Warr, a respectably dressed young man, appeared to summonses charging him with having assaulted his father and mother, *John* and Elizabeth *Warr*, and Nancy Syming, their assistant. On the 5th inst. the defendant entered his father’s house, the NOAHS ARK beerhouse, Tipton, and called for ale, with two or three jugs that he was supplied with, but, at last, his father seeing that he was becoming the worse for liquor, told him it was time he went home. High words ensued, and these led to defendant assaulting the three complainants, and throwing his father against a screen, thereby seriously injuring, if not fracturing, his ribs. The learned Stipendiary ordered the defendant into custody, and refusing to admit him to bail, directed an adjournment for a week, for the attendance of a medical witness.”

1871 Census

54, Wood Street

- [1] *John Warr* (70), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Warr (66), wife, born Tipton:

1881 Census

54, Wood Street – NOAHS ARK

- [1] *Henry Walton* (43), cinder burner, born Potteries;
- [2] *Phoebe Walton* (39), wife, born Brockmore [Brockmoor?];
- [3] *Sarah Ann Walton* (20), daughter, born Commonsides;
- [4] *William Walton* (15), son, born Commonsides;
- [5] *Samuel Walton* (13), son, scholar, born Commonsides;
- [6] *Edna Walton* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tividale;
- [7] *James Walton* (9), son, scholar, born Tividale;
- [8] *Isaac Walton* (7), son, scholar, born Tividale;
- [9] *Thomas Walton* (5), son, born Tividale;
- [10] *Phoebe Walton* (3), daughter, born Tividale;
- [11] *Harry Walton* (1 month), son, born Dudley;

Henry Walton – see also OLDE BULLS HEAD, Oldbury.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/9/1887

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Dr. Thomas Underhill, Mr. S. Lloyd, and Mr. H. Parkes – *Herbert Haffner*, of the NOAHS ARK, Wood Street, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 11th inst. Mr. Travis was for the defence.

Just before noon Police-constable Patten saw a girl go to the house and hand a basket to the landlady. A little later the basket was returned, and the officer stopped the girl, and found her in possession of a bottle of ale.

The defence was that the ale was a gift. The Bench fined the defendant 10s and costs.”

Henry Parkes, beer retailer, 54, Wood Street. [1888]

1891 Census

54, Wood Street – NOAHS ARK INN

- [1] *Thomas Cartwright* (43), ball furnace man, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Cartwright* (39), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Emily Cartwright* (17), daughter, tailoress, born Tipton;
- [4] *Benjamin Cartwright* (15), son, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [5] *John Thomas Cartwright* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;

William Moore, beer retailer, 54, Wood Street. [1896]

1901 Census

54, Wood Street – Tavern

- [1] *James Uttley* (32), public house manager, born Wilmslow, Cheshire;
- [2] *Agnes Uttley* (33), wife, born Rugeley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *James Archibald Uttley* (12), son, born Wilmslow, Cheshire;
- [4] *George M. Uttley* (10), son, born Wilmslow, Cheshire;
- [5] *Gertrude Uttley* (9), daughter, born Wilmslow, Cheshire;
- [6] *Leslie Uttley* (5), son, born Macclesfield, Cheshire;
- [7] *Charles Uttley* (3), son, born Wolverhampton;

The license renewal was objected to in January 1903, on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervision.

The license was renewed after alterations were made.

Edward Giles, beer retailer, 54, Wood Street. [1904]

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....
The renewal of the licences of the following public houses would be opposed on the ground of redundancy.....
NOAHS ARK, Wood Street.”

1911 Census

54, Wood Street

- [1] *Isaac Chater* (42), electric crane driver, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sabina Chater* (41), wife, married 18 years, business assistant, brewing, born Tipton;
- [3] *Lizzie Mildred Chater* (18), daughter, dressmaker's improver, born Tipton;
- [4] *Harriet Beasley* (19), niece, servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *Samuel Langford* (38), boarder, labourer, born Tipton:

Isaac Chater kept pigs in the yard.
He was also a brewer.

William Beasley = William Beesley

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/5/1926 - Notice

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1926, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice is Hereby also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list.....

NOAHS ARK, Tipton. Beer and Cider, ante 1869. Licensee *William Beesley*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/7/1926

“No fewer than 34 licensed premises were scheduled for consideration at the Principal Meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. In 23 cases the authority decided to refer licenses for compensation, four were renewed, and the remaining seven were adjourned to be dealt with on July 12.....

The cases adjourned were those of NOAHS ARK, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/7/1926

“At the adjourned principal meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Monday In the case of the NOAHS ARK, Tipton, renewal was granted.”

Alterations were made in 1927.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 13/9/1933

“*Thomas Cartwright*, known as ‘the Tipton Slasher,’ was granted the license of the NOAHS ARK, Wood Street, by the Tipton Magistrates yesterday.

Cartwright, who had been boxing for eight years, told the *Gazette* that he was giving it up, for the time being at any rate. He is a haulage contractor, and this is his first venture into the licensed business.

Twenty-five years of age, he had gained many notable victories all over the country, and felt that the time has arrived to take matters more quietly with his wife and baby daughter.

‘I’ve had as many as three and four fights a week,’ he said, ‘and it’s too much’.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/10/1935

“In a recent issue of the *Gazette*, it was stated the ‘Tom Cartwright, Tipton,’ had been knocked out in a contest with Frank Hough, of Battersea, at the ring in Blackfriars.

An error and description occurred here, and I am glad to correct it by quoting from a letter received from Mr. *Tom Cartwright*, now landlord of the NOAHS ARK INN, Tipton. ‘There is only one *Tom Cartwright* known

as a boxer of repute in Tipton, namely myself, and I have never been knocked out during a career (now terminated) covering hundreds of contests.’

The Tom Cartwright who appeared at Blackfriars is another boxer of the same name and should not have been described as hailing from Tipton. Apologies are therefore due to ‘mine host’ of the NOAHS ARK, and are hereby tendered.”

Tom Cartwright was married to Hilda.

He was the brother of Hal.

He was a former boxer.

He set up a gym at the rear of the pub.

He managed boxers Johnny Britton, John Southall, Jimmy Stimpson and Lew Turner.

He was fined £2 plus £3 3s 0d Special costs, on 10th May 1938, for aiding and abetting Thomas Morgan in consuming intoxicating liquor at other than permitted hours, namely at 10.35pm.

1939 Register

54, Wood Street

[1] *Thomas Cartwright*, date of birth, 26/02/1908, beerhouse manager, haulier and motor driver;

[2] Hilda Cartwright, dob, 28/09/1909, manageress beerhouse and unpaid house duties:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/11/1941

“Harry Bolton, aged 29, core-maker, was bound over at Stafford Assizes, when he pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Michael Conroy at Tipton on 18 October.

Mr. A. H. Tucker, prosecuting, said Bolton and Conroy had been good friends. Conroy struck at Bolton when he gave a Nazi salute while the National Anthem was being played in the NOAHS ARK INN, Tipton. Afterwards Bolton hit Conroy, who fell and was fatally injured.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten told Bolton ‘You were a perfect idiot to make a Nazi sign when ‘God save the King’ was being sung. You must have known that probably everybody who saw it would resent it’

He accepted the view that Bolton never intended to do Conroy any real harm. His good character saved him from prison.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/9/1944 - Advert

“Estate of F. W. Jones, Deceased.

Important Announcement of Sale by Auction of Six Freehold Licensed Properties and Various Dwelling Houses, at Wall Heath, Pensnett, Wordsley, Lower Gornal & Tipton.

Alfred W. Dando & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Auction, at the VICTORIA HOTEL, Wolverhampton, on Monday, October 23, 1944, at 3.30 o’clock in the afternoon precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced, as follows.

Lot 1. The PRINCE ALBERT INN, Wall Heath (Fully Licensed), situate in a bold corner of High Street and Enville Road, with good Draw-in and Car Park, and of modern construction.

Lot 2. The KINGS HEAD INN, Pensnett (Fully Licensed), situate at the corner of Commonsideside and Bromley Lane, with Draw-in, and occupying a large area of land.

Lot 3. The GLADSTONE INN, Audnam, Wordsley (Beerhouse On with Wine License), situate on an important main road from Brettell Lane to Kingswinford, and occupying a large area of land.

Lot 4. The GOOD INTENT INN, Vale Street, Upper Gornal (Beerhouse On), of modern construction, with Draw-in at side.

Lot 5. Corner Retail Shop and Two Dwelling-Houses, Nos.23, 25 & 27, Vale Street, Upper Gornal (adjoining the above Lot).

Lot 6. The SWAN INN, Lake Street, Lower Gornal (Beerhouse On), occupying a Corner Position, with Draw-in.

Lot 7. Three Brick-Built and Slate-Roofed Dwelling Houses, Nos.76, 77, & 78, Lake Street, Lower Gornal, adjoining the above Lot, let and producing £38 14s gross per annum.

Lot 8. The NOAHS ARKS INN, Wood Street, Tipton, (Beerhouse On), with large area of land having approach from the rear.

Lot 9. Two Dwelling-Houses, Nos.51 & 52, Wood Street, Tipton, adjoining the above Lot, let and producing the gross annual rent of £31 17s 0d.

The Auctioneers direct attention to the foregoing Licensed Properties, which are all situate in good trading positions, they are let on lease for ten years from September 29, 1939, and should command attention of brewers and others looking for house for post-war development.

Detailed particulars are in the course of preparation and, when ready, may be obtained of Messrs. W. A. and H. M. Foster and Co., Solicitors, 31, Queen Street, Wolverhampton (Tel. No.20215); or of the Auctioneers, 193, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley (Tel. No.2256).”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/10/1944

“Property Market.....

By Messrs. Alfred W. Dando and Co., Dudley, at Wolverhampton: Six licensed houses, let on lease to Messrs. Julia Hanson and Sons, Ltd., for ten years from September 29, 1939, at a total rent of £1,100 a year, the PRINCE ALBERT INN, Wall Heath (fully licensed), £17,750; the KINGS HEAD INN, Commonsides, Pensnett, near Dudley (fully licensed), £11,000; the GLADSTONE INN, Audnam, Wordsley (beerhouse-on with wine license attached), £3,750; the GOOD INTENT INN, Vale Street, Upper Gornal (beer-house-on), £6,000; the SWAN INN, Lake Street, Lower Gornal (beerhouse-on), and three houses Nos.76, 78, and 80, Lake Street, Lower Gornal, £2,750; the NOAHS ARK, Wood Street, Tipton (beerhouse-on), with two houses, 51 and 52, Wood Street, £5,750. The total realised by the sale was £47,650.”

Mildred 'Milda' Cartwright was married to Tom.

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies' Darts League. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1960.

Tipton Herald 27/8/1960

“Tipton team wins Butler Cup.

The final of the competition took place at the OLD SWAN on Thursday week, the finalists being FOUR WAYS, Cradley Heath, and NOAHS ARK, Tipton. NOAHS ARK arrived with only two players, and had the sympathy of the large crowd present, in the first leg. FOUR WAYS should have won this, but could not get the finishing double, and a great first game went to NOAHS ARK.

In the second leg, one absent player arrived for NOAHS ARK. Everyone thought if they could win the first leg with two men, surely, they must win the second with three, but this never came about, FOUR WAYS winning very easily.

The final leg went much the same way, FOUR WAYS wanting double five for game and NOAHS ARK 283. Again FOUR WAYS messed it up, leaving NOAHS ARK winners by two legs to one.

Councillor Bill Harris presented the cup and four prizes to the winners, and the T. Lawton Cup and four prizes to the runners-up; H. Price Cup and four prizes to the JOLLY GOODFELLOW, Woodside, the best losing semi-finalists. Four prizes went to the GOLDEN CROSS, semi-finalists. The highest score prize went to G. Willetts (ANCHOR, Cradley Heath), highest finish prize to R. Langford (NOAHS ARK), and the Henn Cup and prize to GOLDEN CROSS for the highest collection. After meeting expenses £23 was handed to the Old Folks Fund.”

AND

“The Claude Butler Darts Cup is back in Tipton after an absence of 16 years. And the men who won it last week were the NOAHS ARK team who beat the FOUR WAYS, Cradley Heath, by two legs to one in the final at the Old Swan, Netherton. For one of the legs NOAHS ARK were playing with only two men. Arthur Beesley was ill in bed, but he made an effort and arrived for the last two legs. Ill as he was, Arthur threw magnificently and clinched the match with a fine double top.

For NOAHS ARK skipper, Ray Langford, it was a memorable evening for it was his seventh appearance in

the final and the first time he had been on the winning side. He also grabbed the prize for the highest finish in the tournament (147).”

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960 - Thanks

“The wife and family of the late William Brown, licensee of the BLACK COCK INN, wish to express their most grateful thanks to relatives and friends for the floral tributes and sympathy in their sad loss. Wreaths and flowers sent by Mr. and Mrs. *Cartwright* and customers of the NOAHS ARK.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/3/1967

“Success Of The Black Country Society.

The Black Country Society has attracted interest from a complete cross-section of the community since the announcement of its formation at the beginning of the year. The society, the first of its kind to encompass the whole of the large industrial area, has about 50 members.

Dr. John Fletcher, the local historian who is acting president, said last night, ‘Our members come from no particular group. We have young and old, rich and poor, and that is just how we want to be. What is encouraging is the number of people who have joined who are just beginning school teaching. This, I think, bodes well for the future and what they are going to teach the children who come into their classrooms.

Dr. Fletcher said that he has also been struck by the ‘terrific’ interest people had shown apart from merely returning membership forms.

‘We have had long letters on how interested they are, and old photographs and objects offered to us,’ he said. ‘People are writing with real enthusiasm. A lot of people have said that they will write articles for our proposed magazine, and some have already started.’

One point that is puzzling the officials is why more applications have been received from the Dudley, Tipton, and Coseley areas compared to Darlaston and Willenhall.

Dr. Fletcher said, ‘I cannot explain it at all. At the moment we do not have enough members to draw any conclusions, but it is very interesting.’

The society, which aims to encourage interest in the Black Country and brings together people interested in its past and its future will hold its inaugural meeting on March 1 at the NOAHS ARK public-house, Tipton.

The next event, at the same venue, will be on April 5, when a Black Country evening will be held.

Dr. Fletcher, who believes that many more people will join once the society gets under way, appealed for anyone who wanted to join to get in touch with the secretary, Mr. John Brimble, of Victoria Road, Tipton.”

Birmingham Mail 18/5/2006

“Two brothers have been banned from a pub in Tipton for two years following a conviction for violent disorder. Wayne Follos, 35, from Tipton, was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Monday to a 14-month custodial sentence for violent disorder and ordered to pay £800 costs. Lee Follos, 33, also from Tipton, was given 80 hours’ community service and also ordered to pay £800 costs. Both men were also banned from the NOAHS ARK pub, in Wood Street, Tipton, for two years. They were arrested following an incident of violent disorder there on March 19 last year.

Det. Chief Insp. Paul Marriot, of West Bromwich CID, said after the case, ‘These banning orders show that we are not prepared to tolerate this kind of behaviour in a licensed premises and we continue to work closely with our partner agencies to combat all kinds of alcohol-related crime. This should send a clear message to people that alcohol-related violence is not tolerated by West Midlands Police’.”

The Blackcountryman (Spring 2017)

‘The Black Country Society...Fifty Years On’

“.....In an unpretentious public house, known as the NOAHS ARK in Tipton, a group of die-hard Black Country men met to consider the state and image of this proud region of ours. Heavy industry had passed its zenith. The canals that had once been the vital arteries of the region lay choked with weeds and debris and cruelly abandoned; the railway network was heading in a similar direction.

What was even more hurtful, however, was that the rest of the nation failed to recognise or value the sacrifices the Black Country had made. To some, in the affluent south, it was an area best ignored and many people today are unable to pinpoint it on a map. Its geographical location has been misguidedly described as

‘part of Birmingham’ or even ‘In the Potteries’

The intention of the original committee was succinct and direct ‘to foster an interest in the past, present and future of the Black Country’

The Blackcountryman (Summer 2017)

‘NOAHS ARK Blue Plaque’

“The plaque is number 20 in Tipton Civic Society’s series, and the Tipton Civic Society is bearing half of its cost. The Civic Society also paid for the flowers that were presented to Mrs. Doreen Brimble and Mrs. Pauline Fletcher.

Keith Hodgkins spoke during the unveiling event. He explained that the Tipton Civic Society approached the Black Country Society with the idea of fixing a blue plaque to celebrate the anniversary and commemorate the two founders of the BCS, Dr. John Fletcher of Wednesbury and John Brimble of Tipton. Not only was the inaugural meeting of the Black Country Society held at the NOAHS ARK in Tipton, but John Brimble also went on to become the founding father of the Tipton Civic Society in 1988 so it was felt that a joint event was appropriate.....”

Express & Star 22/3/2021

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space..... NOAHS ARK, Wood Street, Tipton.”

[2021]

OLD BUSH

22, (32), New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

LICENSEES

John Williams [1828] – **1859**);

Charles Collins (**1859 – 1861**);

Charles Armstrong (**1861 – []**)

William Lloyd [1863]

Amelia Lloyd [] – **1863**);

Francis Bent and George Bent (**1863 – []**)

Francis Bent [] – **1864**);

Emma Southall (**1864 – []**)

Enoch Southall [1864] – **1869**);

Elijah Davies (**1869 – [1871]**)

Enoch Southall [1872]

Mary Ann Davies [1872] – [1873]
William Davies [1879]
Mary Ann Davies [1881] – [1887]
William Thomas Fereday [1891] – [1892]
Thomas Barfoot [1896]
Alexander C Clarke* [1901]
Charles Clarke* [1903]
Edward Francis Estrange [1911]
John William Knowles [1919] – **1923**;
Francis Albert Kirkham (**1923** – **1925**);
George Harrold (**1925** – **1939**);
Wilbur Billingham (**1939** – []

NOTES

32, New Road [1873]
22, New Road [1871], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1908], [1921], [1932]

EAGLE TAP HOUSE [1828], [1829], [1830], [1831], [1834], [1836], [1845], [1860], [1861]
EAGLE TAP [1841], [1842], [1849], [1850]
BUSH [1850], [1861], [1865], [1868], [1871], [1872], [1891], [1903], [1938]
OLD BUSH [1892], [1900], [1901], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1932]

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/2/1829

“Inquisitions have been taken before Henry Smith, Esq, Coroner.....

At Tipton, on Richard Sillatoo, between 30 and 40 years of age, who on Friday se’night fell backwards off some steps into a tub of wort, which he had just been ladling out of a furnace at the EAGLE TAP HOUSE, where he was employed as a brewer, and he was so dreadfully scalded that he died on the following Sunday. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/9/1831

“The Coronation.....

At one o’clock, on the Coronation Day, 946 of the Tipton National School children were plentifully treated with roast beef and plum-pudding, and at five they all had tea, with which a twopenny bun was given to each child. An excellent dinner was also provided at the FOUNTAIN INN for 216 poor elderly persons. Three sheep were roasted – two at Toll End, and one at the EAGLE TAP HOUSE; the former distributed among the workmen of the Birmingham Coal Company, and the latter among the poor.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 21/11/1831 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling House and Chapel, near Great Bridge, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract) by Septimus Davis, in one lot, on Wednesday the 30th of November, at Mr. *Williams*’s, EAGLE TAP HOUSE, near Great Bridge, Tipton, at four o’clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions then to be produced.....”

Birmingham Journal 16/4/1836 - Died

“On the 9th instant, after a long and painful illness, aged 52, Hannah, wife of *John Williams*, of the EAGLE TAP HOUSE, Great Bridge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/6/1845 - Died

“On the 25th ult, aged 25, John, son of Mr. *John Williams*, of the EAGLE TAP HOUSE, Great Bridge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/9/1845 - Died

“On the 25th ult, of consumption, aged 22 years, James, only surviving child of Mr. *John Williams*, of the EAGLE TAP HOUSE, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

John Williams was also a hinge maker. [1849], [1850]

Birmingham Journal 2/3/1850

“On Thursday week, a plumber and glazier named George Froggatt, residing in this parish, met with an accident, which caused his death on the following day. He was employed at his trade on the roof of a station which the South Staffordshire Railway Company are erecting at Great Bridge, when his foot slipped, and he fell through a skylight to the ground, a distance of twenty-six feet. He alighted on his head, which caused some serious internal injury, as blood flowed from his ears, and he was carried in an insensible state to the EAGLE TAP-HOUSE. On Saturday, an inquest was held at the house of Mr. *John Williams*, the BUSH INN, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned. The deceased was forty-two years of age. He was much respected by all the inhabitants of Smethwick, and his loss is generally deplored.”

1851 Census

New Road

[1] *John Williams* (70), widower, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Woodall* (40), housekeeper, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Journal 19/11/1859 - Advert

“Great Bridge Tipton. Capital Old-Licensed Tavern.

By Roderick and Son. To be Sold by Auction, (by direction of the Proprietor, who has lived there for forty years, and is retiring) the License, Goodwill, and Possession of the EAGLE, at Great Bridge, Tipton, opposite the Great Bridge Station on the South Staffordshire line. Valuation about £100.

Apply to Roderick and Son, Auctioneers, Union Passage, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/12/1859

“At the Public Office, West Bromwich, on Saturday last the license of the EAGLE INN (the top house, New Road, Great Bridge) was transferred from Mr. *John Williams* to Mr. *Charles Collins*, late a licensed victualler in Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 28/1/1860 - Advert

“EAGLE TAP HOUSE, Great Bridge.

Unreserved Sale By Auction, of Two 200-gallon, One 100-gallon, and Six other iron-bound Casks, Two Pockets of prime Hops, capital Six-pull Ale Machine, Hot-water Apparatus, six sets of Bedsteads, three prime Feather-beds, superior Eight-Day Clock, Cabinet and square Piano-Forte, Sideboard, tables, Chairs, Kitchen Requisites, &c; also, Two Light Spring Pony Traps, Pony Gig, Set of first-class Silver-mounted Harness, Hackney Saddle, and other Effects.

Which Will Be Sold, by R. L. Courtney, on Monday Next, the 30th of January.

Sale to Commence at Eleven o'clock.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/12/1860

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before Thomas Jesson and D. Round, Esqs, *Charles Collins*, of the BUSH INN, was charged with having on Saturday week kept his house open till past midnight for the sale of liquor. The case was proved by the police.

Defendant said he had kept a public house for 22 years, during which time he had never had a complaint against him. On the night in question a society, called The Honourable Company of Engineers, had met at his house for the purpose of auditing the quarterly accounts, and there were delegates from other parts of the district present. The cause of their staying late was the length of time which the accounts occupied in auditing, and he was sure that no drink was drawn after a quarter to twelve o'clock. It was shown, however, that a man had been let out of the house with a jug of beer at past twelve o'clock.

The Bench, in consideration of the whole facts, inflicted only the mitigated penalty of 2s 6d and costs.”

1861 Census

New Road – BUSH INN

[1] *Charles Collins* (54), plumber, glazier, painter, victualler, born Wincester, Somersetshire;

[2] Ann Collins (62), wife, born Collshill, Warwickshire;

[3] Ann Blewer (21), house servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/9/1862 - Advert

“The BUSH TAVERN, Great Bridge, Tipton.

By Roderick and Son. To be Sold, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above desirable Licensed Victuallers’ House, formerly carried on for many years with great success by Mr. *Williams*, and now doing a good business. Coming-in about £150.

Apply to Roderick and Son, Auctioneers, 35, Cherry Street, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 7/3/1863 - Advert

“The Estate Of *William Lloyd*, BUSH INN, Great Bridge, Deceased.

All persons having any Claim or Demand upon the above Estate, are respectfully requested to forward the particulars of them to Joseph Whitehouse, Auctioneer, TURKS HEAD HOTEL, Wednesbury, on or before the 25th March next and all Persons Indebted to the above Estate are requested to Pay the amounts to Mrs. Lloyd, the Executrix, or to the aforesaid Joseph Whitehouse, on or before the 25th March next.

The House to be Let, with immediate possession.

Apply to Joseph Whitehouse, Auctioneer and Valuer, Wednesbury.”

Birmingham Journal 4/4/1863 - Advert

“To Publicans And Others.

Joseph Whitehouse has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on Monday April 13th, 1863 (unless Disposed of by Private Treaty) – all the Licenses, Goodwill and Possession, Household Furniture, Brewing Plant, Stock-in-Trade, and Effects of that Old-Licensed House, the BUSH INN, Great Bridge, giving up in consequence of the death of the Proprietor.

Further particulars of Sale in next week’s papers; and to treat apply to J. Whitehouse, Auctioneer, TURKS HEAD HOTEL, Wednesbury.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1863 - Advert

“Wanted, the Address of *Francis Bent* and *George Bent* (Brothers), late of the BUSH INN, Great Bridge.

The former is residing in Birmingham, and the latter not far away. A Reward will be paid for the information.

Address by letter, 6,000, *Daily Post* Office.”

Enoch Southall was also a baker. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/3/1864

“A disreputable looking fellow, named James Dolan, was brought before the West Bromwich magistrates on Saturday, on the charge of having stolen four bags, of the value 8s, belonging to *Enoch Southall*, the landlord of the BUSH INN, New Road. From the evidence it appeared that on Wednesday last the prisoner was drinking at the public house in question, and at an early hour on the following morning he was discovered laying in a stable on the opposite side of the road to the BUSH INN, with the bags in his possession.

Police-constable Langdon took him into custody in company with four other vagrants. The prisoner told the officer that the latter ‘were his pupils, and he was bringing them up in the way they should go,’ and added that it was not his intention to work any more.

Inspector Phair proved several convictions against the prisoner, and he was convicted to take his trial at the Sessions.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/5/1864

“Two men, named Patrick Fordy and Thos. Bradley, were yesterday brought before the Stipendiary, at Wednesbury Police Court, charged with stealing 2s and a tobacco box from the person of Samuel Sholton. It was shown that the three men met at the BUSH INN, Great Bridge, on Thursday night, and that while prosecutor was asleep Bradley abstracted a florin from his pocket. It was alleged the money was transferred to Fordy, upon whom the florin was found, when Police-constable Langden was called in. In the absence of a material witness the prisoners were remanded until Monday next at West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 6/10/1864 - Advert

“To Bakers. Wanted, a Young Man, to live in the House, with good character. Apply at *E. Southall*, BUSH INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/12/1865 - Died

“On the 13th inst, aged 86 years, Mr. *John Williams*, hinge manufacturer, New Road, Great Bridge, for fifty years landlord of the EAGLE TAP HOUSE.”

1871 Census

22, New Road – BUSH INN

[1] *Elijah Davies* (30), unmarried, innkeeper and labourer, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary A. Davies* (40), sister, born Tipton;

[3] *Israel Davies* (27), brother, boatman, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1871

“The annual adjourned licensing sessions for the West Bromwich Division, which comprises the parishes of West Bromwich, Handsworth, Darlaston, Harborne, Tipton, and Wednesbury, was held yesterday, at the Police Court at West Bromwich.....

Mr. Ebsworth made an application on behalf of *Elijah Davies*, for the renewal of the license to the BUSH, Great Bridge, but it was decided that, on account of a technical objection, the license should at a proper time be transferred to the applicant’s sister, who had for some time managed the business.”

Enoch Southall and *Mary Ann Davies* appear in the same 1872 Directory as BUSH, New Road.

1881 Census

22, New Road

[1] *Mary Ann Davies* (47), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Isaiah Davies* (40), brother, labourer – brickyard, born Tipton;

[3] *Heril (?) Davies* (22), brother, labourer – brickyard, born Tipton;

[4] *Isaiah Davies* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Mary Pain* (18), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/10/1887 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public Houses, and Malshouses, and Premises, Great Bridge, Staffordshire.

By Roderick & Son. To be Sold by Auction, at the Property Market, 5, Temple Row West, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 22nd November, 1881, at 6 o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced.....

Lot 2. A Valuable Old-Licensed Freehold Public-House, known as the BUSH INN, in the new road near to the Railway Station and Market Place of Great Bridge, with Brewhouse, Yard and Premises; for many years in the occupation of *Mary Ann Davies*, at a rent, including the use of certain fixtures, of £35 per annum.

This is an excellent house of business, worth the attention both of maltsters and brewers.....”

1891 Census

22, New Road – BUSH INN

[1] *William Fereday* (39), blacksmith, publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary A. Fereday* (39), wife, born Tipton;

- [3] Minnie Fereday (18), daughter, home servant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] William G. Fereday (16), son, striker, blacksmith, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Louisa Fereday (14), daughter, home servant, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Anne Fereday (13), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Sydney J. Fereday (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] John M. Fereday (9), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [9] Fred T. Fereday (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [10] Harry Fereday (7), son, scholar, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/6/1891

“Search is being made for Thomas Henry Madeley (47), of Greet’s Green, who has disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Madeley, who is a carter, in the employ of his brother, a breeze merchant, was seen in the BUSH INN, New Road, Tipton, late at night on Wednesday, the 10th inst, and he left about ten o’clock. Since then nothing has been heard of him. Madeley has a wife and children.”

Smethwick Telephone 10/7/1897

“On Saturday evening the half yearly meeting of the West Bromwich and Smethwick District of the Free Gardeners Friendly Society was held at the OLD BUSH INN, Great Bridge.....”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 27/9/1899

“Wednesbury County Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

An objection was laid to the renewal of the license of the BUSH INN, New Road, Tipton, to W. Butler and Co., the grounds being that the license was not required, that the house was of a disorderly character, that on January 3rd, 1899, they were convicted for permitting drunkenness and fined 20s and costs, and also that the premises were difficult for police supervision. Mr. Wright represented the licensees License renewed.”

1901 Census

22, New Road – OLD BUSH INN

- [1] *Alexander C. Clarke* (28), publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] Sarah J. Clarke (28), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] Doris J. Clarke (2), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] Sarah A. Healey (15), general servant, born Tipton:

* possibly the same person

1911 Census

22, New Road – OLD BUSH INN

- [1] *Edward Francis L'Estrange* (52), publican, born Liverpool;
- [2] Mary Anne L'Estrange (48), wife, married 28 years, assisting in business, born Liverpool;
- [3] Edith Mary Blakeley L'Estrange (26), daughter, assisting in business, born Liverpool;
- [4] Frank L'Estrange (20), son, builder's clerk, born Sarole (?), Lancashire;
- [5] Ethel L'Estrange (18), daughter, assisting in business, born Liverpool;
- [6] Laurence L'Estrange (14), son, school, born Liverpool:

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

At the Sessions plans were submitted for the improvement of.....

The BUSH, Great Bridge.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year's Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the

present were as follows.....

OLD BUSH INN, New Road, Great Bridge, £2 13s 7½d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s."

Tipton Herald 16/1/1937

"Wednesbury lost a well known townsman, when on Monday Mr. *John W. Knowles* passed away after a short illness. A native of the town he was 59 years of age.

Mr. *Knowles* was best known to hundreds, even thousands, of Wednesbury and Midland people as a sportsman and licensed victualler. In his younger days he was a professional footballer, and the clubs with which he was connected included Cannock Town, Wednesbury Old Athletic, Darlaston, Dudley Town, and West Bromwich Albion. He was known as a nippy inside forward in the centre of the attack.

He became a licensee when he took over the UNION INN, Union Street, Wednesbury, and he remained there for a period of nine years, before moving to the OLD BUSH INN, Great Bridge. He returned to Wednesbury to take over the license of the BLUE BALL INN, Earps Lane, which he retained for five years, and during the past four years he has held the position of steward at the Charlemont Social Club and Institute, Stone Cross, where he took a keen interest in all sports, and was extremely popular with the whole of the membership. He was previously a member of the Wednesbury, Darlaston and District Licensed Victuallers' Association, and when he was at the BLUE BALL INN he was prominently associated with the Wednesbury Harriers, being a vice president. His son was a member of the Harriers....."

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/5/1938

"Sixteen applications, granted earlier in the year by the local justices, remained to be dealt with when an adjourned meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Confirmation Committee was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

Unopposed removals approved by the committee for the removal of the full licence.....

BUSH INN, New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton, to a new house on an adjoining site."

Closed

It became the offices of W. Devis and Sons Ltd.

OLD CHEQUERED COCK

117, Albert Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Whitehead [1857] – [1861]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/12/1857

“Rougey of Hall Green will fly his dun cock Greasy against John Walter’s old blue cock, from the Nelson, Birmingham, for £5 a side, and allow one minute start for distance, or any other fancier in Bilston, on the same terms. A match can be made any night next week at Mr. *Wm. Whitehead’s*, OLD CHEQUERED COCK, Albert Street, Princes End.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/3/1858

“John Nock of Princes End seeing a challenge from Thomas Cottis of Westbromwich to shoot him a match at 11 birds, for £5 or £10 a side, accepts the challenge, and will meet him tomorrow (Monday) evening, to make a match at Mr. *W. Whitehead’s*, the OLD CHEQUERED COCK, Princes End.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 14/3/1858

“Bagatelle. Mr. Henry Stanford of Princes End, seeing a challenge from Mr. Jacob Walker of Bilston to play a game, will play him three boards, 1,001 up, for £5 a side on each board, the winner of two games to receive the whole of the stakes. To choose a board each and twirl for the other. The Editor of *Bells Life* to be stakeholder. Money ready any night next week at Mr. *Wm. Whitehead’s* OLD CHEQUERED COCK INN, Albert Street, Princes End.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/1/1859

“Pigeon Flying. *Wm. Whitehead* of Princes End will fly a pigeon from Worcester and Stafford, for £5 a side, against anyone within three miles of Princes End, or he will match S. Ellis’s blue hen Dreadnaught against Dan Mill’s blue hen, from Stafford or any other place he likes to name, from one mile up to twenty, for £5 a side. Money ready any night of the week at *Wm. Whitehead’s* OLD CHEQUER COCK INN, Albert Street, Princes End.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 10/7/1859

“Jabez Smith of Princes End hearing that Charles Marsh of the same place wished to run him, will run from five to six score yards, or James Hunston of Summerhill the same distance. Either of the matches for £5 a side. A match can be made any night of the week at Mr. *Wm. Whitehead’s*, OLD CHEQUERED COCK INN, Albert Street, Princes End.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 28/8/1859

“D. Mills of Princes End, near Tipton, will fly a pigeon against Brown, White, or Bevan, a home and home match, for £5 a side, or any fancier in Birmingham. Money ready tomorrow (Monday) night, at Mr. *W. Whitehead’s* OLD CHEQUERED COCK INN, Albert Street, Princes End. Mr. John Tailby to be stakeholder.”

1861 Census

117, Albert Street – OLD CHECKER COCK

- [1] *William Whitehead* (37), beerseller, born Tipton;
- [2] Hannah Whitehead (37), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Emily Whitehead (11), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] Matilda Whitehead (8), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] George H. Whitehead (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [6] Lucy H. Whitehead (6 months), daughter, born Sedgley;

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 21/7/1861

“Mr. W. Whitehouse, of Princes End, having been repeatedly challenged, is now ready to fly two birds from Evesham, Camden, Shipton, or Oxford, on the West Midland Line, for £5 a side, each bird against any one within two miles of Princes End; or he will fly a match with Mills of Summerhill or Taylor of Tipton, from anywhere or any distance, for £5 a side, in one month from the first deposit. Money ready at Mr. *Whitehead*'s, CHEQUERED COCK INN, Albert Street, Princes End, any night next week. Give and take time for distance.”

OLD CHURCH TAVERN

Upper Church Lane, (Old Church Lane), (37, Summerhill), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Moses Caddick [1826]
Joseph Lambert [1841] – [1842]
George Fryer [1845]
Thomas Nash [1845] – [1850]
Moses Caddick [1850] – **1859**);
John Jukes (**1859 – 1860**);
William Fletcher (**1860 – 1862**);
Thomas Grove (**1862 – []**)
Thomas Grubb [] – **1862**);
Henry Thomas (**1862 – []**)
Thomas Hope [] – **1863**);
Joseph Hope (**1863 – [1865]**)
Thomas George [] – **1868**);
William Farley (**1868 – []**)
William Collins (**1870 – [1873]**)

NOTES

Church Lane [1845], [1849], [1850], [1851], [1865]
Upper Church Lane [1860]
37, Summerhill [1871]
Old Church Lane

CHURCH TAVERN [1860], [1863], [1870]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 17/11/1845 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public House and Premises, at Summerhill.

To be Sold by Auction, by Solomon Powell, Tomorrow (Tuesday) the 11th of November, at the OLD CHURCH TAVERN, Summerhill, in the parish of Tipton, at six o'clock, in one lot, and subject to conditions then to be produced – all that old-licensed and established Public-House and Premises, now in the occupation of Mr. *George Fryer*, known by the sign of the OLD CHURCH TAVERN, and eligibly situated in the parish of Tipton and county of Stafford, near to Tipton Old Church, together with four substantially-built Dwelling Houses, with Outbuildings adjoining, and now in the occupations of Whitaker, Smith, Adams, and

Davis, at an annual rent of £41 14s.

The above Property is very eligibly suited in the immediate neighbourhood of the extensive works of Messrs. Walker, Millington, and Spencer, and of the Tibbington and Moat Colliery Companies.

For further particulars apply at the offices of Messrs. Robinson and Fletcher, Solicitors, Dudley; or to Mr. Simeon Round, Tipton; or to the Auctioneer, Tipton.”

1851 Census

Church Lane

[1] *Moses Caddick* (38), miner and victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary Caddick* (40), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *Susannah Caddick* (12), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] *Sarah Caddick* (8), daughter, born Sedgley;

[5] *Ruth Caddick* (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] *Harriet Jones* (17), general servant, born Bilston;

[7] *Lucey Parkes* (13), general servant, born Sedgley:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/6/1852

“William Hunt of Summerhill will run Whitehouse of Princes End from 100 to 300 yards, for from £10 to £25 a side; or Enoch Townsend will take two yards in 120 from Whitehouse. The matches can be made any time this week, at the OLD CHURCH TAVERN, Summerhill, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/12/1859 - Advert

“Public House Effects.

By Samuel Rodway, upon the Premises, the OLD CHURCH TAVERN, Church Lane, Summer Hill, Tipton, This day (Monday), the Brewing Utensils, Furniture, Fixtures, &c.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/5/1864 - Advert

“Persons wishing Grounds for Amusements on Whit Monday, near the Boars Head, Perry Barr, must apply at *Joseph Hope*'s, OLD CHURCH TAVERN, Princes End.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/8/1864

“Renewal of Licenses.....

Joseph Hope, landlord of the OLD CHURCH TAVERN, Summer Hill, Tipton, was reprimanded for having kept open his house on the Sunday, for which he had been fined 2s 6d and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/4/1870

“Saturday being the quarterly transfer day.....

The following new licenses were granted *Wm. Collins*, CHURCH TAVERN, Princes End.”

1871 Census

37, Summerhill – Public house

[1] *William Collins* (40), labourer and publican, born Wordsley;

[2] *Elizabeth Collins* (40), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *Maria Collins* (16), daughter, born Wordsley;

[4] *Elijah Collins* (12), son, born Wordsley;

[5] *Elizabeth Collins* (9), daughter, born Wordsley;

[6] *Sarah Collins* (7), daughter, born Wordsley;

[7] *Mary Collins* (4), daughter, born Wordsley;

[8] *Martha Collins* (1), daughter, born Birmingham:

William Collins – see also LEVIATHAN.

OLD COURT HOUSE

57, Lower Church Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mary Ann Hargreaves, Ivy Villa, Pennfields, Wolverhampton
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1960s]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Premier Midland Ales Ltd.
Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Lees [1864] – [1882]
James Salt [1891]
Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholls [1892]
Isaac James Salt [1896]
Mary Ann Hargreaves [1898]
Mrs. Eliza Jane Hampton [1900]
John Stevens [1900] – [1901]
Joseph Henry Cartwright [1903] – [1904]
Edward Henry Lindsay [1908] – [1909]
Alexander Charles Clarke [1911] – [1916]
George Priest []
Joseph Henry D’Egville [1919] – **1921**);
Samuel Nash (**1921 – 1923**);
John McNulty (**1923**);
Edward Knight (**1923 – 1932**);
Frederick ‘Fred’ Thorpe (**1932 – 1948**);
Tresa Thorpe (**1949 – 1954**);
Frank Albert Victor Miles (**1954** – [1966])
Robin Furlong (**1987** – [1988])
Graham Brown [1993]
Nik Narewal [2013]

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COURT HOUSE [1872], [1873], [1896], [1903], [1904], [1908], [1909], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

OLD COURT HOUSE [1891]

James Lees, beer retailer, Church Lane. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/2/1870

“Yesterday at the COURT HOUSE INN, before Mr. Hooper, coroner, an inquest was held on the body of Amos Britton (52), who died at the police station on Sunday morning last.

Police-constable Goodfellow said that on Saturday night last he was on duty at Wallbrook, when he found deceased, who was crippled, lying in the road, and he was drunk. Two men helped him to carry deceased to

the police-station at Princes End, warmed him, and then placed him in a cell, where he remained for about half-an-hour. The sergeant afterwards had him removed to the 'reserve room'. On Sunday morning he was taken to Tipton police-station in a handcart. When conveyed into the station Britton died.

Isaiah Whittall corroborated the evidence of the previous witness as to the state of deceased when he was found at Wallbrook, and stated that he was an habitual drunkard.

The brother of deceased in evidence said that he believed that the deceased had been properly cared for whilst in charge of the police.

In summing up the Coroner expressed an opinion that everything necessary for the comfort of the deceased was done by the police.

The verdict was to the effect that deceased died from excessive drinking and exposure to cold."

1871 Census

Lower Church Lane

- [1] *James Lees* (44), labourer, born Gnossall, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ellen Lees* (52), wife, born Wrocwardine, Worcestershire;
- [3] *William Lees* (12), son, visitor, born Stafford;
- [4] *Mary Lees* (8), daughter, visitor, born Stafford;
- [5] *Hannah Evans* (15), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

57, Lower Church Lane

- [1] *James Lees* (54), widower, innkeeper, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Lees* (18), daughter, domestic servant, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Pessol* (66), visitor, widower, coal miner, born Shropshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/7/1890 - Advert

"General Servant Wanted, age about 26.
COURT HOUSE INN, Church Lane, Tipton."

1891 Census

57, Lower Church Lane – OLD COURT HOUSE

- [1] *James Salt* (28), commercial traveller and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Salt* (28), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Archibald Salt* (7), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Sydney Salt* (2), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Daisy Salt* (9 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Sarah Hunt* (18), servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Samuel Timmins* (15), groom, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 3/3/1893 - Advert

"COURT HOUSE, Church Lane, Tipton; nicely fitted-up bar, large smoke room and club room; extensive yard and stabling. Rent £23; let-offs about £6. Illness cause of leaving."

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/1894 - Advert

"COURT HOUSE, Church Lane, Tipton. This old-established free Full-licensed Inn to Let, opposite Police Court, from which a good trade is derived. In-going valuation. Rent £25. Proprietor having business away from home sole cause of letting.

Apply, Hawkins and Son, Auctioneers, 20, Temple Street, Birmingham."

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/2/1895

"Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest on Monday at the COURT HOUSE INN, Church Lane, touching the death of Joseph Round, 19, screwmaker, Lower Church Lane, who died, it was supposed, from injuries received on the football field. The evidence went to show that the deceased on Saturday week went to the Toll End

Rovers' football ground with the intention of watching a match. The match, however, was abandoned, and the players indulged in practice kicking. The ball was kicked in the direction of the deceased, and he kicked it back again. He felt no ill-effects from the kicking at the time, but a day or so afterwards he complained of pains in his stomach. An assistant to Dr. Price saw the deceased, and the opinion was that there was an internal injury. Just before he died deceased told his brother that he thought he kicked too high at the ball. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from the effects on an internal twist sustained in kicking a football.”

Walsall Observer 27/8/1898

“Wednesbury Brewster Sessions.....

Superintendent Salt reported.....

Since the last annual licensing meeting seven licensed victuallers and six beerhouse keepers had been summoned in respect of offences against the tenour of their licenses. Of the victuallers five were fined and two dismissed, and of the beerhouse keepers four were fined, one paid costs, and one was dismissed. Three of the convicted beerhouse keepers had since transferred their licenses. He had caused notice of opposition to the renewal of these licenses to be served upon the present holder of the license in each case where there had been a conviction during the year.....

Mary Ann Hargreaves, COURT HOUSE, Tipton.....

The consideration of objections was deferred until the adjourned sessions, to be held on the 28th of September.”

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. Wilcock also represented John Williams, of the COTTAGE OF CONTENT beerhouse, Darlaston. It was stated that since the conviction the house had been well conducted, and the Bench renewed the license. A similar course was taken with regard to the HOP AND BARLEYCORN beerhouse, Toll End, Tipton; John Marks, JOLLY COLLIER beerhouse, Ocker Hill; and the COURT HOUSE INN, Tipton, in each of which cases Mr. Wilcock appeared.”

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

John Stevens, COURT HOUSE, Church Lane, Tipton.”

The brewing plant was put up for sale by auction in December 1900.

1901 Census

57, Church Lane – COURT HOUSE TAVERN

[1] *John Stevens* (37), brick layer at Carriage Works, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Sarah Ann *Stevens* (28), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] Arthur *Stevens* (24), brother, bricklayer, house building, born Brierley Hill:

Tipton Herald 11/7/1903

“Mr. *J. H. Cartwright*, of the COURT HOUSE INN, Church Lane, Tipton, invited a number of friends to partake of his hospitality on Wednesday evening. After a substantial repast a ‘smoker’ [smoking concert] was held, presided over by Mr. E. H. Lindsay, and a programme of exceptional merit was gone through.....”

Tipton Herald 8/5/1909

“At Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday, before Mr. C. H. Barrows and Alderman J. T. Homer, *Edward Henry Lindsay* (49), licensee of the COURT HOUSE INN, Lower Church Lane, Tipton was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises.

Mr. J. Sharpe prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. A. J. Glover defended. Mr. W. A. Foster held a watching brief for the owners of the house.

Mr. Sharpe, in opening the case, said it occurred on Tuesday afternoon, 6th April, the afternoon which had been made somewhat notorious by the conduct of certain persons who had since been punished. On that particular day, and for some time past, the police had had to complain of disorderly scenes and disturbances, particularly on Court days, in the neighbourhood of the Police Court, and of the Inn.

Mr. A. J. Glover submitted that to refer to events other than the one occurrence would prejudice the case.

Mr. J. S. Sharpe (continuing) said that on April 6th he did not know whether any peculiarly notorious persons had been locked up, but Dudley Port seemed really to have lost its head. The question was whether Dudley Port lost its head through pure excitement, or whether intoxicating drink had anything to do with it. It was his duty to suggest that it was not pure excitement, or of grief at losing the persons who had been arrested and sent away, but that it was due to drink, which had been supplied by various persons at the COURT HOUSE INN. At 3.30pm David Bunce came out of the COURT HOUSE INN in a drunken state, and was locked up by the police. Two men named Bishop, relatives of Bunce, remained at the COURT HOUSE INN from 3.45 to 6pm, and on coming out were both locked up. These three men, who had been seen to leave the COURT HOUSE INN, were all fined for being drunk on the following day at the special Court (three of their female relatives were also fined for being drunk).

Inspector Burgess stated that on Tuesday, the 6th April, he was at the Police Station at about 3.30pm. He saw a man named David Bunce, who had been to the Police Station with regard to a son who had been locked up. Bunce and three members of his family were the ringleaders in an attempt that was made to rush the prison van. About 7pm he saw the two men named Bishop and who were both drunk. The following morning the six persons were all convicted for being drunk.

Sergeant Cooke stated that about 3.30pm on the 6th of April he was assisting to load the prison van. He saw David Bunce leave the COURT HOUSE INN. Prisoner was drunk and was arrested. Other members of Bunce's family were also drunk and were arrested.

Cross-examined: When he saw them in the cell an hour after they were incapable, and could not walk ten yards without stumbling.

PC Clowes deposed that at 3.45pm he saw Joseph and William Bishop, who came to the Police Station. The former said he wanted to bail his wife out. The defendants then went across to the COURT HOUSE INN.

At 6pm he saw a man named Reuben Edwards assisting the two Bishops down the steps. The two men were drunk, used bad language and staggered about, and witness and other officers arrested them, and brought them to the Police Station. They were convicted and fined on the following day at a special Court.

Other police evidence was called.

For the defence a good deal of evidence was called, which went to show that such a good trade was done at the COURT HOUSE INN on the day in question that it was impossible to see what condition the men were in.

The Bench, after consideration, decided that the evidence was insufficient to prove that the landlord of the house knew that the men were drunk. The case was accordingly dismissed.”

1911 Census

57, Lower Church Lane – COURT HOUSE INN

[1] *Alexander Charles Clarke* (38), licensed victualler, born Winson Green;

[2] Sarah Jane Clarke (38), wife, married 14 years, born Small Heath;

[3] Doris Jinnie Clarke (12), daughter, born Small Heath;

[4] Ada Mary Clarke (6 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Ada Clarke (73), mother, widow, born Birmingham:

South Staffordshire Times 3/9/1921 - Advert

“COURT HOUSE INN, Lower Church Lane, Tipton. Wednesday Next, September 7th, 1921.

To be Sold by Auction by Messrs. Powell and Brown (William Brown) on the above date and Premises, the excellent Fixed and Loose Brewing Plant and Utensils. Comprising Barm Tubs, Whisps, Tunpail, Barrel Chains, India Rubber Piping and Unions.

58 Sound Ale Casks, 120, 60, 18, 9 and 4½ gal, capacity, Hops, Glucose and Sugar, Ropes.

240 and 100 Gallon Copper Boilers. Gun Metal Cocks and underwork, Galvanised Lid to Copper, Iron Bound Hopper, with Pump and Connections. 20 Bushel Circular Mash Tub. Supports and Cover, Mash Rule Ladle, Iron Plated Cooler, 10ft 6in x 3ft 6in, Upright Copper, Refrigerator, Large Fermenting Vessel, with Brass Stop and a variety of other Brewery Effects, which will be divided into suitable lots. (No Catalogues.)”

Fred Thorpe was the son-in-law of Andrew Gallantree.

1939 Register

57, Lower Church Lane

[1] *Frederick Thorpe*, date of birth 18/12/1892, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Tresa (Thorpe) Dudley*, dob 14/5/1893, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Alfreda Thorpe*, dob 10/8/1921, unpaid domestic duties, single;

[4] *John F. Thorpe*, dob 20/10/1923, motor engineering, single;

[5] *Cyril D. Thorpe*, dob 20/8/1926, at school, single:

Tipton Herald 25/9/1948

“The death took place on Friday week at Burton House Hospital, following a sudden illness, of Mr. *Frederick Thorpe*, licensee of the COURTHOUSE INN, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, in his 56th year. A native of Princes End he was for many years a demolition contractor before becoming a licensee in Princes End.

For the last 16 years he was the licensee of the COURTHOUSE INN. His mother, who is 78 years of age, resides at Penn. Mr. *Thorpe* was a popular figure in Tipton, and his death is much regretted among a wide circle of friends.

Cremation took place at Perry Barr on Thursday following a funeral service. The chief mourners were Mrs. Thorpe (widow), Mrs. H. Legg (daughter), Messrs. John Frederick Thorpe and Cyril Dennis Thorpe (sons), Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Sisman (sisters), Mr. Harry Legg (son-in-law), Mr. A. Gallantree and Mrs. A. Edwards (brother-in-law and sister-in-law).”

Frederick Thorpe – see also GOLDEN LION, Princes End.

Walsall Observer 10/1/1964

“The quarter finals, semi-finals and final of the Walsall, Wolverhampton and district sub area competition of the *News of the World* individual darts championship of England and Wales, will be held in Pelsall Social Club, Norton Road, Pelsall, on Thursday next, January 16, all players to be on the mark at 8pm prompt. The eight finalists are.....

Ray Langford (COURT HOUSE, Tipton).”

Robin Furlong was married to Ann.

[2021]

OLD CROWN

9, (1), Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1997]

LICENSEES

Charles Stamps [1865] – [1872];
Henry Harper [1885] – [1892]
William Abraham Thompson [1896]
Harry Warren [1900]
George Lear [] – 1913);
Thomas Jones (1913 – []
Lilian May ‘Lil’ Shakespeare (1953 – 1971)
R S Smith [1976] – [1990]
John Slark [1982]
John Slark [1993]
John Evans [1994]

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It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/7/1868

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before I. Spooner, Esq. (Stipendiary magistrate), Horatio Stamps, was charged with stealing a shawl, value 8s, the property of his father, *Charles Stamps*, a beerhouse keeper, of Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge. Ann Randal, a prostitute, was charged with receiving the same knowing it to be stolen.

Prosecutor said the prisoner was his son, but was a very bad lad.

Mr. Spooner: Are you a good father? – Prisoner: Yes.

It appeared that the shawl was last seen safe in a clothes box in prosecutors’ bedroom, on Monday the 13th inst, and was missed on the following Thursday, and afterwards pledged by the female prisoner at the shop of Mr. Harper, also of Great Bridge.

Mr. Spooner inquired of the prosecutor whether he really wished to prosecute his own son or whether he would not rather withdraw the charge, to which he replied that he was a very bad lad staying out all night several times in the week and he would like him punished.

Mr. Spooner said his (prisoner’s) father had no mercy for him but he (the Magistrate) had, and should now discharge him with a warning that if he ever appeared again he would receive the full penalty of the law.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/1/1869

“A young man, named Horatio Stamps, was charged with stealing a silver watch and chain and an overcoat, the property of his father, *Charles Stamps*, beerhouse-keeper, Sheepwash Lane, West Bromwich. On Monday week, the father of the prisoner gave him a ticket for a tea party, and he left the house and never returned. Later in the day the father missed an overcoat and a silver watch, value £4, from his bed room. The police were communicated with, and it was ascertained that the coat had been pledged. The prisoner was arrested on Monday last, and on being charged with the robbery, he said ‘that he and Massey took the property, and got a woman to pledge it for them. He gave the ticket to Massey, who sold it.’ The prisoner received a bad character from his father, and he was sent to gaol for six weeks.”

Charles Stamps, beer retailer, Sheepwash Lane. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Sheepwash Lane – CROWN INN

- [1] *Charles Stamps* (49), broker, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Stamps* (49), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Charles Stamps* (5), son, born West Bromwich:

Henry Harper, beer retailer, 1, Sheepwash Lane. [1888], [1892]

1891 Census

1, Sheepwash Lane

- [1] *Henry Harper* (42), lime burner, born Sedgley;
- [2] *S. A. Harper* (58), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Joseph H. Harper* (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Abraham Harper* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *John T. Harper* (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Bessy A. Harper* (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Ernest Harper* (6), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Caroline Bratt* (18), general servant, born Tipton;
- [9] *Thomas Easthop* (47), boarder, general labourer, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 1/3/1895 - Advert

“Cob (brown), 14 hands, 4 years, warranted sound and quiet, £23; also dun Cob, 14 hands, quiet to ride and drive, £9. Good iron waggon cheap.
OLD CROWN INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge.”

William Abraham Thompson, beer retailer, 1, Sheepwash Lane. [1896]

Harry Warren, beer retailer, Sheepwash Lane. [1900]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 31/10/1930

“The *Birmingham Gazette* and *Evening Despatch* Norton Canes Pit Disaster Fund continues to meet with a generous response from sympathetic readers throughout the Midlands, and several more handsome donations came to hand yesterday, bringing the total up to nearly £2,000 The Subscription List.....
Landlord and Customers, OLD CROWN INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge..... £10.”

Great Bridge Celtic FC were based here. [1952]

It had an angling club. [c.1955]

Express and Star 24/11/1997 - Advert

“Two room community pub in the heart of the Black Country.”

[2008]

Closed [2011]

It reopened in 2017 as ZIONS BAR.

[2018]

OLD CROWN

206, (113a), (120), Toll End Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Frederick Smith Ltd. [1903], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1959]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Nock [1828] – [1834]
Mrs. Jane Nock [] – **1838**)
John Nock [1842]
Benjamin Simcox [1841] – [1856]
Duffield [1858]
Collin Robson [1860] – [1863]
Joseph Sheldon [1863] – **1865**);
Benjamin Aston (**1865 – 1866**);
Samuel Beasley (**1866 – 1867**);
John Hepworth (**1867 – 1868**);
Joseph Richards (**1868** – [1872]
George Rowley [1873] – [1874]
Robert Farr [] – **1886**)
William G Poole [1891] – [1892]
R T Barker [1893]
Richard Mason [1896]
James Latham [1900]
William Jones [1901]
Solomon Gold (**1903** – []
William Shaw [1910] – [1911]
Mrs. Ellen Mullett [1919] – **1928**);
Howard Sims Reeves (**1928**);
John Kingdom (**1928 – 1930**);
Elijah Bloomer (**1930 – 1946**);
Ann Rebecca Bloomer (**1946 – 1952**);
Frederick Williams (**1952 – 1962**);
William Henry Matthews (**1962**);
George Arthur McLaughlan (**1962** – [1969]
Geoffrey Bevan [1987]

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120, Toll End Road [1871]
113a, Toll End Road [1891], [1896], [1900], [1904]
206, Toll End Road [1908], [1910], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940]

CROWN [1831], [1891], [1896], [1900], [1908], [1910], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]
OLD CROWN [1838], [1846], [1847], [1865], [1871], [1874], [1880], [1882], [1925], [1985]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 5/9/1831 - Advert

“Sale of Freehold Dwelling Houses, large Warehouse, Landing Wharf, and enclosed yard.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Wednesday next, September 7, at the house of Mr. *John Nock*, the CROWN, Toll End, Tipton, at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/5/1838 - Died

“On the 18th ult, in the 57th year of her age, Mrs. Jane Nock, of the OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/12/1842 - Advert

“Toll End, Tipton.

House, Basin, Lime-Kilns, and Building Land.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Septimus Davis, at the house of Mr. *John Nock*, known by the sign of the OLD CROWN, situate at Toll End, in the parish of Tipton.....”

Birmingham Journal 26/11/1846

“Another of those fatal occurrences which it is our painful duty to record, occurred on Saturday to a fine young boy, of about five years of age, named Pharoah Hodgkiss, son of Joseph Hodgkiss, moulder. The little fellow had been left in the house for a moment, while his mother crossed the street; but the unfortunate child, short as the interval was, had approached too near the fire, and set his clothes in a blaze. He was instantly enveloped in flames, which were with some difficulty extinguished; but the child was fearfully burnt, so much so, that he lingered until the evening in great agony, when he expired. An inquest was held on Monday, at the OLD CROWN, Toll End, before George Hinchcliffe, Esq, Coroner, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Journal 26/6/1847

“On Thursday week an inquest was held at the OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of a man named Thomas Powell, who was found lying quite dead at the bottom of the shaft of a coal pit near that place. Nothing positive is known of the manner in which he fell in, but it is supposed to have been accidentally, and a verdict to that effect was returned.”

Birmingham Journal 10/7/1847

“On Wednesday last, an accident of a distressing kind occurred to a boy named Job Yardley, eight years of age, and residing at Toll End, Tipton. He was standing on a heap of ashes at the canal side, and when leaning forward to pick up a stone, the ashes slipped from under his feet, he went with them into the canal, and very shortly sunk to the bottom. An alarm was instantly given by a boy who was with him, and two men went into the water in search, but nearly a quarter of an hour elapsed before the deceased could be recovered, as the canal was nearly twelve feet deep, and when found, life was extinct. An inquest was held the same day at the OLD CROWN, Toll End, and a verdict of Accidental Death returned.”

1851 Census

Toll End

[1] *Benjamin Simcox* (65), victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] Sarah Simcox (70), wife, born Tipton;

[3] John Welch (16), brewer, born Bablewon, Coventry;

[4] Keziah Force (17), servant, born Bristol;

[5] Ann Bagly (14), servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 23/7/1853

“The members of the Queen's Constitutional Society, OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, held their thirty-first anniversary on Monday, July 4, when about fifty members sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by the host, *Benjamin Simcox*. After dinner the chairs were taken by Messrs. John Hughes and Medley, and with song and sentiment the members enjoyed themselves till a late hour.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1856 - Deaths

“December 23, after a short illness, aged 72, Sarah, the beloved wife of Mr. *Benjamin Simcox*, the OLD

CROWN INN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/1/1857 - Notice

“Pursuant to the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, the following prisoners whose Estates and Effects have been vested in the provisional Assignee by order of the Court, and whose Petitions and Schedules filed in the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, have been duly referred and transmitted to the County Court of Warwickshire, holden at Warwick, pursuant to the statute in that behalf, are ordered to be brought up before the Judge of the said County Court, at Warwick aforesaid, to be dealt with according to the law, on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1857.....

Benjamin Simcox, formerly of Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, carrying on business as a Licensed Victualler and Publican, and occasionally working as a Bricklayer; and late of Toll End aforesaid, out of business; now a prisoner for debt in the Gaol of Warwick, in the county of Warwick.
John Francis Dalby, Attorney for Insolvents, Westbromwich.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/3/1858 - Advert

“Swift Packet Pleasure Boat.

Mr. Altree will Sell by Auction, at four o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, the 22nd of March, at the house of Mr. *Duffield*, known by the sign of the OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton – a noted fast-going Pleasure Boat lately running between Toll End and Perry Barr, capable of carrying 150 Persons, has recently undergone a thorough repair, and is lying in Mr. *Duffield*’s Wharf, Toll End, Tipton.

Auctioneer’s Office, 73, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/6/1858 - Advert

“Sale At The OLD CROWN Toll End, Tipton.

By Mr. S. Powell, upon the Premises, To-Morrow (Wednesday), June 16th.

All the useful Household Furniture, Public-House Fixtures, &c.

Sale to commence at ten ‘clock.”

Collin Robson = Colin Robson

1861 Census

Toll End Road – OLD CROWN

[1] *Collin Robson* (38), victualler and blacksmith, born Butterknowl, Durham;

[2] Ellen Robson (31), wife, born Jarrow, Yorkshire;

[3] Thomas S. Robson (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[4] Catherine Thomas (17), domestic servant, born Oldbury:

Birmingham Daily Post 3/5/1862 - Advert

“Wanted, a One-horse Patent Hearse; also a Furniture Van.

Address M’Cullin *Robson*, OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/8/1863 - Advert

“Peremptory Sale.

OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, Tipton. To Publicans, Brokers, and Others, To Be Sold By Auction.

By Mr. John Bent, this Day (Monday), a quantity of Hogshead and Half-hogshead Casks, 35-gallon ditto, excellent Gathering Tub, Brewing Vessels; about 200 Gallons of Old Ale, and other effects belonging to Mr. *Collin Robson*, under an execution from the County Court.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/10/1863

“A special Sessions was held last Saturday when the following licenses were transferred.....

Tipton the OLD CROWN (void) to *Colin Robson*.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/12/1863

“On Monday, at the Stipendiary’s meeting at the Police Court, two men named James Nock and James Highway, were brought before Mr. I. Spooner charged with being drunk and riotous, and committing wilful damage on Saturday night last, on the premises of Mr. *Joseph Sheldon*, landlord of the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, to the amount of £1 10s. It appeared that a raffle for a trap had taken place at the complainant’s premises on Saturday week, and the defendants, who had tickets in the ballot, met on Saturday last, and after talking over the raffle began playing at pitch and toss. *Sheldon* went in to part them, and Highway told him he would not give him the opportunity of winning back his money and threatened to throw him down. The man Nock struck complainant’s wife several times. With some difficulty the man was turned out, and the accused commenced throwing stones, smashing many panes of glass in the sky-light and wood work. Several panes were also broken in the light above the door. Mr. *Sheldon* appeared for the defence, and called a witness, named Phoebe Nock, wife to one of the prisoners, who stated that Highway was fighting with a man from Princes End, a member of the prize ring, at the public house mentioned, in consequence complainant advising the fighting man to give in when he found that luck was turning in favour of his opponent. Finally the man Highway was knocked down with a quart jug, which rendered him insensible for several minutes. Mr. *Sheldon* contended that it was neither more nor less than a public-house row. He admitted his clients had been indiscreet, but they were no more blameable than the complainant himself, who was an aider and abettor in the transaction.

Mr. Spooner remarked that Mr. *Sheldon*’s view of the subject did not materially strengthen his case. The accused were evidently guilty, and the implication of others in the brawl did not in the least mitigate their offence. He should therefore fine each of the prisoners £1 and costs, or in default one month’s imprisonment; but in addition, the prisoner Nock must pay a further sum of £2 10s for the damage done to complainant’s window, and a fine of 6s and costs, or another month’s imprisonment.

The prisoner left the dock remarking that they felt inclined to go and serve their time in durance vile in preference to paying the fine. They were accordingly locked up.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/1/1864

“Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, on Friday opened an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Richard Churm, a man 65 years of age, at the house of Mr. *Joseph Sheldon*, the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End. Mr. Fellows, solicitor, attended the inquest on behalf of the friends of the deceased.

William Drakeford, a boatman, stated that deceased was a boatman in the employ of Mr. Joshua Fellows. On Wednesday last deceased and two other men had just started a boat laden with iron from the Toll End Works for Wednesbury. The deceased was on the towing path, and the others were on the opposite side of the water. Witness threw a line to the deceased, and just at that moment a horse belonging to another boat started off at a gallop. Deceased had the rope in his hand, and when the horse got to full tether, the line caught deceased by his legs, drew him up about six feet, and the rope then broke, and deceased fell on his head. The blood ran out of both his ears and his nose, and he never spoke afterwards. Mr. Underhill, surgeon, attended him immediately. Witness had since learnt that the horse was young and given to running away. The Jury found a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 16/7/1864 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale.

At Mr. *Joseph Sheldon*’s, the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, near Ocker Hill Station, on Monday Next, July 13.

To Publicans, Brokers, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. R. Haseltine – the whole of the Stock-in-Trade, Goodwill, and Licenses, about 500 Gallons of Prime Ale, 70 Gallons of Porter, quantity of Whisky, Port, and Sherry; the whole of the Brewing Utensils, Boilers, and Fixtures, Vats, Coolers, Casks, Malt Crusher, Hop Press, Malt, Hops, Household Furniture, very handsome Piano-Forte, horse-hair Sofa, mahogany Tables, Steel Engravings, mahogany Chest of Drawers, very handsome Four-post Iron Bedsteads, massive pillars with horse-hair head-rail and foot-rail; Feather Beds and Linen, Drinking Tables, Fire-proof Safe, 4-wheel Phaeton; Growing Crops in garden.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock in the forenoon.

For further particulars apply to J. E. Sheldon, Solicitor; or at the Auctioneer's Offices, both of Wednesbury."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/1/1865

"On Saturday the following licenses were temporarily transferred.....
OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, from *Joseph Sheldon* to *Benjamin Aston*."

Birmingham Daily Post 29/6/1866 - Advert

"To be Let, the OLD CROWN Roadside Inn, Toll End, Tipton, near Ockerhill Station; with large Garden, Yard, and Stables. The Stock is low. Valuation about £100. Rent £36.
Apply Mr. Ashcroft, Auctioneer, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton."

Birmingham Daily Post 13/11/1866 - Advert

"To Let, that capital Roadside Inn, the OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton.
Apply Mr. Ashcroft, Auctioneer, Wolverhampton."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/4/1867

"J. Lea of Great Bridge and W. Hunter of Hill Top are matched to run 120 yards for £5 a side at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on April 22. £1 a side is now down, and a further deposit has to be made on Monday at the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, Tipton."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/9/1867 - Advert

"That excellent Road-side Inn, OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton. In-coming to suit purchaser.
Apply, Mr. Ashcroft, Auctioneer, Wolverhampton."

London Gazette 28/7/1868

"*Colin Robson*, formerly of Toll End, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, afterwards of Sheffield, in the county of York, then of Fencehouses, in the county of Durham, afterwards of Beverley, in the said county of York, then of Derby, in the county of Derby, and now of No.61, Great Western Street, Wednesbury, in the county of Stafford, working at all the said places as a Journeyman Blacksmith, adjudicated bankrupt on the 14th day of June, 1868. An Order of Discharge was granted by the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Walsall, on the 22nd day of July, 1868."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/12/1870

"On Tuesday, at the Police Court, before Mr. I. Spooner (Stipendiary), the following persons were summoned at the instance of John George Holder, inspector of weights and measures, for having in their possession unjust weights and measures.....
Joseph Richards, OLD CROWN, Toll End, for not appearing in answer to a summons, for having in his possession two quart measures each of which was a quarter of a gill deficient."

1871 Census

120, Toll End Road

- [1] *Joseph Richards* (52), coal miner and innkeeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Richards* (46), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Thomas Richards* (19), son, coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Herbert Richards* (16), son, coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Elizabeth Richards* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Ernest Richards* (12), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Frederick Forman* (11), visitor, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1871

"At the Police Court, yesterday, before Messrs. Williams and Underhill, *Joseph Richards*, of the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 16th inst. Mrs. Garrett, a strong-minded woman, went to the house in search of her husband and found him 'dead drunk,' with

his head on the table, and a quart jug of ale in front of him. She left the house quietly and returned with a policeman, who also saw the offence. It was shown that the defendant had been fined £5 and costs by Mr. Spooner, so the Bench inflicted a penalty of £6 and costs.”

Dudley Guardian 14/2/1874

“Joseph Oliver, Maria Foster, Martha Foster, Ellen Shipton, James Bills, William Blower, John Bates, William Rabone, Samuel Rabone, Thomas Williams, Phoebe Williams, Nancy Williams, Timothy Langford, Edward Bunce, Mark Richards, and John Bailey were charged with rioting during the election. Mr. Stokes and Mr. Lake (from Mr. Duignan’s office at Walsall) appeared for the Rabones, and Mr. Sheldon appeared for Mr. *Rowley*, of the OLD CROWN INN, whose windows the mob broke.

Mr. Stokes and Mr. Lake applied that the Rabones might be admitted to bail, as they were innocent of the charge, and that they had witnesses to call who would exonerate them.

Mr. Sheldon opposed the application and said he would prove that the Rabones were the leaders of the mob and incited them to break Mr. *Rowley*’s windows. He called PC Lord, who stated that he saw William Rabone at the head of a lot of people outside Mr. *Rowley*’s house at Toll End. William Rabone had a stone tied up in the corner of his handkerchief which he carried in his hand. Witness saw the mob throw stones at Mr. *Rowley*’s windows, which they broke; heard Rabone say, to some one in the mob, ‘Give it to the ——’ (meaning witness). William Rabone afterwards caught hold of witness and pulled him about. The prisoners were remanded for a week.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/2/1874

“Yesterday, at the Wednesbury Police Court, the Stipendiary (Mr. I. Spooner) dealt with a number of persons charged with rioting at the recent Wednesbury election.....

The next batch consisted of Joseph Oliver, Maria Foster, Martha Foster, Ellen Shipton, James Bill, William Blower, John Bates, William Rabone, Samuel Rabone, Thomas Williams, Phoebe Williams, Nancy Williams, Timothy Langford, Samuel Shorthouse, and John Bayley who were charged with riotous conduct, and doing wilful and malicious damage to the property of Mr. *Rowley*, of the OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton After some discussion between the advocates engaged and the Stipendiary, the latter consented to let the prisoners go on their being bound over – each in £20, and one surety in £10 – to be of good behaviour. On the part of the accused, an assurance was given that the damage they had done to *Rowley*’s property should be made good.....

The cases occupied from eleven till nearly five o’clock.”

Midland Examiner 4/11/1876

“Death From Excessive Drinking And Gluttony.

On Tuesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, on the body of John Bailey, of that neighbourhood. The man had been drinking heavily on Saturday night, and then swallowed ravenously a quantity of cooked meat. He was found dead in the street. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Excessive Drinking.”

Wednesbury Herald 3/1/1880

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday, relative to the death of Samuel Hill, (37), ironworker, who was found drowned in the canal.

The evidence was to the effect that the deceased had been missing from his home from the 6th of December, and on Christmas morning he was found dead in the canal at Toll End. There were no suspicious circumstances, and the jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Wednesbury Herald 3/6/1882

“On Tuesday morning, Edwin Hooper, Esq, district coroner, held an inquest at the OLD CROWN INN, Toll End, Tipton, touching the death of Thomas Jaundrill (11), son of Thomas Jaundrill, miner, of 12, Toll End Road. On last Monday week the deceased went to his parents, who were at work on the banks of the Birmingham Canal, and was ordered home. He went away and was not seen again until Friday morning, when his body was found floating in the canal near his late home. A verdict of Accidentally Drowned was

returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/3/1886

“Yesterday Mr. Hooper, held an inquest at the CROWN INN, Toll End, on the body of James Taylor (35), overman, of Toll End, who was killed by a fall of coal at the Crown Meadow Colliery, belonging to Messrs. Mason. The enquiry was attended by Mr. E. Ritson, M.E., and Mr. Mason, one of the owners.

Last Friday, deceased, in pursuance of his duty, was examining a stall when a mass of coal weighing about six tons fell on him, killing him instantly.

Mr. Pickering, Assistant Government Inspector, found no fault with the management, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1886

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the CROWN INN, Toll End Road, on the body of Thomas Jones (17), a boatman in the employ of Messrs. Solly, ironmasters. On the 11th of the present month Jones returned home and complained to his mother of pain in his right side. He stated that whilst attending to the windlass near Walsall it slipped and struck him violently. Mr. Eddowes, surgeon, saw him after that, but found no bones broken. Jones lingered a week.

Daniel Boaz, another boatman, said Jones was winding up a paddle which had half a tooth deficient in the cog wheel. This caused the windlass to slip, and Jones was struck in the side. The square in the windlass was not worn. Jones blamed no one.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death; and the Coroner remarked with surprise that no one had attended on behalf of the Canal Company.”

Lichfield Mercury 22/10/1886

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (South Staffordshire Coroner) held an inquest on Friday at the CROWN INN, Toll End, respecting the death of *Robert Farr* (43), public-house manager, of the Dock, Toll End.

The deceased had been manager of the CROWN INN, and owing to there being some inaccuracies in his accounts, he was on Saturday last discharged from his employment. During the week he appeared to be in a very desponding state. During Thursday night he left his bedroom, and on the following morning he was found dead in the yard. There was a deep gash in the throat, the jugular vein being severed. From the blood stains on the ground deceased must have walked thirty yards after cutting his throat with a knife, which was found in his pocket. The jury returned a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind.”

1891 Census

113a, Toll End Road – CROWN INN

[1] *William G. Poole* (40), publican, born Helmdon, Northamptonshire;

[2] *Harriet A. Poole* (31), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *George S. Poole* (8), son, scholar, born Bloxwich;

[4] *Sarah J. Westwood* (19), general servant, born Tipton;

[5] *Annie E. Craddock* (21), visitor, born Bradley:

William G. Poole – see also ANCHOR.

Birmingham Daily Post 3/4/1893 - Advert

“Barmaid. Young Lady wanted; play piano, sing, assist in house duties; good home. Terms by letter only. *R. T. Barker*, CROWN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/8/1893

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the CROWN INN, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of *Willie Law* (12), son of *John Law*, Bridge Road, Toll End, who met with a shocking accident on Monday evening. Mr. W. B. Scott (Government Inspector of Mines) attended.

The father stated that on Monday evening deceased, with a number of other lads, went to have a game of cricket in the Wednesbury Old Fields, and about a couple of hours afterwards one of his companions in-

formed him that his son had fallen down a disused pit near Baylies Lane. He went to the pit, which was situated about ten yards from the main road, and the shock caused by an inspection of the broken brickwork rendered him unconscious.

A youth named Joseph Tuckley stated that as they were returning home from the game of cricket, deceased climbed on to the dome over the pit shaft, and commenced dancing and shouting 'Hurrah,' when he fell off. He, however, got on the dome again, and resumed his antics, swearing at the time. As witness was running off to tell their companions to come and see the fun, he saw deceased disappear down the pit shaft, the brickwork having given way, and the sight so paralysed him that he was unable for some time to move from the place.

Police-constable Whiston said he received information of the occurrence at seven o'clock in the evening. It was found unsafe to make a descent owing to there being a large amount of choke-damp in the pit, the presence of which was detected by letting down a safety-lamp; but they succeeded in recovering the body at about ten o'clock by means of drags. Both deceased's arms had been broken, and he was badly injured about the head. The pit had been disused about seven years, and he understood it belonged to Mr. Duignan, of Walsall. It was now in very dangerous condition, and he had to report this fact to Superintendent Salt, and he had written to Mr. Duignan on the subject.

Mr. Scott said Mr. Duignan had only advanced money on the lease of the pit. The real owner was Mr. Wyrley Birch, and the agent was Mr. John Field.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

It was rebuilt c.1900.

1901 Census

Toll End Road – OLD CROWN HOTEL

- [1] *William Jones* (39), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie E. Jones* (29), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sydney E. Jones* (9), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Dorothy Jones* (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Martha Reader* (36), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

1911 Census

206, Toll End Road

- [1] *William Shaw* (40), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Charlotte Shaw* (39), wife, married 19 years, born Glasgow;
- [3] *Edith Jane Shaw* (18), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Charlotte Shaw* (15), daughter, born Aston, Birmingham;
- [5] *Florence B. Shaw* (13), daughter, scholar, born Coventry;
- [6] *William Isau Shaw* (10) son, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Norman Leslie Shaw* (7), son, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Gilbert Alex Shaw* (4), son, scholar, born Rhiw, West Wales:

Birmingham Gazette 21/10/1921

"Up to yesterday morning the amount subscribed to the *Birmingham Gazette* and *Evening Despatch* fund for the relief of the dependants of the 14 victims of the Norton Caines colliery explosion totalled, £1,600 6d 4d.....

Latest List Of Subscriptions.....

Customers of the OLD CROWN, Toll End, Tipton..... 10s 6d."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 26/12/1925

"The OLD CROWN Death and Dividend Society, Toll End, which takes in males and females from the ages of 15 to 60 years of age, has had a very successful year, although it has only been in existence twelve months. The total income was £31 8s 9d, and each of the members had received the sum of 19s 3d. There is a balance in the treasurer's hands of £4 12s. The society has restarted with a large increase of membership."

Elijah Bloomer was from Cradley Heath.

Fred Williams was married to Mary.

Tipton Herald 15/6/1957

“The annual dinner of Toll End Labour FC was held at the OLD CROWN HOTEL, Toll End Road, Tipton, on Friday of last week, attended by more than 50 players, wives and friends. The club competed in the West Bromwich and District League and this year finished third in Division II, winning the Phoenix Cup, which was presented to them at the dinner.....”

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

London Gazette May 1987

“*Bevan, Geoffrey* lately residing at the OLD CROWN, Toll End Road Date of Filing Petition 13th March 1987.....”

It closed on 17th November 1989.

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

193, (193+194), Bloomfield Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Leonard Foster
William Jephcott
Smith and Williams, Brierley Hill [1922]

LICENSEES

James Gittings [1881] – [1891]
James Aston [] – **1900**);
Albert Rhodes (**1900** – [1901]
George Henry Ashford [1910] – [1911]
William Jephcott [] – **1919**);
Arthur Andrew Fellows (**1919** – **1922**):

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

James Gittings = James Gettings

1881 Census

194, Bloomfield Road
[1] *James Gittings* (46), beerseller, born Tipton;
[2] Harriet Gittings (38), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Joseph Gittings (16), son, carpenter and joiner, born Sedgley;

[4] Ellen Gittings (13), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Harriet E. Gittings (1), daughter, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 29/10/1881

“James Sherwood (28), miner, 12, Bloomfield, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at the OLD HOUSE AT HOME beerhouse there on the 11th inst.

He went in drunk, and asked for a pint of beer. Seeing that he was drunk, Mr. *Gettings*, the landlord, refused to supply him, and asked him to go out. Prisoner refused to go and used bad language, and PC Mullugh was called in to eject him. When taken into custody his wife Ellen attempted to rescue him. She was charged with obstructing the police; and was discharged after being suitably reprimanded.

Her husband was fined, for being drunk 2s 6d and costs, and for refusing to quit 2s 6d and costs; in default fourteen days in each case.”

1891 Census

193+194, Bloomfield Road – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

[1] *James Gittings* (56), publican, born Tipton;

[2] Harriet Gittings (46), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Ellen Gittings (26), daughter, assistant at home, born Tipton;

[4] Harriet Gittings (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 19/5/1900

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. A. H. Partridge and W. Garman, *James Aston*, landlord of the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, and Joseph Spare (74) and John Spare (45), were charged with being drunk on the premises. Mr. J. S. Sharpe appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Foster defended.

From the evidence of PS Heath and PC Ogden, it appeared that they visited the defendant’s house on the 20th March, at 9.50pm. In the taproom there were a number of men and among them were the two Spares. They were drunk and they had some drink before them in jugs and glasses. The landlord, who was in the room at the time, first informed the officer that the two men had not been supplied, but afterwards said they had had two or three pints each. John Spare, when requested to leave, staggered out of the house, whilst Joseph had to be helped outside by the landlord and the police.

Mr. Foster, for the defence, spoke of the excellent characters which the members of the *Aston* family had always borne during the half-century or more in which they had conducted public-houses in the Tipton parish. He denied that the men Spare were drunk, and urged that the condition of Joseph was due to rheumatism and not to intoxicants.

A number of witnesses were called for the defence, who substantiated the denial of Mr. Foster as to the drunkenness of the two men.

Joseph Spare, in bearing testimony to his own sobriety, caused considerable amusement in Court. He said he only had threehalfpence worth of beer at his own expense.

In answer to Mr. Sharpe, witness said he had been drunk many a time in his life, and very likely he should be so again when he had the money – (laughter). The doctor had ordered him to take plenty of whisky – (renewed laughter). He drank beer on that occasion because he could not get anything else. A man was not drunk if he could reach home safely – (laughter).

The Bench fined *Aston* £1 and costs, including the solicitor’s fee; Joseph Spare was fined 5s and costs, or seven days, and John Spare 2s 6d and costs, or a similar period in default.”

1901 Census

193+194, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Albert Rhodes* (28), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] Jane Elizabeth Rhodes (26), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Laura May Rhodes (3), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] Clara Elizabeth Rhodes (9 months), daughter, born Sedgley;

[5] Harriet Stanford (16), general servant, born Tipton:

1911 Census

194, Bloomfield Road – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

[1] *George Henry Ashford* (39), licensed brewer, born Bilston;

[2] Sarah Ashford (39), wife, married 17 years, born Coseley;

[3] Florence Ashford (16), daughter, apprentice to dress making, born Coseley;

[4] Albert Ashford (11), son, school, born Coseley:

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following houses were notified as having been placed on the compensation list, with a view to their being closed on various grounds: OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Bloomfield; PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West; WOODMAN, Lockside, and ROYAL OAK, Gate Street, Burnt Tree.

All other licenses were renewed.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/8/1922 - Notice

“County Of Stafford. Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 20th day of July, 1922, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Bloomfield, Tipton. Beer and Cider on, ante 1869. Licensee, *Arthur Andrew Fellows*. Registered Owner, Smith and Williams.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1922

“A Supplementary Meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1910, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, Lord Hatherton, C.M.G. in the chair. The Committee approved the following awards of compensation in respect of the under-mentioned houses, the licenses of which were refused renewal at the Principal Meeting of the Authority on July 20 last.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Bloomfield, Tipton, beer and cider on, ante 1869, £1,200.”

It closed on 31st December 1922.

South Staffordshire Times 13/1/1923 - Advert

“194, Bloomfield Road, Bloomfield, Tipton.

Notice of Sale by Auction of soundly constructed Freehold Business Premises, with ample Living Accommodation.

Ernest Davies and Willetts have been favoured with instructions to Sell By Auction at the house of Mr. James Mills, The HOP AND BARLEYCORN INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday, January 23rd 1923, at seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale to be read. All that exceedingly well-built Freehold property formerly know as the OLD HOUSE AT HOME (now de-licensed) containing:
On the ground floor: Three excellent Rooms convertible at a small cost into an important Shop Property; Brewery, Scullery, etc.

On the Chamber Floor are Three Bedrooms, and in the Basement an excellent range of arched and silled Cellarage, together with the usual Outbuildings in paved yard, at the back, having side entrance approach from Brook Street. The property possesses a frontage to Bloomfield Road of 43ft and to Brook Street 68ft. The forgoing is easily converted into a Retail Property with Living Accommodation, and is situated on an important main road.

Further particulars may be obtained of Messrs. Higgs and Sons, Solicitors, Brierley Hill and Lye; or of the Auctioneers, 32, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

85, Lower Church Lane, (85, Church Lane), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Pearson [1861]
Sarah Hardman [1871]
Thomas Allen [1881]
William Morris [1887]
Maria Morris [1891]
Joseph Hill [1898] – [1901]
John Henry Davies [1911] – **1922**;
Emily Davies (**1922 – 1923**):

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beer and cider license.

1861 Census

Church Lane – NEW HOUSE AT HOME [Note the NEW.]

- [1] *Thomas Pearson* (47), engine smith, born E__ Hill, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pearson* (48), wife, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Ann Pearson* (18), daughter, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [4] *James Pearson* (20), son, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [5] *William Pearson* (14), son, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Daniel Pearson* (10), son, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Caroline Pearson* (8), daughter, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Elizabeth Pearson* (7), daughter, born Snow, Staffordshire;
- [9] *Mary Ann Pearson* (18), daughter-in-law, born Snow, Staffordshire:

1871 Census

85, Lower Church Lane

- [1] *Sarah Hardman* (72), widow, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Hardman* (45), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah E. Hilman* (11), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Thomas Allen* (43), son-in-law, railway pointsman, born Solihull;
- [5] *Hannah Allen* (29), daughter, born Tipton:

1881 Census

85, Lower Church Lane

- [1] *Thomas Allen* (50), beerhouse keeper, born Solihull;
- [2] *Hannah Allen* (39), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Allen* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Hardman* (55), sister-in-law, general servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *Sarah Hillman* (21), niece, barmaid, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 4/10/1887

“Yesterday, at Tipton Police Court – before Mr. James Solly and Mr. H. P. Parker – *William Morris*, landlord

of the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Lower Church Lane, was charged with setting his house on fire. Mr. Sharp defended.

A nurse-girl named Hydes said she went to the defendant's house at eleven o'clock, and heard people say the house was on fire. Without waiting to see she ran to the police-station.

Police-constable Jas. Heapy said he went to the defendant's house at 11.45 on Saturday night, and saw smoke issuing from the bed room windows. He raised an alarm, and the defendant called out, 'It's all right, Mr. Heapy.' Upon that witness rushed upstairs, and found a lot of wearing apparel burning on the floor. Witness tried to put it out with his feet, and then *Morris* put his foot on the garment, which seemed to be a woman's dress. After the fire had been extinguished the floor was slightly charred. The defendant was drunk at the time. On the following morning witness arrested him on a charge of attempting to set fire to his house. *Morris* said, 'I shan't answer such a charge as this; what was done was done by accident.'

Mr. Sharp asked what he had to answer; and Mr. Underhill, the clerk, said it was a charge of setting fire to things in a house, whereby the building was in danger, or whereby the life of another person was in danger. Either charge was a felony.

Mr. Sharp said the defendant returned home in a very perturbed state, owing to a heavy loss of money. His wife, unfortunately, did not do her best to soothe her husband, and defendant took to beer. Later on his wife complained of the make of a new dress, and defendant in spite set fire to it. He argued that if *Morris* had intended to set fire to his house he would have taken something more inflammable than a dress. To show his motive, it could be mentioned that defendant removed the carpet before setting fire to the dress.

Defendant, his wife and the witnesses in the house were all in tears during the hearing of the case.

The Bench dismissed the charge, believing that the defendant only intended to spite his wife."

1891 Census

85, Lower Church Lane – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

[1] William Morris (35), iron worker, millwright, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Maria Morris* (20), wife, publican, born West Bromwich;

[3] Emma Morris (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[4] Gertrude A. Morris (3), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] William Morris (1), son, born Tipton;

[6] Elizabeth A. Harris (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Dudley Herald 27/8/1898

"At Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, *Joseph Hill*, landlord of the OLD HOUSE AT HOME beerhouse, Church Lane, Tipton, was charged with selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours. Mr. C. H. Darby defended.

PC Cooper stated that at 10.35 on Sunday morning, the 31st ult, he saw a man named Bates coming from the back of the defendant's premises with something bulky in his pocket, which subsequently turned out to be a bottle of stout. Witness went into the house and asked the landlady for an explanation, and she said the stout was given to the man the night previous, but he did not take it away with him.

The defence was that the stout was given because Bates had been assisting the defendant, and he fetched it on the Sunday morning.

The defendant gave evidence, and the magistrates, whilst they considered the case a proper one to bring before the Court, it being one of strong suspicion, thought there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and dismissed it."

1901 Census

85, Church Lane – OLD HOUSE AT HOME TAVERN

[1] *Joseph Hill* (37), glass bottle maker, born Round Oak;

[2] Esther Hill (30), wife, born Gornalwood;

[3] Mary Hill (4), daughter, born Leeds, Yorkshire;

[4] Joseph Hill (5 months), son, born Tipton;

[5] Ruth Elizabeth Bissell (15), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Tipton Herald 23/5/1903

“Excellent Beer House, OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Church Lane, Tipton. Rent £19; ingoing £30; Stock and Licenses at value. Will be painted and papered throughout for respectable tenant. Full discount. Herbert Humphreys, Estate Agent, Brierley Hill.”

1911 Census

85, Church Lane

- [1] *John Henry Davies* (47), publican, born West Smethwick;
- [2] *Emily Davies* (45), wife, married 14 years, born Darlaston;
- [3] Archie Morgan (11), nephew, born Darlaston;
- [4] Amy E. Robinson (21), servant, born Willenhall:

Birmingham Daily Post 8/9/1915

“At Tipton Police Court, yesterday, Joseph Bore, Horseley Heath, Tipton, and *John Henry Davies*, OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Lower Church Lane, were each fined 10s, the former for unlawfully having in his possession six homing pigeons without having a permit from the chief of police for the district, and the latter for carrying four homing pigeons without a permit. Police-sergeant Richards, who proved the case said all the birds were of the long-distance homing type.”

South Staffordshire Times 17/9/1921 - Deaths

“On September 19th, at the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Dudley Port, beloved husband of *Emily Davies*, aged 55 years. Sadly missed by his loving wife.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1922

“Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

The OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Lower Church Lane, and the SWAN, Eagle Lane, would be referred on the ground of redundancy to the adjourned day.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/6/1923 - Notice

“Licensing Consolidation Act. County of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1927, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).
List of Licensed Premises.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Church Lane, Tipton. Beerhouse ‘on,’ ante 1869. Licensee, *Emily Davies*.”

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday Lord Hatherton C.M.G. (chairman of the County Licensing Committee) presided.....

The OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Church Lane, Tipton, was next considered, and it was stated that an agreed figure of £1,500 had been arrived at.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/10/1923

“We understand that the following amounts of compensation have been fixed in the cases of the Staffordshire licenses, the renewal of which was refused under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Tipton, beerhouse ante '69, £1,500."
[The compensation was paid on December 22nd, 1923.]

It closed on 29th December 1923.

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

73, High Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Tyler
Thomas Plant
John Thomas Jones
Frederick Warren, Plough Brewery, Brierley Hill

LICENSEES

Thomas Tyler [1851] – **1875**);
Thomas Plant (**1875 – 1879**);
Mrs. Elimina Plant (**1879 – 1880**);
John Thomas Jones (**1880 – 1908**);
John Nuttridge (**1908 – 1909**);
Daniel Willies (**1909 – 1910**);
Arthur Thomas Willies (**1910 – 1924**);
Benjamin Skidmore (**1924 – 1926**):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

1851 Census

High Street

[1] *Thomas Tyler* (47), coal miner and publican, born Clay Mills, Shropshire;

[2] Phoebe Tyler (46), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Emma Tyler (20), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] Benjamin Tyler (14), son, puddler of iron, born Sedgley;

[5] Matilda Tyler (3), granddaughter, born Sedgley;

[6] Thomas Slant (15), wife's son, engine worker, born Sedgley;

[7] Susan Slant (13), wife's daughter, born Sedgley;

[8] Jabez Slant (11), wife's son, servant in iron works, born Sedgley;

[9] Joseph Slant (10), wife's son, born Sedgley:

1861 Census

High Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

- [1] *Thomas Tyler* (57), beer seller, born Clay Hills, Shropshire;
- [2] *Phebe Tyler* (55), wife, born Bradley;
- [3] *Benjamin Tyler* (23), son, labourer, (colliery), born Rounds Hill;
- [4] *Jabez Slant* (21), son-in-law, mill furnace man, born Princes End;
- [5] *Joseph Slant* (20), son-in-law, brewer, born Princes End;
- [6] *Harriet Hickman* (19), house servant, born Summerhill:

1871 Census

73, High Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

- [1] *Thomas Tyler* (68), retail brewer, born Clay Hill, Shropshire;
- [2] *Phoebe Tyler* (65), wife, born Bradley;
- [3] *Benjamin Tyler* (34), son, assistant shearer, born Wallbrook;
- [4] *Ann M. Bissell* (23), domestic servant, born Princes End:

Thomas Tyler, beer retailer, Princes End. [1872]

Thomas Plant died on 14th May 1879.

1881 Census

73, High Street

- [1] *John Jones* (28), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Annie Jones* (22), sister, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Carrie Jones* (20), sister, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

73, High Street

- [1] *J. T. Jones* (38), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *B. Jones* (35), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Jane Rhodes* (21), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

John Thomas Jones, beer retailer, 73, High Street, Princes End. [1896], [1904]

1901 Census

73, High Street

- [1] *John Thomas Jones* (48), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Betsy Jones* (45), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *John B. Ward* (8), son, at school, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Julia Ward* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1911 Census

73, High Street

- [1] *Arthur Thomas Willies* (42), widower, beerhouse manager, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Eline Willies* (35), wife, married under 1 year, born Sedgley;
- [3] *John Willies* (3 months), son, born Tipton:

Arthur Thomas Willies, beer retailer, 73, High Street, Princes End. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 6/3/1926

“At Bilston Adjourned Licensing Sessions yesterday the following beerhouses were referred for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Princes End.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/7/1926 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice as to sending in Claims to be treated as Persons Interested in Licensed Premises.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of June and the 12th day of July, 1926, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Princes End, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Benjamin Skidmore*. Registered Owner, Frederick Warren.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1926

“The Licensing Committee for the County have fixed the following sums as compensation.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Princes End, ante '69 beerhouse, £1,200.”

Compensation of £1,200 was paid on 24th December 1926.

It closed on 31st December 1928.

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

11, Waterloo Street East, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Charles Jackson

LICENSEES

Thomas Hinsley [1861] – [1864]

James Hinsley [1871]

Edward Price [1891]

E. Charles Jackson (1902 – 1925):

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Thomas Hinsley = Thomas Insley

1861 Census

Waterloo Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

[1] *Thomas Hinsley* (52), puddler of iron, born Dudley;

[2] Sarah Hinsley (48), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Thomas Hinsley (16), son, iron roller, born Tipton;

[4] Edwin Harper (17), apprentice roller, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 26/3/1864

“At the Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, *Thomas Insley*, landlord of the OLD HOUSE AT HOME beerhouse, Tipton Green, appeared to answer a charge of having unlawfully taken three pigeons, belonging to Abraham Bate, of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, also of Tipton Green. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Bayley for the defendant.

The case for the prosecution was that on the 13th January three of Bate's pigeons settled on an out-house belonging to the defendant; that the latter employed a man, named Atkins, to entrap the birds, and gave him six quarts of ale for doing so; and that when complainant subsequently applied to have the pigeons returned to him, the defendant refused to give them up, stating that they were eaten, and the complainant must 'do his best.' The defence was that the defendant, when he caused the birds to be captured did not know to whom they belonged and that when he learned that they were the property of the complainant he sent a messenger to Insley, asking him to fetch the pigeons, but that the latter declined the invitation. After hearing the evidence, the Bench found the defendant guilty, and sentenced him to pay 7s 6d, the estimated value of the birds, and a fine of 2s 6d with expenses."

1871 Census

11, Waterloo Street East

- [1] *James Hinsley* (60), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Hinsley* (56), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Hinsley* (8), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Elizabeth Turner* (17), general servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *Robert Jones* (50), lodger, miner, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/10/1877

"Destructive gale. In Waterloo Street, Tipton Green, a small stack was blown down, and the middle of a swinging sign at the OLD HOUSE AT HOME was blown from its framework some distance down Waterloo Street....."

1891 Census

11, Waterloo Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

- [1] *Edward Price* (50), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. Price* (47), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Frederick C. Price* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton:

1911 Census

9+11 Waterloo Street East

- [1] *E. Charles Jackson* (42), brewer, born Northampton;
- [2] *Jennie Jackson* (53), wife, married 9 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *John Thomas Jones* (25), stepson, carpenter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Jennie Jones* (14), stepdaughter, apprentice to dressmaking, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mabel Gertude Jackson* (13), daughter, born Walsall;
- [6] *Clara Groyn* (21), general servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Charles Edward Jackson* (7), son, born Tipton:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/1/1925

"Natural Causes was the verdict returned by Mr. C. W. Checkley (Coroner) at an inquest held on Tuesday afternoon, at the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street, touching on the death of Sarah Louisa Irving, aged nine weeks, whose parents live at 37, Waterloo Street. On Sunday night the child was taken up to bed at eight o'clock apparently all right. About 9 o'clock the mother went upstairs and found the child with its face rather dull. She called her husband and he wrapped the baby up and took it to Dr. Brown who lives only a short distance away. Dr. Brown, however, could do nothing but pronounce the baby to be dead. In his opinion death was due to an attack of convulsions."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/3/1925

"At the annual licensing sessions at Tipton yesterday three licenses were refused, two – the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street, and the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street – on the grounds of redundancy, and the third, the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Gospel Oak Street, Ocker Hill, on the ground of structural deficiency and unsuitability without compensation."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 7/3/1925

“.....Tipton licensing justices, at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions, held in the Police Court on Tuesday..... With regard to the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street, Inspector Challenor reported that *Charles Jackson*, the licensee and owner was ill in bed, but he had sent the particulars required. Mr. *Jackson* had held the license since August 1902. There had been no transfers and no convictions during the last ten years. The structural condition was fair. There were eleven fully licensed houses within a radius of 500 yards, 12 beerhouses ‘on’ and no beerhouse ‘off.’ The census returns, 31,755 in 1911, and 34,131 in 1921, showed that there was one licensed house for every 232 inhabitants. The houses within the area were much better than the OLD HOUSE AT HOME.....

The Chairman announced that both licenses would be refused on the ground of redundancy.”

[The other case was the HOP AND BARLEYCORN, Union Street, Tipton]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/6/1925

“The Principal Meeting of the County Compensation Authority, under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

Stated to have done a steadily decreasing trade during the last three years, the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street East, Tipton, had its licence refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/6/1925 - Notice

“Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of June 1925, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Waterloo Street West, Tipton. Beerhouse, Ante 1869. Licensee, *Charles Jackson*. Registered Owner, Charles Jackson.”

It closed on 30th June 1925.

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1926

“The County Licensing Committee compensation was fixed as follows.....

OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Tipton, beer ‘on’ ante 1869, £1,225.”

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

Ocker Hill, (Gospel Oak), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Nutt [] – 1870);

William Wall (1870 – 1872);

James Nutt (1872 – [1875]

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/11/1867

“W. Hunson of Ocker Hill will run Booth (the Orange lad) of Wednesbury 100 yards, with a yard start, to take two yards in 120, or Dayton of Darlaston 100 yards level. Either match to be for £5 or £10 a side.

Money ready at the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Ocker Hill.”

James Nutt, beer retailer, Gospel Oak. [1872]

James Nutt, landlord OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Gospel Oak, Tipton was fined £5 and costs for permitting gambling in July 1873.

London Gazette 13/1/1874

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

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *James Nutt*, of Gospel Oak, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Retail Brewer. 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. W. T. Travis, Solicitor, Church-lane, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, on the 22nd day of January, 1874, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1874.

William T. Travis, Church-lane, Tipton, Attorney for the said Debtor.”

Dudley Guardian 6/2/1875

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, *James Nutt*, landlord of the OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Gospel Oak, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house on the 25th of January. Police-constable Hobbs proved the offence by seeing a man named Jandrill very drunk in the kitchen. Defendant was fined £5. The man Jandrill was fined 10s 6d for being drunk in the house.”

OLD KINGS HEAD

50, (35), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street) / Wades Passage, TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Rogers

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904], [1908], [1912]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Smith [1818]

Thomas Taylor [1828] – [1830]

Rhoda Taylor [1830] – [1842]

Thomas Hocroft [1841] – [1842]

Mrs. Nancy Sowers [1845] – [1850]

Samuel Hill [1851] – [1855]

Joseph Rogers [1857] – [1870]

Mrs. Sarah Birch [1871]

John Birch [1872] – [1890]

John Harper [1892] – [1896]

Joseph Hamblett [1898] – [1900]

William H Whitehouse [1901]

John Enoch Boffy [1911]

Charles Meller [1919] – **1920**;

Sydney Worth Sankey (1920 – 1953);
Fred Williamson (1953);
Samuel Alfred Edmunds (1953 – 1955);
William Henry Charles Cottam (1955 – 1962);
Frederick James Wylie (1962 – 1963);
Frank Walker (1963 – 1965);
Douglas Walker (1965 – [1966])

NOTES

35, Dudley Road [1871], [1873], [1881]
50, Dudley Road [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1932], [1940]

KINGS HEAD [1818], [1830], [1842], [1845], [1847], [1849], [1851], [1855], [1858], [1862], [1871], [1881], [1901]
OLD KINGS HEAD [1857], [1861], [1866], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1921], [1932], [1940]
OLD KINGS ARMS [1868]
KINGS ARMS [1898]

It was a 3 storey building.

John Smith was also a blacksmith. [1818]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 17/10/1836 - Advert

“.....Lot 1. All those substantially erected Dwelling Houses, opposite the KINGS HEAD, at Tipton, by the side of the said turnpike road, leading from Dudley to Birmingham.....”

Nancy Sowers = Nancy Somers

Birmingham Journal 9/8/1845

“On Monday last the brothers of No.7 Lodge of the Loyal Order of Good Fellows held their anniversary meeting at the house of Mrs. *Somers*, KINGS HEAD, Tipton. An excellent dinner was provided, and thirty-one members partook of the repast. The place was decorated, and the motto of the order, ‘Let unity, peace, and brotherly love continue,’ was placed in a conspicuous part of the room. After the cloth was drawn, P.G. Smith was called to the chair, and introduced the healths of the Queen, Prince Albert, and the Royal Family. He then made some excellent remarks on the rise and progress of the order, and the benefits resulting from its influence, expressing a hope that it might flourish to a still greater extent than it had hitherto done. An excellent brass band, partly composed of members of the lodge, played several beautiful airs. P.G. Goldstein, in proposing the health of P.G. Jefferies, and the other instrumental performers, said that the Good Fellows Society originated at Newcastle-on-Tyne 300 years ago, or about the time of the Reformation; that their object was to assist the forlorn amongst each other. About 150 years ago a few of the members came into this part of the country, and formed societies, which were now becoming numerous and prosperous.”

Birmingham Journal 5/6/1847

“We would call the attention to our readers to the announcement of a miscellaneous concert, to be held at Mrs. *Sowers's*, the KINGS HEAD, Tipton. The vocalists engaged have acquired a fair local reputation; and when we add in addition to the selection of music being a good one, the proceeds of the concert are to be devoted to the benefit of Good Fellows, nothing requires to be said to recommend it.”

Birmingham Journal 5/6/1847 - Advert

“On Monday Evening, June 14, a Grand Miscellaneous Concert and Ball will take place at Mrs. *Sower's*,

KINGS HEAD, Tipton, for the Benefit of the No.7 Lodge of Good Fellows.

Principal Vocalists – Miss Jones, Messrs. William and G. Mainwaring, Wilkinson, and J. Kelding.

The Concert to commence at Seven o'clock.

Single Tickets, 1s 6d; Double Tickets, admitting a Lady and a Gentleman, 2s 6d each; to be had of.....

Mrs. *Sowers*, KINGS HEAD INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 19/6/1847

“On Monday evening last, a concert and ball was given at the house of Mrs. *Sowers*, KINGS HEAD, Tipton, which was very respectably attended. The glees and songs were given in excellent style by Miss Jones, Messrs. W. and G. Mainwaring, Wilkinson, and Skeldon.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1855

“The whole of the men and boys employed by Mr. Theophilus Tinsley, at his new chain works at Tipton Green, numbering about 100, were on Wednesday entertained at Mr. *S. Hill*'s, KINGS HEAD, Tipton, with good Old English fare of roast beef and plum pudding. The workmen liberally responded to the appeal of the chairman on behalf of the patriotic fund, and subscribed £7 2s 6d, which will be handed to the committee. A further sum is being collected at Mr. Tinsley's establishment at Dudley.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/4/1857

“Ben Oakes of Tipton will run Russell of West Bromwich, or Stepfine of Tividale, one mile, for £10 or £20 a side; or will run James Shaw of Handsworth his own distance, for £5 or £10 a side; or if B. Badger of Wolverhampton feels inclined for a match, and will give him 20 yards at the coming in end of a mile, Oakes will run him for from £10 or £20 a side. A match can be made with either of the abovenamed on Saturday night at any of the following places: D. Beasley's, Parkfield Tavern, Booth Street, Handsworth; Mr. Turner's, ENGINE INN, Smethwick; Mr. D. Smith's, BLACK COCK, or *J. Rogers*'s, OLD KINGS HEAD, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“Annual Licensing Day Sessions adjourned till Friday, the 25th day of September next, when forty-two applications from retail brewers in the division for wine and spirit licenses will be considered.....

Joseph Rogers, Dudley Road, Tipton.”

[Refused at the adjourned sessions.]

Birmingham Daily Post 9/3/1858

“Matilda *Rogers*, the wife of Mr. *Joseph Rogers*, victualler, of the KINGS HEAD, Tipton, committed suicide by throwing herself into the canal near the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton. She left home about eight in the morning to go to her mother's, at the Brades, and would have to pass this point. A person seeing her in the canal pulled her out, and she lived for several hours afterwards. It is supposed she was not compos mentis.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/10/1859 - Advert

“To Coalmasters.

For sale, a High-pressure Steam Engine, twenty-horse power, with Boiler, wrought-iron Shafts, crown and spur Wheels, Nitch Rings, &c, complete. Can be seen at work if required.

Also for Sale, Two very useful Gins, and now at work.

There are Pit Frames, Chains, Pulleys, Engine Wheels, Water Barrels, Launderers, and all descriptions of Colliery Implements for Disposal.

Apply to *Joseph Rogers*, OLD KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, Tipton.”

Joseph Rogers, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1860]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1860

“The annual adjourned Special Sessions for transacting licensing business was held on Thursday.....

There were twenty-nine applications from retail brewers for wine and spirit licenses, with the following

results.....

Tipton.....

Joseph Rogers, Dudley Road Refused."

Birmingham Journal 16/2/1861 - Advert

"South Staffordshire Money Society, Nos.1 and 3.

The Auditors will present their Report on Tuesday Evening next, 17th instant, at the house of Mr. *Rogers*, KINGS HEAD INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, at half-past Seven precisely.

J. Boulton. E. Binns."

1861 Census

Dudley Road – OLD KINGS HEAD

[1] *Joseph Rogers* (44), coalmaster, born Tipton;

[2] Catharine Rogers (42), wife, born Wallbrook;

[3] Daniel Rogers (18), son, land and mine surveyor, born Portobello;

[4] Esther Lees (18), house servant, born Wollaston;

[5] Sarah Rogers (17), daughter, at home, born Portobello:

Birmingham Journal 3/8/1861 - Advert

"To The Members Of The South Staffordshire Nos.1-3 Unenrolled Money Societies, Offices, Owen Street, Tipton.

A General Meeting of the Members of the above Societies will be held on Tuesday Evening Next, at 7.30pm, at the OLD KINGS HEAD INN, Dudley Road, Tipton.

By Order. John Barron, Chairman.

N.B. Members only admitted by their Pass Book."

Joseph Rogers, retailer of beer, Dudley Street. [1862]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1862

"The special annual Session for renewing licensed victuallers' licenses and for hearing application for fresh ones within the West Bromwich division of the county of Staffordshire was held yesterday at the Scott's Arms, Great Bar There were twenty applications for new licenses from the following places.....

Joseph Rogers, KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, Tipton Green.....

The magistrates will give their decision in these cases, at the adjourned licensing meeting, on the 15th of September."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1862

"On Thursday the following applications for spirit licenses were heard.....

Joseph Rogers, Dudley Road, Tipton, granted."

Birmingham Journal 5/5/1866 - Advert

"Important Sale Of Freehold Properties, in the Dudley Road, Tipton, in the County of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. Clarke and Barrows, on Monday, the 28th day of May inst. at the house of Mr. *Joseph Rogers*, the OLD KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, at Five o'clock in the Evening, in the following or such other lots as shall be agreed on at the time of sale, subject to conditions then to be produced....."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/7/1868 - Advert

"Found, on Saturday last, a Basket Gig and Pony. The owner can have the same upon payment of expenses, by applying to Mr. *Joseph Rogers*, KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, Tipton. If not claimed in a few days will be Sold to defray Expenses."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/5/1870 - Deaths

"On the 12th inst, at the KINGS HEAD, Tipton, aged 51, Catherine, the beloved wife of *Joseph Rogers*;

deeply lamented.”

1871 Census

35, Dudley Road – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *John Birch* (31), roller in iron works, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Birch* (26), wife, publican, born Willenhall;
- [3] Joseph D. Birch (3), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Ada E. Birch (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Ruth E. Hill (14), cousin, visitor, born Sedgley:

Dudley Herald 6/3/1880

“Yesterday, and inquest was held at the KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, Tipton, on the body of Hannah Willets (72) who died suddenly on the 2nd inst. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

1881 Census

35, Dudley Road – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *John Birch* (42), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Birch (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Sarah Harvey (19), general servant, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/3/1890 - Advert

“Noted Old Licensed House, well-situated Freehold Dwelling Houses, near the centre of the town of Tipton. To Be Sold By Auction. By Messrs. Powell & Brown (by direction of the Trustees of the late Mr. *Joseph Rogers*, deceased), at the OLD KINGS HEAD INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, on Wednesday, the 9th day of April, at Six for Seven o’clock in the Evening precisely – the undermentioned Valuable Freehold Investments.

Lot 1. Two Dwelling Houses, No.52 (and 50 at Back), Bell Street, Tipton, adjoining the Primitive Methodist Chapel, in the occupation of Mr. Berkeley, at £13 per annum.

Lot. 2. Two Shops and Dwelling Houses, Nos.48 and 49, Bell Street, in the occupation of Messrs. Kendrick and Baker, and producing £19 10s per annum.

Lot 3. All that Well-accustomed, Long-established, and Widely-known Old-Licensed Public-House, the OLD KINGS HEAD, commandingly situated in the best part of Dudley Road, Tipton, now and for upwards of twenty years in the occupation of Mr. *John Birch*. The Premises are commodious, and comprise four Bed Rooms, two Closets, Sitting Room, and large Club Room on the upper floors; with Tap Room, Bar, Smoke Room, and Kitchen, on the ground floor; and three lofty dry Cellars in the basement, with Rolling-way approach to the same. The Out-offices include capital Brewery, with Malt Room over; Stable with loft over; Coach-house, Yard, and Gateway Entrance from Wade’s Passage and Dudley Road. Contents 230 square yards. This noted Public-house is in a splendid situation for business, being on a road of great traffic, surrounded by a large population, and within a very short distance of large works. The House is entirely free, and worth the attention of Brewers, Maltsters, and others seeking a genuine business premises. The Purchaser will have to take to the Fixtures and the Public-house Effects to a valuation, to be made in the usual way, and possession may be had on completion.....”

Dudley Herald 5/2/1898

“On Saturday evening last a dinner was given at the KINGS ARMS INN, Dudley Road. The repast was served up in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon ‘Mine Host’ (Mr. *Hamblett*). Councillor W. J. Cox was elected to the chair and Mr. H. Grosvenor to the vice-chair. The Chairman gave the loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. Mr. J. J. Cox gave an address, and exhorted the working men to be faithful to each other. Musical items were creditably rendered and a very enjoyable time was spent.”

1901 Census

50, Dudley Road – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *William H. Whitehouse* (39), licensed victualler, born Coseley;

- [2] Eliza J. Whitehouse (27), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] Elizabeth A. M. Whitehouse (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] John E. Whitehouse (4), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Lemoa (?) G. Whitehouse (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] John Fownes (52), father-in-law, iron moulder, born Coseley;
- [7] Elizabeth Fownes (54), mother-in-law, born Tipton:

John Enoch Boffy = John Enoch Boffey

1911 Census

Dudley Road – OLD KINGS HEAD

- [1] *John Enoch Boffy* (45), publican and boatman, canal carrier, born Oldbury;
- [2] Sarah Jane Boffy (42), wife, married 18 years, assistant in business, born Pelsall;
- [3] John Henry Boffy (17), son, boatman, canal carrier, born Oldbury;
- [4] Sarah Boffy (15), daughter, assistant to family, born Oldbury;
- [5] Fanny Boffy (10), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Dorothy Boffy (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Edward Richard Horton Boffy (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] Jennie Boffy (3), daughter, infant, born Tipton;
- [9] Ernest Boffy (7 months), son, infant, born Tipton;
- [10] Ellen May Lane (13), domestic servant, born Tipton:

John Enoch Boffy – see also THREE FURNACES.

Charles Meller = Charles Mellor

South Staffordshire Times 12/1/1924

“The funeral took place at Hockley Cemetery, Birmingham, on Wednesday, of one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Tipton, Mr. *Charles Mellor*, who had attained the great age of 79. For many years he was the cheery host of the KINGS ARMS, Dudley Road. His eyesight failed him though he afterwards recovered it – and he handed over the house to his wife’s sister, Mrs. *Sankey*, who still holds the license. Deceased went to reside in Castle Road, where he died from the effects of an attack of bronchitis, on Saturday night. He had suffered from the ailment for about two months, and had been attended by Drs. Brown and Williams. The remains were conveyed to Hockley by motor car, after a service conducted by Rev. D. R. James (Vicar) had been held in St. Mathew’s Church, with which he and his family were associated.....”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, 3s.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Tipton Herald 16/1/1937

“Mr. *Sydney W. Sankey*, licensee of the OLD KINGS HEAD, Dudley Road, Tipton, applied for an occasional licence from 8pm to midnight on February 25th, the occasion being a dance at the Public Baths organised by the Tipton Police Division.

Mr. Ernest E. Brown (Magistrates’ Clerk) jocularly enquired if there was any police objection and whether a policeman would be in attendance.

Supt. J. H. Hall: I think the police will be well represented there, and I feel I ought to leave this up to the Bench.

The application was granted.”

Tipton Herald 26/2/1955

“A 49-years-old publican was ordered to keep his collie dog under control on Tuesday when Tipton magistrates heard how the animal leapt upon an 11-years-old boy, tore his clothing, and bit him.

Before the court was *Samuel Alfred Edmunds* of the OLD KINGS HEAD INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, who pleaded not guilty to keeping a dangerous dog on February 8th.

The boy, Anthony Parkes, of 54, Menin Road, Tipton, told the court that on that afternoon he was walking along Wades Passage on his way from school. ‘When I was passing the OLD KINGS HEAD, the son of the licensee was just opening the side gate,’ he recounted. ‘As soon as he had done this a big dog bounded out and jumped up at me. He tore my coat badly and drew blood from my arm.’

A 13-years-old boy, Frederick Michael Jones, of 23, Shrubbery Avenue, Tipton, who was accompanying Anthony at the time corroborated this.

Edmunds told the police, ‘I am very sorry about this matter, but I keep my dog tied up at the back most of the time.’

He was ordered to keep the animal under proper control, and paid court costs amounting to 10s.”

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

[1968]

It closed in the mid 1970s.

OLD PORT

117b, (117a), (114), (113), Dudley Port, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Robinson and Co., Burton on Trent [1896], [1900], [1903], [1904]

Arthur Beebee Ltd. [c.1912]

Ind Coope and Co. Ltd. [1929]

Ind Coope and Allsopp [1958]

LICENSEES

Edward Wood [1871] – [1881]

George Mills [1888] manager

William Ashcroft [1889]

Lewis P Ashcroft [1891] – [1892]

Richard Turner [1894]
Ragington [1898]
William Cowling [1901] – [1903]
Herbert Fell Sproson [1908] – 1911);
Thomas Pickering (1911 – 1915)
James Edwin Pascall [1916] – 1920);
Thomas Pickering (1920 – 1925);
William Middleton (1925 – 1927);
Harry Bache (1927 – 1935);
Sarah Jane Bache (1935 – 1937);
Michael Benson Richmond (1937);
Harry Facer Soden (1937 – 1945);
Albert Edward Gurney (1945 – 1949);
Frank Edward Rushton (1949 – 1952);
James Watson (1952);
Joseph Walker (1952 – 1953);
George Hancox (1953 – 1954);
Clifford Rowell Bobbett (1954 – 1957);
James Harry Suckling (1957):

NOTES

114, Dudley Port [1871], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

113, Dudley Port [1891], [1901]

117a, Dudley Port [1916]

117b, Dudley Port [1911], [1932], [1940]

OLD PORT INN [1873], [1888], [1900]

PORT INN [1881]

OLD PORT HOTEL [1891], [1894], [1896], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1932], [1940]

Edward Wood was also a shopkeeper.

1871 Census

114, Dudley Port

[1] *Edward Wood* (50), beer seller, born Ludlow, Shropshire;

[2] Ann Wood (46), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] Jane White (15), domestic servant, born Rowley;

[4] Jonathan Cresswell (30), lodger, domestic servant, born Stoke Prior, Worcestershire:

Edward Wood, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1872]

1881 Census

114, Dudley Port – PORT INN

[1] *Edward Wood* (60), licensed victualler, born Ludlow;

[2] Ann Wood (56), wife, born Ludlow;

[3] Walter Smith (7), grandson, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Emma Wilcock (15), domestic servant, born Brockmoor;

[5] George Peace Wilcock (17), boarder, labourer, born Shropshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 16/10/1888

“Yesterday, at the Police Court *George Mills*, manager at the OLD PORT INN, Dudley Port, was

charged with being drunk on the licensed premises. Mr. Jackson defended. Police-constable Grindley found the defendant lying asleep in front of the kitchen fire, and his mother asked witness to have a drink and say nothing about the matter. A fine of 20s and costs was inflicted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/10/1889

“Wednesbury, Darlaston, and Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. Superintendent Holland opposed the renewal of the license to *William Ashcroft*, landlord of the OLD PORT INN, Dudley Port, on the ground that structural alterations had taken place without the sanction of the magistrates. Mr. W. H. Tinsley, of Sedgley, said he had been instructed to oppose the renewal of the license owing to the very extensive structural alterations.

Mr. Rose, who appeared in support of the application, stated his instructions were that plans had been submitted to the West Bromwich county magistrates, and, further, that they had been signed.

Mr. Holland: All that I can say is that, as superintendent of police for the division, I have not received any notice of alterations. The plans should have been sent to Wednesbury.

Mr. *Ashcroft* entered the witness box and stated that the licensing justices sitting at West Bromwich had approved of the plans.

The Mayor said it was quite evident that a mistake had been made, but he hoped the licensed victuallers in the district would endeavour to carry out the regulations of the licensing justices. The application was granted.”

It sold Louis Connolly's Noted Home Brewed Ales. [1890s]

1891 Census

113, Dudley Port – OLD PORT HOTEL

[1] William Ashcroft (55), finance broker, born Handsworth;

[2] Rose Ashcroft (55), wife, born London;

[3] Victoria Ashcroft (26), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Lewis P. Ashcroft* (24), son, unmarried, publican, born Blackpool;

[5] Nellie R. Ashcroft (21), daughter, born Blackpool;

[6] Harold H. Ashcroft (15), son, born Birmingham;

[7] Reuben E. Sturgess (5), grandson, born Bristol;

[8] Selina Clare (33), barmaid, born Birmingham:

London Gazette 12/10/1894

“*Richard Turner*, OLD PORT HOTEL, Dudley Port Public House Manager. Date of Public Examination Oct. 19, 1894.”

Dudley Herald 5/2/1898

“The N.C. officers of E. Company (Tipton) and Sergeant Green, of Dudley Volunteers, assembled at the OLD PORT HOTEL, at 7pm on Wednesday, to dine with Sergeant George Frost, who is retiring under paragraph 154 Volunteer Regulations (age clause). Sergeant-instructor Jones was appointed to the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. O. Prince (late sergeant-instructor), Colour-sergeant Davis, Sergeant Lawley and others. After partaking of a good dinner, provided by Mr. and Mrs. *Ragington*, ‘The Queen’ was loyally acknowledged.

The late Sergeant-instructor Prince then presented a handsome pipe to Sergeant Frost. In making the presentation he said they had served together for the last 15 years, and, like himself, the time had come that he had to retire under the clause.

Sergeant Frost was received with cheers, and said that he should always treasure it. He hoped that the members of the company would keep up the credit of the corps.

Sergeant Frost leaves the active list of the company with regret by all ranks, who all hope he will live long as an honorary member of the company.

Sergeant-instructor W. P. Jones was introduced to the N.C. officers by Colour-sergeant Davis, supported by Sergeant Lawley, and he was given a hearty welcome.

Colour-sergeant Davis remarked that they were sorry to lose their late sergeant-instructor, but he was pleased to as they had a worthy successor.

Band-sergeant H. Whitehouse was also introduced. A very enjoyable evening was spent.”

Dudley Herald 24/2/1900 - Advert

“Sale Of Freehold Rolling Mill And Land, situate in Groveland Road, Dudley Port, Tipton.

Messrs. J. Shedden & Son have received instructions to Sell by Auction on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, at 6 o'clock in the evening, at the OLD PORT INN, Dudley Port.....”

William Cowling = William Cowley

1901 Census

113, Dudley Port

[1] *William Cowling* (38), publican, born Walkeringham, Nottinghamshire;

[2] Annie Cowling (35), wife, born Walkeringham, Nottinghamshire;

[3] Alice Cowling (10), daughter, born Mansfield, Nottinghamshire:

The transfer to *William Cowley*, on 21st January 1903, was granted on the understanding that the Assembly Hall should be entirely cut off from the licensed premises, and attention was called to the dangerous state of the wall on the canal side.

Herbert Sproson served in the 3rd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment.

1911 Census

117b, Dudley Port – OLD PORT HOTEL

[1] *Herbert Fell Sproson* (35), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Matilda Jane Sproson, (38), wife, married 7 years, assisting in the business, born Bilston;

[3] Herbert Hallett Sproson (6), son, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Harry Sproson (3), son, born Dudley Port;

[5] Florence May Sproson (1), daughter, born Dudley Port;

[6] Maud Nicholls (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Pickering was a former gymnast.

South Staffordshire Times 30/8/1924

“On Monday night a crowded attendance was witnessed at the OLD PORT INN, Dudley Port, the headquarters of the Excelsior Lodge, on the occasion of the raising of two brethren to the second degree, viz Bros. Hughes and Dorman, sen. Bro. Riley K.O.M. (Grand Primo of the Province), raised the brethren, and was supported by the Deputy Grand (Bro. A. D. Freeman) and the Grand Lodge officers. A musical programme followed.”

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies' Darts League. [1948]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1949.

The license was renewed on 20th July 1949.

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1951.

The license was renewed on 23rd July 1951.

A team from here took part in the Tividale and District Darts League. [1952]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 5th March 1957.

The license renewal was refused.

It closed on 31st December 1957.

Tipton Herald 14/5/1960

“How a seven-years-old boy tried to save the life of his school friend after he had fallen into the canal near the OLD PORT INN at Dudley Port, Tipton, was related to the Coroner, Mr. Malcolm Wright, at a Dudley inquest on Wednesday.

The inquest was on Brian John Fullwood (7), of 332, Dudley Port, Tipton, whose body was recovered from the canal at Tipton on May 5th.

The dead boy's school friend, John Edwards, of 321, Dudley Port, Tipton, said that he was walking home with Brian from Burnt Tree Council School. They came to a bridge at Dudley Port, and Brian was walking down a sloping wall at the side of the bridge when he slipped and fell sideways into the canal. ‘I tried to get him out with my coat,’ said Edwards, ‘but I could not reach him and I went for help.’

PC J. W. Inskip, of Tipton, told the Coroner that he was acting as an observer in a police patrol car on May 5th. When the vehicle approached the canal bridge near the OLD PORT INN a schoolboy ran into the roadway waving his arms. ‘The boy came across to the car,’ said PC Inskip, ‘and said, ‘A boy has gone into the canal.’ I ran to the canal side and saw a boy floating upright just under the surface. I dived in fully clothed and brought him to the side.’ Artificial respiration was given to the boy until the ambulance arrived, but he was found to be dead on arrival at Dudley Guest Hospital. PC Inskip added that the canal at the point where he recovered the body was 45 feet wide and eight feet deep in the middle. The wall which the dead boy had walked down was 14 inches wide and sloped 30 degrees. The surface was very slippery.

PC Inskip was commended for his prompt action by Mr. Wright, who said ‘I am sure that the parents’ thanks are due to you for diving in so promptly to try to save the boy, and I also want to add a word of commendation.’

Dr. H. D. Baker, pathologist at Dudley Guest Hospital, said death was caused by drowning.

Recording a verdict of Death by Misadventure, the Coroner said, ‘It is quite clear that this little boy was coming home with his friend, and on the way he decided to climb on to the bridge and walk down the wall at the side of the bridge, but slipped, fell into the water and was drowned. I would say that it is most difficult to keep boys away from canals, especially in this district where there are so many, and boys will play.’”

It became garage premises. [1968]

It was demolished in 1979.

PARK

Park Lane East / Victoria Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Henry Anderson [1900]

Robert Halford, Nottingham

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1903], [1948]

LICENSEES

Thomas Binfield [1900] – [1901] manager

Herbert Tarrey [1903] manager

William Shaylor [] – 1919;

John Frederick Ravenscroft (1919 – 1922);
Charles Jacques (1922 – 1926);
James Davies Emery (1926 – 1962);
Douglas Frederick Gamwell (1962 – 1965);
William Harrison (1965 – [1966])
Ken Southall [1990]

NOTES

Victoria Road

PARK HOTEL [1900], [1901], [1903], [1908], [1916], [1920], [1932], [1940]
PARK LANE HOTEL [1956]

It had a billiard room.

The RAO Buffaloes had a lodge based here.

‘Tipton: A Third Selection’ by Keith Hodgkins and John Brimble

“Reputedly haunted by the ghost of a little girl, who died after being accidentally trapped in an attic room.”

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. Round (Tipton) applied for a full license to be granted to William Henry Anderson, in respect of new premises to be erected at the corner of Victoria Road and Park Lane East, Tipton, and it was explained that the applicant was prepared to relinquish the license of the SEVEN STARS INN, which he held.

Superintendent Salt informed the Bench that in his opinion it would be an advantage if the license were transferred as proposed.

Mr. Waring (clerk to Tipton Council) gave evidence in support of the application, explaining that the applicant would demolish the SEVEN STARS INN and sell the land to the Council.

Mr. Anderson was called, and agreed to complete the new buildings within twelve months and to demolish the old property, which had sunk through mining operations, within two months afterwards.

The Bench granted a provisional license, and approved plans which were submitted.”

It was built as a hotel c.1900.

Dudley Herald 20/1/1900

“The honour of holding the first concert in the parish for the reserve fund falls to YE PARK HOTEL, Victoria Road. Mr. *Binfield*, the manager, is to be complimented for the able manner in which he carried out the arrangements for the convenience of the audience, which was a fairly good one The Manager announced the receipt of a letter from Mr. Anderson (proprietor of the hotel) expressing his regret at not being able to be present. He would, however, subscribe a sum equal to what was raised by the concert.

At the close of the programme the loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, the party dispersing after a pleasant evening.

The proceeds of the concert amounted to £2 16s, to which Mr. Anderson adds a similar sum, giving a total of £5 12s.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 17/11/1900

“Independent Order of Oddfellows, MU, opening of the Loyal Peter Wood Lodge.

On Tuesday evening, at the PARK HOTEL, Tipton, the above new lodge, in connection with the West Brom-

wich district, was opened. The spacious room was tastefully decorated and there was an excellent gathering of members present from the various lodges comprising the district.....”

Smethwick Weekly News 23/3/1901

“Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, Loyal Peter Wood Lodge. On Tuesday evening the members of this Lodge, together with the District Officers and a large number of members of other lodges in the West Bromwich District, assembled in the commodious club room at the PARK HOTEL, Tipton, to do honour to their patron and recognise the great service and help which he has given to the lodge bearing his name since its establishment a few months ago. The room, which is a very fine one, was rendered more beautiful for the occasion by means of palms and ferns, the landlord, Bro. *T. Binfield* (treasurer) having gone to considerable amount of trouble in this direction, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a large attendance.....”

1901 Census

Park Lane East

[1] *Thomas Binfield* (38), licensed victualler, manager, born Rugeley, Staffordshire;

[2] *Annie Binfield* (29), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Thomas Binfield* (3), son, born Lichfield;

[4] *Thomas Lowe* (18), barman, born Rushhall;

[5] *Annie Morris* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 10/1/1903

“Frederick Willis, Howard Street, Tipton, was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of the PARK HOTEL, Tipton, and further with refusing to quit the licensed premises.

Mr. Clewes prosecuted, and said that on December 27th about 12.30pm defendant went to the PARK HOTEL in a drunken condition and asked for beer which was refused and was requested to leave. He refused and had to be ejected, the same performance being gone through twice more. Later in the day defendant again went to the hotel and refused to leave until a police officer came.

Edward [sic] *Tarrey*, manager, bore out the statements of counsel and defendant was fined 5s and costs, or seven days, in each case.”

Wednesbury Leader 2/2/1906

“On Monday morning Mr. G. C. Lewis (Coroner) held an inquiry at the PARK HOTEL, Tipton, relative to the death of Enoch John Shaw, 7, Victoria Road, Tipton, aged two years and four months. Deceased was last seen alive on Saturday morning by his mother when, in company with his sister, Sarah Ann, aged four years, and Gladys Parker, aged three years, they went out to play on the Victoria Park. The father of deceased returned home about 1.30, and on going to search for the children met Sarah Ann, who stated that the boy was in the park lake. He went to the pool and found the body lying with the feet on the cinders surrounding the lake, and his head towards the middle of the water. He tried to restore life by artificial respiration, as did also Dr. Harold Brown, but without avail.

Verdict, Accidentally Drowned.”

Tipton Herald 1/5/1909

“At the PARK HOTEL, Victoria Road, Tipton, a dinner took place to celebrate the successful stocking of the park pool with fish. About a thousand fish have been placed in the water, the expense being borne by private subscriptions organised by Councillor J. Sherwood. Councillor R. Mason presided and there was a representative attendance.”

South Staffordshire Times 31/1/1920

“A victory dinner has been arranged in honour of the returned soldiers and sailors, and it will take place next Wednesday evening at the PARK HOTEL, Victoria Road. It is likely to be an impressive and entertaining function.”

South Staffordshire Times 7/2/1920

“Some time ago, an influential and numerous committee decided on holding a Victory Dinner in connection with Peace, but several things hindered the carrying out of the project until lately. On Wednesday night, however, the function was held at the PARK HOTEL, Victoria Road, Tipton. It was in every way most successful. Messrs Mitchell and Butler kindly placed the fine room at the disposal of the promoters, and the host Mr. *F. Ravenscroft*, did all he could to aid the venture. A capital dinner was provided and brought over from Birmingham, ‘piping hot’ in the caterers’ special vehicles. About ninety persons sat down and spent a most enjoyable evening.....”

South Staffordshire Times 7/8/1920

“Conveyed by one of the comfortable and well-equipped ‘Sharries’, supplied by Mr. Allsop, Dudley Port, a select party from the PARK HOTEL went to Worcester on Wednesday. They were supplied with a *recherché* dinner at the Rectifying House, The Bridge. Then in the boat ‘My Queen’ chartered for the party, they went to Upton-on-Severn, where the ancient glories of the place – including the fine old church – were inspected with interest. Then a return journey to the Rectifying House, where a substantial meat tea was served. A vote of thanks to the host, *Fred Ravenscroft*, who organized and pioneered the party, constitutes speech-making, and after a pleasant journey all arrived home delighted with the day’s outing.”

South Staffordshire Times 21/8/1920

“R.A.O.B. One of the best attended and most harmoniously enjoyable gatherings was that of the Victoria Park Lodge at the PARK HOTEL on Tuesday night. Pri. Winfield was in the chair.....”

South Staffordshire Times 4/9/1920

“R.A.O.B. A very successful and well attended meeting of the Victoria Park Lodge was held at the PARK HOTEL on Tuesday night, even the opening of the football attractions failing to influence attendance.....”

South Staffordshire Times 11/9/1920

“The Loyal Peter Wood Lodge of the A.O.F. had, on Monday, the largest gathering the spacious assembly room at the PARK HOTEL, Tipton, would accommodate, and the room itself looked a perfect picture of floral and decorative loveliness. It was a propaganda open night, arranged for the purpose of showing the public what the Order was. This was explained by Bro. Bennett, who presided, and Bro. V. Keilman, P.P.G.M. A fine vocal and instrumental concert was provided, in which the following took part, Mr. J. Shingleton, snr., Mr. J. Shingleton, junr., Mr. G. Speckley, Mr. Bolton, Mr. P. Pearce, Mr. T. Davis, Mr. P. Tyrone, with Mr. J. Woodhall at the piano.”

South Staffordshire Times 4/12/1920

“The proceeding at the meeting of the Victoria Lodge R.A.O.B. held at the PARK HOTEL on Tuesday, were unusually interesting. In accordance with custom, the primos present were honoured with the chair, and Primos Winfield, A. Davis, and B. David.....”

South Staffordshire Times 17/12/1921

“.....Mr. *J. F. Ravenscroft* applied for the PARK HOTEL, for December 16th, the occasion being the presentation of retiring gifts to men of the South Staffordshire Water Works Co. It was granted on condition that the house be closed to all others.

South Staffordshire Times 24/12/1921

“The large clubroom at the PARK HOTEL presented a pleasant and animated appearance on Friday night. It was prettily decorated with plants and flowers, and the billiard table in the centre was covered in a large Union Jack.

It was the occasion of the presentation of gifts to nine of the old employees of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company who have retired on superannuation after long periods of service. Their names were R. Reed, who had been in the employ of the Company 44 years; G. Chambers, 43 years; E. Johns, 42 years; J. Saunders, 40 years; T. Owen, 35 years; F. Betts, 33 years; H. Mills, 31 years; J. Simmons, 31 years; and R.

Turner, 24 years.....”

South Staffordshire Times 21/4/1923

“At Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday an extension of an hour was granted to *Charles Jacques*, PARK HOTEL, for the anniversary dinner of the R.O.A.B. lodge held at the house.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 12/9/1925

“We record the death of Prudence Mary Bradley, aged 14, which occurred at the PARK HOTEL after a serious attack of nasal hemorrhage. A little sister, aged two was with her, and it became necessary that the child’s clothes should be washed. This was done. The clothes were hung on a line outside out to dry, and – while the elder child lay dead in the house – some mean thief stole the clothes from the line. Every effort is to be made to discover and punish the contemptible thief.”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

PARK HOTEL, £24 18s 6d (runners up).....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

To the WELLINGTON INN we send our congratulations on winning the shield, especially on beating their near neighbours, the PARK HOTEL. These will be presented later with a winner’s and runner’s up certificate; also the Soldiers Club on winning the King Shield once again for the largest turnout on parade. Such friendly rivalry is good for our cause, and the committee, I know, hope that other houses in Tipton will follow suit and see that neither the WELLINGTON INN nor the PARK HOTEL win the shield next year.

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Dudley Herald 6/6/1931

“Sitting with a jury at the PARK HOTEL, Tipton, on Saturday morning, Mr. Frank Cooper (Coroner for South Staffordshire) held an inquiry into the death of Arthur Ingram, aged 57, of 9, Victoria Terrace, Park Estate, Tipton, a painter employed by the Horseley Bridge and Engineering Co. Ltd., Horseley Heath, Tipton, who collapsed just before commencing work on the previous Wednesday morning, and died at his home a few hours later.

Mr. C. C. Failes (Hooper and Fairbairn) represented the Horseley Co., whilst also present were Mr. C. J. Paterson (H.M. Inspector of Factories) and Mr. W. H. Jukes (works manager of the Horseley Co.).

Addressing the jury, the Coroner said he appreciated the fact that Saturday was a busy morning for them, and that it was not therefore a convenient time to hold an inquest. He understood, however, that the deceased was to be buried that afternoon. It was a simple case, and they would not be engaged many minutes. He thought it best, however, in the interests of those concerned – the widow and the employers that the enquiry should be held, and that the evidence on oath should be taken. There might be matters of extreme importance to the parties mentioned.

The widow, Florence Ingram, said her husband had worked for the Horseley Co. for 43 years as a painter. He was a healthy man and had never had a serious illness. He had had colds, and was attended by a doctor as recently as two months ago for one. On Whit Monday and Tuesday he had been on holiday at home, and got up about 7am on Wednesday to go to work. As was his usual custom, he only had half a round of toast

for his breakfast, and left the house at 7.30am, being due at work a quarter of an hour later. He was not late in leaving home and as far as she could see he was in his usual good health. He was brought home in the Tipton ambulance at about 10.30am, and died about two hours later. He was attended by Dr. Williams before he died.

John William Bourne, of 151, Horseley Heath, Tipton, a member of the Tipton Council, said he was employed as a chargehand by the Horseley Co. He had known the deceased ever since he worked for the company, and he had always been a healthy man. On Wednesday morning the works were opened at 8am, and he saw deceased at 8.45am, as other of the company's employees were carrying him from the spot where he had collapsed to the ambulance room.

Witness had considerable experience in ambulance work, and after learning that the deceased had not met with an accident, he came to the definite conclusion that it was a case of apoplexy. He was in a state of unconsciousness, and the one side of the body showed more signs of life than the other. He was apparently paralysed down one side. He had been engaged in painting for a considerable number of years, and his work involved no strain whatever. He would not have to carry any heavy weight, and would not have to do any climbing. Witness believed that the first day deceased started to work he lost one of his arms.

Mr. Jukes said that was so.

The Coroner said he was not previously aware of that fact, and asked which arm it was that deceased had lost.

Councillor Bourne admitted that although he had known deceased for 43 years he could not remember, and added, 'I did not memorise that.'

Mr. Jukes and Dr. Williams said it was the left arm deceased had lost.

Councillor Bourne added that owing to his disability deceased never ascended ladders.

William Edward Perrot, of 3 house, 4 court, Providence Street, Tipton, said he was deceased's mate at the works. On the morning in question he saw him just before eight o'clock. He was in the company of the deceased from that time until he collapsed at about 8.45am. They had orders to go and paint some jointing on a bridge, and they went and got their paint from a keg.

The Coroner closely questioned witness as to whether deceased had any strain, and he replied that he poured the paint out of the keg for the deceased. They walked down the yard to the bridge, deceased carrying a can containing about 12lbs of paint. Up to that time witness had noticed nothing peculiar about the deceased. On arriving at the bridge they put down their cans and had a look round to see where to start. Witness walked back to fetch the paint, and deceased followed behind. Witness was about to pick up his can, when, on looking round, he saw a man named Edwards supporting deceased. Witness went back, and was helping deceased towards a cabin when he collapsed completely. So far as witness knew, he had had no fall or strain of any sort that morning.

'I said 'Have you enjoyed your holidays, Arthur?' and he walked in my direction, looked rather stupefied, and replied 'Yes—— yes, yes!'" So said Frederick William Edwards, of 10, Martin Road, Tipton, giving evidence of his conversation with the deceased on the Wednesday morning in question.

Edwards said he was in the employ of the Horseley Co., and saw deceased walking along the girder yard with Perrot just before nine o'clock. There was something strange about the talk and walk of the deceased which struck witness as being very peculiar. Deceased stumbled over a plank, but witness caught him before he fell to the ground, and rested him on the plank. After a short time he said he was feeling better, but could only stagger with the aid of Perrot towards the cabin. When he collapsed witness helped him to carry him to the ambulance room, and it was then that they were met by Councillor Bourne.

Dr. N. V. Williams said he received a verbal message to go to the house of the deceased, and arrived there just before 11am. He had not previously attended deceased, who was on his panel, and he had apparently been a very healthy man. When witness arrived at the house he found deceased in bed, quite unconscious. He examined him, and found he was suffering from cerebral haemorrhage, from which he died.

The Coroner: Although it is not my usual custom with medical men, I asked you to wait until last to give evidence in order that you might hear, on oath, of the movements of the deceased on this morning. Having heard that, was there anything he did at the works that would in any way contribute towards cerebral haemorrhage? – In my opinion no.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner said that as he stated before, he had held the inquest because in all cases of that character it was important in the interests of all concerned that the circumstances should be thoroughly

investigated. Having heard the evidence there could only be one verdict for them to return – that the deceased died of cerebral haemorrhage. He thought it was perfectly plain that nothing deceased did on that morning at the works – and this was the important point so far as the widow and the employers were concerned – contributed to the coming on of this haemorrhage, at that particular moment. He had had no strain of any sort, and had not actually commenced work.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and added that nothing deceased did at the works contributed to bringing on the haemorrhage.

They also expressed their sympathy with the widow, as did the Coroner and Mr. Jukes, the latter remarking that the company sincerely regretted that one of their old servants should pass away in such an untimely way.”

James Emery was born in Perry Street, Darlaston in 1891.

He was a member of the RAO Buffaloes.

He took snuff.

He married firstly Adelaide who died in 1952, and secondly May Weale in 1954.

He died in Tipton in 1963.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/12/1928

“On Monday night an enjoyable concert was held at the PARK HOTEL in aid of the widow of the late Mr. Harry Stevens, Park Lane East, whose sudden death was recently reported. Mr. W. H. Lewis presided.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 13/1/1934

“A most enjoyable evening was spent at the PARK HOTEL on Monday evening, when some 60 women customers held a party among themselves. The concert room had been gaily decorated with streamers and bunting, and the guests were supplied with paper hats. A cold spread was served, and at the subsequent concert items were given by Mr. Alan Beasley (the blind pianist) and Mr. Jeff Sheldon (drums), and Mr. De C. Corns (female impersonator). At the close thanks were voiced to the artistes and to Mr. and Mrs. *J. D. Emery* (host and hostess) and their staff.”

Tipton Herald 20/11/1948

“Arthur Edge (27), 12, Anderson Road, Tipton, was fined £2, with £3 5s costs, at Tipton, on Tuesday, for assaulting a part-time barman, Frank Austin, Brewery Street, Tipton, at the PARK HOTEL, Victoria Road, on Saturday night, October 23rd. Defendant, who pleaded guilty and said he and complainant had been friends previously, was alleged to have caught the barman’s tie with his right hand and hit him on the nose with the left.

Major Clifford Howl, presiding chairman, commented on the anxiety of the magistrates about discipline and good conduct in public houses, saying he was sure the defendant realised the seriousness of the offence.

Mr. A. Millichip, who prosecuted for Mitchells and Butlers, owners of the hotel, said that after defendant was served with a glass of beer by Austin, he said he would not have it, but did not say why. The beer was taken back by the barman, who did not want to have any trouble, and defendant was given another glass of beer, but he again said he would not have it. Eventually the beer was taken from him, and he was given back his money. As the barman was stooping down to pick up some glasses, defendant reached across the counter, caught Austin by the tie and struck him on the nose.

Austin said that defendant did not make any definite complaint, only saying that he would not have the beer. Frederick Benjamin Reece, a special constable, who was on the premises, corroborated this evidence.

Defendant said he served in France, Belgium, Germany and Holland during the war, and was demobilised in March 1946. He had three pints of beer and noticed that the drink in question was of short measure. He drew the barman’s attention to it, but he only looked at it and pushed it back. When witness again complained, the barman took the drink and gave him back his money. Witness denied that he was given a second glass of beer after he made a complaint. The beer was three-quarters of an inch from the top.

The chairman said the magistrates were anxious to have the discipline and conduct in public houses of a high standard, and they would assist the owners in every way in bringing that about.”

Tipton Herald 22/12/1956

“Several delegates from Charles Cooper (Tipton) Ltd., the rapidly expanding firm of spring steel manufacturers, attended the annual convention of the Firth Cleveland Group, of which Cooper’s are members, at the PARK LANE HOTEL on Saturday.”

It closed in 1996.

It was converted into flats.

PARK LANE TAVERN

36, (36+37), Park Lane East, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Chuter [1858] – [1864]

Charles Wilton [1871]

John Wilton [1874]

Joseph Wilton* [1874] – [1875]

Joseph Walton* [1875]

Joseph Wilson* [1875]

Benjamin Glover [] – **1880**);

James Davies (**1880** – [1881]

Samuel Nash [1891] – [1896]

George Whitehouse [1900] – [1904]

Samuel Nash [1919] – **1920**):

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36+37, Park Lane East [1891]

POOR MAN’S FRIEND [1871], [1875], [1880]

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Chuter = Samuel Chater

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/2/1858

“*Samuel Chuter*, of the PARK LANE beerhouse, appeared before the magistrates at Wednesbury, on Tuesday, on a charge of allowing gaming in his house. PC Hawley proved the raffling for a horse at the defendant’s house on the 25th inst, he being present in plain clothes. Mr. Sheldon, who appeared for the defendant admitted the charge, but pleaded in mitigation his client’s ignorance of the law. The Magistrates inflicted the mitigated penalty of 40s and costs, warning the defendant that if he offended again in the same way, the heaviest fine allowed by law would be imposed.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/7/1864

“Perry of Westbromwich and Morris of Tipton. The match between these well-known district men to run 120 yards, for £10 a side, has caused a great deal of excitement from the commencement in the district the men hail from. The final deposit for the same, of £3 a side, must be made this evening at *S. Chater's*, PARK LANE TAVERN, Tipton. The final stakeholder and referee is Mr. Coates of Birmingham, who has £7 a side in hand. The men must be on the mark at two o'clock. A well-contested race is anticipated.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/2/1865

“Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the PARK LANE TAVERN, on Saturday, on the body of a child named Eliza Price. On Wednesday the mother of deceased left her alone in the house, and deceased's clothes by some means caught fire, and she received such injuries that she died on the following day. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

36+37, Park Lane East – POOR MAN'S FRIEND

[1] Charles Wilton (66), innkeeper, born Castle Bromwich;

[2] Fanny Wilton (59), wife, born Sheffield:

* probably the same person

[Were these misspellings of Wilton?]

Dudley Guardian 17/1/1874

“*Joseph Wilton*, landlord of the PARK LANE TAVERN, Park Lane, Tipton, was charged at the instance of Police-Sergeant Chatfield, with selling beer without a license, on the 4th inst. Mr. Stokes appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Police-Sergeant Chatfield stated that he visited the defendant's house on the evening of the day in question, and there found ten or twelve men drinking. Defendant had no right to sell, as he had no transfer. He ought to have obtained one at West Bromwich on the previous day.

Cross-examined: Defendant told him that he had seen Mr. Arnold (Mr. Fellows' clerk), who told him that he might sell till Monday.

Mr. Stokes contended that his client had acted innocently in the matter, as he was told by Mr. Arnold to go on selling, and that he could have his transfer at the Court on Monday. He applied for his transfer on Monday, and he was then refused, as an objection was raised. E

Mr. Fellows observed that the defendant had not even served the requisite notice on the police and overseers of the parish.

Mr. Stokes also contended that no evidence had been given as to when the original transfer expired. Upon these grounds, he trusted, the magistrates would dismiss the case.

The magistrates dismissed the case, as they considered it had not been proven.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 16/2/1875

“At the Tipton Police Court, yesterday, *Joseph Walton*, the landlord of the POOR MAN'S FRIEND, was fined £5 and costs for retailing during prohibited hours, on the 7th inst.”

Dudley Herald 7/8/1880

“The Bench granted the following transfers.....

Benjamin Glover, POOR MAN'S FRIEND, Park Lane, Tipton, beer licence, to *James Davis*, of Park Lane.”

James Davies = James Davis

Dudley and District News 8/1/1881

“William Jones was charged with refusing to quit the PARK LANE TAVERN, Park Lane, on the 27th of December.

James Davis, landlord of the house in question, proved the offence, stating that he sent for a policeman to

turn defendant out, as he had had enough liquor, and while the servant was gone, he left, but afterwards returned, and had to be turned out by the police.

Defendant was fined 17s 6d, including costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment."

1881 Census

36+37, Park Lane East – PARK LANE TAVERN

[1] *James Davies* (51), beer seller, born Ilkeston;

[2] *Sarah Davies* (51), wife, born Churbury, Shropshire;

[3] *Elizabeth Davies* (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

36+37, Park Lane East – PARK LANE TAVERN

[1] *Samuel Nash* (53), engine fitter, born France (British subject);

[2] *Elizabeth Nash* (52), wife, born Liverpool;

[3] *Louisa Nash* (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Samuel Nash* (14), son, born Tipton:

Samuel Nash, beer retailer, 36, Park Lane East. [1896]

George Whitehouse, beer retailer, 36, Park Lane East. [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

Park Lane East

[1] *George Whitehouse* (36), widower, beerhouse keeper, birthplace unknown;

[2] *Harry Griffiths* (31), lodger, boat loader, born Birmingham:

The license renewal was objected to in January 1903 on the grounds that it lacked accommodation.

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

South Staffordshire Times 17/7/1920

"The following licenses were refused at the principal meeting of the compensation authority for the county held at Stafford on Thursday.....

PARK LANE TAVERN, Tipton."

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/12/1920

"An adjourned supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Committee, acting as the Compensation Authority, was held at the County Buildings, Stafford, on Saturday, Lord Hatherton, C.M.G., presiding.

The following sums were approved in cases where the licenses have not been renewed.....

PARK LANE TAVERN, Tipton, beerhouse, £1,400."

It closed on 31st December 1920, after compensation of £1,400 was paid.

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

"Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

Superintendent T. Salt read the annual report which stated that the number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the parish of Tipton was 134. At the census taken in 1911 the population of the parish was given as 31,763, according to which there was one licensed house to each 237 of the inhabitants. At the time of the last annual licensing meeting the number of licensed houses was 138. The reduction in the number had been brought about by the licenses of the AQUEDUCT beerhouse, Dudley Port; the FITTERS ARMS beerhouse, Horseley Heath; the LAME DOG beerhouse, Dudley Port, and the PARK LANE TAVERN, Park Lane, having been referred for compensation and extinction at the Adjourned Licensing Sessions last year. The houses were closed on December 31st last....."

PATTERNMAKERS ARMS

64, Bridge Road, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Richard Askin
William Butler Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary A. Davies [1861] – [1881]
Henry Green [1891]
Mrs. Elizabeth (Green) Wall (1887 – 1903):

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It was originally two cottages.

It was an ante 1869 beerhouse.

Mary Davies = Mary Davis

1861 Census

Bridge Road

- [1] *Mary A. Davies* (49), widow, beerseller, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Jane Davies (23), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Samuel Davies (19), son, iron moulder, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Joseph Davies (15), son, iron moulder, born Wednesbury;
- [5] William Davies (12), son, iron moulder, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Jones (20), house servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/8/1861

“At the Wednesbury petty sessions, on Tuesday, before J. Solly and T. Davis, Esqs., *Mary Davis*, who keeps a beerhouse with the sign of the PATTERN MAKERS ARMS, at Toll End, was charged with harbouring police-constable Hill, on the 28th ult. Mr. Bayley defended. The evidence of Inspector Phair, of the Tipton Station, was to the effect that on the night in question he missed Hill from his beat for an hour and a half, and, on going to the house of the defendant, heard his voice inside. After waiting for seven minutes, Hill came out, but was quite sober. Hill was called, and he said he went into the defendant’s house in the course of his duty at a quarter to twelve on the night in question, and lighted his pipe. The defendant’s son began to tell him of a robbery, and he stayed talking for a quarter of an hour, but had nothing to drink. Mr. Bayley said publicans were placed in a very difficult position in these cases, as they could not refuse a policeman admittance and dare not turn him out. The magistrates dismissed the charge but cautioned the defendant.”

Mary Davies, beer retailer, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1864], [1865], [1872]
Mrs. *Mary Davies*, beer retailer, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1870]

1871 Census

64, Bridge Road

- [1] *Mary Davies* (61), widow, publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Jane Davies* (33), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Davies* (31), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William Davies* (22), son, moulder, born Tipton;
- [5] *Samuel Shorthouse* (18), grandson, moulder, born Tipton;
- [6] *Ann E. Richards* (16), granddaughter, visitor, born Burnt Tree:

1881 Census

64, Bridge Road – PATTERN MAKERS ARMS

- [1] *Mary Davies* (71), widow, publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Jane Davies* (43), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Alice J. Davies* (18), granddaughter, domestic servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

64, Bridge Road – PATTERN MAKERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Green* (49), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Green* (48), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Henry Green* (10), nephew, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/5/1893

“At the Police Court, yesterday, Samuel Leddington, miner, Toll End, was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on John Kinsey, miner, Gospel Oak. Mr. Sharpe represented the defendant, and Mr. Plant (Dudley) watched the case on behalf of Mrs. *Elizabeth Green*, the landlady of the PATTERN MAKERS ARMS. Complainant stated that on leaving the public-house named on the night of the 25th inst. he was met by defendant, who, without the slightest provocation, struck him a violent blow. Shortly prior to the assault he saw defendant in the public-house, but they did not have any quarrel. He was removed to Dr. Underhill’s surgery, and did not regain complete consciousness until the next day.

Dr. Underhill stated that complainant received a clean-cut wound on the forehead six and half inches long, and two wounds on the face. The wound on the forehead must have been produced by a sharp instrument and not by a blow.

Prisoner was committed to the sessions.”

[On 27th June 1839, at the Sessions, Samuel Leddington, charged with ‘unlawfully and maliciously wounding,’ was found guilty, and was sentenced to 4 calendar months’ imprisonment, with hard labour, at H.M. Prison at Stafford.]

Elizabeth Green (48), widow, married Thomas Wall (27), bachelor, ironworker, on 9th October 1894.

Wednesbury Herald 6/4/1895 - Advert

“To Brewers, Maltsters, and Others. Sale by Auction of a Freehold Public House, Situate in Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton, and Three Freehold Dwelling Houses, Situate in Aston Street, Tipton. Mr. Josiah Field is instructed by the trustees of the late Mr. Richard Askin, to Sell by Auction, on Wednesday, April 17th, 1895, at the house of Mr. C. H. Birch, known as the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge.....

Lot 1. All that Capital Freehold Public House known as the PATTERN MAKERS ARMS, Situate in Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton; now in the occupation of Mrs. *Elizabeth Green*, at the very inadequate rental of £16 per annum.....”

Mrs. *Elizabeth Green*, beer retailer, 64, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1896]

Mrs. *Elizabeth Wall*, beer retailer, 64, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1900]

1901 Census

64, Bridge Road

[1] Thomas Wall (35), ironworker (puddler), born Sedgley;

[2] *Elizabeth Wall* (58), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] Ethel Hill (17), niece, born West Bromwich;

[4] Harriet Hill (10), visitor, born Sheffield:

The license was withdrawn on 26th February 1903, on the grounds that it was dilapidated and insanitary.

PATTERNMAKERS ARMS

Park Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Kendrick [1861]

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1861 Census

Park Lane – PATTERNMAKERS ARMS

[1] *John Kendrick* (72), widower, licensed victualler, born Redbrook, Gloucestershire;

[2] John Kendrick (33), son, patternmaker, born Tipton;

[3] Louisa Kendrick (32), daughter, dress maker, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Kendrick (27), daughter, bonnet maker, born Tipton;

[5] Jane Kendrick (23), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Mary Ann Forrest (13), granddaughter, born Tipton:

PEACOCK

9, Cleton Street, (Chilton Street), (Chelton Street), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Abraham Dutton [1831]

John Scott [1861] – **1870**);

Mrs. Mary Scott (**1870** – [1881]

Richard Scott [1894] – **1903**):

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It was an ante 1869 beerhouse.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/9/1831 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. John Orme Brettell, on Wednesday, the 14th of September, at the house of Mr. Hawkins, the BELL, in Tipton, precisely at four o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions, all that substantial and well built Messuage, now used as a Public House, and known by the sign of the PEACOCK, with Fendermaker's Shop, Brewhouse, and Garden thereto, situate at Summer Hill, in the parish of Tipton, now in the occupation of Mr. *Abraham Dutton*.

This property is situated in a very populous neighbourhood, well adapted for carrying on the above businesses, and is held under lease, of which 88 years are unexpired, at a pepper-corn rent.

The proprietor, Mr. *Abraham Dutton*, will shew the premises, and further particulars maybe had of the Auctioneer, or of Mr. Goode, Solicitor, Dudley.”

London Gazette 1/11/1831

“Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Abraham Dutton, late of Tipton, in the Parish of Tipton, Staffordshire, first a Fender-Maker, and lately a Fender-Maker, Licenced Brewer, and Retailer of Beer.”

1861 Census

Cleton Street

- [1] *John Scott* (40), boatman and beerseller, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Scott* (42), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Martha Scott* (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Scott* (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Eliza Scott* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Richard Scott* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *William Fisher* (36), lodger, iron puddler, born Tipton:

J. Scott, beer retailer, Cleton Street, Dudley Port. [1865]

1871 Census

9, Cleton Street

- [1] *Mary Scott* (43), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Scott* (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mary Scott* (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Eliza Scott* (18), daughter, dress maker, born Tipton;
- [5] *Richard Scott* (16), son, breeze dealer, born Tipton;
- [6] *George Jones* (30), son-in-law, widower, coal miner, birthplace not known;
- [7] *John Fisher* (1 month), boarder, born Rowley;
- [8] *Edward Hingley* (9), grandson, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Mary Scott*, beer retailer, Cleton Street. [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1872

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, five publicans *Mary Scott*, were summoned for having violated the conditions of licenses granted to them to keep open during the wake; but the Stipendiary said a point of law had arisen which would render an adjournment necessary to give him time to look into the matter. Adjourned accordingly.”

Mary Scott was fined 10s for opening on Sunday during the year ending 30th August 1876.

1881 Census

9, Cleton Street

- [1] *Mary Scott* (61), widow, beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] *Richard Scott* (27), son, general labourer, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mary Scott* (30), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Edward Hesley* (?) (19), grandson, iron worker in mill, born Tipton;
- [5] *Martha Heargh* (?) (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *John Scott* (2), grandson, born Tipton:

1891 Census

9, Cleton Street – PEACOCK INN

- [1] *Richard Scott* (36), general labourer, born Tipton;
 - [2] *Mary Scott* (38), wife, born Tipton;
 - [3] *John Scott* (12), son, born Tipton;
 - [4] *David Scott* (9), son, born Tipton;
 - [5] *Sarah Scott* (7), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [6] *Richard Scott* (4), son, born Tipton;
 - [7] *Jane Scott* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:
- [*Mary Scott* (72), was living at 6, Cleton Street, living on own means.]

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1894

“The annual general licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at the Police Court, Wednesbury, yesterday Notices of opposition had been served upon.....

Richard Scott, PEACOCK INN Tipton.....

The consideration of the applications and cases involving objections were adjourned until September 24.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1894

“Darlaston and Tipton. The adjourned licensing session for this district took place at Wednesbury yesterday.....

Mr. Sharpe applied for the renewal to *Richard Scott* of the license of the PEACOCK beerhouse, Clenton Street. There was a conviction against the applicant for permitting betting, and Mr. Sharpe said his client’s offence was acting as a stakeholder for a dog race. Granted.”

1901 Census

9, Cleton Street

- [1] *Richard Scott* (48), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Scott* (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *John Scott* (22), son, patternmaker, engineshop, born Tipton;
- [4] *David Scott* (20), son, core maker, foundry, born Tipton;
- [5] *Sarah Scott* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Richard Scott* (14), son, helper in foundry, born Tipton;
- [7] *Harrold Scott* (8), son, born Tipton;
- [8] *Ethell Scott* (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Martha A. Way* (27), niece, born Tipton;
- [10] *Leonard Way* (7 months), niece’s son, born Tipton:

The license was withdrawn on 26th February 1903 on the grounds that it was dilapidated and insanitary, lacked accommodation “scarcely a sound brick in back of premises”.

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided..... Adverting to the PEACOCK INN, Clayton [sic] Street, Dudley Port, Mr. Wilcock, solicitor, Wolverhampton, said he formally applied for the license to be renewed, and then to agree to the compensation mentioned in

form 10, viz, £500.

Mr. Disturnal approved on behalf of the magistrates, and the Chairman said the license would be refused, and the committee agreed to the figure provisionally.”

PEAR TREE

40, Waterloo Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Elwell Williams and Co. [1907]

LICENSEES

Joseph Parkes [1891]

Davies [1894]

Bourne [1898]

Richard Kirkham [1900] – [1901]

J A Icke [1907]

George Green [1907]

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It had a beerhouse license.

1891 Census

40, Waterloo Street – PEAR TREE INN

[1] *Joseph Parkes* (50), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Rhoda Parkes* (49), wife, born Wombourne;

[3] *Amy Parkes* (19), daughter, assistant school mistress, born Tipton;

[4] *Florence Parkes* (17), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Ernest E. Parkes* (15), son, fitter's apprentice, born Tipton;

[6] *Gilbert E. Parkes* (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Nora M. Parkes* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Joseph Parkes – see also WHITE SWAN.

Birmingham Daily Post 5/12/1894 - Advert

“Saddlers. All-round Hand (26) Seeks Situation, used to collars.

Davies, PEAR TREE, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 3/9/1898

“On Tuesday evening the employees of Messrs. Palethorphe's Limited, Dudley and Tipton, held their annual dinner at the PEARTREE INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton. About fifty friends and visitors enjoyed a capital repast, ably catered by Mr. *Bourne*. Mr. W. J. Cox was voted to the chair, and Mr. I. J. Cox to the vice-chair. ‘The Queen’ having been duly honoured, it was explained by the chairman that the employees had decided, for a change, to have their annual dinner at home this year, instead of upon the occasion of an excursion. Personally, he was very pleased to find the money was being spent in the parish (hear, hear). Mr. Dulson

proposed 'The donors' stating that the firm and other friends had contributed £13 10s towards the fund. Mr. Norris then took his place at the piano, and after a solo, Mr. Hughes obliged with a song which was encored.

The chairman and vice-chairman responded to the toast, and hoped the firm would continue to prosper, and that the good feeling between them and their work people would not only continue but, if possible, increase year by year.

Mr. Griffiths then gave a recitation.

The chairman proposed 'Palethorpe's Limited.' He hoped the firm would prosper."

Dudley Herald 13/1/1900

"House Warming. A pleasant evening was spent on Tuesday evening at the PEAR TREE INN, Waterloo Street, when Host *Kirkham* provided an excellent repast. The usual toasts were acknowledged, and songs were rendered....."

1901 Census

40, Waterloo Street

[1] *Richard Kirkham* (37), colliery agent and beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary Kirkham* (37), wife, born Coseley;

[3] *Richard Kirkham* (12), son, scholar, born Coseley;

[4] *Alfred Kirkham* (9), son, scholar, born Coseley;

[5] *Lilian Kirkham* (2), daughter, born Princes End:

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

"Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

The Bench considered six houses reported as redundant.....

PEAR TREE, Waterloo Street, kept by *J. A. Icke*. Referred for compensation."

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

"County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

Mr. J. G. Thursfield, clerk to the justices, stated that the following licenses had been referred in the Wednesbury division.....

PEAR TREE, Waterloo Street, Tipton, beer and cider 'on' license, (licensee *George Green*).

Mr. Thursfield stated that there was no opposition, the amount of compensation having been agreed upon.

After formal evidence, the renewal of the license was refused."

It closed on 19th October 1907.

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

"Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The committee went very carefully in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee considered that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.....

PEAR TREE, Waterloo Street, Tipton, £450."

PIE FACTORY

50, (42), Hurst Lane (Bloomfield Road) (Dudley Road) / Sedgley Road West, Five Ways, TIPTON

OWNERS

Showell's Brewery Ltd. (acquired in 1923)
Ind Coope and Alsopp Ltd. (leased)
Ansells Ltd. [1960]
Little Pub Co. (acquired in 1987)
Ushers (acquired in 1998)
Mad O'Rourke's Ltd. (Peter Towler) (acquired in 2000)
P & S Pies Ltd (Peter and Sue Towler) (acquired in March 2011)

LICENSEES

John Hughes [1857]
Richard Williams [1860]
John Williams [1861] – [1864]
George Hartland* [1868]
George H Hartland* [1870]
Edwin Potts [1868] – **1872**);
Sarah Potts (**1872** – []
John French [1873] – **1876**);
James Tyrer** (**1876** – []
James Taylor** [1879]
James Tyler** [1881]
Thomas Hartland [1891] – [1896]
William Bates [1900] – [1908]
James Turley [1909]
Charles James Udall [1911] – [1912]
Ernest Walter Cameron [1916] – **1919**);
Ernest Smith (**1919** – **1922**);
Albert Whitworth Cheetham (**1922**);
George Edward Timmins (**1922** – **1924**);
Thomas Victor Foster (**1924** – **1926**);
Joseph Woodhall (**1926** – **1927**);
Ernest Smith (**1927** – **1929**);
Thomas Edward Whitehouse (**1929** – **1943**);
Bernard ___ell Parker (**1943** – **1945**);
Samuel John Wright (**1945** – **1948**);
Dennis Lewis (**1948** – **1950**);
Albert James Denshaw (**1950** – **1951**);
Eric Douglas Denshaw (**1951** – **1954**);
Frederick Harry Whitlock (**1954** – **1958**);
Brian John Mullarney (**1958** – [1966]
Ian Horne [1979]
Dave Henaghan (**1991** – [1993]
Nicky Ormerod (**1998** – []
Deana Rowley [2010] manager
Peter Towler [2011] – [2023]

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Dudley Road [1870]

42, Hurst Lane [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1904], [1912]

50, Hurst Lane [1911], [1939], [2010]

There was an entrance to the FIVE WAYS stables via double gates on Hurst Lane.

OLD FIVE WAYS [1868]

FIVE WAYS [1855], [1861], [1868], [1900], [1903], [1904], [1908], [1909]

[Black Country Bugle 8/9/2021](#)

[Article by Steve James](#)

“PIE FACTORY is allegedly haunted by three ghosts, Nobby, a former landlord dressed in a black cloak, a little girl who sings and laughs, and a cavalier.”

[Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/2/1855](#)

“George Hughes of Tipton will run Aston of the same place six score yards, in one month’s time, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at the FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton.”

[Birmingham Journal 11/7/1857](#)

“Queen’s Constitutional Party. This society celebrated its thirty-sixth anniversary on Monday, at the CROWN INN, Toll End, when about forty members partook of Dinner, put on the table in good style by Host and Hostess Wheale. The cloth withdrawn, Mr. *John Hughes*, of the FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton, was called to the chair, and Mr. John Shaw to the vice-chair. A statement of the societies funds, submitted by the secretary, Mr. Samuel Hotchkins, showed a marked improvement during the year. Songs and recitations, and convivial toasts, made the evening in every respect a pleasant one.”

[Birmingham Journal 3/4/1858 - Notice](#)

“Notice To Debtors And Creditors.

Mr. *John Hughes*, Deceased.

All Persons Indebted to the Estate of Mr. *John Hughes*, late of the FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton, who died on the 19th day of March last; are requested to Pay the Amount of the respective Debts forthwith; and all Persons having any Claim on the Estate of the said *John Hughes* are requested to Send the Particulars hereof immediately, in order that the same may be examined and discharged (if found correct) to the Executor of Mr. *John Hughes*, QUEENS ARMS INN, Bloomfield, Tipton; or to Mr. E. M. Warmington, Solicitor, Dudley.

This Notice will not be repeated.”

[Birmingham Daily Post 12/7/1858 - Advert](#)

“Sale At The FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton.

By Mr. S. Powell, upon the Premises, Hurst Lane. This Day, (Monday.) July 12th – all the Brewing Utensils, Ale Casks, Public House Fixtures, Household Furniture, and other Effects.

The Sale to commence punctually at Ten o’clock.”

[Birmingham Journal 31/3/1860 - Advert](#)

“Unreserved Sale At Tipton.

To Publicans, Coalmasters, Brokers, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. G. Brown, upon the Premises, on Monday Next, the 2nd of April.

The Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, Stock-In-Trade, Malt, and Hops, Three Horses, Cart, Skips and Rings, Pit Tools, and Effects, of the late Mr. *Richard Williams*, of the FIVE WAYS, Tipton, aforesaid.

Catalogues to be had at the Auctioneer’s Offices, Oxford Street, Bilston.”

[1861 Census](#)

Dudley Road – FIVE WAYS INN

[1] *John Williams* (48), miner in pits and publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Williams* (48), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Ann Williams* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Selina Cook* (13), house servant, born Deepfields:

Birmingham Daily Post 6/5/1864

“At the Public Office, on Wednesday before Captain Bennett and Mr, Swindell, Robert Shaw was charged with having stolen two fowls, the property of *John Williams*, FIVE WAYS INN, Hurst Lane. The prisoner was taken into custody on Thursday last by Police-sergeant G. Davis, with the fowls in his possession, and Joseph Peate, servant to the prosecutor, proved that on the night of Wednesday last he saw the fowls produced safe in the pen, which was locked up, and that on the following morning he missed them. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Sessions.”

[At Stafford, on June 27th, 1864, Robert Shaw was sentenced to twelve months' penal servitude, for larceny.]

* possibly the same person

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Mr. Fellows applied on behalf of *Edwin Potts*, Hurst Lane, whose house was situated 248 yards from the nearest licensed house. Mr. Jackson opposed on behalf of the proprietor of the FACTORY INN, Bloomfield. Granted.”

Edwin Potts was fined 5s plus costs for permitting drunkenness in May 1870.

1871 Census

42, Hurst Lane – FIVE WAYS INN

[1] *Edwin Potts* (50), licensed victualler, born Yoxall, Staffordshire;

[2] *Charlotte Potts* (40), wife, born Byfield, Northamptonshire;

[3] *Charlotte Dudley* (?) (17), general servant, born Tipton;

[4] *Eliza Millington* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/11/1875

“William Paine, William Roberts, James Roberts, and Henry Roberts were charged with being drunk and riotous and committing wilful damage, and James and Henry Roberts were also charged with assaulting the police. *John French*, landlord of the FIVEWAYS INN, Hurst Lane, said that the defendants came to his house on Saturday night, and as they created a disturbance he obtained assistance and had them turned out. Before they could be ejected, however, they struck and kicked him several times, and after they had been put out they smashed the door to pieces, and also broke several windows.

Two police officers found the defendants behaving in a very riotous manner and James and Henry Roberts assaulted the officers.

For doing wilful damage, Paine, who had been previously convicted, was fined 40s and costs, and ordered to pay 6s as compensation. William Roberts was fined 20s and costs and 6s damage, James and Henry Roberts were fined 40s and costs for assaulting the police, and 20s and costs, with 6s damage, for the other offence.”

** possibly the same person

1881 Census

42, Hurst Lane – FIVE WAYS INN

- [1] *James Tyler* (66), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Tyler* (65), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Charles Tyler* (22), son, iron worker, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Benjamin Tyler* (21), son, iron worker, born Oldbury;
- [5] *Prudence Bates* (14), granddaughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Elizabeth Williams* (22), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1882 - Advert

“Under a Distress for Rent and Bill of Sale.

To Publicans, Brokers and Others

Unreserved Sale at the FIVE WAYS INN, Hurst Lane, Tipton, on Wednesday next, October 11.

To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs. Powell & Brown, upon the above named Date and Premises (unless in the meantime an acceptable offer by Private Treaty be made) the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession, together with the whole of the costly and modern Public-House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, Furniture, and Effects, including Drinking Tables, Seating, Panelled Counter, Spirit Fountain, Shelves (and plate glass at the back), modern 6-pull Ale Machine (by Crisp) and new Piping, handsome China Liquor Casks, quantity of Ale and Beer, Cabinet Pianoforte, 16-bushel Mash Tub, Vats, and Lead Pipe; 200-gallon Copper, 200-gallon wrought-iron Boiler, with underwork; new Hop Press, quantity of sweet Ale Casks, six bags Malt, and a large quantity of other useful Effects, detailed in catalogues, to be obtained from the Auctioneers, 9, Owen Street, Tipton.

Sale at 10.30am punctually.”

London Gazette 6/3/1883

“Notice is hereby given, that the Loyal Invincible Lodge, 175, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Register No.2033, held at the FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton is dissolved by Instrument, registered at this office, the 28th day of February, 1883.....”

1891 Census

42, Hurst Lane

- [1] *Thomas Hartland* (34), carpenter, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary A. Hartland* (30), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Sarah A. Hartland* (7), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Daniel Hartland* (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Mary Hartland* (4), daughter, born Sedgley:

Wednesbury Herald 4/5/1895

“*Thomas Hartland*, of the FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton, was charged with having permitted drunkenness on his premises, and *Thomas Nicklin*, a neighbour was charged with being drunk on his premises.

The Stipendiary dismissed the charge of permitting drunkenness, but fined Nicklin, 20s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/10/1895

“On Saturday evening a meeting of representative enginemen and hammer-drivers representing Wolverhampton, Bilston, Tipton, Wednesbury, Smethwick, Walsall, Cradley, Dudley, Brierley Hill, and other places was held at the FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton. Mr. Mellor presided.....”

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

William Bates, FIVE WAYS INN, Tipton.”

1901 Census

Hurst Lane – FIVE WAYS INN

- [1] *William Bates* (57), licensed victualler, born Harrow, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Bates* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Hartland* (20), stepdaughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Daniel H. Hartland* (15), stepson, solicitor's clerk, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Nancy Hartland* (12), stepdaughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Alice Maud Bates* (3), daughter, born Tipton:

William Bates brewed his own beer.

He married *Mary Ann Hartland* in the 1st quarter of 1897.

Tipton Herald 7/2/1903

“Tipton Star Angling Society. The annual dinner and meeting in connection with the above society was held at the headquarters, the FIVE WAYS INN, on Wednesday evening. About twenty sat down to a splendid repast, served up in Host and Hostess *Bate's* well known style.....”

Tipton Herald 28/8/1909

“Mr. *James Turley*, licensee of the FIVE WAYS INN, Five Ways, Tipton, applied to the Bench for an occasional license to sell intoxicants in a marquee on Victoria Park, Tipton, on Saturday 4th September, on the occasion of the holding of Tipton Charity Sports, from 1 to 10pm. He produced a copy of the Council's resolution.

The Chairman pointed out that the copy of the resolution should have been signed by the Clerk.

The application would be granted.”

1911 Census

50, Hurst Lane

- [1] *Charles James Udall* (31), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Adelaide Gertrude Udall* (30), wife, married 10 years, assisting in business, born Wyrley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Lily Udall* (4), daughter, school, born Small Heath;
- [4] *Elizabeth Horton* (19), general servant, born Bradley:

South Staffordshire Times 11/10/1919

“Tipton Fanciers' Society held their fourth member's show, with four open classes provided for outsiders, in the club room of the FIVE WAYS INN on Saturday, September 27th. The poultry judge was Mr. D. Siviter, Blackheath, and the rabbit judge Mr. A. Mills, of West Bromwich.....”

South Staffordshire Times 1/11/1919

“Tipton. At the Police Court on Tuesday the license of the FIVE WAYS INN was transferred from *Ernest Cameron* to Richard Hill.”

South Staffordshire Times 8/11/1919

“Tipton. The license of the FIVE WAYS INN has been transferred from Mr. *Ernest Cameron*, who has taken up an electric appointment in London, to Mr. *Ernest Smith*, who comes from Richmond Hill, Langley.”

South Staffordshire Times 17/4/1920

“At Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, Mr. Sharpe, West Bromwich, appeared to prosecute in a charge against *James Garrett* (49), 125 Park Lane West, who was summoned by *Ernest Smith*, landlord of the FIVE WAYS INN for refusing to quit.

Prosecutor said that on 31st March the defendant went into the bar, and was served. He used very bad language, became very quarrelsome and objectionable to the whole of the customers. When his beer was taken from him and he was told to go, he refused. After witness had been to the 'phone and 'phoned the police,

the defendant cleared off before the police arrived.

Defendant said: 'I went when I was told; I only had two servings in the place'.

Prosecutor: You did not have two drinks. He added that it was not till after ten minutes persuasion that he went to the 'phone.

Fined 40s, or a month in default."

South Staffordshire Times 24/4/1920

"On Monday night there was a good attendance at the Cameron Lodge of the R.O.A.B., held at the FIVE WAYS INN, Sedgley Road, Tipton. Bro. Manaton, C.P., was in the chair....."

Demolished

It was rebuilt in 1923.

It was renamed the DOUGHTY ARMS.

DOUGHTY ARMS (FIVE WAYS HOTEL) [1925]

DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL [1924], [1940]

George Edward Timmins was the son of William and Harriet Timmins, of the WINDSOR CASTLE, Oldbury.

Black Country Bugle - Pub of the Month

"The pub was first opened in 1923 when William Wooley Doughty, JP, CC was, deservedly, a leading figure in the civic affairs of his native Tipton. Councillor Doughty owned the Horseley Heath Hinge Works and lived in the nearby and very imposing Horseley Heath Villa. Amongst his other interests he was proprietor of the old Victoria Palace – a converted Methodist chapel – which stood in Railway Street, Horseley Heath. At that time [1923] W. W. Doughty was chairman of the local licensing magistrates and, as a token of the esteem in which he was held, the new pub became the DOUGHTY ARMS. A replica of the insignia of the old Tipton UDC can still be seen high above the entrance.

.....a DOUGHTY licensee of 50 years ago was the redoubtable *Tom Whitehouse*, the Dudley born boxer who was called the Tipton Tornado. And rightly so. In a distinguished career which began in 1913, Tom lost only 16 of his 298 professional fights. One of his greatest fights was against Jack Hood who, in 1924, beat Tom by the narrowest of margins in a 15 rounds contest for the Midlands Welterweight title. Whilst mine host at the DOUGHTY, Tom set up a gymnasium in the pub's upstairs room."

South Staffordshire Times 29/3/1924

"At the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, the magistrates granted the temporary transfer of the license of the DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL (formerly the FIVE WAYS HOTEL) from *George Edward Timmins* to *Thomas Victor Foster*."

South Staffordshire Times 19/7/1924

"At the Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, *T. V. Foster*, licensee of the DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL, Five Ways, was granted a license from 12 o'clock on July 26th for a marquee in Victoria Park, on the occasion of the Harriers' Sports."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 11/10/1924

"A meeting, called for the purpose of trying to revive the old Canine Society for the parish, was held at the DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL (Five Ways), on Monday night. Mr. T. J. Greensill presided. It was resolved to revive the Society, and some promises of excellent support were given."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 20/12/1924

"No definite promise that Mr. Lampard-Vachell will be the prospective Conservative candidate at the next election was given at the meeting he attended at the FIVE WAYS HOTEL, Tipton, on Tuesday night, but 'reading between the lines' there can be little doubt about it....."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/3/1925

“At the Police Court on Tuesday, Mr. *Victor Foster*, DOUGHTY ARMS, Five Ways, applied for an extension of 2 hours from 10 to 12, on March 25th, for a dance arranged on behalf of the Guest Hospital. After some consideration, the magistrates (Messrs. D. Hinkins, T. Rogers, and T. P. Salter) refused the application.”

Thomas ‘Tom’ Whitehouse was born in Eve Hill, Dudley in 1898.
He retired from boxing in 1928.

Birmingham Gazette 9/2/1934

“Dudley Licensing Justices at their annual meeting yesterday.....

The justices, however, refused to renew the license of *Ernest Smith*, the manager of the STATION HOTEL, although *Smith* had been twice congratulated by the Tipton magistrates on the excellent way in which he had kept the DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton.

On 12 January *Smith* was convicted of aiding and abetting in the consumption of intoxicants during non-permitted hours.”

St. George Lodge (No.5599) of Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here. [1935]

Evening Despatch 11/4/1939 - Advert

“Bar General, good wages and home.

Write or call. *Whitehouse*, DOUGHTY ARMS, Five Ways, Tipton.”

1939 Register

50, Hurst Lane

[1] *Thomas E. Whitehouse*, date of birth, 11/02/1898, manager (licensed house), married;

[2] William H. Tipton, dob, 21/05/1898, customs official (retired), married, ARP warden, (Blackfriars, London):

Evening Despatch 27/3/1941

“A petition by Mr. *Thomas Edward Whitehouse*, licensee of the DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton, for a divorce decree on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Mr. *Alice Ann Whitehouse*, with Mr. Arthur Edward John Walford, who was cited as co-respondent, was before Mr. Justice Henn Collins in the Divorce Court today. The suit was defended, and there was a cross-petition by Mrs. *Whitehouse* on the grounds of her husband’s adultery and cruelty. Both Mr. and Mrs. *Whitehouse* admitted adultery, and asked the Court to exercise discretion.

The marriage took place at St. Michael’s Church, Tividale, in August, 1922, and Mr. and Mrs. *Whitehouse*, who have one child, a son, lived at the DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton.

Adultery was alleged to have been committed by Mrs. *Whitehouse* and Mr. Walford at a bridge on the Birmingham-Wolverhampton New Road, at Tipton, in August, 1939.

The case for Mrs. *Whitehouse* was that her husband, who had been a professional boxer, struck her in the face with his fist, and she became unconscious. Her nose was broken and her eyes discoloured. On other occasions he hit her and broke one of her fingers and punched her in the mouth.

She alleged that her husband committed adultery with her sister, who is now dead.

The co-respondent, Mr. Walford, who lives at Castle Road, Tipton, was called as a witness on behalf of Mrs. Walford.

Giving judgement, Mr. Justice Henn Collins said that Mr. *Whitehouse* admitted that in November, 1933, he struck his wife in the face and that he slapped her in July, 1930. He found the husband not guilty of a charge relating to an incident in May, 1936, when Mrs. *Whitehouse* had her finger injured.

As to the assault in 1939, the Judge had no doubt that the blow was struck under extreme provocation, as for two years before that time Mrs. *Whitehouse* had been carrying on an intrigue with Mr. Walford.

The Judge, who exercised his discretion in favour of Mr. *Whitehouse*, and granted him a decree nisi, with

costs against Mr. Walford, the petition of Mrs. *Whitehouse* being dismissed, said that the husband's act in 1933, and his adultery, were condoned by the wife."

Evening Despatch 3/5/1941

"General, learn bar; liberal time off. Good home. Also Char-woman, 7.30am till 3pm. Write or call, DOUGHTY ARMS, Five Ways, Tipton."

Evening Despatch 13/10/1941

"Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court today made absolute 171 decrees nisi in matrimonial causes, including that of Mr. *Thomas Edward Whitehouse*, then of the DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton."

Birmingham Mail 28/12/1942

"The death has taken place of the Tipton boxer and boxing promoter, Mr. *Tom Whitehouse*, who was licensee of the DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton.

Mr. *Whitehouse*, who was 42 years of age, was the holder of the welter-weight championship belt for the Midlands, and sparred with Kid Lewis when the latter fought Carpentier. He had many ring successes and had lately promoted boxing contests for the local war charities fund."

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Birmingham Daily Post 21/4/1955 - Advert

"By Direction of the Lichfield Diocesan Trust and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners.

Tipton. Sale by Auction of a Valuable Freehold Property (with Vacant Possession).

Powell & Brown, FAI, Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents (F. Jeffrey, FAI, and A. Sherwood, FRICS, FAI), have received instructions from the Lichfield Diocesan Trust to offer by Auction at the DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL, Five Ways, Tipton, on Wednesday Next, April 27, at Seven p.m. prompt, subject to conditions of sale which may be inspected at the offices of the Vendor's Solicitors, within five clear working days prior to the date of Sale.

The Barge Mission, Factory Road.

This Substantially Erected And Readily Adapted Freehold Property is at present in hand and is offered with Vacant Possession on completion. It comprises the walled and fenced-in site having frontages to Factory Road and the Canal towing path, containing 475 square yards or thereabouts....."

Tipton Herald 14/5/1955

"Two Birmingham housewives took a 33-seater motor coach, valued at £1,000, from outside a Tipton public house late at night on Tuesday week, and drove it for several miles before they were arrested by police patrol officers, magistrates at Tipton were told on Tuesday.

The women had been drinking with other members of a party which had travelled on the coach from Birmingham to the DOUGHTY ARMS HOTEL, Tipton. Mr. Frank Cooper (prosecuting) said he did not believe they had intended to steal the vehicle, adding that it was done in a 'spirit of devilment.'

Before the court were 27-years-old Edith Hale, of 3/28 Milton Street, Hockley, and Doreen Florence Donnelly, aged 24, of 2/32 Milton Street. Hale pleaded guilty to taking away the coach without the owner's consent, driving it without a licence, without insurance, and without a public service vehicle licence. Donnelly admitted aiding and abetting Hale in all cases.

A charge alleging they stole the coach, belonging to Day's, Birmingham, was dismissed.

They were fined a total of £15 each with £3 2s 6d each costs. Both were disqualified from driving for 12 months. If they do not pay within 28 days they will go to prison for two months.

Mr. Cooper said that Hale and Donnelly were included in a party of 20 women visiting Tipton from Birmingham for the evening. They stayed at the DOUGHTY ARMS from 7.45pm until closing time.

'To say the least, they were a very merry party,' he said. 'Hale was once a bus conductress with the Midland Red and she has had something to do with vehicles of this size, although she has never been the holder of a driving licence. The driver dropped the women at the DOUGHTY ARMS and then parked his coach nearby, later bringing it into Hurst Lane. He then went inside the hotel to get the women to come out, but when he

returned to Hurst Lane – it would be 10.25pm – the coach was missing.’

Mr. Cooper said that the driver searched around but could not find the coach and finally had to report the matter to Tipton police. A wireless message was sent out to all patrol cars, and at 11.45pm the vehicle was discovered on the Birmingham New Road at hospital junction. The couple who had been having this ‘joy ride’ were standing outside the coach, he added.

‘I can hardly stress to the bench the danger of driving a vehicle of this character along the road as they did, for a considerable distance. Especially considering they had been drinking all night,’ he stated.

He concluded that Hale and Donnelly admitted their guilt immediately they were approached by the police. Hale and Donnelly had applied for legal aid but upon hearing of the total amount of money which they and their husbands were earning, the magistrates refused permission. Mr. Cooper said that the petition was ‘rather aggravated’ by the impertinence of the application for legal aid considering the money going into both homes.

PC Ashwood, observer in the patrol car, said that when he cautioned and charged Hale, she told him, ‘I am entirely in the wrong, I know.’ Both, he said, admitted they did wrong.

For taking away the coach without permission Hale and Donnelly were each fined £10. For driving without insurance Hale was fined £3, and for aiding and abetting Donnelly was also fined £3. They were fined £1 on each of the remaining charges.”

Tipton Herald 25/2/1956

“The licensee of the DOUGHTY ARMS, Hurst Lane, Tipton, *Frederick Harry Whitlock* (47), was fined £1, with £5 6s 6d costs, by Tipton magistrates on Tuesday, after he had pleaded not guilty to selling a shandy to a 15-years-old girl.

The offence occurred on Christmas eve, said Mr. Frank Cooper, prosecuting. The licensee should have known that the girl was under 18.

The girl said the ‘gaffer’ – *Whitlock* – had served her with two shandies. She knew she was not supposed to go into licensed premises and obtain intoxicating drinks. She was wearing make-up, but had not dressed up with the intention of looking older than her age.

For *Whitlock*, Mr. J. Gregory said Christmas eve was a very busy night. People were pouring into the premises, and *Whitlock* could not remember serving the girl. He had not had time to look at anyone.

Imposing the fine, Mr. P. H. Osborne (Chairman) told *Whitlock*, ‘The Bench feel that due care was not exercised in serving this young person, but we do feel that there are mitigating circumstances.’”

Tipton Herald 11/5/1957

“A Dudley man’s jaw was broken in two places when he was assaulted by a 23-years-old steel erector in a Tipton public house on March 9th, Tipton magistrates were told on Tuesday.

After pleading not guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm, the steel erector, Gordon Harker, c/o 22, St. John’s Road, Kate’s Hill, Dudley, was fined £5 and ordered to pay costs of £4 18s 6d. He was found guilty of assaulting Samuel Nock (40), of 39, Castle Mill Road, Dudley, who said his jaw was still in splints, which would be taken off in two weeks time.

Supt. H. S. Turner, prosecuting, said while in the smoke room of the DOUGHTY ARMS, Hurst Lane, Tipton, the defendant made a date with Miss Barbara Jean Morgan, of 25, Grace Road, Tipton, for the following Monday. He wanted to take her home that night but she refused. A few minutes later Nock, who was also in the smoke room, got up to go out. He turned and said ‘goodnight’ when Harker hit him in the face with his fist and a scuffle ensued. Nock walked out through the door apparently unhurt and Harker was ejected. Outside a violent scuffle ensued and Nock was discovered unconscious on the floor, his face covered with blood. Nock was taken to Dudley Guest Hospital, where he was examined. His jaw was found to be broken in two places and he had temporarily lost the use of his right hand.

Interviewed by PC Ashley, Harker said that while talking to the girl a man came along and pushed him. He pushed him back, but when told it was the girl’s brother, apologised. Another man, who said he was a mate of the girl’s brother, also pushed him. He lost his temper and kept hitting him with his fist.

Harker told the court that when he apologised to the girl’s brother, Nock came across and pushed him. He lost his temper and punched him, but the licensee stopped the fight and pushed him out of the room. When he got outside Nock was waiting for him with his fists up as if to fight him. ‘I lost my temper and kept hit-

ting him,' said Harker. 'I am sorry for what I have done and the bother I have caused'."

Birmingham Daily Post 2/2/1959

"Twenty-four people in the Birmingham district who for the past three months have been studying inn-keeping at Birmingham College of Commerce have been awarded the Licensed Trade Diploma.....

B. J. Mullarney, DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton."

Tipton Herald 24/9/1960

"Awards for works' darts players.

The annual presentation of prizes at Bullers Ltd, Tipton, was held at the DOUGHTY ARMS, Tipton, on Friday of last week.

Mr. C. Harris, assistant works manager, presented the awards. League winners were the drilling shop, captain Mr. A. Turner, runners-up iron foundry, captain Mr. G. Manders, while the fitting shop team, captained by Mr. L. Parkes, gained third prize.....

Closed

It reopened as the PIE FACTORY in 1987.

Sandwell Evening Mail 22/7/1988

"If you fancy a crazy night out then head for Mad O'Rourke's. The genial Irishman with a zany sense of humour has turned drinking in the Black Country into an unforgettable experience. No flock wallpaper or fairy lights in his pubs – just beer, a lighthouse, a boat and a pie factory!

Wacky Colm O'Rourke has built up a massive cult following throughout the West Midlands among those no longer satisfied with just a quiet pint down at the local. Businessmen, Yuppies and pensioners pack his five public houses throughout the week. They come for the beer, the fun and the famous Desperate Dan Cow Pies! There are no juke boxes or video games, but lots of good music, food and old-fashioned entertainment.

Dublin-born Colm, aged 37, and his wife, Sheena, aged 36, took on pubs abandoned as no-hopers by the bigger breweries, stripped them down and gave them a new lease of life with bizarre themes. There's a six foot model bear waiting to greet you in the LITTLE WHITE LION in Colley Gate, Halesowen, and at the LITTLE DRY DOCK in Netherton, staff serve drinks from a 36ft long narrowboat brought down from Runcorn and installed as the bar. Over in Tipton, Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY is an authentically-reproduced pie works complete with pigs' heads and sawdust on the floor. Colm's Little Pub Company includes two premises outside the Black Country.....

The LITTLE DRY DOCK was the birthplace of the Desperate Dan Cow Pies – huge round steak and kidney pies cooked in Guinness and big enough to fell a horse! They are cooked by qualified chefs at all of Colm's pubs, including dozens made in the huge baker's oven at the PIE FACTORY in Five Ways, Tipton. The pub is designed like a turn-of-the-century pie factory and has become the flagship of the Little Pub Company.

After catching a glimpse at the two fibre-glass cows on the roof, you walk inside and 'clock in.' There are butchers' blocks for tables, gravy and black pudding machines and dozens of flour bags and pigs' heads and joints of meat – all designed by Colm – on the walls. Colm said, 'This pub had died a death, but now the people love it. It just shows that you have to be a drinker to design a pub!'"

Sandwell Evening Mail 5/10/1988

"The arts spotlight will fall on Sandwell over the next three weeks when the borough's biggest and best ever Arts Festival takes centre stage.....

Star names include alternative cabaret artist, Earl Okin, who appears at Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY in Tipton....."

Sandwell Evening Mail 6/7/1992

"They're the pubs that YOU think are the best in the Midlands – and now they're all in the running for our prestigious Midland Town and Country Pub of the Year.....

The *Evening Mail* has teamed up for the contest with the Midland Counties Brewers' and Licensed Retail-

ers' Association, to raise a toast to the very best of our region's pubs. Now it is up to the judges, who face a huge task choosing the two winners from the enormous entry. They'll be looking for service and standards of comfort demanded by today's discerning pub-goer. And they will be awarding marks for another important ingredient of a successful pub – the part it plays as a hub of social life in the community.....

Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY, Tipton.”

Metro 6/2/2007

“Barrymore Faggot Pie Defended.

The entertainer has had a pie named after him. A pub restaurant today brushed aside calls from gay rights campaigners for it to withdraw a faggot pie named after TV presenter Michael Barrymore. Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY in Tipton, West Midlands, came under fire from *OutRage!* for offering a 'Barrymore Pie' containing locally-made faggots 'swimming in onion gravy'. *OutRage!* spokesperson Peter Tatchell said he was certain that most lesbian and gay people would find the pie's title highly offensive. 'No restaurant would ever dare use a similar racial slur on their menu. Why the double standards?' he said. 'Any slur against a minority community is objectionable – faggot is the equivalent of the word n****r and P**i when used to deride black and Asian people. Homophobic and racial slurs have got no place in a civilised society.' But the pub accused those calling for the pie to be withdrawn of lacking a sense of humour. Its owner, *Peter Towler*, said he had received just one complaint about the pie's name from the three million customers who had visited the eatery in the past six years. Joking that he may rename the pie after Elton John, he said, 'I am amazed – but we are more than happy with the publicity. The thing with the PIE FACTORY is it's very unusual – we have sawdust on the floor – and the products have all got funny names. Under no circumstances are we trying to be offensive to anyone – it's all about having a laugh'.”

Express & Star 27/7/2010

“The original Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY in Tipton has gone into administration, blaming the recession, it was revealed today. The news comes just weeks after the iconic chain's branches in Wordsley and Lower Gornal changed hands. Administrators PKF have been appointed to run the Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY in Hurst Lane, Tipton, while a separate firm, Leonard Curtis, has taken over the affairs of Mad O'Rourke's Ltd, which was responsible for the whole chain. The decision was made on Friday and administrators today confirmed the pub would continue to trade while efforts were made to sell it.

Former Mad O'Rourke's boss *Pete Towler*, from Tettenhall, declined to comment. PKF spokeswoman Jane Murray said. 'The pub is continuing to trade with us as administrators, with the aim of selling it as a going concern. The pub closed due to difficulties recovering from the recession and the current economic conditions.' Pub manager *Deana Rowley* said all 15 members of staff were still employed.

The famous pie factory chain handed its Gornal and Wordsley pubs back to Marston's Brewery at the end of June after revenue fell and profits were hit by the recession. They were reopened under new names and ownership at the start of July.

Former head chef at the Gornal branch, Ian Butts, aged 57, took over the pub in Himley Road, Lower Gornal, under the name The STEAK AND PIE FACTORY, while the branch in Camp Hill, Wordsley, reverted back to its original name the The VINE under Irish pub owner Liam O'Connell.

Tipton councillor Syeda Khatun today said she hoped someone would be able to save the last remaining Pie Factory. 'It would be a real shame to lose it, it's a unique feature for Tipton.'

Regular at the pub, car fitter Roger Massey, 50, of Wednesfield, said the news was like 'a smack in the face'.”

Express & Star 14/3/2011

“The Black Country's landmark PIE FACTORY pub will reopen tomorrow after a £30,000 revamp after it was bought back from administrators by its former owner.

But owner *Pete Towler*, who retained the Mad O'Rourke's pub brand, today ruled out the chance of returning to Dudley.

Mr. *Towler* said he would not try to re-establish the brand name at its former branches in Camp Hill, Wordsley, and Himley Road, Lower Gornal. The news comes as he announced he planned to concentrate on building up business at the original PIE FACTORY in Tipton.

He promised the revamp work had not detracted anything from the pub's unique character – and revealed its signature ale Lumphammer will now be brewed at the Enville Brewery.

'We're just looking forward to being back behind the bar, back serving our customers like we always have done,' he said. 'I think I'm too old to be looking at expanding the business again. We don't want to risk what happened happening again so we're sticking to Tipton. It's a great place and it's where we've always been. The pub is looking fantastic now, we're just over the moon with it. We've brought Mad O'Rourke's into the 21st century. I can't wait to be working hard again.' He said this was the first time Lumphammer had been brewed at a local brewery. 'We're really pleased that Enville have agreed to start brewing our beer. They're a great little brewery who have grown in popularity, and it's good to support a local business like that,' he added.

The Tipton pub will open tomorrow at 11am.

Mr. *Towler*, aged 51 from Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, bought the pub back from administrators PKF earlier this month under the name of P&S Pies Ltd, with his wife as director.

All 15 jobs have been secured."

It reopened on 15th March 2011 after a £30,000 refurbishment.

[Express & Star 5/2/2012](#)

"Pubs illegally showing Premier League football matches on foreign decoders and satellites will continue to face prosecution, despite a European Court ruling they believed offered them protection, it can be revealed today. The RED LION pub in Willenhall was this week hit with a £4,000 fine and investigators today warned they are continuing to monitor others across the region.

Landlords across Staffordshire and the Black Country believed a recent ruling from a top European judge opened the gates for them to be able to show games through cut-price networks. But although that ruling is likely to become law in the UK following a High Court hearing on February 24, it currently remains illegal to show games unless it is through a Sky or ESPN subscription package. Convictions can be appealed, but the cost of doing so would see venues having to pay thousands of pounds in legal fees.

Wolves today welcomed the conviction of Willenhall's RED LION pub, which was fined on Tuesday for showing a game through an Albanian-based TV firm. Club chief executive Jez Moxey has criticised the use of foreign decoders, saying attendances at Molineux were 2,500 down last season because of the problem. Spokesman Matt Grayson said today, 'It has been clear all along that the use of foreign equipment not only breaches copyright law, but also contravenes the 3pm closed window on a Saturday that states no broadcaster can legitimately show games at that time. We welcome the fact that the Premier League continues to closely monitor those people illegally broadcasting football matches.'

West Bromwich Albion chief executive Mark Jenkins said, 'We wholeheartedly support the Premier League's efforts to stamp out the illegal screening of matches because it is unfair on the fans who attend the club's fixtures.'

Landlords today said they feel they have been 'left in limbo' following the prosecution of the RED LION. Ian Scott, who has managed Bar Sport in High Green, Cannock, for 12 years, said showing games through foreign decoders brought a lot of custom to the bar, 'It's heaving on a Saturday, especially for Wolves games,' he said. 'In the RED LION case, it seems very harsh that the authorities have been so heavy-handed over something that will be legal next month.'

Meanwhile Mark Whyman, landlord of the Coach and Horses, in Mill Bank, Stafford, remained defiant over his showing of games through a £200-a-month ViaSat system. He said, 'I'm not going to stop. I need the custom.'

Pete Towler, landlord at Tipton's Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY, shows games through a foreign decoder. He said, 'It's such a shame because it only seems to be the smaller independent pubs that are being hit with fines. The ability to show the football offers a real lifeline for many publicans and Sky is too expensive.'"

[Express & Star 9/5/2020](#)

"A popular Black Country restaurant has reopened as a takeaway with limit operating hours amid the coronavirus pandemic. Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY, based on Tipton Road, Tipton, began serving people on Thursday. The restaurant will be offering a limited menu while food can only be purchased for collection.

Initially, the restaurant will only be open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. But staff are expected to be busy nonetheless with customers eager for the restaurant's renowned pie and gravy offerings.

Sue *Towler*, who runs the restaurant with her husband, said, 'We are hoping to be busy. There has been lots of positive feedback on social media. We have suffered a financial impact due to the virus. We haven't been able to provide anything since we closed on March 20. We just want to get back up and running and get our staff again.'

A number of staff are on the furlough scheme but two have returned to employment. The restaurant will be adhering to social distancing guidelines and use other measures to maximise safety for customers. Orders will need to be placed by phone and the collection service will be contact-free.

'We are asking customers to stay in their cars on the car park in a designated area until we call them,' explained Mrs. *Towler*."

Dudley News 1/8/2020

"A new Eat Out to Help Out postcode checker has been launched by the government that allows you to find out which business in Dudley and the surrounding areas are taking part in the scheme.

Eat Out to Help Out officially begins on Monday, August 3. Customers will be able to get a 50 per cent discount on food or non-alcoholic drinks (up to a £10 discount per diner) at participating establishments.

The scheme will run every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until Monday, August 31. Establishments will claim a reimbursement from the government for the discount they've given. Participating establishments may include restaurants, cafés, bars or pubs, work and school canteens and food halls. Here are the establishments so far registered to take part in the scheme within five miles of Dudley town centre.....

MAD O'ROURKES PIE FACTORY, Hurst Lane, Tipton."

Express & Star 24/7/2021

"It might well be an old Black Country saying but if you really do fancy eating a 'Scabby Hoss' it has now gone on the menu at the landmark eatery of Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY. Staff decided they had to mark Black Country Month and the Tipton venue hosted a competition for people to come up with a pie name and suitable filling. The winner was Tracy Postin who chose the name Scabby Hoss for her pie which is filled with steak, onion and garlic, in a horseradish and mustard gravy. For winning the competition she was treated to a free meal at the Tipton venue. The culinary delights have gone on sale at Mad O'Rourke's and customers will be able to get a taste of the Black Country and the Scabby Hoss pies until Saturday.

Head chef Jonathan Smith, aged 29, from Dudley, said, 'People in the Black Country often say they are so hungry they could eat a scabby hoss. We ran the competition to coincide with Black Country Month aimed at celebrating what the area has to offer. People from the area will know the saying and we thought that they would be amused by the name. The pie has proved very popular and Tracy said that she had really enjoyed the experience. It has proved so popular that we are considering including it more often on the menu as a Pie of the Week. We usually have about nine or ten different pies on offer and often choose to include a Pie of the Week when there is a strong feedback from the customers on a certain dish.'

Jonathan, who has been the head chef for three of the four-and-a-half years he has worked at the eatery, has a team of six working with him in the kitchen. He said, 'We all really enjoy hearing that our pies are proving popular with customers.'"

Express & Star 11/2/2023

"Tipton's Mad O'Rourke's PIE FACTORY has doubled the size of its hotel by adding five new luxury rooms above the iconic pub. Visitors who want a nap after completing the Desperate Dan Cow Pie Challenge can now choose to lay their head in ten hotel rooms. And in keeping with the restaurant's policy of using local suppliers the new luxury rooms are Black Country through and through after the £50,000 refurbishment.

The fixtures and fittings have been made and installed by a company in Sedgley and are in keeping with the pub's 1860s decor. Owner *Peter Towler* said, 'We first opened five hotel rooms in 2010 and they are very popular so I have converted my old residential quarters into five new luxury rooms. They have lovely wood panelling and we wanted to give guests the authentic Black Country experience from the moment they order the first beer until they check out in the morning We get a lot of international visitors throughout the week who are over here on business and we also have people who have visited the Black Country Museum.

We are great value, our rooms are between £50 and £80 and are totally different than the faceless, corporate rooms in hotels which are the same wherever you are in the world. We are already fully booked for Valentine's Day and the new hotel rooms are being booked up online already.”

[2023]

PLOUGH

30, Aston Street, (High Street), Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Jordan and Co, Oldbury
Allan Howard Clarke, Orchard Street, Oldbury

LICENSEES

Thomas Brown [1864]
John Woodhall [1871] – [1883]
Joseph Parker [1888]
Mrs. Mary Woodhall [1891] – [1896]
Joseph Parker [1904] – [1912]
Walter Randall [1919] – **1923**):

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High Street [1875]

It had an ante 1869 beer and cider license.

Birmingham Journal 19/3/1864 - Advert

“To be Disposed Of, by Private Contract, 26 Pit Skips, equal to new, 2ft 2in gauge; One-horse Cart, equal to new.

Enquire at *Thomas Brown's*, the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton.”

John Woodhall = John Woodland

1871 Census

30, Aston Street

- [1] *John Woodhall* (48), beerhouse keeper, born Netherton;
- [2] Eliza Woodhall (47), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] John Woodhall (21), son, labourer, born Netherton;
- [4] Hannah Woodhall (27), daughter, born Netherton;
- [5] Isaac Brown (84), lodger, coal miner, born Sheflow, Gloucestershire:

John Woodhall, beer retailer, Aston Street. [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 25/6/1875

“Last night Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held three inquests in various parts of Tipton parish.....
The third enquiry was at the PLOUGH INN, Toll End. This referred to the circumstances attending the death of Joseph Martin, aged 17, a miner, lately employed at the collieries of Messrs. Grazebrook and Aston, Gospel Oak. A fellow-workman named Crannage stated that he was loading with Martin on Monday last, and all was going well. Suddenly, witness was called away, and when he returned Martin was dead, a fall of coal having buried him and his horse. The pit had been examined not long before. In answer to Mr. Scott (assistant inspector) witness said it was a ‘slip’ or fault which caused the coal to fall. There were plenty of them in the pit; but he had not noticed that particular one. John Simm, doggy, said he had examined the pit just before the accident. Mr. Scott said he found two natural faults. They could not have been discovered by any examination. The pit was well timbered. After the evidence the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Dudley Herald 29/9/1877

“To be Sold by Auction All that well-situated and old-established freehold public house known as the PLOUGH INN with the brewhouse, maltroom, outbuildings and yard thereto belonging, situated and being No.30 Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton, now in the occupation of Mr. *John Woodhall* at a yearly rent of £25.....”

1881 Census

30, Aston Street – PLOUGH

- [1] *John Woodhall* (58), publican, born Netherton;
- [2] *Mary Woodhall* (59), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Eliza Woodhall* (24), daughter, born Flintshire:

Dudley and District News 25/8/1883

“Wm. Hubboldt, was fined 10s including costs, for being drunk on licensed premises, on Saturday night. PC Chisholme found the prisoner at the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street (kept by *John Woodall*), in a beastly state of intoxication. The landlady turned him out as soon as her attention was drawn to him.”

Joseph Parker, beer retailer and tobacconist, 30, Aston Street, Toll End. [1888]

1891 Census

30, Aston Street – PLOUGH

- [1] *Mary Woodhall* (69), widow, publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Eliza Parker* (55), daughter, born North Wales:

Mrs. *Mary Woodhall*, beer retailer and tobacconist, 30, Aston Street, Toll End. [1896]

1901 Census

30, Aston Street

- [1] *Joseph Parker* (47), beerhouse keeper, born Netherton;
- [2] *Maria Parker* (48) wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Eliza Parker* (19), daughter, born Halesowen:

Joseph Parker, beer retailer and tobacconist, 30, Aston Street. [1904]

1911 Census

30, Aston Street, Toll End

- [1] *Joseph Parker* (57), beer retailer, born Netherton;
- [2] *Maria Parker* (58), wife, married 31 years, assisting in business, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Eliza Parker* (29), daughter, assisting in business, born Halesowen:

Joseph Parker, beer retailer, 30, Aston Street. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Post 4/2/1915

“The licensing sessions for Tipton were held at the Court-house yesterday.....

The whole of the licenses would be renewed with the exception of the BARREL, Dudley Port; the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, and the GLOBE, Union Street.

The magistrates thought that the plans for alterations to the PLOUGH could be greatly improved.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/3/1915

“At the Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Application was made by Mr. Dawes (Oldbury) for permission to carry out structural alterations to the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street. It was proposed, he said, practically to rebuild the premises, which had been extensively damaged by mining.

Mr. Doughty said he was prepared to favour the plan if the whole site was cleared, filled in to the level of the roads, and a new house erected.

This was eventually agreed to.”

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

It was promised twelve months ago that some houses should receive attention and their bad state should be improved during the year. He instanced the PLOUGH, Aston Street, Toll End, and asked if there was anyone representing the house.

A representative said the house had been sold by the original proprietors to an Oldbury firm and they had delayed the work.

Mr. Doughty: Are the present owners going to do the work?

The licensee: I cannot say, but the plans are there.

Mr. Doughty: But they must be carried out. Unless you do carry them out without further delay, the house will probably be put on the compensation next year.

The licensee promised to convey the opinions of the Bench to the present owners.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/2/1922

“License Redundancy At Tipton the houses that they proposed to refer for compensation on the grounds of redundancy were the RAILWAY STATION INN, Eagle Lane; the THATCHED COTTAGE, Eagle Street; the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, and the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1922

“Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

Some years ago, he believed in 1915, the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, presented plans for rebuilding the house. Last year the license was referred on the ground of redundancy, but owing to circumstances over which the Court had no control, the license was renewed for another year. The PLOUGH would be adjourned for proper consideration. The plans put in that morning were altogether different to the original plans presented, and which the Court then sanctioned. The plans presented would not be accepted or considered at all as being suitable. The original plans were in the possession of the Court, and the present owners would be called on to show cause why the original plans should not be carried out. Nothing else would be accepted, and the plans of 1915 might be enforced. The owners must show why they had not carried out the original plans.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/7/1922

“There were 17 cases in the list for consideration at the Principal Meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Committee, held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday, under the chairmanship of Col. R. C. Clive. The proceedings lasted six hours, and as a result 13 licences were refused and four were renewed The licences renewed were.....

PLOUGH INN, Tipton, beer and cider on, ante 1869.....

In the case of the PLOUGH INN, Tipton, Mr. A. J. Long represented the local justices, and stated that the

house was situated in a poor district, and there were eleven fully-licensed houses within 500 yards.

Inspector Mycock said the licensee told him in February that he was doing four barrels a week.

Mr. J. Wylie (cross-examining): That is the time of year when people drink less beer than at any other time?

Witness: Yes. He added that the licensee's family had had the house for 56 years without complaint.

For the owner, Mr. J. Wylie said this house had the great merit of doing a good trade, namely 6¾ barrels per week. What was more it was the only home-brewed house within a mile, and the great mass of the sensible beer-drinking population preferred home-brewed ale to the brewery product.

The licence was renewed."

South Staffordshire Times 27/7/1922

"At the Staffordshire County Licensing Committee two proposed closing of houses were successfully opposed.

In the case of the PLOUGH INN, Tipton, Mr. A. J. Long, who appeared for the Justices, said the house was situated in a very poor district, and had poor living accommodation. There were eleven full licensed houses within a radius of 500 yards.

Mr. A. Wylie urged that this was an old licensed house, which had great merit of doing a considerable trade – namely 6 barrels per week, and the house could by no means be said to be redundant. Further, it was the only home-brewed house within a mile, and the great mass of the sensible beer-drinking population preferred home-brewed ale to the brewery product. Mr. Wylie added that when people went into a Black Country public house they knew they were not going into a gin palace.

When the case of the RAILWAY INN, Tipton, was being considered, Mr. A. J. Long (for the justices) said it was a tied beer house, and within 500 yards there were 10 fully-licensed houses and three other 'on' beer-houses.

Considerable amusement was created when it was stated that stabling accommodation had since these proceedings been provided at a nearby inn, but the stables were too narrow for horses to lie down.

The licenses were renewed."

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

The license was renewed on 20th July 1922.

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/6/1923 - Notice

"Licensing Consolidation Act. County of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1927, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).
List of Licensed Premises.....

PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, Tipton. Beerhouse 'on' ante 1869. Licensee, *Walter Randall*."

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

"The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday

Lord Hatherton C.M.G. (chairman of the County Licensing Committee) presided.....

The PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, Tipton, was stated to have come before the Compensation Committee last year, but it was sent back. Now it was once more submitted by the Tipton justices, and the owners felt if it were going to be referred year after year the closure of the house would not seriously be resisted. From 1919 to 1921 the barrelage was eight barrels per week and for the seven years previously ten barrels."

[There was no decision printed.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/10/1923

“We understand that the following amounts of compensation have been fixed in the cases of the Staffordshire licenses, the renewal of which was refused under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910.....

PLOUGH INN, Tipton, beerhouse ante '69, £2,300.”

[The compensation was paid on December 22nd, 1923.]

It closed on 29th December 1923.

PLOUGH

120, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

W. Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Sharp [1851] – 1862);

Mrs. Caroline Sharp (1862 – [1873]

Thomas Downes [1877] – [1881]

Mrs. Harriet Smith [1891] – [1892]

William Henry Mills [1895]

Isaiah Millington [1895] – [1896]

Charles Atkins [1898] – [1900]

Samuel Millichamp [1901]

Charles Meakin [1914]

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It had a six-day license.

William Sharp = William Sharpe

1851 Census

Dudley Port

[1] *William Sharp* (40), innkeeper, born Dudley Port;

[2] *Caroline Sharp* (41), wife, born Dudley Port;

[3] *Elizabeth Sharp* (63), sister, born Dudley Port;

[4] *Ann Vernan* (15), niece, born Dudley Port;

[5] *Emma Cherrington* (17), servant, born Dudley Port:

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new

licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

William Sharp, Dudley Port, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Not granted.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1853

“In accordance with recent regulations, a Special Petty Sessions was held at the Scott Arms, Barr, on Wednesday last, to consider upwards of sixty applications, almost of all of which were from retail brewers for spirit licenses.....

The following new applications were granted.....

William Sharpe, of Dudley Port, Tipton.”

It was for the first time publicly announced that any applicant for a spirit license, who had been fined on any information within the twelve months from the last licensing day, would be refused. This rule had been acted upon in previous years.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/3/1856

“Mr. *Sharpe*, landlord of the PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, appeared under the following circumstances. For some time past the father of defendant had been an inmate of the workhouse, at the expense to the Union of £1 12s, and that sum the Guardians now sought to recover, and to compel the defendant to keep his father for the future. Defendant declared his inability to do so, for, although he had a family of his own, his trade was so bad that he could scarcely keep himself, his wife, and a sister-in-law, who was dependant on him.

The Bench ordered him to either take his father out of the workhouse, or to pay 6s a week for his maintenance.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

William Sharp, PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, cautioned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/5/1858

“Yesterday, a vagabondish-looking fellow, named Willian Hill, was charged with assaulting *William Sharpe*, landlord of the PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, on the 22nd March last. Mr. *Sharpe* said the prisoner came into his house, on Monday night week, and pretending to be blind, wanted to kiss the maid. Hearing the disturbance, he ran downstairs, when the prisoner refused to go out, and declared he would knock out his (complainant’s) eyes, ‘which,’ Mr. *Sharpe* added, ‘he welly knocked one of them out.’ The servant maid corroborated her master’s evidence. The prisoner denied the charge, alleging that Mr. *Sharpe* was drunk at the time, to which Mr. *Sharpe* rejoined, ‘If I was drunk then I am drunk now, and a good deal drunker’.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/7/1858 - Advert

“Sale Of Freehold Houses, Dudley Port.

By Mr. S. Powell, To-Morrow, (Tuesday,) July 27th – at the house of Mr. *William Sharp*, PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port Tipton, at Six o’clock in the evening – Dwelling Houses, situate in Scott’s Field, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port – PLOUGH INN

[1] *William Sharp* (55), licensed victualler, born Milton, Northamptonshire;

[2] *Caroline Sharp* (56), wife, born Wil ____, Herefordshire;

[3] Matilda Reynolds (16), general servant, born Tipton:

William Sharp died in 1862.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/4/1862

“At the West Bromwich Petty Sessions, on Saturday, the license of the PLOUGH, Dudley Port, was transferred from *William Sharp*, deceased, to his widow, *Caroline Sharp*.”

1871 Census

120, Dudley Port – PLOUGH INN

[1] *Caroline Sharp* (65), licensed victualler, born Herefordshire;

[2] Emily Jones (16), domestic servant, born Staffordshire:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1877

“West Bromwich Annual Licensing Sessions. Yesterday these Sessions were held at the Police Court West Bromwich.....

The following reports as to the convictions of publicans during last year was made by Superintendents Wolleston and Holland, for the police divisions of West Bromwich and Wednesbury.....

Thomas Downes, PLOUGH INN, Tipton, keeping open, to pay costs.”

1881 Census

120, Dudley Port

[1] *Thomas Downes* (68), publican, born Gloucestershire;

[2] *Caroline Downes* (75), wife, born Wilhope(?);

[3] *Elizabeth Percival* (16), general servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

120, Dudley Port – PLOUGH INN

[1] *Harriet Smith* (54), widow, licensed victualler, born Albrighton, Shropshire;

[2] Louie Maria Smith (25), daughter, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;

[3] George H. M. Smith (23), son, roll turner, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Lilley E. Smith (10), granddaughter, born Wolverhampton;

[5] Sarah E. Dean (19), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 11/7/1894 - Advert

“General Wanted, not under 18 years of age; not afraid of work; used to washing.

Apply, PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/5/1895

“*William Henry Mills*, landlord of the PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, was summoned for permitting his licensed premises to be used for the purpose of betting on March 11, 16, and 29. The defendant was fined £5 and costs, or one months’ imprisonment in each case. The total penalties amounted to £17 15s 8d. The defendant, not having any goods to distrain upon and being unable to pay the fine, was on Wednesday committed by the Stipendiary to Stafford gaol for three months.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/9/1895

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Wednesbury County Division.....

Mr. Moore Bayley, of Birmingham, applied for the renewal of the license of the PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, Tipton. Superintendent Salt objected. He said *Mills*, a former landlord, had been heavily fined for permitting betting, and further the house was not required. Mr. Moore Bayley said *Mills* was not now the

holder of the license, it having been transferred to a man who bore an excellent character. The magistrates refused to renew the license.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1895

“The adjourned licensing session for the parishes of Darlaston and Tipton took place at Wednesbury yesterday.....

The police objected to the renewal of licenses to the following persons.....

Isaiah Millington, PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, Tipton Refused Notice of appeal given.”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/10/1895

“At the Staffordshire Quarter Sessions, yesterday, *Isaiah Millington*, landlord of the PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, and the owners of the house, appealed against the decision of the Wednesbury borough justices, who refused an application for the renewal of the license. The appeal was allowed, without costs.”

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. McCardle (instructed by Messrs. Redfern and Son, Birmingham) applied for a seven-day license on behalf of *Charles Atkins*, PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, at present the holder of a six-days license. It was urged that the intention of the Legislature was that six-days licenses should be granted as a favour where the holder desired to close on Sundays, and that it would only be fair now that the applicant desired to open on Sundays to place him on an equal footing with other license-holders in the district, all of whom were able to open on Sunday. It was also pressed as a matter of public convenience.

Superintendent Salt opposed on the ground that the requirements of the district were already provided for, and the magistrates refused the application.”

1901 Census

120, Dudley Port

[1] *Samuel Millichamp* (39), manager of PLOUGH INN, born Tipton;

[2] *Annie Millichamp* (37), wife, born Carnforth, Lancashire;

[3] *Julia Millichamp* (18), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Albert Millichamp* (15), son, bridge and girder works, born Smethwick;

[5] *Florence Millichamp* (12), daughter, born Sedgley;

[6] *Annie Millichamp* (7), daughter, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

Mr. W. W. Doughty (presiding magistrate) congratulated the parish upon the decrease in drunkenness. With regard to the condition of the licensed houses, the magistrates had found that in a few cases greater cleanliness was desirable, and this would be insisted upon. There were still too many licenses, and at the adjourned sessions the justices would consider the reported unsuitability of the GROVELAND BROOK TAVERN and the alleged redundancy of the BROWN LION, Church Lane; the VIOLIN, Bloomfield; the PLOUGH, Dudley Port; the BULLS HEAD, Dudley Port....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/8/1914

“At the Principal Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Authority, held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Wednesday, 25 licenses which had been referred by justices from petty sessional divisions and boroughs came under review. Of these, no opposition to the refusal of the license was offered by the parties interested in 15 cases, eight which were opposed were refused renewal, and the remaining two were adjourned for evidence of the trade done at each house.....

In the case of the PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port, Mr. Foster appeared for the parties interested. Mr. F. J. Wrottesley, barrister, who represented the justices, said a feature of the case was that there had been eight

transfers in 10 years. The committee refused to renew the license.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/8/1914

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 29th day of July, 1914, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 7th day of September, 1914, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

PLOUGH INN, Dudley Port. Full License. Licensee, *Charles Meakin*. Registered Owner, W. Butler and Co. Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1915

“Report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1914.....

The committee of the Compensation Authority went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants.....

PLOUGH, Dudley Port, alehouse were referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1916

“The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year was presented as follows.....

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in three of the four cases referred to them last year as follows.....

PLOUGH, Dudley Port (alehouse), £875.”

PLOUGH

32, (33), (5), Tividale Road / Hopkins Street, Burnt Tree, Tividale, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

Union Pub Co. (W&D) [2004]

LICENSEES

William Woodhouse [1860] – [1880]

Fanny Woodhouse [1881] – [1884]

Samuel Brookes [1891] – [1896]

John Fieldhouse [1901] manager

Samuel Aston [1903] – 1923); manager

Thomas Fletcher (1923 – 1925);

William McCarthy (1925 – 1949);

George William Birch (1949 – 1955);

Harry Field* (1955 – [1958])

Harry Freer* [1959] – **1964**);
Dennis Edward Cheshire (**1964 – 1965**);
Lily May Evans (**1965** – [1966]
John Boucher [1988]
Martin Yeardley [1993]
David Lomas [2002]

NOTES

5, Tividale Road [1871], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1939], [1940]

33, Tividale Road [1982], [1988]

32, Tividale Road [1993]

William Woodhouse, retailer of beer, Tividale. [1860]

William Woodhouse, beer retailer, Burnt Tree. [1864], [1870]

William Woodhouse, beer retailer, Tividale [1865]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/9/1863

“At Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Spooner, Stipendiary.....

William Woodhouse, beerhouse keeper, of Tipton, was also charged [for keeping open during prohibited hours], being defended by Mr. Bayley. The case was dismissed, it being shown that the persons supplied were bona fide travellers.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1868

“West Bromwich. On Wednesday last, the Annual Licensing Sessions for the renewal of licenses already granted to houses in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division, and for receiving applications for new ones, were held at the Public Office twenty-one applications were nominally received for new licenses from the following persons, the whole to them to be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting on September 23rd.....

William Woodhouse (no sign), Burnt Tree.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1868

“Yesterday, a special licensing session for the purpose of granting victuallers’ licenses was held at the Public Office, West Bromwich The magistrates grant the following.....

William Woodhouse, Burnt Tree, Tipton.”

1871 Census

5, Tividale Road

[1] *William Woodhouse* (47), licensed victualler, born Dudley;

[2] Frances Woodhouse (32), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Martha Woodhouse (12), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[4] John Woodhouse (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Samuel Woodhouse (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Joseph Woodhouse (3), son, born Tipton;

[7] Henry Woodhouse (1), son, born Tipton;

[8] Sarah Smith (20), general servant, born Dudley;

[9] Ann M. Kendrick (17), general servant, born Dudley:

[Was Frances known as Fanny?]

County Express 8/1/1876

“The Guest Hospital. At a meeting of the Weekly Board held on Friday, Dec 31st, the Secretary reported the

following subscriptions and donations.....

W. Woodhouse, PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, Tipton, contents of subscription box, £8 0s 2d.”

Dudley Herald 10/4/1877

“Guest Hospital. At a meeting of the Weekly Board, held on the 2nd inst, the Secretary reported the following subscriptions and donations.....

PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, £5 11s.”

County Express 26/4/1879

“*William Woodhouse*, landlord of the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and trap in High Street, on the 23rd inst.

Police-sergeant Speke proved the case and the Bench fined the defendant 10s and costs, or in default fourteen days’ imprisonment.”

William Woodhouse died in 1879.

County Express 1/1/1881

“Guest Hospital. Medical Report, week ending December 24th: Admitted, 8; discharged, 5; dead, 0; remaining under treatment, 72; total admissions since the opening of the hospital, 3,857. The following contributions have been received....

Mrs. Woodhouse, PLOUGH INN, Tividale, contents of subscription box, £4 7s 9d.”

1881 Census

5, Tividale Road – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Fanny Woodhouse* (42), widow, publican, born Rushall;
- [2] Martha Woodhouse (22), daughter, born Dudley;
- [3] John Woodhouse (20), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Eliza Woodhouse (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Samuel Woodhouse (16), son, born Tipton;
- [6] Harry Woodhouse (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Emma Woodhouse (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] William Woodhouse (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] Richard Woodhouse (3), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] Martha Walters (?) (22), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 16/7/1881 - Advert

“Sale of Freehold Property, Bradley Street, Danks Street, Tividale.

Mr. Benjamin Bellingham (late Bent and Bellingham), has been favoured with instructions to offer for Sale by Auction, at the house of *Mrs. Woodhouse*, the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, on Wednesday, July 27th, 1881 at six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be produced, incorporating the Common Form Conditions of the Birmingham Law Society.

Lot 1. All those three Freehold Dwelling Houses.....”

Dudley and District News 26/4/1884

“*John Woodhouse* was charged by his mother, *Fanny Woodhouse*, of the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, with using threats towards her on the 13th inst, from which she was afraid that he would do her some bodily harm.

Mr. Shakespeare appeared for the complainant, and in opening his case, said his client was a widow and had eight children to sustain; she had also to keep the defendant, who was 25 years of age, for he was too idle to do any work either for her or anyone else. This she was content to do if the defendant would conduct himself in a proper manner, but he had threatened to turn them out of doors. The mother had overlooked her son’s conduct as long as she could, and had forgiven over and over again. On Sunday night, the 13th inst, defendant came home between eleven and twelve and commenced to beat a dog very severely, and when complainant remonstrated with him, he ran and kicked at her. Defendant then turned on the servant assault-

ing her very violently. His mother did not wish to injure him in any way, but only wanted him bound over to keep the peace.

Fanny Woodhouse, said she was landlady of the PLOUGH INN, Tividale. On Sunday night, the 13th inst, the defendant came in between eleven and twelve, and commenced to beat a dog. She asked him what he beat the dog for, and told him he ought to be ashamed of himself for being so brutal. Defendant then ran and kicked at her. She had the back door in her hand, and she shut it to prevent the defendant from doing so. He then became quiet, but on the following night he came home about 11.15 and asked for a glass of ale. He was supplied by her daughter. After he had drunk it he became very abusive, and commenced to quarrel. He began of a servant, because he said she was laughing at him. He became very violent, and she called a man in and had him ejected. He did not do any work for a living, but came to her to keep him. He had previously been bound over to keep the peace. She was afraid that the defendant would do her some bodily harm. Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for six months, in £20, and to find one surety for the same amount, or in default one months' imprisonment."

AND

"*John Woodhouse*, the defendant in the last case, was now further charged with assaulting Emma Parkes, servant at the PLOUGH INN, on the 14th inst.

Complainant stated that on Monday night the defendant came home between eleven and twelve at night. He said she was laughing at him, and as she was fetching a kettle of water, the defendant pulled her into a corner, and put his arm round her neck and nearly strangled her. He also hurt her arm very badly.

Defendant was fined 20s and costs, or in default 21 days."

Dudley and District News 16/8/1884

"Thomas Hewitt (23), alias Herbert Shaw, described as a jeweller, 86, Hockley Street, Birmingham, was charged on remand with stealing a clock, the property of *Fanny Woodhouse* of the PLOUGH INN, Tividale. On the 14th inst, prisoner and another man went into the PLOUGH an ordered a pint of fourpenny. They sat in a room to themselves, and when they went out Richard Clifton, brewer, of Dudley Port, noticed prisoner with a clock under his arm. He recognised it as being Mrs. *Woodhouse's*, and he went into the house and asked prosecutrix if she had missed it. She looked and found it had been taken out of the room. A man named Davies, who had been with Clifton ran after prisoner and caught him. He was brought back to the house, and there given into the custody of the police. The other man was carrying a banjo, and a couple of concertinas. He has not been seen since. Prisoner told PC Winfield that his mate took the clock; he had been with him before, and had always got hold of the wrong end of the stick. Committed to the Sessions." [At the Sessions, Thomas Hewitt pleaded guilty to stealing the clock, and was sentenced to 1 years' hard labour in H.M. Prison at Stafford. He had a previous conviction for breaking into a warehouse and stealing tools in 1880.]

Birmingham Daily Post 23/6/1887

"Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, Tipton, on the body of Arthur Whitely (5), the son of parents residing in the neighbourhood. The boy was taken with purging on Sunday, and his mother administered a little castor oil. As he grew worse the father went for Mr. Price, surgeon, but the child died before medical aid arrived. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

In 1891 *Fanny Woodhouse* (52), retired innkeeper, was living at 54, Burnt Tree, with Emma, William and Richard.

She died in the 4th quarter of 1896.

1891 Census

Tividale Road – PLOUGH INN

[1] *Samuel Brookes* (38), licensed victualler, born Oldbury;

[2] *Fanny Brookes* (38), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *Fanny Brookes* (12), daughter, scholar, born Rowley Regis;

[4] *Louie Brookes* (10), daughter, scholar, born Rowley Regis;

[5] Agnes Willetts (27), general servant, born Rowley Regis:

Samuel Brookes – see also BRITANNIA, [Tividale](#), [Oldbury](#).

Morning Post 8/10/1898

“The Property Market.....

In the Provinces also licensed property has been in good demand. At Dudley the freehold HORSESHOE INN, Hall Street, Dudley, has sold for £4,700; the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, for £2,025.....”

1901 Census

5, Tividale Road

[1] *John Fieldhouse* (43), public house manager, born Lane Head;

[2] Harriet R. Fieldhouse (42), wife, born Heath Town;

[3] Olive Fieldhouse (12), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Ethel M. Fieldhouse (9), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Veda M. Fieldhouse (6), daughter, born Princes End;

[6] John Fieldhouse (5), son, born Tipton;

[7] George H. Fieldhouse (3), son, deaf and dumb, born Tipton;

[8] Thomas L. Fieldhouse (7 months), son, born Tipton;

[9] Mary J. White (19), servant, born Dudley:

London Gazette 20/7/1906

“To be Sold, pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division at the PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, Burnt Tree on Tuesday, the 31st day of July, 1906 in 11 lots certain freehold dwelling houses building land.....”

Tipton Herald 13/11/1909

“At the PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, Mr. G. C. Lewis, held an inquest, on Tuesday, concerning the death of Edith Mabel Chater, aged 4, of Hopkins Street, who sustained fatal injuries by falling on to a bonfire, on Friday night, November 5th.

Edith Chater, mother of the child, stated that on Friday evening she heard screams, and on rushing out saw the deceased in flames. Witness, in trying to put them out, had her hands badly burned. The child had apparently fallen with her face on the fire.

Frank Dalloway, of Hopkins Street, stated that he was in the backyard where a small bonfire had been made, and a number of children had been playing round it. The unfortunate child had apparently been placed on a high chair near the fire. He heard screams and ran to the child’s direction. The chair had fallen on the top of it. He thought the deceased was endeavouring to get off the chair to get to an elder sister, and as the ground sloped somewhat, the child upset.

Laura Dalloway said the child was sitting on the high chair in front of the fire. She was simply sitting on it, and was not tied in. The other girls had gone to see a larger fire.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1911 Census

5, Tividale Road

[1] *Samuel Aston* (43), hotel manager, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Hannah Aston (42), wife, married 22 years, assisting in the business, born Chase Terrace;

[3] Mabel Ganner (23), general servant, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The complete plans for the PLOUGH at Tividale must be presented, and would be considered at the adjourned sessions. There was no proper elevation given, and the Justices thought that there were some old buildings there that should come down.”

Dudley Chronicle 5/3/1925

“To open the new billiard room at the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, last week, there was a large gathering of votaries of the popular pastime. Mr. W. Long (amateur Civil Service champion), and Mr. Colin Leeke (Wolverhampton professional) played a game of 600 up, Leeke winning by 221 points. The winner made breaks of 41, 31, 53, 76, 56 and 41 (unfinished), whilst Mr. Long put on 33, 54, 47 and 71. He also at the close of the match treated the spectators to some clever exhibition strokes. The table was voted excellent, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 13/6/1925

“When confirmation of the license of the PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, came before the Court, on Tuesday, neither the out-going nor the in-coming tenant (*Thos. Fletcher*) put in an appearance. The matter was held over till the end of the Court. As the ingoing tenant had not then appeared, the magistrates pointed out that it was a serious matter to be absent, as failing the confirmation of the transfer the house might be closed. The clerk said that probably a mistake had been made, and after some discussion the Bench decided that the confirmation should be granted, provided that the clerk ‘found everything in order,’ but remarked upon the peril of neglecting to attend the Court.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/11/1926 - Advert

“General wanted (good) for business house.
The PLOUGH, 5, Tividale Road, Tipton, Staffs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/9/1937

“.....Members of the Tipton Harriers will also be fighting for their places in the Blackpool to Manchester relay team, and to aid their selection a special trial will be staged over a neutral course today, starting from the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, at 3pm.....”

1939 Register

5, Tividale Road

[1] *William McCarthy*, date of birth 12/3/1880, manager licensed inn, married;

[2] *Eliza McCarthy*, dob 9/1/1881, assisting husband, married:

* possibly the same person

Harry Field was the brewer at the PARK, Woodsetton before WW2.

Tipton Herald 27/8/1960

“Dudley and District Billiards and Snooker League start their season in about a month’s time and a meeting to make final arrangements will be held at the Police Social club on Tuesday week at 7.45pm.

In addition to the clubs competing in the league last year, two new clubs will take part this season – the PLOUGH INN, Tividale, and the Labour Club, Stafford Street.

Any other clubs who want to take part are asked to contact the Secretary, Mr. G. Taylor, of 36, Parade, Dudley, who will be pleased to give any further information.....”

Tipton Herald 17/9/1960

“On Friday week a harvest sale was held at the PLOUGH INN, Tividale Road, by permission of Mr. and Mrs. *Field*. Unfortunately the Vicar could not be present owing to his indisposition and the Rev. T. Woolley, of St. Mary’s Kingswinford, and Rural Dean of Himley, deputised for the Vicar.

The sale was a great success and yielded £50 which will be used to stock the men’s stall (bowling club) at the Christmas bazaar.

The Rev. Woolley was introduced by Mr. A. Collins (Vicar’s Warden) and the company and all the helpers were thanked by Mr. L. Thomas (Chairman) with special thanks to Mr. R. Bingham, who travelled from Andover to be the auctioneer. Mr. Bingham formerly lived in Tividale and was auctioneer at the last harvest

sale.”

Dennis Edward Cheshire – see also ASH TREE.

[2008]

Closed [2011], [2013]

It became a restaurant. [2014]

PRINCE OF WALES

1, Bloomfield Road / Bradley’s Lane, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Whitehouse, beerhouse keeper

Mrs. E. J. Brevitt, 28, Holyhead Road, Handsworth

Messrs. Chambers and Hickinbottom, colliery proprietors, Princes End

Showells Ltd. [1898]

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1968]

LICENSEES

Thomas Rubery [1864]

Henry Millership [1868] – 1877);

William Preston (1877);

John Wall (1877 – 1878);

Ellen Wood (1878);

William Preston (1878);

Edward Butler (1878 – 1879);

Enoch Smallbun (1879 – 1888);

John Alma Nuttall (1888 – 1891);

Frederick Muddyman (1891 – 1892);

Elijah Bartlett (1892 – 1894);

James Smith (1894 – 1903);

Joseph Kettle (1903 – 1904);

James Neale (1904);

George Aston (1904 – 1906);

Henry Benfield (1906 – 1908);

Susannah Aston (1908 – 1909);

Benjamin Chambers (1909 – 1910);

William Henry Chambers (1910);

Albert Rhodes (1910 – 1913);

Thomas Davies (1913 – 1915);

James ‘Jimmy’ Wright (1915 – 1936);

William ‘Bill’ Evans (1936 – [1940]

Maud Evans [1968]

Benny Kay [1968]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Bradleys Lane [1940]

It was known locally as “Jimmy Wright’s”

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 10/9/1864

“The annual licensing sessions for the district of Bilston was held yesterday, at the Police Court, in that town.....

Mr. Slater, of Darlaston, applied on behalf of *Thomas Rubery*, of the PRINCE OF WALES, situate on the road from Dudley to Gospel End. The premises had been erected at a cost of £800. The character of the applicant was good, and his application was endorsed by the names of Messrs. Barrows and Sons, Mr. Whitehouse, and a Justice of the Peace. The district around was densely populated.

Mr. Thurstans (of Wolverhampton) opposed the application on behalf of Mr. Butler, of the ROYAL HOTEL, exactly opposite Mr. *Rubery*’s house. The district was not so densely populated but that one licensed house would meet all its requirements Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday.....

M. Underhill made an application on behalf of the keeper of the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Princes End. It was opposed by Mr. Thurstans, and rejected by the Bench.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 31/8/1867

“Yesterday the annual Bilston Licensing Meeting was held at the Public Office.....

Mr. H. Underhill applied on behalf of *Henry Millership*, of Princes End. Mr. Thurstans opposed. There were five public houses within 300 yards of the house for which the application was made. Refused.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 31/8/1867

“Yesterday, the annual meeting of Magistrates for the granting of victuallers licenses, in the Bilston Police Division, was held at the Police Court in that town.....

Mr. Underhill applied, on behalf of Mr. *Henry Millership*, for a license to a house at Princes End, belonging to Mr. W. Whitehouse, a large brewer, of that place. The ordinary testimony to character was produced, as also a letter from Mr. W. Barrows, ironmaster. No license had been granted to that place for some years. The house stood at the junction of two roads; he believed it was always desirable to grant a license to a house so situated.

Mr. Thurstans opposed on behalf of the landlord of the WHITE LION, and showed that there were four public houses within 150 yards of it Refused.”

Henry Millership, beer retailer, Princes End. [1868], [1870], [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 29/8/1868

“Bilston. The annual Licensing Sessions for this district were held yesterday, at the Police Court.....

Mr. Underhill renewed the application on behalf of Mr. *H. Millership*, of the PRINCE OF WALES, Princes End. Mr. Thurstans opposed on behalf of the owner of the ROYAL HOTEL, a house which was situated

directly opposite that of the applicant Application refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/12/1868

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Captain Perry and W. Hatton, Esq, a woman named Elizabeth Millington, was charged with cutting and wounding Joseph Gill. Both the parties were drinking at the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Princes End, on the previous night, and eventually a dispute took place between them. The prosecutor called the prisoner bad names, and the latter caught up a jug and inflicted a severe wound on Millington’s head with it. The Magistrates treated the case of one of assault, and imposed a fine of 10s and costs.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 28/8/1869

“The annual licensing meeting for the Bilston division took place yesterday, at the Police Court.....
Henry Millership, of the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Princes End, applied for a license through Mr. J. E. Underhill, who in support said that the neighbourhood was thickly populated, and at the ROYAL HOTEL opposite there was not sufficient stabling, which there was at applicant’s house. Mr. Thurstans opposed, and contended that there was no need of another licensed house in the neighbourhood, there being four within 250 yards. Refused.”

1871 Census

1, Bloomfield Road – PRINCE OF WALES

- [1] *Henry Millership* (52), mill furnace man and beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] Eliza Millership (46), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Ann Smith (56), sister-in-law, unmarried, born Sedgley;
- [4] Josiah Millership (23), son, mill furnace man, born Sedgley;
- [5] John Millership (21), son, carpenter, born Sedgley;
- [6] Phebe Clemmens (19), general servant, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

1, Bloomfield Road – PRINCE OF WALES

- [1] *Enoch Smallbun* (33), plumber and publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Mary Smallbun (32), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] Minnie Smallbun (10), daughter, scholar, born Lancashire;
- [4] William Smallbun (7), son, scholar, born Oldbury;
- [5] Annie Smallbun (4), daughter, born Oldbury;
- [6] Nellie Smallbun (7 months), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] Emma Sellers (15), boarder, domestic servant, born Oldbury:

1891 Census

1, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Frederick Muddyman* (52), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] Catherine Muddyman (48), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Frederick Muddyman (19), son, cable mashness maker, born France;
- [4] Edward Muddyman (17), son, gun worker, born Germany;
- [5] Catherine Muddyman (15), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] Nellie Muddyman (4), niece;
- [7] James Muddyman (65), brother:

Birmingham Daily Post 21/12/1891 - Advert

“Sale Of Free Vaults And Taverns.

Charles H. Bees is instructed to Sell by Auction, without reserve, at the Acorn Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Thursday, December 31, 1891, at Six o’clock in the evening – the following Vaults and Taverns.....

PRINCE OF WALES, Princes End, Sedgley.

Lease eighteen years to run, at the extremely low rental of £25 per annum.

In each case the Purchaser will take to the Stock, Fixtures, Fittings, and Trade Utensils, at a valuation to be made in the usual way.....”

Elijah Bartlett was convicted on 16th May 1892 of permitting drunkenness.

James Smith, beer and wine retailer, 1, Bloomfield Road. [1896]

Dudley Herald 19/3/1898

“At Sedgley Police Court on Monday afternoon, before N. C. A. Neville, Esq, stipendiary, *James Smith* of the PRINCE OF WALES beerhouse, Bloomfield Road, Princes End, was summoned for retailing spirits without a license. Mr. W. A. Foster defended.

Mr. J. Robinson, supervisor of excise, said that last October the defendant started a Christmas Club and invited his customers to become members, receiving weekly what payments they could afford. Among those who contributed was Joseph Cooke, who paid 12s. At Christmas time, in return for the money, he ordered a quart of whiskey and quart of rum. The money was paid over the counter and the order was given in the licensed house. He admitted *Smith* did not supply the spirit direct. The house was tied to Showell’s Limited, and the spirit was supplied by them to their premises at Langley. He contended, however, that the defendant acted in contravention of Act. The case was rather an important one because if a person was able to evade the law in the manner indicated, not only was the magistrate’s authority exceeded, but the revenue was considerably defrauded.

Joseph Cooke gave evidence bearing out Mr. Robinson’s statement.

In reply to Mr. Foster, he said there were many members in the club. They paid in what they liked, and they could choose what they would have for the amount standing in credit. Some had geese and turkeys. He had a quart of whiskey and a quart of rum, but he wished now that he had had a turkey – (laughter). The spirit was brought direct from Showell’s at Oldbury, and his wife gave the receipt (produced).

Harry Beale, excise officer, spoke of asking the defendant for an explanation. He said the spirit had not come from his place, that Showell’s were responsible, and that he merely took the order and sent it on to them.

Mr. Foster submitted that there was no case to answer, inasmuch as a sale had not been proved. The word ‘retailing’ as he understood meant to sell in small quantities.

Mr. Robinson contended that the mere receiving of the order for the spirit constituted a sale.

Mr. Foster said his client had not been guilty of any offence. He did not make a penny profit out of the club. The customers paid their money before they selected what they were going to have.

The Stipendiary: I expect when he sends an order he gets a profit.

Mr. Foster: I assure you he does not.

The Stipendiary: Most of them do.

Mr. Foster: He did not sell the stuff.

The Stipendiary: No more did the man in the case of Stallard and Marks. The order in that case was sent directly to Stallard’s of Worcester.

Mr. Foster: The order was booked to Showells, delivered by them, signed for as having been received from them, and the money was paid by Cooke, who might have had a goose or a turkey.

The Stipendiary: But he allocated it to whiskey and rum, and defendant, instead of saying ‘I cannot sell you whisky and rum,’ sends the order to Showells.

Mr. Foster: But it did not go to *Smith*’s beerhouse.

The Stipendiary: No more did it in the case of Stallard and Marks.

Henry Johnson, clerk in the employ of Showells Limited, said *Smith* was one of their tenants. The spirit was supplied to Cooke direct from their stores.

The Stipendiary: Have you the order – Witness: I have the delivery note.

The Stipendiary: That is not enough. Who paid the money? – Witness: *Smith* on behalf of Cooke.

Mr. Foster: But your drayman delivered it? – Witness: Yes.

Mr. Robinson: They had never seen Mr. Cooke. They received an order and the money from *Smith*, the latter having been paid by Cooke. *Smith* did not get a commission; it was quite a voluntary act.

The Stipendiary said he was of opinion this was practically a sale by retail. A man paid his money in drib-lets, and at the end of a certain period – a fortnight before Christmas – he had the chance of saying what he would have. He chose whiskey and rum, and defendant, instead of telling the man that he did not sell spirits, passed on the order to Showells Limited, and paid them. As a matter of book-keeping it was entered to Cooke and delivered by Showells to him. Cooke only drank the stuff, and was alive to tell the tale – (laughter). If Mr. Foster liked he would grant a case.

Mr. Robinson said the penalty was £50, and the cost of an excise license to sell spirit for a house similar to one occupied by the defendant would be £20.

The Stipendiary: I suppose you have not had a similar case in this district? – Mr. Robinson: No, sir.

Mr. Foster: And I have made inquiries from the large breweries, and they do not know of similar cases.

Mr. Robinson: They are very particular.

Mr. Foster suggested that a fine of 2s 6d and costs would amply meet the case.

The Stipendiary said that although defendant thought he had acted rightly, he (the stipendiary) thought differently, and the fine would be 20s and costs.

Subsequently Mr. Foster said he had been informed by the excise officer that the effect of the penalty would be that *Smith* would be prevented by law from holding a license to sell beer for the rest of his life. That, he thought, was a great hardship, in fact, it was a serious thing for the man.

The Stipendiary: I suppose that is not a point which the Inland Revenue can waive. – Mr. Robinson: It is not sir.

The Stipendiary said in that case he would reconsider his decision. The case would be adjourned for a fortnight to enable Mr. Robinson to lay the facts before the authorities in London and see if they could come to terms with *Smith*. It certainly seemed hard if a conviction meant that the man could not hold a license in future. Mr. Robinson could say that in his (Mr. Neville's) opinion the imposing of such a punishment would be too much for the offence.

Mr. Foster said his client very much appreciated the Stipendiary's kindness."

Dudley Herald 2/4/1898

"The Princes End licensing case which attracted some attention a fortnight ago, might be said to have terminated satisfactorily to all concerned. It will be remembered that the landlord of the PRINCE OF WALES beerhouse was fined 20s and costs for retailing spirits through the medium of a Christmas club, although his part in the transaction was simply to forward the order of one of the members, with the cash, for a quart of whiskey and another of rum to Showells Ltd, to whom the beerhouse is tied. As the conviction would have meant the forfeiture of the license the Stipendiary reconsidered the matter and adjourned the case for fourteen days. In the meantime the Board of Inland Revenue took a common-sense view of the affair, and withdrew the summons. Publicans will do well in future to steer clear of spirits in Christmas clubs, and to confine their attention to turkeys and geese."

1901 Census

1, Bloomfield Road – PRINCE OF WALES INN

[1] *James Smith* (38), publican, born Princes End;

[2] *Eliza Smith* (22), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *James Smith-Jones* (11), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Harold Smith* (2½), son, born Princes End;

[5] Baby unnamed (1 month), son, born Princes End;

[6] *Sarah Ann Moden* (22), general servant, born Coseley:

1911 Census

Princes End – PRINCE OF WALES

[1] *Albert Rhodes* (27), manager of public house, born Bilston;

[2] *Alice Rhodes* (25), wife, married 4 years, born Lanesfield;

[3] *Stephen Percy Rhodes* (3), son, born Lanesfield:

It had a successful darts team, which won the Ocker Hill Darts League 7 years running.

William 'Bill' Evans was married to Maude.

1939 Register

1, Bloomfield Road, Coseley UD

[1] *William Evans*, date of birth, 01/01/1888, licensee, married;

[2] Maud Evans, dob, 27/07/1891, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] George R. Evans, dob, 28/10/1919, fruiterer's horse driver, single:

Evening Despatch 23/1/1950 - Advert

“Amalgamated Union of Foundry Workers. Series of Special Meetings. Full Time Officers will Speak. Tuesday, January 24th.....

Tipton: PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, Princes End.....

All meetings commence at 7.45pm. All members, and non-union Foundry Workers invited.”

Benny Kay worked at the Griffin Foundry in Oldbury.

He married Elsie Evans, the daughter of *William* and Maude.

Birmingham Daily Post 29/2/1968

“Midland Wills. Mrs. *Maud Evans*, PRINCE OF WALES INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, Staffs., £7,451 (£7,100 net), duty £213.”

It closed in 1979.

It was converted into a crisp and scratching factory. Subsequently it became a window factory.

PRINCE OF WALES

33, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Edgbaston Brewery Co. [1891]

R. Wilson [1907]

LICENSEES

William Smith [1868] – 1870);

E Dagger (1870 – []

George Wooldridge [1871] – [1872]

John Field [] – 1880);

Mary Winfield (1880 – []

Mrs. Ann Foster [1881]

Louisa M Thomson [1891]

Richard Cartwright [] – 1900);

Richard Bate (1900 – [1901]

William Smallwood [1904]

George Hillman [1906] – [1907]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Smith, beer retailer, Owen Street. [1868], [1870]

Birmingham Daily Post 3/1/1870

“Major Baker applied for the transfer of the license of the PRINCE OF WALES beerhouse, Owen Street, Tipton, from *William Smith* to himself. The Magistrates refused the application, on the ground that there had been a conviction against Baker during the time he had held a temporary transfer.”

1871 Census

33, Owen Street – beerhouse

[1] *George Wooldridge* (23), unmarried, publican, born Stourbridge:

George Wooldridge, beer retailer, Owen Street. [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 29/10/1879 - Advert

“To be Disposed of, with immediate possession, the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Owen Street, Tipton. Rent £22. Coming-in moderate. Apply W. Hipkins, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 17/4/1880

“*John Field*, Owen Street, was charged with unlawfully permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. Mr. Sheldon defended.

PS Dutton said on the 6th ult, about 9.30, he visited the defendant’s house, the PRINCE OF WALES, Owen Street, and he saw three men, viz, Bellingham, Jones and Banks, there drunk. About 10.50 he went in again and saw the men still there. He left as Jones and Banks were being turned out. Bellingham was having an altercation with the landlady, the defendant not being present. Banks fell down about 30 yards from the house, and again in Wood Street.

PC Thomas Mainwaring said he visited the defendant’s house at ten, and called the landlady’s attention to three men there who were drunk. He visited the house again, and found the men still there.

Mr. Sheldon contended that Bellingham came to the house at 9.30, and was refused drink, and when he became violent was ejected. Jones was a man who sold oranges, and went away peaceably, and was not drunk, he having nothing to drink in the house. His client knew nothing about the man Banks. The case had been adjourned on purpose to trace him, but he could not be found.

For the defence, Mr. Sheldon called *Harriet Field*, wife of the defendant, who said on the night in question Bellingham came into the house, drunk, and was refused ale several times. She did not supply him and ordered him out. Jones was selling oranges, and there was nothing in his behaviour to warrant his being ejected. She did not know Banks. She was very particular that night not to permit any drunkenness. Bellingham came in several times and was ordered out.

John Moon said he was present on the night in question, and he saw Bellingham come in three times; he asked for drink and was refused. The last time he came in was about 10.30, when he asked for a pint and was again refused. Witness was in the act of putting Bellingham out when Sergeant Dutton came in. Jones was selling oranges and perfectly sober. He did not see Banks. The landlady sent for a police officer several times after ejecting Bellingham. He did not see PC Mainwaring come into the house, nor hear him speak to the landlady.

William Shipton (musician) said he recollected Bellingham coming to the house, and the landlady refused to fill him any ale. She sent witness after a police-officer to eject him. Everyone in the house was sober with the exception of Bellingham.

Susan Griffiths, barmaid, gave corroborative evidence for the defence.

The Bench fined defendant 30s and costs, license not to be endorsed.”

Dudley Herald 7/8/1880

“The Bench granted the following transfers.....

John Field, PRINCE OF WALES, Owen Street, Tipton, beer licence, to *Mary Winfield*, Owen Street, Tipton.”

1881 Census

33, Owen Street – PRINCE OF WALES

[1] *Ann Foster* (36), widow, licensed victualler, born Rood End;

[2] *Arthur Foster* (10), son, born Rood End;

[3] *Jane A. Pettifor* (16), niece, born Rood End:

Dudley and District News 29/89/1883

“Charles Raglan, an ironworker, was summoned for assaulting a labourer named William Mansell. About 10.30 on the Monday night previous, the complainant and defendant was at the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Owen Street, Tipton. A dispute arose between them, and defendant struck the complainant two or three times in the face. Defendant pleaded the complainant asked him to hit him. The case was dismissed on payment of the costs.”

1891 Census

33, Owen Street – PRINCE OF WALES

[1] *Louisa M. Thomson* (22), widow, manageress of Public House, born Long Stanton, Shropshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/10/1891 - Advert

“PRINCE OF WALES, Owen Street, Tipton. Good. Beerhouse to Let on weekly, monthly, or annual tenancy.

Apply Edgbaston Brewery Company.”

Richard Cartwright, beer retailer, 33, Owen Street. [1900]

1901 Census

33, Owen Street

[1] *Richard Bate* (67), widower, licensed victualler, born Alvechurch, Worcestershire;

[2] *Harriet Bate* (34), daughter, housekeeper, born Willenhall;

[3] *Richard Bate* (16), son, assisting in the business, born Wolverhampton:

The license renewal was objected to on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervision in February 1903.

It was renewed on 26th February 1903.

William Smallwood, beer and wine retailer, 33, Owen Street. [1904]

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

The Bench considered six houses reported as redundant.....

PRINCE OF WALES, Owen Street, kept by *George Hillman*. Referred for compensation.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

“County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

Mr. J. G. Thursfield, clerk to the justices, stated that the following licenses had been referred in the Wednesbury division.....

PRINCE OF WALES, Owen Street, Tipton, beer and wine 'on' license, (licensee *George Hillman*).
Mr. Thursfield stated that there was no opposition, the amount of compensation having been agreed upon.
After formal evidence, the renewal of the license was refused.”

It closed on 7th December 1907.

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The committee went very carefully in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee considered that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.....

PRINCE OF WALES, Owen Street, Tipton, £500.”

Demolished.

PRINCE REGENT

190, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Horseley Brewery Co. [1868]

City Brewery Co. (Lichfield) Ltd.

Peter Walker (Warrington) [1930s]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1969], [1990]

LICENSEES

Thomas Stillard [1825] – [1834]

Thomas Shorthouse [1838] – [1842]

Benjamin Smith [1845]

William George [1849] – **1869**;

Maria Shorthouse (**1869 – 1870**);

George John Davis (**1870 – 1872**);

George Roberts (**1872 – [1873]**)

Thomas Nickless [1878]

William Nickless [1881]

Ezra Nicholas [1882]

Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholls [1891] – [1892]

James Smith [1896]

Mrs. Frances Wilson [1900] – [1912]

Alfred Rainbow [1916] – **1929**;

James Ernest Edwards (**1929 – 1932**);

Sarah Ann Rogers (**1932 – 1933**);

William G Whitehouse [1932] ?

Isabella Alice Kielman (**1933 – 1936**);

John Oliver Newey (**1936 – 1937**);

John William Tolley (1937 – 1938);
Henry Charles Cooper (1938 – 1941);
Stanley George Budgen (1941 – 1951);
George Short (1951 – 1957);
John Moore (1957 – 1961);
George Sheldon (1961 – 1962);
Arthur Joseph Steed (1962 – 1964);
Frederick Charles Colls (1964 – [1966])
Brian Bland [1990s]

NOTES

It was situated opposite to Railway Street.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 11/4/1825 - Advert

“Freehold Buildings at Toll End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Griffin and Marsh, at the dwelling house of *Thomas Stillard*, known by the sign of the PRINCE REGENT, at Horseley Heath, in the parish of Tipton, at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions as will be then produced, and in the following or such lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of sale: all those two Messuages or Dwelling Houses, with Out-buildings, Gardens and Appurtenances, situate at Toll End, in the parish of Tipton aforesaid, now in the respective occupations of K. Scotthorn and W. F. Turner.

The above premises have been lately erected, and are substantially built.

Further particulars may be known by applying to the Auctioneers or to Messrs. Bourne and Sons, Solicitors, in Dudley.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/5/1831 - Married

“On the 12th instant, Mr. Benjamin Smith, grocer, &c, to Sarah, second daughter of Mr. *Stillard*, of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 7/10/1833 - Advert

“To Wrought Iron Hinge-Makers.

A General Meeting of Journeymen Wrought Iron Hinge-makers, will be held at the house of Mr. *T. Stillard*, PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on Monday the 14th day of October, 1833, at ten o'clock in the morning, to adopt measures to secure an advance of wages.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 4/6/1838 - Advert

“Freehold Building Land, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by E. and C. Robins, on Monday the 18th day of June inst. at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. *T. Shorthouse*, the PRINCE REGENT INN, at Horseley Heath, subject to conditions then and there to be produced.....”

Staffordshire Gazette 18/7/1840

“On Monday evening, July 13th, a meeting was held at the house of Mr. *Thos. Shorthouse*, PRINCE REGENT INN, Tipton, for the purpose of forming an Operatives' Conservative Association, E. K. Cresswell, Esq, in the chair.....”

William George was also a brewer. [1851]

1851 Census

Horseley Heath

[1] *William George* (45), victualler, born Shropshire;

- [2] Jane George (42), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Richard George (18), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [4] Hannah Maria George (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Emily Jane George (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Samuel Nash (33), visitor, baker, born Mushoover, Herefordshire;
- [7] Mary Gough (20), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/10/1859

“Ancient Order Of Foresters. A Court of the above order was opened on Monday evening last, at the house of Mr. *William George*, PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, under very favourable auspices. The ceremony of opening was performed by M. J. H. Nutting, District Chief Ranger, and Mr. William Godwin, District Secretary of the Wolverhampton and Tipton District, assisted by Brother W. Horton and Brother Joseph Jones, of Court No.2931, who were afterwards elected officers for the ensuing six months, and judging from the ability displayed in instructing their new brethren, little doubt exists as to its progress, and to its ultimately becoming an influential branch of the Ancient Order of which it forms. After the ceremony the brethren present partook of dinner served up in Host *George’s* excellent style. Song, sentiment, &c, were kept up to a late hour, and all retired gratified with the evening’s diversion, and wishing prosperity to Court Prince of the Forest.”

William George was described as a brewer of PRINCE REGENT Brewery. [1861]

1861 Census

Horseley Heath – PRINCE REGENT

- [1] *William George* (58), victualler, born Clee Hill, Shropshire;
- [2] Jane George (55), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Hannah M. George (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Emily J. George (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Hancher (22), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 16/7/1864

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper, district Coroner, opened inquests on the bodies of the unfortunate lads whose deaths had been caused, as already reported in the *Daily Post* of Thursday last, in consequence of a skip in which they were ascending a pit belonging to Mr. James Solly, at Toll End Colliery, having been drawn over the pulley. The first enquiry took place at the COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, where the proceedings were simply confined to the identification of the body of William Ponn (12), one of the deceased, who resided in that locality, and had been removed to his home. The Coroner said that he had only taken this evidence with the object of an adjournment, and that the inquest would be resumed at ten o’clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, the 26th inst. The next inquest was held at the house of Mr. *Wm. George*, the PRINCE REGENT, Horseley Heath, on the body of Abraham Cooper (11), where identification of the body having been finally proved, the further proceedings were postponed until noon on the 25th inst, the Coroner stating that the Government Inspector of Mines, Mr. Baker, would be present at the third inquest that day (yesterday).

The third inquest was opened at the house of Mr. Daniel Smith, the GROVELAND BROOK INN, Dudley Port, and Mr. Baker attended it. The inquest was on the body of Thomas Evans (14). The only witness called was Sarah Evans, who was deeply affected. She said: I am the wife of James Evans, a miner, and mother of the deceased, who worked for Mr. Solly, at the Toll End Colliery. He left home for work on Tuesday morning, at half-past five o’clock, and he was brought home dead in the evening at eight o’clock. Most of his bones were broken. It was only his second day in Mr. Solly’s employment.

The Coroner here, as on the former occasions, suggested an adjournment, in order that the Jury might from being nearer the spot where the fatal occurrence took place, have an ample opportunity of inspecting the works and the machinery.

A Juror, Mr. Abraham Lewis, landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, protested against any such arrangement, giving as his reason that it ‘would not suit his personal convenience.’ The Foreman and the other gentlemen of the Jury, having expressed a strong opinion on the subject of Mr. Lewis’s ideas of ‘per-

sonal convenience' where human lives were at stake, it was ultimately decided that the Jury should proceed, with the Coroner and the Government Inspector, to examine the machinery, after which they should resume the enquiry at ten o'clock on the morning of the 23rd inst."

Birmingham Daily Post 14/11/1864

"Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, on Saturday, on the body of John Hollis, 61, butcher, High Street. On Thursday night deceased went to bed in his usual health. About four o'clock in the morning his wife heard him groan; she got up, and sent for Mr. Thomas Underhill, surgeon, but before he arrived the deceased had expired. There were no suspicious circumstances, and the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes."

Birmingham Journal 21/11/1868 - Advert

"Horseley Brewery, PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by James Taylor, on Tuesday and Wednesday Next, November 24 and 25.

The Brewery Plant, Household Furniture, and Effects, as above.

Tuesday Next, the 24th instant: the excellent Brewery Plant, comprising 6-horse power upright Steam Engine, Boiler, Force and Wort Pumps, Water Tanks, &c, Malt Crusher, 500-gallon copper Boiler and Fixings, 25-bushel Mash Tub, 10-bushel ditto, large cooling Vat, 20 feet by 12 feet, Cooling Vats, about 200 Ale Casks, from 9 to 200 gallons; well-built Brewer's Cart, light Spring Trap, wood Sheds, Greenhouses, &c.

Wednesday Next, the 25th instant: the Licenses and Possession of the PRINCE REGENT INN (unless previously disposed of). Household Furniture and Utensils in Trade, large Organ, in handsome mahogany case, gilded pipes, six stops; full-compass Pianoforte in rosewood case; Furniture &c.

Sale each day at 1.30 a.m.

Catalogues, Auctioneer's Offices, Russell Street, Wednesbury."

Dudley Herald 27/2/1869

"*William George*, living in lodgings at the ACORN INN, Great Bridge out of business, previously of the PRINCE REGENT INN, at Horseley Heath licensed victualler, having been adjudged bankrupt, 22nd March, 1869....."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/8/1870 - Advert

"On Thursday Next. To Publicans, Brokers, And Others.

Important Sale, at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Davies and Halford, on Thursday Next, the 18th day of August, 1870, upon the Premises as above, under the usual conditions – the whole of the valuable and recently-purchased Stock-

In-Trade, Public-House Fixtures, Utensils and Effects, comprising nine Ornamental Spirit Barrels with Taps, quantity of Wine, Ale and Spirit Glasses, metal-top Tap Table, with two Drawers; Pewter Measures, half-pint, pint, quart, and gallon Jugs, Spitoons, Gas Fittings, Smoke-room and other Chairs, several Tables, marble Alley, &c, &c; and also a portion of the useful Household Furniture, comprising Brussels Carpets, two prime Goose-feather Beds, Mattresses, eight-day Cupboard Clock, in mahogany case, capital set of new iron half-tester Bedsteads, modern constructed Shower bath, pair of Geographical Globes, Harp by Erard, American Rocking Chair, and other useful Effects.

There will also be Sold, at the same time and place, a modern four-wheel Phaeton, fast-trotting handsome Bay Cob, quiet to ride and drive, and two valuable Gilts in-pig.

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

Catalogues may be obtained from E. J. Hollier, Esq, Solicitor, West Bromwich; and at the Auctioneers, 11, Cherry Street, Birmingham; Horseley Heath, Tipton; and Birmingham Street, Oldbury."

1871 Census

190, Horseley Heath

[1] *George John Davis* (57), publican, born London;

[2] Sarah Davis (49), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] William Davis (22), son, rule maker?, born Birmingham;

- [4] Sarah Stindon (80), relative, born Birmingham;
- [5] Isaac Woodcock (23), servant, born Birmingham;
- [6] Charles Docker (19), relative, born Birmingham;
- [7] Clara Kimber (8), relative, born Birmingham;

London Gazette 9/5/1871

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Oldbury. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Maria Shorthouse*, of Jesson-street, West Bromwich, Widow, out of business, formerly of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, Licensed Victualler. 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 Edward Davies, Auctioneer and Accountant, No.215, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on the 30th day of May, 1871, at three o’clock in the afternoon precisely. Dated this 4th day of May, 1871. Stubbs and Fowke, No.21, Waterloo-street, Birmingham, Attorneys for the said Debtor.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/6/1872

“The Welded Wrought Iron Hinge Makers. The men in the above trade employed by Messrs. Doughty, Horton, and Bott have held a meeting at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, to consider the present state of the trade and the price of provisions. Having been subjected to a 12½ per cent discount for a number of years, they think the time has come for a rise, and unanimously agreed to give notice for the discount to be taken off; and notice will be given accordingly.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/8/1872

“At the Tipton Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. E. F. Smith and Mr. Elwell, *George Roberts*, the proprietor of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, was charged under the provisions of the New Licensing Act, with permitting drunkenness on the Monday night previous. Police-constable Hand said he visited the house in question, and found in one room twenty or thirty men, and two of them were very drunk; one being on his hands and knees on the table. In a second room were about twenty persons, two of them were drunk. An hour or so later he again visited the house with a fellow-officer, and found in the first room the same man still there and drunk. In the second room one of the same men was drunk. On the second occasion he spoke to the landlord, who said there was nothing wrong. Witness reported the matter to Sergeant Chatfield, and the pair went to the house, and saw several drunken men leave. At twenty minutes to three on the following morning witness again visited the house, and found a man asleep in the first room. The landlord denied that this man was drunk; but when the man was shaken and lifted from the sofa, he fell to the ground. Police-constable McCullum and Police-sergeant Chatfield corroborated the various statements of the first witness. The defendant was fined £5 and costs; and Mr. Smith called defendant’s attention to the fact that he had committed an offence by not closing at eleven o’clock.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1872

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, Joseph Holland, John Turner, Thomas Partridge Solomon Powell, and William Bayley, were charged with being drunk, on the premises of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, the landlord of which house was fined £5 and costs. The offences were proved by the same officers – Police-constables Hand and McCallam, and Police-sergeant Chatfield – who were in the case against the landlord. The defendants were cautioned, and the new law explained to them, after which they were fined 2s 6d and costs each.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/6/1873

“Yesterday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the PRINCE REGENT, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on the body of Elizabeth Jesson, aged 63, who died on Friday evening last in St. Paul’s Methodist New Connection Chapel, Dudley Port. It was shown that the woman had lately been in delicate health, and that while

at prayer in the above chapel she suddenly expired. The surgeon called in – Mr. Hudson – said death was caused by exhaustion. The Jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/9/1873 - Advert

“For Sale, Pony, 12 hands high, and Gig, in first-class condition. Apply at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/8/1878

“The licensing session for West Bromwich and Wednesbury districts took place yesterday..... The following are the names of the persons convicted during the year in the Wednesbury division..... *Thomas Nickless*, PRINCE REGENT, Horsley Heath, 20s and costs, for permitting disorderly conduct..... In no case was the license endorsed. In cases where the amount of the fine was 40s or upwards the Bench withheld the licenses until the adjourned licensing day, to be held on 25th September.”

1881 Census

190, Horseley Heath – PRINCE REGENT

- [1] *William Nickless* (61), widower, licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Joel Ezra Nickless (20), son, fitter and turner at works, born Oldbury;
- [3] Emma Ingram (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Evening News 5/4/1882

“Yesterday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, Esq, District Coroner, held an inquest at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, upon the body of Michael Lee (18), whose parents reside in the neighbourhood. The deceased has been missing since the 9th of March last, a reward was offered for his recovery. It was supposed that on his way home from work at the Denbigh Hall Colliery, he had missed his way and fallen into a deep hole known as the Mark Hole. This conjecture proved true, and on Sunday morning last his body was taken out of the water. There being no evidence to show how he got in, the jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Wednesbury Herald 28/10/1882

“Jane Williams (18), a well dressed girl, was brought up in custody for stealing a gold watch and an ivory cross, the property of *Ezra Nicholas*, landlord of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Dudley Port. The prisoner was also charged with stealing 2s 6d, the property of William John Wise, the landlord of the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port.

The prisoner was in the employ of *Nicholas* as a domestic servant and left her employ on the 7th inst. On the following day Mrs. *Nicholas* missed her gold watch, which she valued at £3, and a cross and necklace. She communicated with the prisoner, but prisoner denied all knowledge of the watch and the cross. On Monday the prisoner was caught in the act of stealing 2s 6d, belonging to her new employer, Mr. Wise. Police constable Price was sent for and the watch, and cross, and £1 8s 6d, were found in her possessions. Prisoner said she took the watch in consequence of her mistress owing her some money, but denied stealing the 2s 6d, and alleged that she found the coin under a bench.

Mrs. Wise said that since the prisoner had been in her employ she had frequently missed money.

The mother of the accused said she had always found her daughter to be honest and prudent, and asked the magistrates to deal mercifully with her for the present offences.

Mr. Farley asked Mrs. Wise if she would take the prisoner back again into her employ and endeavour to reclaim her, as the magistrates thought severe punishment would not have a tendency to deter the prisoner from committing crime.

Mrs. Wise said she could not think of taking the prisoner into her employ again.

Mr. Elwell said the magistrates had seriously considered the case and had decided to commit the prisoner to gaol for three months with hard labour.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/4/1884

“Yesterday morning, Mr. Hooper held an inquest at the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, on the body of John Palmer (29), labourer, who committed suicide under circumstances already reported. The man, it was stated, had been in weak health, and had complained of pains in his head. On Friday he sought advice at the Queen’s Hospital, Birmingham. The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst in a state of Unsound Mind.”

1891 Census

190, Horseley Heath – PRINCE REGENT INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Nicholls* (77), widow, victualler and beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Nicholls* (28), daughter-in-law, widow, born Tipton;
- [3] *Elizabeth M. Nicholls* (8), granddaughter, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Thomas J. Nicholls* (6), grandson, born Tipton;
- [5] *Richard J. Nicholls* (4), grandson, born Tipton;
- [6] *Polly Ford* (27), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *John W. Palmer* (18), general servant, born Leamington:

London Gazette 29/9/1899

“Notice is hereby given, that the No.5 Lodge of Loyal Britons Friendly Society, Register No.674, held at PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath is dissolved by Instrument, registered at this office, the 6th day of September, 1899.....”

1901 Census

190, Horseley Heath – PRINCE REGENT HOTEL

- [1] *Frances Wilson* (55), widow, public house proprietress, born Walsall;
- [2] *Maud Wilson* (25), daughter, assistant in hotel, born Walsall;
- [3] *Edith Wilson* (23), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Olive Wilson* (21), daughter, born Walsall;
- [5] *William Bickley* (8), nephew, born Walsall:

1911 Census

190, Horseley Heath – PRINCE REGENT

- [1] *Frances Wilson* (63), widow, hotel proprietress, born Walsall;
- [2] *Olive Wilson* (28), daughter, born Walsall;
- [3] *Edith Rainbow* (33), daughter, married 4 years, born Walsall;
- [4] *Alfred Rainbow* (33), son-in-law, iron founder, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Laurence Rainbow* (3), grandson, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *William H. Bickley* (19), nephew, fitter, born Walsall:

South Staffordshire Times 23/7/1921

“At Tipton Police Court, on Tuesday, John W. Houlston, a soldier wearing the uniform of a private in the Lancashire and Yorkshire Regiment, was charged with being on the enclosed premises of the PRINCE REGENT with intent to commit a felony.

According to the evidence of Mrs. *Rainbow*, the landlady, the prisoner on the previous Wednesday called at the house for a drink, and sat on the step of the stairs leading to the upper rooms. He was asked into the smoke room, and went there. A few minutes after she noticed that the drink had been left half consumed and that the soldier had gone. She at once suspected he had gone upstairs, and immediately locked all the outer doors, though by doing this she prevented the servant, the only one with her in the house, who was in the brewhouse, coming to her assistance. On going upstairs she found the bedroom doors, generally closed, open, and that the drawers had been pulled out and articles scattered about the room. She entered the room and found the soldier secreting himself behind the door. He made a grab at her, and she shrieked and called for Mr. Hill, who was in the smoke room. He and some other men who were in the bar ran upstairs and secured the man, holding him until PS Collins had been sent for.

PS Collins having given evidence of arresting the prisoner, cautioning and charging him, when he had noth-

ing to say.

Supt. Salt said there were other charges against prisoner, which had not been completed. He asked for seven days' remand.

Prisoner was remanded in custody for seven days.”

South Staffordshire Times 6/8/1921

“John Wm. Houlston (23), Richard Street South, West Bromwich, a private in the L. and Y., was charged at Tipton Police Court last week, with being on the enclosed premises of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, with intent to commit felony.

Houlston was also charged with stealing £32 in Treasury notes, the property of Harry Fisher, and also with stealing a silver brooch, the property of Florence Proverbs.

With regard to the Treasury notes, Harry Fisher, TURKS HEAD, Lower High Street, Wednesbury, gave evidence that on 13th June he placed the notes in a bedroom, the door of which was unfastened. A little later he found the notes had disappeared.

Mrs. Fisher said the prisoner came in, had half a pint and moved towards the stairs. Then she found he had gone and gave a description to the police.

PC Davidson (Wednesbury) said that on the 14th July he spoke to prisoner about robberies. Prisoner replied, ‘I know what you want. I had it. Give me a piece of paper.’ Prisoner then wrote out a confession.

In reply to Mr. Sharpe, the witness said prisoner told him he had been gassed and when he had any beer he was in a sort of trance. Prisoner also said he went into the bedroom at the GREEN DRAGON, Wednesbury, went upstairs, saw the brooch, took it, and hid it.

That, said Mr. Sharpe, is the cause of these actions.

Prisoner pleaded guilty to all the charges, and Mr. Sharpe said prisoner admitted another case at Smethwick, and one at Dudley. He asked that all these should be taken into consideration in the sentence. The prisoner was 23, joined the army at 15, and had been on active service ever since. He suffered in several battles, including the battle of Paschendale Ridge. When he got well he re-enlisted for another four years. He was now a semi-infirm invalid, and at times was not in his right mind. Prisoner was a deserter, and would have to go back into the army after serving any sentence passed.

Mr. Barrows said the magistrates thought prisoner should be sent to the sessions. They would be lenient, take all the other charges into consideration, and prisoner would have to go to hard labour for six months.

Prisoner: Are all the other charges cleared up?

Mr. Barrows: As far as you have told us. It is clear you ought not to touch drink.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/10/1930

“How a constable disguised as a labourer visited the PRINCE REGENT INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on the evenings of 29 and 30 September, and what he saw was described at Tipton yesterday, when *James E. Edwards*, aged 40, the licensee, was summoned for suffering gaming to take place on his licensed premises. Five other men were summoned for aiding and abetting. *Edwards* pleaded not guilty. Mr. E. E. Brown (prosecuting) said that the disguised officer on his first visit saw four men playing cards [All Fours] for money. The licensee was aware of the game.

On his second visit to the inn, said Mr. Brown, the constable saw the licensee taking part in a card game for money.

The constable then signalled to three police officers outside who entered.

The licensee admitted taking part in the game, but said on no occasion was money played for.

The Magistrates found the licensee guilty, and he was fined £5 in each case – £10 in all – and ordered to pay £5 5s special costs.

Mr. A. P. Marshall (defending) intimated that an appeal may be lodged.

The cases against those summoned for aiding and abetting were adjourned until next Wednesday.”

1939 Register

Horsley Heath – PRINCE REGENT INN

[1] *Henry C. Cooper*, date of birth, 14/01/1896, clothing salesman, married;

[2] *Clarrie M. Cooper*, dob, 14/10/1898, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] Rita E. Cooper, dob, 30/07/1926, st school:

'Tipton: A Third Selection' by Keith Hodgkins and John Brimble

“.....the stuffed ape which once belonged to the prizefighter, the Tipton Slasher. The story goes that the ape was killed by the Slasher's father who knocked it down a flight of stairs after being bitten on the finger It was passed on to his great granddaughter Mrs. Elizabeth Harding of the THREE HORSESHOES in Ocker Hill who gave it to the licensee of the Horseley Heath pub [PRINCE REGENT] when she retired in 1940 It is believed the ape was ceremoniously burnt at the rear of the pub in the 1960s.”

It was the headquarters of the Prince Regent FC. [1970]

It closed in February 1991.

It was demolished in 1991.

PUDDLERS ARMS

62+3, (62), Park Lane West, TIPTON

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Sons Ltd., Warrington and Burton on Trent, Tipton

Frederick Smith Ltd. [1920], [1928]

LICENSEES

Henry Scriven [1861] – [1871]

Alice Scriven [1881]

Abraham Love [1891] – [1896]

George Dale (**1897** – [1903])

Thomas Adams [1900]

Mrs. Martha Williams [1901]

Samuel Young [1909] – [1912]

Bert Middleton [1915]

Clara Middleton [] – **1919**;

Bert Middleton (**1919** – **1920**);

Thomas Whitehouse (**1920** – **1928**):

NOTES

62, Park Lane [1871], [1881], [1891]

62+63, Park Lane West [1911]

It had an ante '69 beerhouse (and cider) license.

1861 Census

Park Lane

[1] *Henry Scriven* (24), puddler, born Tipton;

[2] *Alice Scriven* (20), wife, born Tipton:

[probably the origin of the PUDDLERS ARMS]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/5/1867

“J. Walker of Dudley Port will match his black bitch Posey to run J. Hughes’s brown dog Bonny 200 yards, 18lb weight, at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, near Dudley. Money ready at *H. Scriven’s*, PUDDLERS ARMS, Tipton.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 18/6/1870

“Another inquest was held last night at the PUDDLERS ARMS INN, on the body of Henry Ford, late of Hill Street. The evidence showed that deceased was helping to shift an iron girder, on Thursday last, from the Goods Station of the London and North-Western Railway to the adjoining canal, when it struck him violently in the back. He was taken home, where he soon afterwards died. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

62, Park Lane

- [1] *Henry Scriven* (38), iron worker, born Tipton;
- [2] *Alice Scriven* (28), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Thomas Scriven (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Eli Scriven (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Martha Holt (24), general servant, born Tipton:

1881 Census

62, Park Lane – PUDDLERS ARMS INN

- [1] *Alice Scriven* (40), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Coseley;
- [2] Thomas Scriven (19), son, helper in mill, born Tipton;
- [3] Eli Scriven (18), son, brewer, born Tipton;
- [4] Maria Edwards (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

It had a six day license until 1885.

1891 Census

62, Park Lane West

- [1] *Abraham Love* (45), coal miner, born Coseley;
- [2] Phoebe Love (46), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] Rebecca Love (24), daughter, tailoress, born Coseley;
- [4] Edith Love (18), daughter, tailoress, born Coseley;
- [5] Honor Love (15), daughter, dressmaker, born Coseley;
- [6] Clara Love (13), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;
- [7] Florence Love (10), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;
- [8] Maud Love (3), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Abraham Love, beer retailer, 62, Park Lane West. [1896]

Thomas Adams, beer retailer, 62, Park Lane West. [1900]

1901 Census

Park Lane West – PUDDLERS ARMS

- [1] James Williams (43), house painter, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Martha Williams* (43), wife, beer retailer, born Sedgley;
- [3] Edith D. Williams (14), daughter, born Sedgley:

The license renewal was objected to on the grounds that it was insanitary and the licensee had a conviction in February 1903.

The license was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Samuel Young, beer retailer, 62, Park Lane West. [1904], [1912]

Tipton Herald 2/1/1909

“The annual supper in connection with the sick and dividend club held at the PUDDLERS ARMS INN, Park Lane, Tipton, took place on Saturday night. An excellent repast was provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Young*, and nearly forty members sat down and did justice to the good things provided. After supper, the accounts were read and considered most satisfactory. A few new members were elected. Mr. S. Hodgetts presided, and a good programme of vocal music gone through.....”

1911 Census

62+63, Park Lane West – PUDDLERS ARMS

[1] *Samuel Young* (32), brewer at home, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Elizabeth Young (31), wife, married 9 years, attends business at home, born Sedgley;

[3] John William Young (8), son, born Sedgley;

[4] Sidney Young (6), son, born Sedgley;

[5] Annn Louisa Young (4), daughter, born Sedgley;

[6] Samuel Young (4 months), son, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 9/6/1915

“At Tipton Police Court yesterday summonses were returnable against *Bert Middleton* (28), landlord of the PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West, who was accused of permitting drunkenness and with selling ale to a drunken person. Harry Whale (20), 49, Park Lane West, was summoned for drunkenness. Mr. Graham Milward defended.

PS Richards stated that at 9.15pm on May 2 he saw Whale, who was being supported by another man, fall to the ground. In witness’s opinion he was drunk. He was taken home by PC Davies.

In cross-examination, witness said Whale told him he injured his foot at the works through a piece of iron falling on it, and had been in the hospital, from which he had been discharged only five days previously.

Mr. Milward: When you saw him in Park Lane was he wearing a carpet slipper?

Witness: I did not notice that at the time.

Mr. Milward: Was there anything in his general appearance that suggested to you that he was lame?

Witness: No. Whale told him, he added, he had been to Kinver that day with his uncle’s horse and trap, and was sober when he returned. He added, ‘I went absolutely drunk when I had had one half-pint of ale in the PUDDLERS ARMS.’

Mr. Graham Milward submitted that there was no case to answer, inasmuch as three civilian witnesses, while admitting that Whale had had some intoxicating drink, denied that he was drunk.

The Bench upheld this contention and dismissed the summons.

Superintendent Salt withdrew the case against the landlord.”

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following houses were notified as having been placed on the compensation list, with a view to their being closed on various grounds: OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Bloomfield; PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West; WOODMAN, Lockside, and ROYAL OAK, Gate Street, Burnt Tree.

All other licenses were renewed.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/3/1928

“..... Dark and dismal, but clean and damp, was the description by Inspector Savery relating to the PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West. He added that the water leaked through the roof. There was no accommodation for travellers. The condition of the rooms was fair, as was the structural condition. there had been alterations by the proprietors, Messrs. F. Smith’s brewery, but he could not say they had cost £200.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/7/1928

“The principal meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the County was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday, when 14 licenses which had been scheduled by the licensing justices, mostly from the South Staffordshire area, came under consideration, of these three were renewed and remainder were referred for compensation.....

Evidence having been given as to building development in the locality, the committee decided to refer the ante '69 beerhouse, the PUDDLERS ARMS (licensee, *T. Whitehouse*) for compensation.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 4/8/1928 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 16th day of July, 1928, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 14th day of September, 1928, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Premises.....

PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Thomas Whitehouse*. Owners, Frederick Smith, Ltd.”

The license renewal was refused.

It closed on 29th December 1928.

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/1/1929

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions. Compensation Awards.

At the Supplemental meeting the committee awarded a total sum of £15,230 in compensation, and considered that the amounts agreed upon were satisfactory both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund. The amounts approved were as follows.....

PUDDLERS ARMS, Tipton, beerhouse, ante 1869, £1,500.”

QUEENS ARMS

156, (153), Bloomfield Road, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Frederick Hall [1900], [1911]

LICENSEES

John Hughes [1861]

Thomas **Henry Wordsworth** [1866]

Wood [1867]

George Sanders [1868] – [1870]

Thomas Sargeant [1871]

James Doble [] – **1881**;

Eliza Ann Lester (**1881** – []

William Pedley [1890]

Henry Parkes [1891]

Frederick Hall [1897] – **1900**
James Hyde [1901]
Mrs. Mary Ann Baggott [1908];
Albert William Male [1909]
Frank Barnsley (**1909** – [1911])

NOTES

156, Bloomfield Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1911]
153, Bloomfield Road [1901]

It was situated next to the Bloomfield Works.

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

1861 Census

QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *John Hughes* (38), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Hughes (34), wife, born Nunton, Shropshire;
- [3] John Edward Hughes (7), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Kate Hughes (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Thomas Anthony Hughes (2), son, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/11/1862 - Advert

“Valuable Opportunity To Parties Wishing To Enter The Public Business.

To be Let, the QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield, at a fair valuation. The House is replete with every convenience for carrying on the Trade, and adjoins the extensive works known as the Bloomfield Iron Works.

There is an excellent trade being done at the House, and the only reason for the party declining the business is the illness of his wife.

Apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/6/1863 - Sporting Intelligence

“The Turf. Harry, from Berkshire, answers on all events up to Worcester, 12 stamps, and a stamped envelope for reply; up to Liverpool, 18 stamps; up to Goodwood, 30 stamps.

Apply, Harry, at the QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 12/12/1863 - Advert

“Sale At The QUEENS ARMS, Princes End.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on December 21, 1863.

The whole of the Public-House Fixtures. Screens, Drinking Tables, Buffet, 9-pull Beer Machine, Counter Top Table, Shelving, Rail Back Forms, Brewing Vessels, Copper and Iron Furnaces, with pipes and taps, 3-inch Wood Vats, Mashing Tubs, well-seasoned Casks, varying from 36 to 300 gallons, large Working and other Tubs, Stock of Ale and Cider, and other useful Effects, belonging to Mr. James Gittings, who is giving up the public business.

Sale to commence punctually at Eleven o’clock.

The House to Let. Any portion of the Fixtures may be taken to previous to the Sale.

Apply to the Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

Thomas Henry Wordsworth = Thomas Henry Wardsworth

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/5/1866

“At the Police Court, yesterday, before I. Spooner, Esq.....

Thomas Wordsworth, of the QUEENS ARMS beerhouse, Bloomfield Tipton, was convicted of an assault on Police-constable Thompson, and was fined 5s and costs.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/5/1866

“Yesterday, before the Stipendiary, *Thomas Henry Wordsworth*, of the QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield, was fined 5s and costs for interfering with Police-constable Thompson, in the execution of his duty. In the pursuit of that duty the constable had walked into defendant’s house after hours, without first obtaining the consent of Mr. Wordsworth, who, in a manner most un-Wordsworth like, resented what he considered was an infringement upon good manners.”

Thomas Henry Wordsworth – see also TAME BRIDGE.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/1/1867

“G. Bennett and S. Vernon (both of Princes End) have signed articles to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Monday, Jan 28. £1 a side is down and a further deposit has to be made on Monday to Mr. *Wood*, at the QUEENS ARMS INN, Bloomfield.”

George Sanders, beer retailer, Bloomfield. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

156, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Thomas Sargeant* (43), brewer, born Kent;
- [2] *Eliza Sargeant* (41), wife, born Cheberis, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Mary A. Harris* (14), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Dudley Herald 11/12/1880 - Advert

“To Let, QUEENS ARMS INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton. This capital Corner House to Let, adjoining Bloomfield Ironworks, and on the main road from Dudley; incoming low, rent £20. The above House is in a good situation, being surrounded by collieries and ironworks, and close to Messrs. Whitehouse’s Brickyard. For particulars, apply to Jabez Bywater, Valuer &c, Bradley’s Lane, Princes End.”

1881 Census

156, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Eliza Ann Lester* (26), unmarried, innkeeper, born Trevethin, Monmouthshire;
- [2] *Actitia(?) A. Lester* (48), mother, born Tredumoch, Monmouthshire;
- [3] *Alfred W. Lester* (24), brother, engine fitter, born Trevethin, Monmouthshire;
- [4] *Henry W. Lester* (22), brother, engine fitter, born Trevethin, Monmouthshire;
- [5] *Frederick A. Lester* (18), brother, scholar, born Cardiff;
- [6] *Florence M. Lester* (15), sister, scholar, born Cardiff;
- [7] *Ivor Ernest Lester* (6), brother, scholar, born Sedgley:

Dudley and District News 16/7/1881

“An inquest was held on Thursday, before Mr. Hooper, coroner, on the body of *Thomas Gregory*, of Coppice Street, Tipton, at the QUEENS ARMS INN, Bloomfield.

On Tuesday morning deceased became suddenly ill, at Bloomfield Works, and died in a few minutes. It was stated that he had not sufficient food for some time, and had not been at work for a fortnight. The jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes. On the same day, another man named *Benjamin Perry*, residing at Swan Village, had to be taken home, but has since recovered.”

1891 Census

156, Bloomfield Road – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Parkes* (60), forge engine stoker and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Nancy Parkes* (57), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Martha J. Parkes (39), daughter, lard refiner, factory, born Tipton;

[4] Nancy Parkes (21), daughter, lard refiner, factory, born Sedgley;

[5] Eliza M. Parkes (16), daughter, born Sedgley;

[6] Edwin S. Parkes (13), son, born Sedgley:

Dudley Herald 5/5/1900

“*Frederick Hall*, landlord of the QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on April 3rd. Mr. Turton, Wolverhampton, prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. Foster defended.

For the prosecution Mr. Turton said it appeared that a man named Beddows was seen as early as four o’clock in the afternoon looking through the public-house window. About six o’clock on the same date Beddows was seen to be leaning against a wall in close proximity to the public-house. He was then in a drunken condition. Some 25 minutes later two policemen visited the house, and saw the man Beddows drinking from a glass of stout. The house was at that time in charge of defendant’s sister. PC Ansell asked for the landlord, and was told that they were too busy to attend him. Later PC Davies went and saw the same men there. On the approach of the policeman, Beddow’s brother took hold of him and told him to straighten himself. Beddow’s wife came after him and assisted him out of the house. Defendant was told that if he thought Beddows was not drunk he had better call a doctor.

Clara Tandy stated that she lived opposite the QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield Road. About four o’clock on the date in question she saw Beddows looking through the window.

By Mr. Foster: She did not see Beddows in the public-house.

Harriet Turvey, Bloomfield Road, stated that she saw Beddows leaning against the wall. He was the worse for beer.

By Mr. Foster: She took no special notice of him. He was reading a newspaper. She had no ill-feelings towards Mr. Beddows.

PC Ansell stated that on the date in question he with PC Clowes visited the defendant’s house at 6.25 and saw the defendant Beddows sitting in the bar with a glass of stout before him. He was drunk. Defendant’s sister, Miss Hall, was in the house and he told her he wanted to see the landlord. She went into the back and returned saying her brother was busy. He left the house and later on visited the house with PC Davies. They went into the bar and saw Beddows still there, but in a stooping position and appeared sleepy. Defendant’s brother was with him on the last occasion and told him to straighten himself. PC Davies told the landlord defendant was drunk, and he replied ‘My sister is looking after the business. I cannot be everywhere.’ Defendant’s wife came in, and Miss Hall told defendant that his wife had come for him. He got up and put his left hand on the table to walk out of the house. His wife took hold of him and took him outside. He staggered a great deal. The landlord then remarked, ‘He is not all that drunk.’ Davies told him to take him and have him examined by a doctor.

By Mr. Foster: He did not hear any bad language, nor did he speak to Beddows. He did not think it was his duty to do so. He was not aware that Miss Hall was in charge of the house.

PC Clowes corroborated the evidence of the last witness with regard to the first visit.

PC Davies stated that in company with Ansell he visited the QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield and saw Beddows. He told the landlord that Beddows was drunk, who replied that his sister was in charge and he could not be everywhere. He afterwards said that Beddows was not drunk, and witness advised him to send for a doctor.

By Mr. Foster: Beddows and his brother were the only two occupants of the room. He did not speak to Beddows, but judged from what he saw and heard that defendant was drunk. He was not aware that he was deaf, but did not think he was. The landlord did not say that a man that could not walk without assistance was not drunk.

Mr. Foster, for the defence, said he had to defend a great many actions in cases of permitting drunkenness, but had not to defend one that stood on a less substantial basis. If they analysed the evidence on which they were asked to convict, what did they find? They get a smaller number of women brought on subpoena, and it was difficult to know for what reason. It might be at an early stage in the afternoon a man may be drunk and at six o’clock in the evening be perfectly sober. Until 5.30 defendant was engaged at his work, as manager of the brickworks. In the evidence that had been given by PCs Ansell and Clowes, the former

stated that Beddows had been drinking from a glass of stout, while the latter, who was there all the time, did not see such a thing take place. Although the two officers went into the house and saw, as they stated, the man under the influence of beer, yet neither of them suggests to them that they were drunk. Mr. *Hall* was not only the licensee, but the owner of the property. He had conducted the house, and the house he had kept previously without a solitary complaint of any kind.

Frederick Hall stated that he was the owner and licensee of the house in question, and had held the license for three years. On the date in question he arrived home at 6.30pm, and at once went to the cellar to skim the beer. Beddows and his brother was in the room. PC Davies said, 'Do you know you have a man here the worse for beer,' and he replied that he did not know. Davies told Beddows to get up and straighten himself, but being a little deaf did not, but on being made to understand did so and walked out of the house. In his opinion he was not drunk, and had he been under the influence of drink he would not have permitted him to remain on the premises, as he was most anxious to carry out the law.

By Mr. Turton: He would swear that defendant was not drunk. He saw him go down the road and could walk straight. What the police swore was totally untrue. Beddow's wife did not take hold of his arm, nor did he have to steady himself by the table. He believed that Beddows went to a doctor, as he told him next day.

Edith Hall, sister of defendant, stated that her brother was away and left her in charge. She remembered the policemen coming, and on their first visit Beddows and a man named Poultney was in the house. Her brother was in the cellar skimming the beer. She supplied Beddows with one small bottle of stout, which was all he had in the house during the day. The police said nothing to her about the condition of Beddows, and she did not think he was under the influence of drink. She heard her brother tell the policeman that Beddows was not the worse for beer. He went away without assistance. She had had the management of the house for nearly four years. If she had any idea that Beddows was the worse for beer she would not have supplied him.

By Mr. Turton: Beddows was not a regular customer. He did not come into the house until 6.30 on the day in question. Had she suspected him of being the worse for beer, she would have got him away at once. He was sitting perfectly erect smoking a pipe. PC Davies did say that Beddows was drunk. He brother went to the doctor with Beddows.

Arthur Poultney stated that he was at defendant's house on the date in question. Beddows came in after he got there and had a small bottle of stout. He (Beddows) was not the worse for beer. Neither of the policemen suggested Beddows was the worse for beer.

By Mr Turton: A man was not drunk if he could take care of himself.

The Bench said he believed that the defendant had committed gross perjury. Fined £5 and costs, including advocates fee, total £9 0s 6d. Henry Beddows was then charged with being drunk on licensed premises, and was fined 5s and costs."

Birmingham Daily Post 15/5/1900

"Yesterday, at Sedgley Police Court, before Messrs. B. Whitehouse, F. A. Homer, and R. Clayton, *Frederick Hall*, formerly landlord of the QUEENS ARMS INN, Bloomfield, was charged with wilful perjury. Mr. A. Turton prosecuted, and Mr. R. E. C. Plumptre (instructed by Mr. Foster) defended.

Mr. Turton said on April 30 defendant was charged at the same court with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on April 3. Defendant on that occasion gave evidence respecting the condition of the man Henry Beddows, who was alleged by the police to be drunk. In cross-examination by him (Mr. Turton) as to whether he did not send Beddows to Dr. Naylor, or go to Dr. Naylor's surgery with Beddows, defendant said he had nothing to do with Beddows going to see a doctor. Evidence to the contrary was given by Mr. F. Waterhouse (magistrates' clerk), Dr. Naylor, and Beddows.

Mr. Plumptre contended that there was no intention to mislead the Court.

Defendant was committed to take his trial at the Assizes, bail being allowed, himself in £100, and two sureties of £50 each."

Staffordshire Advertiser 28/7/1900

"Staffordshire Summer Sessions.....

Before Mr. Justice Day.

Frederick Hall, 30, publican, was indicted for committing wilful and corrupt perjury at Sedgley on April 30. Mr. R. E. C. Kettle prosecuted and Mr. R. C. E. Plumptre defended.

The alleged perjury was said to have been committed before the justices at Sedgley during the hearing of a charge against the prisoner of permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, the QUEENS ARMS, Princes End. The prisoner gave evidence on his own behalf and swore that he did not go with a man named Henry Beddows to the doctor's to ascertain whether the latter was intoxicated or not.

Mr. T. F. Waterhouse, justices' clerk, said the statement made by the prisoner was 'I did not go with him or any part of the way. He went voluntarily and I had nothing to do with him. I had no hand in him going to the doctor.' Witness added that the magistrates imposed a heavier fine because they did not believe the prisoner's statement.

Dr. J. Naylor, of Tipton Green, deposed that at half-past eight on the evening of April 3 the prisoner came to his house with Beddows, asked his opinion as to the latter's state, adding that a charge of permitting drunkenness had been laid. Witness examined the man, but refused to give a certificate, because he thought he ought to be properly subpoenaed.

When arrested by Police-constable Davis the prisoner said he was innocent.

Mr. Plumptre, on behalf of the prisoner, admitted the offence and said it was a perfect mystery to understand why the prisoner should have acted as he had done.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and Mr. Plumptre asked the Judge to look at some written characters, remarking that the prisoner had an excellent character.

His Lordship: People should come and give characters. I never trouble about those paper certificates.

Mr. Plumptre stated that the prisoner had had to surrender his license.

His Lordship, in passing sentence of three months' imprisonment, said the evidence was of the clearest possible character, and perjury was a vice which infested the courts of justice."

1901 Census

153, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *James Hyde* (50), beerhouse keeper, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Ellen Hyde* (60), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *James Henry Hyde* (15), son, barman, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Alice Digger* (28), sister-in-law, domestic servant, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Albert Benjamin Hyde* (13), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Elizabeth Hyde* (20), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Florence Hyde* (18), daughter, born Pensnett:

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/10/1908

"*Mary Ann Baggott*, of the QUEENS ARMS INN, Princes End, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises, and *William Lees*, Wharfside, Dudley Port, was charged with being drunk in her house. Mrs. *Baggott* was fined 20s and costs, and *Lees* 5s and costs."

Tipton Herald 13/2/1909

"The annual licensing sessions for Tipton was held on Wednesday.....

The report of Police-superintendent Salt to the licensing justices was as follows.....

Since the conviction the license of the QUEENS ARMS beerhouse, Bloomfield Road, has been transferred from *Mary Ann Baggott* to *Albert W. Male*.....

I have caused notice of opposition to the renewal of their licenses to be served on *Albert W. Male*, QUEENS ARMS, on the ground of irregularities in connection with their premises."

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 8th March 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

"The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The licenses of the following six houses were opposed on the ground of redundancy: MOULDERS ARMS, Bridge Road; BURTON INN, Hall Street; the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road; QUEENS ARMS, Bloom-

field; RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane; and RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street. The Bench renewed the licenses of the COUNTRY GIRL and the RAILWAY INN, and referred for compensation the MOULDERS ARMS, the BURTON INN, the QUEENS ARMS, and the RAILWAY TAVERN.”

1911 Census

156, Bloomfield Road

- [1] *Frank Barnsley* (32), licensee, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Anne Barnsley (30), wife, married 10 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Constance Nancy Barnsley (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Ena Mary Barnsley (4), daughter, born Lea Brook;
- [5] Mary Jane Hughes (15), servant, born Bloomfield:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

QUEENS ARMS, 156, Bloomfield Road, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Frank Barnsley*. Registered Owner, *Frederick Law*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

Annual Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

The cases referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.....

QUEENS ARMS, Tipton.”

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1913

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented the following report.....

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the eight cases referred to them last year, and the total amount awarded was £5,277.....

QUEENS ARMS, Tipton, £685.....

The compensation money has been divided amongst the interested parties and will be paid on the 21st December.”

QUEENS HEAD

40, (41), Bell Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler Ltd. [1930s]

LICENSEES

William Derbyshire [1861] – [1891]
Samuel Woodhall [1896]
William Rogers [1900] – [1911]
Mrs. Fanny Jane Rogers [1912]
William Edward Leech [1919] – **1933**);
Fanny Parkes (**1933** – [1939]
James Parkes [1939] – **1940**);
John William Roberts (**1940** – **1953**);
William Henry Charles Cottam (**1953** – **1956**):

NOTES

41, Bell Street [1871]
40, Bell Street [1901], [1911], [1912]

It had a beer and cider license.

1861 Census

Bell Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *William Derbyshire* (40), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Derbyshire* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Phoebe Derbyshire* (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Derbyshire* (1), son, born Tipton:

William Derbyshire, beer retailer, Bell Street [1864], [1865], [1868], [1872]

1871 Census

41, Bell Street – QUEENS HEAD INN

- [1] *William Derbyshire* (50), brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Derbyshire* (47), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Phoebe Derbyshire* (23), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Derbyshire* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

Bell Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *William Derbyshire* (60), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Derbyshire* (56), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Derbyshire* (21), son, born Tipton:

1891 Census

40, Bell Street – QUEENS HEAD INN

- [1] *William Derbyshire* (70), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Derbyshire* (66), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Derbyshire* (31), son, born Tipton:

Samuel Woodhall, beer retailer, 41, Bell Street. [1896]

William Rogers, beer retailer, 40, Bell Street. [1900]

[Walsall Observer 1/9/1900](#)

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

William Rogers, QUEENS HEAD, Tipton.”

1901 Census

40, Bell Street

- [1] *William Rogers* (50), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Fanny J. Rogers* (48), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *William Rogers* (18), son, pattern maker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Gertrude Rogers* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury:

1911 Census

40, Bell Street

- [1] *William Rogers* (61), innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Fanny Jane Rogers* (58), wife, married 31 years, assisting in the business, born Darlaston;
- [3] *John Edmund Hodgkinson* (33), son-in-law, brewer, born Tipton;
- [4] *Gertrude Elizabeth Hodgkinson* (30), daughter, married 7 years, born Wednesbury:

William Rogers – see also KINGS HILL TAVERN, Wednesbury.

Mrs. *Fanny Rogers*, beer retailer, 40, Bell Street. [1912]

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

QUEENS HEAD, Bell Street, 2s 10½d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

1939 Register

40, Bell Street

- [1] *Fanny Parkes*, date of birth, 12/12/1868, beerhouse licensed victualler, widowed;
- [2] *Gilbert E. Parkes*, dob, 07/11/1907, beerhouse licensed victualler, borough auxiliary ARE, single:

The license was surrendered on 27th March 1956.

It was converted into flats.

It was demolished in the mid 1960s.

QUEENS HEAD

93, Cophall Street / Farley Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Darbys Brewery Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Centric [1993]

LICENSEES

George Joseph Hawkins (1957 – 1960);
William Albert Peach (1960 – 1961);
Samuel Gaynham (1961 – []
Horace Holden [1967]
W J T Howard [1976] – [1983]
Kenneth Turner [1993]
Glynis Carol Bennett [] – 1997):

NOTES

The new building incorporated the original site and building.
It opened for trade on 26th July 1957.

Closed
It was demolished on 15th August 1997.

QUEENS HEAD

Horseley Road, Horseley Heath, (Dixons Green), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Haines [1852] – [1861]
Edward Hayward [1868]

NOTES

George Haines = George Haynes

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 31/10/1852

“W. Morris of Stourbridge and Thomas Taylor of West Bromwich are matched to fight at catch weight for £10 a side. They will make their final staking at *George Haynes*’s, QUEENS HEAD, Great Bridge on Saturday next, and toss for a choice of place.”

Birmingham Journal 29/9/1855

“A Special Sessions was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday last, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

George Haines, Horseley Road, Tipton, supported by applicant, not opposed Refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/11/1855

“At the Police Court on Friday, before J. Leigh, Esq, Patrick M’Ivor, a hawking tailor, charged Thomas Gardner with stealing a pair of trousers, which he said prisoner snatched from him on the previous afternoon, at the QUEENS HEAD beerhouse, Great Bridge, as he was drinking a jug of ale, and refusing to give them up afterwards. Mr. Moore for the defence, stated that the prosecutor wanted to force the sale of his goods, threw them in the prisoner’s lap, and annoyed people in the house. Besides he was hawking without a license. Mr. Leigh said that probably such was the fact, and the prosecutor had no right to scour the country with his trousers, though they were his own make. He could only do so in cities, borough towns, fairs, markets, &c. The Magistrate discharged the accused, gave a certificate of dismissal, and refused M’Ivor’s expenses, observing that a practical joke had probably been played on him to get rid of his importunities. The trousers were given up to the prosecutor.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“Annual Licensing Day Sessions adjourned till Friday, the 25th day of September next, when forty-two applications from retail brewers in the division for wine and spirit licenses will be considered.....

George Haines, Dixons Green, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

[Refused at the adjourned sessions.]

1861 Census

Horseley Heath – QUEENS HEAD

[1] *George Haines* (32), railway plate layer & beerhouse keeper, born Eckington, Worcestershire;

[2] Elizabeth Haines (35), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Charles Haines (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Joseph Haines (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] William Haines (2), son, born Tipton;

[6] Edwin Haines (4 months), son, born Tipton;

[7] Mary Walker (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1866 - Advert

“To Let, the QUEENS HEAD, Great Bridge.

Apply on the Premises.”

Edward Hayward = Edward Haywood

Edward Hayward, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1868]

Dudley Herald 11/7/1868

Edward Hayward was fined 5s and costs for serving during unlawful hours (Sunday).

QUEENS HEAD

63, (59), Horton Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Wright
Mrs. Bird, Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich
Darby's Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Wright [1861] – 1876); first licensee
Mrs. Hannah Wright (1876 – 1877);
Thomas 'Tommy' Wright (1877 – 1917);
Mrs. Catherine Wright (1917 – 1921);
Thomas 'Tommy' Wright (1921 – 1939);
Bertie John Rogers Clarke (1939 – 1951);
William Gerald Hingley (1951 – 1953);
Benjamin Morgan (1953 – 1954);
Norman John Dearn (1954 – 1956);
John Sidney Hopkins (1956 – 1957):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

59, Horton Street [1881], [1891]
63, Horton Street [1901], [1911], [1939]

It was known locally as "Tommy Wright's".

It was originally a home brew beerhouse.

1861 Census

Horton Street – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *Samuel Wright* (38), retail brewer, born Wednesbury;
- [2] H. Wright (37), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] F. Wright (16), son, miner, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Samuel Wright (12), son, miner, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Joseph Wright (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Emanuel Wright (6), son, born Tipton:

Samuel Wright, retailer of beer, Horton Street. [1862]

Birmingham Daily Post 18/9/1865 - Advert

"Found, at Wednesbury, on Monday night, a Greyhound Bitch. Four white feet, and a white spot on the end of Tail; and if not owned in Three Days, will be Sold to pay expenses.
Apply to Mr. *Samuel Wright*, QUEENS HEAD INN, New Town, Horton Street, near Great Bridge."

1871 Census

Horton Street – Public House and Shop
[1] *Samuel Wright* (48), publican, born Wednesbury;

- [2] Hannah Wright (45), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Emanuel Wright (17), son, pudler, born Tipton;
- [4] Hannah Wright (5), niece, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Harriot Wright (3), niece, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Mary Ann Meacham (9), visitor, born Bilston:

Samuel Wright died in 1876.

1881 Census

59, Horton Street

- [1] *Thomas Wright* (36), coal miner and publick house manager, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Jane Wright (38), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] Hannah Wright (15), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Charlotte Wright (10), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Thomas Wright (7), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Mary Wright (4), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Rebecka Wright (2), daughter, born West Bromwich:

1891 Census

59, Horton Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Thomas Wright* (46), licensed victualler and brewer, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Jane Wright (48), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] Mary Wright (14), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Rebecca Wright (12), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Sarah J. Dunn (5), granddaughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Thomas R. Dunn (4), grandson, scholar, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

63, Horton Street

- [1] *Thomas Wright* (56), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Catherine Wright* (50), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] John W. Dunn (11), grandson, born Wombwell, Oxfordshire;
- [4] William Johnson (79) father, widower, born Eton, Buckinghamshire;
- [5] John Jones (35), friend, general servant, born Birmingham;
- [6] Elizabeth Wright (33), visitor, married, born West Bromwich;
- [7] James Wright (5), visitor, born West Bromwich;
- [8] Elizabeth Wright (2), visitor, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 20/1/1905

“A special sessions for the transaction of licensing business was held at West Bromwich, yesterday, when applications were made to sanction alterations to the licensed premises of.....

QUEENS HEAD, Horton Street.....

Mr. Field, chairman of the Licensing Committee, said the justices had visited the premises in each case and had decided to refuse all the applications.”

Thomas Wright was fined 5s and costs on 3rd April 1905, for selling to a child.

[This was probably beer in a bottle either not properly corked or sealed.]

Wednesbury Leader 27/7/1906

“On Wednesday Mr. Lyon Clark (deputy coroner) held an inquest at the QUEENS HEAD INN, Horton Street, West Bromwich, concerning the death of Elizabeth Southern (62), formerly residing in Cophall Street, Great Bridge, who died suddenly on the 24th inst.

Maria Southern, sister-in-law, stated that on Tuesday morning about eleven o’clock deceased was called to

see her son, who had been brought home on a stretcher injured. Deceased went to see her son and almost immediately fainted. She did not regain consciousness, and expired half an hour afterwards. Witness also stated that deceased's husband some time ago lost a leg and this was a great shock to her. Death was attributed to heart failure, due to the shock of her son's accident, and the jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

1911 Census

63, Horton Street

- [1] *Thomas Wright* (66), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Catherine Wright* (61), wife, married 12 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William Dunn* (21), grandson, brewer, born Wombwell, Yorkshire;
- [4] *Samuel Lawrence* (58), visitor, miner (hewer), born Dudley;
- [5] *Charlotte Lawrence* (58), visitor, married 38 years, born West Bromwich:

Thomas Wright died in 1917.

It had successful football teams in the 1930s and 1940s.

1939 Register

63, Horton Street, West Bromwich, CB

- [1] *Bertie J. R. (Bert John Roger) Clarke*, date of birth, 25/10/1891, metal pattern worker, iron foundry, beerhouse keeper (manager), married;
- [2] *Gertrude Clarke*, dob, 12/02/1897, beerhouse (manageress), married;
- [3] *Audrey L. (Clarke) Cookson*, dob, 30/12/1922, shop assistant (gowns department), single:

John Hopkins was married to *Iris*.

The license was surrendered on the grant of a new Publican's license to new premises (QUEENS HEAD, Cophall Street).

It closed at 10pm on 25th July 1957.

Demolished

QUEENS HEAD +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Stevens [1867]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Charles Stevens was fined £2 and costs for allowing drunkenness in September 1867.

RAILWAY

8, Eagle Lane (8, Eagle Road), (8, Eagle Street), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Shadrach Speak, Birmingham Street, Willenhall

N. C. Whitehouse, Darlaston

Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired on 5th February 1952)

[Ansells Brewery Limited \[1961\]](#)

LICENSEES

John Shorthouse [\[1860\]](#) – [\[1870\]](#)

William Martin [1871]

Thomas Blewitt [1878] – [1881]

Thomas Yates [1891]

Alfred Charles Cox **(1899 – 1901)**

William Henry Boffey [1909]

Job Henry Laight **(1910 – 1943);**

James Smith **(1943 – 1956);**

Barbara Lilian Bridgwater **(1956 – 1959);**

James Molineaux **(1959);**

Catherine Elizabeth Jones **(1959 – 1961):**

NOTES

Eagle Road [1881], [1913]

Eagle Street [\[1903\]](#)

Eagle Lane [\[1861\]](#), [\[1864\]](#), [\[1865\]](#), [\[1868\]](#), [\[1870\]](#), [1878], [1879], [1901], [1909], [\[1910\]](#), [1922], [1961]

8, Eagle Street [1871]

8, Eagle Road [1881]

8, Eagle Lane [1891], [1911], [1939]

RAILWAY TAVERN [\[1870\]](#), [1879], [1909]

RAILWAY STATION INN [\[1861\]](#), [1874], [1881], [1900], [1901], [\[1910\]](#), [1922], [1939], [1961]

STATION INN [1902]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as “Joe be Late’s” (*Job Laight’s*).

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1860](#)

“The annual adjourned Special Sessions for transacting licensing business was held on Thursday.....

There were twenty-nine applications from retail brewers for wine and spirit licenses, with the following results.....

Tipton.....

John Shorthouse, Eagle Lane Refused.”

1861 Census

Eagle Lane

- [1] *John Shorthouse* (46), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Shorthouse (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Eliza Shorthouse (23), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Phebe Shorthouse (21), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Matilda Baker (20), visitor, born Halesowen:

John Shorthouse, beer retailer, Eagle Lane, Great Bridge. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

8, Eagle Street

- [1] *William Martin* (50), labourer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Eliz(abeth) Martin (43), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] Mary A. Martin (16), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [4] William Martin (12), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [5] Emma Martin (10), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [6] Sarah A. Martin (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] James Biddle (16), lodger, boatman, born Birmingham:

Birmingham Daily Post 23/11/1874 - Advert

“Rare Chance. One of the best Taverns in the Black Country to be Let, known as the RAILWAY STATION INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, near ironworks and railway goods station; brewing over 1,000 bushels a year. Valuation £170. Rent low.

Apply, Bailey Brothers, Auctioneers and Valuers, 1, Temple Row West, Birmingham.”

Thomas Blewitt = Thomas Blewett

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/11/1878

“*Thomas Blewitt*, landlord of the RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane, was fined 20s and costs, for keeping an unlicensed bagatelle board.”

Dudley Herald 5/7/1879

“*Thomas Blewett*, Eagle Lane, Tipton, beerhouse-keeper, was summoned for unlawfully permitting William Tolly to be on his licensed premises during prohibited hours on the 22nd ult. PC Bryan said about twenty minutes past ten on the Sunday in question he saw a man go into defendant’s house. He followed and found him there. Inspector Harrison said he had had many complaints about defendant’s house. Someone had informed him that they were about to write to Stafford about the house, and he sent a constable to watch it. Defendant was fined 40s and costs. Licensed not endorsed.”

AND

“William Tolley, Eagle Lane, Tipton, was summoned for being on the licensed premises of *Thomas Blewett* during prohibited hours on the 22nd ult. PC Bryan, in proving the charge, said when he found defendant he asked him what he was doing, and he said he was talking about some ducks. Defendant was fined 5s, including costs.”

Dudley Herald 30/8/1879

“The annual general licensing sessions for the districts of West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Tipton, were held at the Police Court, Wednesbury, on Wednesday.....

The application of *Thomas Blewitt*, of the RAILWAY INN, Tipton, who had been fined 20s and costs for keeping a bagatelle board without a license, and 40s and costs for keeping open after hours. Adjourned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1879

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division was held yesterday.....

Thomas Blewitt, RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton, who had been fined 20s for keeping a bagatelle board without a license, and 20s for keeping open after hours, was told, as he had a good character since his renewal, the license would be granted.”

1881 Census

8, Eagle Road

[1] *Thomas Blewitt* (38), innkeeper, born Lichfield;

[2] *Hannah Blewitt* (30), wife, born Bloxwich;

[3] *Mary Fathers* (16), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Dudley and District News 13/8/1881

“Local Failures. A petition in liquidation has been filed in the Dudley County Court on behalf of *Thomas Blewitt*, of the RAILWAY STATION beerhouse, Eagle Road, Great Bridge, beerhouse keeper and labourer. Liabilities estimated at £275.”

1891 Census

8, Eagle Lane – RAILWAY INN

[1] *Thomas Yates* (60), beerhouse keeper, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[2] *Susannah Yates* (58), wife, born Rowley, Worcestershire:

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by *Mr. A. J. Glover* to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by *Mr. Plant*, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Alfred Charles Cox, RAILWAY STATION INN, Great Bridge.”

1901 Census

Eagle Lane – ROEWAY (sic) STATION INN

[1] *Alfred C. Cox* (29), ale and porter brewer, born Blackheath;

[2] *Eliza M. A. Cox* (25), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Alfred C. Cox* (4 months), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Eliza M. Cox* (1), daughter, born Norbury, Yorkshire;

[5] *Maria Clee* (16), general servant, born Tipton:

County Express 13/12/1902

“*Alfred Charles Cox*, brewer, Cakemore, came up for his public examination on Monday, at the Court House, Stourbridge, before *Mr. Registrar Collis*. His liabilities were £335 9s, assets £139 15s, and deficiency £195 14s. The alleged causes of failure were want of capital, keen competition, and the heavy expenses necessary to work up a connection.

In reply to the Official Receiver (*Mr. Jobson*), debtor said he commenced business as a licensed victualler in 1899, and had a capital of £75, which he obtained in an action for wrongful dismissal. He first had the STATION INN at Great Bridge, and the landlords gave him the option to purchase their interest in the lease for £450. He subsequently purchased their interest for £450, and afterwards resold it, together with the lease of the WELLINGTON INN, Tividale, which he had also taken, for £1,375. After this sale in November, 1901, he was out of employment till March this year, when he began business as a brewer in Long Lane, Blackheath. If he could have had time, and sold the brewery as a going concern, he should have been able to pay everyone 20s in the pound.

The debtor was ordered to give up a key to the brewery he held.
The examination was adjourned to a day to be fixed.”

Tipton Herald 24/4/1909

“*William Henry Boffey* (50), licensee of the RAILWAY TAVERN, Eagle Lane, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. Mr. A. J. Glover prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. J. S. Sharpe defended.

Mr. Glover stated that on Wednesday 29th March four men were in defendant’s house, some of them remaining several hours. A discussion arose over the Boer War, and as a result the men were asked to leave the house. This they did, and all were found by the police in a drunken condition outside the house, engaged in a sort of fight. The four men went to the police station, two of them apparently with the idea of charging one or both of the others with assault. Arrived at the police station, they were all charged with being drunk and disorderly, and were locked up for the night. The next day at the Police Court they were fined 10s and costs each, or 14 days.

The quartette were now called as witnesses for the prosecution, but each one denied that any of them were drunk.

Ben Blakeway, one of the four, residing in a court at Horseley Heath, said that Anthony Flynn struck Gibbard on the front of the head with a bottle, and it bled very much. Witness and Gibbard then fought the two Flynns and were holding them down when two constables came. They had asked the manager of some works to telephone for the police. Witness was sober when the police came, and they went to the station with the officers in order to give the two Flynns in charge for assault. Gibbard gave Anthony Flynn in charge, but the officer said they must come to the station as well. The two officers walked to the station with the two Flynns, and witness and Gibbard followed behind. Three half pints would not make him drunk, he could drink another dozen.

Anthony Flynn, High Street, Moxley, ironworker, said that the four of them started fighting on the canal side on coming out of the public house. They were all sober. Gibbard gave him in charge for hitting him on the head with a bottle. They all walked together to the police station, and near the station the two constables were met by others.

The man Gibbard deposed that he was struck on the head with a bottle by Anthony Flynn.

Michael Flynn, of 26, High Street, Moxley, said they all walked like lambs to the police station; the police could have brought 104 to the station, the way they walked with them.

The defence of the licensee’s wife (Mr. *Boffey* being away at the time) was that the men were not drunk. The Bench dismissed the case.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The renewal of the licences of the following public houses would be opposed on the ground of redundancy.....

RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

“The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The licenses of the following six houses were opposed on the ground of redundancy: MOULDERS ARMS, Bridge Road; BURTON INN, Hall Street; the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road; QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield; RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane; and RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street. The Bench renewed the licenses of the COUNTRY GIRL and the RAILWAY INN, and referred for compensation the MOULDERS ARMS, the BURTON INN, the QUEENS ARMS, and the RAILWAY TAVERN.”

1911 Census

8, Eagle Lane

[1] *J. Laight* (27), iron founder and publican, born Coseley;

[2] Mary Laight (25), wife, married 5 years;

[3] Polly Laight (2), daughter;

[4] baby under 1 month, daughter;
[5] Lena Budworth (14), servant:

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

The renewals of the licenses of the following were objected to on the ground of redundancy.....

RAILWAY INN, Eagle Road.....

After hearing evidence, the Bench referred for compensation the licenses of the RAILWAY INN (Eagle Road).....”

Staffordshire Sentinel 7/6/1913

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. Notice of Principal Meeting. County of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1901, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shirehall, Stafford, at 10-45 o'clock am on Thursday, the 24th day of July, 1913.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

List of Licensed Premises.....

RAILWAY INN, Tipton. Beer on, ante 1869. Licensee, *Job Henry Laight*.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/7/1913

“The Staffordshire Licensing Committee, at their meeting at Stafford yesterday, had thirty-eight cases to consider, the question being whether the licenses should be withdrawn and the houses extinguished under the compensation clauses of the Licensing Acts.....

Four houses were referred from the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division – the FOUNTAIN, Darlaston; the GOLDEN CUP, Great Bridge; the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Tipton; and the RAILWAY INN, Tipton. With the exception of the RAILWAY INN, the licenses were not renewed.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/2/1922

“License Redundancy At Tipton the houses that they proposed to refer for compensation on the grounds of redundancy were the RAILWAY STATION INN, Eagle Lane; the THATCHED COTTAGE, Eagle Street; the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, and the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.”

South Staffordshire Times 27/7/1922

“At the Staffordshire County Licensing Committee two proposed closing of houses were successfully opposed.

In the case of the PLOUGH INN, Tipton, Mr. A. J. Long, who appeared for the Justices, said the house was situated in a very poor district, and had poor living accommodation. There were eleven full licensed houses within a radius of 500 yards.

Mr. A. Wylie urged that this was an old licensed house, which had great merit of doing a considerable trade – namely 6 barrels per week, and the house could by no means be said to be redundant. Further, it was the only home-brewed house within a mile, and the great mass of the sensible beer-drinking population preferred home-brewed ale to the brewery product. Mr. Wylie added that when people went into a Black Country public house they knew they were not going into a gin palace.

When the case of the RAILWAY INN, Tipton, was being considered, Mr. A. J. Long (for the justices) said it was a tied beer house, and within 500 yards there were 10 fully-licensed houses and three other ‘on’ beer-houses.

Considerable amusement was created when it was stated that stabling accommodation had since these proceedings been provided at a nearby inn, but the stables were too narrow for horses to lie down.

The licenses were renewed.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority.
It was renewed on 20th July 1922.

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday Lord Hatherton C.M.G. (chairman of the County Licensing Committee) presided.....
When the license of the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Street, Tipton, was being considered, PS Collins stated that the present licensee had been in occupation since September, 1921. During the last ten years there had been four transfers of license. Within 500 yards there were nine other fully licensed houses and three beer houses. Replying Mr. Eadon (for the owners and licensee) said the present licensee (Mrs. M. Williams) was quite satisfactory, and there was no complaints against her. He knew certain works in the neighbourhood employed 2,300 men, and if the SWAN were to close these men would have to go to the GRIFFIN.
Mr. Eadon: And the overflow meeting from the GRIFFIN would be the RAILWAY INN, I suppose? Do you know, as a matter of fact that the SWAN is doing a larger trade than the RAILWAY TAVERN? – I was not aware of it.
If that is so do you agree that it is a more important house than the RAILWAY INN? – I do not. Witness added that he did not think any inconvenience would be caused if the SWAN were closed and prospective customers had to go another 260 yards to the GRIFFIN or the RAILWAY INN.
Minnie Williams, licensee of the SWAN, said she was doing a larger trade than the RAILWAY INN, which had been referred for compensation twice on the ground of redundancy. She was satisfied that when trade improved the house would do considerably better.
Further evidence in support of renewal of the license of the SWAN TAVERN was given by John Henry Watkins (representing the owners), and Enoch Wood, an architect and surveyor, of West Bromwich, the latter describing the house as particularly convenient and superior to the RAILWAY INN.
A working man witness, who had used the house for 12 years, said he drank beer when the weather was warm and whisky when it was cold.
Mr. Wylie: How many bottles do you have? – Oh, about three a week.
Mr. Wylie: Don't you consider that this house is rather a danger to your existence? – (Loud laughter).
Another witness admitted he drank about the same number of bottles of whisky as the previous witness when it was cold, and he could afford it, whereupon Mr. Wylie commented that these two men must have drunk all the spirits in the house, because there were only seven bottles used in a week.
After consulting in private the Chairman said the committee had come to the conclusion that they must refuse the license.”

1939 Register

8, Eagle Lane – RAILWAY STATION INN

- [1] *Job H. Laight*, date of birth, 16/12/1883, publican, widowed;
- [2] *Job Laight*, dob, 13/03/1911, railway engine fireman, married;
- [3] *Sybil K. M. Laight*, dob, 12/04/1911, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Tipton Herald 9/11/1957

“Former publican and pit worker, Mr. *James Smith* (72) and his wife, Louisa, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. They were married at St. Matthew's Church, Tipton.
Both Mr. and Mrs. *Smith* were born in Tipton and only recently came to live at their present house, 18, Fisher Street, Great Bridge, West Bromwich. They have seven children, 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
In the latter years of his working life Mr. *Smith* was a publican and kept a public house in Eagle Street, Tipton, for 14 years. When he left school at the age of 13 he began work as a coal-miner. ‘Different to what it is nowadays,’ said Mr. *Smith*, referring to the working conditions. He served in the 1st Worcestershire Regiment during the first world war and saw action in many different countries.
Sixty-nine-years-old Mrs. *Smith* gave her reason for a happily married life as ‘getting on with one another’.”

It was declared redundant.

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Sentinel 3/6/1961 - Notice

“The Licensing Act, 1953. Notice of Principal Meeting County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above area, will be held in the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Wednesday the 21st day of June, 1961, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the renewal of the licenses of the premises specified in the subjoined list, all those persons to whom under the Licensing Act, 1953, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the persons interested in any licensed premises in question and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises..... RAILWAY STATION INN, Eagle Lane, Tipton. Beerhouse (Ante 1869). Licensee, *Catherine Elizabeth Jones.*”

Staffordshire Sentinel 1/7/1961 - Notice

“The Licensing Act, 1953. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 21st day of June, 1961, to refuse the Renew of the Licenses of the premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of payment of the compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensees and the Registered Owners of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 22nd day of July, 1961, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in the manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to compensation under the said Act in respect of the said premises.....

RAILWAY STATION INN, Eagle Lane, Tipton. Beerhouse (ante 1869). Licensee, *Catherine Elizabeth Jones.* Registered Owners, Ansell's Brewery Limited.”

It closed on 31st December 1961.

RAILWAY TAVERN

20, Lea Brook Road, Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Cornelius Key [1901]

Alfred Webster [c.1905]

George Woolley [1906]

William George Burgess [1911] – [1912]

Robert Bainbridge [1919] – 1922);

Robert Wootton (1922 – 1929);

William Albert Hall (1929 – 1932);

George William Hunt (1932 – 1936);

Albert Edward Day (1936);

Percy Gardner (1936 – 1937);
William Ernest Goring (1937 – 1941);
Sydney Buckle (1941 – 1944);
George William Wylde (1944 – 1947);
John Webb (1947);
Henry ‘Harry’ Pitcock (1947 – 1952);
Clarence Ronald Grove (1952 – 1954);
Sidney Shortland (1954);
John Arthur Hall (1954 – [1958])

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

It was known locally as “The Silent”.

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/8/1895

“Edward Bradley, Park Lane, Tipton, was charged with drunken and disorderly conduct and with damaging a window at the RAILWAY TAVERN, Ocker Hill, and further with an assault. He was turned out of the house and then smashed a window, and when arrested kicked a policeman. He was sentenced to one months’ hard labour for the assault, and ordered to pay 10s for the damage or another fourteen days’ imprisonment.”

1901 Census

20, Leabrook Road

- [1] *Cornelius Keay* (32), puddler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Drucilla Keay* (36), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William L. Keay* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *George R. Shirley* (2), stepson, born Tipton:

1911 Census

20, Lea Brook Road – RAILWAY TAVERN

- [1] *William George Burgess* (25), publican, born Cobridge, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Florence Burgess* (25), wife, married 2 years, assisting in business, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Lucy Cash* (21), servant, born Great Bridge;
- [4] *William Edward Burgess* (1 year and 7 months), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Doris Ann Burgess* (3 months), daughter, born Tipton:

William G. Burgess, beer retailer, 20, Lea Brook Road. [1912]

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

The renewals of the licenses of the following were objected to on the ground of redundancy.....

RAILWAY TAVERN, Leabrook Road.....

After hearing evidence, the Bench renewed the license of the RAILWAY TAVERN, Leabrook Road.”

It was auctioned in 1929, but failed to reach the reserve.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/9/1929 - Advert

“By Order of Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Limited and Messrs. Peter Walker & Co. Limited.

In The Black Country Industrial Area, and Embracing Properties in Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

Important Sale In Separate Lots, of 45 Freehold Licensed Houses, some with adjoining properties, and including 36 Fully-licensed Houses, 8 On-Beer Houses and 1 Off-License, situate in.....

Tipton and District.....

RAILWAY TAVERN and Shop adjoining, Ocker Hill.....

Boswell & Tomlins, FAI, in conjunction with William Fowler, Bewlay & Co., will submit the above for Sale by Public Auction, in 45 Lots (subject to Conditions of Sale), at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Monday, October 14, 1929, commencing at 3.30 pm promptly.

Printed particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors, Messrs. Redfern and Co., 25, Colmore Row, Birmingham; or from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, FIA, 88 and 89, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton (Tel. No.1116 (two lines), Telegrams 'Auctions'), and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and Co., 59, Temple Row, Birmingham (Tel. Midland 6120)."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/10/1929

"An important sale of freehold licensed premises in the Black Country was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday, when Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, Wolverhampton, and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and and Co., Birmingham, offered 45 lots, the vendors of which were Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Ltd, and Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.

Of the 45 lots which were situate at West Bromwich, Tipton, Dudley, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, and Stourbridge, 32 were sold at the sale, and these realised over £80,000....."

1939 Register

Leabrook Road – RAILWAY TAVERN

[1] *William (E) Goring*, date of birth, 28/12/1886, publican, married;

[2] *Lulia (May) Goring*, dob, 09/07/1885, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Hilda (Goring) Ellis*, dob, 22/10/1915, unpaid domestic duties, single;

[4] *Doris Goring*, dob, 24/07/1917, shop assistant, single;

[5] *Joan (Marjorie)(Goring) Moulding*, dob, 14/12/1919, shop cashier, single;

[6] *William Goring*, dob, 22/11/1927, at school, single:

[Hilda married Ellis in 1945, Joan married Moulding in 1950. Other names were added afterwards.]

Birmingham Mail 25/2/1944

"What the prosecution described as wholesale thefts of beer were alleged at Birmingham Police Court today against five draymen employed by Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. Five licensees of Atkinsons' houses and the wife of one of them were also summoned for receiving the beer.

Accused were all charged with stealing various quantities of beer. Summoned for receiving beer were George Evans, of the TURKS HEAD, West Bromwich; Arthur James Stringer, of the PLOUGH INN, Bilston; *Sydney Buckle* and *Nellie Buckle*, of the RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton; Clement Euclid Walker, of the Star and Garter, Coventry; and Samuel Thomas Watkins, of the PLOUGH INN, Willenhall.

All pleaded guilty, and Mr. M. P. Pugh (prosecuting) said that altogether the brewery had lost beer to the value of some £1,500. 'I am not suggesting,' he added, 'that these men have been responsible for the whole of this, but it is clear that these thefts have taken place to a great degree by these men, though it may be there are others who are also stealing from their employers.'

Mr. Pugh explained that in pre-war days the brewery had a very effective system of checking the stock of beer handed to draymen for delivery, but owing to the depletion of staff during wartime the system had not been so efficient, and the accused had taken advantage of the conditions. One of the accused's statements said that extra barrels were rolled off the deck unchecked on to the lorry.

Generally speaking, the stolen barrels of beer, which normally were sold at well over £12, had been sold to the receivers for about £6 – a figure which would not even pay the tax on it.

Mr. John Leslie Kimberley, house manager at the brewery, said the tax on beer was about £8 per barrel, but the Government would not be the losers because they had the tax before the beer left the brewery.

On behalf of *Buckle* and his wife, Mr. Colin Coley said the beer was acquired, not so much to make a profit, as a means of keeping up the reputation of their house and satisfying the customers, who had been grumbling at that time about a shortage of beer.

.....Evans was sentenced to one month's hard labour; Stringer, Mrs. *Buckle*, Wager and Watkins were each

fined £50, and *Buckle* £20.”

[The draymen’s sentences ranged from £10 fine to seven months’ hard labour.]

A full license was confirmed on 25th April 1950.

It closed in 1978.

It was demolished in 1978.

RAILWAY

92, New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Holdings Brewery Co. Ltd.

Henry Mitchell and Co. Ltd. [1896]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

Bass Ltd. (acquired on 28th July 1970)

Adams of Tipton (acquired on 20th August 1985)

LICENSEE

Richard Albert [1854] – **1866**;

Thomas Shaw (**1866** – [1887])

George Alfred Slim [1891] – [1892]

Levi Gregory [1896] manager

Edward Hartland [1901]

Robert Minnis [1909] – [1916]

William Pearson [1919] – **1927**;

Arthur Cartwright (**1927** – **1937**);

John Harrison Hudson (**1937** – **1951**);

John Birch (**1951** – **1954**);

John Henry Davies (**1954** – **1955**);

Norman Holyhead (**1955** – **1957**);

John Sidney Hopkins (**1957** – **1967**);

Gary John Burke (**1967** – **1971**);

Arthur Sutton (**1971** – **1973**);

Clifford Sydney Gayden (**1973** – **1974**);

Harold Norman Walker (**1974** – **1975**);

Roy Michael Collins (**1975** – **1977**);

Noel Neylen (**1977** – **1978**);

Malcolm John Ford (**1978** – **1979**);

Lawrence Albert Seymour (**1979** – **1982**);

Stephen Andrew Taylor (**1982** – **1983**);

Peter Singh Gill (**1983** – **1985**);

NOTES

RAILWAY VAULTS [1864], [1865], [1871], [1888]

RAILWAY TAVERN [1860], [1870], [1871], [1876]

RAILWAY INN [1854], [1863], [1866], [1874], [1875], [1886], [1892], [1908], [1912], [1921], [1932], [1940], [1911], [1941], [1968]

RAILWAY JUNCTION [1939]

It was known locally as “The Fourpenny Shop”.

Birmingham Journal 6/9/1854

“District Annual Licensing day. The above meeting took place on Wednesday last, at the Scott Arms, Great Barr.....

With some exceptions, the whole of the applicants (256) for license renewal – the business being confined to this – received such licenses without remark; but where licensed victuallers had transgressed the law in the preceding year, such conduct was not passed over without the serious notice of the Court. The word ‘cautioned’ was inscribed on the back of most of the licenses, but in two cases they were suspended. One was that of *Richard Albert*, RAILWAY INN, Tipton, whose house had been open on a Sunday, and the license was suspended by the Court until the next adjourned Sessions, on the 27th of September.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/10/1854

“The jury lists having been revised and signed by the Court, the three cases of suspended licenses was gone into, viz, Mr. T. Underhill (SPON LANE, West Bromwich), Mr. E. Richards (RED LION, Wednesbury), and Mr. *R. Albert* (RAILWAY INN, Tipton), and restored.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/4/1860

“We have already given the outline facts of this serious case, and on Saturday last at the Public Office, West Bromwich, before A. Kenrick and Thomas Bagnall, Esqs, the aggressor, well-known to the police, a young fellow named Robert Cashmore, only out of gaol a fortnight, for two cases of fowl stealing, was placed at the bar. The evidence of the victim of this robbery and outrage, a labourer, named James Rogers, who lives near Great Bridge, went to show that on the preceding Monday evening he was drinking at Mr. *Allbut’s* [sic], the RAILWAY TAVERN, Great Bridge. He was perfectly sober, and about half-past eleven was on his way home, not far from the inn, when the prisoner, who had drunk with him at the inn, and had accompanied him on the way, after shaking hands with him suddenly and violently assaulted him. Cashmore put his arm round his neck ‘garotte fashion,’ and finally threw him to the ground. As he lay the brutal fellow kicked him, and being reduced to a state of insensibility, robbed him of all the money he had about him, 13s. Cashmore, whilst doing this knelt upon his chest, and used him in a most brutal manner. The robber then ran off, and got clear away. When Rogers had in some measure recovered he called out ‘Murder!’ and a person named George Lewis coming to his assistance helped him home. Giving information at the Police Office, Police-constable Torr succeeded, on the following day, in apprehending Cashmore, who lives near West Bromwich Old Church. The defence of this highway robbery was, that the prosecutor had himself asked him (prisoner) to see him safe home, as he was intoxicated; but the evidence of David Fletcher, the ostler at the RAILWAY TAVERN, negated both of these statements. The Bench considered that this was a most serious case, and fully committed the highway robber for trial at the Sessions.”

[At Stafford Assizes, on July 2nd, 1860, Robert Cashmore was found guilty of ‘larceny from the person,’ and sentenced to 6 years penal servitude.]

1861 Census

New Road

[1] *Richard Albert* (55), victualler, born Bromyard, Herefordshire;

[2] Ann Albert (54), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] Thomas Albert (23), son, born Tipton;

[4] Juliana Albert (21), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Arthur R. Albert (18), son, born Tipton;

[6] Ann Whitehouse (20), servant, born Tipton:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 20/6/1863 - Advert

“To be Sold, a bargain, a Brougham, Car, and Cab, and a double set of harness.
Apply to T. *Albert*, RAILWAY INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/10/1866

“.....at the same session, the license of the RAILWAY INN, Great Bridge, was temporarily transferred from *Richard Albert* to *Thomas Shaw*.”

Birmingham Daily Post 8/6/1870 - Advert

“For Sale, a handsome Brown Mare, warranted quiet to ride or drive, and free from vice.
Apply, RAILWAY TAVERN, Great Bridge; or Golden Lion, Aston Street, Birmingham.”

1871 Census

92, New Road – RAILWAY VAULTS

- [1] *Thomas Shaw* (38), innkeeper, born Bollington, Cheshire;
- [2] *Mary Shaw* (40), wife, born Bollington, Cheshire;
- [3] *Mary E. Shaw* (10), daughter, born Manchester;
- [4] *Fanny Shaw* (7), daughter, born Manchester;
- [5] *Timothy Callagan* (18), domestic servant, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Alice Stapleton* (16), domestic servant, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Sarah Collings* (22), domestic servant, born Droitwich:

Dudley Herald 20/5/1871

“On Sunday evening last a meeting of railway servants of all grades was held in the large club room attached to the RAILWAY TAVERN, New Road, Great Bridge object – to open a branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants agreed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/4/1873 - Advert

“Chestnut Mare for Sale; well bred; 4 years old. 15 hands 3. Goes double and single. Splendid hack; would make good hunter.
Apply, RAILWAY TAVERN, Great Bridge; or Golden Lion, Aston Street, Birmingham.”

Dudley Guardian 3/1/1874

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before W. L. Underhill and Fisher Smith, Esqs., *Fanny Collins* (26), residing in Eagle Lane, Great Bridge, was charged (on summons) with stealing a drinking glass, value 6d, the property of *Thomas Shaw*, at Great Bridge, on the 26th December.
Prosecutor's wife stated that her husband kept the RAILWAY INN, Great Bridge. On the night of the day in question the defendant and her husband were in the tap-room drinking rum and water. When they had emptied the glass the defendant put it in her pocket and attempted to leave the premises. Witness prevented her, and sent for the police, who on arrival charged defendant with the offence, which she denied, and said her husband had put the glass in her pocket without her knowledge. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one months' imprisonment.”

Midland Examiner 10/7/1875

“At Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *Thomas Shaw*, landlord of the RAILWAY INN, Great Bridge, was summoned at the instance of Mr. Horder, inspector under the Adulteration Act, with having on the 4th ult, sold some ale, the same being adulterated. Mr. Underhill (instructed by Messrs. Colman and Colman, of Birmingham) defended.
Samuel Toy stated that on Friday, the 4th ult, he went to the house of defendant, where he bought two quarts of ale. He told the wife of the defendant the ale was for the purpose of being analysed. It was put into a stone jar by the wife of defendant. He delivered it on the same day to Mr. Horder. On telling Mrs. *Shaw* that the ale was to be analysed, she replied that she thought it would be found all right.

Cross-examined by Mr. Underhill: Told Mrs. *Shaw* that the ale would be delivered on the following morning, at ten o'clock, to the analyst. He made a memorandum to that effect, but had not got it with him. The memorandum produced contained extracts from his pocket book. Would swear he told Mrs. *Shaw* that the ale would be delivered to the analyst at ten o'clock on the following morning. On the day in question he purchased one other sample of ale at Great Bridge. Did not buy any more sixpenny ale, except that which he purchased from the defendant. Bought some tenpenny ale at another place.

Mr. Hodges said he was appointed, under the Adulteration Act, Inspector for South Staffordshire, to collect samples, and employed Toy as his assistant. On the evening of the 4th of June, the last witness took him two samples of ale, which were labelled and numbered. Witness delivered them on the following morning to the analyst. He divided the samples in the presence of Mr. Jones, the analyst, and kept one half, leaving the other with Mr. Jones. The portion witness kept was sealed. On the 16th of June he received a certificate from Mr. Jones, which showed that the sample contained 59.05 grains of salt to the gallon.

Cross-examined by Mr. Underhill: The county analyst was not present.

Mr. Underhill said he did not think the matter need go any further as he was about to ask for an adjournment by the court.

The case was accordingly adjourned for fourteen days.”

[At this court, three landlords from Great Bridge, appeared on the same charge.]

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/5/1876

“On Sunday evening a meeting of railway servants of all grades was held in the large clubroom attached to the RAILWAY TAVERN, Great Bridge. The Chairman (Mr. Bradshaw), in opening the meeting, explained that their object that night was to open a branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants; and Mr. C. B. Vincent, the originator of the movement then addressed the meeting on the advantages of unionism, and praised Mr. Bass, of Burton-on-Trent, for his great generosity in spending large sums of money in trying to raise the status of railway servants. The speaker defended the men from charges of desecrating the Sabbath by meeting to discuss trade matters, on the ground that the men were so hard-worked that they had no other day on which to attend. After several other speeches, it was agreed to form a branch for Great Bridge and immediate district.”

Tokens were issued for its Sick and Dividend Society.

Birmingham Daily Post 9/6/1886 - Advert

“Wanted immediately, a good General Servant, and to assist in the bar; good reference required. Apply, RAILWAY INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/1/1887 - Advert

“Wanted a young Lady Pianist, to assist in the Bar, must be a good player; up to concert business preferable. Apply, *T. Shaw*, RAILWAY MUSIC HALL, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/12/1888

“Re *Thomas Shaw*, licensed victualler, Great Bridge, Tipton.

This debtor came up yesterday at the Dudley County Court – before Registrar Riley – for his public examinations. Mr. E. Percy Jobson (official receiver) conducted the enquiry, and Mr. Shakespeare, jun, was for the debtor. The liabilities were about £300, and the assets nil. The debtor said he had managed five houses for Messrs. Deakin, the Manchester brewers, and finally he left the service of the firm and worked for Messrs. Mitchell. He lost £300, which he and his wife had saved, and afterwards kept the RAILWAY VAULTS, at Great Bridge. There he engaged music-hall artists for £3 to £4 10s per week, and he rather thought he had lost money. He was afterwards served with a writ from Messrs. Mitchell, to whom he was bound by money ties after Deakin’s business, and he had to sell his house. With the money he paid all who came without favour, and any left out did not call in time. He had not spent much on himself or on lawyers. Trade was bad, and things went wrong. He paid no money for his daughter’s legal expenses. The bankrupt was allowed to pass his examination, subject to signing notes of his examination.”

1891 Census

92, New Road

- [1] *George A. Slim* (26), publican, born Smethwick;
- [2] *Louisa M. Slim* (26), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Lilly L. Slim* (5), daughter, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Bert Slim* (8 months), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary J. Boden* (20), domestic servant, born Atherstone, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Ernest Prinn* (17), waiter, born Birmingham:

1901 Census

92, New Road – RAILWAY HOTEL

- [1] *Edward Hartland* (31), hotel manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Hartland* (26), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *John Cattell* (74), widower, father-in-law, born Ruon Inkberry, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Annie Cattell* (35), servant, barmaid, born Walsall;
- [5] *John Cattell* (40), visitor, ball furnaceman, iron, born Moseley, Staffordshire:

1911 Census

92, New Road – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Robert Minnis* (44), licensed victualler, born Liverpool;
- [2] *Lily Minnis* (42), wife, married 19 years, assisting in business, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *May Minnis* (17), daughter, assisting in business, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Emmanuel Foster* (34), brother-in-law, key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Margaret Foster* (32), sister-in-law, housekeeper for brothers, born Wednesfield:

Alterations were carried out in 1933.

1939 Register

92, New Road – RAILWAY JUNCTION

- [1] *John (H) Hudson*, date of birth, 18/04/1902, licensee, publican, married;
- [2] *Eva J. Hudson*, dob, 05/02/1900, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Joan V. (Hudson) (Wickstead) Brown*, dob, 14/02/1925, shorthand typist, single:
[Joan married Wickstead in 1943, and Brown later.]

Birmingham Mail 21/6/1941 - Advert

“Bar-General or Evacuee child not objected to if willing to help. M. & B.
RAILWAY INN, New Road, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/4/1968

“A few minutes after being put to bed at the RAILWAY INN, New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton, last night, five-year-old Michael John Burke came downstairs and told his parents his bedroom was on fire. Mr. and Mrs. *John Burke* tackled the blaze with an extinguisher until the arrival of the fire brigade, and Michael was taken to the Guest Hospital, Dudley, for a routine check. He was later allowed home. One of the firemen, Sub-Officer John Bradburn, also had to go to hospital for treatment after getting some glass in his eye. The fire caused extensive damage to the bedroom and its contents.”

[1983]

The premises were sold delicensed on 20th August 1985.

RAILWAY TAVERN

93, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Edwards []

John Whitehouse [1861] – [1862]

Mrs. Zillah Whitehouse [1868] – [1871]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Owen Street – RAILWAY

[1] *John Whitehouse* (45), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Zillah Whitehouse* (45), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Edward Whitehouse (24), son, puddler, born Tipton;

[4] Lydia Whitehouse (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Moses Whitehouse (18), son, puddler, born Tipton;

[6] Ann Whitehouse (12), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] John Whitehouse (9), son, born Tipton;

[8] Richard Bennet (25), son-in-law, puddler, born Tipton;

[9] Hannah Bennet (25), daughter, born Tipton;

[10] John Bennet (3), grandson, born Tipton;

[11] Lydia Bennet (1), granddaughter, born Tipton:

London Gazette 18/6/1861

“Whereas a Petition of *Thomas Edwards*, now and for nine months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beershop, Newhall Street, Upper Green carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, also working as a Miner, previous thereto residing at the JOLLY COLLIER Beershop, Union Street, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Porter, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also working as a Miner, and also for a short time, in partnership with Benjamin Hazeldine, at No.2 Pits, Cinder Meadow Colliery, Oldbury and also at the Ash Leasow Colliery, Tipton aforesaid, as Butty Miners, and previous thereto residing at the RAILWAY INN, Owen Street, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter, Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also working as a Miner, and previous thereto residing at the DUKE OF WELLINGTON Beershop, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Porter and Cider.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/10/1861

“T. Perry of Tipton will run either Cooper of Shaver’s End or Acland of Dudley Port 120 yards; or give Brighton of Great Bridge one yard start in six score, or two in seven score. Either match can be made for £5 or £10 a side, at Mr. *J. Whitehouse*’s, RAILWAY INN, Owen Street; or at Mr. Shephard’s, SHINGLERS ARMS INN, Bell Street. To run in five weeks from the first deposit, either at Sheffield or Cannock. Mr. Haden of Tipton or Mr. Coates of Birmingham to be stakeholder and referee.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/1/1862

“Thompson and Price (both of Tipton). These midland district men have made their final deposit good to the stakeholder for their 120 yards match, for £5 a side, which comes off tomorrow at the Aston Cross Grounds; the men will toe the mark at one o'clock; to start by mutual consent in fifteen minutes or by the first report of a pistol, Mr. Shenstone to be referee. Thompson will be at Shepherd's, SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton, the Saturday evening, and Price at Mr. *Whitehouse's*, RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton, at which places the men will be glad to see their friends.”

Dudley Herald 31/7/1869

“*Zillah Whitehouse*, beerhouse keeper, RAILWAY TAVERN, Owen Street.....”
- Fined 5s and costs for serving during prohibited hours.

Mrs. *Zillah Whitehouse*, beer retailer, Owen Street. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

93, Owen Street

- [1] *Zillah Whitehouse* (55), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Moses Whitehouse (27), son, puddler at ironworks, born Tipton;
- [3] John Whitehouse (19), son, puddler at ironworks, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Bennett (8), granddaughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Warmer (16), general servant, born Tipton;
- [6] William Farr (30), visitor, puddler at ironworks, born Derby;
- [7] Ann Farr (30), visitor, puddler's wife, born Derby:

Dudley Herald 15/7/1871

“*Zillah Whitehouse*, beerhouse keeper, Owen Street, Tipton, was fined £5 for serving during prohibited hours.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1871

“The annual adjourned licensing sessions for the West Bromwich Division, which comprises the parishes of West Bromwich, Handsworth, Darlaston, Harborne, Tipton, and Wednesbury, was held yesterday, at the Police Court at West Bromwich.....

The application of Thomas Davies, WHITE LION, Dudley Port, for a renewal was granted (applicant was convicted in July 1870 and again in June 1871); also that of Joseph Mills, WHITE HORSE, Park Lane West, (once convicted); and that of *Zillah Whitehouse*, RAILWAY TAVERN, Owen Street, supported by Mr. Bayley (convicted in July 1871, and fined £5 and costs).”

Closed

Demolished

RAILWAY

49, Railway Street, Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

Rollinson's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1911]

LICENSEES

Charles E Walker [1901]

William O'Brien [1902]

Henry Morris [1911]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

1901 Census

49, Railway Street – RAILWAY TAVERN

[1] *Charles E. Walker* (37), roll turner and publican, born Tipton;

[2] Ada Walker (25), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Samuel Walker (12), son, born Tipton;

[4] Ernest Walker (7), son, born Tipton;

[5] Naomi Walker (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Harry Walker (3 months), son, born Tipton:

Smethwick Weekly News 22/11/1902

“*William O'Brien* (28), landlord of the RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street, Horseley Heath, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting PC Fewtrell by striking him on the side of the face and in the abdomen on the 14th inst.

Defendant applied for the case to be adjourned in order to consult a solicitor, and the matter was accordingly put off till Thursday.”

AND

“.....The officer stated that he was called to defendant's mother's house at Great Bridge, where defendant was creating a disturbance. Witness advised defendant to go home, but he refused to do so, followed him for nearly a mile using most disgraceful language, and eventually assaulted him. He was then locked up. Mr. Talor, of Wolverhampton, who defended, explained that the trouble arose over a dispute between defendant and his mother. Defendant, who had been a soldier in the Scottish Rifles, had served in India for several years, and also in South Africa during the recent war. Whilst in South Africa defendant sent the late Queen's chocolate box, which every soldier received, and a Union Jack, upon which General Buller's engagements were described, home to his mother to take care of until he returned from the front. Upon returning, although he had made repeated applications, he could not obtain the articles from his mother, who had since left his father, and on the date named he paid a visit to her home with the intention of once more demanding the articles. Mrs. O'Brien still refused to give up the treasures, and a disturbance took place. Unfortunately defendant was the worse for drink and also assaulted the constable, and he asked the Bench, having regard to the excellent character borne by defendant in the army, to deal with him leniently. Under the circumstances the Bench dismissed the case on payment of costs, 17s, and the payment of 10s into the poor box.”

The license was withdrawn on 27th February 1903 on the grounds that it lacked accommodation and was insanitary.

1911 Census

49, Railway Street, Horseley Heath

[1] *Henry Morris* (56), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] Ann Morris (55), wife, married 35 years, born Tipton;

[3] Annie Morris (14), general servant, born Tipton:

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 8th March 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1911

“The Adjourned Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The licenses of the following six houses were opposed on the ground of redundancy: MOULDERS ARMS, Bridge Road; BURTON INN, Hall Street; the COUNTRY GIRL, Toll End Road; QUEENS ARMS, Bloomfield; RAILWAY INN, Eagle Lane; and RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street. The Bench renewed the licenses of the COUNTRY GIRL and the RAILWAY INN, and referred for compensation the MOULDERS ARMS, the BURTON INN, the QUEENS ARMS, and the RAILWAY TAVERN.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

RAILWAY TAVERN, Railway Street, Tipton. Beerhouse ante 1869. Licensee, *Henry Morris*. Registered Owner, Rolinson’s Brewery Co. Limited.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1911

“At a recent meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority, held at Stafford, the claims for the total amount of compensation to be paid in respect of licenses refused at the principal meeting in July last were dealt with. The following are the decisions arrived at in the various cases.....

RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton, £300.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented their annual report.....

The Committee at the supplemental meeting went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard upon oath evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested, and the compensation fund. The Committee fixed the compensation as follows.....

RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton, beerhouse, ante-1869, £300.

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and paid.”

RAILWAY

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Wilkinson [1858]

Daniel Griffiths [1859]

Joseph Whild [1861] – [1863]

Tim Thomas [1866] – [1867]

NOTES

London Gazette 23/8/1859

“In the Matter of the Petition of *Edward Wilkinson*, now and for two months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Brewer, Beer Retailer, and Dealer in Tobacco, also carrying on the business of a Butty Miner, at No.17 Pit, Wednesbury Oak Colliery, in the county of Stafford, in partnership successively with Daniel Griffiths and John and Daniel Griffiths, and previous thereto residing at the RAILWAY TAVERN, Dudley Port aforesaid, Licensed Brewer, Retailer, and Dealer in Tobacco, also a Butty Miner at No.17 Pit, Wednesbury Oak Colliery, in the county of Stafford, in partnership, successively, with Daniel Griffiths and Daniel and John Griffiths, and Daniel Griffiths, an Insolvent Debtor.

Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, acting in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on the 6th day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.”

Joseph Whild = Joseph Wild

1861 Census

Dudley Port – RAILWAY TAVERN

[1] *Joseph Whild* (60), publican (beer seller), born Derbyshire;

[2] Esther Whild (50), wife, born Derbyshire;

[3] Thomas Macdonald (18), stepson, forgerman, (iron works), born Tipton;

[4] Margaret Macdonald (16), stepdaughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/6/1862

“On Saturday, at West Bromwich Petty Sessions, before Mr. T. Jesson, Mr. T. Boddington, and Mr. D. Round, James Burns, hawker, and Henry Gordon, forger, of Dudley, were charged with passing a counterfeit half-sovereign at the house of *Joseph Wild*, RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton.

Esther *Wild*, wife of the prosecutor, stated that on Monday evening last, about half-past ten o'clock, the prisoners came to their house and asked to see her husband, who was in the back yard. Witness fetched him in, when the prisoner Gordon asked for a pint of ale. Her husband drew it, and the prisoner gave him a half-a-sovereign, who gave it to witness to get change. She went to the bar to get change, and gave it to the prisoner Gordon. She afterwards locked the half-sovereign up in a box. The prisoner Gordon left the house after they had drunk the ale, but Burns stayed, shortly afterwards asked her husband for another jug of ale, and produced another half-sovereign, and gave it to witness to change. She saw that it was a bad one, and gave it to her daughter-in-law to take to a neighbour to see what they thought of it. She brought it back again, saying it was a bad one. The witness told the prisoner Burns it was a bad one. He said he had it from his master. A young man who was present asked her to let him look at it, and when it was said a policeman was coming, Burns snatched it out of the young man's hand, and put it in his mouth and swallowed it. Burns was given into custody, and she went upstairs to see if the other half-sovereign was a good one, on examination, it was found to be counterfeit. The prisoner Burns was further charged with passing a bad half-sovereign at the TALBOT HOTEL, Dudley. On Saturday evening, the 24th ult, he went to the inn and asked for half a pint of ale, and presented a half-sovereign in payment, for which he had 9s 9d in change. He drunk up his ale and made off as quickly as possible. It was afterwards found to be a bad one. Burns was proved by a witness to have been the man who had asked for the ale. The prisoner Burns was further charged with passing another counterfeit half-sovereign at the house of Mr. Charles Pearson, BROWN LION, Puppy Green, Tipton, on Friday, the 23rd ult, in a somewhat similar manner. The coins bore the same date and were in every respect alike, being all stamped in a die. The prisoners were remanded until Saturday next for the Mint authorities to be communicated with.”

[At the Staffordshire Summer Sessions, in July 1862, James Burns, 36, no occupation, was convicted on a charge of uttering a counterfeit half-sovereign, as this was his second like offence he was sentenced to six years' penal servitude.]

Birmingham Daily Post 16/9/1863

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the publicans named below were fined in the sums appended for keeping their houses open during unlawful hours.....

Joseph Wild, of the RAILWAY beerhouse, was charged with having committed a like offence on the same day [having his house open on Sunday morning, the 30th ult, during prohibited hours]. Mr. Bayley who appeared for the defendant, endeavoured to show that a man who was proved to have been drinking in the house had not purchased that ale he was consuming, but the Stipendiary considered the charged proved, and three former convictions – one in the amount of £5, and two in 40s each – being registered against the defendant, he was fined £5 and costs.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/8/1865

“H. Tudor of Dudley Port will run J. Kirkham of Westbromwich 120 yards if he will give him two yards start; or J. Baggott of Ditch's Green, or S. Hodchess of Carr Lane the same distance level, for £10 or £15 a side. Money ready at the RAILWAY TAVERN, Dudley Port; or at the ENGINE INN, Burnt Tree.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/11/1865

“S. Webb and H. Tudor. The 120 yards match between these well-known district men, for £10 a side, is going on, and will take place at the Britannia Race Grounds, Tipton on Dec 4. Mr. Challengworth of Dudley stakeholder. A further deposit of £1 for the same must be made this evening (Saturday), at *Wyld's*, RAILWAY INN, Dudley Port.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/3/1866

“J. Turner of Dudley Port and W. Bannister of Tipton are matched to run 80 yards, for £5 a side. A further deposit is to be made at *T. Thomas's*, the RAILWAY TAVERN, Dudley Port, this day. Mr. Tranter is to be referee.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/5/1866

“125 Yards Handicap (All England). Mr. Tranter (the proprietor of the Britannia Grounds, Tipton) will give £5 as a first prize, £2 as second, and 10s as third prize, distance 125 yards in an All England Handicap, to come off on Monday, June 11. Entrance 1s each, no acceptance, to be made on or before Tuesday, June 5, at the grounds, or to T. Rogers, CROSS KEYS, Bilston; *Tim Thomas*, RAILWAY INN, Dudley Port; Danks, BRITISH QUEEN, Wednesbury; Wedge, ALBION INN, Willenhall; or Thompson, ROEBUCK, Brettell Lane. Any one entering falsely will be disqualified. The above is for the benefit of T. Watkinson (better known as Darby Tom), who has been lamed in the coal mines. The proceeds of the above benefit will go towards defraying his expenses to a watering place for the recovery of his strength. We hope he will receive a bumper on this occasion, as he is well deserving of the same, he having hitherto acted as master of the ceremonies of the above grounds, although suffering from lameness in the feet, &c.”

The Sportsman 30/3/1867

“J. Raden, of Dudley Port, will run T. Nicholls, of Great Bridge, 100 yards, for £5 a side, at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, Dudley. Money ready at *Tim Thomas's*, RAILWAY TAVERN, Dudley Port. The grounds are now in first-rate condition; 210 yards long, and 10 yards wide.”

Dudley Herald 1/5/1869

“To be sold by auction All that excellent freehold public house and premises called the RAILWAY TAVERN situated near the aqueduct at Dudley Port. The premises comprise front tap room, kitchen, large club room, two chambers, brewhouse and other outbuildings with an excellent well of water, together with the two freehold messuages at the back of the said public house. Each house comprises sitting room, chamber, brewhouse and other outbuildings the whole of the estimated value of £30 per annum.”

RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Douglas Payne [1855] – **1857**);
George Henry Wilkinson (**1857 – 1865**);
James Wilkinson (**1865 – []**)

NOTES

It was part of Dudley Port Station of the South Staffordshire Railway.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

John Douglas Payne, Dudley Port.....

It appeared that Mr. *John Douglas Payne*, manager of the South Staffordshire Line, applied for and obtained a license for Dudley Port, but was refused one for Wednesbury. Mr. Duignan, in opposing this latter application objected (and successfully) that as notice of application by Mr. *Payne* did not comply with the Act of Parliament, in describing what his calling was, such notice was informal and could not be entertained. Mr. Duignan had also other objections as to this Wednesbury railway station application.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/4/1860

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions on Tuesday, before J. Leigh, Esq, Mr. *George Henry Wilkinson*, lessee of the REFRESHMENT ROOMS at Dudley Port Station, was summoned on a charge of keeping open on the previous Sunday week during prohibited hours. PC Moss deposed that at half-past eleven on the morning in question he went to the Refreshment Rooms, and there saw a number of people drinking, ten of whom he knew to be residents of the immediate locality. He watched some of them away, and saw they were not going by train. Mr. Bartlett, jun, of Walsall, appeared for the defence, and submitted that there was no case, inasmuch as it was not proved that the persons alleged to have been in the defendant’s rooms had not either returned from, or were going to some place. It was not necessary, he contended, to prove that the persons were travellers; and the presumption with Mr. *Wilkinson* or his agents was that the fact of people being on the railway platform was conclusive that they were travellers. The waitress at the REFRESHMENT ROOMS deposed that the rooms were only open to travellers at any time, and certainly on a Sunday. She never served any but travellers. John Mills, ticket collector, said that it was a rule with the railway company not to allow persons on the platform, except they were travelling by train. Thirty-seven trains stopped at the upper and lower stations on a Sunday, and one train arrived from Birmingham at twenty-two minutes past eleven. Mr. Leigh said there could be no conviction, and dismissed the case.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/1/1861

“On Saturday last, through the liberality of Mr. *G. H. Wilkinson*, the proprietor of the REFRESHMENT

ROOMS at Dudley Port Station, the employees at the station received from the above gentleman a kind gift, in the shape of a piece of excellent beef, not forgetting a drop of stout John Barleycorn to enjoy with it. The employees are very grateful for the kind and liberal mode in which Mr. *Wilkinson* annually presents them with a treat. If not in the way of a supper, as formerly, it is quite satisfactory, and highly appreciated.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/7/1865

“The following licenses were transferred on Saturday, at the West Bromwich Police Court.....

RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS, Dudley Port, from the executors of the late *G. H. Wilkinson* to *James Wilkinson*.”

RED COW

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

J Whitehouse [1895]

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/9/1895

“West Bromwich adjourned licensing sessions.....

The police objected to the license of the RED COW INN, Great Bridge, to *J. Whitehouse*, on the grounds that he had been convicted of drunkenness, and that his general character was unsatisfactory. Mr. Walker, who appeared for *Whitehouse*, said he was quite willing, if the magistrates would renew the license, to find a new tenant for the house. The justices granted the application for a month to enable Mr. Walker to carry out his promise.”

RED LION

Cleton Street, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Butler [1858] – [1860]

Samuel Gillard [1861] – [1873]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

London Gazette 23/11/1860

“In the Matter of the Petition of *Joseph Butler*, now and for two years and upwards last past residing at the RED LION Beershop, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Brewer and Retailer of Beer, Ale, Porter, and Cider, and dealer in Tobacco, and previously residing in the WONDER Beershop, Stafford Street, Walsall, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of Brewer and Beer Retailer of Beer, Ale, Porter, and Cider, and dealer in Tobacco, and formerly residing at the RED LION, Horseley Heath an insolvent Debtor.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/10/1861

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before W. Partridge, Esq, *Samuel Gillard*, RED LION Beer-shop, was charged with having kept his house open till past midnight, on Thursday last. Fined 10s and 9s 6d costs.”

Samuel Gillard, beer retailer, Cleton Street, Dudley Port. [1864], [1868], [1872]

S. Gillard, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1865]

RED LION

1, Fisher Street / Conygree Road (Conygree Lane), (Coney Gree Road), (Rample Street), (Rangle Street), (Randall Street), (Randalls Road), Coneygre, (Dudley Port), TIPTON

OWNERS

Lesters Ltd, Dudley

LICENSEES

Timothy Adams [1851] – [1873]

Mrs. Sarah Adams [1881]

Joseph Thomas Adams [1891] – [1900]

Herbert George Saunders [1900]

Harry Warren [1901] – **1903**;

George Hamilton (**1903** – [1904])

Henry ‘Harry’ Keeling [1911] – [1912]

David Baker [1916] – **1928**;

William Woodhall (**1928** – **1930**):

NOTES

Coney Gree Road [1861]

Randalls Road [1851], [1861]

Randalls Lane [1855]

Randall Street [1863]

Rample Street [1864]

Rangle Street [1865]

Conygree Lane [1866]

1, Fisher Street [1871], [1901]

BROWN LION [1871]

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

Timothy Adams, Randalls Road, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Not granted.]

Birmingham Journal 29/9/1855

“A Special Sessions was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday last, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Timothy Adams, Randalls Lane, Tipton, supported by Mr. Hinchliffe, not opposed Refused.”

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“Annual Licensing Day Sessions adjourned till Friday, the 25th day of September next, when forty-two applications from retail brewers in the division for wine and spirit licenses will be considered.....

Timothy Adams, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

[Refused at the adjourned sessions.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/9/1858

“Applications for New [spirit] Licenses.....

The number of applicants for licenses was thirty. The following were the applications.....

Tipton.....

Timothy Adams, Dudley Port, was supported by Mr. Hinchliffe Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr.....

The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows.....

Timothy Adams, Dudley Port, supported, Mr. Richard Caddick, West Bromwich Refused.”

1861 Census

Coney Gree Road – RED LION INN

[1] *Timothy Adams* (35), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Adams* (32), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah Adams* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Joseph Thomas Adams* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Jane Lucker* (17), house servant, born Daw End:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions applicants for wine and spirit licenses.....

Mr. *Timothy Adams*, Randalls Road, opposed Refused.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/4/1862 - Advert

“RED LION INN, Dudley Port.

By Messrs Hipkins and Thomas. To be Disposed of by Private Treaty, the RED LION INN, Dudley Port, in consequence of the Proprietor having taken to a large Establishment. The above Retail Tavern has been carried on by the present Proprietor with distinguished success. Rent £15. Coming-in may be reduced to suit in-coming Tenant.

For particulars apply to Hipkins and Thomas, Burnt Tree and Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/9/1863

“The adjourned licensing meeting was held yesterday, at the Scott’s Arms, Great Barr.....

Tipton: Ten applications, the following were granted.....

Timothy Adams, Randall Street, Dudley Port, supported by Mr. Caddack (of the Oxford Circuit), instructed by Mr. Fellows, of Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/12/1866

“Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest on Saturday, at the RED LION INN, Conygree Lane, on the body of Thomas Williams, miner, who died on Wednesday, from injuries sustained by an explosion of fire damp in the Tividale Colliery, the property of the Earl of Dudley, on the 16th ult. On the day named the deceased went down the pit about 6 o’clock in the morning, and proceeded up the workings with a naked candle to work. Shortly afterwards there was an explosion, in which he was so badly burnt that he died from the injuries. A bandsman, called Rowley, was acting that day as doggy, the real doggy being sick. Rowley, in his evidence, said he was paid 5s per day, and received no instructions when told to act as doggy, beyond that he was to give the men their candles. He had not examined the pit that morning, nor had it been examined by anyone. He had never seen the doggy examine it beyond the candle box. Levi Harper and Farnham Dando, the chartermasters of the pit were examined, and Harper stated that he instructed Rowley ‘to set the men on, and see the pit was tried and proved,’ when he engaged him as doggy. He thought 5s per day was sufficient money for a man to take the entire charge of the pit. Rowley could neither read nor write, and he (Harper) did not read over the rules to him, nor give him a copy when he engaged him. The Coroner said that the evidence showed that the man Rowley knew no more about the colliery rules than a child unborn. The butties ought either themselves to have examined the workings, or to have deputed some competent man. Had this been done, probably Williams would not have been killed. There had been gross negligence, though perhaps it did not amount to criminality. The imposing of the penalties under the Act lay with the Inspector; but he must, as Coroner, ask him to see justice was done. He should make it his duty to communicate with Mr. Smith, Earl Dudley’s agent, who he was sure would not allow such men as those who had given evidence to remain on his collieries.

Mr. Latham, Earl Dudley’s mine agent, volunteered to be sworn, and stated that he knew nothing, neither did Mr. Smith, of the facts which had been elicited. He had personally inspected the pit the day before. It was a mystery to him how the damp had collected.

The Jury concurred in the remarks of the Coroner, and a verdict of Accidental Death was recorded.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1869 - Advert

“Lost in Dudley, September 22, a Black Retriever Dog. Answers to the name of ‘Dash.’ Any person restoring him to Mr. *Timothy Adams*, RED LION INN, Dudley Port, will be Rewarded for their trouble.”

1871 Census

1, Fisher Street – BROWN LION

[1] *Timothy Adams* (51), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Adams* (41), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah A. Adams (22), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Joseph T. Adams* (16), son, born Tipton;

[5] Eliza Ward (29), servant, born Tipton;

Birmingham Daily Post 17/1/1877 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong, useful lad, about 18, for Public-house live in.
Apply, RED LION INN, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/1/1880 - Advert

“General Servant wanted, strong and clean; must wash; about 20. Good character.
RED LION INN, Dudley Port.”

1881 Census

Fisher Street – RED LION

- [1] *Sarah Adams* (52), widow, publican, born Coseley;
- [2] *Joseph Adams* (27), son, publican, born Tipton;
- [3] *Maria Clarke* (21), domestic servant, born Lea Brook;
- [4] *Emma Brookes* (14), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 15/12/1881 - Advert

“General Servant (good) Wanted, immediately.
Apply, Mrs. *Adams*, RED LION INN, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Post 8/8/1882 - Advert

“Wanted, strong, energetic young Man, to assist in Brewing and to make himself useful; pony kept.
Apply, *Joseph Adams*, RED LION INN.”

Dudley and District News 3/2/1883

“On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the RED LION INN, Dudley Port, upon the body of John Tudor (58), miner, Tudor Street.

Deceased’s wife said that he had been complaining of pains in his head for some time, and on Monday last he said he thought the pain would kill him. She went to Dudley, leaving him alone in the house, and when she returned she found him sitting on a step of the stairs, and his feet hanging over the step below. She noticed that he was either dead or insensible, and at once called in a doctor and some of the neighbours. Eliza Evans said she found the deceased with a silk handkerchief round his neck, and attached to a strap, which was fixed round the bannister of the stairs. She had the handkerchief cut, and seeing that the deceased was not quite dead she gave him some rum and aniseed. This seemed to revive him for a little, but he gave a groan or two and the expired. Deceased’s face was not distorted in any way, nor was there froth about the mouth. He was insured in the Prudential Insurance Company for £133 16s.

The Jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst in a state of Temporary Insanity.”

[In another report John Tudor is described as a collier and retired publican – BROWN LION?]

1891 Census

Fisher Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Joseph Adams* (36), engineer and licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Adams* (32), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Stanley Adams* (2), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Florence Hussleby* (15), servant, born Dudley;
- [5] *Rose Parkinson* (16), servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 21/7/1892 - Advert

“Man Wanted, to Assist in Brewing; pony kept.
Apply, *J. Adams*, RED LION, Dudley Port.”

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of

objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Herbert George Saunders, RED LION, Dudley Port.”

The brewery plant was auctioned in December 1900.

1901 Census

1, Fisher Street

- [1] *Harry Warren* (41), carpenter, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Grace Warren* (30), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Julia Warren* (7), adopted daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Amelia Walker* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/2/1906

“Trade Billiards. A. C. Williams of the RED LION, Dudley Port, will meet H. Holliwell in a game of 750 up at the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford to-morrow evening.”

1911 Census

Fisher Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Henry Keeling* (43), army pensioner, licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth M. Keeling* (37), wife, married 3 years, born Bath;
- [3] *Lilan A. Keeling* (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Hannah Cole* (17), general servant, born Dudley:

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/8/1930 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 28th day of July, 1930, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their claims before the 20th day of September, 1930, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

RED LION, Tipton. Alehouse. Licensee, *William Woodhall*. Registered Owner, Lester’s Ltd.”

Provisional license renewal due to expire on 27th December 1930.

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/1/1931

“County Quarter Sessions.

At the Principal Meeting of the Compensation Authority, on July 28, 14 licenses out of 16 referred were refused and at the Supplemental Meeting the committee fixed the compensation sums as follows.....

RED LION, Tipton, alehouse, £2,000.”

Dudley Herald 16/5/1931 - Advert

“Announcement of Sale By Auction of Freehold Delicensed & Dwelling House Properties in Dudley and Tipton.

Alfred W. Dando and Co. have received instructions to Sell By Auction at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Monday, June 1st, 1931, at Seven o’clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced, as follows.....

Lot 2. The delicensed property formerly known as the RED LION INN, having long frontages to Coneygree Road and Fisher Street, Tipton, occupying large area of land admirably suited to Coal or Hauliers business.

Further particulars as to lot 2 of Messrs. Johnson and Marshall, Solicitors, Dudley or as to any or the whole of the lots of the Auctioneers, 193, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

RED LION

33, Great Bridge, (33, Market Place), (Horseley Heath), TIPTON

OWNERS

W. Butler and Co. Ltd. [1912]

LICENSEES

Edward Tranter [1858] – [1866]

Joseph Tranter [1868] – [1870]

Eliza Tranter [1871]

Joseph Tranter [1872]

Eliza Tranter [1881]

William Tranter [1891]

John T Tranter [1901]

Ellen Mullett [] – **1912**):

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It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/2/1858

“On Saturday last, at the Public Office, West Bromwich an Irishman dressed in a puddler’s garb, and giving the name of John Sullivan, was brought up charged with uttering base coin. *Eliza Tranter*, wife of Mr. *Edward Tranter*, landlord of the RED LION RETAIL BREWERY, Great Bridge, stated that on the preceding Wednesday the prisoner came to her house, and calling for a pint of ale, offered her a florin, which she found to be a bad one. Sergeant Adams was then sent for, and took the prisoner into custody Sullivan was remanded in order that the Mint authorities may be communicated with.”

[He was found guilty at Staffordshire Adjoined Quarter Sessions, at Stafford, and given one year’s imprisonment.]

1861 Census

Greatbridge – RED LION

[1] *Edward Tranter* (30), cooper and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Eliza Tranter* (28), wife, dress maker, born Dudley;

[3] *John Tranter* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *William Tranter* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Elizabeth Tranter (2), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Benjamin Tranter (14), brother, cooper, born Tipton:

London Gazette 18/7/1862

“In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley.

In the Matter of Benjamin Tranter, now in lodgings at the RED LION INN, Great Bridge, in the parish of

Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Cooper, previously thereto of Owen-street, Tipton aforesaid, Beer Retailer, a Bankrupt.....”

[COOPERS ARMS]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 4/2/1865 - Advert

“Lost, in Brierley Hill, on the 26th of January, 1865, a light Fawn Coloured Bitch, answering to the name of ‘Lady.’ The finder on application to Mr. *Tranter*, RED LION, Great Bridge, will be handsomely rewarded.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/12/1865

“Mr. B. Tranter, proprietor of the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, will give £7 10s to be run for in an All England Handicap of 125 yards distance on Dec 26 and 27. All entries of 1s 6d each, and no acceptances, to be made on or before Dec 18. Letters of entries received till the 19th. Entries to be made to *E. Tranter*, RED LION, Great Bridge. Stamps as cash. Any one entering falsely will be disqualified.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/1/1866

“Britannia Grounds, Tipton. These midland grounds were again well attended on Monday last, upwards of 700 persons being present to witness the 100 yards match for £10 a side, between Alf Wood of Daisy Bank and G. Brueton of Bilston. Both men had actively trained for the event and came on the ground looking in fine form. The betting commenced at 6 to 4 on Brueton. After the men had been some ten minutes on the mark (15 allowed for the start) the betting went to 2 to 1 on Brueton, at which price Wood's friends accepted that same to a large amount. The greatest interest appeared to be taken by the friends of each man. Mr. *E. Tranter*, of the RED LION INN, Great Bridge, was referee, and Mr. J. Tranter was called upon to start them, the men not getting away at the expiration of the time allowed. Both men at the report of pistol got well away together. At half way they were together, but then Wood spurted forward, and after a well-contested race, went in a winner by a yard, evidently to the great surprise of Brueton's friends, who had booked it as a certainty.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/2/1866

“J. Newey (late of London) will run G. Mole of Walsall 120 yards, if he will give him two yards start, for £25 a side. Money ready at *Tranter's*, RED LION, Great Bridge, any night next week.”

Joseph Tranter, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

33, Great Bridge

- [1] *Eliza Tranter* (37), married, beerseller, born Tipton;
- [2] *John Tranter* (16), son, forge labourer, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Tranter* (14), son, forge labourer, born Great Bridge;
- [4] Elizabeth Tranter (11), daughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [5] Emily Tranter (8), daughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [6] Eliza J. Tranter (6), daughter, born Great Bridge;

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/7/1872

“*Joseph Tranter*, of the RED LION, Great Bridge, was fined £5 and costs for having his house open during illegal hours on the 4th inst. There had been a previous conviction. Mr. Travis was for the defendant.”

1881 Census

33, Great Bridge – RED LION

- [1] *Eliza Tranter* (47), married, beerhouse keeper, born Birmingham;
- [2] *William Tranter* (24), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [3] Ann E. Tranter (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Emily Tranter (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Eliza J. Tranter (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] John Stevens (49), visitor, coke burner, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 11/10/1884

“The annual dinner of the members of ‘The Pride of the Oak’ lodge, of Bilston, Walsall, and Cannock district (National United Order of Free Gardeners), was held a few days ago at the RED LION INN, Great Bridge, when a good number sat down to a well-served spread provided by Host *Tranter*. Bro. Edington, was afterwards voted to the chair, and Bro. J. Tranter to the vice-chair. The Chairman referred to the benefits to be derived from such societies, especially for young men, and wished the lodge every success. Bro. J. Tranter suitably responded. The secretary’s report showed that there had been an increase both in the number of members and in receipts. For sick pay, &c, £72 7s 9d had been distributed, and their total worth was now £49 7s 6d. Other toasts were given, and votes of thanks passed to Dr. Price, the secretary, the host and hostess, the chairman, and vice-chairman. The meeting was enlivened by violin and violoncello solos, and during the evening songs were rendered by several of the members.”

1891 Census

33, Great Bridge – RED LION

- [1] *William Tranter* (34), married, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] John Stevens (61), stepfather, born Dudley;
- [3] Eliza Stevens (60), mother, born Dudley

1901 Census

33, Market Place – RED LION INN

- [1] *John T. Tranter* (46), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Tranter (46), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Eleanor Tranter (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Joseph Tanter (17), son, turner and fitter in fuller shop, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Harry Tranter (15), fitter in tube works, born West Bromwich:

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....
The renewal of the RED LION, Great Bridge, was granted.”

Tipton Herald 26/6/1909

“A man named Homer was charged with being drunk on licensed premises.
PC Clewlow stated that at 6.15pm on the 19th he saw defendant in the Market Place, Great Bridge, he having been refused drink at the RED LION owing to his condition.
Defendant said he had been in the hospital with a broken leg. He had been helping one or two people, and had been given beer.
He was fined 5s and costs.”

Wednesbury Herald 21/10/1911

“Alderman Barnes, Great Bridge, was charged with stealing a chair, the property of Mr. H. A. Davies. Prosecutor, a pawnbroker, stated that the chair produced was his property, and was taken from his premises on the 16th inst.
Mr. Clayton: Is it an aldermanic chair? – Witness: No, sir.
William Davies said the defendant came into the RED LION with the chair, which he said he had stolen.
Defendant said he was guilty of receiving the chair.
A fine of 20s, with the alternative of fourteen days, was imposed.”

E. Mullett issued tokens from here.

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

“Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The following houses would be reported for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....
RED LION, Great Bridge.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/6/1912 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at Eleven o'clock am, on Thursday, the 18th Day of July, 1912.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....

RED LION, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Ellen Mullett*.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/8/1912 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of July, 1912, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 26th day of August, 1912, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

RED LION, Great Bridge, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Ellen Mullett*. Registered Owner, W. Butler and Co. Ltd.”

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1913

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented the following report. The committee went into great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.

In the following twenty-five cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

RED LION, Great Bridge, Tipton, beerhouse ante 1869, £575.....

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and will be paid out on the 21st of December.”

RED LION

71, High Street / Victoria Street, Brierley, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Frederick Skidmore, tailor, Princes End [1864], [1871]

George Thompson and Sons, Dudley

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Baker [1841] – [1845]
John Hill [1844]
Roberts [1847]
Frederick Skidmore* [1849] – [1850]
Frederick Skidmore* [1857] – [1871]
Henry Hipkins [1872] – 1874);
William Nurse (1874 – 1875);
John Agrippa Nurse (1875 – 1879);
Septimus Hewitt Hill (1879 – 1881);
Benjamin Billingham (1881);
James Smith (1881 – 1884);
Thomas Robinson (1884 – 1885);
Frank Jackson (1885 – 1886);
William Guy Simons (1886 – 1888);
Isaac Allen (1888 – 1891);
Mrs. Anne Walmsley [1891]
Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett (1891);
Samuel Salt (1891 – 1892);
Samuel Davies (1892 – 1893);
Alfred Duckworth (1893 – 1894);
John Henry Payne (1894);
John Grainger (1894 – 1895);
Samuel Hodgkiss (1895 – 1896);
Albert Whitehouse (1896);
Isaac Bradburn (1896 – 1906);
John Grainger (1906);
Ellen Mullett (1906 – 1907);
Harry Beddow (1907 – 1912);
George Spare (1912);
Samuel Morris (1912 – 1913);
Miriam Snape (1913 – 1914);
Samuel Morris (1914 – 1915);
William Henry Thomas (1915 – 1918);
William Alfred Burns (1918 – 1920);
Enoch Burns (1920);
Thomas William Haynes (1920 – 1922);
Ellen Elizabeth Farmer (1922 – 1930);
Frederick Cherrington (1930 – 1933);
James Smith (1933);
Thomas Henry Bowen (1933 – 1934);
John ‘Jack’ William Kaye (1934 – 1935);
John Wright (1935 – 1937);
William Thomas Kings (1937 – 1938);
Burnaby Thomas Sherwood (1938);
Mrs. Evelyn Sherwood (1938 – [1940])
Howard Walters [1954] – [1964]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/6/1844 - Advert

“To Maltsters, Brewers, and Others.

Valuable Freehold Public-house, good Garden, Stable, and extensive Outbuildings, at Princes End, in the county of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of July, 1844, at the house of Mr. *J. Hill*, RED LION INN, Princes End, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be produced.

All that very desirable and well frequented Inn, the RED LION, conspicuously situated and fronting the turnpike road at Princes End, and surrounded by extensive and improving ironworks and collieries. The house and outbuildings are commodious, and comprise capital taproom, parlour, bar, four excellent cellars, three chambers, spacious club room, brewhouse, malt room, stable, skittle alley, cistern, pigsty, good garden, large yard (enclosed by folding doors) also an abundant supply of hard and soft water, and now in the occupation of Mr. *John Hill*.

The buildings are most substantially erected, and designed with great judgement, no expense having been spared to render the whole complete. The advantages of the above, as an investment, are worthy of consideration of any one who has capital to dispose of.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Willim, solicitor, Bilston, or to the Auctioneers, at Dudley or Stour-bridge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle March 1845 - Advert

“For Sale. Freehold. RED LION INN, on the corner of New Street and fronting the Turnpike Road at Princes End, on Friday 28th March 1845 surrounded by extensive collieries and ironworks Tap Room, Parlour, Bar, four excellent Cellars, three Chambers, spacious Club Room, Brewhouse, Malthouse, Stable, Skittle Alley, Cistern, Pig Sty, good garden, large Yard enclosed by folding doors soft and hard water.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/10/1847 - Advert

“Sale This Day.

Valuable Freehold Public House and Building Land, at Princes End, and Leasehold Houses at Summerhill, in the parishes of Sedgley and Tipton, in the county of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Solomon Powell, on Wednesday the 27th day of October, 1847 (by order of the devisees in trust, under the will of the late Stephen Hipkins, deceased), at the house of Mr. James Hipkins, the RISING SUN INN, at Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, at 6 o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as shall be then produced.....

Lot 2. All that well and substantially built Freehold Public House, known by the sign of the RED LION, with outbuildings, stable, and yard, and ample supply of excellent water, very eligibly situated in the centre and best part of Princes End, having a frontage to the turnpike road leading from Dudley through Gospel Oak to Birmingham, and extensive frontage to New Street, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Roberts* at an annual rent of £28.....”

* possibly the same person

Frederick Skidmore, tailor and beer retailer, Princes End. [1850]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 14/6/1857

“Mr. Thos. Cottis of West Bromwich, in answer to Mr. Brown of Walsall and Porter of Birmingham, will shoot a match with either of them, for £5 or £10, 11 birds each guns $\frac{3}{4}$ bore, $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz or 2oz of shot, 21 yards rise, each man to make the best use he can of the gun; to shoot at Aston Cross, Birmingham. Money ready at Mr. *Skidmore's*, RED LION INN, Princes End, tomorrow (Monday).”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/8/1857

“Considerable interest was created at Princes End on Tuesday morning, by a report that Mrs. Deborah Allen Holland, the wife of Mr. John Holland, butcher, of that place, had committed suicide by taking a quantity of poison, while in bed with her husband on Monday night. It was soon ascertained that Mrs. Holland was dead, and little doubt remained as to the means by which death was caused. Information having been sent to the Coroner, an inquest was held on Thursday, at the house of Mr. *Frederick Skidmore*, the RED LION INN, Princes End. The husband of the deceased, Mr. J. Holland, a young woman, Mary Elizabeth Bailey, and Mr. Holland’s servant girl, Sarah Ann Smith, were the witnesses examined. The evidence showed that the deceased had not always been of sound mind, and that by the recommendation of Mr. Bradley, of Dudley, she was, about two years ago, placed under restraint at a private house at Barr, and that subsequently she was confined in a lunatic asylum at Duddleston. She, however, had been at home for some six or eight months past, occasionally being very sensible and able to direct the management of household affairs. At three o’clock on Tuesday morning her husband was awakened by his wife vomiting. She was then out of bed, and he told her he believed she had taken something, but she said she had not, and that she wanted to see Fred, her brother-in-law. She continued vomiting, and threw up something very green. She was placed in bed, and seemed to be in great pain. She shortly became insensible, and in a few minutes died. Mr. Thomas Mill, surgeon, was sent for, and was immediately in attendance. Mr. Holland told the Coroner that she used to be in trouble as to her soul, and she had many bewildering thoughts as to its being lost. He added that she, on previous occasions, had attempted to purchase articles of an injurious character. He believed she took something on Tuesday morning which made her vomit, and it seemed to him as though something was taken by her from off her head. There was, he added, nothing in the house of a poisonous nature. Mr. Thomas Mills was called by the Coroner, and said he was not then able to say whether deceased had actually imbibed poison or not, and neither could he tell the cause of death. The Coroner said it was essential for the jury to know the cause of death, and then adjourned the inquiry for a week to allow of a post-mortem examination being made. The deceased was about thirty-eight years of age.”

[At the adjourned inquest, the jury verdict returned a verdict of ‘Died from Poison, taken by herself while in a state of insanity’.]

Frederick Skidmore, RED LION, and tailor and draper, Princes End. [1860]

Birmingham Daily Post 18/8/1862 - Advert

“Wanted, a Man as Brewer, and to make himself generally useful in the House. Apply at the RED LION, Princes End, Sedgley.”

Frederick Skidmore was also a tailor and woollendper [woolen draper?] [1864], [1865]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/3/1865

“The Brothers Noon of Princes End, Tipton, will feel a pleasure in meeting the gentlemen farmers Next Wednesday evening at Mr. *Skidmore*’s, the RED LION INN, Princes End, Tipton to make a match to shoot, and answer to a challenge which appeared in *Bells Life*.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/2/1868

“To be shot for at Mr. *Skidmore*’s, the RED LION INN, Princes End, on Monday, Feb 10, a very fast trotting mare, 14 hands high, sound, quiet to ride or drive, by 20 members, at £1 each; conditions, 7 birds each, single guns 1½oz of shot, double guns 1¼oz of shot, handicapped according to merit of 18 to 22 yards rise, first bird trapped at one o’clock. The best blue rocks will be provided for the occasion. Guns not to exceed ¾ bore.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/8/1868

“On Wednesday the Deputy Coroner, Mr. W. H. Phillips, held an inquest at the RED LION, Princes End, on the body of Joseph Short, aged 14, who was killed by the explosion of a boiler at the Waverley Colliery, near Bilston, in the occupation of Mr. Yardley.

The evidence showed that on Monday the deceased was drying his hands at the firehole beneath the boiler when it exploded, deceased was killed on the spot by the steam, hot water, and falling materials. Another

lad, named Jabeth Edwards, who was close by at the time, had a narrow escape. The exploded boiler had been worked about five years, and was in good working order, with a pressure of 45lbs to the square inch at the time of the explosion. The explosion ripped open the boiler in the centre, and in his opinion the cause of was want of water; but on examining the water gauge he found nothing to indicate a want of water. The water was supplied by a pump, and the man in charge of the engine was one whom he had never occasion to find fault, and was soberly and steadily attending to his duties at the time. Deceased had no business near the boiler, and had frequently been warned away.

Thomas James, the engineman, said that water was entering the boiler at the time of the explosion. He had no complaint to make, everything being supplied to him that was needed. Mr. Baker, the Mines Inspector, had examined he remains of the boiler.

The jury found that the death of the deceased was caused by the explosion of the boiler, but there was no evidence to show the cause of the explosion. The boiler was not insured.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/12/1869

“A. E. Downton, from Birmingham, was charged with refusing to quit a public-house, and with assaulting the landlord and the police. Mr. *Skidmore* of the RED LION INN, Princes End, said defendant came into his house drunk and asked for some beer, which was refused him, and he was requested to leave the house. He would not, and began to assault Mr. *Skidmore*, and when Police-constable Wade came in he said he would show him the Birmingham touch, and began to kick him. Defendant was taken into custody. Mr. Spooner said he would make an example of him to the Birmingham roughs, and sentenced him to six months’ hard labour.”

1871 Census

71, High Street – RED LION INN

[1] *Frederick Skidmore* (56), taylor employing 1 man, born Tipton;

[2] Phoebe Skidmore (57), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] William Foster (30), boarder, born Brockmoor;

[4] Stephen Knowley (40), domestic servant, born Mamble, Worcestershire;

[5] Ann Parry (21), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 12/3/1873

“Yesterday, at Wednesbury Police Court, before Messrs. J. Marshall and Sampson Lloyd, Joseph Collier and Henry Hipkins, both of Sedgley, were summoned under the Friendly Societies Act, charged that being the secretaries of the Royal Victoria Philanthropic Society, held at the RED LION INN, Princes End, Sedgley, and having moneys to the amount of £58, belonging to the society in their possession, did withhold the same from the society. Henry Bunch, a member of the society; and Mr. Rosher, of the Home Circuit (instructed by Mr. Perry of Birmingham), for the defendants.

Mr. Sheldon applied for leave to substitute the word ‘trustees’ for ‘secretaries’ and, notwithstanding an objection on the part of Mr. Rosher, the alteration was made. Mr. Sheldon then stated that the society was formed in 1849, and his client had been a member of it since May 1851, and stood clear. Some time ago, in consequence of the members falling off, a resolution was unanimously come to, to divide the funds, and two dividends of £10 each were paid to each member. Later on it was resolved to make a further division of £5 per member; and after a mortgage had been paid off there remained certain moneys, which were deposited in the bank in the names of the defendants as trustees. At that time the society numbered only thirteen or fourteen members; but when complainant applied for his money, Mr. Collier turned round and said, ‘Oh, no; I have paid you two £5, I will take good care I will pay no more, if you think you can get it, get it.’ He then called the complainant, who deposed that he was a member of the society.

Mr. Rosher asked that the certified rules should be put in and proved.

Mr. Sheldon admitted that the society had not been registered, and intimated that he had foreseen the difficulty which would arise from this cause.

The Clerk: It is simply a partnership then.

Mr. Sheldon said it was so, and that he should take another way of obtaining a remedy.

The summons was then dismissed.”

Dudley Herald 31/1/1880

“A petition has been filed in the Dudley County Court, by Mary Hill, late of the GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, High Street, Princes End, licensed victualler and widow, but now in lodgings at the RED LION INN, Princes End, of no occupation. The liabilities are about £1,200, and assets not known. Messrs. Stokes and Harper are the solicitors to the debtor.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/3/1881

“Yesterday, at the Dudley County Court, a petition in liquidation was filed by *Septimus Hewitt Hill*, of the RED LION INN, Princes End. The liabilities are £700. Messrs. Stokes and Harper are the solicitors to the debtor, and Mr. B. Bellingham is the receiver.”

1881 Census

71, High Street, Brierley

- [1] *Septimus H. Hill* (36), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] Mary Hill (66), mother, widow, late licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [3] Mary Baker (19), niece, barmaid, born Sedgley;
- [4] Elizabeth Martin (18), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

London Gazette 5/4/1881

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Septimus Hewitt Hill*, of the RED LION INN, High-street, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler. 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 office of Messrs. Stokes and Co., 1, Priory-street, Dudley, in the county of Worcester, Solicitors, on the 20th day of April, 1881, at three o'clock in the afternoon precisely. Dated this 2nd day of April, 1881. Stokes and Co., 1, Priory-street, Dudley, Solicitors for the said Septimus Hewitt Hill.”

Dudley Herald 6/5/1882 - Advert

“Sale freehold liquor vaults and hotel known as RED LION HOTEL Victoria Street and High Street, Princes End, Tipton consisting large liquor vaults, smoke rooms, club rooms, 3 bedrooms, with all facilities for brewing, cellaring, stabling, large outside bagatelle room occupied by *James Smith* at an annual rent of £60.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/11/1887

“Yesterday, Mr. E. B. Thorneycroft, deputy-coroner, held an inquest, at the RED LION INN, Princes End, on the body of Alfred Phipps (18), Victoria Street, who died on Sunday, from injuries received on the previous day in the football field.

Walter Duesbury, aged 16, said he was playing in a match between the Christ Church, Oakham, and the Princes End wanderers, at the latter place. He was running downhill, and, after kicking the ball, his knee caught Phipps, who was coming uphill. Phipps complained of pain, but, after a rest, he joined in the game and played until the finish. Witness denied any desire to hurt the youth, or that he played roughly.

John James, a youth, stated that Duesbury drove both his fists into Phipps's stomach, but he believed it was a pure accident. Deceased complained to him of pain, and witness advised him to kick Duesbury next time they met in the field.

The umpire, a youth named Swinnett, said he saw the collision, and was convinced there was no rough play intended.

The Coroner, in summing up, said if players at football would adhere to the Association rules there would be few or no such accidents. He cautioned the witnesses that retaliation like that mentioned by James was wrong, and likely to lead to serious results. He cautioned all three of the youths.

The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Darlaston Weekly Times 9/2/1888

“Charles Foster, Bradley Lane, Princes End, was charged with drunkenness, and assaulting PC Houston. The constable said he saw the defendant ejected from the RED LION INN, Princes End, on Saturday night. After several young men had tried unsuccessfully to take the defendant home, witness and another constable tried to assist him, but defendant kicked so violently that he had to be taken home in a barrow. Defendant, who received a good character from his employer, said it was his first offence. He was fined 2s 6d for the drunkenness, and 5s and costs for the assault.”

William Guy Simons – see also RISING SUN, Princes End.

1891 Census

71, High Street, Brierley

- [1] *Anne Walmsley* (44), widow, publican, born Market Drayton, Shropshire;
- [2] Sarah J. Walmsley (30), daughter, born Ireland;
- [3] Walter Williams (25), boarder, barman, born Dudley;
- [4] Willie Walmsley (11), son, scholar, born Crewe;
- [5] Mary J. Fulwood (13), visitor, scholar, born Bilston:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/9/1891

“At the Police Court, yesterday, John Williams made an application for the transfer of the RED LION, Princes End, from Mrs. *Bennett* to himself.

Superintendent Longdon, who opposed the transfer, contended that the applicant was addicted to drunken habits.

Detective Moreton said that the applicant attended court on the 25th of August in a drunken state.

The application was withdrawn.”

Isaac Bradburn = Isaac Bradbourn

1901 Census

71, High Street, Brierley

- [1] *Isaac Bradburn* (51), beerhouse keeper, born Bloomfield;
- [2] Mary A. Bradburn (51), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] John Bradburn (20), son, ironworker, born Princes End;
- [4] Florence Bradburn (17), daughter, born Princes End;
- [5] William Collier (47), lodger, ironworker, born Princes End;
- [6] Eli Braiden (31), brother-in-law, cycle maker, born Princes End;
- [7] Elizabeth Braiden (29), wife, born Princes End;
- [8] Maud Braiden (8), daughter, scholar, born Princes End;
- [9] Mary Braiden (6), daughter, scholar, born Princes End;
- [10] Hetty Braiden (3), daughter, born Princes End;
- [11] Lizzie Braiden (5 months), daughter, born Princes End:

Isaac Bradburn – see also LAND OAK, Bradley, Bilston.

1911 Census

71, High Street, Princes End

- [1] *Harry Beddow* (47), brewer and licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Sarah Beddow (40), wife, married 19 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Harry Beddow (18), son, holder’s assistant, boiler maker, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] William Beddow (16), son, tester gas stoves, iron foundry, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Lily Beddow (14), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Sidney Beddow (11), son, school, born Tipton;

South Staffordshire Times 22/5/1920

“Bilston Police Court.....

On the question of the transfer of the RED LION public house from *Enoch Burns* to *Thomas William Harris(?)*, the outgoing tenant said he would like to know what he was leaving for.

Supt. Tucker said it was a matter for the brewery company.

Mr. Lovatt, of the Wolverhampton Brewery Company, said defendant's brother had formerly held the license, but he did not think he was compos mentis. The license had therefore been transferred to the present tenant, but the two brothers were living in the same house, and there was constant quarreling and trouble the whole of the time. A great deal of trouble was caused to the police, and there was reason to believe that the house was not being conducted as it should be.

Superintendent Tucker said the police could not look after the house; he had no objection to the transfer, but recommended it.

The defendant: I think my brother should have his business back again.”

William Thomas Kings – see also WONDER, Tividale, Oldbury.

1939 Register

71, High Street, Coseley UD

[1] *Evelyn Sherwood*, date of birth, 10/10/1889, manager licensed house, widowed;

[2] Gladys (Sherwood) Niven, dob, 10/11/1917, unpaid domestic duties, married:

[4] Eileen (Sherwood) Pocklington, dob, 21/05/1922, shorthand typist, single;

[5] Jeanne (Jean E) (Sherwood) Johnson, dob, 03/07/1926, at school, single:

[Gladys married Niven in 1949. Eileen married Pocklington in 1945. Jeanne married Johnson in 1951.]

It closed c.1964.

The license was transferred to RED LION, Parkes Lane.

RED LION

Parkes Lane, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Howard Walters [c.1964] – **1979)**

George Smith [1986] – [1987]

NOTES

It opened c.1964.

The license was transferred from RED LION, High Street, Princes End.

[1996]

Closed
Demolished

RED LION

172, (141), (140a), (140), Park Lane West, (Park Lane), Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Sons Ltd., Warrington and Burton on Trent [1898]
Frederick Smith Ltd. [1920]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1959], [1966]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
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LICENSEES

William Nicklin [1818]
Richard Nicklin [1828] – **1837**;
Richard Nicklin (**1837** – [])
Elizabeth Brown [1834] – [1855] ???
Edward Aston [1845]
Thomas Round [1849] – [1872]
Edward Round []
Arthur Joel Smith [1879] – [1892]
James Berney [1900] – [1904]
Benjamin Parsons [1900] – [1901]
Thomas Holdenall [1908]
Joseph White [1911] – [1912]
William Bayliss [1915] – [1916]
Walter John Smith [] – **1919**;
Sydney Silk Smith (**1919** – **1934**);
James Mark Read (**1934** – **1935**);
Frederick Cherrington (**1935** – **1958**);
Samuel Stanley Arthur Randall (**1958** – [1966])
Gerald 'Gerry' Jones (**1977** – [1983])
Allan Worley [1984]
Patrick Lynch [1993]
Adele Harris [1994]
S Di Marco [2013]

NOTES

Park Lane [1818], [1828], [1860]
140, Park Lane West [1871], [1881], [1891]
141, Park Lane West [1901]
140a, Park Lane West [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

172, Park Lane West [1967], [1983], [1993], [1996]

LION [1838], [1839], [1860], [1904], [1908], [1912]

LION HOTEL

RED LION HOTEL [1940]

It was frequented by quarrymen.

William Nicklin was also a maltster. [1818]

Birmingham Journal 5/5/1827

“The spring show for Auriculas and Polyanthus was held at the RED LION INN, Tipton, on Thursday April 27. The Stand was a grand display of first-rate flowers, and the best of every class was awarded as follows.

Premium Prize. Mr. Robinson. Manning’s Marquis of Stafford.

Green Edge. Mr. Robinson. Howard’s Lord Nelson.

Grey Edge. Mr. Robinson. Barlow’s King.

White Edge. Mrs. Raybould. Bright Phoebus.

Selfs. Mrs. Raybould. Flora’s Flag.

Alpines. J. A. Addenbrooke. Princess Charlotte.

Yellows. Mr. Robinson. Gorton’s Goldfinch.

Dark Polyanthus. Mrs. Raybould. Lovely Sally.

Red Polyanthus. Mr. Robinson. Beauty of Coven.

In the summer will be held, at the same place, a show for Carnations and Gooseberries.”

Richard Nicklin was also a bare-knuckle prize fighter.

Birmingham Journal 13/5/1837 - Deaths

“On the 12th inst, in the 12th year of her age, Elizabeth, the third daughter of Mr. *Richard Nicklin*, of the RED LION INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 19/8/1837 - Deaths

“On the 15th inst, at the RED LION INN, Tipton, Mr. *Richard Nicklin*, in the 78th year of his age.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 18/10/1837 - Advert

“To be Let, and may be entered upon immediately, a capital Twelve-quarter Malthouse, adjoining the RED LION INN, Tipton.

Enquire of Mr. *Nicklin*, RED LION INN, Tipton.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 12/3/1838 - Advert

“All Persons having claims against the Estate of the late Mr. *William Nicklin*, of Tipton, are requested to send them to one of his Executors (Mr. Schofield, Surgeon, or his son, Mr. *Richard Nicklin*, RED LION INN, both of Tipton), that they may be examined and discharged; and all persons indebted to the said estate are desired to pay the amount immediately to one of the said Executors.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/10/1838 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold And Leasehold Properties In The Parish Of Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, By Mr. Jesse Wright, At the LION INN, Tipton, on Monday, the 12th day of November, 1838, precisely at three o’clock in the afternoon (by direction of the devisees in trust of the late Mr. *Nicklin*, being part of the property devised by his will for sale), subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced.....

Lot 3. All that substantially and modern built Messuage, known as the ALBION INN, situate in Owen Street, Tipton, and now in the occupation of Mr. James Whitehead, comprising cellarage under the whole of

the premises, front and back kitchens, entrance hall, parlour, bar, spacious club-room with suitable chambers, enclosed yard, brewery, stable for seven horses, and store room over the same, pump of excellent water, piggeries, and every convenience for carrying on an extensive business.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1839

“Thomas Rushton was indicted for stealing a mare on the 16th of September, at the parish of Kingswinford, the property of the trustees of the Right Hon. Lord Dudley and Ward.

William Allen, builder, employed under the trustees of Lord Dudley and Ward, stated that about eight o’clock in the evening of the 15th September he saw the mare in question at Brierley Hill. He afterwards received information that she was gone, and he saw her the next day at the RED LION, at Tipton.

Edward Williams was on the road leading to Tipton on the night of the 16th of September, and overtook the prisoner in possession of a dark brown mare. They went on to the RED LION, at Tipton, and there he (witness) agreed to swap with the prisoner. The mare was put into the stable. Suspecting she had been stolen he conferred with the landlord, and about half-past six in the morning he sent for a constable, and had the prisoner placed in custody.

Samuel Nightingale, constable of Tipton, received the prisoner into custody. As he was taking him up to the town hall the prisoner said he might as well tell him all about it, and then stated he had taken her out of a field at Round Oak, at Brierley Hill.

The jury found the prisoner guilty. To be transported for ten years.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 1/4/1839 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold and Leasehold Properties at Tipton, Staffordshire.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. J. Wright, on Monday Next, April 8, at three o’clock in the afternoon, at the LION INN, Tipton (by direction of the Devises in trust under the will of the late Mr. *Nicklin*), subject to such conditions as will be produced, and in the following or such lots as may be agreed upon, the following important investments.....

Lot 9. The substantially erected double Malthouse, fronting Park Street, adjoining the LION INN, with Stable, Coach-house, Cart-house, Garden land, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and which are now respectively held by Mr. *Richard Nicklin* and Mr. Edward Aston (subject to the right of road shown upon the plan).

N.B. The Purchaser of this lot may be accommodated with the purchaser or rental of the LION INN for the term of 14 years.....”

[In all there were twenty lots.]

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 11/11/1839 - Advert

“Valuable Buildings and Land, at Tipton Green.

To be Sold by Auction, without reserve, by Mr. Jesse Wright, on Monday the 25th day of November inst, at the LION INN, Tipton, precisely at six o’clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as will be then produced – all that substantially erected double Malthouse fronting Park Street, and adjoining the LION INN, with Stable, Coach-house, Cart-house, Garden Land, and appurtenances thereto belonging, and which are now respectively held by Mr. *Richard Nicklin* and Mr. Edward Aston.

And also all that close valuable Building land nearly adjacent and contiguous to the towing path of the Birmingham canal, containing 4,687 square yards.

The above will be sold subject to the right of road shown upon the plans.

For further particulars apply to Mr. *Nicklin*, of the LION INN; Mr. Schofield, Surgeon, Tipton; the Auctioneer; or at the offices of Messrs. Robinson and Fletcher, Solicitors, Dudley, where plans of the property may be seen.”

Birmingham Journal 11/11/1848

“On Monday last, an inquest was held at the RED LION, Park Lane, in this parish, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, on the body of a man of the named of Edward Wynne, waggoner to Mr. Richard Bradley, farmer, of Tipton, who came to his death under the following circumstances.

On Wednesday week, about three o’clock in the afternoon, he was driving a waggon with four horses, loaded

with iron, which he had to take to Mr. Woodhall's, of Bumble Hole, Dudley, when he let his whip drop upon the ground. He stooped down to pick it up, and one of the horses having trod upon his finger, he slipped and fell to the ground, when two of the waggon wheels passed over his body. He sustained injuries so severe that he died on Saturday last. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Journal 22/9/1849 - Advert

"Important Sale.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. B. Smith, at the RED LION INN, Lower Green, Tipton, Staffordshire, on Tuesday Next, September 2 – Three capital Draught Horses.

Lot 1. Black Horse, 8 years old, 16 hands high; name Captain.

Lot 2. One dark Brown mare, 13 hands high; name Brown.

Lot 3. One Black Horse, 7 years old; name Sharper.

Also, an Iron-Gray Galloway Pony, a prime 4-yr-old Milking Cow and Calf, one barren Cow, one-in-calf Cow, four store Pigs, a patent Chaff Machine, a useful Jobbing cart, three sets of Cart Harness, and three Horse Cloths.

The whole can be seen on the morning prior to the sale.

Sale to commence at One o'clock precisely; the whole belonging to a gentleman who has no further use for them."

Thomas Round, RED LION and brewer. [1849], [1850], [1870]

1851 Census

Park Lane

[1] *Thomas Round* (38), brewer and maltster, born Halesowen;

[2] *Jane Round* (35), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Herbert Thomas Round* (1 month), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Susan Jones* (30), house servant, born Brockmore;

[5] *Sarah Duffield* (20), house servant, born Tipton;

[6] *Margaret Jones* (37), servant, nurse, born Neth Abbey, Wales:

Hoof marks were reported on the roof in 1855.

Birmingham Journal 30/5/1857 - Advert

"Splendid Site For A Country Residence, near Harborne.

To be Sold, nearly Five-and-a-half Acres of Freehold Land, with large Garden, walled in and planted with choice Fruit Trees, and has a Well of soft spring water. The Carriage Drive is formed, and about 3,000 Trees and choice Shrubs planted two years last spring, now in luxuriant growth. The whole is thoroughly drained and slopes towards the south, commanding finely wooded and very extensive views, which cannot be obstructed. The situation of celebrated for salubrity, and sheltered from the north and east winds. A good road into Birmingham, with Omnibuses running several times daily.

Apply to Mr. *Round*, Lion Brewery, Tipton."

Thomas Round, LION INN, Lion Brewery, maltster and licensed victualler, Park Lane. [1860]

1861 Census

Park Lane

[1] *Thomas Round* (48), victualler and maltster, born Halesowen;

[2] *Jane Round* (45), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah J. Round* (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Florence Ellen Round* (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Eliza Turner* (28), servant, barmaid, born Warminster, Wiltshire;

[6] *Ann Hill* (26), servant, nurse, born Iron Bridge, Shropshire;

[7] *Elizabeth Gutteridge* (24), servant, cook, born Tipton;

[8] Ann Perkins (20), house servant, born Tipton;

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/8/1862

“The three prisoners, Thomas Roberts, Henry Gwynn, and Mary Gwynn, charged with committing a burglary on the premises of Mr. *Thomas Round*, the Lion Brewery, Tipton, were again brought up. There not being sufficient evidence against the female prisoner, she was discharged. The other two men were remanded to Wolverhampton on Friday.”

[See also the burglary at the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, Tipton, Staffordshire Advertiser 6/12/1862. Robert Gwynn received 12 years' penal servitude.]

Thomas Round, RED LION and maltster and brewer, Lion Brewery. [1864], [1865]

Thomas Round, Lion Brewery, Tipton. [1868] - “celebrated Lion Old Ales, fresh ales, Lion Stout and Porter. Malt and hops wholesale and retail.”

Thomas Round, wholesale ale and porter brewer, wine, spirits and hop merchant, and maltster, Lion Brewery. [1868]

Edward Round was also the organist at the Wesleyan Chapel.

It had a 7-day license but *Edward Round* refused to open on Sundays.

1871 Census

140, Park Lane West

[1] Frances Round (38), brewer's wife, born Bradford, Dorsetshire;

[2] Percy Round (10), son, scholar, born Winchester, Hampshire;

[3] Frances A. Round (9), daughter, scholar, born Winchester, Hampshire;

[4] Cecil M. Round (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Sarah Hemmings (26), domestic servant, cook, born West Bromwich;

[6] Lydia Lewis (24), domestic servant, barmaid, born Kinver;

[7] Mary A. Bannister (24), domestic servant, housemaid, born Birmingham:

Dudley Herald 22/11/1879

“*Arthur Joel Smith*, licensed victualler, Park Lane, Tipton, was charged with unlawfully permitting drunkenness to take place on his licensed premises, on the 4th inst. Mr. Whitehouse appeared for the defendant.

Robert Swift, additional constable, said on Tuesday he saw two men, named Whitehouse, outside defendant's house (the RED LION). They were drunk. He saw them go into the house. He did not see anything of the men again until the evening, when they were fighting, and a great crowd of people around them. He separated them, and they went into defendant's house. During the fight the defendant was standing at his door looking on. Witness said to him that it was a great shame to allow such disorderly conduct. Sergeant Ditton came up and ultimately the men were turned out.

Cross-examined: He did not know of any unpleasantness between the defendant and himself. The defendant had given orders not to supply him with beer.

Sergeant Dutton said that he was wanted at the defendant's house. He went there, and the defendant said he wanted the two Whitehouses turned out.

Samuel Whitehouse said he was not in the habit of getting too much drink, but on the day in question he had more than was good for him. When he went to the RED LION he was sober. The barmaid served him, but he did not see the defendant there.

Cross-examined: He and his friends were drinking together between one and three o'clock. All the ale they had was served in pints. He did not leave the premises between one and six o'clock. He did not remember whether the barmaid refused to supply him, neither did he know whether he had anything to drink after five o'clock.

For the defence, Mr. Whitehouse called Mary Ann Yardley, the defendant's barmaid, who said that up to three o'clock she served the Whitehouses and their friends with five pints of beer. About a quarter-past three she left the bar, and returned at five. She refused to fill the men any more because she thought they had had enough,

Selina Harrison, cook in the employ of the defendant, said she usually attended the bar in the absence of Miss Yardley. She went into the bar about a quarter-past three. She supplied Whitehouse and his friends with four pints of beer only.

Samuel Whitehouse said he went to defendant's house about a quarter-past five. Whitehouse asked the barmaid to fill up his cup, but she refused to do so, and ordered him out.

James Southall said he went to defendant's house a few minutes to five o'clock, and he heard the barmaid repeatedly refuse to supply both the Whitehouses. He heard her and the defendant order Whitehouse out. He would not go until the defendant sent for Sergeant Dutton.

The Bench considered the case proved and fined the defendant 20s and costs, or in default 14 days; the license not to be endorsed."

1881 Census

140, Park Lane West – RED LION INN

[1] *Arthur J. Smith* (31), brewer and maltster and licensed victualler, born Walsall;

[2] *Louisa Smith* (24), wife, born Hillhampton, Worcestershire;

[3] *Arthur J. Smith* (11 months), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Martha Smith* (27), domestic servant, born Sedgley;

[5] *Minnie Hipkiss* (15), domestic servant, born Dudley;

[6] *Mary A. Yardley* (34), barmaid, born Cradley:

1891 Census

140, Park Lane West – RED LION INN

[1] *Arthur J. Smith* (41), brewer and maltster, born Walsall;

[2] *Hannah Tinley* (58), widow, general servant, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah Lee* (35), general servant, born Dudley:

Dudley Herald 16/6/1898 - Advert

"Old Lion Brewery, Park Lane West, Tipton, On Wednesday, July 6, 1898.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. Powell & Brown, upon the above named Date and Premises, by direction of Messrs. Peter Walker and Son Limited, of Warrington and Burton, who are dismantling the above premises, the whole of the Fixed and Loose Brewery Plant.

Stock and Effects, particulars of which will appear in next week's *Herald*.

Auctioneer's Offices: 9, Owen Street, Tipton."

[The Old Lion Brewery sold for £27,500.]

London Gazette 29/5/1900

"Receiving Orders.

Benjamin Parsons, 140 Park Lane, Tipton, Staffordshire, iron moulder and public-house manager."

1901 Census

141, Park Lane West – RED LION INN

[1] *Benjamin Parsons* (36), iron moulder, born Tipton;

[2] *Marie L. Parsons* (36), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Arthur B. Parsons* (11), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Dora J. Parsons* (8), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Samuel W. Parsons* (6), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Bernard Parsons* (3), son, born Tipton:

1911 Census

140a, Park Lane West

[1] *Joseph White* (48), cupola man, born Tipton;

[2] *Agnes White* (48), wife, married 18 years, born Tipton;

[3] *Agnes White* (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Winifred White (9), daughter, school, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/8/1913

“The death of Mrs. James Berney occurred on Saturday at Liverpool.

Mrs. Berney was the wife of ex-Councillor Berney, who for many years was the Midland representative of Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. She took a deep interest in the religious and philanthropic life of the town. She was charitable to a degree. When the Tipton Friendly Societies Parade was dropped some years ago, she kept up the collections for the Guest Hospital, by forming a committee and acting as secretary. She continued her efforts after the parade was revived.

The Wesleyan Chapel, Park Lane, Tipton, where she was leader of several organisations was draped in black on Sunday. The preacher made sympathetic references to her life and work, and the organist played the Dead March as a tribute of respect.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/10/1915

“John Ashmore was charged, at Tipton, yesterday, with selling intoxicating liquors without a license.

Inspector Newey stated that on September 25 he visited the NAVIGATION INN, Park Lane, and saw defendant, who was standing behind the bar, supply two customers with a glass of ale and rum and peppermint. He asked defendant on whose authority he was selling liquor, and he replied ‘*Bayliss*, I suppose.’ *William Bayliss*, the person referred to, was the late landlord of the public-house. Witness told him that he was doing wrong.

Defendant made a statement to the effect that he had kept the BARREL INN, Canal Street, and that Mr. Jackson, the owner of the NAVIGATION INN, had asked him to take over the management of the public-house. He agreed to do so, adding, ‘If I have done anything wrong, I have done it in ignorance.’ *William Bayliss*, landlord of the RED LION INN, Park Lane, said he left the NAVIGATION INN on September 21.

Superintendent Salt: Did you give Mr. Ashmore any authority to carry on business on your account? – No sir, I have never seen him; I do not know him.

Mr. W. A Foster, who defended, pointed out that the license was transferred to Ashmore on September 23, and contended he had committed merely a technical offence.

The case was withdrawn on payment of costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/7/1927

“.....at the principal meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday.....

One of three licences referred by the Tipton justices was renewed, this being the CROSS INN, Tipton.

Mr. Harold Eaden (barrister) appeared for the justices, and called Police Inspector Savoury, who stated that the nearest licensed premises to the CROSS INN were the RED LION, 54 yards away; the CROWN AND ANCHOR, 148 yards away; and the BEEHIVE, 164 yards away. The population gave an average of 294 people per licence.

In reply to Mr. Tucker, who opposed the closing of the house, Inspector Savory agreed that the general character of the rooms was good, and that the premises were better adapted for licensing purposes than the RED LION and the CROWN AND ANCHOR.”

1939 Register

Park Lane West – RED LION INN

[1] *Frederick Cerrington*, date of birth, 15/07/1893, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Martha Cherrington*, dob, 11/12/1894, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Martha V. (Cherrington) (Hodgkins) Small*, dob, 15/08/1920, paid domestic, single;

[4] *Irene D. (Cherrington) (Martin)*, dob, 10/08/1927, at school, single;

[5] *Samuel Grainger*, dob, 08/07/1871, iron foundry dresser, single:

[*Martha V married Hodgkins in 1954, and Small in 1982. Irene D married Martin in 1954.*]

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 9/7/1960

“Playing seven card brag in the RED LION public house in Park Lane West, Tipton, on April 22nd cost the licensee, his wife and seven customers a total of £24 9s in fines when they appeared at Tipton Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

The licensee, *Samuel Stanley Arthur Randall*, was fined £2 for allowing gaming at the public house, for aiding and abetting him, *Louisa Elizabeth Randall* was fined £4; *Arthur Duffield*, of 15, Oval Road, and *Kaziemierz Niemczyk*, of 112, Leasowe Road, £2 each; *Joseph Lissemore*, of 19, Ash Road, *John Joseph Roberts*, of 10, Park Lane West, *Albert Hughes*, of 31, Churchfields Avenue, *Arthur Tudor*, of 16, Griffiths Street, *James Keenan*, of 32, Coronation House, were fined £1 each.

In addition each of the nine defendants was ordered to pay costs of £1 1s.

Mr. Frank Cooper, prosecuting, said the case followed observations kept on the public house for some considerable time. These culminated on the evening of April 22nd when numerous police officers went there. The police discovered in a public room of the house a number of people playing seven card brag, a game involving money. While the licensee had been present at earlier observations, on that occasion he was resting in the back room because for some time he had been suffering from heart trouble.

Mr. Paul Turner, for *Randall*, said his client had had a stroke in February and had very little to do with the actual running of the house for a considerable time. He received £8 6s a week as manager. There were no previous convictions of a similar nature against him. During his two years as manager no trouble of any sort had occurred before.”

London Gazette 8/1/1985

“*Jones, Gerald* lately residing and carrying on business at the RED LION, Park Lane West as a Tenant Publican Date of Release – 19th December 1984.”

It became a listed building in 1987.

[2018]

Express & Star 30/5/2019

“Police found a cannabis factory hidden inside an old, disused pub in Tipton. Officers were alerted by the fire service to the scene at the RED LION pub in Park Lane West on Tuesday night. Around 200 plants were recovered. An officer from Tipton Town took to Twitter to share a video of the find. In it he said, ‘Here we are at the RED LION pub in Park Lane West, Tipton. It’s a disused pub, has been for a while now, and as you can see it has been used to grow cannabis plants.’ He estimated there were ‘probably a couple of hundred’ plants currently being bagged up. The officer then moved on to another room, which was filled with pots full of soil, adding, ‘There were a few hundred in this room, which have now been removed and bagged up.’ West Midlands Police have said enquiries are ongoing.”

Dudley News 8/12/2023

“An empty pub that was used as a cannabis factory will be converted into new flats. The former RED LION pub in Park Lane West, Tipton, will be transformed into six new flats after a planning application was given the thumbs up by planners at Sandwell Council. The grade II listed building, which dates back to the mid-19th century, closed in 2018 and it was revealed the abandoned pub had been used to grow cannabis after police discovered hundreds of plants in 2019. The plans include four one-bed flats, a two-bed flat and a three-bed flat. A handful of buildings around the pub would be demolished to make way for a new extension and parking spaces. The adjoining Red Lion Guest House, which itself was a pub called the Lion’s Den and home to Lion’s Brewery, would stay in place.....”

RED LION +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Stevens [1852]

RED MAN

Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

V Lampert [1879]

RISING SUN

11, High Street, Princes End, (Brierley), (Wednesbury Oak), TIPTON

OWNERS

Joseph Hipkins, provision merchant, Princes End
Parthena Whitehouse Hipkins, High Street, Princes End

LICENSEES

James Hipkins [1835] – [1851]
Arthur Roberts [1859] – [1865]
Thomas Chambers [] – **1867**);
John Beard (**1867** – [1870]
William George Allen [1872] – **1882**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Allen (**1882** – **1885**);
Frederick Smith (**1885** – **1886**);
Charles William Chapman (**1886** – **1888**);
William Guy Simons (**1888** – **1891**);
John Henry Payne (**1891** – **1892**);
Charles Macklin (**1892** – **1893**);

Harry Keyworth (1893 – 1894);
Jabez Pargeter (1894 – 1895);
Alfred Allen (1895 – 1896);
John Hipkins (1896);
Alfred Ernest Woodward (1896)
Charles Ellis [] – 1899);
John Minton (1899);
Joseph Swift (1899 – 1900);
Richard Stanley (1900);
Edward Molloy (1900);
Thomas Hodgetts (1900 – 1901);
John Pugh [1901] manager
Samuel Forrester (1901 – 1907);
Hannah Forrester (1907 – 1908);
George Thomas Law (1908 – 1909);
Robert Warren (1909 – 1910);
William Sutton (1910 – 1911);
William Henry Bent (1911):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

James Hipkins, beer retailer, Princes End, Sedgley. [1835], [1841]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/10/1839 - Advert

“Taken Up, on Wednesday morning last, a Brown half-bred Horse, aged, with black legs, and cut tail. The owner may have him again on paying the expenses, by applying to *James Hipkins*, RISING SUN, Princes End Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/2/1843

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....
On Monday, at the RISING SUN, Princes End, on the body of James Bagbey, a miner, whose death was caused by a fall of rubbish while at work. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 24/10/1846 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses and Building land, at Princes End, Sedgley.
To be Sold by Auction, by S. Powell, on Tuesday next, the 27th day of October, at the house of Mr. *James Hipkins*, the RISING SUN, at Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, and county of Stafford, at Five o’clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as shall be then produced.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/5/1847

“On Monday last an inquest was held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the RISING SUN, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, on the body of Isaac Nicholls, a boy about four years old, who had been found drowned in the Birmingham Canal, at Bridge End, into which it is supposed he had accidentally fallen a short time previously. Verdict, Found Drowned.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/10/1847 - Advert

“Sale This Day.
Valuable Freehold Public House and Building Land, at Princes End, and Leasehold Houses at Summerhill, in the parishes of Sedgley and Tipton, in the county of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Solomon Powell, on Wednesday the 27th day of October, 1847 (by order of the devisees in trust, under the will of the late Stephen Hipkins, deceased), at the house of Mr. *James Hipkins*, the RISING SUN INN, at Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, at 6 o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as shall be then produced.....

Lot 2. All that well and substantially built Freehold Public House, known by the sign of the RED LION, with outbuildings, stable, and yard, and ample supply of excellent water, very eligibly situated in the centre and best part of Princes End, having a frontage to the turnpike road leading from Dudley through Gospel Oak to Birmingham, and extensive frontage to New Street, and now in the occupation of Mr. Roberts at an annual rent of £28.....”

Birmingham Journal 26/9/1857

“On Thursday last an inquest was held before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, at the RISING SUN, Princes End, on the body of Thomas Thomas, a labourer, thirty years of age. It appeared that on the preceding Monday evening deceased was on his return from Bilston with a companion named Jarvis. They had been drinking, and had a box which they bore by turns. Deceased, who had not long before given the burthen up to his companion, walked behind him, and coming to the canal by some means, Thomas, who was near-sighted, fell into the water, and not withstanding the exertions made to save him, he was drowned. The Jury, upon this evidence, returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Arthur Roberts = Auther Roberts

Birmingham Journal 9/4/1859 - Advert

“.....at the house of Mr. *Roberts*, the RISING SUN INN, Princes End.....”

1861 Census

High Street, Brierley

- [1] *Auther Roberts* (41), victualler, born Bishops Castle, Shropshire;
- [2] Charlotte Roberts (43), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Elizabeth Roberts (8), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] Jane Roberts (7), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] William Roberts (5), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] Ellen Macgraffe (20), housemaid, born Ireland:

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/7/1864

“Nisi Prius Court. Monday (before Mr. Justice Mellor).

Patrick Sparrow, 21, miner, an Irishman, was indicted for cutting and wounding John Richards, on the 12th March. Mr. Brindley conducted the case for the prosecution, and Mr. Browne defended the prisoner.

The prosecutor, a navvie, was at the RISING SUN, Princes End, Tipton, on Saturday night, March 12th, and the prisoner was also there, and some words took place between the prosecutor and a young man who was the prisoner. Later at night the prosecutor met with the prisoner, and asked him if he had been the man who had been at the RISING SUN, and the prisoner said ‘No.’ The prosecutor was moving away, when the prisoner struck him a blow on the mouth with a stone, or something heavy wrapped in a handkerchief or a stocking. Prosecutor stepped back, when prisoner made a stab at him, and he was wounded in the chest and bled profusely. Prosecutor’s sister was coming up at the time, and saw the two blows; the latter with the left hand, like a stab; and she saw prisoner shut his knife, and make use of an expression indicating a desire to cut the prosecutor in pieces. The wound was not dangerous.

The prisoner was convicted of unlawful wounding, and was sentenced to eight months’ imprisonment.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/5/1867 - Advert

“RISING SUN INN, Princes End. To Let, the above Old-Licensed Inn, situate in the midst of Collieries and Ironworks; every convenience for doing a good business. Respectable club in connection therewith. Rent moderate. In-coming about £180.

Apply to Joseph Hipkins, Auctioneer, Princes End.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/8/1867 - Advert

“RISING SUN INN, Princes End.

To Be Let, the above Old-Licensed Inn, surrounded by collieries and ironworks, within two minutes walk of a railway station, and fronting the turnpike road from Dudley to Wednesbury. The premises are very convenient, and comprise, bar, parlour, smoke and tap rooms, kitchen, clubroom (in which clubs of 200 members meet), four bedrooms, three cellars, brewhouse, stable, yard, and garden. A change of tenants has taken place once in 14 years, and a good business has been done during that period. Rent moderate. In-coming (including hothouse and vine in garden) about £160.

Apply to Mr. Joseph Hipkins, Auctioneer, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 6/12/1869 - Advert

“RISING SUN INN, Princes End. To Let, with immediate possession, the above Old-licensed House; capital situation, every convenience.

Apply, Joseph Hipkins, Princes End.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/12/1869 - Advert

“By Thomas Howell, at the RISING SUN INN, Princes End, Tipton, To-Morrow, at 11am.

Household Furniture, Piano-Forte, Spring Cart, and Effects.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/2/1870 - Advert

“RISING SUN INN, Princes End. To be Let the above old-licensed House, present tenant having other engagements. Every convenience for doing a good trade. Capital situation. Rent and in-coming low.

Apply to Joseph Hipkins, Princes End.”

William George Allen originally came from Bewdley.

He set up, at the pub, in the outhouses at the rear, where they were able to install some simple equipment and increase their production of buckets. Thus W. G. Allen & Sons (Tipton) Ltd came into being.

Black Country Bugle 18/11/2020

‘A Once Great Black Country Company’ by Brian Webb

“W. G. Allen and Sons (Tipton) Limited owes its origins to a small engineering concern established in 1850 by *William George Allen* at Princes End, Tipton. In those early days principally engaged in supplying the needs of local collieries, producing such items as steel baskets for carrying coal.

Following the death of *William Allen* in the latter part of the 19th century, management of the company was taken over by his widow. Mrs. *Allen* was obviously a remarkable woman, for apart from running the business with a considerable degree of success, she also reared a family of eight and managed the local public house, the RISING SUN, which occupied part of the factory site. The facilities of the RISING SUN were doubtless appreciated by the workers of the day and it is recorded that more than one strike was averted by Mrs. *Allen*’s timely appearance with a barrel of beer from the cellar.....”

1871 Census

11, High Street, Brierley

[1] *William G. Allen* (51), sheet iron worker and publican, born Dowlais, Glamorganshire;

[2] *Mary Ann Allen* (50), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah Ann Allen (24), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Amelia Allen (23), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] James Allen (22), son, colliery clerk, born Tipton;

[6] Edwin Allen (18), son, iron worker, born Tipton;

[7] Edith Emma Allen (15), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] William Henry Allen (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[9] George Arthur Allen (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[10] Alfred Ernest Allen (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[11] Emma Neale (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

William George Allen was also a sheet iron worker. [1873]

Dudley Herald 10/5/1873

“*William George Allen*, landlord of RISING SUN, Wednesbury Oak, Princes End was charged with selling intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours. Case dismissed.”

1881 Census

11, High Street, Brierley

[1] *William George Allen* (61), innkeeper, sheet iron worker employing 4 men, born Dowlais, Glamorgan-shire;

[2] *Mary Ann Allen* (60), wife, born Tipton;

[3] James Fisher Allen (33), son, traveller sheet iron trade, born Tipton;

[4] Edward Allen (27), son, clerk, coal trade, born Tipton;

[5] Edith Emma Allen (25), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] William Henry Allen (23), son, sheet iron worker, born Tipton;

[7] George Arthur Allen (21), son, clerk, iron works, born Tipton;

[8] Alfred Earnest Allen (18), son, clerk, coal masters, born Tipton;

[9] Elizabeth Haddock (21), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

William George Allen died on 14th July 1882.

Birmingham Daily Post 28/3/1885 - Advert

“To Brewers, Aerated-Water Manufacturers Builders, Contractors, Blacksmiths, or Anyone Requiring Roomy Premises.

To be Let, RISING SUN INN, Princes End (Old-license). Bar, Parlour, Smoke Room, Dining Room, cooking Kitchen, five Bed Rooms, Club Room; large Yard, capital Workshop, Stabling, &c.

Rent and incoming low.

Apply, Joseph Hipkins, Princes End, Tipton.”

Black Country Bugle 26/8/1999

“Samuel Murfitt the Largest Man In The World who died at the RISING SUN, Princes End, Tipton, January 21st 1887 aged 55 years. Interred at Darkhouse Cemetery, Coseley.....”

Worcestershire Chronicle 29/1/1887

“Some thousands of persons visited Princes End, Tipton, on Tuesday to witness the funeral of Mr. Samuel Murfitt, who was recently exhibited as the largest man in the world. The deceased, who died on Friday, after a few days’ illness, was a native of Wimblington, Cambridgeshire, and was 55 years of age. His dimensions were as follows: height, 6ft 1in; weight, 40 stone; girth of waist, 100ins; and he measured 20 inches round the calf of his leg. A hearse could not be found large enough for the deceased’s removal, and he had to be conveyed on a flat. The sashes had to be removed from the windows, and nearly 20 men employed to get the body through the window to the flat.”

William Guy Simons – see also RED LION, Princes End.

1891 Census

11, High Street, Brierley

[1] *John H. Payne* (36), licensed victualler, born London;

[2] *Mary Jane Payne* (25), wife, born Nottinghamshire;

[3] John Edward Payne (18 months), son, born London:

Birmingham Daily Post 8/6/1892 - Advert

“Old Licensed free house (RISING SUN INN, Princes End), very convenient premises, with recreation ground. Rent moderate; incoming low; possession at once.
Apply, Joseph Hipkins, Princes End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/7/1892 - Advert

“Princes End, Tipton. RISING SUN INN, free, old-licensed premises, with or without workshop; every accommodation. In-coming and rent low. Immediate possession.
Apply, Joseph Hipkins, Princes End.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/11/1893

“At the Wolverhampton Police Court, yesterday, *Harry Keyworth*, landlord of the RISING SUN INN, Princes End, was summoned for permitting gambling on his premises. The evidence showed that during four hours two policemen in plain clothes were in the house, and saw men tossing for ale and playing ‘tip it.’ The offence was admitted, and a fine of £3 and costs were imposed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/12/1893 - Advert

“To Let, Free Old-licensed Inn, RISING SUN, Princes End, Tipton; with or without workshop; convenient premises. Rent, In-coming low.
Apply Joseph Hipkins. Princes End.”

1901 Census

11, High Street, Brierley

- [1] *John Pugh* (50), public house manager, born England;
- [2] *Fanny Pugh* (50), wife, born England;
- [3] *Sarah A. Jeavons* (20), general servant, born England:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/2/1907

“According to the report of Police-Superintendent Spendlove read at the annual brewster sessions for the Bilston Petty Sessional Division yesterday, there are 356 licenses of all kinds within the division, or one to every 174 of the population.

The Clerk (Mr. Pratt) said the Bench had decided to recommend the following eleven houses on the ground of redundancy to be referred for compensation, and the cases would be adjourned to the adjourned meeting, and in the meantime notices would be given to the owner.....

RISING SUN, High Street, Princes End.”

1911 Census

High Street, Princes End – RISING SUN INN

- [1] *William Henry Bent* (44), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Bent* (45), wife, married 16 years, assisting in the business, born Dudley;
- [3] *Gladys Bessie Rosa Bent* (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Dudley;
- [4] *Sydney Bent* (13), son, school, born Dudley;
- [5] *Ida Louisa Bent* (5), daughter, school, born Dudley:

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th July 1911.

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Li-

censing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

RISING SUN, High Street, Princes End. Full license. Licensee, *William Henry Bent*. Registered Owner, Parthena Whitehouse Hipkins.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1911

“At a recent meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority, held at Stafford, the claims for the total amount of compensation to be paid in respect of licenses refused at the principal meeting in July last were dealt with. The following are the decisions arrived at in the various cases.....

RISING SUN, Princes End, £400.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented their annual report.....

The Committee at the supplemental meeting went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard upon oath evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested, and the compensation fund. The Committee fixed the compensation as follows.....

RISING SUN, Princes End, full, £400.

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and paid.”

Compensation of £400 was paid on 16th December 1911.

It closed in 1911.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/5/1925

“.....To Sell By Auction, at the house of Mr. J. Seedhouse, the SEVEN STARS HOTEL, Princes End, on Monday, May 11th, 1925.....

10, 11, 11a, High Street, immediately opposite Wesley Chapel on the Tipton-Wednesbury Road in an important industrial centre, comprising.....

Three Roomy Dwelling Houses formerly the RISING SUN INN (now delicensed).....”

Demolished

RISING SUN

116, (41), (42), Horseley Road, (Horseley House Road), (Shrubbery Lane, (Road)), Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1898], [1920]

Enterprise Inns

G. B. Taverns

Black Country Traditional Inns

LICENSEES

Joseph Robinson [1836]

Joseph Whitehouse [1851]

John Lindley [1857] – [1860]
George Webb [1861] – [1873]
Job Webb [1880] – [1896]
Richards [1898]
George Stanton [1901]
Mrs. Watts [1901] manageress
William Butler [1904]
C J Webb [c.1905]
Joseph P Brearley [1908]
Henry Edward Blick [1911] – [1912]
Samuel Marriott [1916] – 1923);
Jesse Tonks (1923 – 1928);
Walter Randall (1928 – 1940);
Thomas Potter (1940 – 1955);
Herbert Standley (1955 – [1966]
John Dugdale [1993]
Penny McDonald [1997] – 2001)
Jacqui Skidmore [2002] – [2005]
Nicola Jane Skidmore and Jacqui Skidmore [2006] – [2007]
Malcolm ‘Maca’ Roberts (2013 – [2023]

NOTES

Shrubbery Lane [1860]
Shrubbery Road [1862]
Horseley House Road [1861]
Shrubbery Road [1862]
41, Horseley Road [1871], [1873], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1939], [1940]
42, Horseley Road [1932]
116, Horseley Road [1993], [1996]

Tokens were issued from here.

London Gazette 11/10/1836

“Whereas *Joseph Robinson*, of Horsley, in the County of Stafford, Engine-Boiler-Maker, hath by indenture of lease and release and assignment, bearing date the 3rd and 4th days of October instant, conveyed and assigned all his real and personal estate and effects unto Joseph Hadley, of Smethwick, in the said County, Ironmaster, and John Whitehouse, of West Bromwich, Wharfinger, upon trust, for the benefit of such of the Creditors of the said *Joseph Robinson* as shall execute the said indenture of release and assignment, within three calendar months from the date-thereof; notice is hereby given, that the said indenture of release and assignment was executed by the said *Joseph Robinson* on the said 4th day of October, in the presence of, and attested by, Charles Hunt, of Wednesbury, in the said County of Stafford, Attorney at Law, and Edward Prall, of the same place, his Clerk; and that the said indentures of lease and release and assignment are lodged at the Office of the said Charles Hunt, in Wednesbury aforesaid, for the perusal and signature of the Creditors of the said *Joseph Robinson*.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 21/11/1836 - Advert

“To Publicans, Boiler Makers, and Others.

To be peremptorily Sold by Auction, by Mr. Daniel Taylor, at the GOLDEN CUP INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday the 5th day of December, 1836, at six o’clock in the evening.....

Lot I. Two Freehold Dwelling Houses, one of which has lately been used as a Retail Brewery, and is known by the sign of the RISING SUN, with good cellarage, brewery, bar, club-room, and other conveniences, also

extensive shopping, shed, stables, large yard, and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate near Toll End, and fronting the road leading from Horsley Iron Works to the TIPTON TAVERN.....

The trades of an Engine Boiler-maker and Retail Brewer have lately been carried on by Mr. *Joseph Robinson* on the above property, for either or both of which businesses the premises are well adapted, and the Engines, Punching Presses, Crane, Machinery, Tools, Brewing Vessels, and other effects used by him in such trades, will be sold by auction on the day following.....”

Birmingham Journal 29/11/1851 - Advert

“Chapel For Sale.

For Sale by Private Contract, a Chapel, situated at Toll End, near Tipton, capable of accommodating upwards of 300 persons, with a large and convenient School Room adjoining; together with a small piece of Land, lying at the side of the Chapel.

The Chapel and Premises stand in the centre of a large and increasing population.

For particulars, and price, apply to Messrs. W. and A. F. Morgan, Solicitors, 37, Waterloo Street, Birmingham; and to view the Premises, to Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse*, at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/9/1857 - Married

“September 13, at Ebenezer Chapel, West Bromwich, Mr. Henry Birch, of Toll End, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. *John Lindley*, of the RISING SUN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 14/4/1860 - Advert

“Public House to be Let, the RISING SUN Beerhouse, Horsley Road, Tipton, together with the commodious Stabling and Out-houses thereto; suitable for the carrying on of the Hay and Straw or Coal Trade. The present tenant leaving only on account of other engagements.

For particulars apply on the Premises.”

Birmingham Journal 5/5/1860 - Advert

“The RISING SUN INN, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge.

Messrs. Ashcroft and Son will Sell by Auction, on Monday, the 14th day of May instant.

A portion of the household Furniture and Stock-in-Trade; comprising mahogany Loo, Dining, and other Tables, Windsor and other Chairs, Chimney and Dressing Glasses, Oil Paintings and Prints, in gilt and other frames, double-barrel Gun, four-post mahogany, birch and French Bedsteads, feather Beds, washstands and Dressing Tables, six strong Benches, four Tables and eight Trestles, quantity of Jugs, Glasses, and Earthenware, large and well-seasoned Ale Barrels, oval Coolers, Tubs, four pockets of Hops, Malt Mill, and numerous Effects of Mr. *John Lindley*, who is leaving.

Catalogues to be had at the place of Sale, and at the Auctioneer’s Office, 38, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton.

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

Birmingham Daily Post 7/9/1860 - Advert

“RISING SUN TAVERN, Shrubbery Lane, Toll End, near Great Bridge.

To be Let, with immediate Possession, in consequence of the Proprietor having entered into other arrangements, which constrain him to leave. There is a good trade doing at the house, which is pleasantly situate, and comprises every convenience for the Public Business, together with extensive Yard, Stabling, and Garden.

For further particulars apply at the Offices of Messrs. Ashcroft and Son, 38, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton; or on the Premises.”

1861 Census

Horseley House Road – RISING SUN

[1] *George Webb* (50), iron moulder and brewer, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Ann Webb* (44), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Nathaniel Webb* (20), son, iron founder, born Tipton;

[4] *George Webb* (13), son, labourer, born Tipton;

- [5] *Job Webb* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Samuel Webb* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Maria Webb* (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Sarah Morris* (19), house servant, born Bilston:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1862

“The special annual Session for renewing licensed victuallers’ licenses and for hearing application for fresh ones within the West Bromwich division of the county of Staffordshire was held yesterday at the Scott’s Arms, Great Barr There were twenty applications for new licenses from the following places.....

George Webb, *RISING SUN*, Shrubbery Road.....

The magistrates will give their decision in these cases, at the adjourned licensing meeting, on the 15th of September.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1862

“On Thursday the following applications for spirit licenses were heard.....

George Webb, Shrubbery Road, Tipton, granted.”

1871 Census

41, Horseley Road

- [1] *George Webb* (60), moulder and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Webb* (55), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *George Webb* (23), son, shearer in ironworks, born Tipton;
- [4] *Job Webb* (22), son, brewer, born Tipton;
- [5] *Samuel Webb* (19), son, moulder, born Tipton;
- [6] *Maria Webb* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Elizabeth Forester*, (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1881 Census

41, Horseley Road

- [1] *Job Webb* (32), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Webb* (26), sister, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Grasier* (23), casual domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 1/9/1890 - Advert

“By Messrs. Powell & Brown, To-Morrow (Tuesday), September 2, at the *RISING SUN INN*, Horseley Road, Tipton, at Six for Seven o’clock pm precisely.

Sale of the Old-Licensed Inn the *RISING SUN*, Dwelling House, and Premises, in Horseley Road, Great Bridge, near Tipton.”

1891 Census

41, Horseley Road – Public House

- [1] *Job Webb* (42), unmarried, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Grazier* (33), housekeeper, born Tipton;
- [3] *Harriett Grazier* (52), visitor, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/12/1891

“Yesterday, Mr. Topham, (deputy coroner), held an inquest at the *RISING SUN*, Horseley Heath, on the body of *Eliza Whitehouse* (59), late of Todd’s End, who was found in the canal at Tipton End on Christmas morning.

It was shown that the woman visited her son at Tipton Green, and then went shopping towards Great Bridge. On the Christmas morning her body was found in the canal at Tipton.

A verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

Dudley Herald 2/7/1898

“On Saturday evening last about 30 of the old customers and friends of the RISING SUN INN, Horseley Road (which has just been re-built by the well-known firm of brewers, Messrs. Mitchell and Butler Limited, Birmingham, on the most modern principles), sat down to an excellent spread, provided by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Richards*) on behalf of the donors. Justice having been done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks was given to the donors and the host and hostess for the way they had catered, and there was also a vote of thanks to the friends who kindly assisted.

The Host, in response, said that was the first time he and his wife had had the pleasure of performing the duties, and it was a pleasure to hear that satisfaction had been given.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the firm for providing so convenient a room for such an occasion. The evening was then devoted to harmony. Mr. H. Wassey was voted to the chair and Mr. H. Purchase to the vice-chair. Mr. H. Powell presided at the piano. The following programme of songs was gone through. ‘Benches in the park,’ Mr. John Hartill; ‘As I stood in a Police Court,’ Mr. Powell; ‘Empty chair,’ Mr. Lycett; ‘Tis but a little faded flower,’ Mr. F. Stanford; ‘Little Patsy Docherty,’ Mr. Joseph Powell; ‘What will the answer be?’ Mr. S. Lambert; ‘Tom Bowling,’ Mr. A. Slim; ‘Trip to London,’ Mr. Arthur Shorley; ‘Stay with me, Harry, dear,’ Mr. T. Barford; ‘Sweet Marie,’ Mr. S. Lambert. The proceedings were thoroughly enjoyed, and terminated by all singing the National Anthem.”

1901 Census

41, Horseley Road

- [1] *George Stanton* (32), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Lilly Stanton* (26), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *John Stanton* (3), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Sarah Nightengale* (21), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 10/8/1901

“Messrs. Mitchell and Butler Ltd., license holders of the RISING SUN INN, Horseley Road, Tipton, were charged with permitting drunkenness on their premises and selling drink to a drunken person. Elizabeth White, of Eagle Street, Tipton, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Mr. J. W. Clulow defended Messrs. Mitchell and Butler.

Police inspector Given, stationed at Tipton, said that on the 9th July, at 4.15pm he visited the RISING SUN INN, Horseley Road, Tipton, belonging to Messrs. Mitchell and Butler. In the smoke room he saw Elizabeth White lying on a seat, asleep. He called in the manageress Mrs. *Watts*, and when she saw White she seemed quite surprised, and said, ‘Oh dear, see what you have done for me.’ There was a full glass of ale near the woman, and witness placed it on the mantelpiece. When the woman was aroused she staggered about and went towards the glass on the mantelpiece, and said, ‘This is mine, I shall have it.’ The woman was in a beastly state of drunkenness and had to be carried home.

In reply to Superintendent Salt, the ale appeared to be fresh drawn.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clulow, the inn was the best conducted in the district. The manageress was ill at the time, and her husband was absent. Probably the liquor was served in the outdoor department.

Mr. Clulow, for the defence, said the woman White was served with the ale at the service window, and the manageress thought she would immediately drink it and go away, as was her custom. White, however, went into the smoke room without Mrs. *Watts*’s knowledge.

The first charge against the company was dismissed, and a fine of 20s and costs inflicted in the second case. The Bench said the manageress was no doubt in such a state that it was hardly fair to leave her in the sole management of the house.

The case against White was then gone into, and the inspector and a police constable said defendant was drunk.

The woman denied it on oath, and said she had had only one small bottle of stout, and a half a pound of strawberries. ‘The stout, the sun, and the strawberries upset her chest.’

A fine of 10s and costs was imposed.”

Lichfield Mercury 30/6/1905

“On Tuesday, at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, Tipton, Mr. A. A. Betham (deputy coroner), held an inquest relative to the death of Edward Salter (23), Regent Street, Woodsetton, who had been employed at Mr. Stephen Latham’s pit, Coneygree Colliery. It appeared that on Saturday last, deceased and a miner named David Smith were employed in a road in the mines which was being driven in the direction of an old shaft. Between 6am and 1-30pm the underground manager visited the place five times, and did not notice anything unusual. About one o’clock he sent Smith to another part of the workings to fix a tree, deceased being left alone. At about two o’clock, in consequence of something Smith told him, he went to the place where deceased had been working and found it in darkness, Salter’s candle having gone out. Deceased was lying on the ground with his face downwards, apparently dead. Efforts to restore respiration proved to be of no avail, and when the doctor arrived he stated that the man had been dead about an hour. When deceased’s body was recovered the condition of the air was so bad that it put their candles out, and they had to hurry out of the place. There had never been an explosion at the pit, and candles were generally used. Twice a day lamps were used for testing purposes.

Dr. H. C. Brown, who had made a post-mortem, stated that death was due to asphyxia produced by the inhalation of carbon dioxide.

Mr. Atkinson (Government Inspector of Mines) said he had since examined the place, but could find no indication that the old pit shaft had been ‘holed’ or anything to account for the appearance of the black damp, which he was of opinion must have come from the surrounding strata. He thought that better means of ventilation than that of a fire should be provided, especially whilst working near an old pit shaft. His experience of the Black Country miners was that they would continue working in vitiated atmosphere as long as their candles would keep alight.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and recommended the adoption of a better method of ventilation than that employed at this time.”

Lichfield Mercury 23/10/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

Richard Hawkes, labourer, was indicted for having stolen a hamper of apples, belonging to Stephen Fox, at Tipton, on September 5th. Mr. Graham Millward prosecuted.

Fox, who is a greengrocer, went to the RISING SUN INN, at Horseley Heath, on the day in question, leaving his truck outside. There was a hamper of apples on the truck, and prisoner, he was in the public-house when prosecutor entered, was seen to come out and appropriate a hamper of apples. Some of the apples were afterwards found buried in the ashes in a closet to which the prisoner had access.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was bound over and put on probation for three years, it having been stated that since his last conviction three years ago he had tried to live an honest life.”

Tipton Herald 2/1/1909

“At the RISING SUN, Horseley Road, Tipton, an inquest was held on Monday afternoon, touching the decease of Eliza Jane Jones (39), wife of William Jones, labourer, Horseley Heath, Tipton, who died very suddenly.

The husband stated that his wife complained on Thursday that she did not feel very well, but she took her meals as usual. She seemed no worse at 9.30pm, but at 11 o’clock she was dead.

The medical evidence showed that deceased had suffered from pneumonia and heart failure.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

AND

“At the RISING SUN, Horseley Road, Tipton, on Tuesday morning, Mr. F. Lewis (deputy coroner) held an inquest on the body of Clara Tonks (37), of Greets Green, West Bromwich. Evidence was given to show that deceased, who was living apart from her husband, went to pay a visit to a Mrs. Fletcher, of Ballfields, Horseley Heath, Tipton, on Boxing Day. She went for some beer, and was subsequently found lying at the foot of the stairs, with her neck broken. She had apparently fallen from top to bottom.

PC Lowndes, who was called in, said the deceased smelt of drink.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Tipton Herald 26/6/1909

“On Saturday morning the body of an elderly man named Enoch Rogers (68), was taken from the canal near Mason’s brickyard at Toll End, and on examining the body two letters were found in the deceased’s clothing, which made it clear that the case was one of determined suicide. In one letter there was an allegation that someone had been unkind to him, whilst in the other he directed that three shillings and some coppers which he wrote would be found in his pockets, should be spent on lime, to be placed in water over his body when buried, and that no burial service should be read at his funeral. The deceased was last seen alive on the previous Wednesday night. Until the 3rd inst he had resided with a married daughter, Ellen Granger, in Nock Street, but, owing to an alleged disagreement, he went to live with another man in the same thoroughfare. The inquest was held on Monday at the RISING SUN, Horseley Road, Toll End, before Mr. G. C. Lewis. Benjamin Granger stated that deceased, who was his father-in-law, had lived with him for some time. Rogers was addicted to drink, and on the 3rd inst he created a disturbance, after which he went away and obtained lodgings elsewhere.

John Selwood stated that he found deceased’s body floating in the canal near Mason’s brickyard on Friday night, and handed it over to PC Clewlow.

The Coroner stated that deceased had left a letter in which he intimated that he should drown himself, and asking to be buried in 20 feet of quicklime.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst Insane.”

Tipton Herald 28/8/1909

“As briefly recorded in last week’s issue, a sad fatality occurred on Thursday evening to a platelayer named Stephen Davies (60), of Bloomfield, Tipton, who was killed by an express train at Tipton Station of the L&NW Railway Co. The deceased, who had been a railway employee for close upon 40 years, would have shortly become eligible for a small pension. He was a man greatly esteemed in the parish for his uprightness. He had formerly been a member of the committee of the Tipton Cooperative Society.

The inquest was held on Saturday morning at the RISING SUN, Horseley Road, Toll End, Tipton, before Mr. G. C. Lewis (coroner).

Traffic-inspector Eatwell represented the railway company.

Evidence of identification, was given by Sarah Winslow, of Sheffield, daughter of the deceased.

Thomas Evans, a shunter, who also resides at Bloomfield, stated that he was at work near Watery Lane crossing. About 3.30pm he saw the man mowing grass on the side of the down line. The platelayers’ hut was on the opposite side of the track. He saw Davis about to cross to the hut, and shouted, ‘Look out, Steve.’ He then heard another employee say ‘It has got poor Steve’and he went over to where he was. He found Davis had been struck by the 4.10pm Birmingham to Wolverhampton express. The up local train had passed about here minutes previously.

Jesse Allen, of Waterloo Street, a horse shunter, stated that he was at work in the goods yard about twenty yards from where the accident happened. He first saw deceased crossing the line with the express almost upon him. He saw the engine strike him on the chest, and he was knocked over on to the up main line. He ran and picked him up, but he was quite dead.

Richard Charles Holmes, driver of the 4.10pm express from Birmingham to Wolverhampton, said he first saw the man about fifteen yards ahead. He was then in the six foot, and within a few moments the buffer struck him.

The Coroner said that this man had been at work on the line for many years, and one thought he would have known where danger was, but it appeared that familiarity made him indifferent.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1911 Census

41, Horseley Road – RISING SUN

[1] *Henry E. Blick* (35), manager, licensed house, born Birmingham;

[2] *Carrie Blick* (31), wife, married 7 years, born Birmingham;

[3] *Minnie Blick* (6), daughter, born Birmingham;

[4] *Edith Hollins* (16), general servant, born Birmingham:

Smethwick Telephone 3/2/1917

“A pretty military wedding was solemnized at the Paris Church, Tipton, last week, the contracting parties being Sapper Joseph Simcox, of Tipton, and Miss Florence Marriott, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *S. Marriott*, of the RISING SUN HOTEL, Tipton, and late of the MOILLIETT ARMS, Smethwick The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. De Vine). The bride, who was given away by the father, wore a khaki costume, and white velour hat trimmed with fur. She was attended by Miss Eva Simcox (sister of the bridegroom). Mr. Fred Marriott acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride’s home. They were the recipients of many useful presents.”

South Staffordshire Times 18/10/1919

“The death of Ester Whickett, a woman of 63 years of age, formed the matter of an inquest held by Mr. G. E. Lewis, sitting without a jury, at the RISING SUN INN on Tuesday.

It was shown by George Whickett, a son, that the deceased was a widow and resided at 154, Whitehall Road, West Bromwich. She had been in failing health for some years. About ten weeks ago she became an inmate of the West Bromwich Hospital, but was discharged about four weeks later as incurable. She was suffering from an internal growth. Since her discharge from hospital she had complained of severe pains in the head and stomach, and at times had been strange in her manner. She was last seen at her home at 6.30pm on Thursday last, and was missed about an hour later. Her dead body was recovered from an arm of the canal at Great Bridge, about half-past ten o’clock on Friday last. The deceased was attended by Dr. H. Price of Great Bridge about a fortnight ago for pains in the head and stomach.

The medical evidence showed that death had been caused by drowning, and the coroner returned a verdict to this effect.”

South Staffordshire Times 23/7/1921

“Mr. G. C. Lewis (coroner) held an enquiry at the RISING SUN, Toll End, on Tuesday morning, touching on the death of Samuel Parsons, aged 9, 5, Saunders Street, whose body was recovered from the canal last Friday, near what is known as donkey bridge. PC Bailey was in charge of the enquiry.

Rachel Parsons, the stepmother, gave evidence of the identification of the body. The lad was the son of Thomas William Parsons, a miner, and was 9 years and 11 months old. She last saw the boy between 8 and 8.30 at night playing with his niece. She missed him shortly afterwards, and after a search failed to find him. Isobella Freeman, a little child, who was not sworn, said she was playing with ‘Sammy’ on Friday at hide and seek. They were nowhere near the canal. They were running each other about the bridge. She lost him. Looked for him and could not find him. She thought he had run up the fields, home, and then she went home and told the mother of the boy.

Samuel Freeman said when he arrived home about a quarter to nine he found the lad missing, and that he was being searched for. Witness joined in the search and went on the Wake ground, but failed to find the lad. Next morning at about five o’clock he found the body in the canal at the side of donkey bridge. He got it out, but life was quite extinct. He reported the matter to the police after taking the body home.

PC Bailey said the matter was reported to him at 6am on the 16th. He went to the home and found the body lying on the table. As two families were in the house, he thought it advisable to remove the body to the mortuary. There were no marks of injury on the body.

The Coroner said from the evidence and what he heard about the condition of the bridge, death was due to drowning and was accidental.”

South Staffordshire Times 28/1/1922

“On Saturday Mr. G. C. Lewis (the Coroner) held an inquest at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, touching on the death of Gladys Smith, whose dead body was found in the canal at Dudley Port, on January 19th, after she had been missing from her home since January 1st.

Mary Ann Smith, mother of the child, gave evidence that her husband was Samuel Smith, a canal dredger. She identified the body as Gladys Elizabeth Smith, aged 15 next month. She was a general servant, and had been at her place for about six weeks. She seemed happy enough in her employment. Witness last saw deceased on the morning of January 1st, when she said she was going to her place as usual. Deceased seemed happy enough then, and never said a word about being dismissed from her employment.

Sarah Hilda Daniels, a young girl, 89, Lower Church Lane, gave evidence that she accompanied the girl on

January 1st to the vicinity of Dudley Port. They were in the habit of meeting every Sunday, and the deceased, when told to hurry up as it was late, said she was going to her grandma's and was not going to work. She gave no explanation why, and seemed just the same as usual.

Percy William Davis, 391, Tividale Road, where the deceased was employed, said the girl had been dismissed from his service on December 31st, after a week's notice. She took two days off, and he gave her notice on the Tuesday previously. She was dismissed because she did not turn up the two days, and did not say where she had been. She took the notice quietly, and was no different afterwards than she was before. She was a quiet girl, and did her work well.

John Rudd, 29, Lucknow Road, Shortheath, said that at a quarter past three on Thursday afternoon, the propellers of the boat he was driving picked the body up, and her clothing stopped the engine. He sent for assistance and the police and others got the girl out.

PC Warrington said the police were notified on the 1st January that the girl was missing. Dragging operations took place for several days, but unsuccessfully. On Thursday afternoon the police were notified that the body had been caught in the motor boat propeller. January 1st was a very rough day, and the girl would go by the usual road on the side of the canal.

Dr. Murdock said he had made a post-mortem, and found an incised wound on the left elbow, an abrasion on the shoulder, and a wound on the cheek. The left collar bone was broken. All the injuries appeared to have been caused after death. All the organs were normal, there had been no outrage, and the body was full of water. Death was due to drowning.

The Coroner said there was no suggestion of foul play, as was shown by the doctor's statement and the condition of the body. The dismissal did not appear to have worried the girl, and she was happy as usual. That negated the idea of suicide. It was possible that as it was a very rough day, at least it was not at all improbable that she was blown into the canal. He was satisfied that she was not a victim of foul play, and he should return a verdict of Found Drowned."

South Staffordshire Times 6/9/1924

"On Tuesday evening the body of a boy named Arthur Jones (9), son of Mr. William Jones, 1, Drill Hall, Sedgely Road West, Tipton was found in the canal near the tunnel at Tividale.

The inquest was held at the RISING SUN INN, Horsely Road, Tipton, by Mr. Dingham (Deputy Coroner), yesterday afternoon.

George Eric Rew, of Hurst Lane, Tipton, a playmate of the deceased, said that he met Arthur Jones by the Five Ways last Tuesday evening. Both of them proceeded across some fields, near Dudley Road, until they came to the canal. On the way Jones picked up a parsnip. He washed this in the canal, and to do this he had to lean over the water. While witness was kicking stones he kicked his shoe into the canal, and it sank. Witness then thought that he would go home, and asked Jones to accompany him. Jones replied that he was going to wash his parsnip. Witness then left him, and arrived home about 8 o'clock. He did not see Jones again.

Leonard Warr (14), of 5, High Street, Tipton, stated that on Tuesday evening, about 7.30, while he was playing football by the canal he was told there was a body floating in the canal, between the lock and the tunnel. He summoned two other boys, and they said, 'Let us get undressed,' but on second thoughts it was decided to fetch Mr. Mellor. Mr. Mellor came and retrieved the body with a boat hook.

Ernest Mellor, 6, Castle Mill, Tipton, said that about 7.30 on Tuesday evening Leonard Warr visited his house, and asked him to go to the canal as there was a body found there. Witness went to the canal and 'fished' about with a boat hook. He thought he felt something, but his boat hook was not of sufficient length, and he had to return home for another. The canal was 6ft 6in deep where the body was ultimately found. Witness tried artificial respiration, but with no result.

Dr. Harold Brown, practicing at Tipton, said that he saw deceased on the canal bank. When he arrived artificial respiration was being tried, but it was of no avail, for the boy was dead. Witness was of the opinion that death was due to asphyxia.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/1/1925

"Mr. W. C. Checkley, the south Staffordshire Coroner, held an enquiry at the RISING SUN, Toll End, on

Tuesday afternoon, touching on the death of Elizabeth Moody, aged 68, of Manona House, Coventry Road, Birmingham, who collapsed and died in the Tipton Station of the LM&S Railway on Sunday night.

William Henry Moody, 7, King's Road, Hay Mills, Birmingham, foreman wire cleaner, said deceased was his mother, and was a widow. She enjoyed pretty good health till the last few years, when she had pleurisy, bronchitis, and influenza. On January 18th, she left home to visit friends at Woodsetton. He was with her. She left Woodsetton at about ten minutes past nine to catch the 9.52 from Tipton to Birmingham. Near the station she complained of being out of breath. They had walked pretty gently. On reaching the waiting room she collapsed. Dr. Brown was called, but she was dead before he arrived.

Dr. Harold C. Brown said he was called to the station between 10 and 10.35 on Sunday night. There he saw deceased, who was recently dead. He made an examination, and found signs of bronchitis, probably a dilated heart, and she died from heart failure, following the exertion of walking from Woodsetton. The dilated heart was a secondary of the bronchitis.

The Coroner returned a verdict of Natural Causes."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/3/1925

"Mr. W. C. Checkley, coroner, held an enquiry at the RISING SUN, Toll End, last Friday evening, touching on the death of Mrs. Ann Eliza Evans, aged 65, of 94, Oldbury Road, Blackheath, who died suddenly in the Hudson's surgery, Horsely Heath, about half-past five on the previous Tuesday evening. She had been attending the surgery for some time, having treatment for an ulcerated leg. She had just previously got off a tramcar at the surgery door, and collapsed in the waiting room. The coroner returned a verdict of Natural Causes, death having resulted in heart failure."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 31/10/1925

"About 12.15 on Monday afternoon a shocking tragedy occurred at Toll End, a woman named Bridget Ann Darby, aged 49, wife of Thomas Darby, being instantaneously killed. A Sentinel steam wagon belonging to Messrs. J. and B. Cox, of Princes End, was coming down the side street leading to the sewage works, when Mrs. Darby stepped in front of it, was knocked down and terribly injured. But when Dr. Spring, who happened to be passing, examined her, he could only pronounce life extinct. The body was conveyed to the mortuary to await an inquest. Mrs. Darby leaves a husband and five children.

Mr. W. C. Checkley, Coroner, sitting with a jury, held an enquiry at the RISING SUN, Toll End, touching the matter.

Mr. Blox, Dr. Spring, and Superintendent Sault were in attendance, and the inquest was supervised by Inspector Savery and Sergeant Neaverson.

Mr. P. W. Williams, B.L., appeared for the driver, and Mr. Brown, of Messrs. Stockdale and Brown, for the husband, Thomas Darby. Mr. J. T. Moss was chosen as foreman of the jury.

Thomas Darby, 217 Toll End Road, Tipton, labourer, and husband of the deceased, said that when he left home at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, deceased, who 47 years of age, was in her usual good health. At 12.30 his son came to him, and said, 'Come on father, I think mother will be dead before you get home,' and he told him that an accident had happened to her. Witness hurried home, but he thought his wife was dead then, because he was ordered out of the room where she was being attended. His wife had a disfigured face, but was not in the habit of holding a shawl over her head to hide her face.

By Mr. Williams: The shawl was worn over her head and on her shoulders when she went out, but she did not hold it with her hands in front of her face.

Charles Silwood, a boatman, 6 court, 5 house, Horseley Heath, said that at 12.25 on Monday he was walking towards Ocker Hill. On the right hand side of the road out of Ocker Hill there was a bye-road leading to the sewage farm. When he was opposite the road he saw a woman there. She was turning from the back of the houses there as if she meant to come into the main thoroughfare, which was from nine to twelve yards away. He knew the woman was Mrs. Darby. He noticed that her face was practically covered by a shawl, which was over her head. She held it in her hands beneath her chin. She appeared to be carrying something under her shawl. At the same time he noticed the steam lorry coming along the main road from the Ocker Hill direction. It was from 25 to 30 yards away when he first saw it, and he thought it was travelling from eight to ten miles an hour. The driver was sounding the horn. The lorry passed him, and then he heard the horn of a private car, and the lorry driver was still sounding the horn. He looked round, and the lorry had then made

a semicircular turn as if going into the bye-road.

By Mr. Brown: When he saw Mrs. Darby she was nine to twelve yards down the bye-road. That road was from six to eight yards wide. There was also an open space about 15 yards between the corner of the bye-road and Ocker Hill, so there was a visibility of about 25 yards to the end of the bye-road. A person must, however, be on the turn into the bye-road before he could see into it.

Mr. T. E. Beauchamp (one of the jury) intervened, and said the open space was about eight yards and not fifteen yards, but the witness adhered to his original statement.

By Mr. Williams: The shawl which deceased wore would prevent her from seeing and also deaden any sound.

Thomas Loach, plate carrier, of 1, Harrold Street, Tipton, said that while walking from Toll End to Great Bridge, on the opposite side of the bye-road leading to the sewage farm he saw the steam wagon, which was about five yards behind him, travelling on its proper side about eight or nine miles an hour. The driver did not sound his horn, or give any indication of the direction he was going in. The lorry passed witness at about nine yards from the bye-road. The driver turned sharp round the corner into the bye-road, and witness thought he would have knocked the pole down. As the lorry turned the corner he saw Mrs. Darby in the middle of the bye-road, about ten yards down the road. He saw the lorry get within three yards of Mrs. Darby, who appeared to hesitate whether to go back or forward. The front part of the lorry struck her, and one of the wheels passed over her leg. The driver pulled up suddenly, and the back wheel just touched the woman's leg. Witness shouted to the driver, and he backed the lorry about a foot, and Mrs. Darby was picked up and taken home. Witness got on his bicycle and went for a doctor, but he was out.

Cross-examined: There was a horn sounded on a private motor car, but not on the lorry. The lady was hurrying across the road when he saw her, but after she had hesitated she tried to step back, but it was too late. Her head was held up, and the shawl was on her shoulders. There was a telephone pole about three feet from the corner of the bye-road, and it was the rate the driver turned that corner that caused him to think the pole would be knocked down.

A young girl named Mary Ann Clee, 216, Toll End Road, who was also on the spot, said she heard no horn sounded, nor did anyone put out an arm to show in what direction the lorry intended to go. The lorry turned the corner so swiftly that Mrs. Darby could not get out of the way. Before the occurrence Mrs. Darby did not seem to see the lorry, as the driver did not blow his horn. She had a shawl on her shoulders, but not on her head.

Superintendent Sault: The lorry was going faster than lorries usually do in the locality.

Dr. Douglas Martin Spring, M.B., Ch.B Aberdeen, who saw the deceased after she was knocked down, said he had been visiting a patient on the opposite side of the road when he saw a crowd. He went across, and found Mrs. Darby on a couch in her front room. At first he thought she was dead, but she was moribund. He examined the injuries, and said that during the examination the woman passed away. He detailed the injuries, and said the cause of death was shock, cause by the laceration of the leg, thigh, and abdomen.

Inspector Savery gave evidence of visiting the scene of the occurrence. The lorry was standing in the bye-road, seven yards from the channel of the Toll End Road. The off hind wheel was six foot from the kerb. He gave details of other measurements he made.

After being duly cautioned by the Coroner, Joseph Philip Cox, 24, Canal Street, Coseley, the driver – after consultation with Mr. Williams – elected to give evidence. He said he was employed by Messrs. J. B. Cox, Princes End. On Monday 26th, at 12.15, he drove a Sentinel steam wagon along Toll End Road, from Ocker Hill to Tipton Sewage Farm. The lorry, empty, was six tons, and it had a load of half a ton. He approached the bye-road on the left-hand side of the road, his proper side, at about 12 miles an hour, across the canal bridge. On approaching the corner of the bye-road he slowed down to about six miles an hour. He sounded the horn twice about 25 yards from the corner and again close to the corner. He swung out into the centre of the road, and turned the corner. He first saw the deceased when about nine yards from the bye-road. She ran right up against the cab door on the near side. He stopped dead while she was still on her feet, and he did not see what happened to her when she disappeared. He did not notice how she was dressed. He found the woman almost under the centre of the lorry. He did not back the lorry after he stopped. The body lay within half-a-yard of the wheels. Witness had been a driver of the same vehicle for about a year and was 18 years of age.

By Superintendent Sault: He and his mate were keeping a proper look out. Fifteen yards from the corner he

could see 100 yards up the bye-street. His mate held out his hand as an indicator. Neither he nor his mate saw the woman, but he could not say why.

By Mr. Williams: He did not look when he went into the road, but she seemed to step right into the lorry. He could not turn a lorry like that at a fast pace. He took the corner at a safe and proper pace. When he saw the woman he did all he could to avoid the accident, did not swerve to avoid her, but stopped dead.

By the foreman: The ground was practically level, so that it is possible for the woman to rush into the side of the lorry.

Albert Watts (the mate on the lorry), 3, Brewery Street, Kate's Hill, Dudley, gave evidence corroborating the driver's story, and said he saw no one in the bye-road as they turned the corner. He did not see the deceased by the side of the cab. The first he knew was the sudden stop. He jumped out and found the deceased under the lorry, about two feet from the rear wheel.

The Coroner said there was no doubt that the death was caused by the woman being knocked down by the lorry, but the question for the jury was as to whether there had been negligence on the part of the driver. He hoped the jury would not begrudge the four hours spent over the patient enquiry. He then dealt with the episode of the shawl, and the difference of opinion with regard to the speed at which the lorry was being driven. The question to be considered, was there gross negligence on the part of the driver?

The jury retired for about ten minutes, and on their return said that the death was accidental, and they unanimously attached no blame to the driver.

The enquiry lasted exactly four hours."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 3/3/1928

"Mr. J. E. Addison (Deputy Coroner), with a jury, sat for an hour and a half at an enquiry at the RISING SUN, Toll End, on Wednesday afternoon touching the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, aged 74, whose dead body was taken from a Tipton canal on Monday morning. Inspector Savery, PS Davison, and PS Lycett were present for the police.

Nelly Jevons, wife of Joseph Jevons, 76, Barnsley Road, Coseley, identified the body as that of her mother, who was aged 74 and who lived with her. Her health was good till last February. She had a seizure in November 1926, and had faints frequently ever since. Beyond that, her health was fairly good. She was able to get about, and was able to visit her sister at Coseley, about half a mile away. Generally she came back at dinner-time, but sometimes stayed all day. Her fainting turns came on when she was exhausted. She had said she wished she was with her dead husband, but not since 12 months ago. She was always happy, and never mentioned suicide. She left home on Sunday morning to go to her sister's, at ten o'clock, and witness had not seen her since. She was very cheerful on Sunday. The police had found her mother wandering in Wednesbury once. Her mind wandered when she had the fainting turns, and it had happened that people remarked on her being funny in her speech, although at the time she was in good health.

Another daughter, Mrs. Smallman, said she had never heard her mother make the slightest reference to taking her life. Deceased was perfectly normal on Sunday.

Hannah Cartwright, of 2, Navigation Row, Park Lane West, gave evidence that she saw Mrs. Perry on the towpath of the canal at ten minutes past eight on Sunday night. She kept looking backwards at witness as she walked along the towpath and over the bridge. She seemed very very funny in her manner, and would stand and look at the water and then up at the sky. Witness described the sloping path leading from the bridge to the towpath, and said it was difficult for ordinary people to negotiate it, and she thought it would be more difficult for an old woman, because most people came down with a run, and the path ended at the water's edge.

The Coroner inquired if many people went down that slope.

PS Davison: Oh many. The other day a boy rode down it on his bicycle, but he ran straight into the water and got a wetting.

Cornelius Williams, aged 13, of 19, High Street (schoolboy) told how about 7am on Monday he saw the body floating in the water near Round's timber yard. He gave information to the police.

PS Davison spoke to recovering the body from the water at 7.20 on Monday morning. The water at the spot was five feet deep and about two feet from the edge of the path. The slope was a most dangerous one, and anyone going down it was liable to catch their toe on the cobbles with which it was paved at the bottom.

PS Lycett (Coseley) said he knew the deceased well, and she was subject to wandering fits. At 1 o'clock

on Sunday morning, February 5th he saw her standing for more than half an hour outside her son-in-law's house at Coseley, and she did not seem to know where she was. At nine o'clock the same night, he saw her near the ROYAL HOTEL. He spoke to her, and she told him that she did not know where she was. He then sent someone with her to her home to see her safe.

The Coroner inquired of Mrs. Jevons why she had not mentioned that fact in her evidence.

Mrs. Jevons said she was very sorry, but she had forgotten it.

The Coroner: The Sergeant has given most important evidence and had made it quite clear that the deceased had queer-turns, more than Mrs. Jevons liked to admit.

The jury retired to consider their verdict, and were absent about a quarter of an hour.

On their return, Councillor King (foreman) said the jury had decided on a verdict of Accidental Death, and they added a rider that the Coroner should be requested to communicate with the Urban District Council (if they were responsible) and ask that the slope should be filled up and rendered less dangerous.

The Coroner said he quite agreed with this recommendation. It was evident from the evidence given, that it was a veritable death trap and that this poor old lady had probably missed her footing in coming down the slope and had fallen into the water. There was certainly no evidence of any intention of committing suicide."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/6/1928

"Mr. F. Cooper, the South Staffordshire Coroner, held an inquiry with a jury of eight, at the RISING SUN, Toll End, on Friday afternoon, touching the death of Samuel Guest, The Oval, Upper Gornal, whose death at Horseley Heath was announced in our last issue. Inspector Savery was present for the police, and Mr. Harold Eaden (instructed by Messrs. Blewitt and Co.) appeared for the driver of the lorry.

Evidence of identification was given by Mary Ann Price, 13, South Oval, Upper Gornal. She said the deceased, Samuel Guest, was her brother. He was aged 20, and was a bricklayer's labourer. He was out of work for seven weeks last Friday. He was a strong, healthy man, with good eyesight and physique. He was used to riding a bicycle since he was 14, and had had one accident last September. She last saw him at 7.30 on Wednesday morning, May 23rd, when he appeared all right and said he was going to Dallows' at West Bromwich, after a situation. She expected him home for his dinner about half past 12 or one. About three o'clock she heard that he had been killed at Dudley Port. Her brother never had fits nor fainting turns.

Dr. Lumsden Gordon, Great Bridge, who was called to the deceased after the accident, said he examined the man, who had been taken to Dr. Hudson's garage, about ten minutes to one. He was then dead, and bleeding from nose and ears. He had made an external examination, and found a large bruise a foot long and six inches wide on the right side of the chest. There was also a scalp wound behind the right ear, evidence of bleeding from the nose and ears, a bruise on the crest of the pelvis, and a laceration of the left hand. Death was caused by fracture of the base of the skull.

Henry Shingleton, 250, Dudley Port, a labourer, said that about 12.30 on the afternoon of May 23rd, when walking towards Dudley Port, opposite Gough's buildings, he stood talking to a companion. He saw a horse drawn vehicle belonging to Palethorpe's in the gutter, also facing Dudleywards. A young man on a bicycle was coming up on his correct side. Near to the stationary horse he pulled out on to the tram setts, and got past the horse. At that moment a motor lorry came up from Great Bridge, about 18 inches from the near side of the tram track. The lorry driver commenced to pass the cyclist, and the mudguard of the front wheel hit his right shoulder. He fell on to the ground, and the back wheel of the lorry went over his neck. The lorry was only going at a reasonable speed, and was pulled up in five or six yards. There was about a six-foot distance between the lorry and Palethorpe's float, and both were going quite straight. The rails were not wet, nor did the cyclist skid.

James Hodgetts, 2 court, 4 house, Dudley Port, who was with Shingleton, gave similar evidence, and said the cyclist was thrown on his knees and fell with his head under the back wheel of the lorry, which went over his neck. The lorry was pulled up within six or eight yards. It had been proceeding at a very moderate speed and was just curving away when deceased was struck.

Joseph Henry Wise, 6, Park Lane Terrace, who was in charge of the horse-drawn van, gave it as his opinion that in trying to pass between the van and the motor lorry the tyre of the cyclist got into the tram line and caused him to wobble for about five or six feet. He thought there was some difficulty with the groove of the tram. The speed of the lorry was moderately reasonable.

John Sidney Watson, the driver of the motor lorry, of 44, Upton Road, Yardley, said he was in the employ of Joseph E. Wells. The cyclist was behind the van and just wobbling along. He eased out from behind the van and had passed witness, when witness heard a crash and felt a bump. He applied his brake and pulled up in 27 feet. He was driving at ten miles an hour. The cyclist must have skidded, as he was ambling along in the ten feet distance between the lorry and the van.

PC Baker said there was no mark on the van or mudguard as if it had struck anything.

The Coroner said there was no evidence of negligent driving, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/9/1928

“Mr. Cooper (district coroner) held an inquest – with a jury of eight – at the RISING SUN, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday afternoon. It was touching the death of Mr. Richard Stevenson, 35, Crompton Road, familiarly known in social circles as ‘Uncle Dick’. A few years ago he held an important position on the G. W. Railway at Tipton Green. He was superannuated with a good pension. For the last few years he had been a sufferer with bronchitis and asthma, and afflicted with a racking cough. Apparently he was as well as ever and in good spirits, when he left his companions at the ROYAL OAK smokeroom on Friday night, and in his social chat showed no signs of any mental aberration. On Saturday morning some consternation was caused when it became known that his dead body had been drawn from the canal between Watery Lane bridge and the Holbeche Nursing Home. The spot is some distance from his home, and there was no reason why he should go so far, especially as he was weak in the lower limbs. He was generally liked and respected, and many will sorrow for him.

PS Davison was in charge of the inquest.

Mr. Josiah Yates was chosen as the foreman of the jury. The Coroner intimated that there was no necessity to view the body unless any member of the jury wished to. The jury declined to view the body.

The following evidence was given.

Howard Stevenson, a son of the deceased, an employee of the Great Western Railway Company, living in Sedgley Road, said his father was 67. He was in receipt of a pension of £3 6s 8d a week from the Great Western Railway Company, for whom he had worked. The pension was paid on the first of every month. He was granted it when he left the service in 1921. His father enjoyed fairly good health, but suffered from bronchitis, which was worse in winter. He last saw his father alive on September 1st at 35, Crompton Road, where he lodged. On that occasion his father paid him back a pound he had borrowed. He borrowed sometimes, but always paid it back.

Witness had never been told that his father was in financial difficulties, and never realised it. His father was at first executor for the estate of a Mr. Thomas. Then he became sole executor and trustee, and had been pressed to tender his accounts. He had had a cheque returned from Barclays Bank, but witness understood that when anything had been wrong it was immediately put right. On the morning of September 15th witness received a letter in the handwriting of his father, telling him that his body would be found in the canal between Mr. Worthington’s and Dudley Port. The letter said:-

‘I deeply regret to have to write to you like this. I am in serious trouble financially, and before you receive this letter I shall have passed out of this world. Think of me as well as you can. Your heartbroken father.’

The Coroner read the letter to the son, which also stated that he wished no blinds drawn for him, no mourning and no flowers, as he had had his share during life. He also added that there was 14 days superannuation coming to him, and asked the son to look after it.

Joseph Frank Raybould, of 35, Crompton Road, labourer, deposed that Stevenson lived with him as a lodger, and he had known deceased since 1919. Deceased was always cheerful, and with the exception of bronchitis, enjoyed good health. He last saw the deceased on Friday, the 14th, after deceased had had his usual dinner. He left the house merely saying, ‘So long.’ At ten o’clock next morning, he was informed that the body had been recovered from the canal. He had never had any trouble with deceased, who always paid properly for his lodgings and board. He did not know until after the occurrence that deceased was in any financial difficulty. The same morning he received a letter beginning ‘Dear Joe’, and the terms of it were practically identical with the letter written to the son. It added, ‘Think of me as well as you can. My last wish is no drawn blinds, no flowers and no mourning. My body will be found in the canal between Mr. Worthington’s and Dudley Port.’ It ended ‘Your broken hearted friend.’

In answer to questions by the Coroner, witness said Stevenson was always normal in his manner, unassuming and of a careful, generous disposition. Previous to receiving the letter he had no idea that there were likely to be any aspersions upon the man, and not the slightest suspicion that he would commit suicide. The son was here recalled by the Coroner, who asked, 'Has there been any insanity in your family?' Witness replied, 'Yes sir; my father's younger brother was taken to an asylum, where he died. This was seven or eight years ago. His nephew also committed suicide at Brierley Hill. He had never observed in his father any evidence of mental disturbance, though he knew he had been worried.

Harry Sheldon, of 61, Dudley Port, said he knew deceased well. He last saw him in the ROYAL OAK HOTEL on the Friday. Deceased had been from three o'clock on the bowling green, and from seven till 9.30 was in the smoke room. When he left he wished all 'Good-night' in his usual form.

The Coroner: Had he been drinking? – Yes; about four or five half-pints.

Was he sober? – Yes. As sober as a judge.

Did he appear to be worried? – No, he appeared to have nothing to worry him, and he was just the same as he always was.

William Timmins, a labourer, said that at 7 o'clock on Saturday morning he was on the canal towpath opposite Park Street, when John Mansell (a gas official) told him that there was the body of a man floating in the canal. Witness got a boat hook and drew the body to the side. It was evident that death had occurred some time before. He sent a message to the police.

PC Viggars said he received the report of the body having been found, and went to the canal. The body was then on the towpath, but, life was quite extinct.

The Coroner: Was it obvious that the deceased had been dead some time? – Yes, sir, some time.

Did you find anything on him? – Yes, sir; a watch and chain, 8½d in money, a ring on which there were some keys, and two letters.

Was there any evidence near of a struggle? – No, sir.

The Foreman of the Jury: Had he any cap or hat on? – No, sir. There was no hat or cap, and one has not been found since.

PS Davidson said he was quite satisfied after seeing the body that deceased died from drowning. He was quite normal in appearance and there were no marks of violence whatever.

Witness then gave evidence of finding letters in the deceased's possession which related to some trusteeship the deceased held.

Witness went on to say that he had known the deceased for over four years and never observed anything abnormal in him. There was nothing on the body to indicate who he was, but his watch had stopped at ten minutes to twelve and was full of water. There was no need for deceased to get anywhere near that part of the canal in which he was found, if he intended to go direct from the ROYAL OAK to his home.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that in view of the sergeant's evidence, the jury might naturally assume that the deceased died on the 14th inst. The inference was that he went straight from the ROYAL OAK, and was drowned on the same night. It was perfectly clear that the death was due to drowning. The question, however, for them, was what was the state of his mind before death. They were bound to infer from the evidence that deceased committed suicide, but it was for them to say what was the state of his mind at the time he committed the act. The letters were significant, it was obvious that they were written only a short time before the act, for the postmark showed 8pm, so that they must have been written before deceased left Sheldon in the public house. They were told that he was apparently in his usual health and spirits and yet it was obvious that the letters had been written before Sheldon and he parted company. In the face of those letters, could they say he was insane when he committed the act.

'Very often', the Coroner added, 'Coroner's juries (and he did not blame them altogether) and Coroners themselves were prone to declare that a man was insane because he did commit suicide. He personally was not of that opinion, but it was a matter for them to decide. If they thought the tone of those letters justified them, they might declare he was insane. As men of the world, they knew what importance to attach to letters written in the last moments of a man's life.

The witness, Sheldon: Excuse me, Mr. Coroner, those letters were written in the public house. I saw him writing them, but of course I did not know what was in them.

The Coroner: But are they evidence of insanity? The man was evidently in terrible trouble, but it is for you to decide.

The jury retired, and after an absence of nearly twenty minutes, returned a verdict that the deceased Committed Suicide while Temporarily Insane.

The Coroner: Well, I shall record your verdict, gentlemen, that Richard Stevenson died by asphyxiation by drowning while in a state of temporary insanity.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 8/12/1928

“A double drowning fatality occurred at Toll End, Tipton, shortly after nine o’clock on Sunday night. Samuel Cadman (16), of 134, Oxford Street, Bilston, and Olive Warrolloe (14½), of 77, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill, were walking along the towing path of the canal near the Turnover Bridge, in company with another boy and girl. They were all laughing and joking, when it is believed that as they were about to mount the bridge, the girl caught her foot against the brickwork and fell into the water.

Cadman immediately jumped in after her, and had apparently caught hold of her when they both sank, and were not seen again.

The boy friend also jumped in, but in the darkness was unable to locate them.

The bodies were recovered some time later, and were removed to the Tipton mortuary to await the inquest. Mr. F. Cooper (Coroner) held an inquiry relative to the tragedy at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, on Tuesday afternoon.

Inspector Clarke and PC Smeath were in charge of the police arrangements, but there were no legal representatives of any kind present.

The following evidence was taken.

Joseph Shelton, tool setter, 134, Oxford Street, Bilston (unemployed) said the body was that of his step-son, Samuel Cadman. He was 16 on March 4th last, and worked as a heater at Richards’ Imperial Works, Darlaston. He had always been a healthy boy. He last saw him alive on Sunday night, and had been coming into Tipton, about two miles away, for some nine or ten weeks, keeping company with a girl named Warrolloe. At 10.30 on Sunday he identified the body as that of Cadman, who had been able to swim in the canal for the last 12 months.

Bert Warrolloe, 177, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill, labourer, identified the body of Olive Warrolloe, who was 14 years and 7 months old. She was a daily servant for Mr. Armstrong, Princes End, and was a healthy girl. She left home at seven, was talking to her grannie at nine o’clock, and must have gone out again. He next heard of her death just before ten o’clock. He came at midnight to the mortuary and identified the body. On a Sunday night as a rule she went out between nine and ten. He did not know she was going out with boys. The place where she was found in the canal would be about half a mile from her home. She could not swim, but was an active girl, and was never under the doctor’s hands. He knew the place where she was drowned, and boys and girls going there would be on trespass.

Elizabeth Green, aged 15, a domestic servant, living at No.1 house, 6 court, Leabrook Road, and in service at Ocker Hill, said Olive Warrolloe was a friend of hers all her life. They had been in the habit of taking walks for 12 months to her married brother at Newtown, Wednesbury. The last time was three weeks ago. Since then they had taken a walk along the canal by the electric works, coming out by the Triplex Works. They had walked with two boys, Samuel Cadman and William Corns. They had met by arrangement, but she did not know they would meet last Sunday. They first met accidentally five weeks ago. On Sunday, Olive came to her home at 6.30, stayed an hour and a half and then walked to Newtown, but her brother was not in. As they walked home they met the boys, whom they only knew as Sam and Will. They walked by the canal, through an opening near Leabrook Bridge. They knew they were trespassing, and walked four abreast. The two boys walked on the right and the girls on the left. There was a bridge over the arm of the canal, made for horses to go over. They got on to the bridge, which was low, with iron sides on it. Olive had gone in front, because there was not room for four abreast. The other three walked abreast. The bridge and wall were on a slope. Olive got over the wall at the bottom of the slope, and then witness heard a splash. She was then walking, not running. The boys were then coming down the slope. There had been larking before, but no pushing about, only snatching of her handkerchiefs by Sam. She ran him and he ran her. Olive had not been running about, and there had been no horseplay. Both the boys jumped into the canal when they heard the splash, and she ran for assistance, but could not see anyone. A young man came along and helped to get Corns out. She was confident that there had been no fooling about or misbehavior, either that night or before.

William Corns, Oxford Street, Bilston, sheet mill worker at Sankey's, aged 18, said Cadman had been his friend for years. They left Oxford Street about seven o'clock 'just for a walk'. They had anticipated meeting girls, whom they had met twice before. He was to have met Olive Warrolloe. Cadman's girl being Green. There was no larking except that Cadman took Green's handkerchief and gave it to him. There was no chasing about. When they got to the bridge Warrolloe was in front. Cadman and Green had the handkerchief then. Olive was not interested in the handkerchief. She led down the bridge and got over the small wall. He thought it was too steep for her. She stumbled and went into the canal, because she could not right herself, Cadman jumped in, and he and the girl were struggling. Witness put his hand out to see if he could touch them, but could not. Then he, too, jumped in, but was unable to reach them. He got into difficulties and did not see them go down. Green helped him out. There was no larking or chasing going on at the time. Edward Woodbine, ironworker, Greets Green, gave evidence of hearing a scream, and going to the canal. Corn's body was over the towpath, and witness rescued him. The water was still, and that was why he did not search for the bodies when asked by Corns.

The Coroner told the witness that he could not understand why, being a strong swimmer, he did not attempt a rescue.

PC Sneath spoke to dragging Cadman's body from the canal at the Turnover Bridge, Toll End arm, about 9.50 on Sunday night. A man's cap was on the towpath, and in it were two small (ladies') handkerchiefs. Cadman's body was cold and stiff. Later he recovered the body of the girl. She was fully dressed and had a hat on. She was quite cold and stiff. There were no external marks on either of the bodies, nor marks of any struggle on the towpath, nor on the coping of the wall. The bodies were in 5ft 6in deep of water, and about 14 feet out. The side of the canal was 4ft 3in, and the dead girl was 4ft 10in. He had no doubt that the deaths were due to drowning and in his opinion the girl went head first into the water.

The Coroner, in returning a verdict of Accidentally Drowned, said it was unfortunate that in that part of the Black Country there were not more facilities provided by the local authorities for young people to learn to swim. It was probable that if both the two young people who had been drowned had been taught the elements of swimming they would not have lost their lives. He had visited the bridge and had closely questioned Corns and Green with the view of ascertaining if there had been any horseplay which might have caused Warrolloe to run away, and as the result he had no reason to believe that there had been anything of the sort. Having expressed his appreciation of the gallant conduct of Cadman and Corns, the Coroner, addressing Edward Woodbine said, 'I think it is unfortunate that you did not go into the water and attempt to rescue those young people, seeing that on your own statement, you are a comparatively strong swimmer. If you had done so, one of these lives might have been saved. I do not want you to blame yourself, because there was nothing to indicate definitely to you that there were two bodies in the water, and one has to recollect the time of the year, that it was a dark night, and the circumstances in which you went to the canal and what you did for Corns when you got there. You have stated that you could not see anyone in the water, or see that the water was disturbed, and also that you could not dive, but I hope that if you are ever again placed in a similar position the fact that you can not see anyone struggling in the water, or hear ripples on it, will not deter from an attempt to rescue.'

Midland Advertiser 8/3/1930

"A very happy evening was spent by a large gathering of the 'Buffs' Order on Thursday evening at the RISING SUN, Toll End, Tipton, the occasion being the annual dinner of the Queen Victoria Lodge. The long tables which had been placed in the large club room had been tastefully decorated with tulips, and a blazing fire gave a warm atmosphere....."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/6/1930

"Remarkable evidence was given last night at an inquest held by the Coroner for South Staffordshire at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Charles Frederick Kennerly, aged 53, of 39, Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton, who was found dead with his throat cut in the backyard of his house at about 10.45pm on Sunday. After medical evidence had been given concerning the wound in the man's throat, the Coroner, in adjourning the inquest, said, 'I am not suggesting that the wound was not self-inflicted; but this man had a deadly enemy. I don't know of course whether this person was within miles of the place on Sunday.'"

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/6/1930

“‘If you have any conscience at all you must recognise that although in law you are not responsible for this man’s death, morally you are responsible’ said Mr. Frank Cooper (Coroner for South Staffordshire) to Mrs. Fanny Maria Berry, a widow, at the conclusion of the adjourned inquest, held at Tipton yesterday, on Charles Frederick Kennerley, a widower, of 39, Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton, who was found with his throat cut in the backyard of his house on 1 June.....”

[Mrs. Berry was the only witness called. She claimed that Kennerley had pledged himself to marry her but she was disliked by his daughter who lived at home. Berry said that Kennerley had scorned her. She wrote a letter to his employer which alleged pilfering from the works.]

“.....The Coroner, in returning a verdict of Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind, said that he was satisfied from the evidence at the previous hearing that Kennerley was a weak man, in the sense that he had not got the strength of mind to stand up for himself and face trouble fairly and squarely. He thought Mrs. Berry knew that and had endeavoured to ruin him by writing to his employer.

Addressing Mrs. Berry, the Coroner continued, ‘No conduct of his that you have mentioned here today could possibly justify what you did. You knew that he was a weak-minded man and played on his weakness.’

The Coroner added that he hoped she had got a conscience, and that she would come to recognise what she had done. ‘If you have no conscience, then I can only hope that as a result of these proceedings, to which you were forced to come, your true character will be known, and that others may be saved the pain that this family have had through your treatment of their father.’”

Dudley Herald 17/1/1931

“Mr. J. H. S. Addison (Deputy Coroner for South Staffordshire) conducted an inquest at the RISING SUN, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday afternoon, relative to the death of Henry Lane, a moulder, aged 37, of 8, Turner Street, Princes End, Tipton, who died in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Lucy Lane, wife of deceased, said her husband had been healthy except for what he said was indigestion.

On Friday he appeared to be in his usual health. He was quite well when he went to bed. About 1am witness woke up, and heard her husband panting. She asked him what was the matter, and he said, ‘It is this indigestion.’ He got out of bed, but fell on the floor.

PC William Henry Dunn, stationed at Princes End, said he was called to the house about 2.15 on Saturday morning. The deceased had been put into bed when he got there. There were no signs of violence or of a struggle.

Emma Townsend, of 23, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, a neighbour, said she was called in on Saturday morning. The deceased was then lying on the floor, dead. He looked as though he had been walking about the room, and had collapsed. She helped get him into bed.

Dr. William Murdock said he had not attended the deceased since two years ago, when he suffered from influenza. Witness had made a post-mortem examination, and found all the organs were congested. The heart was enlarged and dilated. Death was due to fatty degeneration of the heart.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

Dudley Herald 18/4/1931

“Sitting with a jury at the RISING SUN INN, Tipton, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Frank Cooper (Coroner for South Staffordshire) resumed the inquest on Joseph Rotton, aged 45, of 21, Walker Street, Toll End, Tipton, who was formerly employed as an edge-tool grinder by John Yates and Co. Ltd., edge-tool manufacturers, of Rocky Lane, Aston, Birmingham.

Mr. J. H. Stockdale appeared for the widow, and Mr. Norman Duffell on behalf of the firm, whilst Miss I. M. S. Keeley (H.M. Deputy Superintending Inspector of Factories) was also present.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner said they might possibly have to decide whether or not Rotton died as the result of what was an industrial disease. An industrial disease was one that was contracted as the result of a workman being employed in a particular class of work, and was peculiar to persons in particular occupations. It was a simple case.

The widow, Mary Ann Rotton, was called forward, and the Coroner read the evidence she gave when he opened the inquest on April 4th.

She said her husband had worked for the firm as an edge-tool grinder for 11 years, but ceased work in No-

vember 1929, because of lack of work. He had since been 'on the labour' with the exception of nine weeks, when he worked as a labourer. Two years ago his employers sent him to be X-rayed, and he informed witness that the doctor had told him that there was something wrong with one of his lungs. He died at 8.30am on April 3rd. During the fortnight prior to his death he had been attended by Dr. Hamilton. He had never previously been to a doctor, except to be X-rayed. There were six children, the youngest being five years of age.

The wife now added that since leaving the firm her husband had also worked for five weeks on a housing site as a labourer in addition to the nine weeks on the park. He had never complained to witness of his work at Messrs. Yates.

In reply to Mr. Duffell, witness said her husband had suffered with a cough this last fortnight. He never complained of his chest until just recently, and he appeared to be perfectly healthy.

Dr. Alan Byers Hamilton, of Tipton, said he knew the deceased very well. He was on his panel in 1928, and prior to that on the panel of his predecessor, Dr. Mason. The deceased went to see witness on February 29th, 1929, and he was the suffering from sub-acute rheumatism.

The Coroner: How does that differ from the ordinary rheumatism? – It is different. It is more related to rheumatic fever.

On April 17th, 1929, deceased declared off the sick list. During that period he had bronchitis, and witness sent him to the Tuberculosis Officer at Wednesbury. Witness believed he was then X-rayed, but no definitive signs of consumption could be found. The tests returned negative. Witness had no record of the deceased attending him again until March 17th of this year. He was obviously very ill, and witness made arrangements for him to go again to the Tuberculosis Officer at Wednesbury. He seemed to witness to be in a very advanced state of consumption. An X-ray plate of his chest was taken at Wolverhampton, and silicosis of the lungs was diagnosed. Witness received this report shortly before the death of Rotton.

Witness made a post mortem examination and there were other medical men present. The brain, heart and organs of the stomach were normal. In each side of the chest there were about two ounces of free fluid. The left lung was densely adhering to the left wall, and both lungs were filled with hard cord like structures. Masses of large hard glands were in each lung. There was no sign of active tuberculosis. There was a little nodule in the top of the left lung which was a healed area of tuberculosis at a very early age. Presumably it had been there since childhood, and it was quite small and inactive. In the bases of both lungs there were signs of pneumonia in its early stages. In his opinion the cause of death was silicosis of the lungs.

Asked by the Coroner to define this complaint for the benefit of the jury, the doctor said that every particle of dust inhaled into the chest produced a certain amount of irritation. This brought about definite changes in the structure of the lungs, and caused shortness of breath and loss of weight. In this case, other medical men had had sections to subject to microscopic examination.

The Coroner: Is it possible to get silicosis from working on a park as a labourer? – Very unlikely.

Or from working five weeks on a housing site? – Very, very unlikely. One might almost say 'No.'

Is silicosis prevalent in certain trades? – It certainly is.

Which trades? – The trade that this man worked at is one of them.

Is it common to find silicosis in men employed at the grindstone? – So common that the Home Office has made definite regulations about it.

Is it possible for you to form any conclusion as to the time the condition of silicosis has been present in the deceased? – It must have been there present for a considerable time – years. I think it quite definite it must have had its onset some years ago.

Mr. Duffell said the sections had gone to Dr. Copeland for microscopic examination, and asked Dr. Hamilton, if, without knowing that, he could say definitely that death was due to silicosis. The doctor said that he could.

In reply to the coroner, Miss Keeley said she had not been in the district long, but had visited the works on one occasion.

The Coroner: There have been special methods and appliances brought out to fight against that disease at this work. Do you know whether these works are equipped up-to-date? – They have done away with the sandstone wheels.

Mr. Duffell said that wet grindstones were given up in November 1929, but during the whole time the deceased was employed at the works they were in use.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner said, 'I do not think you will have any difficulty in coming to a conclusion. You and I are not concerned with questions of compensation. Those are matters which are dealt with by an entirely different tribunal. We are only concerned with the actual cause of death, and from the evidence it appears to me that there is only one verdict which you can possibly record. It is clear that deceased was engaged as an edge-tool grinder, which is, above all others, an occupation in which one usually finds this condition of silicosis. The only verdict is that this man died from silicosis, and that the disease was contracted during his occupation as an edge-tool grinder.'

After a short retirement, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

On behalf of Messrs Yates, Mr. Duffell expressed sympathy with the widow and family. The deceased was a very good workman. The firm had given up the wet grindstones and introduced abrasives to obviate that type of disease.

On behalf of the jury, the Coroner also expressed sympathy, and said that with modern improvements he hoped that inquests of that kind would be done away with, and that death from silicosis would be rare indeed. It had only been generally diagnosed during the past few years, and many deaths prior, thought to be from consumption, were no doubt from it."

Dudley Herald 9/5/1931

"How a dying man knocked on the door of a house in Horseley Road, Tipton, at about midnight on Sunday, after being taken suddenly ill, was related by Thomas Charles Millington, of 3, Shrubbery Villas, Horseley Road, Tipton, at the inquest held by Mr. J. H. S. Addison (Deputy Coroner for South Staffordshire) at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, on Wednesday afternoon, on Job Whitehouse, aged 26, of 10, Waterloo Road East, Tipton.

Witness said he was awakened by his wife, who said there was someone knocking on the door of the policeman's house next door. He looked out of the window, and saw the deceased lying on the footpath. Witness ran downstairs, and carried him into his house. He was then alive, but died before the doctor arrived.

In reply to the Coroner, witness admitted he thought 'it was some foul play from the blood about,' although there was no signs of violence.

The father of the deceased, Arthur Whitehouse, said his son, who was a labourer, had not been very healthy since leaving school. He has always had a cough, but witness had no suspicion that he had consumption.

Dr. I. L. V. Lumsden-Gordon, said that when he saw deceased he was then dead. He should say he had died a few minutes previously. He was bleeding from the mouth and nose, and witness saw the blood marks on the road. There was no signs of violence. Together with Dr. Dyke he had made a post mortem examination. Death was due from shock, due to haemorrhage ensued by pulmonary tuberculosis. The shock would probably be the deceased seeing the blood. He agreed it was unusual for a sudden death like that, but he thought it would be through deceased being on his feet at the time, and the extra strain on his heart when he must have struggled across the road.

Inspector Heath thanked the doctor for the assistance he had given the police.

The Coroner: It certainly looked much more serious that it turned out to be.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned."

Dudley Herald 15/8/1931

"A tragedy of ill-health was revealed at an inquest held by Mr. Frank Cooper (Coroner for South Staffs), at the RISING SUN INN, Princes End [sic], Tipton, on Thursday, relative to the death of Thomas Nicholls, aged 58, of 72, High Street, Princes End.

Nicholls was found dead in the cellar of his home on Tuesday night, with a blood-stained razor by his side.

Dr. Norman V. Williams said he knew deceased very well, and he was one of his panel patients. An examination of the deceased's body at the mortuary revealed a deep incised wound in the throat, which had severed both jugular veins, and had practically severed the windpipe. Death was due to haemorrhage.

Deceased, continued witness, had been suffering from severe head pains for some time, and although he had seen two specialists he had got no relief. Witness had been in constant attendance, and deceased had complained that as a consequence of the continuous head pains he got very little sleep. Deceased always looked in pain.

The Coroner: Do you get cases of head pains for which you cannot find any cause? – Oh, frequently.

Is it actual pain? – Oh, Yes!

Caused by what? – I cannot tell you that. It is what is described as a functional condition.

The widow, Martha Nicholls, said that owing to her husband's pain he had not been able to do much work for the past two years, and had not done any for the past year. On Tuesday he got up as usual, although he had had no sleep during the previous night. He ate practically no dinner, and afterwards said he would go and lie down in the hope it would ease the pain. Witness went into the washhouse and did some washing until five o'clock, when she called deceased. As he did not answer she thought he was asleep and decided not to disturb him. At six o'clock, however, she went up into the bedroom and found that he was not there. She looked everywhere for him, but she could not find him.

'They lived together very happily, and I have never known a nicer man in my life,' said William Pearson, 3 court, 1 house, Newhall Street, Princes End, who found deceased lying in the cellar in a pool of blood. A razor (produced) was by his side. Deceased, said witness, was dead when found.

PC Dunn said the letters in deceased's handwriting which were found in the house were written in a most affectionate strain, and showed the man was passionately attached both to his wife and son.

Returning a verdict of Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind, the Coroner said it was clear that deceased over a very long period had suffered from extremely severe and almost continuous pains in the head. It was also clear from the notes that he had left behind that he was on very affectionate terms both with his wife and his son, and that he obviously had the question of committing suicide in mind for some time. Altogether there were four notes, and they were all written in a most affectionate strain. They were all obviously written at different times, and apparently he had decided on at least four separate occasions to take his life, but had had strength enough to resist the temptation until the last occasion, when the pain got the better of him. It was obvious that the sole reason why he had taken his life was because of the pains which he had suffered over a long period."

Tipton Herald 2/1/1937

"Distressed because of leaving Bilston after a period of 23 years, Amy Waldron, aged 63, left her home at Dudley, on the afternoon of Thursday, December 17th, and was never seen alive again, her body being recovered from the canal at Bloomfield, Tipton, on Xmas Eve.

These facts were revealed at the inquest conducted by Mr. J. H. S. Addison (Deputy Coroner for South Staffs) at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday afternoon.

Walter Waldron, aged 65, licensed victualler residing at the ROYAL OAK, Salop Street, Dudley, identified the body as that of his wife, whose 64th birthday he held, fell on December 22nd. She underwent a severe operation ten years ago, but apart from that had always enjoyed good health, until about six weeks ago. For 23 years, up to then, he had kept a licensed house at Bilston. Leaving there was a great shock to his wife and she had never really recovered from it, she had had a nervous breakdown and had been depressed ever since. She had been attended by Dr. John Wells, of Bilston, and although they moved, to the Dudley district, she still went to him.

On Tuesday, December 15th, witness took his wife to see Dr. Wells, who said she ought to go away. The next day, however, she seemed to pick up wonderfully, but when she got up on the Thursday she appeared rather more depressed than usual, taking no interest in anything. During the course of the morning witness several times went into the living quarters to see her, the last occasion being about 1.40pm, when she was preparing dinner. When he went to have his dinner at two o'clock his wife was missing, and he sent round to relatives and informed the police.

The spot where she was found in the canal on December 24th, was a long way from the house. He had no idea why she went over that way, although they returned via Tipton on the bus from Bilston.

The Deputy Coroner: You mean she made a note of the district on the way? Is that what is at the back of your mind? – Yes, sir.

Continuing, witness said there was nothing to prey upon his wife's mind, except that they had left Bilston. Horace Wellings, of 113, Walsall Road, Willenhall, a gauger, employed by the Birmingham Navigation Company, gave evidence of the recovery of the body from the canal at Bloomfield.

PS Windridge, of Tipton Green, said every enquiry had been made, but no one apparently saw the woman from the time she left the house until she was found in the water. Witness was called to the side of the canal at Bloomfield shortly after 9am on Thursday, and upon examination of the body formed the opinion that it

had been in the water for some days. There were no marks on the canal bank and the weeds were not disturbed. The woman had been very queer during the past few weeks, and Dr. Wells had informed witness that there was very marked depression.

Dr. W. Murdoch, who said he had examined the body, said there were no marks of violence. Death was due to asphyxia from drowning. It was his opinion that the body had been in the water for several days.

A verdict was recorded of Suicide whilst Temporarily of Unsound Mind.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/8/1937

“Squeezing through a grating and dropping into a coal cellar, a man forced his way into a locked house at Tipton, on Saturday, and found his sister with gaping wounds in her throat and stomach, her five-year-old son stabbed through the heart with a cobbler’s knife, and her husband unconscious with his head in the gas oven.

The victims of the tragedy were George Leonard Southall, aged 30, an unemployed sheet metal worker, of 168, Bloomfield Street, Princes End; Edith Mary Southall, aged 32, his wife; and Geoffrey Southall their son, who would have been six this month.

The parents were rushed to Dudley Guest Hospital, the woman’s condition being so critical that an immediate operation had to be performed. After a long battle to save her life it was stated last night that her condition shows improvement.

The husband, who was badly gassed, and had a cut on the right wrist, has made good recovery, and he may be discharged from hospital today.

A post-mortem examination on the child, made later on Saturday night by Dr. D. G. Lloyd, revealed that it was killed almost instantly, and the inquest will be opened at the RISING SUN INN, Toll End, by Mr. Frank Cooper tomorrow afternoon.

Piercing screams coming from the house about 3.30am on Saturday led to the discovery of the tragedy.

They awakened Mrs. Davies who lives next door, and she aroused Mrs. Southall’s brother, Joseph W. H. Jeavons, who lives near by.

The subsequent events were described by Mr. Jeavons in an interview with a *Birmingham Gazette* representative.”

[George Leonard Southall appeared at Stafford Assizes for the murder of his son and the attempted murder of his wife. The jury’s verdict was Unfit to Plead. He was detained in strict custody awaiting his Majesty’s pleasure.]

1939 Register

41, Horseley Road – RISING SUN

[1] *Walter Randall*, date of birth 3/7/1877, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Eliza Randall*, dob 25/7/1881, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Harold J (Joseph) Randall*, dob 17/7/1913, wood pattern maker, single, ARP Voluntary Ambulance Man;

[4] *Maurice Parker*, dob 6/8/1849, unpaid domestic duties, widowed:

Herbert Standley = Herbert Stanley

He married Beatrice Cowles.

See also DUN COW, West Bromwich.

Penny McDonald’s partner was Jackie Walker.

Dudley and South Staffs CAMRA Pub of the Year 1998, 1999, 2000.

CAMRA National Pub of the Year 1999.

What’s Brewing (March 2000)

“Two women who took their first pub just two-and-a-half years ago have won CAMRA’s national Pub of the Year award. *Penny McDonald* and Jackie Walker met when they worked at Burton Bridge’s Brewery Tap in Burton. *Penny* had previously worked at the Falkland Arms in Great Tew, Oxfordshire. Their dream of a pub of their own was realised when they took the tenancy of the privately-owned RISING SUN in Tipton

in the heart of the Black Country. Now, 775 real ales later, they have won the pub world's leading consumer accolade.

The RISING SUN had been closed for nine months when they took it, and before that it had been better known for lager, keg, and karaoke than for cask ale. *Penny* said, 'Because of the area's industrial heritage we assumed there would still be some heavy drinkers around who would appreciate good ale.'

Most of the RISING SUN's beer comes from Banks's, but an active guest policy means it always has seven cask ales including two milds on tap. As well as its beer range, the RISING SUN offers a small selection of good value hot and cold food, usually including a roast, from Monday to Saturday."

Jacqui Skidmore was married to Dennis.

Dennis died in January 2008.

Nicola Jane Skidmore was the daughter of *Jacqui* and Dennis.

[2011]

It closed in 2012.

It reopened as a Black Country Ales pub on 14th March 2013.

Malcolm Roberts was married to Julie.

It was refurbished in January 2019, including the installation of electronic beer boards.

[Express & Star 14/3/2023](#)

"Landlord duo Julie and *Malcolm Roberts* are celebrating a decade of running the RISING SUN pub in Tipton. The couple marked their 10 years running the pub, as well as 10 years under the banner of Pensnett's Black Country Ales, with a party night on Saturday, where they celebrated with family and friends. It was an eventful week for the RISING SUN, as they also received a visit from the 'Help! My House is Haunted' team, who recorded an episode for their next series at the Black Country pub.

Julie and *Malcolm* said, 'What a week to celebrate 10 years of management. The week started off with a celebrity status when we welcomed the 'Help! My House is Haunted' team, where we got to record for the next series getting to share all the spiritual goings on here the RISING SUN Pub. What a great team they were and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Then Saturday night was party night where we got to share our achievements with all our lovely customers whom over the last 10 years have become friends and a massive thank you for all the cards, gifts and flowers we've received we were truly overwhelmed with your generosity. Last but not least a massive thank you to our bar team who have worked alongside us tirelessly to support us and worked extremely hard on Saturday night to ensure everyone had a good night. We couldn't do it without all your help and support. Here's to making more memories in our community pub and sharing it all with our wonderful customers and staff. Cheers to 10 years.'"

[Express & Star 2/4/2023](#)

"As pubs continue to battle the cost of living crisis, the *Express & Star* continues its Love Your Local series which celebrates our local inns. *Malcolm* and Julie *Roberts* recently celebrated running the RISING SUN pub in Tipton for 10 years – where they are currently loving life as landlord and landlady. The couple, who have been together for 33 years and married for 20, held a celebration at the pub marking a decade of managing it for Black Country Ales. To celebrate the milestone, locals got together to sign a card and give £280 to the couple, highlighting their popularity among customers who they consider friends and family now. Before taking over, *Malcolm* had his own business erecting steel but after wanting a career change, he worked in a pub for 12 months to get experience and 'learn the ropes.' Then, one evening he noticed that Black Country Ales had an opening for the RISING SUN, and despite thinking he wouldn't be in with a chance, he was successful after rounds of interviews. 10 years on, the couple are loving life running the establishment. *Malcolm*, 61, says, 'It was hard taking over at first, we didn't know anybody proper. They have become our friends now and not just customers, they're loyal to us and we are loyal to them. It did take time to build

these relationships, at least 18 months to two years. When we took over the pub was quite run down but in these 10 years Black Country Ales have done two refurbishments and it is running well now, I would say. We have 10 real ales. There is never any major issues here – it is just a nice friendly feel to the place and everyone loves it.’

Almost everyone that I have spoken to that runs a pub or has done previously, tell me that you can only be successful in doing so if you want to do it – running a pub half-hearted would set you up to fail and so you only do it because you want to. *Malcolm* confirms this, adding, ‘It was my first time running a pub but I got used to it and thoroughly enjoy it. You simply cannot do it half-hearted or cut corners, you either want to do it or you don’t, it is not something for the casual. It is such hard work, and running the pub is your life. Especially for us as we live on the premises too, so we are always here. On days off we are still here, and so always present for the pub but that is how it is when you commit to it. It is very rewarding though, and yes the managers make the pub but it is truly the customer that do. I say that if it wasn’t for them, the pub wouldn’t be in operation. So we want to thank them all, for their loyalty to us, we really appreciate everyone and the support we receive from our regulars. They turn up here rain or shine.’

The pub is part of Black Country Ales and so they serve their ales in part of their 10 real ale pumps, along with four cider pulls and the traditional drinks too. There are regular events held at the pub with live entertainment taking place every other week. *Malcolm* added that they will be hosting a beer festival on Fathers Day, which is an annual event where they have live bands, drinks and a barbecue – and people love it according to *Malcolm*.....”

[2023]

ROBIN HOOD

Queen Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

J Clews [1866]

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 31/3/1866

“T. Roberts of Birmingham and J. Morris of Newport.

The match between the above men, to pick up 100 stones a yard apart, for £5 a side, is down to come off at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Tuesday next, at two o’clock. Mr. *Clews*, of the ROBIN HOOD, Queen Street, Princes End, Tipton, stakeholder.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 27/10/1866

“E. Morris of Tipton will run any of the following, viz, W. Garrett of Quarry Bank 120 yards, with two yards start; or S. Hollihead of Princes End, J. Garrett, or Foxall of Quarry Bank 100 yards level. To come off at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at Mr. *J. Clews*’s, ROBIN HOOD INN, Green [sic] Street, Princes End.”

ROEBUCK COTTAGE

Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Edwards [1882]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Charles Edwards had his license endorsed in August 1882 for serving outside permitted hours.

ROLLERS ARMS

Toll End Road, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

David Williams [1861]

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 8/11/1856 - Advert

“ROLLERS ARMS, Toll End, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. F. Altree, on Monday, the 17th day of November instant.

The Licenses, Possession, Fixtures, Fittings, excellent Brewing Plant, 500 gallons prime Ale, four-pull Ale Machine, pocket and tump of Hops (1853), new Malt Crusher, two lead Pumps, 120 gallon and 60 gallon Iron Boilers, Mash and other Tubs, Coolers, twenty-five capital iron-bound Ale Casks (home made), part of the Household Furniture, handsome Spring Trap, &c, &c.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock, and the Licenses to be offered at Twelve o'clock.

Catalogues at the Auctioneer's Bilston. Established 1840.”

1861 Census

Toll End Road – ROLLERS ARMS

[1] *David Williams* (30), boat builder and beer seller, born Wales;

[2] *Mary Williams* (30), wife, born Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire;

[3] *Mary A. Williams* (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Ellen Mew* (14), house servant, born Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire:

ROSE AND ANCHOR

Summer Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/8/1848

“An inquest was held on Monday at the ROSE AND ANCHOR, Summer Hill, Tipton, upon the body of Robert Beards, aged 44 years, who died from lock-jaw and inflammation of the throat, the lock-jaw being produced by the injuries he received from a fall during a drunken brawl with a man named ‘Potteries Dan’ on the 8th July. Verdict Excusable Homicide.”

ROSE AND CROWN

108, (34), Brickhouse Lane, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Great Western Railway Co.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (leased [1930s])

Wellington Tube Rollers Ltd, Great Bridge [1944]

Atkinsons Ltd. [1954]

LICENSEES

Thomas Badger [18th century]

Thomas Powell [1870] – 1873);

Richard Parker (1873 – 1887);

George Sheldon (1887 – 1936);

Frank Corbett (1936 – 1950);

George Elston Lewis (1950 – 1953);

Josiah Gerald Cowdell (1953 – 1955);

William Hemming (1955);

William Davidson (1955 – 1956):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

34, Brickhouse Lane [1881], [1891], [1901]

108, Brickhouse Lane [1911]

It was originally an Unnamed Beerhouse.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/4/1839

“Bob Worril of Hilltrop, is open to fight James Redley, ‘the forge Carpenter,’ for £10 or £25 a side, no chaffing. The needful is ready at the ROSE AND CROWN, Great Bridge, Old Ruins.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.

Beer certificates.....

Mr. Topham applied for *Thomas Powell*, ROSE AND CROWN, Brickhouse Lane. No opposition. Granted.”

1871 Census

Brick House Lane

- [1] *Thomas Powell* (53), publican, born Montgomery, Wales;
- [2] Ann Powell (45), wife, born Montgomery, Wales;
- [3] Richard Powell (18), son, roller, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Benjamin Powell (14), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Sarah Powell (12), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Priscilla Powell (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Thomas Powell (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] John Powell (6), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [9] William Powell (5), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [10] Mary Jane Powell (3 months), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [11] Joseph Morris (50), lodger, labourer, born Tipton:

1881 Census

34, Brick House Lane

- [1] *Richard Parker* (65), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Esther Parker (67), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Annie Parker (16), granddaughter, general servant, born Tipton;
- [4] Mark Amos (13), grandson, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Harry Amos (3), grandson, born Walsall:

1891 Census

34, Brick House Lane

- [1] *George Sheldon* (37), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Eleanor Sheldon (36), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Eliza Sheldon (14), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] George Sheldon (6), son, born Tipton:

Sporting Life 12/2/1898

“Mr. *George Sheldon* (of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Great Bridge, Tipton), Mr. John Russell (proprietor of the Victoria Grounds, Rough Hills, Wolverhampton), and Mr. Frank Lloyd (proprietor of the Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury) run fifty yards on Monday next, for £15; Mr. Russell and Mr. *Sheldon* to receive 2 yards 22½ inches start. This meeting between these well-known sportsmen and knights of the bung is creating a keen lot of interest amongst the sporting schools of the Black Country. Mr. F. Lloyd has been a ped of first-class merit, Mr. *Sheldon*, too, has in bygone days performed in many sprint handicaps in the Midlands, whilst nothing is known of the sprinting abilities of Mr. Russell. He is, however, the 18 yards champion quoit player of England, and is considered one who knows what he is doing. A close race, however, is sure to be witnessed between these veterans. The *Sporting Life* is stakeholder, and appoints pistol firer and refer-

ee. To be on their marks at 11am prompt.”

Sporting Life 16/2/1898

“.....Mr. Lloyd highly fancied his chance. Unfortunately, however, for him and his friends, whilst having a trial with a well-known Midland pedestrian Mr. Lloyd’s leg suddenly gave way. This breakdown of Mr. Lloyd’s was more serious than thought for, consequently he had no other alternative than forfeit his money down.

.....This was followed by a match between two licensed victuallers, viz Mr. Russell, and Mr. *Geo. Sheldon*. Odds of 5 to 2 were freely laid on Mr. Russell. Mr. *Sheldon* being too anxious to get away, got over, and was, to the chagrin of his followers, penalised one yard. At the second attempt both got well away. Russell, however, soon showed that he could run as well as play at quoits, he finally winning by three yards.”

1901 Census

34, Brickhouse Lane – ROSE AND CROWN TAVERN

[1] *George Sheldon* (47), beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] Eleanor Sheldon (46), wife, born Tipton;

[3] George Sheldon (16), son, tube tiller apprentice, born Tipton;

[4] Harry Sheldon (3), son, born Tipton:

Sporting Life 13/4/1901

“Mr. *Geo Sheldon*, of Great Bridge, and Mr. Dainty, of Woodside, Dudley, have matched their dogs to course the best of twenty-one courses for £25 aside on a date to be named. £4 (£2 aside) is deposited in the hands of our representative, and the parties meet tonight (Saturday) between the hours of 6 and 8pm, at Mr. *Geo. Sheldon*’s, ROSE AND CROWN INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, to show their dogs and sign articles and increase the stakes to £5 a side. The *Sporting Life* to appoint starter and referee.”

Sporting Life 7/10/1903

“Lea Brook Grounds.

Rabbit Coursing again played a prominent part at these popular grounds last Monday evening, the programme consisting of Mr. Frank Lloyd’s All England £5 coursing sweepstakes and a match. The contending dogs were Mr. Joseph Turner’s Nelson and Mr. Joseph Timmins’ Mick, both hailing from Kate’s Hill, Dudley, who coursed the best of twenty-one courses, the rabbits being allowed 60 yards law, five minutes between each course, weigh in one yard to the pound, for £10 a side. The *Sporting Life* was stakeholder and empowered to appoint the officials. Despite the fact that the stakes were not large, both dogs had been specially prepared for the match. Mr. J. Aston trained Mick; whilst Mr. *George Sheldon*, of the ROSE AND CROWN VAULTS, Great Bridge, Tipton, prepared Nelson. Matters appeared all right until the time arrived for posting the final deposits with our representative, Mr. Timmins; £5 was posted for Mick, but to the surprise of those assembled to witness the match, it transpired that Nelson was on the previous day kicked by a horse in a field and killed. The owner thereby forfeited the £5 deposited, and the £15 was handed over by our representative to the owner of Mick. It is needless to say that much sympathy was evinced for Mr. Turner by the great loss he sustained on the loss of such a promising dog as he possessed in Nelson.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/3/1906

“The adjourned licensing session for the borough of West Bromwich were held yesterday The other houses to which objections were taken were....

ROSE AND CROWN, Brickhouse Lane.....

After a lengthy hearing the magistrates decided to refer them all to the compensation authority, with the exception of the ROSE AND CROWN, and this license they renewed on condition that plans for restoration of the house was at once deposited and, if approved, forthwith carried out.”

1911 Census

108, Brickhouse Lane – ROSE AND CROWN

[1] *George Sheldon* (56), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] Louie Sheldon (40), wife, married under 1 year, born Tipton;

[3] Harry Sheldon (13), son, driller, steel/iron tube works, born West Bromwich:

No application for renewal on 9th February 1956 – license surrendered.

It closed in 1956.

Demolished

ROSE AND CROWN

Queens Road, (14, (13a), Walton Street), (Walter Street), (Watery Lane), (Water Street), (Water Lane), (Wattery Lane), Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Alfred Mander

Milward Brothers, Wednesbury [1919]

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Abraham Bate [1851] – [1873]

Henry Anderson [1876]

Thomas Grainger [1877]

Moses Perry [1880] – [1881]

William Hall [1882]

James Randle [1891]

Francis Adams [1892]

Thomas Allsopp [1894] – [1904]

Frederick Smith [1911] – [1912]

Alfred Mander [1916] – **1954**);

Fred Alan Sowry (**1954** – [1966]

Harold Law [] – **1984**)

Peter Griffith [1990] – [1991]

NOTES

Water Lane [1851], [1860]

Wattery Lane [1861]

Water Street [1861]

Watery Lane [1855], [1865], [1868], [1870]

14, Walton Street [1871], [1881], [1891] [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]

Walter Street [1881]

13a, Walton Street [1916], [1932], [1939], [1940], [1990]

Queens Road

Abraham Bate = Abraham Bates

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.

Abraham Bates, Watery Lane, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr.

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.”

[Granted.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“On Wednesday, the annual petty sessions for the Hundred of Offlow South was held.

The following publicans were cautioned only.

Abraham Bates, Tipton, gaming.”

Birmingham Journal 23/7/1853

“Royal Order Of Goodfellows. On Monday week the members of this lodge held their anniversary at the house of Mr. *A. Bates*, ROSE AND CROWN. About forty sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which Mr. Austin was called to the chair. A very happy evening was spent by the members.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“At the annual licensing day in August last, the license of Mr. *Abraham Bates*, ROSE AND CROWN, Watery Lane Tipton, was suspended, he having been proved to have supplied a company of men with ale at illegal hours on Sunday, the 12th of August. It was also stated that at the wake he had opened for that week a sort of beerhouse, and putting in a blind man, sold beer there, not content with his own inn custom. Mr. Duignan was heard at length on his behalf, but the Bench decided upon taking away Mr. *Bates*’s license.”

Birmingham Journal 18/6/1859 - Advert

“Freehold Building Land, in Watery Lane, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, on Thursday next, the 23rd day of June, 1859, at the house of Mr. *Abraham Bates*, ROSE AND CROWN INN, Watery Lane, Tipton, at Six o’clock in the evening.

Seventeen Lots of Eligible Building Land, varying in quantity from 117 to 284 square yards.

The Land is situate in the midst of an increasing population, and has the advantage of good roads, and is within a short distance of extensive Coal and Ironworks.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/7/1859

“On Monday, James Osbourne was taken before Sir Richard Boughy, at Newport, and remanded, on the charge of attempting to pay a forged £5 Bank of England note at the Sutherland Arms, Donnington, a few days ago. At Salop gaol he was recognised as an old visitor, who in 1856 under the name of Collins, alias Crippin, spent 12 months there on the charge of uttering counterfeit coin. He had also been a year in Warwick gaol for bigamy; and on being applied to by the police the wife of Mr. *Bate*, of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Tipton, Staffordshire, came and identified the prisoner as having passed a forged £5 Bank of England note at her house, on the 30th June last.”

[At Salop Assizes, in July 1859, James Osbourne, charged with feloniously uttering a forged bank note, was sentenced to 15 years penal servitude.]

Birmingham Journal 18/2/1860 - Advert

“To Producers Of Petrolene Oils.

A Dealer in the above article would be glad to have a List of the lowest Price and the best terms for cash payment.

Apply by letter A.Z. to the ROSE AND CROWN, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 17/3/1860

“Staffordshire Spring Assizes

William Edkins, 30, hairdresser, was charged with feloniously uttering and putting off a forged Bank of England note at Tipton, on the 1st of July, 1859, he well knowing the same to be counterfeit. Mr. Whateley, QC, and Mr. H. James, conducted the prosecution; Mr. Kenealy defended.

The prisoner it appeared, was a hairdresser carrying on business in Birmingham, and on the 1st of July presented himself at the ROSE AND CROWN, in Tipton, and asked the landlady, Mrs. *Bates*, for some brandy. She handed some to him, and after he had drunk it he inquired where the landlord was. He was referred to the yard, and held some conversation with Mr. *Bates*, after which he returned to the house and asked Mrs. *Bates* if she could change a £5 note, as he wanted to pay for some goods he had purchased at a sale at Mr. Morris’s, in the neighbourhood. She replied that she was unable to do so; her son, however, to whom the note was given, noticed at the time certain names and dates were written on the back, which led to its subsequent identification. On the refusal the prisoner took the note to another public-house, still nearer the place of sale, but was equally unsuccessful. The prisoner stayed at Mr. Parsons, and dined, after which he proceeded to the station, and requested the clerk to change the note. The station-master, Mr. Crutchley, heard him make the inquiry, and presented himself to the prisoner, when Edkins said, ‘Mrs. Woodall would be very much obliged if you could change this note.’ Mr. Crutcheley accordingly gave him the change without further scrutiny, and the prisoner went away. In the course of the evening, however, Mrs. *Bates* called at the station, and identified the note as that which had been presented to her in the early part of the day. It was subsequently discovered to be counterfeit. The prisoner was apprehended in Birmingham on the 2nd of January. At the time of his apprehension he denied that he had been out of Birmingham for two years and a half, adding that ‘if his name was not written on the back of the note they could not do anything at him.’ Mr. Kenealy, for the defence, urged the impossibility of identifying the note produced as that presented to Mrs. *Bates*, and the difficulty proving that, granting the prisoner committed the offence, he did it without guilty knowledge.

The jury found the prisoner guilty. As the jury declared their verdict, the prisoner’s wife, who was seated in the Court, shrieked out, exclaiming, ‘Lord have mercy upon him,’ but was immediately removed. The prisoner was proved to have twice before been convicted of felony, upon one of which occasions he was sentenced to transportation for life.

The learned Judge dwelt upon the enormity of the offence, and the clearness of the evidence, concluding by sentencing the prisoner to penal servitude for fifteen years. The prisoner, who was greatly affected, clinging for some moments to the front of the dock, and imploring the Judge to have mercy on his wife and child, was then removed.”

Abraham Bate, beer retailer, Wattery Lane. [1861]

He issued tokens from here.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/1/1861

“On Friday last Edwin Hooper, Esq, Coroner, held an inquest at the ROSE AND CROWN, in this parish, on the body of John Paskin, a banksman, lately employed by Messrs. Bagnall and Sons, at the Groveland Colliery. On the morning of the 1st, before it was light, deceased walked over the pit’s mouth, and fell to the bottom of the shaft, a depth of 283 yards. He was taken up by the men in the pit, quite dead, and frightfully mutilated. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

Water Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

[1] *Abraham Bate* (52), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Bate* (47), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Abraham Bate* (16), son, scholar, born Tipton;

- [4] Phoebe Bate (15), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Isaac Bate (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Emma Bate (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] John Bate (9), son, scholar, born Yardley, Warwickshire;
- [8] Sarah Richardson (19), house servant, born Bicester, Oxfordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/8/1863

“An inquest was held on Friday, before Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Watery Lane, concerning the death of a lad, thirteen years of age, named Philip Smith. The evidence went to show that on the evening of Tuesday, at about six o’clock, the deceased, with five other boys, got into a skip of No.6 pit at the Moat Colliery Company, in whose employment he had been about ten days, and descended the shaft. When they were about twelve yards off the bottom of the pit, the skip struck the side of the shaft, and precipitated deceased from the skip to the bottom of the pit. He was taken up insensible, and removed to the surgery of Mr. Underhill. He had, however, sustained such injuries that he expired in about an hour afterwards. The Coroner adjourned the inquiry for a week in order that the Government Inspector of Mines might, in the meantime, examine the shaft and report upon it.”

Birmingham Journal 26/3/1864

“At the Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, Thomas Insley, landlord of the OLD HOUSE AT HOME beerhouse, Tipton Green, appeared to answer a charge of having unlawfully taken three pigeons, belonging to *Abraham Bate*, of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, also of Tipton Green. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Bayley for the defendant.

The case for the prosecution was that on the 13th January three of *Bate*’s pigeons settled on an out-house belonging to the defendant; that the latter employed a man, named Atkins, to entrap the birds, and gave him six quarts of ale for doing so; and that when complainant subsequently applied to have the pigeons returned to him, the defendant refused to give them up, stating that they were eaten, and the complainant must ‘do his best.’ The defence was that the defendant, when he caused the birds to be captured did not know to whom they belonged and that when he learned that they were the property of the complainant he sent a messenger to Insley, asking him to fetch the pigeons, but that the latter declined the invitation. After hearing the evidence, the Bench found the defendant guilty, and sentenced him to pay 7s 6d, the estimated value of the birds, and a fine of 2s 6d with expenses.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/8/1864

“Mr. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Watery Lane, on Tuesday, on the body of Hannah Foster, aged 80 years, who died in a sudden manner on Saturday. Thomas Davis, a puddler, said the deceased was the widow of Richard Foster, a moulder. On Saturday morning, about half-past eleven o’clock, as witness was passing the residence of the deceased, he saw a group of persons round the door, who were alarmed at deceased not having opened her house. Witness reared a ladder, and through the window he saw deceased lying dead in bed. He descended the ladder, and burst open the door. Witness had last seen her alive on Friday afternoon, when she appeared in her usual state of health.

Leah Powell, sister to the deceased, said the latter lived alone, and on Friday afternoon she appeared as well as usual. The deceased had suffered from several falls, and a short time since she was knocked down by a cow.

Sarah Winters, daughter of deceased, was also examined, but the most important witness in the case, a Mrs. Kendrick, had left the neighbourhood since the death, in consequence of her son having been summoned before the Magistrates for an assault. Some of the jurors thought it possible a ‘row’ among the neighbours which had ended in assault by Mrs. Kendrick’s son, might have somewhat excited deceased, which excitement resulted in death, as on the night in question it was nearly twelve o’clock before she retired to rest, and she heard the whole quarrel.

The Coroner said it would have been much more satisfactory if the witness Kendrick had been present. The Jury were of a similar opinion, however, returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased was Found Dead, but how or why what means death was caused, there was no evidence to show.”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/9/1864

“An inquest was held at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Tipton, on Saturday, before Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, on view of the body of John Seeley, seventy-one. Deceased was employed in Mr. Millward’s brick yard, Horse Lane, and on Tuesday week had hold of the head of a horse, which was drawing two wagons along a tramway. The horse swerved to one side, and deceased pulled at the rein to bring him back. The rein broke and deceased fell about four yards from the tramway. The horse, who was a very powerful one, continued pulling at the wagons in the same direction as he had swerved, and in which deceased lay. The wagons were pulled from the tramway directly across the body of deceased. He was conveyed home and received medical attention. The Jury returned a verdict of Accident Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/8/1866

“Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest, on Tuesday afternoon, at the ROSE AND CROWN, Watery Lane, Tipton, respecting the death of Christopher Whitehead, aged thirty-four years, who was found in an insensible state on the Dudley Castle Hill. From the evidence adduced, it appeared that the deceased visited Dudley on the previous Tuesday, and becoming intoxicated visited the Castle grounds. Shortly afterwards he was found by a witness, lying insensible at the foot of one of the ravines near the ‘bottom walk.’ He was carried home to Tipton, and died on Saturday last from the injuries he received in his supposed fall. During his illness, everything was done to secure his recovery. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

14, Walton Street

- [1] *Abraham Bate* (64), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Bate* (57), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *John Bate* (19), son, forgerman, born Tipton;
- [4] *Sarah Bate* (18), general servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 26/8/1876

“*Henry Anderson*, landlord of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Watery Lane, Tipton, was charged with permitting gambling. Police-constable Andres said he found several men playing at skittles with checks. The landlord was scoring, and there was betting going on. Defendant was fined £3 and costs, and his license was endorsed.”

Dudley Herald 28/2/1880

“Walter New, carter, brought up on remand, was charged with feloniously embezzling 6s, 4s 4d, and 3s 4d, the moneys of his master, James Trenham. Mr. Sheldon prosecuted, and Mr. Sharpe defended. Prosecutor said he was a soda water and ginger beer manufacturer, and resided in New Road, Great Bridge. The prisoner had been in his employ, and his duty was to take out in a trap soda water and ginger beer to his customers. His duty was also to receive moneys from the persons whom he supplied, enter them in his book, and pay the cash over the next morning to his son Henry, who managed the business. Prisoner’s wages varied. In winter he received about 23s a week, and in summer 25s. He had a commission of 4d per dozen on all empty bottles he brought in. Prisoner left his employ on 3rd January without notice. Prosecutor caused him to be apprehended and charged with embezzlement. He did not take out the warrant until the 13th February. Prisoner left on January 3rd, but returned on Wednesday, the 7th January. Since his apprehension he had seen the prisoner who wanted to make up the matter by paying his detinences. When prosecutor was asked some questions by Mr. Sheldon he said he could not answer them, as his son managed the business for him, and knew more about it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sharpe: He never offered to settle the matter for 20s. Prisoner did not return on Saturday, the 3rd January, to settle up. Prosecutor did not know whether his son gave prisoner permission to be absent for a few days to visit his mother. Sometimes prisoner’s wages were not paid, he used to stop them out of the moneys he received. When the offer was made by prisoner to settle the matter prosecutor did make use of a bad oath, and said, ‘No, you had the summer, and now I’ll have you.’ Prisoner had applied for extra wages, which much annoyed prosecutor, and he gave him a rise. He did not send for the Inspector and

say, 'If he likes he can make it up.'

Sarah Ann Williams, Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton, the wife of Joseph E. Williams, said on December, 1879, she had 6 dozs. of ginger beer from the prisoner. The price was 6s and she paid him for it at the time. She always paid prisoner when he came.

Henry Trentham, son of prosecutor, said he was clerk and manager to the prosecutor. He produced a book kept in the office, and on referring to it, said there was an entry of 6 dozs. of ginger beer to Mr. Williams, on December 18th. It was entered by Henry Whitely, the clerk. Prisoner ought to have paid him each morning and not kept any at all. He had not received 6s for William's account. The entries were made in the book produced, each morning from prisoner's pocket book. To this account there was a T. which meant that the prisoner had trusted the customer. Referring to another entry, December 22nd, Hodges, 2 dozs. ginger beer, 1s 8d; 3 dozs. split soda, 1s 8d; and 2 dozs. split beer, 1s; total 4s 4d; this money the prisoner had received and had not accounted for; also on the 14th December, to *Perry* – 2 dozs. ginger beer, 2 dozs. split sodas, which came to 3s 4d. This, the prisoner had not paid in.

Cross-examined: When a man wanted to leave he could give him permission. He did not see prisoner on the 3rd of January; he went away before his time in the morning, at 8.30. Witness saw him on the evening of the 2nd, and he received his money. He did not see prisoner in company with a man named Morris, on the 3rd. He saw prisoner on the following Wednesday, and he offered to go through the books and pay all that was due. He had had the money that was booked as credit for some weeks.

Mr. Sharpe submitted to the Bench that there was no case. It was one for County Court, and he was sure that Mr. Sheldon had been wrongly instructed. The fact was, as had been shown, that there was an account between the prisoner and his employer, and between the employer and the prisoner.

The Bench retired to consult, and on returning into Court, proceeded with the case.

Annie Elizabeth Hodges, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, Hall Street, Tipton, said the prisoner brought some ginger beer and soda water to her house in December. She could not say how many but she knew he was paid whenever he called, which was about three times a week. When she had no change she had the goods from prisoner on credit but paid him next time he called.

Moses Perry, publican, ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, Tipton, said prisoner came to his house several times in December last, and he had ginger beer and soda water, &c, he could not say how many, or the date. He remembered having before Christmas, two dozen of ginger-beer and one dozen of soda water.

Henry Whitley said he was formerly employed as clerk at the prosecutor's, but now he travelled in place of the prisoner. He produced a book which contained entries partly in his handwriting. He referred to three entries, Williams, Hodges and *Perry*, and said that the amounts standing against their names had not been paid by the prisoner. Prisoner had not paid any money into the office since December 24. He would swear this. On being told to look at the book again, he said he had made a mistake, for prisoner had paid up to January 2.

Cross-examined: He would swear that the moneys prisoner received on Friday were not paid on Saturday, the 3rd January. He had been acting as clerk for eighteen months, but there were no entries in the book in his handwriting until Christmas. The prosecutor used to make the entries.

Henry Trentham, son of prosecutor, was recalled, and being cross-examined, said he knew that his father owed prisoner for clipping six horses. He had frequently been paid for such work. The prisoner paid up on Friday evening, January 2, but not on Saturday morning, January 3. Neither did he give him permission to be absent from his employment.

Mr. Sharpe again submitted to the Bench that there was no case. The prosecution had given their evidence in a very loose manner indeed, and they had shown a spiteful animus against the prisoner, and he would ask the Bench to dismiss the case.

Prisoner, through his solicitor, pleaded not guilty, and objected to the case being tried by the Bench. He reserved his defence, and desired the case to go before a jury, that he might clear his character of the imputation cast upon it.

The Bench committed prisoner for trial, and admitted him to bail, himself in £40, and two sureties of £20 each."

[At Stafford Quarter Sessions, in April 1880, Walter New was found not guilty of embezzlement.]

“William St. Clair, anchor striker, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises on Saturday night, the 15th inst.

PS Dutton found the prisoner in the ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, Tipton, drunk on the night in question. Fined 15s, including costs, or 14 days.”

Evening Express 5/2/1881

“*Moses Perry*, landlord of the ROSE AND CROWN, Walter Street, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness, on Saturday night, the 15th inst.

PS Dutton said he visited the ROSE AND CROWN at 10.45. He saw William Sinclair and Humphrey Humphries, both drunk. He called the attention of the landlord to them, and they went out, Humphries being led by his son. The housekeeper said that Sinclair had left the house an hour before and she did not know that he had returned.

PC Smith gave corroborative testimony, saying that Humphries had to be assisted out of the house by his wife and son. The landlord followed them out to the road, Mrs. Humphries remarking that her husband had got drunk at Tividale.

Mr. Stokes said that fortunately for the defendant he should not have to rely upon the question whether those men were drunk or not. There was another defence, and a very good defence to this charge, and that was this, even supposing those two men were drunk the landlord did not knowingly and wilfully permit them to be so on his premises. The fact of a landlord seeing one in his premises drunk was not sufficient; he must by some act or other encourage drunkenness, and when he knew one was drunk allow him to remain on his premises for the purpose of getting him in a worse state. Contending that no knowledge could be brought to the landlord, Mr. Stokes said as to whether Humphries was drunk or not he was bound to make an observation with respect to that case on public grounds. He thought a most improper course had been taken with respect to that man, which prejudiced his case when defending the landlord. It was this, he was summoned there last week, and although the question of his being drunk on premises had such an important bearing on the conduct of the house and the landlord's liability, in his absence he was charged with drunkenness and convicted, though it was stated by the police and his wife that he was ill at home in bed.

Magistrates' clerk: There was no application for an adjournment.

Mr. Stokes: There was the woman here unprotected.

Magistrates' clerk: Yes, she was here prepared for it going on, there was really no application for an adjournment.

Mr. Stokes: She took no part in it.

Magistrates' clerk: She asked for 14 days to pay.

Mr. Stokes: After he was convicted she did. I hope a case of drunkenness of that kind will never be heard against a man unless it be brought on contemporaneous with the charge against the landlord. Having made these remarks I hope now I have said enough to show the magistrates that that conviction will not in any way prejudice the case against the landlord, because I am going to show that this man was not drunk. Mr. Stokes then called several respectable witnesses, including *Moses Perry*, the landlord, who respectively repudiated the charge.

The Bench retired, and on returning after a brief absence, dismissed the case on the ground of there being insufficient evidence, though they thought there was little doubt that Humphries was drunk.”

1881 Census

14, Walton Street

[1] *Moses Perry* (43), widower, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Clara Perry (12), daughter, born Birmingham;

[3] Grafton Perry (10), son, born Birmingham;

[4] Mary Bolland (46), domestic servant, born Chester:

Birmingham Daily Post 20/5/1886 - Advert

“Pianist Wanted, female preferred who can sing; good vamerper.
Apply, ROSE AND CROWN, Watery Lane, Tipton.”

1891 Census

14, Walton Street – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *James Randle* (47), public house manager, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Sarah Randle* (47), wife, born Chaddesley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *James E. Randle* (20), son, galvanizer, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;
- [4] *William H. Randle* (16), son, galvanizer, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Henry H. Randle* (10), son, scholar, born Newcastle under Lyne, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Louis Randle* (6), son, scholar, born Newcastle under Lyne, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Sarah E. Randle* (4), daughter, born Newcastle under Lyne, Staffordshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/1/1894

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, *Thomas Allsopp*, the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Walton Street, Tipton Green, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Mr. A. Whitehouse appeared for the accused. The evidence of Police-constable Taylor was to the effect that at about a quarter to eleven on the night of the 15th inst. whilst on duty opposite the ROSE AND CROWN he saw the defendant come out of the house with his wife and several men. He was drunk and was talking loudly. When he saw witness he used bad language, but was pulled back into the house by his wife. The defence was an emphatic denial of the charge, and several witnesses were called who swore that the defendant was not drunk and that he did not misconduct himself. The charge was dismissed.”

Thomas Allsopp was also a coal dealer. [1896]

Nottingham Evening Post 5/6/1899

“On Saturday, Mr. H. A. Pearson, coroner, held an inquest at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Tipton, relating to the death by drowning of Samuel Andrews, 13, whose parents reside at No.1 Court, Walton Street. A lad named James Grinsell stated that deceased and he were employed at Messrs. J. and D. Holcroft’s ironworks, and during the dinner hour on Thursday they went together to bathe in the canal. Neither of them could swim. Deceased who was first undressed, waded to a boat, from which he took a dive. He came to the surface, waved his arms, and then sank. Witness shouted for help, and eventually several men undressed, and went into the water. Deceased had been at work all the morning, and was in perspiration when he went into the water.

Charles Turley, Oakeywell Street, Dudley, stated that after being in the canal for about half an hour he and a companion named Barnes found deceased’s body in 10ft or 11ft of water. Witness caught hold of the deceased’s ankle, and swam with the body to the side. There was a good deal of mud about that part of the canal.

Mr. G. S. Peake (foreman) considered that the witness and Barnes had acted nobly in remaining in the water half an hour, and out of their depth.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Thomas Allsopp was also a haulier. [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

Walton Street

- [1] *Thomas Allsopp* (45), contractor, furniture removing, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Allsopp* (42), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Thomas Allsopp* (21), son, horse driver for above, born Tipton;
- [4] *Henry Allsopp* (20), son, horse driver for above, born Tipton;
- [5] *Annie Allsopp* (19), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [6] *Emma Allsopp* (17), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Lizzie Allsopp* (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [8] *Nellie Allsopp* (13), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [9] *Eliza Allsopp* (11), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [10] *George Allsopp* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;

- [11] Alice Allsopp (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
[12] Olwen Alsopp (4), son, scholar, born Tipton:

1911 Census

Walton Street – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Frederick Smith* (44), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
[2] Sarah E. Smith (38), wife, married 10 years, born Coseley;
[3] Dorothy Smith (9), daughter, school, born West Bromwich;
[4] Frederick Horace Smith (6), son, school, born Ohio, USA:

Alfred Mander was also an undertaker.

South Staffordshire Times 26/8/1922

“The death occurred on Friday night, of an aged Tiptonian, who during a long and busy life was held in general esteem by the large number of associates with whom he was connected. This was *John Alfred Mander*, builder and undertaker, of Wood Street, who entered into his rest at the advanced age of 77. He had been ill for two months with chronic bronchitis, and the end was not altogether unexpected. For some time Mr. *Mander* was a licensee in the town, holding the license of the BOAT and afterwards of the TWO FURNACES. He leaves six sons and one daughter, his wife having pre-deceased him some three years ago. Among the six sons are Mr. *Alfred Mander*, who is the licensee of the ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, and Mr. *James Mander*, who is the licensee of the THREE FURNACES. Mr. Charles Mander, who is 88, and the oldest brother of the deceased attended the funeral. This took place at the cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral took place on Wednesday from his residence, and the blinds in the vicinity were drawn as a mark of respect.....”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, 18s 6d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

1939 Register

13a, Walton Street

- [1] *Alfred Mander*, date of birth, 17/09/1879, publican, widowed, PWC;
[2] Nancy Mander, dob, 29/12/1906, school teacher, single, Ambulance Driver and First Aider;
[3] Horace John Randall, dob, 08/02.1912, electrician, married, Ambulance Driver and First Aider;
[4] Eunice Mary Randall, dob, 14/06/1914, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 5/5/1956

“At St. Paul’s Methodist Church, Dudley Port, on Saturday, Mr. Larry Law, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Law, of 189, Regent Road, Oakham, Dudley, was married to Miss Eileen *Sowry*, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *F. A. Sowry*, of the ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, Tipton. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Jacobs.

The bride, given away by her father, wore an ankle length dress of white taffeta and tulle, with a top layer of tulle sprigged with gold. She wore a petal shaped cap with tulle veil and a treble row of pearls, and carried a bouquet containing cream roses and stephanotis.

Her chief bridesmaid, Miss Mavis Law (’groom’s sister) wore a ballerina length dress of lemon taffeta and tulle and a cap of lemon hyacinth petals with white shoes and white elbow length gloves.

The two smaller bridesmaids, the Misses Christine *Sowry* (bride’s sister) and Margaret Westwood (bride’s cousin) were both attired in ballerina length dresses of taffeta and tulle with small lemon roses at the hem. Each wore a gold locket and chain, a gift from the bridegroom.

Duties of best man and groomsman were carried out by Mr. Raymond Haywood and Mr. V. Bowcutt respectively.

A reception was held at Dudley Port attended by 87 guests. The couple then left for their honeymoon at Paignton, Devon, the bride’s going away costume consisting of black costume, pink blouse and hat, with matching accessories.”

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ROSE AND CROWN +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Thickens [1870]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.

At the previous Sessions several applications for renewals of spirit licenses were adjourned in consequence of the applicants having infringed the terms of their licenses in various way. These cases were taken first.....
John Thickens, ROSE AND CROWN, Tipton. License refused.”

ROUND OAK

Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Charlotte Cuswell [1892]

ROYAL HOTEL

81, Bloomfield Road / Newhall Street, (Regent Street), (High Street), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Smith

Henry Butler (acquired in 1861 for £925)

Henry Thomas Butler

Eliza Ann Hill (widow of H. T. Butler)

Job Harris, farmer

Dora Clara Butler and Hilda Flavell, 12, Mount Villas, Gospel End, Sedgley

Job Harris Newnham, Wootton Wawen [1937]

Reginald Edward Harris Dorsett [1938]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired on 12th September 1938)

Holden's Brewery Ltd. (acquired on 14th September 1977)

LICENSEES

John Smith [1841] – [1850]

John Ellis [1851] – [1855]

Henry Butler* [1858] – [1860]

Henry Butler* (1861 – 1895)

Mrs. Eliza Ann Butler [1896]

William John Hill [1900] – 1927);

Ann Hill (1927 – 1933);

Dora Eliza Butler (1933 – 1937);

Reginald Edward Harris Dorsett (1937 – 1938);

Charles Howard Blizzard (1938 – 1941);

Elsie Blizzard (1941 – 1946);

Charles Howard Blizzard (1946 – 1952);

William Percy Day (1952 – 1956);

Herbert Payne (1956 – 1965);

Joseph Mason (1965 – 1966);

Thomas Daniel George Sankey (1966);

John Evans (1966 – 1967);

Arthur Duffield (1967 – 1968);

William Hadley (1968 – 1969);

Alan Bennett (1969 – 1970);

Raymond Dunn (1970);

Kenneth Victor Malkin (1970 – 1971);
Thomas Leonard Date (1971 – 1972);
Mary Elizabeth Large (1972 – 1975);
Edward Alfred Stanley (1975 – 1976);
Hugh Orlando Jackson (1976 – 1978);
Jacqueline Cashmore (1978 – 1982);
Kenneth John ‘Ken’ Minton (1982 – 1985);
Roger Llewelyn Jenkins (1985 – 1986);
Susan Ann Fellows (1986 – 1988);
Godfrey John Churchill (1988);
John Trevor Pearson (1988);
John Nicholls (1988 – 1989);
Terence Michael Sambrook (1989 – 1991);
Joe Kirwan (1991 – []
David Graham Stanford [1993]
Steve Barrett (1998 – []
Glynis Andrews []

NOTES

It was described as being “near the Gate” in 1870.

ROYAL HOTEL [1849], [1865], [1896], [1904], [1911]
ROYAL INN [1872], [1892]
THE ROYAL [1996]

It was known locally as “Billy Hill’s”.

It was built between 1836 and 1838 by *John Smith*.

John Smith was born c.1816.

He was married to Eliza.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/4/1846 - Advert

“To Innkeepers.

To be Sold by Private Treaty, all that valuable Freehold Premises, with Victualler’s License attached, now being occupied and belonging to *John Smith*, known by the sign of the ROYAL HOTEL, situate at Princes End, opposite the Toll Bar, in the parish of Tipton, and county of Stafford. The premises were built by the proprietor, who is leaving solely on account of a dislike to the business, at a very great outlay, consisting of roomy and lofty bed chambers, extensive club room, tap room, family kitchen, traveller’s room, sitting room, and bar, with five cellars, brewhouse, and malt room over, gighouse, stable with hay loft over, yard enclosed by brick wall, extensive soft water cistern, and clean water well with good spring of water winter and summer, extensive wash cisterns, and piggeries, also a plot of garden, with other requisites.

N.B. The premises are eligibly situated on the side of four ways, in a commercial part of the country, surrounded with a dense population, extensive ironworks and manufactories. This is a first rate situation seldom offered to persons intending to commence in the above business.”

1851 Census

Princes End

[1] *John Ellis* (40), victualler, born Wombridge, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Ellis* (38), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[3] *Emma Pritchard* (15), niece, at home, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[4] Elizabeth Pritchard (9), niece, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[5] Eunice Dunkey (19), servant, born Dawley, Shropshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“The usual meeting for the examination and passing of victuallers’ old licenses was held on Tuesday..... These parties had been for the offences noted fined since the last annual licensing day.....

Henry Butler, ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, open after twelve on **Saturday** night and suffering disorderly conduct, fined 40s.....

These parties were generally admonished or cautioned by the Magistrates.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/10/1858

“On Tuesday morning an inquest was held at Mr. *Butler*’s, the ROYAL HOTEL, on the body of Mary Rogers, widow, of Princes End, who was killed in the railway accident on the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton line of railway, near Brierley Hill. This was an adjourned inquiry, before Mr. Hinchcliffe and a jury, of which Mr. James Evans, cattle dealer, was foreman. Mr. King, solicitor, attended on behalf of the Railway Company. The meeting was a formal one, and the proceedings were adjourned to await the decision of the jury in the inquiry in chief at Brierley Hill. A postponement for another month was agreed upon.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/11/1858

“The enquiry into the death of Mrs. Sarah Rogers, of Princes End, Tipton, who was killed by the collision which took place on the 2nd August, was resumed before Mr. Hinchcliffe, coroner, at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, on Tuesday last. Mr. Motteram, of the Oxford Circuit, represented the company; and Mr. H. Underhill, of Wolverhampton, appeared for Cook, the engineer, previously committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter. There was a numerous attendance of railway authorities. The following was the verdict of the jury. ‘The jury find a verdict of Manslaughter against Frederick Cook, the guard of the train to which the accident happened. The jury also beg to state, as an appendage to their verdict, that they consider Charles Harris, assistant-secretary to the railway company, whose duty it was to superintend the working of the train on the occasion referred to, blamable for not reporting, on arriving at Worcester with the excursion train on the morning of the 23rd of August, the fact that some persons had been riding in the break-van who ought not, it appearing that such information might have tended to better arrangements being made for the return journey’.”

[At Stafford Assizes, on the 29th November 1859, Frederick Cook appeared, charged with manslaughter; it was found that there was ‘no bill’.]

* probably the same person

1861 Census

Regent Street

[1] *Henry Butler* (38), publican, born Northamptonshire;

[2] Susannah Butler (32), wife, born Lyewaste;

[3] Eliza Butler (8), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[4] Susannah Butler (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Daniel Butler (7), brother-in-law, scholar, born Dudley;

[6] Maria Hancox (20), servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/7/1862 - Advert

“South Staffordshire Railway.

Sale of House Materials, required to be taken down and removed for the formation of the Railway at Princes End, Tipton.

Mr. S. Powell will Sell by Auction, at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, aforesaid, on Thursday, the 31st day of July, 1862, at three p.m., Materials in the erection of 32 Houses and Outbuildings, in fourteen lots. Catalogues may be obtained at the place of sale, and of the Auctioneer, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1865

“Yesterday, the annual licensing meeting for the Bilston division of the county of Stafford was held. Mr. H. Underhill, solicitor, of Wolverhampton, applied for a license to a house belonging to Mr. Whitehouse, and kept by *Thomas Rubery*, and situated on the right of the road as Princes End was approached from Bilston, and close to the turnpike gate. The learned gentleman handed in a plan of the locality. The application, he understood, was opposed by Mr. Thurstans, on behalf of the tenant of the ROYAL HOTEL, and the sting of his opposition was that the old-licensed public house was situated on the same line of the turnpike road; but the plan showed that the locality was densely occupied with dwelling houses, and that the case was not one in which the consideration of licensed houses being close together would be likely to prevail with the Bench. Mr. *Rubery*'s character was irreproachable, and he (Mr. Underhill) presented, on his behalf, a certificate signed by a number of gentlemen, all of whose names were familiar to the Bench. He also put in a special testimonial from the proprietors of the Bloomfield Ironworks, under whom his client had been employed many years, and who considered him to be a suitable person to be entrusted with the management of an inn. Mr. Thurstans, in opposing, on behalf of Mr. Buntley [sic], the present landlord of the ROYAL HOTEL, which was situated directly opposite to the house of Mr. *Rubery*, said this was the third time that the application had been made. When former applications were made they were based upon a plea that Mr. Whitehouse had an interest in an old-licensed house that had been pulled down, but on this occasion the alleged necessity for increased accommodation was urged. If, however, the question of the necessity or otherwise for more public houses in any given locality should be allowed to weigh with the Bench, this was one, when the situation of the respective houses would be opposite to each other. On the last occasion the magistrates recognised the principle by granting a license to a house lower down the road, at the same time that they refused the application by Mr. *Rubery*. There was not now, however, any other applicant than Mr. *Rubery* in the same neighbourhood on this occasion. Application refused.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/11/1865

“Pigeon Shooting At Wednesbury. A match of this class took place on Monday last, at Mr. Polton's grounds Wednesbury, between Mr. T. Butler, of the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, and Mr. E. Smith, of that place. This being the first match of the kind in which Smith had shot, Butler allowed one dead bird out of eleven. The result of the match proved a sad miscalculation on the part of Mr. Butler, who only killed two birds out of eight, whilst Smith cleverly felled six out of nine and won. Smith's shooting was considered good as his first attempt, and he is looked forward to by his friends as a person likely to become a dangerous rival to the crack shots of this part.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/3/1867

“At Mr. *H. Butler*'s, the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, Tipton, Staffordshire, on Tuesday, April, a very handsome bay cob 14 hands high, steady in harness, and very fast, 5 years old, will be shot for by 30 members, at 10s each. Conditions: Single guns, 1½oz of shot, 21 yards rise; double guns, 1¼oz of shot, 19 yards rise. Shooting to commence at one o'clock. The best blue rocks provided.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/4/1869

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest, at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, upon the body of Josiah Thomas, miner, who died on the 10th instant from injuries received in a pit belonging to the Moat Colliery Company. Mr. J. P. Baker, the Government Inspector, was present during the inquiry.

John Ennis, miner, stated that he worked at the Moat Colliery. Deceased was a builder-up, and in the same employ. On Saturday, the 3rd instant, witness and deceased were at work in a tall, five feet high and six feet wide; the latter building-up or ‘cogging,’ and the former handing him material. They were working with candles, and there was plenty of air. Suddenly the sulphur fired, and Thomas was burnt on the hands and breast. He was carried away and attended to. Witness managed to drop the moment the fire came and so escaped. They were not aware of any sulphur, and witness thought it must have been the motion of the shovels which brought down the sulphur. On the morning of the occurrence, Mr. Tyler, the doggy, went down with the first band, carrying with him a naked candle. When he got to the bottom he took a safety lamp, lit it, and

proceeded to examine the pit. The doggy always went down with a lighted candle except on Monday mornings.

At this point of the discussion the Coroner sent for Mr. Garbett, the butty, and Mr. Tyler the doggy, in order that they might be present, as the evidence might affect them.

By Mr. Baker: The doggy reported that the pit was safe, and the manager also reported, about eleven o'clock, that it was safe. There was a pot hole above the building about a yard high, and four feet in diameter, and sulphur had been found in it. The sulphur would come in the pot hole in half-an-hour.

Isaac Tyler, Church Lane, Tipton, the doggy at the pit, stated that on the day of the occurrence he went down the pit between half-past five and six o'clock in the morning, taking with him a lighted candle. There were men down the pit at work. Knew that by taking a naked candle he was acting contrary to the colliery rules. Had seen no danger in the pit for months previous to the occurrence. On the morning in question he examined the pit, and found it quite safe. At eleven o'clock he again visited the place and found it safe. The deceased and the last witness went to work near the pot-hole about half-past ten. The air was not so good as usual, but it was a fair wind.

By Mr. Baker: Had not stated to anyone that the air was not so good.

Hannah Taylor identified the body, and stated that the deceased was twenty-two years of age. He was very badly burnt, and told witness he had put his candle into the hole where there was fire.

Mr. Garbett, the butty of the pit, was then called up by the Coroner, who desired to know whether he had any explanation to make after hearing the evidence. Mr. Garbett said he would not employ the witness Tyler any more. In answer to Mr. Baker, the butty said he was down the pit himself until nine o'clock that morning. There was an excellent passage of air, and the pits were the best ventilated he knew.

Mr. Baker: You may have plenty of air, but the sulphur will get in those pot-holes, and they must be cleaned out.

Mr. Garbett: It would be impossible.

Mr. Baker: It would be nothing of the sort, and you are not justified in working with men in the pit until the holes are cleared out. They must have an erection close by, which will drive some of the wind into them. I shall go to the board at the Moat Colliery Company at once, for this is the second case in which men have been hurt through non-examination.

The Coroner then summed up. He said the law had no doubt been broken, but it did not appear to have caused the death of Thomas. Still, it was a loose way of doing business, and would not have been found out but for the inquest. At sometime or other the chartermasters and doggy might get into trouble. After a short deliberation, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1871 Census

81, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Henry Butler* (48), innkeeper, born Hanford, Northamptonshire;

[2] *Susanna Butler* (42), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Eliza Butler* (18), daughter, born Dudley;

[4] *Susanna Butler* (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Jane Butler* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Henry Butler* (2), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Arthur Butler* (11 months), son, born Tipton;

[8] *Sarah Gill* (19), general servant, born Sedgley;

[9] *Annie Stone* (14), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Mail 23/11/1871

"Nine Hours Movement Among Colliery Engine Drivers. At a meeting of the colliery engine drivers, held at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, it was resolved to establish a society on the principle of the Amalgamated Engineers, and to hold meetings every Saturday evening."

Birmingham Daily Post 11/12/1871

"Another meeting of colliery engine tenders was held on Saturday night last, at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, and most of the collieries were represented....."

Midland Counties Evening Express 19/2/1875

“Isaac Butler and William Butler, two brothers, were summoned for assaulting *Henry Butler*, and also for being disorderly in a public house on the 13th inst. Mr. Barrow said he was instructed by the Wolverhampton [and Tipton] Licensed Victuallers’ Association to represent the complainant, who kept the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End on Saturday last the defendants, who were no relatives of the complainant, were in his house and evinced a disposition for gambling. The landlord very properly rebuked them for this, and in consequence they left the house. They afterwards returned and called for a quart of ale, which the landlord refused to supply, at the same time asking them to leave the house. Isaac Butler then lay upon the bench in an offensive and impudent manner, and on the landlord laying hold of his legs, he slipped off. He got up and struck the complainant, giving him a black eye, and the defendant William Butler also struck him The Bench considered that the defendants had been guilty of disgraceful conduct and fined them each 20s and costs for the assault, and 10s and costs for being disorderly in a public house.”

1881 Census

81, Bloomfield Road – ROYAL HOTEL

- [1] *Henry Butler* (58), innkeeper, born Thenford, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Susannah Butler* (57), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Jane Butler* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Henry Butler* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Maud Butler* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary A. Smith* (24), general servant, born Dudley:

Dudley and District News 6/8/1881 - Advert

“Freehold Dwelling-House And Business Premises, Princes End, Tipton.
Messrs. Insull and Son will Sell by Auction, on Wednesday, August 17th, 1881, at the house of Mr. *Henry Butler*, ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, at Seven o’clock in the evening. . . .”

Dudley and District News 8/9/1883

“Thomas Kennedy, who said he came from Darby, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit several public-houses. On Saturday night the prisoner was found drunk and creating a disturbance at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, and upon being requested to leave, he refused to do so.
PC Houston said the prisoner got his living by feeling bumps.
The Magistrates’ Clerk: Phrenologists do not usually appear in public without a coat.
Prisoner: A friend has had my coat, and he has not found time to return it (laughter).
The Bench discharged the accused with a caution.”

Dudley and District News 8/12/1883

“On Tuesday morning Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, upon the body of James Evans (15), horsedriver, son of Thomas Evans, a miner, residing at No.7 New Hall Street, Princes End. Deceased died on Thursday evening last from burns sustained whilst following his employment on Wednesday morning, the 21st ult, at No.17 pit in the Wednesbury Oak Colliery, Princes End, belonging to Messrs. Philip Williams and Sons, but worked by Joseph Fletcher and William Rich. Mr. W. B. Scott, Inspector of Mines, was present. Mr. E. Cox represented the proprietors.
An explosion took place at the pit on the morning named by which two boys, three men, and a horse were burnt. The deceased was taken home between two men, and attended by Dr. Underhill. The evidence showed that the pit had been examined on the morning of the explosion, when a little gas was found. Safety lamps were used in the pit, but not exclusively, and as a naked light was used in the pit on the day of the explosion, it was supposed that this caused it. Rich stated that he set the men to work in the pit, thinking it was quite safe. He, however, cautioned them, but did not give them safety lamps. Mr. Scott pointed out that according to Rule 33, the deputy should not have allowed the men to have gone in with any other light than a safety lamp.
After private consultation the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and added that they were of opin-

ion that Wm. Rich had been guilty of great negligence, and asked that he should be cautioned. The Coroner said he heartily agreed with the verdict. Unless notice was taken of such matters he was afraid the safety of the colliers would be at a very low ebb indeed. He only hoped the Inspector would take the matter up, as it was a serious one for the miners generally. Wm. Rich was then called, and the coroner informed him of the verdict, cautioned him, and added that if he had not thought that the Government Inspector would take proceedings against him for his carelessness, he should have advised the jury to have returned a verdict of manslaughter, but his impression was that the ends of justice would be answered by the inspector taking proceedings. In accordance with the strict letter of the law he had no doubt it was manslaughter.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/1/1886

“Yesterday, Mr. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, Tipton, on the body of Thomas Parton (11), son of Francis Parton, miner, who was drowned owing to the breaking of the ice on a ‘swag’ in the neighbourhood. The boy, in company with a girl named Mary Bissell (14), threw a bottle on the ice to see if it would bear. Having done this he ventured on the ice, but it broke, and he was precipitated into the water. His screams and those of the girl brought a man from a neighbouring pit mount, but it was half an hour before the boy’s body could be brought to the bank. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/10/1890

“At the Police Court, yesterday, William Tranter (31), painter, Dudley Road, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Police-constable Hodgkinson. The officer stated that he found the prisoner drunk in the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, on Tuesday night. The prisoner refused to quit, and when ejected assaulted witness and tore his uniform. Tranter had complained that the officer had first assaulted him, and the case was adjourned until Friday for the production of further evidence, bail being allowed.”

1891 Census

81, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Henry Butler* (68), widower, licensed victualler, born Thenford, Northamptonshire;

[2] Henry T. Butler (22), son, assistant licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[3] Eliza Butler (21), daughter-in-law, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/5/1891

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, on the body of Moses Smith (80), labourer, whose body was found in a marl-hole near Mr. Ritson’s brickworks. The man had been employed in the neighbourhood all his life, and he went with a bucket to get a bucket of water. It was presumed he fell in and was drowned. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/8/1893

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. A. E. Smith (deputy coroner) held an inquest at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, on the body of Joseph Martin, loader, Princes End, who was killed by a fall of coal at the Wednesbury Oak Colliery, belonging to Messrs. P. Williams and Son. Mr. Pickering (assistant inspector of mines) and Mr. J. Meachem (manager at the colliery) were present.

Evidence was given by the wife to the effect that on Thursday last, the day previous to the accident, deceased told her that he was working in a dangerous place, explaining that he had been getting dirt from under some coal for the latter to fall, and adding that he hoped it would descend before he went to work again. Next day he was brought home dead.

John Davies, loader at the pit, stated that he was working about half a dozen yards from deceased when the latter was killed. He heard a fall of coal and cried for help, and he and a miner named William Nicholls liberated the deceased and Jabez Allen and Samuel Lowe, pikemen, Bank Street, Roseville.

William Millington, doggy at the pit, stated that he made an inspection every morning at six o’clock, and very often went round every hour in the day. Deceased had not previously worked at this particular spot,

and he could not understand the wife saying her husband had told her he was working in a dangerous place. When he inspected the place on Friday morning it was apparently safe and the timbering was good; but after the accident he discovered a 'slip thing,' which could not possibly be seen before the accident happened. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Henry Butler died in January 1895.

He issued tokens.

1901 Census

81, Bloomfield Road

[1] *William Hill* (28), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Eliza Ann Hill (30), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Hilda Butler Hill (9), stepdaughter, born Tipton;

[4] Dora Butler Hill (8), stepdaughter, born Tipton;

[5] William Cyril Hill (3), son, born Tipton;

[6] Simon Harold Hill (7 months), born Tipton;

[7] Lizzie Prosser (14), domestic servant, born Tipton:

William John Hill was fined £3 and costs for allowing intoxicating liquor to be sold during prohibited hours. He was also a brewer.

He was married to Eliza Ann, the widow of *Henry Butler*.

Tipton Herald 20/2/1909

"At Bilston Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. G. N. Adams, Dr. Smith, and Mr. W. Smith, *William John Hill*, licensee of the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, was charged with allowing liquor to be consumed during prohibited hours on the 28th January. William James Davies, retired pawnbroker, Newhall Street, Princes End; John Wainwright, contractor, Albert Street; Harry Sockett, engine tender, Upper Church Lane; and Harry Cox, blacksmith, Bissell Street, Wallbrook, were summoned for being on the premises during prohibited hours.

Mr. J. S. Sharpe prosecuted on behalf of the police; Mr. R. A. Willcock defended the licensee, and Mr. W. A. Foster represented the four other defendants, whom, he said were guests of Mr. *Hill*.

Mr. Sharpe stated that where a licensee was apparently carrying on trade at a time when the house ought to be closed to the general public there was a prima facie case to be laid before the magistrates, and it was for the licensee to satisfy the Court that persons found in the house were there in a bona fide manner. At 1.10 in the morning of the 28th January lights were seen in the hotel by PC Davies, who lived next door. There was the sound of popping of corks and it was also evident that a number of men were playing at cards. Sergeant Shaffery came upon the scene and in company with Davies visited the hotel. Some delay was occasioned in opening the door, which Mr. Sharpe suggested was for a certain purpose. The officers found Mr. Davies in the smoke room, and the others in Mr. *Hill's* private room. The landlord told them they were his guests, that they had been having supper, and that they had not paid for anything. Upon an organ in the room was an empty champagne bottle, and there was a glass containing a small quantity of champagne.

The next day Shaffery saw the landlord, and asked the occasion of the supper. Mr. *Hill* said it was a free supper and repeated that the gentlemen were his guests. Subsequently he said Mr. Wainwright was paying for everything, and that he had made the bill out to him. The same day the sergeant saw Mr. Wainwright, and put the question to him who was going to pay for the supper. The reply was, 'Oh Mr. *Hill*, I suppose.' The officer told him what *Hill* had said, and he then said he supposed he would have to pay for some of the wine. Cox and Sockett were afterwards seen, and gave contradictory answers to the questions as to who invited them to supper. Mr. Share submitted that whatever was said that day as to the reason for the defendants being on the licensed premises in the early hours of the morning, what was more important was what was said at the time.

PS Shaffery stated that Wainwright told him they had chicken and tongue for supper.

Addressing the magistrates for the defence, Mr. Willcock called attention to the situation of the house and the openness in which everything was carried out. The windows opened on to the street within a few yards

of the sub police station at Princes End. With regard to the cards, nothing was suggested by the prosecution that the persons were playing for money.

The licensee said he gave the party because he had received hospitality at Mr. Wainwright's house. The gentlemen had all received invitations, and were not customers turned into guests.

Cross examined, witness said it was an oversight he did not mention it to the police.

Mr. Wainwright said both Sergeant Shaffery and PC Callon were mistaken in stating that he expected to have to pay for some of the wine.

The Bench fined the licensee £3 and costs, to include the solicitor's fee, and the other defendants 5s and costs. The costs in *Hill's* case amounted to £2 18s 6d, and in the other cases 15s 6d."

1911 Census

Bloomfield Road – ROYAL HOTEL

[1] *William John Hill* (39), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Eliza Ann Hill* (40), wife, married 15 years, assisting in business, born Princes End;

[3] *Hilda Butler* (19), daughter, assisting in business, born Princes End;

[4] *Dora Butler* (17), daughter, assisting in business, born Princes End;

[5] *William John Hill* (13), son, school, born Princes End;

[6] *Simon Harold Hill* (9), son, school, born Princes End;

[7] *Frederick Thomas Hill* (6), son, school, born Princes End:

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/1/1927 - Deaths

"On the 17th inst, at ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, Tipton, *William John Hill*, beloved husband of *Eliza Ann Hill*."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/4/1938

"The fusing of an electrical wire beneath the floorboards is believed to have been the cause of a fire resulting in damage estimated at £1,000 at the ROYAL HOTEL, Princes End, Tipton, yesterday afternoon.

The damage is covered by insurance.

Smoke escaping from a front bedroom over the bar attracted the attention of a passer-by, and he informed the police, who gave the fire alarm. Tipton and Coseley Fire Brigades were soon on the scene, but by that time the bedroom was ablaze and there was no hope of saving any of its contents, consisting of furniture, wearing apparel, etc.

The brigades had the outbreak under control in a comparatively short time, but were unable to prevent the bedroom floor collapsing into the bar underneath causing further damage there.

A back bedroom was also involved, but not seriously, and the brigades were able to leave after two hours' work.

The hotel is owned by the licensee, Mr. *Reginald Dorsett*. He purchased it only a short time ago and put in hand a scheme of alterations which cost him about £1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. *Dorsett* and family were away at the time of the discovery."

1939 Register

81, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Charles H. Blizzard*, date of birth, 11/04/1862, licensee, married;

[2] *Elsie Blizzard*, dob, 21/05/1906, wife, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57], [1957-58]

Tipton Herald 5/3/1960

"After four years at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Cinder Bank, Netherton, Mrs. *Clara Day* is leaving the district to run a sweets and tobacco business at West Bromwich. While she has her regrets at leaving the Netherton people Mrs. *Day* is looking forward to returning to West Bromwich, which is her home town. A widow, Mrs. *Day* has had 20 years in the licensing trade. For 12 years, she was at the BLACK COCK INN,

West Bromwich, and she had four years at the ROYAL HOTEL, Tipton. Following the death of her husband four years ago, she moved to Netherton. She has two sons, one of whom is married.”

Jacqueline Cashmore was married to Peter.

It was Dudley and South Staffordshire Branch of CAMRA's Pub of the Year in 1981.

Susan Fellows was married to Terry.

Joe Kirwan's partner was Fran Payton.

Steve Barrett was married to Shiela.

Glynis Andrews was married to Rob.
She died in May 2008 aged 55.

Closed [2001], [2002]

Demolished [2004]

ROYAL EXCHANGE

129, Bridge Road, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Mathews [1884]

LICENSEES

Martin [1864] ?

Charlotte Matthews [1871]

George Hardy [1881]

George Wood [1882] – [1884]

Mrs. Mathews [] ?

Thomas Perks [1891] – [1896]

John Webb [1900]

John Henry Williams []

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McCrea [1901] – [1904]

Mrs. Mary Ethel Smith [1911] – [1912]

Mrs. Edith Taylor [1916]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 26/11/1864

“Yesterday morning a girl of twelve years named Hannah Eliza Martin, whose parents reside at the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Toll End, Tipton, was badly burned on the face, neck, and the greater portion of her body.

Her clothes ignited at the kitchen fire, and she was burned in a very serious manner before any assistance could be rendered her, her mother being deaf, and not at all hearing her cries for help. The child was removed to the General Hospital with all possible haste, and her injuries were promptly attended to, but she is so badly injured as to almost preclude the hope of recovery.”

1871 Census

129, Bridge Road

[1] *Charlotte Matthews* (61), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Matthews* (32), daughter, born Darlaston;

[3] *Charlotte Walford* (6), niece, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 15/3/1880 - Advert

“ROYAL EXCHANGE, Toll End, Tipton. Pleasantly situated beerhouse. Good brewing plant. Apply on premises.”

1881 Census

129, Bridge Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *George Hardy* (54), greengrocer and beer seller, born Derby;

[2] *Rebecca Hardy* (44), wife, greengrocer, born Oldbury;

[3] *Mary Hardy* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Oldbury;

[4] *Martha Weston* (41), widow, general servant, born Oldbury:

Dudley and District News 11/3/1882

“*Abel Mathews*, Little Burton, was charged with being disorderly in an alehouse. On Monday week the defendant went into the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, Toll End, and had some drink. Afterwards a woman came in and she and defendant had some drink together. Defendant then went out to the back and began kicking up bother with the landlord’s neighbour. The landlord went out and tried to persuade him to go away, but he would not go, and used foul language, and ultimately was thrown out, when he drew a knife and said he would stab the first one that interfered with him. He was fined 10s and costs.

Mary Wright, the woman that was drinking with the last defendant, was also charged with being disorderly at the same time and place. It appeared that she was very noisy and in refusing to go out of the house, said they would require to get a policeman to fetch her out. She would not go as long as there was any ale in the house. She was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days. As she left the court she shouted, ‘Thank you sir, thank you sir.’”

Dudley and District News 9/9/1882

“*George Wood*, beerhouse keeper of Toll End, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his licensed premises. PC Price in company with PC Chisholme visited the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, kept by the defendant, and found a man named *Homer* in the taproom drunk, and drinking out of a pint mug. They also found another man named *Jackson* drunk in another room. Defendant denied the charge but he was fined 40s and costs, or one month.”

Dudley and District News 11/11/1882

“*George Wood*, beerhouse keeper was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 3rd October. Mr. Sheldon defended.

Defendant keeps the ROYAL EXCHANGE beerhouse, Bridge Road, Tipton. On the 3rd October PCs *Tabbener* and *Wilson* visited the house at 10.30pm and found in the tap room two women and one man, who had jugs of ale in front of them. All three persons were drunk, and *Tabbener* called the defendant’s attention to the circumstances. Defendant called him and the other officer into another room, and said he hoped that they would not say anything about the matter, asking them what they would have to drink. They declined to have anything and left the house. *Jos. Hateley*, *Hannah Hateley*, and *Mary Lambert* were the names of the parties referred to.

PC *Wishton* gave evidence which, however, was very doubtful and contradictory in several points as brought

out in cross-examination.

Louisa Powell deposed to seeing the parties coming out of the house in a drunken condition. Defendant was placed in the witness box and said Joseph Hateley came into his house drunk, and he was several times refused drink. Shortly afterwards the mother came in and she was also refused beer. As to Mrs. Lambert, she had been at the house cleaning all day. She was perfectly sober. Owing to her illness she was forbidden by the doctor to take drink. Other witnesses were called who supported the defence. The Bench considered the evidence so conflicting that they dismissed the case.”

Dudley and District News 21/6/1884

“John [sic] *Wood*, publican, was charged by the police with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. Mr. Jackson defended.

The defendant keeps the ROYAL EXCHANGE beerhouse, Bridge Road, Toll End. On the 2nd June, soon after 8 o'clock p.m., PC Chisholme visited the defendant's house and saw two men drunk in the taproom. He heard a great row upstairs. On going up he saw about a dozen women in a room. A man was in the centre, and they were jigging or dancing. Some of the women were under the influence of drink. He did not notice any drink in the room. The two drunken men downstairs had a jug each before them. He left the house and fetched PC Landy. They returned to the house together and found the two men had gone out of the room. Chisholme pretended to be in search of a woman named Feeney. He went into the yard and found one of the men in the closet. The officers left the house once more and returned in twenty-five minutes. The man was sitting in the taproom drinking out of a pint mug. His dress was in a disgusting condition, and he sat between two women. Before the officer could call the attention of the landlord to the case, the man got up and went out. He became very disorderly, was arrested, taken to the Wednesbury Police Court, and fined 5s and costs.

For the defence Mr. Jackson stated the man said to be drunk had been one of the party of men who were keeping up Whit-Monday. He was drunk when he went into the defendant's house, and he was refused beer. Ann *Wood*, defendant's wife, said Cope would not go, and she took hold of him and pushed him out the back door. He returned again, but he was never supplied with beer. He picked up a pint jug belonging to a man named Biddle, and was going to drink out of it, but Biddle prevented him. There was no one else drunk in the house. As to the women upstairs they were members of a death club, and had no beer there whatever. Eliza Brown, Benjamin Sheldon, and John Biddle gave evidence on behalf of the defence. The Bench dismissed the case but thought the police did their duty in bringing it forward.”

Dudley and District News 27/9/1884

“At the adjourned annual Licensing Session for the West Bromwich and Wednesbury petty sessional division, the application of *George Wood*, of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton, for a renewal, was opposed by the police, on the ground that he was not of good character. On the application of Mr. Sheldon (who represented the owner of the property, Mrs. Mathews) the Bench decided to grant the renewal to *Wood* on the understanding that it would be transferred to Mrs. Mathews as early as possible.”

Dudley and District News 20/12/1884

“*George Wood*, licensed victualler, was charged with keeping open his licensed premises during prohibited hours. Mr. Jackson, West Bromwich defended.

The defendant keeps the ROYAL EXCHANGE beerhouse, Bridge Road, Toll End. About one o'clock on Sunday morning, November 23rd, PCs Gaunt and Myatt watched the house. They saw a woman enter, and a few minutes afterwards a man. The latter came out in the course of a quarter of an hour, followed by the woman. The officers accosted the woman, and found she had a jug of beer, which she immediately threw away. Both were taken to the house, and the landlady denied having seen them before that night, or having served them with beer. Two men, who said they were lodgers, were found in bed. Mrs. *Wood* emphatically denied having served the woman with ale after 10.30 the same evening.

The Bench fined the defendant £2 and costs; the license to be endorsed. A previous conviction was recorded.”

129, Bridge Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *Thomas Perks* (31), beer seller, born Horseley Heath;

[2] *Sarah Jane Perks* (23), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Mary Gertrude Perks* (4), daughter, born America;

[4] *Arthur Ernest Perks* (1), son, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Clara Hughes* (13), domestic servant, born Coseley:

Birmingham Daily Post 25/12/1894

“Yesterday, at the Police Court. Joseph Price, Brik-kiln Street, Wednesbury, who had nineteen previous convictions recorded against him, was sentenced to three months’ hard labour for being on the premises of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Toll End, for an unlawful purpose.”

Thomas Perks, beer retailer, 129, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1896]

John Webb, beer retailer, 129, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1900]

1901 Census

129, Bridge Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *Mary E. McCrea* (37), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Grendon, Warwickshire;

[2] *Walter McCrea* (11), son, born Burton on Trent, Staffordshire;

[3] *Mary McCrea* (7), daughter, born Burton on Trent, Staffordshire:

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McCrea, beer retailer, 129, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1904]

Birmingham Daily Post 21/7/1906

“At Dudley County Court yesterday *John Henry Williams*, pit sinker, came up for his public examination in bankruptcy.

The statement of affairs showed liabilities £76, and the assets nil. Debtor said he was for some time the landlord of the ROYAL EXCHANGE public-house, Toll End. His customers were mainly those who had to have credit for their drink, and when the credit stopped they went elsewhere. Once a man gave him two black eyes when he asked for 15s that was owing him. The furniture belonged to his wife, and was given her by his mother when he got married.

Official Receiver: Then you had nothing but a public-house and two black eyes? – Debtor: That is all sir. The examination was closed.”

Mary Elizabeth McCrea married *Samuel Smith* in the 3rd quarter of 1908.

1911 Census

129, Bridge Road

[1] *Samuel Smith* (36), miner, under ground, loader up, born Market Street, Tipton;

[2] *Mary E. Smith* (46), wife, married 8 years, beerhouse keeper, born Grendon, nr. Atherston;

[3] *Walter McCrea* (21), stepson, timekeeper, born Stapenhill, Burton on Trent:

Mrs. Mary Ethel(?) Smith, beer retailer, 129, Bridge Road, Toll End. [1912]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/2/1916

“At the annual Licensing Session of Tipton, yesterday, four houses were adjourned for further consideration. All the other licenses were renewed.

Of the four licenses referred to, two – the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Road, and the SPRING COTTAGE, Horseley Road – were scheduled with the consent of the owners; the other two were the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, and ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/6/1916 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1901, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shirehall, Stafford, at 12 o’clock Noon, on Saturday, the 8th day of July, 1916.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, Tipton. Beerhouse, beer and cider, ante 1869. Licensee, Mrs. *Edith Taylor*.”

Lichfield Mercury 14/7/1916

“The Staffordshire Licensing Committee held their principal meeting at Stafford on Saturday.....

From the Wednesbury county division the houses before the Committee were the BARREL, Dudley Port, Tipton; the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, both fully licensed; the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road, Tipton, and the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, both ante 1869 beerhouses.....

the question of the ROYAL EXCHANGE was adjourned for information as to barrelage.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1917

“Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

Supplemental Meeting. This meeting was held on the 14th of October, and by adjournment on the 11th of November and 9th of December. The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following nine cases the committee fixed the compensation, viz.....

ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, beerhouse (beer and cider), ante 1869, £350.”

ROYAL EXCHANGE

15, (7), (30), Fisher Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Benjamin George

Joseph Forrest and Son Ltd, Acorn Brewery, Birmingham

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.

Darby’s Brewery Ltd. [1932]

LICENSEES

Miss Eliza George [1871]

Enoch George [] – 1873);

Benjamin George (1873 – 1882);

Joseph Jones (1882 – 1883);

William Whitney (1883 – 1900);

Mrs. Mary Ann Whitney (1900 – 1903);

George Watson (1903 – 1918);

Sarah Jane Watson (1918 – 1921);

William Alfred Jones (1921 – 1928);
Joseph Wilkes (1928 – 1932);
Herbert Cole (1932 – 1936);
Frederick William Aston (1936 – [c.1966])

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

30, Fisher Street [1871]
7, Fisher Street [1881]
15, Fisher Street [1901], [1939]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

30, Fisher Street
[1] *Eliza George* (22), unmarried, beer retailer, born West Bromwich;
[2] *Mary J. George* (21), unmarried, born West Bromwich:

1881 Census

7, Fisher Street
[1] *Benjamin George* (69), retail brewer, born Tipton;
[2] *Susannah George* (63), wife, born Ritcrow, Staffordshire:

Dudley and District News 10/2/1883 - Advert

“A Rare Opportunity. To Be Let, the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Fisher Street, Great Bridge; doing a fair amount of business. Incoming and Rent moderate. Satisfactory reasons for leaving. Apply, Geo. Thomas, Auctioneer, 20, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge.”

William Whitney was married to *Mary Ann*.

Birmingham Daily Post 12/3/1891

“Last night the annual meeting of the local Retail Brewers’ Association was held at the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Great Bridge, Mr. J. Lyman presiding. Mr. Bonser (secretary) presented the annual report, which showed that on the close of the year there were 122 members on the books. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the association on the progress they had made during the last year; and said that only five members had been summoned under the Licensing Act, four of whom were fined and one acquitted. He was glad to say that the majority of the members of their trade had conducted their houses in a satisfactory manner. (Hear, hear). Mr. Fullwood seconded the proposition, which was carried. The Chairman alluded to the decision of Coventry magistrates with regard to the measure of brewers’ barrels, and said it was a question of great importance to the trade generally. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. Lyman; vice-president, Mr. J. Clemson; secretary, W. H. Barnsley; trustee, Mr. W. T. Edwards.”

1891 Census

Fisher Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE
[1] *William Whitney* (48), retail brewer, born Much Birch, Herefordshire;
[2] *Mary A. Whitney* (48), wife, born West Bromwich;
[3] *Mary A. Whitney* (22), daughter, tailoress, born West Bromwich;

- [4] Sarah J. Whitney (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] John Whitney (16), son, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Jeremiah Whitney (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Arthur Whitney (14), son, assists dresser in iron foundry, born West Bromwich;
- [8] Alfred Whitney (5), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;

William Whitney died in 1900.

1901 Census

15, Fisher Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE INN

- [1] *Mary A. Witney* (58), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Great Bridge;
- [2] John Witney (26), son, barman, born Great Bridge;
- [3] Jeremiah Witney (21), son, iron moulder, born Great Bridge;
- [4] Alfred Witney (15), son, fitter in metal works, born Great Bridge:

1911 Census

Fisher Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *George Watson* (60), publican, born Heresley, Warwickshire;
- [2] Mrs. S. Watson (50), wife, married 35 years, assisting in the business, born Winson Green;
- [3] James Watson (33), son, destructor stoker, Handsworth Council, born Winson Green;
- [4] Frank Watson (24), son, brewer's drayman, born Winson Green:

George Watson was married to *Sarah Jane*.
He died in 1918.

Herbert Cole was married to Emma.
See also NAGS HEAD and BUSH, West Bromwich.

1939 Register

15, Fisher Street, West Bromwich CB

- [1] *Frederick W. Aston*, date of birth, 04/01/1895, beerhouse keeper, manager, married;
- [2] Violet Aston, dob, 31/11/1905, domestic duties, married:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/8/1951

“When the ‘regulars’ drop in the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN at Great Bridge, they look at a 3ft-high portrait of Queen Victoria, hanging in the bar, and read between the lines. Or rather, along the lines – for every outline and piece of shading is composed of words and sentences which tell the life story of Queen Victoria. Mr. *Frederick Aston*, the licensee found the picture among rubbish in his attic, where he threw it years ago. He blew the dust off and realised that he was the owner of a rarity. There are few of these ‘word pictures’ about the country nowadays.

The picture, to commemorate the Queen’s diamond jubilee in 1887, was published by private subscription. It took the artist, B. Israel, nearly five years to complete, and in that time he had written 173,000 words up, down and sideways to get the right effect.”

A Full License was granted on 7th March 1957, and confirmed on 9th April 1957.

It closed circa 1966.

ROYAL EXCHANGE

56, (9), Gospel Oak Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Daniel Marsh [] – **1870**);
Hickman (**1870** – []
James Leech [c.1876]
Richard Mills [1880]
John Turton [1881] – [1896]
Joseph E Turton [1900] – [1912]
James Shutt [1919] – **1924**);
Leonard Smart (**1924** – **1927**);
Leonard Gough (**1927** – [1960s]
W T Cartwright [1983]

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

It was known locally as “Goughie’s”.

The license renewal to *Daniel Marsh* was refused in October 1870.

James Leech was fined £5 and costs and had his license endorsed for permitting gambling, during the year ending 30th August 1876.

London Gazette 9/4/1880

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley.
In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Richard Mills*, of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Gospel Oak Publican and Miner.
Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned 20th day of April 1880.....”

Dudley and District News 8/5/1880

“Local Liquidation.

On Tuesday a meeting of the creditors of *Richard Mills*, of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Gospel Oak, Sedgley, was held at the offices of Mr. J. E. Sheldon, solicitor, High Street, Wednesbury. Mr. Bentley, of Princes End, occupied the chair. The liabilities amounted to £169 7s 2d; and the assets, £20. It was decided to accept a composition of 1s in the pound, payable in three and six months.”

1881 Census

9, Gospel Oak Road

- [1] *John Turton* (50), steerer and beer seller, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Eliza Turton* (48), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Henry Turton* (19), son, servant to steerer, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Ellen Turton* (18), daughter, domestic duties, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Esther Turton* (15), daughter, domestic duties, born Wolverhampton;

- [6] Joseph Turton (10), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] Thomas Turton (6), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [8] George Turton (4), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [9] William Raden (16), boarder, steerer, born Rowley:

Darlaston Weekly Times 16/6/1883

“*John Turton*, beerhouse keeper, Gospel Oak, was charged by PC Farmer, with being drunk while in charge of a horse and trap at the Fiery Holes, Moxley, on Wednesday night. Defendant admitted the drunkenness, but said his horse had shied and was beyond his control. Fined 5s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/11/1890

“At Bilston Police Court, yesterday, *John Turton*, landlord of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Gospel Oak was fined 10s and costs for drunkenness.”

1891 Census

Gospel Oak Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *John Turton* (60), boatman, born Wordsley;
- [2] Helena Turton (60), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] Thomas Turton (17), son, boatman, born Tipton;
- [4] George Turton (15), son, boatman, born Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Williams (15), niece, servant, born Tipton;
- [6] Jane Whittle (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

John Turton, beer retailer, 56, Gospel Oak Road. [1896]

Joseph Turton, beer retailer, 56, Gospel Oak Road. [1900], [1904], [1912]

He issued tokens from here.

1901 Census

56, Gospel Oak Road

- [1] *Joseph E. Turton* (31), beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Mary J. Turton (30), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Elizabeth Turton (9), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] John Turton (8), son, born Tipton;
- [5] May Turton (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Dorothy E. Turton (9 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Charles Ford (15), relative, general labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [8] Elizabeth Smith (12), relative, born Tipton;
- [9] Sarah Lane (14), servant, born Bilston;
- [10] Edwin Griffiths (14+), relative, born Manchester:

1911 Census

56, Gospel Oak Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *Joseph Turton* (41), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Mary Frances Turton (40), wife, married 20 years, born Daisy Bank;
- [3] Elizabeth Turton (19), daughter, born Ocker Hill;
- [4] Alice May Turton (14), daughter, at school half time, born Gospel Oak;
- [5] Dorothy Eliza Turton (10), daughter, school, born Gospel Oak;
- [6] Joseph Welford Turton (7), son, school, born Gospel Oak;
- [7] Leonard George Turton (2), son, born Gospel Oak;
- [8] Sally Fletcher (14), general servant, born Princes End:

1939 Register

Gospel Oak Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE Public House

[1] *Leonard Gough*, date of birth, 03/01/1891, beerhouse manager and storekeeper tube works, married;

[2] Edith M. Gough, dob, 05/07/1898, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1949.

It closed in 1994.

It was demolished in 1995.

ROYAL EXCHANGE

74, (50), Lea Brook Road, (Wednesbury Road), Leabrook, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Jordan and Co.

LICENSEES

Charles Powell [1861]

William Holmes [1871]

Daniel Mills [1881]

Edwin Beesley (**1884** – [1901])

Alise Cartwright [1911]

Frederick 'Fred' Shinton (**1911** – [1913])

NOTES

Wednesbury Road North [1861]

50, Lea Brook Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901]

74, Lea Brook Road [1911]

1861 Census

Wednesbury Road North – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *Charles Powell* (66), beer seller, born Stourbridge;

[2] Sarah Powell (62), wife, born Warwickshire;

[3] Sarah Law (18), servant, born Tipton:

1871 Census

50, Leabrook Road

[1] *William Holmes* (59), innkeeper, born Rowley;

[2] Zibia Holmes (55), wife, born Darlaston;

[3] Edward Holmes (22), son, engine tender in colliery, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Holmes (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Eliza Clifton (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1881 Census

50, Lea Brook Road – Public Tavern

- [1] *Daniel Mills* (60), labourer, born Rowley;
- [2] *Matilda Mills* (50), wife, born Alrewas, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Frank Mills* (22), son, tube worker, born Leabrook;
- [4] *Daniel Mills* (9), son, scholar, born Leabrook;
- [5] *Emily Mills* (11), daughter, scholar, born Leabrook;
- [6] *William Burton* (30), lodger, labourer, born Kings Hill;
- [7] *Phoebe Burton* (29), lodger, born Kings Hill;
- [8] *George Walford* (41), lodger, shingler, born Shifnal, Shropshire:

Edwin Beesley = Edwin Beasley

Sporting Life 1/11/1884

“Mr. *E. Beesley* (of Wednesbury). This well known Midland sportsman and experienced dog-slipper, has become mine host of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Lea Brook, Wednesbury, where he will be glad to receive a visit from old and new Friends.”

Sporting Life 5/11/1884

“Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury.

On Monday afternoon last Joseph Parkes’s bitch Bett, of Tipton, Staffordshire, and Harrison’s bitch Beck, of Dudley, met to course the best of twenty-one courses, 60 yards law, for £20, Beck not to exceed 24lb weight, whilst old Bett (who has been the champion for years at 21lb weight) was allowed three dead rabbits for the difference in weight. Their meeting created more than the usual interest, and the grounds presented quite an animated appearance, the stands and other places being packed by dog fanciers from all parts of the country. Little was known of Beck, but Bett, on the other hand, is well known, and her performances may be interesting to those in the rabbit coursing business. Bett, who is turning grey with age, is rising eight years of age, beat Cleare’s Daisy best of twenty-five courses, for £50, at Manchester; beat Hughes’s Flora best of twenty-one courses, for £30, at Manchester; beat Jenkinson’s Wolf, of Hednesford, best of twenty-one courses, £15 a side, at Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury; beat Seedhouse’s Old Sailor, of Princes End, best of twenty-one courses, for £25 a side; beaten by Seedhouse’s Young Sailor, of Princes End, at Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury, best of twenty-one rabbits, £20; beat Seedhouse’s Young Sailor, of Princes End, best of twenty-one courses, for £10 a side, at Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury; beat Mills’s Bones, of Dudley, best of twenty-one courses, for £20, at Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury, December 10, 1883. In addition she has won upwards of twenty sweepstakes, and her owner, Mr. J. Parkes, previous to the match commencing, publicly stated that win or lose, Bett should retire on her laurels. Both were brought to the post in the acme of condition, and on Mr. Dudley, the referee, taking the first rabbit out of the hamper to be spotted, Mr. Harrison bet Mr. Parkes £15 to £10 on Beck. Both dogs had experienced runners up, Bett having Teddy Whitaker, of Bilston (winner of two big Sheffield handicaps) and J. Parkes’s Jim, whilst Beck had the services of Billy Partridge, of Great Bridge, and Mr. J. Hughes, of Bilston. Betting on the various courses was 5 and 6 to 4 on Beck. The rabbits, however, were the worst put down here for some time. Bett caught the first, but Beck took the next eight ‘off the reel,’ and at the third course, the owner of Beck, who was very confident, offered to lay a level £20 on the match. Although old Bett caught the first, tenth, twelfth, and fourteenth, and did all that she could, age told its tale, and Beck not only proved the speedier, but a wonder in killing, as she never made the least mistake. The following are the scores made: Beck: Second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, and fifteenth – total 11. Bett (with three given): First, tenth, twelfth, and fourteenth – total 7. Mr. John Dudley, of the TRAVELLERS REST INN, Pinfold Street, Darlaston, was referee, whilst Mr. *E. Beesley*, of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Lea Brook, Wednesbury, was slipper.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/1/1890

“At the Police Court, yesterday, Stephen Wheatley (23), from Wednesbury, was charged with breaking into the BIRD IN HAND public-house, and also with assaulting the police. The prisoner was found in the cellar hiding behind a tub by the son-in-law of the landlady. The cellar door had been previously fastened, and the explanation of the prisoner was that someone had thrown him down.

He afterwards offered to pay for the 'best glass stuff' in the house if they would release him. The police were sent for, and the prisoner, who declared he would not go for six policemen, struck Police-constable Fairbank, and also assaulted Sergeant Goodwin. The prisoner was also charged with burglariously entering the dwelling-house of *Edwin Beasley*, beer-house keeper, Lea Brook, Coseley, and stealing a fowl, a bar of soap, some mutton, &c, of the value of 7s. A man named John Warden, of Tipton, was in custody for being concerned in this offence, but as there was no evidence against him he was discharged, and gave evidence on behalf of the police.

Beasley stated that he closed his house at eleven o'clock at night on the 24th of August last. He closed 'the cellar flap,' but there was no fastening to it. When he came down next day he found that the house had been broken into, and the articles mentioned were missing.

Warden stated that the prisoner lodged with him for some time last August, and at one o'clock in the morning of August 25 prisoner called him up to show him a bar of soap, which he stated had been bought of an auctioneer. At 8.30 the same morning he found prisoner lying on the hearthrug, and on the table were two loaves of bread, some butter, and a piece of mutton. Afterwards Warden called the police and gave the articles up.

Wheatley was committed to the Sessions on both charges."

[At the Staffordshire Sessions on 7th March 1890, Stephen Wheatley (an habitual criminal and gas-fitter) was charged with 'unlawfully entering and concealing himself about the hour of 7-45 of the evening of the 11th of January, 1890, in the cellar of the dwelling house of Charlotte Cadman, at Bilston, with intent to steal, take, and carry away the money goods and chattels of the said Charlotte Cadman,' he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.]

1891 Census

50, Leabrook Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE INN

[1] *Edwin Beasley* (48), publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] Ann Beesley (42), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Mary Beesley (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] Edwin Beesley (16), son, born Wednesbury;

[5] Sarah Beesley (14), daughter, pupil teacher, born Wednesbury;

[6] Solomon Beesley (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[7] Annie Beesley (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[8] Solomon Perry (47), brother-in-law, brewer, born Wednesbury:

Birmingham Daily Post 7/9/1892

"At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, *Edwin Beasley*, the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Seabrook [sic] Road, Ocker Hill, was summoned for having had his house open during prohibited hours on the morning of the 7th ult; also with having sold liquor during prohibited hours. Mr. Sharpe appeared for the defence. The evidence of Superintendent Rowbotham and Police-constable Wishton was to the effect that they watched the defendant's house from four o'clock to eleven o'clock on the day named, and after 7.10 saw fifteen persons go to the house and leave, taking something with them. In some instances they handed this something over the garden wall. The last person that left was a woman named Noon, whom they stopped, and found that she had a bottle of ale in her possession. The defence was that she took this bottle away from the public house on the previous night, and inadvertently left it in a neighbouring greengrocer's shop. The next morning she went to fetch it, and on the way back stopped to ask Mrs. *Beasley*, who was at the door, how her father was, he being ill in bed. Mr. Sharpe elicited from the police that they only mentioned Noon's case to Mrs. *Beasley* when they went to the house. The Stipendiary said he could not see for the life of him why they had not named the other fourteen. He considered it unfair not to have done so. They had identified only one person who had gone into the house, and as there was a good defence in that case the summons would have to be dismissed. There were suspicious circumstances with regard to the other visits, but was all that could be said."

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

"The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday.....

On an objection on the part of Superintendent to the renewal of the ROYAL EXCHANGE beerhouse, Ocker Hill, to *Edwin Beesley*, Mr. Sharpe applied for costs, on the ground that he had been brought to court and kept several hours unnecessarily. The Bench refused the application, at the same time suggesting, that henceforth notice should be given of the withdrawal of objections. Superintendent Walters called evidence to show that when the notice of objection was served Mr. *Beesley* was told that in the event of proceedings then pending failing, the objection would be dropped. Granted.”

Sporting Life 26/1/1898

“Lea Brook Grounds, Wednesbury.

A change in the card took place on Monday last, when in lieu of the usual dog racing and rabbit coursing engagements, the votaries of pigeon shooting were afforded a chance. It was owing to the efforts of Mess. Frank Lloyd (proprietor) and *E. Beasley* (of the ROYAL EXCHANGE VAULTS, Wednesbury). The chief event was Messrs. *Beasley* and Lloyds All-England £10 10s Pigeon Shooting Handicap.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/2/1900

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, *Edwin Beasley*, landlord of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Lea Brook, was summoned for cruelty to a horse. On the 8th inst. Police-constable Trusswell found a horse belonging to defendant, which appeared to have been recently clipped, turned out in a field adjoining Sparrow’s Forge Lane. The weather at the time was bitterly cold, and the animal, which appeared to be thoroughly starved, was crouching by some low bushes for shelter. It was alleged that it had been in this state for a fortnight without defendant looking after it in any way.

For the defence it was stated that the animal was considerably improved in condition by the fresh air. The Stipendiary fined defendant £4 3s 6d, including costs, and intimated that had he been previously convicted he would not have the option of paying a fine.”

1901 Census

50, Leabrook Road

- [1] *Edwin Beesley* (58), publican and brewer, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Ann Beesley (52), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Sally Beesley (24), daughter, assistant mistress (school), born Wednesbury;
- [4] Solomon Beesley (22), son, engine fitter, born Tipton;
- [5] Solomon Perry (57), uncle, broker’s servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Sarah Stokes (20), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

1911 Census

74, Lea Brook Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *Alice Cartwright* (53), widow, publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] Florence Cartwright (12), daughter, school, born Ocker Hill;
- [3] Elizabeth Cartwright (37), sister-in-law, widow, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Harold Cartwright (8), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Florence Cartwright (6), daughter, born Wednesbury:

Frederick Shinton played centre forward for Wednesbury Old Athletic in the Birmingham League.

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

The renewals of the licenses of the following were objected to on the ground of redundancy.....

ROYAL EXCHANGE, Leabrook Road.....

After hearing evidence, the Bench referred for compensation the licenses of the ROYAL EXCHANGE.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/8/1913 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 24th day of July, 1913, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 7th day of September, 1913, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

ROYAL EXCHANGE, Leabrook, Tipton. Beer and Cider 'on' ante 1869. Licencee, *Frederick Shinton*. Registered Owner, John Jordan and Co."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/1/1914

"The annual report of the County Licensing Committee stated the number of licenses 'referred' this year from 15 divisions and boroughs in the county was 43, and the committee decided to proceed upon 38 cases The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund. In the following 27 cases the committee fixed the compensation ROYAL EXCHANGE, Leabrook, Tipton, £800."

Birmingham Mail 10/1/1914 - Advert

"Premises to Let, useful to painters or builders. Gateway entrance, stables, good yards. WHITE HORSE, Phoenix Street, West Bromwich and ROYAL EXCHANGE, Lea Brook, Wednesbury. Apply, John Jordan and Co., Brewers, Oldbury."

It was delicensed circa 1913.

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It became the home of the Blythe family.

It was demolished post 1968.

ROYAL EXCHANGE

Sedgley Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaiah Hale [1882]

ROYAL GEORGE

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Barron [1870]

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Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

Mr. Duignan applied on behalf of *John Barron*, ROYAL GEORGE, Great Bridge. Applicant had entered his name on the list of applicants for spirit licenses, but Mr. Duignan said he had now withdrawn his name, and would apply for a renewal of his beer certificate. Mr. Ebsworth opposed on behalf of the proprietor of the LIMERICK INN. Refused.”

ROYAL OAK

23, Aston Street, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Eaves [] – **1858**);

Edward Leatherland (**1858 – 1859**);

Abraham Monro (**1859** – [1860]

J Pickin [1861]

Richard Bevan [] – **1861**);

Luke Sheldon (**1861 – 1869**);

John Hickens (**1869** – [1870]

Thomas Everitt [1880] – [1881]

Theodore Frederick Miller [1888] – [1900]

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Birmingham Journal 23/1/1858 - Advert

“To Publicans.

To be Let, with immediate possession, that very desirable Old-licensed Public House, known as the ROYAL OAK, in Aston Street, Toll End, within four minutes’ walk of the Great Bridge Station, in the parish of Tipton, doing a good business. There is also a first-rate Cricket Club and Cricket Ground connected with this House. It is altogether a very desirable opportunity for Parties wishing to go into the Public Business. The present Proprietor is leaving in consequence of his engagements in agriculture. Coming-in under £250. Apply on the Premises; or to S. Hodgetts, Auctioneer, Horseley Heath.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/3/1858 - Advert

“To Publicans, Cricketers, And Others.

By Mr. F. Atree. To be Sold by Private Contract, the Licenses and Possession of that old-established House, well known as the ROYAL OAK, commandingly situate in the densely populated district of Aston Street, Tipton, frequented by a respectable in-door company; with a Cricket Club, and from one to two hundred members attached; also doing a good out-door trade.

The Premises are convenient and well-adapted, with good Pleasure and Cricket Grounds, entire yard, Stabling, &c.

Valuation only is required, as the Proprietor is entering the Farming Business.

Further particulars may be had on application to F. Atree, Auctioneer and General Valuer, 73, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston.”

Edward Leatherland = Edward Letherhead

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/9/1859

“To be shot for at *E. Letherhead*'s, ROYAL OAK INN, Toll End, Great Bridge, Staffordshire, on Monday, Sept 19, a fat pig, warranted 16 score, 16 members, at 10s each. The winner to have £7 10s or the pig. To be shot at three birds each, gun $\frac{3}{4}$ in bore, $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz of shot for single guns, 21 yard rise, double guns $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shot, 19 yard rise, 10 boundary. The birds supplied by Mr. Badham, of the Owls, Smallbrook Street, Birmingham. The shooting will take place on the ROYAL OAK Cricket Ground, Toll End. Parties coming by rail will book Great Bridge station, near the ROYAL OAK. If time, two cases of foreign birds will be shot for, at 5s each. Shooting at one precisely.”

London Gazette 4/11/1859

“Whereas a Petition for adjudication for Bankruptcy has been filed against *Edward Leatherland*, of the ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/11/1859 - Advert

“Re *Edward Leatherland*, of the ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street, Tipton, a Bankrupt.
By Mr. Chandler, To-Morrow (Wednesday), at Eleven o'clock on the Premises as above.
The excellent Public House Fixtures, Household Furniture, &c.”

London Gazette 13/12/1859

“George Williams Sanders, Esq, one of Her Majesty's Commissioners authorized to act under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, bearing date the 2nd day of November, 1859, and filed in Her Majesty's District Court of Bankruptcy, at Birmingham, against *Edward Leatherland*, of the ROYAL OAK INN, Aston-street, Toll End, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, has appointed a public sitting for the allowance of the Certificate under such Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, to be holden on the 19th day of January next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon precisely, at the Birmingham District Court of Bankruptcy, at Birmingham, when and where any of the creditors of the said bankrupt, who shall have given due notice of his intention to oppose, may be heard against the allowance of such Certificate, and the same will be allowed, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary, or such other order will be made therein as the justice of the case may require.”

Birmingham Journal 14/1/1860

“At the Public Office, on Saturday last the following transfers were allowed by the Bench.....
New licenses. The two following licenses (from various causes not necessary to recapitulate) having been for some time in abeyance, were re-granted.....
ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street, to Mr. *Abraham Monro*.”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/3/1860 - Advert

“Sale This Day, At the ROYAL OAK, Toll End, Tipton.
Messrs. Atree and Son will Sell by Auction, the Licenses, Possession, Fixtures, Fittings, Household Furni-

ture, Stock of Ale, Wines, Spirits, &c, commencing at Eleven o'clock."

Birmingham Journal 24/11/1860 - Advert

"To be Let, in a densely-crowded neighbourhood, an Old-Licensed Public House, known by the Sign of the ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton, Staffordshire. The House comprises very large Tap Room, Smoke Room, Bar, Cooking Kitchen, large Club Room, four Bed Rooms, excellent Cellaring, and enclosed Yard, Stabling, Gig-house, with all other convenient Out-offices, suitable for carrying on an extensive business. Fixtures and incoming will not exceed £50. Satisfactory reasons can be given why the present Proprietor is leaving.

To treat for the same, apply on the Premises; or to Mr. John Eales, Farmer, Tipton."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1861 - Advert

"ROYAL OAK, Aston Street, Toll End, Near Tipton.

To Publicans, Brokers, and Others.

Mr. Thomas Lloyd will Sell by Auction, on Friday next, the 22nd day of March, 1861, without reserve, upon the premises as above, the whole of the excellent Public-House Fixtures and Effects belonging to Mr. *J. Pickin*, who is leaving, comprising range of counters, gas fittings, capital 4-pull beer machine (nearly new), ale casks, gathering tub, brewing tubs; and also a portion of the Household Furniture, consisting mahogany and other chairs, chimney glass in gilt frame, weather glass, an assortment of glass and earthenware, feather beds, oak chest of drawers, sundry kitchen requisites, excellent housekeeper's cupboard, 30 hour clock, &c, &c.

Also a useful Gig Harness, Saddles and Bridles, Side Saddle, set of Shafter Gears, sundry Harness, thirty Bags, quantity of garden Tools, &c, and various other articles, particulars of which are described in catalogues, to be had at the place of sale, or of the Auctioneer, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.

The sale to commence at eleven o'clock in the morning."

Birmingham Daily Post 16/1/1864

"Yesterday, an enquiry was held by Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, at the house of Mr. *Luke Sheldon*, the ROYAL OAK INN, Toll End, on the body of Reuben Clifton, a boy, eleven years of age, who was drowned whilst sliding on the ice at Messrs. Bagnall's Pool, on Wednesday afternoon. Jane Glover, the wife of William Glover, a miner, living at Gold Green, stated that about half-past one on Wednesday afternoon she was returning homewards after having taken her husband's dinner to his place of work, when she saw deceased and a number of boys at the pool. Witness saw deceased break the ice with his clog at the side of the water, and advised him not to venture on it, but he said he would slide, and as soon as he went on the ice gave way, and he was immersed in the water. Witness made an alarm, and a man came with drags, and got out the body. Henry Jukes, the man referred to, who is employed as a watchman at the Great Bridge station of the London and North-Western Railway, said the drags and a boat having been got to the spot, witness recovered the body, which was in twelve feet depth of water. The deceased was the son of Simeon Clifton, a boatman. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/11/1864

"An inquest was held on Saturday, at the ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street, by Mr. E. Hooper, District Coroner, concerning the death of Elizabeth White, aged 58 years, who died in rather a sudden manner on Wednesday last. It appears that deceased went out at about half-past eight in the morning to pick coal, and suddenly fell in the road senseless. She was immediately removed to her residence, a surgeon sent for, and Mr. Thomas Underhill's assistant speedily attended, but the woman died in the evening of the same day. The medical man, from an external examination, was unable to account for the cause of death. The husband of deceased said that four years ago she met with an accident by which three of her ribs had been broken, and ever since that time she had been in ill-health. There being no suspicion in the case, the jury found that she had died from Natural Causes, accelerated by the injuries she had sustained by the fracture of the ribs."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/9/1868 - Advert

"Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton.

To be Let, an Old-licensed Public House, the ROYAL OAK INN, doing a good business, situated in a densely-populated neighbourhood, surrounded by Ironworks. A Wharf may be taken in connection to commence the coal trade, if required. Rent low.

Apply to Hipkins and Thomas, Auctioneers, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/10/1868 - Advert

“ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton. To Be Sold By Auction.

By Mr. Samuel Baker, This Day (Monday), October 19, on the Premises as above.

All the capital Brewing Plant, comprising capital Ale Vats, with Lead Piping; Mash Tubs, with copper Be-twell; iron Furnaces, Ale Barrels, working and other Tubs, and Brewing Requisites; Malt Crusher, Sieves, Public House Fittings, including Counter, Tap Table, Cupboards, Shelving to Bar, drinking Tables, Forms, Signs, Jugs, Glasses, Screens, Ale and Spirit Measures, &c, &c; a portion of the Household Furniture, corner Buffet, Chairs, Tables, two Clocks, set tent Bedsteads, Washstands, grand Pianoforte, Prints in frames, &c; Bowls and Pegs, Iron Plate, &c, to Bowling Alley; capital spring Trap, set Harness, Hay Rack, Sow in pig; and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Luke Sheldon*, who is giving up the House and Business.”

John Hickens = John Thicken

John Hickens was fined 10s and costs for serving during prohibited hours on 24th January 1870, and 40s and costs for the same offence in August 1870.

1871 Census

23, Aston Street – not returned – uninhabited

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1871 - Advert

“To be Let, commodious House, late the ROYAL OAK, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton. Immediate possession. Rent £25.

Keys at Cement Works, near.”

Thomas Everitt = Thomas Everidge = Thomas Everett

Dudley and District News 29/5/1880

“Thomas Foley was charged with stealing 23cwt of cast iron, the property of John Foley, boiler maker, of Wednesbury.

Prosecutor said prisoner was his son, and had been in his employ, but left some weeks since. He identified the iron which had been shown him as his property, none of it belonging to the prisoner, who had no authority whatever to sell it.

William Eagle, a boy in the employ of the prosecutor, said that on Saturday, the 15th inst, about four o'clock in the afternoon, prisoner came to the works with a horse and cart, and on telling witness he had sold the iron, the latter assisted him to load it. Prisoner offered him 2s 6d not to tell his master, but he gave information the same evening.

Thomas Acock, haulier, Tipton, said he assisted prisoner to fetch a load of iron from Leabrook, on the 15th inst. He took the iron to Toll End, to Mr. *Everidge*'s ROYAL OAK.

PC Hobbs proved apprehending prisoner at the ROYAL OAK, Toll End, where he charged him with stealing the iron from his father's premises. Prisoner said, 'All right.'

Everidge stated that prisoner had agreed to sell him the iron. Witness found the cart laden with iron in the back yard.

Prisoner in his defence made a rambling statement to the effect that he had bought some iron from some men who were pulling down an old boiler, and emptied it in his father's yard. His father had the scrap iron put altogether. On leaving his father's employ five weeks ago he told him he should want the iron. On the previous Saturday morning he took the iron to sell it to Mr. *Everidge*, who had bought iron from him before. He pleaded not guilty.

Edward Foley, brother of prisoner, said that on his father ordering the scrap iron to be put altogether, his

brother claimed some as his, and the iron alleged to have been stolen was among that which his brother then claimed.

Prisoner was committed to the Sessions, bail being allowed in two sureties of £25 each.”

[At the Sessions, on 26th May 1880, Thomas Foley was found not guilty of larceny.]

1881 Census

23, Aston Street – ROYAL OAK

[1] *Thomas Everitt* (53), publican, born Nuneaton;

[2] *Charlotte Everitt* (50), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Ann Everitt* (80), mother, born Nuneaton;

[4] *Charlotte Everitt* (4), niece, scholar, born Littlebrook, Warwickshire;

[5] *Mary A. Winwood* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 7/5/1881

“On Monday evening the burgesses of Toll End Ward, under the auspices of the Tipton Liberal Association, entertained at dinner their representatives on the Board of Health and the School Board at the ROYAL OAK, Aston Street, Toll End. Invitations had been sent out irrespective of party, and there was a general response. Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Matthews, representing the ward on the Local Board, with Mr. Astley, were present, the latter gentleman and Mr. Humphries being unavoidably absent.....

Several other toasts of a complimentary character were afterwards given, including the health of the host, Mr. *Everett*. Songs were sung at intervals by members of the company, the choruses being lustily joined in. The evening, most enjoyably spent, was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.”

Wednesbury Herald 27/5/1882

“On Tuesday morning an inquest was held before the District Coroner (E. Hooper, Esq) at the ROYAL OAK INN, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of Richard Wagar (25), married, who resided in Harold Street, Toll End. Deceased was employed as a stoker at the brickworks of Messrs. R. Mason and Sons, Toll End, and met his death there on the previous Saturday morning.

Mr. Nightingale (from the offices of Mr. Shakespeare) watched the enquiry on behalf of the proprietors of the works.

Josiah Turley, engine driver at the colliery adjoining the brickworks, said on the morning in question he spoke to the deceased at the door of the engine house. About three minutes later witness discovered him entangled on the end of the shaft that drives the clay mill. The shaft projected about three feet or three feet six inches from the wall, and had no protection around it, nor was there any sacking that witness saw, wrapped around it. Deceased’s body was revolving with the shaft, and at each revolution deceased struck against the empty barrel, which had been thrown on the side. Witness immediately ran and stopped his engine, and then sat down overpowered by what he had seen. Harrold, the engineer, went to the assistance of the deceased. It was the duty of the latter to wheel the ashes from the furnace into the marlhole, and in doing so he would have to pass near the end of the shaft, which had been in its present condition for about twelve months. Thomas Williams, labourer at the works, spoke to hearing an alarm raised, and to running to the assistance of the deceased, whom he held until someone cut the matting which was wrapped around deceased’s left hand and the shaft. Deceased’s left arm and one of his legs were broken. He was carried home, and died shortly afterwards. The matting referred to was used for covering bricks. Previous to his death deceased was asked, ‘What brought him near the shaft,’ and he replied, ‘that he could not tell.’

George Harrold, engineer and manager at the works, said deceased must have put the matting on the shaft, as it was not on when witness saw the shaft a few minutes previous to the occurrence.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said he never saw any danger in connection with the shaft; no one had any right to interfere with the matting. Did not know whether Mr. Blenkinsopp, the inspector of factories, had made any suggestion with regard to the shaft.

The Coroner, in summing up, said the shaft appeared to be in anything but a safe condition, and that he did not know why it was not shortened, or its projection done away with altogether.....

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death with the addendum that the shaft which caused the death of the deceased was insufficiently protected.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/5/1888

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Mr. W. I. Underhill and Mr. H. P. Parkes – *Theodore Frederick Miller*, of the ROYAL OAK, Aston Street, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 21st inst. Mr. Travis defended.

Evidence was given to show that on that day two drunken men were fighting in the house. Another man sat lazily looking on, and he was drunk, with a jug of ale before him.

Witnesses were called, and they denied that the men had been supplied with drink on the defendant’s premises. He had ordered them out, and was ejecting them when the police came.

Defendant was fined 40s and costs. The men, Martin Dolan, George Bentley, and William Baxter were each fined 5s and costs for being drunk in the premises.”

1891 Census

23, Aston Street – ROYAL OAK

[1] *Theodore F. Miller* (37), innkeeper, born Meistersdorf, Bohemia;

[2] Susan Miller (34), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Nellie Miller (5), daughter, born Amblecote;

[4] Lizzie Waldron (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1894

“Darlaston and Tipton. The adjourned licensing session for this district took place at Wednesbury yesterday.....

Theodore Frederick Miller, the ROYAL OAK, Aston Street, applied for a billiard license. Granted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/10/1896

“At the Wednesbury County Police Court, on Wednesday, Mr. B. Shakespeare gave notice to the magistrates that Mr. *Theodore F. Miller*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK INN, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton, intended to appeal at the next Staffordshire Quarter Sessions against the decision of the licensing justices not to renew the licence on the ground of previous convictions.”

Theodore Frederick Miller, beer retailer, 23, Aston Street, Toll End. [1900]

He was also a glass engraver.

See also ACORN, Amblecote.

1901 Census

23, Aston Street – not in occupation

ROYAL OAK

7, Dudley Port, (Horseley Heath), TIPTON

OWNERS

John C. Holder, Birmingham Brewery (acquired 1885)

Holder's Brewery (acquired June 1898) [1909]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired April 1920) [1948]

Punch Taverns [2009]

Star (Heineken UK) (acquired 5/3/2018)

LICENSEES

William Hancox [1841] – [1850]
Mrs. Sarah Hancox [1851]
William Hancox [1858] – **1858**;
William Clarke* (**1858** – [1860])
William Clarke* (**1864** – **1885**)
J R Cresswell (**1890** – **1898**);
Mrs. Charlotte Rowena Hill Crosswell [1891]
Henry Beasley [1893]
Mrs. Charlotte Rowena Hill Beasley [1895] – [1904]
Arthur Apsley Brett [1911] – [1912]
Harry William Fosbury [1916]
Alfred Oakley [1919] – **1924**;
Percy Oliver Puddepha (**1924** – **1925**);
Charles John Scovel (**1925** – **1927**);
William Andrew Morris (**1927** – **1928**);
Harry Watson (**1928** – **1929**);
George Frederick Llewelyn Noot (**1929** – **1930**);
Harry Monk (**1930** – **1932**);
Albert Ferdinand Latour (**1932** – **1933**);
Sidney Bowyer (**1933** – **1935**);
Sidney Joseph Coleman (**1935** – **1936**);
John Brook Holding Webb (**1936** – **1950**);
Arthur Thomas Ryder (**1950** – **1958**);
Maurice George Corbett (**1958** – [1966])
Tom Eltringham (**1976** – [1989])
Alan and Nancy Wakefield [1986]
Reg Hollows (**1993** – [1994])
Colin McGrath (**1996** – [1997])
Steve Swan [2001]
Naresh Waraich [2009]
Amanda Parkes [2013]

NOTES

ROYAL OAK HOTEL [1911], [1913], [1927], [1950]

Tipton Civic Society and Tipton Rotary Club met here.

Black Country Bugle (January 1985) - Pub of the Month

“.....The deeds of the property indicate that the ROYAL OAK was built by one *William Hancox* who purchased the land where the pub is situated in August 1830 The ROYAL OAK first appears by name in 1834 *William Hancox* died in December 1864 An unusual feature is a masonic temple that was built as an extension at the rear of the pub.....”

1841 Census

Dudley Port

- [1] *William Hancox* (55), maltster, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Hancox* (50), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Thomas Hancox (10), born Staffordshire;
- [4] Sarah Hancox (15), born Staffordshire;

[5] Hannah Short (20), fs, born Staffordshire;

[6] Phebe Bott (10), fs, born Staffordshire:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 8/9/1842 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Property, at Dudley Port, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Solomon Powell, this present Monday, August 8, at the house of Mr. *William Hancox*, the sign of the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, at five o'clock in the afternoon, by order of the Trustees of the late Miss Fox, in one or more lots, as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions as will be then produced.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 19/8/1844 - Advert

“ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, 14th August, 1844.

At a Meeting of the Iron and Coal-Masters, and other Parties Interested in the Trade and Mineral Properties of South Staffordshire, held pursuant to the public advertisements, John Williams, Esq, in the chair.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 22/7/1850 - Notice

“Tithe Commission. Notice.

The Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales hereby give Notice of the Draft of Apportionment of the Rent Charge to be Paid in Lieu of Tithes in the parish of Tipton, otherwise Tibbeston, in the county of Stafford, has been deposited at the house of Thomas Shorthouse, Parish Clerk, in the said parish, for the inspection of all Persons interested in the Lands or Tithes of the said Parish.

And the Commission further give Notice that, pursuant to the Act for Communication of Tithes, a Meeting will be holden for the purpose of hearing any objections to the intended Apportionment, by any person interested as aforesaid; and that such Meeting will be held at the house of *William Hancox*, the ROYAL OAK, Horseley Heath, in the said parish, on Wednesday the 7th day of August, 1850, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Signed by order of the Board, J. E. Hovenden, Secretary.

9, Somerset Place, Somerset House, London.”

1851 Census

Dudley Port

[1] *William Hancox* (66), head, born Sedgley;

[2] *Sarah Hancox* (60), wife, farmer, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[3] Thomas Hancox (19), son, at home, born Tipton;

[4] Samuel Hancox (16), son, at home, born Tipton;

[5] John Hancox (9), grandson, born Smethwick;

[6] Sarah Hancox (25), daughter, at home, born Tipton;

[7] Mary Fletcher (16), house servant, born Dudley;

[8] Hannah Dean (15), house servant, born Walsall:

William Clarke (38), widower, victualler, married *Sarah Hancox* (35), spinster, on 11th May 1858.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/5/1858

“G. H. Hinchcliffe, Esq., Coroner, held an inquest on Thursday, at the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, on the body of Mary Ann Ralph, aged 12, who was drowned in the Stour Valley Canal, near the Aqueduct, on Monday. She left home with some companions for the purpose of picking iron on the banks of the canal. About two o'clock, her companions left her on the Aqueduct, she telling them she would follow them home. She did not do so, and her mother, becoming alarmed went to look for her in the evening, but without success. Her father and a man Skidmore then procured a drag to search the canal, and found the body about nine o'clock. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/6/1858

“At a large and influential meeting of coalmasters of the Tipton, Oldbury and West Bromwich District, held

at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on Friday last [18/6], it was unanimously resolved ‘that the tick coal colliers’ wages be reduced one shilling per day (making 4s a day), from and after the 3rd day of July next; that the brooch and other thin coal and stone getters’ wages be reduced to 3s per day; that the sinkers be reduced to 4s per day; and that other wages be reduced in a similar proportion’.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 30/8/1858 - Advert

“Sale The Turks Head, Livery Street, Birmingham Which has been successfully carried on by the late Richard Clarke and his Son [William], the present Proprietor, during the last fifty years, whose sole reason for disposing of it is that he has entered upon the old-established business of Mr. *William Hancox*, at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/10/1858

“At the Public Office on Saturday last the following license transfers were allowed by the court..... ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, from Mr. *William Hancox* to Mr. *William Clarke*, son-in-law.”

William Clarke = William Clark

* probably the same person

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/2/1861

“An inquisition was held on Thursday last, before Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on the body of Job Hadley, who met with his death whilst at work in one of Messrs. Dixon and Co.’s pits at the Horsely Colliery. Deceased was one of the doggies of the pit, and was at work on the morning of the 29th ult, in a stall about 9 feet high and 15 wide, setting some coal, when a quantity of it fell upon him. After a very careful inquiry the Jury, satisfied that every precaution had been taken to prevent the accident, returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The deceased bore an excellent character, and was much respected by all who knew him.”

Birmingham Journal 31/5/1862

“An inquest was held at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, by Edwin Hooper, Esq, on Wednesday last, on the body of a little boy, nearly five years old, named Hezekiah James. It appears that last Saturday the boy left his father’s house, and was last seen alive by a little girl, playing on the brink of the canal. Shortly after a man named Fisher and his son were walking on the canal side, when they saw something floating on the water, and, with the assistance of others, they got it to the side, when it was found to be the body of the unfortunate child. As a stick was found close to the body there is but little doubt that the child was playing with it when he fell in. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death by Drowning. The Coroner reprimanded the father for his carelessness.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“An inquest was held on Saturday last, at the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, before Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, on view of the body of W. Smith, a miner, aged 27, who was killed by a fall of coal at Messrs. Bagnall’s Groveland Colliery, on the morning of the previous day. From the evidence of James Carter, it appeared that on the day in question the deceased and himself were at work in the pit, and after some little skylarking the deceased sat down for a rest, and a slip of coal occurred. He (Carter) sprang away, but the deceased was beneath the mass, which was between one and two tons, and thus received such injuries as resulted in his death. It was shown that the pit had been properly examined, and the doggy, Begg, had questioned the deceased as to its safety, and he expressed his belief in the usual precautionary measures and supply of timber in the colliery. The Jury under these circumstances returned a verdict of Accidental Death, with a recommendation that the doggy should see his orders carried out in all instances.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 23/10/1869 - Advert

“House And Land, Dudley Port, Tipton.

By Messrs. Powell and Son, at the house of Mr. *William Clarke*, the ROYAL OAK INN, near the Railway

Station, at Dudley Port, on Thursday, the 4th of November next, at Six o'clock in the evening.....”

1871 Census

7, Dudley Port – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *William Clarke* (51), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] Sarah Clarke (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Ann E. Clarke (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah Clarke (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Lucy Clarke (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/1/1873 - Advert

“Mr. John Bent has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir John Wickens, to Sell by Auction, at the ROYAL OAK INN, Horseley Heath, in the county of Stafford, on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1873, at 7 o'clock in the evening, in one lot, pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, made in the case of Hyde v. Holland – A Freehold Messuage, Butcher's Shop, and Out-buildings, situate at Horseley Heath.....”

Dudley Herald 2/8/1879 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Properties, situate at Watery Lane, Tipton, Dudley Port and Tividale. To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Jabez Bywater, on Thursday, the 7th day of August, 1879, at the house of Mr. *William Clark*, the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, at Six o'clock in the Evening.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/1/1880 - Notice

“East Staffordshire Election, 1880.....

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee for securing the election of S. C. Allsopp, Esq, and Sir John Hardy, Bart.....

William Clarke, ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port.”

B. Nuttall issued tokens bearing ‘ROYAL OAK Grounds’.

West Bromwich Weekly News 19/2/1881

“Elizabeth Griffiths (6), daughter of Josiah Griffiths, Dudley Port, was burnt to death on Saturday. Deceased was reaching a pot-hook, when her clothes caught fire and she was so severely burnt that death resulted in a few hours.

At the inquest, held at the ROYAL OAK, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1881 Census

7, Dudley Port – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *William Clark* (61), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] Sarah Clark (59), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Charles A. Clark (22), son, assistant mine agent, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah Clark (20), daughter, assistant at home, born Tipton;
- [5] Lucy Clark (16), daughter, assistant at home, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah A. Emery (23), general servant, born Tipton;
- [7] Emily Pitt (23), general servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 3/12/1881

“The District Coroner (Mr. E. Hooper), today (Saturday), held an inquiry at the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, touching the death of Mr. John Nicholls, butcher, farmer, and cattle dealer, who resided at 1, Lower Street, Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton, and who met his death at Dudley Port Station, on the London and North Western Railway, on Wednesday night, the 30th ult, under shocking circumstances, as already briefly reported.

Mr. Plumpton (instructed by Mr. Archer B. Smith, Wolverhampton) attended on behalf of the relatives of the

deceased, and Mr. Stoker (Birmingham) for the London and North Western Railway Company.

Mr. Thomas Orme, tinsmith, of Penn Fields, said he knew the deceased. His state of health was good, and, so far as witness knew, he suffered from no complaint or disease. His eyesight was good, as was also his hearing. Never heard him complaining of giddiness. His general habits were those of a sober man. He had the use of all his limbs.

Neither Mr. Plumpton nor Mr. Stoker asked this witness any question.

Joseph Guest Earp, oil and colourman, 21, Cheapside, Birmingham, said he saw Mr. Nicholls alive on Wednesday night at 10.30. He had seen him at midday in his shop in Birmingham. Mr. Nicholls dined with witness, as was his usual custom, and after dinner they went to Moseley to see a butcher's shop. They returned on a 'bus to witness's house, and had their tea, after which they left the place and looked about the town, proceeding through the butchers' quarters, and finally arrived at New Street, in order to leave by the 10.30pm train from Birmingham to Wolverhampton. Mr. Nicholls entered that train, getting into a third class compartment. There were five others in the carriage. At the time Mr. Nicholls left witness he was perfectly sober, and so far as witness could see he was in good health.

By Mr. Plumtre: Deceased was not out of witness's company during the whole of the time he had mentioned. Deceased drank claret only. Had known him 32 years, and all that time he was a sober man. He had not drunk beer for a long time. Never saw him anything approaching drunk.

By Mr. Stoker: Deceased had nothing but claret, perhaps two or three glasses.

By a Juryman: Was his eyesight good? – Witness: How can I tell; that is a foolish question.

The Coroner: I do not know that; you had known him a long time. You must not treat the jury like that. It is not for you to say it is foolish. You are summoned here, and must answer the question respectfully.

William Coleman, foreman porter, Dudley Port (LNWR), said he was on duty on Wednesday night, and saw the 10.30 train come in. It arrived at about 10.45, and the platform was well lighted, all the lamps being on. The tickets for Wolverhampton were collected there, and a large number left the train for Dudley Port and Dudley. He had seen the dead body, but could not recognise it as that of anyone who had alighted by that train. The next train was 10.40 from Birmingham through to Dudley. That train was started, as was the one from Dudley to Walsall. The 11.20 from Birmingham for Wolverhampton then came into Dudley Port. It was a minute or two late, and witness went up to it. The platform was then well lighted. Witness closed the doors and signaled the guard. The train was in the station a minute and a half as near as he could tell. The time allowed was a minute, but it was there a little longer; 14 or 15 passengers alighted. After witness had signaled to the guard he turned round towards the steps and saw someone trying to get into the carriage – third class – with the door wide open. The train was then in motion. As soon as he saw this he called out to the driver, 'Hold on,' and turned the red light on to stop him. Witness ran up, for he 'could tell almost for certain' from the way he was stumbling about, that the person would fall. Fearing this, he ran to prevent his falling, or to catch him if he fell. It was the end compartment of a carriage. The man was trying to enter, and he fell between the carriage and the platform, there being no stop put there. When the driver answered witness's signal and stopped, witness got under the carriage and found the deceased. His head was lying towards Tipton between the rail and the platform, but the legs were lying on the rail. These appeared to be broken, and his head was injured. Witness thought he was dead, for he neither heard nor felt any movement. There was a light in the carriage, but witness did not notice whether there were passengers. The train was going very slowly when the deceased fell from the train, for the whole of the next carriage did not pass over him. Had the deceased tried any other compartment the footboard would have saved him. He might have been crushed, but he could not very well get on the line. From the end compartment he could easily fall in between the carriages.

Examined by Mr. Plumtre, witness said the night was wet and stormy and the carriages were wet. The lights were good. There were no waiting rooms or convenience on the Wolverhampton side of the station.

Joseph Hedges, porter, said the lights were good. They had not been lowered after eleven.

The inquest was then adjourned until Tuesday next, at a quarter past two in the afternoon."

Evening Express 6/12/1881

"At the inquest at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, today, on Mr. John Nicholls, of Tettenhall, the jury found that the deceased Accidentally came to his death whilst trying to enter a train in motion, and that the railway company was not to blame."

1891 Census

Dudley Port – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Charlotte R. H. Crosswell* (39), widow, licensed victualler, born Farringdon, Berkshire;
- [2] *Alice T. Crosswell* (6), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Sabina Townsend* (40), cousin, born Cote, Oxfordshire;
- [4] *Mary Norton* (25), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *William Law* (61), widower, groom, born Cofton Hackett, Worcestershire:

Charlotte Rowena Hill Crosswell, widow, married *Henry Beasley*, widower, gentleman, on 6th June 1893.

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/1893

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Messrs. R. Williams and G. S. Guy, James Frederick Marshall and Walter D. Burke, described as advertising photographers of Leeds, were charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences.

Henry Beasley, landlord of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, stated that on September 15 Marshall called on him, and requested permission to take a photograph of his premises. Two days afterwards Marshall called with a proof, and witness paid him 11s for half a dozen photographs, and was given a receipt headed ‘Marshall and Company, Portland Crescent, Leeds.’ Prisoner promised to forward the photographs in eight or ten days, but they had not yet arrived, although witness had written for them.

James Smith, landlord of the CASTLE MILL beerhouse, Bell Street, Tipton, stated that Burke took a photograph of his premises. Witness was shown a negative and paid 5s 6d for three photographs, which had not yet arrived.

Prisoners were remanded.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/1/1894

“Quarter Sessions for the county of Stafford.

James Fred. Marshall (24) and Walter Dominic Bourke (21), described as photographers, were arraigned on a number of charges for having obtained money by false and fraudulent means at Burslem, Tunstall, and other towns in North and South Staffordshire. The case had been heard originally at the previous sessions, when the jury were unable to agree, and it was adjourned until now.

Mr. Plumptre, who appeared for the prosecution, asked permission of the Court to withdraw from the prosecution, as they had not been able to get any further evidence to submit to the jury of any intention to defraud. As the jury had been unable to find the prisoners guilty, he could not now hope to carry the case further. The Court concurred, and the prisoners were discharged.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1895

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, respecting the death of the female child of a married woman named Mary Ann Morgan.

The child was born on the 24th ult, a midwife, named Barnes, being in attendance. On Sunday morning the child was found dead in bed by the side of her mother, the left side of the body being somewhat discoloured. There were no suspicious circumstances connected with the case, and a verdict of Accidentally Suffocated was returned.”

Wednesbury Herald 23/11/1895

“At Tipton Police Court, Sarah Norton, Park Lane East, was summoned for refusing to quit the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, kept by *Charlotte Beasley*. Mr. Tinsley prosecuted, and Mr. Plant defended. From the evidence of the prosecution, it appeared that defendant’s daughter had been barmaid at the ROYAL OAK, but had now left. It was alleged that on the 12th inst Mrs. Norton went to the ROYAL OAK with reference to a domestic servant who had left the previous night. She created a disturbance, and when Mrs. *Beasley*’s husband told her to leave she refused, and rolled up her sleeves in a fighting attitude. The case was dismissed.”

Dudley Herald 23/6/1900

“Friendly Societies United Parade.

The second general meeting of the Friendly Societies Committee, comprising Tipton Green, Great Bridge, and Ocker Hill, took place at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Wednesday evening. Upwards of twenty delegates from the three divisions were in attendance. The business of the evening resulted in the proposed parade being fixed to take place towards the latter end of August, the exact date to be fixed at a later meeting.....”

Inquests were held here in 1900.

1901 Census

7, Dudley Port

[1] *Charlotte R. H. Beasley* (49), widow, publican, born Farrington, Berkshire;

[2] *Sabina Townsend* (50), barmaid, born Cote, Oxfordshire;

[3] *Dora Poynton* (22), barmaid, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Kate Smith* (23), general servant, born Halesowen;

[5] *Alice Walker* (56), visitor, widow, born Stourport:

London Gazette 5/5/1908

“Re *Charlotte Rowena Hill Beasley*, deceased.

Pursuant to the Law of Property Amendment Act, 1859.....

Charlotte Rowena Hill Beasley late of the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port Widow and Licensed Victualler, deceased (who died on the 6th day of March, 1908), and whose will was proved by Arthur Stopford Underhill, of West Bromwich.....”

Tipton Herald 13/3/1909

“Mr. G. H. Weston presented plans of alteration for the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, (Holders Brewery Ltd). Mr. J. A. Shepherd asked for them to be sanctioned, and the Bench approved.”

Tipton Herald 3/4/1909

“At the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, Mr. W. Lewis (deputy coroner) held an inquest concerning the death of Abraham Whitehouse (63), boatman, who lodged with Mrs. Cresswell in Dudley Port. The man became unwell on Sunday night, and on Wednesday his condition was such that his landlady sent for the doctor. Dr. Mason was called in during the day, and found that Whitehouse had died from gastritis, a malady for which he had been treated on a former occasion.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

It had a bowling club, founded in 1910. [1950s]

1911 Census

Dudley Port – ROYAL OAK INN

[1] *Arthur Apsley Brett* (66), licensed victualler;

[2] *Elizabeth Emma Brett* (51), wife, married 11 years, born Worcester;

[3] *Clara Fox* (22), barmaid, born Great Bridge;

[4] *Mary Bradley* (19), housemaid, born Lower Gornal;

[5] *Elizabeth Morgan* (19), barmaid, born Horsley Heath;

[6] *Anne Bradley* (16), housemaid, born Lower Gornal:

Tipton Herald 15/2/1913

“The second annual dinner of the Tipton and District Licensed Victuallers’ and Beer Retailers’ Protection Society was held on Thursday evening, at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port. The new host of the ROYAL OAK had had the tables set out in *recherché* fashion. About seventy five persons sat down.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/4/1916

“There were further prosecutions at Midland police courts yesterday in respect of unscreened lights. At Tipton the following persons were each fined £1.....

Harry William Fosbury, ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/4/1920

“At the annual meeting of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, Dudley Port, the President Councillor W. W. Doughty was in the chair.....”

South Staffordshire Times 15/5/1920

“The general meeting of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club was held at the hotel, Dudley Port, on Tuesday night. It was decided that the subscription for the coming season, which starts on Saturday, should be 10s. There were several new members elected, including a well-known gentleman of Great Bridge, who is over 80 years of age and ‘still going strong’.”

South Staffordshire Times 19/6/1920

“ROYAL OAK Bowling Club.

Of the two matches played this season the ROYAL OAK Club had won one and lost one.”

South Staffordshire Times 29/1/1921

“The three-fold presentation to Messrs. G. Bott, J. Pardoe and W. Moody, retiring officials of the B.C.N., takes place tonight (Saturday), at 6.15, at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port. The gathering is fixed for the early hour because the recipients of the testimonial will be honoured by the presence of their colleagues from far away districts.”

South Staffordshire Times 3/12/1921

“The twelfth annual dinner of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club was held at the headquarters – the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port – on Saturday night. There were about 45 present, and they sat down to a menu of soup, fish, boiled mutton, chicken and ham, and cheese and celery.....”

South Staffordshire Times 1/7/1922

“Samuel Morgan (35), 4 house 12 court Dudley Port, was charged by PS Collins and PC Hughes with being drunk on the 27th May. Defendant pleaded guilty.

PS Collins said defendant was using foul language, while drunk, in the centre of a crowd in front of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL.

Defendant, who had not been ‘up’ for ten years, was fined 40s, or a month. He was told by the Bench that had it not been for the fact that the defendant had behaved well for ten years he would have had to go to gaol without option of a fine.

Defendant: I have been doing good work since then.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/11/1923

“Mr. *Oakley*, the licensee of the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, was, on Tuesday, granted an occasional license from 2 till 5 o’clock, on November 14th. The occasion is a dinner, held in celebration of the new retorts at the gas works, and the stipulation was made that all the house must be closed to everyone except the guests.”

South Staffordshire Times 19/4/1924

“On Saturday afternoon the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club opened their green for the season at the hotel, Dudley Port, about forty members being present.....”

South Staffordshire Times 7/6/1924

“The largest number (24) ever sent out by the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club went to Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, to engage in a friendly bowling match.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 8/11/1924

“Application was made at the Police Court on Tuesday, for the extension of one hour from 10 till 11pm, on the 8th inst, for the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port. The licensee Mr. *P. O. Puddepha*, explained it was the occasion of the annual dinner of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club. The extension was granted, on condition that none but members and guests should be served.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/11/1924

“Fanciers Society. The annual dinner and social and convivial gathering of the Dudley and District Fanciers’ Society (pigeon flying), was held at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on Tuesday night. About 130 were catered for by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Puddepha*, the repast and serving being much appreciated. The convivial evening was presided over by Councillor W. W. Doughty, JP, who made a much applauded speech in recognition of the sporting characteristics of the members.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/5/1925

“On Wednesday night a happy company assembled at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Mr. H. Thorpe, inspector of signalmen in the three divisions. Mr. J. Gregory (Dudley Port station master) who was in the chair, explained Inspector Thorpe had had control of three divisions. These had now been merged into two, and the men of the absorbed division said they could not go from under Mr. Thorpe’s supervision without giving him some tangible expression of their esteem and regard for the courteous and fair way in which he had always treated them. Mr. Morris, signalman, then asked his acceptance of a handsome smoking cabinet in oak. Mr. Thorpe suitably responded, and the rest of the evening was spent in social chat, mirth and melody.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 23/5/1925

“A meeting was called for Monday night, at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port (the headquarters) of the Midland Pigeon Fanciers’ Society, to consider the arrangements in connection with this year’s Parliamentary pigeon race. It was expected that the Members of Parliament for Wednesbury, Bilston, and West Bromwich, the promoters of the Black Country race, would be present, but it was announced that none of them could attend. As the gathering itself did not number a dozen, the evening was spent in informal discussion and social conversation.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 6/6/1925

“On Wednesday afternoon about 30 members of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club went by train and tramcar to the College Arms, Hall Green, kept by a former licensee of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL. They met the bowling club there in friendly combat.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 15/8/1925

“The Royal Oak Bowling Club met Palethorpes at their green at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Saturday afternoon. The home team won by 22.”

C. Scovel = C. Scovell

Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/11/1925

“At the Police Court, on Tuesday, Mr. *C. Scovell*, licensee of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, applied for and was granted an hour’s extension, for guests only, on March 25th, on the occasion of a fanciers’ gathering.”

In 1926 The Froth Blowers society held their first Midland meeting here.

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the

present were as follows.....

ROYAL OAK HOTEL, 13s 10d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s."

Tipton Herald 31/12/1927

"Vono Social. Upwards of 140 of both sexes formed a pleasant and happy gathering in the large assembly room at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, on Thursday night. It was the annual sports club dinner and concert promoted by welfare work in connection with the works. The room looked very pretty and gay. The tables were daintily and tastefully laid out, and were loaded with good things, the catering of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *W. A. Morris*, giving every satisfaction. After the meal, Mr. Sydney H. Hill, works manager, presided....."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/1/1928

"A well attended, happy and enjoyable gathering assembled at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Saturday night. It was in honour of Mr. T. Jackson, foreman, who has completed 45 years of service with the Great Western Railway."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 14/4/1928

"The annual meeting of the members of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, Dudley Port, was held on Thursday night of last week. At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. J. Gregory presided....."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 1/12/1928

"The annual dinner and prize distribution in connection with ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, held at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on Saturday night, was, at the outset, somewhat tinged with a genuine melancholy. Since the last annual dinner was held, the club has lost by death three of the most useful members – Councillor Doughty, who was its president since the start, some 18 years ago, Mr. Alf Banner, for some 5 years a most enthusiastic and able secretary and pianist; and Mr. A. Dudley, who for some time had been official scorer to the club....."

Dudley Herald 7/3/1931

"Tipton newsagents spent a very enjoyable evening on Thursday of last week, when they held their annual dinner at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port. Mr. Ford and Mr. Thompson being their chief guests....."

Dudley Herald 21/11/1931

"A large gathering embracing the workers in Tipton for the nationalist cause during the recent General Election, assembled at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on Monday evening last, when a dinner was held to celebrate the victory of Lord Ednam over Mr. A. Short, his Labour opponent....."

Dudley Herald 28/11/1931

"At the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Tipton, on Monday evening, Mr. C. William Clarke, auctioneers, Tipton, submitted for sale by auction two lots of freehold land situated in Tipton. Both lots were sold. The prices realised were: Lot 1: Freehold Land, Bayley's Lane, Ocker Hill, Tipton, 1 rood 24 perches, £65; Lot 2: Freehold Land, Ocker Hill, Tipton, 6 acres 1 rood 13 perches, £490. Messrs. Caddick and Yates, of West Bromwich were the solicitors for the vendors."

Dudley Herald 28/11/1931

“The past season was the most successful in the history of the club’ was the pleasing statement made at the twenty-second annual dinner and prize distribution of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, held on Saturday at the headquarters, the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Tipton.....”

Alterations were carried out in 1933.

Tipton Herald 16/1/1937

“An Old English Night. Roast Beef, Beer and Song at Merry Tipton Party.

‘I arranged it with friends in order to further good companionship among people of the district and with the object in view of forming a Good Companionship Club here.’ That was the excuse, pardon, and reason given up to a *Herald* reporter by Mr. *John Webb*, licensee of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Tipton, for throwing the party, which he did so successfully on Saturday evening.....

Just try and visualize the scene. Sawdust on the floor, the guests seated at tables arranged in horseshoe fashion, candles burning dimly in numerous champagne bottle necks and a cask of beer placed conspicuously in the centre of the horseshoe to complete the picture. Whilst the landlord proceeded to tap the barrel and generally fill the flowing bowl, ‘my lady’ was supervising the preparation of the meal. The roast beef of old England had pride of place in what was in all respects a fine feed.

Toasts to ‘The King’ and ‘Landlord and Landlady’ were honoured and then were produced bowls of baccy together with short ‘clays’ and lengthy ‘churchwardens.’ And so, in the companionable mellow glow of the candles, the evening continued with beer, song, and smoke.

To the credit of the barrel must it be stated that it never ran dry; to the credit of the artistes let it be recorded that they chose just the right type of old-fashioned songs admirably to suit the occasion; and to the credit of the guests must it be mentioned that they entered into the spirit of the party with a merry fellowship which never for a moment allowed the fun to lag.....”

AND

“These Tipton Old Folks. Ninety-Six at Dudley Port Annual Treat.

Such is the popularity of the parties organised by Mr. Wilf Woollscroft, with the assistance of Mr. A. Matty JP, Mr. W. Bagnall, and other friends, that in spite of the thick fog on Thursday evening, 96 of the 102 old folk invited to the annual treat at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Tipton, put in an appearance.

One old man walked from Wednesbury in order to be present. This was the fifth year these old folk had been entertained and, as usual, they had a gloriously happy time.

The room had been decorated with red, white and blue streamers, and large golden crowns were placed conspicuously at either end. Mr. and Mrs. *John Webb* (the licensee and his wife) had supervised the preparation of the meal, which was greatly enjoyed by the old people.....”

AND

“Made by Mr. *John Webb*, licensee of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, and supported by Mr. Alfred Sherwood, the application for an hour’s extension on Friday evening, the occasion being the installation of the Worshipful Master of the Noah’s Ark Lodge of Freemasons, was granted.”

1939 Register

Dudley Port – ROYAL OAK HOTEL

[1] *John B. H. Webb*, date of birth, 11/05/1910, hotel manager, married;

[2] *Hilda May (Webb) Cheater*, dob, 14/03/1916, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 12/1/1946

“Wanted. Part-time Waiter, apply ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 9/3/1946

“Sportsmen from numerous clubs in the West Midlands attended the annual dinner of the Staffordshire Casuals Cricket Club at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, last Friday night.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 23/11/1946

“Three years ago Tipton Olde Tyme Ball Committee set itself the task of raising £1,000 for charity, and when the committee members met at a dinner at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on Wednesday, it was reported that this aim had at last been achieved.

In order to raise this amount three dances have been held each year, the last one being at the Tipton Baths on November 8th, as a result of which £58 was raised for the funds of the Guest Hospital. Other charities which have benefitted from the committee’s activities are the Red Cross and West Bromwich and District Hospital.

At the dinner a cheque for £58 was handed to Mr. W. L. Edwards (chairman of the Guest Hospital Contributory Association) and, replying to the toast of the hospital, proposed by Mr. F. Stocker, Mr. Edwards thanked the committee and its officials – Mr. J. Webb (chairman), Mrs. M. A. Guest (hon. secretary) and Mr. H. Stanton (treasurer).”

Tipton Herald 27/3/1948

“Members of Tipton Harriers, whist drive section, held their first supper and dance at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL on Thursday evening.”

Tipton Herald 19/6/1948

“The new president of the Tipton Rotary Club, Mr. H. N. Woodward, Tipton’s borough surveyor, was inducted on Tuesday evening at the headquarters, the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port. An entertainment was provided by the outgoing president, Mr. W. H. Thursfield, West Bromwich, and there was also a dinner. The entertainers were Jenson Lang, illusionist; Harry Burns, baritone; and Reg Shenton, pianist. Mr. Woodward, who was at one time president of Dudley Rotary Club, transferred to Tipton, on the establishment of the local club.”

Tipton Herald 20/11/1948

“Mr. Jack Holden, Olympic marathon runner gave to the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, Dudley Port, on Saturday evening, a photograph of himself being presented to the Queen, when he won the Windsor to London road race Accepting the photograph, the president of the club, Mr. J. S. Corbett, who presided, said that the picture would be hung in a place where it would be seen and appreciated. Prizes were presented during the evening to the winners of the various contests held in the past season, and after the dinner a variety entertainment was given. There was a large attendance of members and guests. Proposing the toast of the club, the president said they were very proud of the character and bowling abilities of the members. Last season had been successful despite ups and downs, said the president. Responding, Mr. *J. B. H. Webb*, chairman of the club, said that they were proud of their position as a club despite difficulties and troubles.”

Tipton Herald 7/1/1950

“Mr. and Mrs. *John Brook Holding Webb*, licensee and manageress respectively of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, left on Tuesday, to take up similar positions at the SIR TATTON SYKES, Wolverhampton. They had been at the ROYAL OAK for 13½ years. Mr. *Webb*, who was a native of Southampton, is one of the founders of Tipton ARP, of which he was senior warden for some years. During the war he served in the National Fire Service, and was at the time chairman of the Old Time Ball Committee, which raised £1,000 in three years for the Red Cross. He is a founder member of the Tipton Rotary Club, chairman of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, and was formerly manager of the Futurist Cinema in Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. *Webb* have been presented with a canteen of cutlery by the customers of the ROYAL OAK, and a table lamp by the Tipton Inner Wheel, and a silver cigarette case by the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, besides other gifts. During the war Mr. *Webb* arranged for the Christmas dinners and entertainments for the resident troops and the wounded in local hospitals. Many organisations and firms have held their annual dinners at the ROYAL OAK during Mr. *Webb*’s term as licensee. Notable visitors at functions included the Chief of the Paris Fire Brigade and the Labour Attache for the French Embassy. Horse riding is one of Mr. *Webb*’s pastimes and he is the owner of a hunter.

Mrs. *Webb* is a founder member of Tipton Inner Wheel. During the war she was in charge of the mobile canteen for the Home Guard in the Midlands, and her work was recognised by the War Office. She was present at Lichfield after the war, when the canteen was given to the South Staffordshire Regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. *Webb* have three children, a boy and two girls.”

AND

“The magistrates on Tuesday granted a temporary transfer of the license of the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, to Mr. *Arthur Thomas Ryder*, who has for many years been employed in the public health department in Birmingham.”

Tipton Herald 26/2/1955

“Alderman Mrs. H. G. Cox, Mayor of Tipton, continued her series of visits to old people’s welfare clubs when she was the guest at the Dudley Port Old Age Pensioners Association annual supper at the ROYAL OAK on Tuesday Councillor J. Udall, Chairman at the supper, said that the Dudley Port Old Age Pensioners Association was one of four original associations formed in 1935. They were formed, he said, by people who realised the plight of the aged and wanted to do something to help them. . . .”

Tipton Herald 23/4/1955

“More than 30 members of the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club attended the opening of the new season at club headquarters at Dudley Port, on Saturday afternoon.”

Tipton Herald 21/1/1956

“Houses built today were like boxes stuck together, said Mr. Ross Harper, an architect, at the weekly meeting of Tipton Rotary Club, held at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Monday, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. Mitton.

Mr. Harper, who took as his subject ‘The Reality of Building,’ said that although the technique of architecture had advanced craftsmanship had deteriorated, perhaps due to the conditions which existed. . . .”

Tipton Herald 28/1/1956

“The annual dinner of Dudley Port Old Age Pensioners Association was held at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Tuesday, attended by about 70 guests.

Probably one of the first O.A.P Associations formed in the country, the club, inaugurated in 1935, now has a membership of 60. . . .”

Tipton Herald 25/2/1956

“Those who tilled the land were able to see that there was far more in life than the material aspect which dominated everything today, Tipton Rotarians were told on Monday.

The speaker was Mr. Arthur Parry, an Albrighton farmer, who was addressing the club on agriculture at their weekly meeting at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Monday. . . .”

AND

“The annual dinner of the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Men’s Bowling Club at the hotel on Saturday was attended by 54 guests. . . .”

Tipton Herald 24/3/1956

“Held at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Saturday, Tipton Musical Society’s first annual dinner proved to be a most enjoyable social event. Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. S. Hall. . . .”

Tipton Herald 26/5/1956

“Seen here is Mrs, Betty Watkins, a grandmother with two grandchildren, who is well known to customers at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, where she works as a waitress. This Tuesday Mrs. Watkins won £13 at the TV Theatre at Aston, Birmingham, when she appeared on the ATV ‘Hit The Limit Show.’ Mrs. Watkins, seen here with Jerry Desmonde, lives at 129, Lichfield Street, Walsall.”

Tipton Herald 28/7/1956

“Every day for 60 years, since he was 13, Mr. Matthew James Mansell, an employee of Dudley Port Rolling Mills, Tipton, has travelled to his work in the hot rolling mills from Oakengates, Shropshire.

The 60 years service he has given to the firm was recognised on Wednesday, at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, when directors of the Mills, a subsidiary of Ductile Steels, Willenhall, presented him with an inscribed gold watch.

Making the presentation, Mr. H. Sutton, a director, said he hoped to see Mr. Mansell continue at work for many years to come.

‘I have no intention of retiring yet,’ Mr. Mansell told the 50 workmates who came to the presentation. ‘I shall continue as long as my health allows.’

Also present were Mr. E. J. Smith, commercial manager, and Messrs F. Moss and W. Jordan, works managers.”

Tipton Herald 24/11/1956

“Despite the bad weather throughout the summer, the ROYAL OAK Bowling Club, Dudley Port, had a very good season, said Mr. C. E. Partridge (Chairman) at the club’s annual dinner and prize presentation on Saturday.....”

Tipton Herald 22/12/1956

“An enjoyable time was spent by members of the Tibbington Old People’s Welfare Club at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, Tipton, last week, the occasion being the Christmas dinner and concert. Approximately 90 members attended.

After an excellent turkey dinner, carols were sung and the artistes for the evening were Mrs. Elsie Lovett, mezzo soprano; Mr. Diggett, comedian; and Mr. Brookes, accompanist.

The Chairman, Alderman Mrs. Cox, and Mr. Griffiths thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the evening.

Arrangements for the meal and show were in the hands of the Secretary, Councillor Mrs. O. G. Gutteridge.”

Tipton Herald 9/2/1957

“The members of Dudley Port Old Age Pensioners Association wish to take this opportunity of thanking the many friends who contributed so generously towards the funds for their 21st Annual Dinner Party, so thoroughly enjoyed by all at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, on Tuesday last.”

AND

“.....Mr. Jones, who is 82, was the oldest guest at the dinner held at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port. The dinner followed a visit to the Dudley Hippodrome pantomime.”

Tipton Herald 11/5/1957

“The ‘coming of age’ dinner of Tipton Musical Society held at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Saturday, was presided over by the Society’s President, Mr. J. Laughner, and although not so well attended as the inaugural dinner of a year ago, proved to be a most enjoyable affair.

After the Loyal Toast most of the usual formalities were dispensed with, and the company proceeded to join in a concert-cum-social-cum-dance, admirably arranged by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Barnett.....

Commenting on the work of the Society since it was founded in 1936, the conductor, Mr. B. Gill, said that in spite of difficulties which at times appeared well nigh insurmountable, the standard of interpretation fully justified the existence of such a society in Tipton. In addition to Tudor madrigals and numerous part songs, etc, larger scale works performed included Handel’s ‘Messiah’, Mendelssohn’s ‘Elijah’, Haydn’s ‘Creation’ and ‘Seasons’. A considerable amount of orchestral music and piano and violin concertos had also been included in past programmes.....

It is the aim of the Society to build up a choir of about 80 singers, and if audiences of about four to five hundred can be induced to take an interest in the concerts, the future of the Society will be assured.”

Tipton Herald 1/6/1957

“Although Tipton Harriers had three of the best mile runners in the Midlands, they had to go to Wolver-

hampton to find out what times they could do, said Mr. G. T. Price (Chairman) at the Harriers' annual dinner held at the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, on Friday of last week, when he appealed to Tipton Council to lay a cinder track in Victoria Park.....”

Tipton Herald 6/7/1957

“Mr. R. A. Rhodes was installed as President of Tipton Rotary Club for 1957 at the club's weekly meeting held at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Monday. In his inaugural speech Mr. Rhodes called for more enthusiasm and activity in all aspects of Rotary.....”

Tipton Herald 9/11/1957

“At the weekly meeting of Tipton Rotary Club on Monday at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Mr. D. J. Rogers, who is employed by The Mint, Birmingham, gave an interesting talk on ‘How to make money’.....”

Tipton Herald 7/12/1957

“Seventy guests attended the annual Christmas dinner of the Women's Section, Carters Green British Legion at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, on Wednesday.....”

Tipton Herald 14/12/1957

“Sixty members and guests attended the annual dinner of the Tipton Orpheus Singers, which was held on Saturday at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port.....”

Tipton Herald 2/7/1960

“Mr. H. N. Woodard, Borough Engineer and Surveyor at Tipton for the past 34 years, retired this week. On Thursday, at an informal gathering at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Dudley Port, Mr. Woodard was presented with a silver tea service, subscribed for by the Tipton Corporation staff. Workmen on the outside staff of the Corporation had also bought Mr. Woodard a retirement gift, a cigarette lighter.....”

Sandwell Evening Mail 29/3/1979

“The Pubs Good for Grub.

Fourteen pubs in Sandwell and Bilston have won a place in a brewery's good grub guide published this month. The guide lists more than 400 pubs in England, Scotland, and Wales chosen by Bass Ltd., for high standards of food preparation, service and hygiene, good quality, and value for money. The pubs won their entries through the group's ‘Welcome Food Award’ scheme. Local pubs include.....
ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

Sandwell Evening Mail 1/12/1986

“Three Black Country couples are in line to pick up one of the licensing trade's most prestigious awards. *Alan and Nancy Wakefield*, who run the ROYAL OAK pub in Tipton, *Michael and Sally Withers*, who keep the KING EDWARD VII pub in Halesowen, and *Terence and Carol Mellor*, of the COURT HOUSE in Dudley, are all competing for the title Master Cellarman of 1986. The competition, to find the best keepers of traditional draught Burton ale in the country, will finish tomorrow when the Guild of Master Cellarmen holds its annual luncheon at the Ind Coope Burton brewery Guildhall.”

It had a masonic temple attached. [1999], [2002]

It was refurbished in 2001.

Steve Swan was married to Lynne.

Express & Star 4/4/2019

“A Tipton pub where a man was left seriously injured after being stabbed outside will remain open – with

councillors imposing new conditions on its licence. Councillors met on Wednesday to decide the future of the ROYAL OAK, in Dudley Port, after a stabbing last month left a man with serious injuries. It was the second serious assault at the pub – after another customer was attacked in mid-February. After requests from police to carry out a review into the pub’s licence, Sandwell councillors previously made an interim order removing the designated premises supervisor (DPS) and preventing him from having any further involvement with the pub. The hearing on Wednesday heard that a new DPS was put in place – but checks revealed she was also a DPS at a busy bar in Birmingham, which police said had links to organised crime and firearms. While a manager at the ROYAL OAK, had previously been a manager at a restaurant in Birmingham where class A and B drugs were found – a premises the ex-ROYAL OAK DPS was also responsible for.

Pc Nick Stephens, from West Midlands Police, told the hearing that after the stabbing, an anonymous tip-off led police to believe that the premises was linked to gangs and firearms were being stored there – but a search found nothing.

The hearing was also told the pub had been holding under 18s nights on a Thursday – which the pub’s licence owner Surjit Hayer, from PH Hilly Limited, was unaware it was taking place. He said, ‘Since the first hearing more intelligence came through to police about the ROYAL OAK that a gang has taken over the pub and firearms stored at the premises. We went back to the ROYAL OAK and we were allowed upstairs to look. We did an open door search and did not come across anything. You have got the vulnerable aspect of children attending this location and when you look at that, along with the intel and what has happened in previous weeks, that is a massive concern for the police and everyone really. I am asking for conditions to be imposed.’

Mr. Hayer said if they wanted the team removed from the pub they would do it – adding that he was not resisting the conditions asked for by police.

Committee Chairman, Councillor Bob Piper, confirmed that the interim order to remove the former DPS and prevent him from having any further involvement with the pub would stay in place. He also ordered that the current DPS and manager should be removed from their positions and have no involvement with the running of the premises or licencing activities.

Councillors also asked for the CCTV system to be GDPR compliant and recorded for 28 days, a refusal book kept at the premises made available to police, a policy of challenge 25 enforced, no under 18s and staff training details recorded.”

[2019]

ROYAL OAK

1, Gate Street, Burnt Tree, Tividale, TIPTON

OWNERS

Daniel Rolinson [] – **1897)**

John Rolinson Ltd.

LICENSEES

Benjamin Nuttall [1861]

Thomas Mitchell [1869]

Benjamin Nuttall Jnr. [1864] – [1891]

Albert Edward Turner [1896] – [1911]

Coleman [] – **1916);**

Mary Coleman (**1916);**

Albert Boot [1919] – 1921);
Richard Beddow (1921 – 1922);
Alfred Lloyd (1922):

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beer, cider and wine license.

It was originally the ENGINE.

Black Country Bugle 16/3/2000

Letter from Mrs. Macey, Hayle, Cornwall

“My great-great grandfather was *Benjamin Nuttall* of Gate Street, Burnt Tree. He ran a pub/bath house (?) (known as the ENGINE INN) in 1861. I think he was born in Rushall about 1832. He married Mary Ann Walker in December 1852.....”

1861 Census

Burnt Tree – ENGINE INN

- [1] *Benjamin Nuttall* (28), limestone miner and innkeeper, born Walsall;
- [2] *Mary Nuttall* (29), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Joseph Nuttall* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Thomas Nuttall* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Elizabeth Nuttall* (2), daughter, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 15/9/1861

“G. Goodhale, of Dudley Port, has a pigeon he will match to fly from Crewe station against any other within ten miles of Dudley Port, for from £5 to £10 a side. A match can be made any night next week at *B. Nuttall*'s, ENGINE INN, Barntree [sic], Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 23/2/1862

“W. Buxton (alias Renton) of Dudley Port will fight T. Taylor of Hill Top, or Young Merghs of Kates Hill, at catch weight, for from £10 or £25 a side. Money ready any night next week, at the ENGINE INN, Burnt Tree.”

Benjamin Nuttall, beer retailer, Burnt Tree and Dudley Port. [1864], [1865]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/8/1865

“H. Tudor of Dudley Port will run J. Kirkham of Westbromwich 120 yards if he will give him two yards start; or J. Baggott of Ditch's Green, or S. Hodchess of Carr Lane the same distance level, for £10 or £15 a side. Money ready at the RAILWAY TAVERN, Dudley Port; or at the ENGINE INN, Burnt Tree.”

Benjamin Nuttall Jnr, beer retailer, Burnt Tree. [1868], [1870]

Dudley Herald 22/5/1869

“*Thomas Mitchell*, beerhouse keeper, ENGINE INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton given 40s fine and costs permitting cock fighting.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/3/1870

“Quoits. Mr. J. Hampton of Coseley will play Mr. Willie, the Scotchman, of Dudley, a match for £10 or £15 a side, 21 yards, 61 shots up. If this does not suit he will make a match with Ike Joy of Pensnett on the same conditions, if he will allow him 10 shots. The match to be played at the ROYAL OAK INN, Burnt Tree Grounds, where J. Hampton will be on Monday, to make a match.”

Benjamin Nuttall Jnr., beer retailer, Burnt Tree. [1870]

1871 Census

1, Gate Street

- [1] *Benjamin Nuttall* (40), publican, born Rushall;
- [2] *Mary A. Nuttall* (39), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Joseph Nuttall* (16), son, miner, born Tipton;
- [4] *Thomas Nuttall* (14), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] *Elizabeth Nuttall* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Fanny Nuttall* (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Sarah A. Nuttall* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Polly M. Nuttall* (3), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

Midland Counties Evening Express 9/4/1875

“ROYAL OAK Grounds, Burnt Tree. On Saturday a good attendance was present to witness the running in Mr. *Nuttall*’s 200 yards dog handicap for which £7 was offered as first prize.....”

Dudley Herald 16/6/1877

“*Benjamin Nuttall*, landlord, ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port well known racing grounds fined 40s and costs for permitting gambling on dog racing.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1877

“West Bromwich Annual Licensing Sessions. Yesterday these Sessions were held at the Police Court West Bromwich.....

The following reports as to the convictions of publicans during last year was made by Superintendents Wol-laston and Holland, for the police divisions of West Bromwich and Wednesbury.....

Benjamin Nuttall, ROYAL OAK, Burnt Tree, Tipton, allowing quarrelsome and riotous conduct, fined 40s and costs and license endorsed; also for allowing gaming on his licensed premises, fined £5 and costs and license endorsed.”

1881 Census

1, Gate Street

- [1] *Benjamin Nuttall* (50), widower, miner, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Fanny Nuttall* (20), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Sarah A. Nuttall* (18), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Polly Nuttall* (13), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Lilly Nuttall* (7), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Kitty Nuttall* (5), daughter, born Staffordshire:

1891 Census

1, Gate Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Benjamin Nuttall* (60), widower, publican, born Rushall;
- [2] *Mary Nuttall* (23), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *Lily Nuttall* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Kate Nuttall* (15), daughter, born Tipton:

Albert Edward Turner, beer and wine retailer, Gate Street, Burnt Tree. [1896], [1900], [1904]

Albert Edward Turner was born in 1868, in Dudley Port.

He was married to *Mary Jane Hollies* (b.1873), daughter of *Benjamin* and *Rachel* (see ALBION).

1901 Census

1, Gate Street – ROYAL OAK INN

[1] *Albert E. Turner* (32), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary J. Turner* (30), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Albert E. Turner* (7), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Benjamin Turner* (5), son, born Tipton;

[5] *Turner* (2 days), daughter, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 17/1/1903

“The North Worcestershire Brewery Company were charged with permitting drunkenness on their licensed premises at the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, on December 21st 1902, and also with supplying drink to a drunken person. Mr. Darby prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Mr. Darby said he was instructed by the chief constable to prosecute. The defendant company was charged with two offences.

Mr. Waldron: You cannot take both summonses. You must take either one or the other.

Mr. Darby: Alright, if you want to go over the evidence twice.

Mr. Waldron: I don't object to it.

Mr. Darby said he would take the case of selling to a drunken person. The case arose on Sunday, December 21st. There was a disgraceful scene in the street between half past two and three o'clock. A woman named Richards was in a beastly state of intoxication and was in the street helpless for a considerable time, and ultimately she was put on a trolley and wheeled away in the direction of her home. She was met by a man with whom she lived, and he, together with another man, took her home. This set the police enquiring, and from the enquiries about one o'clock the woman Richards went into the house of a man named *Turner*, who was a beerhouse keeper of the sign of the ROYAL OAK.

Mr. Waldron: I must object to it. Anything that occurred at *Turner's* house could not affect them. The allegation was that it was the North Worcestershire Brewery Company's house where the offence was committed.

Mr. Underhill: The facts leading up to it are admissible.

Mr. Darby continuing, said that Mr. *Turner* refused to supply Mrs. Richards, and he could tell then that she was drunk.

Mr. Waldron: It cannot be evidence.

Mr. Underhill: It can be evidence, as it proved that she was drunk at the time.

Mr. Darby, proceeding, said that shortly afterwards she was on the premises of the VINE INN. If she was drunk at one house one minute, she would be at the next. He would prove by the admissions made to the police that Mrs. Richards went to the VINE INN shortly after 12.30, and was supplied with whisky by the manager and his wife. While Mrs. Richards was in the house a number of people went in and two or three of them would state that it was apparent to them as casual customers that the woman was drunk. She was lolling against the wall and her voice was thick, so that she could not talk properly. As though the whisky was not sufficient the manager supplied her with a bottle of stout to take away. He submitted that it was a case where no other conclusion could be come to but that the woman was unfit to be supplied.

Albert Edward Turner, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, Burnt Tree, stated that his house was about 100 yards from the VINE INN. On Sunday, December 21st he saw Mrs. Laura Richards in his house and refused to supply her with anything as though she was not practically drunk she had had some beer. He could tell that by her eyes and her talk. She asked for a glass of ale and he refused. Then she went away. That was about one o'clock.

By Mr. Waldron: He had been a beerhouse keeper for ten years, and had known Mrs. Richards for two years. He had not been cautioned by the police for supplying her. He did not know that she was a habitual drunkard. She lived with his brother. He was not friendly disposed towards Mrs. Richards. He would not say she was drunk.

Re-examined by Mr. Darby, he would not say she was sober.

Elizabeth Brien, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that shortly after two o'clock on the date in question she went to the VINE INN, and saw Mrs. Richards behind a door in the passage with a glass of spirits in front of her. She was standing alone. Mrs. Richards was drunk. Witness afterwards saw her put on a trolley and taken away.

By Mr. Waldron: She had known Mrs. Richards about three months. Mrs. Richards was no friend of witness. When she went to the VINE INN Mrs. Richards spoke to her. The reason she concluded that Mrs. Richards was drunk was because she had seen her so many times. She did not know that Mrs. Richards was thrown out of a Mr. Pardon's.

Mary Jane Evans, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to visiting the VINE INN a few minutes after two o'clock. She saw Mrs. Richards come out of the snug into the passage. Mrs. Richards called for two two's of whisky for Mrs. Stevens and herself. She was not supplied. Mrs. Richards was quite drunk. Witness afterwards saw Mrs. Richards lying in the street.

By Mr. Waldron: Her husband used to be a customer. He had been refused by the landlord. Mrs. Richards did not speak alright, and she had not sworn so. She had known Mrs. Richards for about six months. Witness drank with Mrs. Stevens in the passage.

Re-examined by Mr. Darby, she had nothing against Mr. Fisher, the manager

Annie Gray, Gilbert Street, stated as to going to the VINE INN about 2.20pm. Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Stevens were there behind the door. Mrs. Richards had something in a glass. Mrs. Richards was drunk and when witness opened the door she reeled. Witness afterwards saw her in the street, in such a condition that it would be impossible for anyone to be worse.

By Mr. Waldron: She had known Mrs. Richards for two years, and had on many occasions seen her drunk. The reason she thought Mrs. Richards was drunk was because she staggered in the passage. She did not see Mrs. Richards supplied with anything.

Martha Stevens, Bank Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going to the VINE INN between 2 and 2.30. When she got there Mrs. Richards was in the snug. Mrs. Richards asked witness if she would have something to drink and then came into the passage and called for two two's of whisky, which was supplied by Mrs. Fisher and paid for by Mrs. Richards. Witness and Mrs. Richards drank one glass each.

By Mr. Waldron: She could not tell whether Mrs. Richards was drunk or not, and it would puzzle anyone to tell.

Re-examined, she had been subpoenaed by the Brewery Company.

Elisha Parton, greengrocer, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that Mrs. Richards came to his house between 2.30 and 3pm. She was beastly drunk and was propping the wall up. She had a bottle of stout which she dropped four times and he picked it up each time. She also had a sixpence but he did not know whether she swallowed or not. With great difficulty she was got out of the house and lay on the footpath for about twenty minutes. Witness and his brother in law put her on the trolley and took her away.

By Mr. Waldron: Witness's wife pulled Mrs. Richards on the trolley. Neither he or his wife had had any trouble with the North Worcestershire Brewery Co. She ought not to have been served, she was very drunk. Inspector Given stated that on December 22, in consequence of information supplied, he visited the VINE INN, and saw the manager. He asked the manager what time Mrs. Richards went to the house on Sunday, and he replied about two o'clock. He supplied her with two twopenny worths of whisky and a bottle of stout, and she left at closing time. Witness called Mrs. Fisher in the room and asked her the time Mrs. Richards came in. She said soon after opening time. Mr. Fisher said 'No! No! It was about two o'clock'. Mrs. Fisher said she supplied Mrs. Richards with two pennyworth of whisky in a little room, meaning the snug. Witness then asked Mr. Fisher where he supplied her and he said in the passage.

By Mr. Waldron: Mr. Fisher did not say that so far as he could see, the woman Richards was sober. Neither did Mrs. Fisher.

PC Egan bore out the statements of the inspector.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, said that anything that happened before or after the time she was at the VINE INN was immaterial so far as the present case was concerned. The bench would have to be satisfied that at the time the woman was supplied she was drunk. There was no evidence of a reliable character to show that the woman at the time was drunk. The bench were asked to convict on prejudice and because something subsequently happened. He claimed that the first witness proved the innocence of Mr. Fisher, the manager. The witness Turner told them that the woman Richards was not drunk when she left his house. It was important for the police to have found out where the woman Richards was between the time she left Turner's house and the time when she went to the VINE INN. One witness told them they could not tell whether Mrs. Richards was drunk or not unless they knew her, and it was an important element in the case. He ventured to submit that there was no evidence to show that Mrs. Richards was drunk. Mr. Fisher had previously

kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN for thirteen or fourteen years without a complaint.

William Fisher, manager of the VINE INN, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that previous to going to his present place of business he kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN for thirteen years. On December 21st Mrs. Richards came to the VINE INN about ten minutes or a quarter past two. He served her with two twopenny-worths of whisky and a bottle of stout. He looked at Mrs. Richards and considered she was sober. He saw her go towards the door and saw a police officer that night and made a complaint about the woman. Previously that day he saw some people passing the window with a handcart, with a woman on. Inspector Given came to see him about it and he told him the inspector the woman was sober, as did also his wife.

By Mr. Darby: He told the inspector that it was about two o'clock when Mrs. Richards came in. He did not tell the inspector that she stayed till closing time. She left about 2.25pm. He saw her go out.

Re-examined by Mr. Waldron, there was no necessity for him to order her out as he considered she was sober.

Maria Fisher, wife of the last witness, stated as to serving Mrs. Richards with twopennyworths of whisky in the little bar. She told the inspector the woman was sober.

By Mr. Darby: She told the inspector that Mrs. Richards came in shortly after opening time, but she found it was a mistake.

Thomas Hunt, 26, Burnt Tree, stated that he saw Mrs. Richards coming up the street shortly after one o'clock. They spoke to one another, and she was not drunk then.

By Mr. Darby: He saw her go down the street about a quarter of an hour later.

John Long, 12, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going in to the VINE INN about twenty minutes to two. He saw Mrs. Richards there about a quarter past two o'clock and she appeared sober.

Hannah Harris, 15, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going to the VINE INN and seeing Mrs. Richards there. She appeared sober. It was about five minutes before closing time.

The bench adjourned for lunch and on returning Mr. Doughty said they had given the case their serious consideration and were unanimously of opinion that the woman Laura Richards was drunk. It was practically proved by her being taken away on handcart in a beastly state of intoxication a few minutes after she had left the public house.

Fined 40s and costs. Total £7 3s 6d, including solicitor's fee.

Laura Richards, Burnt Tree, was then charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Defendant did not appear although she had been sat in court nearly all the time the previous case was being heard.

Elizabeth Brian stated as to seeing defendant in the public house in a drunken state.

Mr. Doughty said defendant was evidently the person who got the conviction against the public house.

Fined 40s and costs, or one month."

Tipton Herald 5/9/1903

"What proved to be a most interesting event took place at the ROYAL OAK INN, Burnt Tree, on Saturday evening last, when upwards of 40 persons responded to an invite to supper, to commemorate a victory achieved by Mr. T. Tommas, of Burnt Tree, in the recent contest of the Dudley Angling Society, at Upton-on-Severn. There were present Messrs. B. Round, S. Woodhouse, W. Griffin, J. Hindes, J. Jay, T. Brooks, A. Lewis, A. Ames, T. Stringer, H. Cole, B. Gill, etc. The cup (the gift of Mr. W. Belcher) was an object of much interest, seeing that it was the first time it had ever been won by anyone residing in Burnt Tree. The chairman hoped that Mr. Thomas would be as successful in the future as he had been in the past, and that the company would be able to gaze on the cup in Burnt Tree next year. After the customary votes of thanks, and the usual toasts having been duly honoured, the party broke up, thanks having been accorded Mr. and Mrs. *Turner* for their excellent catering."

1911 Census

1, Gate Street

[1] *Albert Edward Turner* (42), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Jane Turner* (38), wife, married 18 years, assisting in business, born Tipton;

[3] *Albert Edward Turner* (17), son, electrical fitter, born Tipton;

[4] *Benjamin Turner* (15), son, school boy, born Tipton;

[5] Violet Turner (10), daughter, school girl, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/7/1916

“An inquest was held yesterday on *Mary Coleman* (49), landlady of the ROYAL OAK INN, Gate Street, Burnt Tree, Tipton.

It was stated that she had been greatly affected by the death of her husband, which took place a few weeks ago, and had been troubled about the management of the business. On several occasions she told a neighbour that she would drown herself. At 12.30pm on Thursday she was seen in Coneygre Lane, and two hours afterwards her dead body was discovered in Tipton reservoir. In her pocket was a notice to the brewery company of her intention to leave the public house.

A verdict of Suicide while Temporarily Insane was returned.”

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following houses were notified as having been placed on the compensation list, with a view to their being closed on various grounds: OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Bloomfield; PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West; WOODMAN, Lockside, and ROYAL OAK, Gate Street, Burnt Tree.

All other licenses were renewed.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/1/1922

“The Principal Meeting of the Compensation Authority was held on July 21, when the committee, after careful consideration of each case referred, refused to renew seven licences.....

The Supplemental Meeting was held on November 12 and by adjournment on December 10. The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants.....

ROYAL OAK, Burnt Tree (beer, cider, and wine on, ante 1869) was referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.”

It closed on 30th June 1922, after £1,250 compensation was paid.

ROYAL OAK

88, High Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

James Evans, butcher, Princes End

LICENSEES

George Parsons [1859] – [1868]

James Lewis [1869]

John Barker [1873] – 1877);

Thomas Jones (1877 – 1879);

Daniel Dunn (1879 – 18__);

William Swift (18__ – 18__); [1881]

Joanna Hughes (18__ – 1881);

Septimus Hewitt Hill (1881 – 18__);
Thomas Nicholls (18__ – 1883);
John Dickin (1883 – 18__);
Thomas Stevens (18__ – 1890);
Mrs. Eliza Stevens (1890 – 1906);
Walter Grainger (1906);
Charles Smith (1906 – 1907);
William Richards (1907 – 1908):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

It had a beerhouse license.

George Parsons = George Parson

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/5/1859 - Advert

“To Brickmakers And Others.

To Be Disposed Of, the Rounds Hill Red and Blue Brick and Tile Works, near to the Bloomfield Brick Works, Tipton.

For particulars and to treat apply to *George Parson*, ROYAL OAK, Wallbrook, near Sedgley, Staffordshire.”

Birmingham Journal 18/6/1859 - Advert

“To be Sold or Let. The Round Hill Brick Works.

For further particulars, apply at the sign of the ROYAL OAK, *George Parsons*, Wallbrook, Sedgley.”

1861 Census

Wall Brook

[1] *George Parsons* (50), brick layer and victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] Selina Parsons (39), wife, born Bilston;

[3] James Parsons (18), son, roller in ironworks, born Bilston;

[4] Hannah Parsons (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] Zephanah Parsons (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] Thomas Parsons (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[7] William Parsons (6), son, born Bilston;

[8] Edwin Parsons (4), son, born Bilston:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 13/6/1868 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Freehold Sale Of Property, Canal Street, Roseville, Coseley.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent, on Tuesday Next, the 16th day of June, at the house of Mr.

George Parsons, the ROYAL OAK INN, Wallbrook, Coseley, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read.....”

Dudley Herald 12/9/1868

George Parsons, beerhouse keeper, was fined 1s and costs for serving during unlawful hours (1st offence).

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 22/5/1869 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public House, Dwelling Houses, and Premises, at Wallbrook; and Freehold Dwelling Houses And Premises, at Roseville, Coseley, in the Parish of Sedgley, in the County of Stafford.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round (by order of the Mortgagees), at the House of Mr. Thomas

Percival, the ROYAL HOTEL, Roseville, Coseley, on Tuesday, June 1, at Six o'clock in the evening, in Two Lots, and subject to conditions then to be read:

Lot 1. All that Licensed Public House, known as the ROYAL OAK INN, situate at Wallbrook, Coseley aforesaid, with the Brewhouse, Stable, and Yard, now in the occupation of Mr. *James Lewis*, together with the Grocer's Shop, now converted into a Dwelling House, and the Four Messuages or Dwelling Houses adjoining, in the occupation of John Jones, Elizabeth Rowlands, and others, and producing an annual rental of £51 4s 0d. The Property is at the junction of four roads, has an extensive frontage to the road leading from Coseley to Princes End, and to the road leading from Rounds Hill to Fullwood's End, is well supplied with water. The Mines and Minerals belong, and are believed to comprise the Thick Coal, in the solid....."

Wolverhampton Express and Star 24/5/1879

"At Bilston Public Office, yesterday, the following licenses and certificates were transferred.....

The transfer of a license at Princes End from *Thomas Jones* to *Daniel Dunn* was refused, in consequence of *Dunn* being at present the holder of a license in the Tipton parish. He stated that he was about to dispose of the license he now holds, and the Bench informed him that when he had done this he could obtain the transfer applied for."

1881 Census

88, High Street – ROYAL OAK INN

[1] *William Swift* (36), beerhouse keeper, born Walsall;

[2] *Anne Swift* (36), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Sarah R. Payne* (13), general servant, born Wednesbury:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1881

"At the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, the following licenses were fully transferred.....

Joanna Hughes, ROYAL OAK, Princes End, to *Septimus Hewitt Hill*, licensed victualler."

Thomas Stevens died on 29th July 1890.

Mrs. *Eliza Stevens*, beer retailer, 88, High Street, Princes End. [1896], [1904]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/2/1907

"According to the report of Police-Superintendent Spendlove read at the annual brewster sessions for the Bilston Petty Sessional Division yesterday, there are 356 licenses of all kinds within the division, or one to every 174 of the population.

The Clerk (Mr. Pratt) said the Bench had decided to recommend the following eleven houses on the ground of redundancy to be referred for compensation, and the cases would be adjourned to the adjourned meeting, and in the meantime notices would be given to the owner.....

ROYAL OAK INN, High Street, Princes End."

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 11th June 1907.

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

"County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

The cases which had to be discussed on the question of renewal were....

ROYAL OAK, High Street, Princes End, Coseley, beer license, *Charles Smith* (licensee).....

Mr. Foster appeared for all parties interested in the ROYAL OAK beerhouse, Princes End. Supt. Spendlove said the net ratable value was £20. The house was leased to a Netherton brewery at a rent of £25 per annum, the manager received 16s a week plus 2s for servants. There were five fully-licensed and four beerhouses within a 500 yard radius. The district was one of the poorest he had ever been in, and it was declining in trade and population. In cross-examination, witness said he did not know that four large collieries had re-

cently been started in the district.

By the Chairman: There were still a large number of void houses in the district in spite of the collieries being opened. Mr. William Brown, auctioneer and valuer, Tipton, said the trade at the house averaged 73½ barrels for the past five years, besides bottled goods, and this represented a profit of about £36 a-year. The renewal of the license was refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/7/1907

“A supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Wednesday and Thursday, to consider the amount of compensation to be awarded in the case of licenses the renewal of which was refused at the principal meeting.....

In cases where the amount of compensation approved by the committee was not accepted by the parties concerned, these were referred to the Inland Revenue Commissioners to determine the sum to be awarded.....

ROYAL OAK, High Street, Princes End (owner, the Executors of James Evans), referred to Inland Revenue Commissioners.”

Lichfield Mercury 8/1/1909

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The Licensing Committee presented a report for the year 1908.....

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the cases referred to them last year.....

ROYAL OAK, Princes End, £575.”

Compensation of £575 was paid on 18th April 1908.

It closed on 25th April 1908.

ROYAL OAK

Water Lane, (Watery Lane), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hancox [1824] – [1830]

Joseph Whitehouse [1846]

Samuel Unitt [1851]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse licence.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 26/4/1824 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, To-morrow (Tuesday) the 27th April, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. *William Hancox*, the ROYAL OAK INN, Watery Lane, Tipton, One Share in the Boat Society held at the above house, upon which there had been paid the sum of fifty-six pounds and fourteen shillings.

Further particulars may be known upon application to the Auctioneer, Great Bridge, or to Messrs. Monk and Son, Boat-builders, Tipton.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 2/10/1826 - Advert

“Canal Boat.

To be Sold by Auction, by Wm. Bunch, at the house of *William Hancox*, the ROYAL OAK, Tipton To-morrow (Tuesday) October 3, at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions then to be produced, one Share in the New Royal Oak Boat Society, held at the house of the said *William Hancox*, in Tipton, aforesaid, belonging to the Executors of a deceased member.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Goole, Solicitor, or the Auctioneer, Dudley.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 15/1/1827 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by S. Davis, on Monday, January 29, 1827, at *W. Hancox's* ROYAL OAK, Tipton, two six-inch wheeled Carts, nearly new, with coke boards, and the following Horses: a brown Mare, six years old, a bay ditto, rising three years old, a black ditto, six years old, and a bay Horse, aged.

The above Horses are well known good workers; the owner having no further occasion for them is the reason why they are parted with.

Also four sets of Gearing, in good condition.

Sale to commence at eleven o'clock in the morning.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 2/1/1837 - Advert

“Capital Stock Of Strong & Well-Bred Horses.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Monday, Jan 9, 1837, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, ten excellent Draught, Hackney, and Gig Horses, removed to the house of Mr. *William Hancox*, ROYAL OAK INN, near the Post-office, Tipton, for convenience of sale, the Proprietor having no further use for them; also a set of excellent Gig Harness.

The Auctioneer particularly recommends those Gentlemen who are in want of Cobs or Horses for drawing heavy weights to embrace this opportunity.

Catalogues may be had at the above Inn, or of the Auctioneer.

N.B. To be disposed of by private Contract, a 17-foot Engine Boiler, nearly new.”

[Did William Hancox leave here for the ROYAL OAK, Dudley Port?]

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/8/1846

“Jane Lowe was charged by Miss Sarah Ann *Whitehouse* with stealing one gown and one shirt, on Monday the 10th instant, at Tipton.

Sarah Ann *Whitehouse* said she lived with her father, at the ROYAL OAK, Watery Lane, Tipton. On Saturday last she engaged the prisoner as a domestic-servant, who was to come on trial. On Monday evening, the 10th inst, the prisoner got tipsy, and she dismissed her, and told her to take her clothes. Prisoner went up stairs for that purpose, and was there three quarters of an hour by herself. The gown produced was in the room into which she went. The shirt was in an adjoining room. It was the property of witness's father. Prisoner left about eleven o'clock on Monday night, and in two hours after witness missed the gown and shirt. The gown and shirt are the articles she so missed.

Wm. King, police officer, said prisoner came to the station house about five o'clock on Tuesday morning, and requested him to go with her to Mr. *Joseph Whitehouse's*, for a character. As they were going, he discovered that the prisoner had got two dresses on, and he thought the under one was Miss *Whitehouse's*. When he got there he called Miss *Whitehouse*, who owned the dress. He took prisoner into custody, and on searching her found the shirt now produced, which was identified by Miss *Whitehouse* as the property stolen. The prisoner made no defence, and was committed for trial at the sessions.”

[At the County Session, in Stafford, on 19th October 1846, Jane Lowe, charged with larceny, was found guilty and sentenced to four months' imprisonment.]

Samuel Unitt = Samuel Unit

1851 Census

Watery Lane

- [1] *Samuel Unitt* (40), beerhouse keeper, born Bitterley, Staffordshire;
[2] *Mary Unitt* (47), wife, born Bitterley, Staffordshire;
[3] *Anney Crauttler* (22), daughter, born Bitterley, Staffordshire;
[4] *Benjamin Crauttler* (17), son, born Bitterley, Staffordshire;
[5] *Richard Porter* (21), lodger, labourer, born Bitterley, Staffordshire:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/11/1851

“William Parkes will run William Aston of Tipton 10 score yards, for £5 or £10 a side; Stokes of Coseley eight score yards for the like sum; Jumper of Princes End or W. Hunt Summerhill seven score yards, for £5 a side. His money is ready at Mr. *Unit*’s, ROYAL OAK, Watery Lane, Tipton.”

ROYAL OAK

Waterloo Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Wilkinson [1868]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1868

“West Bromwich. On Wednesday last, the Annual Licensing Sessions for the renewal of licenses already granted to houses in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division, and for receiving applications for new ones, were held at the Public Office twenty-one applications were nominally received for new licenses from the following persons, the whole to them to be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting on September 23rd.....

William Wilkinson, ROYAL OAK, Waterloo Street.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1868

“Yesterday, a special licensing session for the purpose of granting victuallers’ licenses was held at the Public Office, West Bromwich.....

William Wilkinson, Waterloo Street, Tipton. Refused.”

ROYAL OAK

Gospel Oak, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Job Smith [1841]

ROYAL OAK +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Silas Brownhill [1852]

ROYAL OAK +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Alexander Monro [] – **1860**);
John Picken (**1860** – []

ROYAL OAK +

TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Hampton [1862]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/1862

“On Tuesday, at the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, before J. Marshal and T. Davis, Esqs, the following beerhouse keepers were summoned for offences against their licenses. Mr. Travis of West Bromwich, prosecut-

ing in each case.....

Thomas Hampton, of the ROYAL OAK, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on the 9th inst. There appeared to be some doubt as to the correctness of the evidence tendered in support of the information, and the case was therefore dismissed.”

SAMPSON AND LION

46, (1), Gospel Oak Road, (Bilston Road), Gospel Oak, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Woodhall, High Street, West Bromwich [1891]

LICENSEES

Isaac Smith [1828] – [1830]

Job Smith [1830] – [1851]

Hannah Smith [1853] – [1858]

John Burford [1859] – [1865]

William Walford [] – **1869**);

Henry Pritchard (**1869** – [1872]

William Roper [1873] – [1874]

James Plant (**1890** – **1891**);

Edward Bennett (**1891** – [1896]

Samuel Woodhall [] – **1900**);

Mrs. Ellen Mullett (**1900** – [1904]

NOTES

Bilston Road [1865]

1, Gospel Oak Road [1871]

46, Gospel Oak Road [1901]

SAMPSON AND LION [1849], [1851], [1860], [1861], [1896], [1904]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 11/11/1838

“William Rowley, of Lebrucke, is prepared to deposit £5, on Monday night next, to make a match to fight Enoch Lowe, of Wednesbury, for £25 or £50 a side. Rowley will give half a stone in weight, he being 9st; and will be at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, on the above evening, with the needful. If Enoch do not relish Rowley for a customer, Benjamin Griffiths will fight him, catch weight, for the same sum.”

1841 Census

Gospel Oak

[1] *Job Smith* (30), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] Hannah Smith (30), born Staffordshire;

[3] Selina Bell (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

[Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/7/1841](#)

“The Goldshill fancier has 29lb, 30lb, 32lb, 37lb, 23½lb, 20lb, 19lb, and 27lb dogs, and a 23½lb bitch he will fight as a main against the world, for £10 a battle and £160 the main. If no one accepts this challenge in the course of the week, the 29lb dog Venture will fight Wootton’s dog Caesar at his own weight, for £25 or £50 a side. The 30lb dog Cadger will also fight Bullet, of London, the same weight for £25 or £50 a side, give or take 3s 6d in the pound to fight at either Goldshill or London. The money is ready any time appointed for the main or the other two battles at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, Tipton; or at the SHIP AND RAINBOW, Bilston.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/9/1841

“Joseph Morriss, of Ockerhill, will fight the Bouncing Blacksmith, of Gospel Oak, for from £5 to £25. His money is ready at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/5/1843

“Bowls. Henry Simcox, of Westbromwich, will bowl George Fairley, of Darlaston, for £5 or £10 a side. His money will be ready tomorrow (Monday) next, at *Job Smith’s* SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/2/1844

“Canine. The dog Vintner can be matched against any dog in England, 29lb weight, for £50 or £100 a side, to meet half way from home. The money is ready at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, Staffordshire.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/10/1844

“Gough of Darlaston will run Richards of Wednesbury six score yards, for from £10 to £20 a side. Gough’s money will be ready at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, Birmingham, tomorrow (Monday) night, from 6 till 10 o’clock.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 10/8/1845

“Cocking. George Turner of Wednesbury will fight James Hadley of Wednesfield, a main of cocks, at Lichfield, within a month, for his own sum, £100 the main. His money is ready at Mr. *Job Smith’s*, the SAMPSON AND LION, Tipton; or Gospel Oak, near Dudley.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/1/1846

“On Monday a very numerous and respectable party of pedestrians assembled in Vauxhall Gardens (Mr. Stewart’s), Birmingham, to witness a struggle of ten miles with John Rhodes (alias *Job Smith’s* man) of Gospel Oak, near Tipton, and Joseph Wyatt (the Lye Waste Novice), for £10 a side. Rhodes allowed his antagonist a start of two minutes and a half, but the time told against him, and the Novice (who is about twenty-one years of age, standing five feet eight inches) won cleverly by nearly three hundred yards. The betting was 5 to 4 on Rhodes. The ten miles, we are informed, was done in one hour and three minutes. The money was given up to the winner the same evening at Mr. *Job Smith’s*, at Gospel Oak. We are sorry to hear that both men left the scene of action, without paying the necessary fees; we recommend them to settle the matter before anything unpleasant occurs.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/6/1846

“Ben Terry and George Rowley. An additional £20, for the £200 engagement between these fistic heroes, was posted on Monday evening last, at the house of the former, the Globe, Holt Street, Birmingham; and the third instalment of £10 a side is to be paid to-morrow night at *Job Smith’s*, the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, near Tipton. Rowley is in London at Johnny Broome’s, and is going into training under the care of Harry Broome.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/7/1846

“Ben Terry and George Rowley. On Monday evening last £10 a side more were posted at *Job Smith’s*, the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, near Bilston, for the £200 engagement between Terry of Birmingham and the Wednesbury Novice; and the final deposit, to the same amount, is to be made good tomorrow night,

at Ben's own house, the Globe, Holt Street, Gosta Green, Birmingham, when the toss for choice of ground is also to take place."

[The fight came off at Denby Common, Derbyshire, with referee George Holden. After 79 rounds in two hours and nine minutes Rowley fell exhausted and completely worn out by his exertions, as well as severe punishment. His seconds, at last seeing his chances were up, wisely threw up the sponge, and Terry was proclaimed the victor.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/8/1846

"An inquest was held at the LION INN, Gospel Oak, on Saturday se'night, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of William Tate, aged 46 years, a moulder at the Gospel Oak Ironworks, who shot himself the previous day, whilst labouring under mental aberration. The deceased had been in a very low way for some time, in consequence of his affairs having taken an unfavourable turn, and on the day in question, after complaining of a dreadful pain in the head, he retired to his room, and shot himself with a pistol which he usually kept loaded. Verdict, deceased shot himself whilst labouring under a fit of Temporary Insanity."

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1847

"Inquests Before George Hinchliffe, Esq.

On Tuesday last, at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, on the body of Francis Hodson, a boy, four years old, who died in consequence of having been severely burnt on the 7th April last. Verdict, Accidental Death."

Birmingham Journal 26/6/1847

"An inquest was held on Monday week before George Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, at the sign of the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, Tipton, on the body of Alfred Jones, an infant ten months old. It appeared that the parents of the child are the keepers of the turnpike gate near Tipton, and that on the day named, the mother went into a neighbour's house, taking her baby with her. During her stay she let the child slide as it were gently from her lap with its hands on the floor, and whilst so doing it picked up a portion of nut-shell, and attempted to swallow it. The shell, however, stuck in the throat, and although every means were used to relieve the child, it quickly became black in the face, and died in a few hours afterwards. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1851 Census

Bilston Road – SAMSON AND LION

- [1] *Job Smith* (42), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Smith* (45), wife, born Smethwick;
- [3] *Job Smith* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Sleeth* (19), lodger, waggoner, born Shropshire;
- [5] *Mary A. Hill* (17), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/6/1852

"Williams of Dudley will run Boulton Phillips of Birmingham 300 yards, or Hughes (Phillips's Novice) 200. Money ready at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak."

Birmingham Journal 5/11/1853 - Notice

"All Persons holding Game Fowl, or any other Property, belonging to the late *Job Smith*, of the SAMPSON AND LION INN, Gospel Oak, are respectfully requested to Send them to his Widow, at the above house, as early as possible; and not to deliver them to any other Person.
(Signed) *Hannah Smith*, For the Trustees."

London Gazette 30/11/1858

"Whereas a Petition of *Hannah Smith*, now and for three years last past residing at The SAMPSON AND LION INN, Gospel Oak Licensed Victualler, an insolvent debtor"

Birmingham Daily Post 1/9/1859 - Advert

“This Day (Thursday) SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by C. Wootton, under an Execution from the Sheriff, on the premises of Mrs. *Hannah Smith*, as above.

All the valuable Brewing Plant, Public House Fixtures, Machines, Barrels, Household Furniture, and Effects, to commence this Afternoon at Three o’clock.

Auctioneer’s Office and Residence, Paradise Street, West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/10/1859 - Advert

“SAMPSON & LION, Gospel Oak, Tipton.

By C. Wootton, on the Premises, as above, this day (Monday) at Twelve o’clock.

The capital Household Furniture, Brewing Vessels, and Effects.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/1859

“At the Public Office, West Bromwich, on Saturday last, Mr. Bayley (Wednesbury) made the following application to the Bench. The property of the SAMPSON AND LION INN, Tipton, was in Chancery, and the former tenant, a Mrs. *Hannah Smith*, in prison for contempt of Court. She had, however, the possession of the license, and refused to give up the same. In this state of things Mr. B. Organ, agent to the ‘receiver’, Mr. Wood, appointed by the Court to prevent the depreciation of the property, had put into the inn Mr. *John Burford*, a respectable man, for some years a licensed victualler, on his behalf he (Mr. Bayley) asked of the Court to sign a license in Mr. *Burford*’s name, he having a certificate of character, numerously signed. After consulting with Mr. Hebbert, Lord Calthorpe said the Magistrates had decided to grant the application.”

Birmingham Journal 14/1/1860

“At the Public Office, on Saturday last the following transfers were allowed by the Bench.....

New licenses. The two following licenses (from various causes not necessary to recapitulate) having been for some time in abeyance, were re-granted.....

SAMPSON AND LION INN, Gospel Oak, to Mr. *John Burford*.”

1861 Census

Bilston Road – SAMPSON AND LION

[1] *John Burford* (57), coal agent and victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] Pheobe Burford (53), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Fanny Burford (27), daughter, house servant, born Bilston;

[4] Jane Burford (23), daughter, house servant, born Bilston;

[5] Edward Burford (20), son, labourer, iron works, born Bilston;

[6] Clara Burford (17), daughter, house servant, born Bilston;

[7] Mary Burford (14), daughter, house servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/7/1861 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold Dwelling House and Building Land, near the Toll Gate, Gospel Oak, Tipton.

Mr. Solomon Powell will Sell by Auction, at the SAMPSON AND LION INN, Gospel Oak, on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1861, at six o’clock pm precisely, in one, or the following, or such other lots as may be determined upon at the time of sale.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 17/8/1863

“Joseph Dickinson, a respectable-looking man, appeared on Saturday before the West Bromwich Magistrates to a summons which charged him with having feloniously appropriated 15s, the moneys of James Jones, another member of the craft. Mr. J. T. Bayley appeared for the accused.

The prosecutor said that an authority, signed by a Mr. Wm. Wood, a receiver under the Court of Chancery, had been placed in his hands to levy a distress for arrears of rent amounting to the sum of £67 10s, due by Mr. *John Burford*, landlord of the SAMPSON AND LION INN, at Gospel End. The distress was put in on the 26th ult, and so was the defendant, as ‘the man in possession’. On the 29th witness had succeeded in

arranging the affair, and having received £1 10s from a Mr. Organ, the receiver's agent, placed it on a table, told the defendant to take 15s for three days' services, and give him a receipt. Dickenson upon this pocketed the entire of the money, refused a receipt, and set him at defiance.

In reply to Mr. Bayley, the prosecutor admitted that the distress warrant had been addressed to the defendant and his son, and that the total charge had amounted to £3 12s; but he denied that Dickenson was to have received one-half of that amount.

The Bench, by the advice of their Clerk, declined to hear any more of the case, and dismissed the summons, referring Mr. Jones to the County Court for any redress to which he might consider himself entitled."

Birmingham Journal 23/4/1864 - Advert

"Wednesbury Oak, Tipton. Freehold Public House and Dwelling Houses, and Premises.

To be Sold by Private Treaty, all that Old-established Old Licensed Public House, situate near the Gospel Oak Turnpike Gate and Wednesbury Oak Works, in the parish of Tipton, called the SAMPSON AND LION, with the Two Dwelling Houses adjoining, and now, and for some years past, in the tenure or occupation of Mr. *John Burford* and his Under-tenants, at the aggregate yearly rent of £45.

The Public House comprises an excellent Bar, two Parlours, Tap Room, spacious Club Room, three Bed Rooms, Kitchen, Brewhouse, four good under-ground Wine and Ale Cellars, three Stables, capable of holding ten horses; large Yard, Piggeries, Soft Water Cistern and Pump, and other Appurtenances.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. Palmer, HARE AND HOUNDS, Wednesbury; to Mr. Thomas Cooksey, Auctioneer, or Mr. Thomas Bolton, Solicitor, both of Wolverhampton."

Birmingham Daily Post 20/7/1865

"An inquest was held yesterday, before Mr. E. Hooper, at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, Tipton, upon the body of Thomas Williams (26). Deceased was a collier, and was employed at the Horseley Colliery, the property of Mr. John Yardley (who was present at the inquest). On Monday morning week deceased was at work, with a number of other men, near a part of the pit which contained gas. The men were working by means of naked candles, with one of which the deceased went into the dangerous part of the pit, he said, in search of a hammer. About a minute after he had gone an explosion was heard, and the butty of the pit ran to the place, and found deceased lying on the ground, very much burnt on the arms and body. He was conveyed home, and died on the following Monday. It was proved that every precaution had been taken by the owners and butties of the pit, the pit having been thoroughly examined on the morning of the accident, and the deceased, amongst the other men, having been cautioned not to go into the part of the pit where the accident occurred. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1871 Census

1, Gospel Oak Road – Public House

[1] *Henry Pritchard* (28), painter, born Shrewsbury;

[2] *Eliza M. Pritchard* (21), wife, born Shrewsbury;

[3] *Henry C. Pritchard* (1), son, born Shrewsbury;

[4] *Joseph Harris* (54), father-in-law, contractor, born Shrewsbury;

[5] *Eliza Harris* (55), wife, born Shrewsbury;

[6] *Charles Harris* (19), son, contractor, born Shrewsbury;

[7] *Walter Harris* (17), son, contractor, born Shrewsbury;

[8] *Phoebe Harris* (16), daughter, arrip(?) maker, born Shrewsbury;

[9] *Anne E. Harris* (14), daughter, born Shrewsbury;

[10] *Joseph T. Harris* (12), son, scholar, born Staffordshire;

[11] *Edwin Pedmore* (8), orphan, scholar, born Newport, Shropshire;

[12] *Emma Knight* (13), general servant, born Staffordshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/6/1874

"On Wednesday last a general district meeting of the United Order of Free Gardeners (Bilston district) was held at the SAMSON AND LION INN, Gospel Oak, Tipton. The proceedings were unanimous, and there was the utmost good feeling. The minutes having been confirmed, a lengthened statement was read by

Brother Thomas Watts, the district secretary, as to the general annual meeting at Bradford. The statement showed the order to be in a highly prosperous position, and the number of members had increased to 6,000; and the district lodges were also in a favourable position. They regretted that several lodges had seceded, but bore them no ill-feeling, believing that the new lodges would spread the principles of Free Gardening, taught in the old district, in the new districts. They wished them every success, and hoped they would prosper.

After the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, a most satisfactory meeting terminated.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/6/1891 - Advert

“The Licensing Act 1872.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, and to the Superintendent of Police of the District of Tipton, the Wednesbury Division, in the county of Stafford, in which the Houses and Premises hereinafter mentioned are situate, and to all whom it may concern.

I, *Edward Bennett*, of the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak, in the parish of Tipton aforesaid, Licensed Victualler, being authorised by virtue of the License granted to one *James Plant*, at the General Annual Licensing Meeting for the Wednesbury Division of the said county, held at the Public Office, Wednesbury, on the 25th day of August, 1890, and temporarily transferred to me at the Petty Sessions holden at Tipton in the said county, in and for the said Division of the 20th day of April, 1891, to Sell by Retail at a House situate at Gospel Oak, in Tipton, aforesaid, known by the sign of the SAMPSON AND LION, Intoxicating Liquor to be consumed either on or off the premises, do hereby give Notice that is my intension to Apply at the Special Sessions appointed for the Division and Licensing District of the county of Stafford for the Transferring and Granting of Licenses in the said Division pursuant to the statute George IV, c.61, sec. 4.19, to be holden at the Public Office, Wednesbury, in the said Division and county, on the 7th day of July, 1891, for the grant to me, the said *Edward Bennett*, now residing at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak as aforesaid, and for six months preceding the date thereunder written having resided at Leabrook Road, Tipton, and at the SAMPSON AND LION, Gospel Oak aforesaid, and followed the trade or callings of a Bricklayer and Licensed Victualler, of a License to Sell Intoxicating Liquor by Retail at such Premises known as the SAMPSON AND LION as aforesaid, which said premises for several years preceding has been kept and used as an Inn, Alehouse, or Victualling-house. And I hereby give further Notice, the ground of my application for the grant to me of such license for such premises is that the said *James Plant*, who was duly licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by retail under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, _____, and the Acts amending the same, at such premises as aforesaid, has removed from and yielded up possession of the same. And I further state that *Samuel Woodhall*, of High Street, West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford, is now the owner of the said house and premises.

Given under my hand the Tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

(Signed) *Edward Bennett*.”

1901 Census

46, Gospel Oak Road

[1] *Alfred Mullett* (45), horse dealer, born Hill Top;

[2] *Ellen Mullett* (43), wife, licensed victualler, born Meriden, Warwickshire;

[3] *Edwin T. Mullett* (22), son, bridle cutter, born Accrington, Lancashire:

SAWYERS

Burnt Tree / Birmingham New Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Bass Taverns

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Colin Stephens [2010]
Mrs. Hannah Kelly [2013]

NOTES

It was formerly Roman Mosaic.

Daily Mirror 4/6/1998

“Free Pint of Carling.

With just six days to go before the World Cup kick-off your soccer-loving *Mirror* is buying you a drink. We've a Free pint of Carling to get you into the mood for the great Vive Le Football pub opening parties across the nation. Our friends at Bass Leisure Retail are offering every reader over 18 a free pint of Carling to get things off to a flying start today.....

Where to get your Free pint.....

SAWYERS RESTAURANT AND BAR, Burnt Tree, Tipton.”

It was converted into a Toby Carvery in 1999.

[2018]

SAXHORN

37, (36), Coppice Street, (Wednesbury Bridge), TIPTON

OWNERS

Leonard Foster, Glenroy, near Dudley
John Thomas Walker

LICENSEES

Francis Ward [1865]
Job Allen [1871] – [1881]
Harry Blackburn [1892]
Samuel Blackham [1892]
Henry Ward [1893] – [1901]
John Henry Walker [1905] ?
John Thomas Walker [1904] – **1919**):

NOTES

36, Coppice Street [1871], [1881], [1901]

37, Coppice Street [1911]

SAXHORN TAVERN [1865], [1871], [1893], [1904], [1919]

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse (and cider) license.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1865 - Advert

“Found, on Saturday last, a Sheep. The owner may have the same by applying to *Francis Ward*, SAXHORN TAVERN, Wednesbury Bridge and paying expenses.”

1871 Census

36, Coppice Street – SAX HORN TAVERN

- [1] *Job Allen* (39), worker in iron works, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Allen* (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Margaret Allen* (15), daughter, tailoress, born Tipton;
- [4] *George Allen* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Agnes Allen* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *John Allen* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Thomas Allen* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

36, Coppice Street – SAX HORN INN

- [1] *Job Allen* (49), puddler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Allen* (49), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Margaret Allen* (25), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *George Allen* (21), son, moulder, born Tipton;
- [5] *Agnes Allen* (19), daughter, school teacher, born Tipton;
- [6] *John Allen* (15), son, painter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Thomas Allen* (14), son, dentist’s pupil, born Tipton;
- [8] *Ellen Allen* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Job Allen – see also MINERS ARMS, Owen Street.

Birmingham Daily Post 5/1/1892

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Mr. H. Pershouse Parkes and Mr. G. McPherson, *Harry Blackburn*, of the SAXHORN INN, Coppice Street, was charged with assaulting his wife on the 23rd December.

The woman stated that her husband struck her in the face. He was drunk at the time, and threatened to kill her with a knife. She was unable to get out of the house, and the police owing to her cries, forced an entrance. The defendant then struck her in the face again. The officers calmed the defendant a little, and after they left the pair went upstairs. Subsequently the defendant sharpened a knife, and said he would kill her when he had put the children to bed. Whilst he was doing this she tied two sheets together and escaped through the bedroom window, only partially clothed. She again obtained the assistance of the police, but owing to her husband’s action in fastening up the house she had to sleep at a neighbour’s. The next morning she went to the SAXHORN and asked for food, but her husband again threatened to kill her.

Police-sergeant Moss stated that the woman came to the station barefooted and only partially dressed. She complained of ill-treatment, and he went with her to the husband’s house.

The defendant, in answer to the charge, said his wife was a spendthrift, and had nearly ruined him. It was over this they quarrelled. *Blackburn* was fined £1 and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/1/1893

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Neville (stipendiary), *Samuel Blackham*, the SAXHORN TAVERN, Tipton Green, was summoned for selling during prohibited hours on Christmas Day. Mr. Betham (Messrs. Jackson and Betham, West Bromwich) appeared for the defence.

The evidence of Police-constables Rudd and Eden was to the effect that at 11.40 on the night of Christmas Day they saw two men named Daniel Powell and Thomas Paton go up an entry adjoining the defendant's house, and they heard Powell ask for half-a-gallon of ale, and say he had got the money and there was no one about. The ale was supplied, and the police stopped the men as they were going away. An abortive attempt was made to show that the men said they had had the drink from another public-house. A fine of 20s and costs (11s 6d) was imposed."

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

"The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at [Wednesbury](#), yesterday..... The renewal of the license of the SAXHORN TAVERN, Coppice Street, Tipton, was objected to on the grounds of the disorderly character of the house. Mr. R. Whitehouse appeared for the applicant.... The license to *Henry Ward* was granted."

Henry Ward, beer retailer, 36, Coppice Street. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

36, Coppice Street

- [1] *Henry Ward* (40), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Ward* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Edith Ward* (14), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Henry Ward* (10), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Leonard Ward* (5), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Annie Ward* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *William Ward* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [8] *Lucy Ward* (17), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton:

Henry Ward – see also MINERS ARMS, Owen Street.

There was an objection to license renewal in January 1903 on the grounds that it was insanitary, lacked accommodation and that police supervision was difficult.

John Thomas Walker, beer retailer, 36, Coppice Street. [1904]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 20/4/1904

"At [Wednesbury](#) yesterday *John Thomas Walker*, landlord of the SAXHORN TAVERN, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on Easter Monday. The police found a man lying drunk in an allotment garden near to the tavern, and saw another man, named *Williams*, leave the house the worse for drink, while *Josiah Smith* was found drunk in the tap-room. For the defence it was urged that defendant had ordered the men out of the house, and the Stipendiary was asked to deal lightly with the case, as publicans had difficulty in conducting their business at holiday times. Mr. *Neville* said the magistrates could not shut their eyes to a case of that description, but defendant would be let off with payment of costs, £2 12s 6d."

1911 Census

37, Coppice Street

- [1] *John Thomas Walker* (37), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Walker* (38), wife, married 14 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *George William Walker* (10), son, school, born Tipton;
- [4] *John Thomas Walker* (8), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *James Walker* (6), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Harold Walker* (4), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Alfred Walker* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [8] *Mary Ann Whitehouse* (18), servant, born Tipton:

John Thomas Walker, beer retailer, 38, Coppice Street. [1916]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/7/1919

“The Principal Meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority for the county was held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

In the Wednesbury Division The Committee referred three ante-'69 licenses, the GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, Great Bridge; the JUNCTION INN, Sedgley Road, Tipton; and the SAXHORN TAVERN, Coppice Street, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/11/1919

“The following amounts have been settled by the Licensing Compensation Authority for Staffordshire to be paid in respect of licenses the renewal of which was refused by them at the principal meeting on July 24 last. The sums mentioned will be apportioned amongst the parties interested.....

SAXHORN TAVERN, Coppice Street, beerhouse, beer and cider, ante 1869, licensee, *John Thomas Walker*, registered owner *John Thomas Walker*, £750.”

It closed on 29th December 1919.

SEVEN STARS

49, (107), (105), High Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Richard Evans, coal master, Lonsdale House, Bloxwich

John Seedhouse and Sons Ltd. (acquired in 1885)

Ansells Ltd. (acquired on 4th December 1968)

LICENSEES

Daniel Whitehouse [1776]

J Attwood [1812]

John Spencer [1828] – [1835]

Samuel Marson [1841] – 1845);

John Edwards (1845 – 1852);

Richard Evans (1852 – 1856);

Henry Holland (1856 – [1861]

John Shenton [1864] – [1867]

Joseph Taylor [1867] – [1868]

William Shipton [1871]

Joseph Taylor [] – 1873);

Frederick George Nurse (1873 – 1875);

Eliza Nurse (1875);

John Seedhouse (1875 – 1930);

Harry Harvey (1930 – [] manager?

James Alfred Seedhouse (1930 – 1936);

Henry Tomlinson (1936 – 1937);
Richard Roland Wootton (1937 – [1940])
Samuel ‘Sam’ Davis [1957] – 1973);
Thomas Henry Bowyer (1973 – 1982);
Colin Dayman (1982 – 1985):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

105, High Street [1873]

107, High Street [1871], [1874], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1939], [1940]

49, High Street [1968]

Coronation Room situated at the back of the pub was used for concerts.

[Aris's Birmingham Gazette 5/8/1776 - Advert](#)

“Birmingham Canal Navigation.

The several Land Owners and Tenants of Lands lying contiguous to that Part of the Canal between Tipton Church and the further End of Bilston, are desired to meet Mr. Meredith at the House of *Daniel Whitehouse*, the SEVEN STARS at Princes End, on Friday the 9th of August next, at Ten o’Clock in the Forenoon, in order to be satisfied for their respective Lands and Rents.

And the several Land Owners and Tenants of Lands upon the Collateral Branch from Spon Lane to Wednesbury, are likewise desired to meet Mr. Meredith at Mrs. Wright’s, the SWAN in West Bromwich, on Wednesday the 14th following, at Ten o’Clock in the Forenoon, for the same Purpose.”

[Aris's Birmingham Gazette 17/2/1812 - Advert](#)

“Loyal Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. XIX, will be opened at Brother *J. Attwood’s*, SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, in the Parish of Sedgley, in the County of Stafford, on Monday next the 24th of February, at Three o’Clock in the Afternoon, when the Company of any regular made Brother in Union will be esteemed a Favour. By Order of the MNG of Lodge No. 16, Darlaston, under the Sanction of the three grand loyal independent Lodges of Birmingham, and all the other Lodges in Union.”

[Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/9/1830 - Advert](#)

“Six Freehold Dwelling House, Princes End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Tuesday, October 3, 1830, at Mr. *Spencer’s*, SEVEN STARS, Princess End, Tipton, at five o’clock in the afternoon, subject to such conditions as shall, be then produced – all those Six Dwelling Houses, situated as above, and fronting the turnpike road, with brewhouses, gardens, nailshops, well of water, pigsties, &c.....”

John Spencer, iron dealer and victualler, Princes End. [1833]

[Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/7/1835 - Advert](#)

“Princes End Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Tuesday, August 11, at four o’clock in the afternoon, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End aforesaid, one undivided Moiety of and in all that old established well frequented Public House, situate at Princes End, in the parish of Tipton, known by the sign of the SEVEN STARS, which has been for many years past in the occupation of Mr. *John Spencer*. The house is licensed under an old act, and the premises are fitted up with every convenience to render it suitable for an extensive business; also a like undivided Moiety of and in all those Eight Messuages or Dwelling Houses, gardens,

and Premises thereto adjoining or near the said Public House, now in the several occupations of John Pigot and others.

The premises are eligibly situated and wells supplied with water.

Further particulars may be known on application to Mr. Leadbetter, Red Hill, the Auctioneer, or Messrs. Goose and Bolton, Solicitors, all of Dudley.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 23/6/1845 - Advert

“Freehold Well-Accustomed Inn, With Dwelling Houses Adjoining.

To be Sold by Auction, by Richard Corbett, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, near Tipton, in the county of Stafford, on Wednesday the 2nd day of July next, at six o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions.

Lot 1. All the above old-established and well accustomed Inn, known by the sign of the SEVEN STARS, most eligibly situated in the midst of the Staffordshire Iron Works, and adjoining the Turnpike Road leading from Dudley through Princes End to Wednesbury, now occupied by *Samuel Marson*.....”

Birmingham Journal 10/7/1847

“On Monday afternoon, an accident attended with loss of life occurred at Bloomfield Iron Works, Tipton. It appears that a man named Samuel Bevan was assisting in removing a piece of iron about three tons in weight, when it fell upon the end of a pig of metal, which caused it to rebound to a considerable height, striking poor Bevan on the back part of his head. He survived the blow a few hours only. An inquest was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, when the foregoing facts having been detailed in evidence, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

John Edwards = John Edward

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/11/1848

“Phillip Harrison says if Caton really means fighting, he will make a match for £25 or £30 a side, if Caton will forward £5 and articles to Mr. *Edward's*, SEVEN STARS, Princes End, Dudley [sic], the same will be attended to.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1849

“On Wednesday last an inquest was held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the SEVEN STARS, Princes End, in this parish, on the body of Joseph Pearson, about nine years of age who fell into a basin of the Birmingham Canal, near Mr. P. Williams's furnaces, at Wednesbury Oak, between eleven and twelve o'clock on the previous night. His brother, another little boy, was with him when he fell into the water, and gave alarm, but when taken out he was found to be quite dead.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/1/1852

“At the Petty and Special Sessions on Monday last, being the day appointed for transferring victuallers' licenses, the following changes took place.....

John Edwards, of the SEVEN STARS, Princes End, Sedgley, to *Richard Evans*, jun. of the same place.”

In January 1854, Lord Ingestre, during the South Staffordshire Election campaign, addressed ‘large and enthusiastic meetings of the electors’ at the SEVEN STARS INN Princes End, the LIMERICK INN, Great Bridge; and the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton Green.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1858 - Advert

“Freehold Property At Princes End.

By Mr. S. Powell, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End. This day (Monday), at Six o'clock. Four Messuages and Retail Shops, with Store Rooms, &c, situate in Princes End.”

Birmingham Journal 30/6/1860 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Property, Queen Street, Princes End.

To Be Sold By Mr. S. Hipkins, by order of the Executors of the late Mary Evans, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, Tipton, on Monday Next, the 2nd day of July, at Six o’clock in the evening.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1861 - Advert

“Well-Known Old-Established Victuallers’ House, the SEVEN STARS, Princes End, near Dudley Port, Staffordshire.

By John Gray. To be Sold by Private Contract – the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above first-rate House of Business, now doing a good trade. There is a new Railway in course of construction in the neighbourhood, and a Station is supposed to be erected in close proximity to the House. Satisfactory reasons given for disposing of the same. Coming-in could be reduced to £200.

To any party wishing to enter into business is a rare opportunity and offers advantages seldom met with. For further particulars, apply to Mr. Holland, upon the Premises; or to John Gray, 117, Coleshill Street, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 26/10/1861 - Advert

“Sale At The SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, Tipton, Staffordshire.

By John Gray. To be Sold by Auction upon the Premises as above, on Monday Next, October the 28th, at half-past Ten o’clock in the morning – the Superior Modern Household Furniture, including birch and mahogany half tester and four-post Bedsteads, clothed in damask, fine feather Bed, Mattresses, Blankets, mahogany and birch Toilet and Washing Tables, marble tops, excellent Wardrobe, Toilet Glasses and Ware, Iron Safe, antique carved Mahogany Drawing Room Suite, Secretaire, Bookcase, Dining, Loo, Card, and other Tables, superior Brussels Carpets, Couch, richly-cut Glass ware, China, Dining Services, Plated Articles, four capital 3-day Clocks, Smoke Room Chairs, Tables, Seats with back rails, Chimney Glasses, Culinary Requisites, and Furniture, capital Malt Crusher, round and oval Coolers, Tubs, &c, and excellent Phaeton, lined with morocco leather, nearly new, and other valuable property, fully described in catalogues, to be had at the Offices of the Auctioneer, 117, Coleshill Street, Birmingham.”

John Shenton = John Shenston = John Shenstone

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/12/1865

“H. Thompson of Tipton and J. Morris of Newport. These men are matched to run half a mile at Aston Cross Grounds on Monday, Jan 22. £1 a side is down in the hands of J. Thompson, BUTCHERS ARMS, Tipton. The next deposit of £1 a side is to be made on Dec 18 at *J. Shenstone’s*, Princes End, who is final stakeholder and referee.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/12/1865

“Local And District Pedestrianism. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, pedestrianism had come in for a large share of patronage, not only in Birmingham, but the grounds in the district. The sports at Aston Cross Grounds, yesterday, commenced at ten o’clock, and during the day upwards of 1,200 persons paid admission to witness the various matches which came off.....

T. Rogers, of Bilston (late of Daisy Bank), and Kirkham, of West Bromwich. The interest taken in the 120 yards match was apparent, for between 600 and 700 persons were present to witness the same. The betting was 5 and 7 to 4 on Rogers. Mr. *Shenstone*, of SEVEN STARS, Princes End, Tipton, referee. The men got well away together. At three-quarters distance, Rogers held the lead, kept the same, and won by a yard, amidst the deafening cheers of his friends.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/5/1866

“J. Dudley of Wednesbury and E. Morris of Tipton. These men have signed articles to run 100 yards, for £10 a side, at the Britannia Grounds, Tipton, on Monday, June 11. Mr. *Shenstone*, SEVEN STARS, Princes End, is appointed stakeholder and referee. The next deposit for the same is to be made at J. Parkes’s, COACH AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, this day.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday.....

Mr. Young applied on behalf of Edwin Holland, of the BARREL INN, Princes End. After some opposition on behalf of Mr. *Shenton* of the SEVEN STARS, the Bench said they should reject it.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 22/9/1866

“H. Tudor of Dudley Port and S. Hodgkiss of Can Lane, Bilston, have made a further deposit on Monday to Mr. *Shenton*, SEVEN STARS, Princes End, for their six score yards race for £10 a side. Hodgkiss having choice of sides, which comes off at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, near Dudley.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/9/1866

“On Wednesday, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sedgley, T. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Alfred Brinsley, aged 12 years. Deceased was employed at the Bloomfield Ironworks, and on Saturday afternoon was standing by the rolls, kicking them in mere wantonness as they revolved. One of the men called to him to come away, or he would be injured. He answered with an oath that he would not, and immediately afterwards his left leg was dragged in between the rolls. A man rushed to him and held his body out by force until the rolls could be stopped and the boy extricated. The left leg and lower part of his body were frightfully fractured, and he lingered in great agony until Monday morning, when death put an end to his sufferings. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 24/11/1866

“S. Hollihead of Tipton will run Whittaker of Ocker Hill 100 yards, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at Mr. *Shenston*'s, SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End.”

London Gazette 26/7/1867

“*John Shenton*, of the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Princes End Licensed Victualler, having been adjudged bankrupt at the first meeting of creditors to be held On the 9th day of August next.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 31/8/1867

“Yesterday the annual Bilston Licensing Meeting was held at the Public Office.....

The next application was that of Mr. Watson, of West Bromwich, on behalf of Edward Holland, BARREL INN, Princes End. Opposed on behalf of Mr. *Taylor*, of the SEVEN STARS INN. Refused.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 31/8/1867

“Yesterday, the annual meeting of Magistrates for the granting of victuallers licenses, in the Bilston Police Division, was held at the Police Court in that town.....

Mr. Watson, of West Bromwich, asked on behalf of Mr. Edwin Holland, for a license to a house at Princes End. Mr. Holland had kept the house for several years, without complaint. Testimonials of character, influentially signed, were handed in. Mr. Fellows opposed on behalf of the owner, and also of the lessee of the SEVEN STARS, and contended that no additional accommodation was required, as there were three other licensed houses within 100 yards of Mr. Holland's Refused.”

Joseph Taylor was fined 1s and costs for permitting drunkenness (1st offence) in April 1868.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/7/1868

“Staffordshire Summer Assizes.

Patrick Keen (20), miner, and Bridget Fleming (24), labourer, were indicted for feloniously cutting and wounding Job Hartshorn, on the 6th of June, at the parish of Tipton, with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm. Mr. Godson conducted the prosecution.

On the 6th of June last the prosecutor, who is a shingler was, at about eleven o'clock at night, at the SEVEN STARS public-house at Princes End. The two prisoners were also there. After the prosecutor had been in the house about a quarter of an hour the female prisoner said, alluding to prosecutor, ‘He's the one I want

my revenge on.’ There had some months previously been a quarrel between the female prisoner and the prosecutor. Upon the remark being made as to having revenge, the prosecutor gave the female prisoner a caution as to how she took her revenge. The two prisoners left the house together, and in about a quarter of an hour afterwards the prosecutor went out. When he got outside, the prosecutor saw the two prisoners standing together, the woman having a brick end in one hand and a hammer in the other. She threw the brick end at him, and he received a severe blow on the head. Prosecutor then followed the female prisoner down an entry, and upon his trying to take the hammer out of her hand, she struck him with it so violently on the head that he fell down and became insensible, in which state he remained until the following morning. The male prisoner was not proved to have taken any part in the assault, but he stood near during the time it took place with a knife in his hand; and one witness stated that he said if he came near he would run him through with it. Upon the female prisoner being taken into custody, she said, ‘It served the devil right.’ The medical evidence showed that the wounds were inflicted upon the prosecutor, some of which were incised and others contused, were of a somewhat serious nature.

The jury found the prisoners guilty of unlawfully wounding. Bridget Fleming was sentenced to three, and Patrick Keen to two months’ imprisonment.”

1871 Census

107, High Street – SEVEN STARS INN

[1] *William Shipton* (33), manager of public house, born Dudley;

[2] *Jane Shipton* (32), wife, assistant to manager of public house, born Dudley:

Joseph Taylor died on 29th April 1875.

Frederick George Nurse died on 29th April 1875.

Dudley and District News 21/8/1880

“Mr. W. H. Phillips (district coroner) held an inquest on Tuesday, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, Coseley, touching the death of Rosannah Goodger (31), and her infant child, whose bodies were found in the Birmingham Canal, Batman’s Hill. Chief-superintendent Longden represented the police at the inquest.

Thomas Booth, 2, Batman’s Hill Road, in the parish of Sedgley, said the deceased was his daughter, and had lived with her husband, Mark Goodger, a labourer, at witness’s house, a month ago. She was 31 years of age. It was because she was ill that they removed to witness’s house from Hall Green, Bradley. She was ill for two months before the child was born, complaining much of her head, and being at times in her strange demeanour, and was attended by a paid surgeon, Mr. Wells, of Bradley. She gave birth to a female child twelve days before her death. She had complained of being unwell since the birth of her child. On Sunday night she went to bed about nine, and at four o’clock witness awoke, hearing the husband calling to enquire whether deceased was in her mother’s bedroom. Witness replied that she was not. He then got up and went downstairs. The door was partly open, and the two of them looked in the arm of the canal which flows in front of the house. Afterwards the body of the daughter and her child were found in the water about eight yards from the door. She was dressed, but had no boots on. There was no mark or injury about the woman’s body. The water had no barrier about it, and in the night there were no lights to show where it lay. She had had four children, but he had never before seen her so strange as she had been over the last one, although her mind had been previously affected. She told him recently that her head was so bad that she was sure she would die, but she had never threatened to destroy herself. Goodger and his wife slept downstairs.

Mark Goodger was next sworn, the Coroner stating that he should not ask witness any questions the answers to which could tend to incriminate his wife. Witness said that about two months before the confinement his wife had quarrelled with a neighbour about her children, and this so affected her that a doctor had to be fetched at once, and he attended her nearly every day. The surgeon was Mr. Wells, who had been engaged to attend her at her confinement. He saw her several times after the child was born and sent her medicine. She complained a great deal of her head on Sunday, and at night she woke up about twelve when in bed and repeated the complaint. Witness suggested that he should get up and make her some tea, but she declined, and said she would try to sleep. When he awoke again she was gone. He got up and commenced a search for her, which was carried on in the manner described by the last witness, until the body of his wife, and that

of her child, were found in the canal.

After the jury had been to view the bodies, Daniel Sherwood, boat loader, said that passing Booth's house and hearing deep lamentation therein he learned the cause and fetched a shaft and putting it in the water several times he got upon the body of the child; a fellow workman fetched a drag, and with it got out the body of the woman.

Comfort Booth, the mother of Mrs. Goodger, said her daughter had a good home, and she came to Batman's Hill simply to be confined in order that witness might look after her two children, as he suffered in her head so much. Deceased had told witness she believed the pain in her head would drive her out of her mind. She had looked very queer at times, and had jumped up suddenly in bed and begun to pray, but she had never left the house after the child was born. She was very ill, and kept to her bed most of the time, getting up for the first time about six days after the birth.

Mrs. Davies, a neighbour, who had seen Mrs. Goodger constantly during the last three months, said she believed deceased's mind was affected through intense pains in her head.

The Coroner pointed out that there was not the slightest evidence to show that the woman had purposely drowned herself, and they had seen themselves that the spot was where a person might easily fall in the water in the dark.

The jury found that the deceased persons died from Drowning, but they could not decide under what exact circumstances they got into the water."

1881 Census

107, High Street – SEVEN STARS

[1] *John Seedhouse* (38), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Ann Seedhouse (37), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Thomas H. Seedhouse (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] James A. Seedhouse (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] John E. Seedhouse (5), son, scholar, born Sedgley;

[6] Elizabeth Bailey (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 19/5/1883 - Advert

"Valuable Freehold Full-licensed Public House, known as the SEVEN STARS INN, and Dwelling Houses, situate at Princes End.

Mr. Benjamin Bellingham has been favoured with instructions to Offer for Sale by Public Auction, on the premises of the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Princes End, on Monday, the 21st day of May, 1883, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions incorporating the common form conditions of the Birmingham Law Society, in one lot, all that Valuable Freehold Full-Licensed Public-House, known by the sign of the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Princes End, containing large Liquor Vaults, commodious Smoke Room, Tap Room, Club Room, Parlour, three Bedrooms, Kitchen, Brewhouse, good Cellaring, with extensive Stabling, and the usual Outbuildings. There is a large Bowling Green at the back. The House is now in the occupation of Mr. *John Seedhouse*, and produces an annual rental of £35; together with Eight Freehold Dwelling Houses, five of which are numbered Nos.104, 105, 106, 108 and 109, High Street, Princes End, in the respective occupations of Henry Fetcher, Martha Stokes, Willian Gillard, Joseph Darby, and Job Hartshorn, Nos.104, 108 and 109 each containing two rooms upstairs and two down, and Nos.105 and 106, two rooms upstairs and one down. The other three Houses are situated in the rear of the above five, and are numbered Nos.101, 102 and 103, in the respective occupations of Enoch Eden, John Whitehouse and — Bursley, and each containing two rooms upstairs and one down, the whole producing the annual rental of £58 10s.

For further particulars apply at the respective offices of Messrs. Stokes and Hooper, 1, Priory Street, or of the Auctioneer, 20, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley."

Dudley and District News 23/8/1884

The Miners Strike....

A large meeting of miners was held on Tuesday night at the back of the SEVEN STARS, Princes End. A collier presided, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. R. Poutney (Great Bridge) and B. Marsden (Pel-

sall). It was stated that Messrs. Glazebrook and Aston were still paying the old rate, and it was resolved to 'play on' till the same terms were offered to other pits in the district."

Wednesbury Herald 23/9/1895

"Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest on Saturday last, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, touching the death of Elizabeth Fellows (24), the wife of an ironworker named John Benjamin Fellows, of High Street. The evidence went to show that the deceased was confined three weeks ago, and had complained of heart pains, but on Friday morning got up to go to work leaving her apparently in health that did not suggest any trouble. This was about five o'clock in the morning, and about 10 o'clock a lodger who was sleeping after having been at work on the night turn was awoken by groans. He got up and found deceased and her baby lying at the bottom of the stairs. He shouted the deceased's mother and she came, but the deceased almost immediately died.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned."

1901 Census

107, High Street

- [1] *John Seedhouse* (59), licensed victualler, born Princes End;
- [2] Ann Seedhouse (58), wife, born Toll End;
- [3] James A. Seedhouse (28), son, brewer, born Princes End;
- [4] John E. Seedhouse (25), son, mining engineer, born Princes End;
- [5] Annie Seedhouse (17), daughter, born Princes End;
- [6] Triphina Harvey (21), servant, barmaid, born Bradley;
- [7] Florance Evans (19), maid servant, born Princes End:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/1/1902

"Billiards. Play in the Birmingham and District Licensed Victuallers' tournament was resumed at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, yesterday. In the afternoon the results of the games of 250 up were.....

Mr. J. E. Seedhouse, SEVEN STARS, Tipton (owes 25) beat *Mr. W. Radcliffe*, the Wonder, Winson Green (receives 150), 220."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/2/1905

"Play in the second round of the Birmingham and District Licensed Victuallers' Billiard Handicap was continued at the Court Restaurant, Corporation Street, Birmingham, yesterday.....

E. Seedhouse (SEVEN STARS HOTEL, Tipton), rec.30, beat M. Shuttleworth (Lea Hall Tavern, Yardley), rec.250, by only one point. After being considerably in arrears Seedhouse got on terms by the aid of useful breaks. When he required but three for victory Seedhouse failed off an easy white loser. Shuttleworth then put on a 21 break which brought him within a point of victory. His next shot, a difficult cannon, failed and Seedhouse screwed in off the red and deservedly won after a remarkable finish. The winner made breaks of 20, 25, 23, 31, 26, 24 and 25. Scores: Seedhouse 400, Shuttleworth 399."

In 1907 the Princes End Bowls team, based here, won the league title.

1911 Census

65, Sedgley Road

- [1] *John Seedhouse* (68), widower, retired brewer, born Deepfields;
- [2] Annie Beatrice Bayliss (28), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] Edward Bayliss (32), son-in-law, clerk, railway, born Tipton;
- [4] Sarah Jane Espley (22), housemaid, born Tipton:

Billiards and bowling were played here. [1920s]

Harry Harvey married Annie Whitehouse in 1920.

He served in World War Two with the South Staffordshire Regiment.

He worked at John E. Seedhouse & Sons, brewers, High Street, Princes End.
He was chief brewer until 1935.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/5/1925

“.....To Sell By Auction, at the house of Mr. *J. Seedhouse*, the SEVEN STARS HOTEL, Princes End, on Monday, May 11th, 1925.....

10, 11, 11a, High Street, immediately opposite Wesley Chapel on the Tipton-Wednesbury Road in an important industrial centre, comprising.....

Three Roomy Dwelling Houses formerly the RISING SUN INN (now delicensed).....”

John Seedhouse died in 1930.

Harry Harvey died in 1935.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/8/1936

“Horace Homer, labourer, of Bannister Road, Cradley Heath, was sentenced to a months’ hard labour at Bilston, yesterday for stealing £4 from his employer, *Henry Tomlinson*, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, Coseley. Prisoner was employed as a billiard-room attendant. He was sent to the bank with £4 in notes to change, but never returned.”

1939 Register

107, High Street, Coseley UD

[1] *Richard R. Wootton*, date of birth, 02/05/1898, hotel manager, married;

[2] *Hilda E. Wootton*, dob, 08/05/1899, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *Sheils M. (Wootton) Bill*, dob, 30/10/1920, civil servant, clerical assistant, single;

[4] *Henry V. (Wootton) Barnett*, dob, 22/01/1934, at school, single:

[*Sheila married Bill in 1945.*]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 28/12/1946

“Reference to the conflicting evidence given at the previous hearing as to how a Tipton woman came to fall down the cellar steps at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, was made by the Dudley Coroner (Mr. A. E. V. Sherwood) at the resumed inquest on Monday on *Jane Rebecca Roberts* (62), of 8, Summerhill Road, Tipton, who died at the Guest Hospital on Monday week.

At the previous hearing evidence was given that Mrs. Roberts fell down the cellar steps while passing from the snug to the bar parlour and the Coroner ordered a post mortem examination to be made because of the uncertainty regarding the exact nature of the injuries she sustained.

A report by a Birmingham pathologist, Dr. R. Bishton, stated that there was a small recent transverse fracture of the spine, but there was no obvious displacement. Below the fracture, the spinal cord was softening and death was due to the fracture, softening of the spine and bronchial pneumonia.

Recording a verdict of Accidental Death, the Coroner said he was satisfied beyond any doubt that the spine injury was caused by the woman’s fall on November 8th.

‘There is some conflict of evidence as to how it happened. Mrs. Caddick tells me she had been down the cellar half an hour before and that she securely fastened the door afterwards. If she had done that the door could not have opened just by pushing against it; a police officer tested it and found it would withstand fairly heavy pressure.’

Another witness had said he saw Mrs. Roberts pushing against the door with both her hands. ‘I must say I regard that as most unlikely, because we know this woman was carrying a shopping bag and a glass of stout and we also know that the bag and the broken glass were found with Mrs. Roberts at the bottom of the cellar steps.’

On the other hand, Mrs. Roberts told her husband she put out one hand to steady herself, the door flew open and she went down the steps. It was not for him to decide exactly how it happened, but it was clear that in falling she sustained the injuries from which she died.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55], [1955-56], [1957-58]

Tipton Herald 9/2/1957

“When a Tipton licensee, *Samuel Davies*, of the SEVEN STARS INN, sought occasional drinking licences for four Saturday night dances at Stourbridge Baths Assembly Hall, Supt. C. Saull told Stourbridge magistrates on Friday week that he would have to oppose the applications if the licensee did not attend the dances Mr. Davies undertook to be responsible for the running of the bar, and the applications were then granted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 23/2/1957

“Stourbridge Borough Council’s Saturday night dances at the Bath Assembly Hall may be affected by the borough magistrates’ decision yesterday in refusing applications for occasional drinks licenses for these dances. Profits from them in January averaged nearly £60 a dance.

Supt. C. A. Saul objected to an application by Mr. *Samuel Davies*, of the SEVEN STARS Tipton, for three occasional licenses in March unless he would be prepared to stay in the hall the whole evening because the dances needed better supervision. But Mr. *Davies* said he could not be there all the time, though he would be there part of the evening.

The chairman, Mr. Eric Wright, said the Bench could not grant the application unless Mr. *Davies* was prepared to give an undertaking.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Darts League. [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 20/7/1957

“The newly-formed Princes End Darts League held its first prize distribution on Friday of last week at the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Princes End, when the league championship shield was presented to the STAR, Bloomfield, and the league knock-out cup to the WAGON AND HORSES, Bloomfield Road.....”

Tipton Herald 27/8/1960

“The most surprised man at the annual presentation of trophies of the Tipton and District Amateur Football League at the SEVEN STARS INN, Princes End, on Thursday, was T. Whitehouse, captain of Denbigh United. For he had been picked as ‘Sportsman of the Year’ by league officials, and until his name was called did not know anything about it.

Making the presentation of a suitably inscribed statuette to Whitehouse, Mr. W. Walker (League President) paid tribute to his sporting spirit on and off the field and the way he carried out work out for his club.....”

A team from here were beaten finalists of the Darby and Joan Cup darts contest in June 1965.

Black Country Bugle

Letter from F. Fellows, Coseley – ‘John Seedhouse & Sons Still In Business’

“.....*John Seedhouse & Sons Ltd.* are still at High Street, Princes End, Tipton where they have been for many years. They have now a very well established cash and carry wines and spirits etc, sales service within the curtilage of the premises.

The buildings have been modernised over the years. Barrels and casks of all sizes are still manufactured under the name of Tipton Cooperage Ltd.

The licensed premises which were once known as the SEVEN STARS have been taken over by Ansells and the name changed to the GREAT BEAR, the hanging wall-mounted sign over the front entrance still has seven stars, which have been arranged to form what is better known to astronomers as the Great Bear.....”

It was renamed the GREAT BEAR on 7th May 1969.

The license was not renewed in 1985.

SEVEN STARS

3, Park Lane East, (Park Lane), (Randles Lane), (Puppy Green), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Henry Simpkins (leased)
William Henry Anderson [1898]

LICENSEES

William Hill [1837] – **1848**);
Mrs. Mary Hill* (**1848** – [1851]
Mrs. Mary Miles* [] – **1851**);
Job Haines [] – **1856**);
Daniel Parsons (**1856** – **1860**);
Samuel Parsons** [1860] – [1871]
Samuel Pearson** [1873]
John Cooper [] – **1881**);
Weston [1891]
Jonah Ameson [1892] – [1900]
William Henry Anderson [1898]

NOTES

Park Lane [1860]

MOON AND STARS [1851]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/8/1837 - Advert

“Sale At The SEVEN STARS INN, Puppy Green, Tipton, in the county of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction, upon the premises, by Mr. Newbold, on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th days of August inst, the whole of the clean Household Furniture, capital well-seasoned iron-bound Casks, Brewing Requisites, Public House and Shop Fixtures, stock of prime Ale, and Porter, fat and store Pigs, Skips, Rings, and other useful Colliery Implements, Timber, and effects, belonging to Mr. *Hill*, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Puppy Green, Tipton, who is declining the public business.

The sale to commence each morning precisely at ten o'clock.

Catalogues are now ready and may be had at the offices of the Auctioneer, Dudley and Stourbridge.

The House to be Let. Apply to Mr. *Hill* on the premises, or to Mr. Newbold, Auctioneer and Public House Agent.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28/8/1837 - Advert

“Sale Postponed.

The Public are respectfully informed, that the Household Furniture, Brewing Vessels, Casks, Stock in Trade, Colliery Tools, and other effects, advertised for Sale by Auction, this present Monday and To-morrow, August 28 and 29, belonging to *William Hill*, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Puppy Green, Tipton, Will Not Take Place.

J. Newbold, Auctioneer.

Dudley, Aug 28, 1837.”

1841 Census

Randles Lane

[1] *William Hill* (50), publican;

[2] *Mary Hill* (40);

[3] Emma Dudley (15), fs, born Staffordshire;

[4] Sarah Baileys (10), fs, born Staffordshire;

[5] William Hill (5), born Staffordshire:

Birmingham Journal 13/6/1846

“About eleven o’clock in the morning of Friday week, as a man named David Onions was at work in Mr. J. Hopkins coal pit, a quantity of coal suddenly gave way and buried him underneath. The unfortunate man was quickly extracted from the mass by his fellow miners; but he was found to be so dreadfully injured, that he expired on the road home, in less than three quarters of an hour from the time of the accident. An inquest was held on his body, before G. Hincliffe, Esq, the following day at Mr. T. Mill’s, the BLACK COCK, Owen Street, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

Shortly before nine o’clock in the morning of Saturday last, another accident of a similar nature happened in the same pit, to a young man named James Lem, by which he was killed on the spot. In the evening an inquest was held on the body, before the same coroner, at Mr. *W. Hill*’s, the SEVEN STARS, and a similar verdict recorded. In each case it was shown that the pit was properly worked and managed, and the melancholy occurrences were purely accidental and altogether unexpected.”

Birmingham Journal 14/8/1847

“Independent Order Of Odd Fellows, W.U. On Monday last, the members belonging to the Hero Nelson Lodge, No.2, Dudley District, met to celebrate their anniversary at Host *William Hill*’s, SEVEN STARS, Puppy Green, Tipton. The dinner provided in the worthy host’s usual liberal style. After the cloth was drawn, P.G. William Hill, jun. was called to the chair, the vice-chair being ably filled by P.G. William Sockett. After the usual loyal toasts had been drank, the remainder of the evening was spent in appropriate songs and sentiments, and the members and friends separated at a late hour, highly delighted with the day’s entertainment.”

Birmingham Journal 7/10/1848 - Died

“On the 28th ult, aged 59, Mr. *William Hill*, for many years licensed victualler, of the SEVEN STARS, Tipton.”

* possibly the same person

1851 Census

Park Lane

[1] *Mary Hill* (52), widow, public house keeper, born Madeley, Shropshire;

[2] William Hill (15), relative, foundry man, born Tipton;

[3] Ann Hill (13), relative, born Tipton;

[4] Benjamin Hill (10), relative, born Tipton;

[5] John Beaumont (16), house servant, born Madeley, Shropshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/3/1854

“County Court. Insolvents *Mary Hill*, late huckster and victualler, of Park Lane, Tipton, obtained her final order, without opposition, supported by Mr. Holland.”

Job Haines = Job Haynes

Birmingham Journal 27/9/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned Special Sessions was held the following transfers were allowed.....

SEVEN STARS, Tipton, from Mrs. *Mary Miles* to Mr. *Job Haynes*, Park Lane.”

Birmingham Journal 20/1/1855

“On Saturday week, Messrs. Thomas Morris and Sons entertained about 320 of their workmen at the WELLINGTON INN and the SEVEN STARS INN, Park Lane, Tipton, with an excellent dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. After dinner, the health of Mr. Thomas was drunk, along with those of Mr. Thomas, junior, Mr. Samuel Bayley, and their families. ‘Lord Raglan, and the officers and soldiers in arms before Sebastopol, and may they be successful and return victorious,’ was warmly received.”

Birmingham Journal 4/9/1858

“In the month of April, 1857, a boy named Smart, about nine years of age, son of J. Smart, residing in Park Lane, parish of Tipton was sent one morning by his brother with his brother’s breakfast. The youth never reached his brother with the meal. He was never seen alive. It was thought by some people that the youth had been thrown down a coal pit after being stripped of his clothes; others, sharing his parents’ hopes, thought he had been carried off by some itinerant gang; and there were neighbours who entertained opinions that he had been induced to wander to some seaport, and gone away to sea. His name was nearly blotted out from the memories of his relatives. The other day, a boat which was sunk in the canal a few days after the disappearance of the boy, was raised from the bottom of the canal, when to the surprise of the bereaved parents, the body of the boy floated to the surface. When last seen, the deceased was dressed in a dark blue cloth jacket, dark cloth waistcoat, moleskin trousers, cloth cap, stockings and clogs. When found in the canal, the jacket, stockings, and clogs were missing; and this fact excited some suspicion of foul play. Accordingly, George Hinchliffe, Esq, held an inquest (immediately after the discovery of the body) in the SEVEN STARS public house, Puppy Green, when a thorough investigation was made into the circumstances of the case. It was shown that the deceased was seen by a lad named John Potts, on the morning of his disappearance, going along the canal with his brother’s breakfast; but no other person near him. It was supposed that the youth in passing along the banks of the canal, had tarried on his errand, jumped into the boat to amuse himself, and had been over-balanced and fallen into the water – remaining immersed beneath the boat for the long period of about eighteen months. There was, however, no conclusive evidence, and the Jury gave an open verdict of Found Drowned.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/9/1860

“On Thursday last, an inquest was held at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, before Edwin Hooper, coroner, for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances attending the death of a boatman named ‘Tommy Fight-um,’ a notorious drunkard, whose real name was Thomas Winwood. Deceased was drinking at Dudley on Monday night, and had a fight with some one there. On the following day he kept taking drink at intervals, and just after dinner went to the SEVEN STARS, Park Lane, for the boat horse. Being rather long away, James Dunn, his employer, went after him, and met him returning, and walked by his side. Suddenly deceased reeled, and although Dunn caught hold of him he rolled out of his grasp upon the road, and the ale he had taken began to gush out from his mouth and nostrils. In about five minutes he was dead. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/6/1861 - Notice

“In the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton.

Whereas a Petition of *Daniel Parsons*, at present and for about ten weeks now last past residing at the FIELDHOUSE, in the parish of Tettenhall, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Retail Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and during about the first six weeks of such time carrying on the same trades or businesses, also that of a Licensed Retailer of Wines, at the WATERLOO INN, Oxford Street, Bilston, in the said county of Stafford, his Wife during the whole of such time residing at and keeping a School at Codsall Wood, Codsall, in the said county of Stafford; previously and for about seventeen months residing at the WATERLOO INN, Bilston aforesaid, carrying on there the same trades or businesses as aforesaid, his Wife also residing at and keeping a School at Codsall as aforesaid; previously and for about three years residing

at Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the said county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Retail Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and occasionally working as a Stock Taker, his Wife, during all such time residing at and keeping a School at Much Wenlock, in the county of Salop, an Insolvent Debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Staffordshire, at Wolverhampton, and an Interim Order of Protection from Process having been given to the said *Daniel Parsons*, under the provisions of the statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Daniel Parsons* is hereby required to appear in Court, before the Judge acting in the matter of the said Petition, on the twelfth day of July, 1861, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, Queen Street, Wolverhampton aforesaid, for his First Examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said statutes; and notice is hereby given that the Choice of Assignees is to take place at the time so appointed.

All persons indebted to the said *Daniel Parsons*, or who have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Charles Gallimore Brown, the Official Assignee, acting in the matter of the said Petition, at his Office, in Queen Street, Wolverhampton aforesaid.

William Ward, Attorney, Wolverhampton. C. G. Megevan, High Bailiff.

22nd day of June, 1861.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/7/1861

“The following insolvents have filed their schedules to appear for their first examination, at the County Court, on Friday next.....

Daniel Parsons, licensed victualler, FIELD HOUSE, Tettenhall, and formerly of Bilston and Dudley Port; debts £200 15s 3d, credits £140 12s 1d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/7/1861

“Wolverhampton County Court. Friday, July 12.....

Daniel Parsons had his petition dismissed.”

** possibly the same person

1861 Census

Park Lane

[1] *Samuel Parsons* (49), coke burner and public house, born Netherton;

[2] *Harriett Parsons* (47), wife, born Ripley, Derbyshire;

[3] *Ann Parsons* (21), daughter, dress maker, born Tipton;

[4] *Maria Parsons* (19), daughter, house maid, born Tipton;

[5] *Harriett Parsons* (16), daughter, tailoress, born Tipton;

[6] *Mirah Parsons* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Samuel Parsons* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] *Edwin Parsons* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/5/1861

“An inquest was held on Tuesday last before Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Puppy Green, on the body of a little girl named Sarah Edwards. The deceased left home at mid-day on Thursday week, telling her mother that she was going to help a woman who was at work at Mr. Hopkins’s cinder heaps. About 7pm the little creature was brought home severely scorched and burnt all over her body. After hearing the evidence, the jury came to the conclusion that the frock which the deceased had on must have been ignited by coming into contact with the burning embers, and accordingly returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 28/9/1867 - Advert

“Tipton, Staffordshire.

Re The Birmingham Banking Company.

Blast Furnaces, Collieries, Public House, Dwelling Houses, and Land, Suitable for Building purposes, Situated in Park Lane, Randall’s Lane, Watery Lane, High Street, and Coppice Street, in the parish of Tipton in

the county of Stafford.

Lying near Dudley Port and Tipton Stations on the Stour Valley and South Staffordshire Railways, and within 1½ miles of the town of Dudley. The Birmingham Canal, which intersects the property, affords great facilities for the conveyance of materials and produce to and from the Furnaces and Collieries.

To Be Sold By Auction, By Messrs. Joseph Cooksey and Son, at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton Green, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October next, at Five o'clock in the evening, in the following lots.....

Lot 2. Part of Park Lane Colliery, situated west of Randall's Lane, and adjoining Lot 1, with Pit Shaft, Colliery Erections, Canal Basin, Wharves, Spoil Mound, and Land belonging thereto, and Dwelling House, Outbuildings, Stables, Yard, and Garden, in the occupation of Mr. Morris; the SEVEN STARS INN and Premises, in the occupation of *Samuel Parsons*; and Twenty-eight small Dwelling Houses and Premises, in the occupation of various tenants, containing altogether an area of 25a 1r 2p of surface Land or thereabouts, with the ungotten Minerals thereunder, and under half of the adjoining roads.

The Land has excellent frontage to Park Lane and Randall's Lane, with facilities for laying out new streets, and a considerable portion might be immediately sold off for building purposes.....”

1871 Census

3, Park Lane East

- [1] *Samuel Parsons* (58), coke burner, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Harriet Parsons (57), wife, born Derbyshire;
- [3] Maria Parsons (22), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] Samuel Parsons (19), son, role turner, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Edwin Parsons (14), son, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Frances Tucker (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Staffordshire:

Midland Counties Evening Express 15/1/1875

“On Saturday, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Park Lane East, Tipton, an inquiry was made before Mr. Edwin Hooper, into the circumstances which led to the death of John Inston (33) James Scott, a bandsman, said he was at work on Wednesday at the Grace Mary Colliery, near Dudley. He was employed at the same place as deceased and James Darby. At about seven o'clock a very slight ‘bump’ occurred, and immediately afterwards a large quantity of coal fell from the roof, which at that part of the workings was 7½ yards high. It was impossible to timber so high as that; but there was plenty of timber about whenever the men liked to ask for it, or whenever a doggy thought fit to order it The jury then returned a verdict of Accidental death. In reply to the Coroner, Mr. North [representing Messrs. S. Minton and Co.] said that the injured man, James Darby, was improving.”

1881 Census

3, Park Lane East – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *John Cooper* (32), forgerman, born Woodside, Worcestershire [Dudley?];
- [2] Catherine Cooper (32), wife, born Manchester;
- [3] James Cooper (10), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Esther Cooper (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Catherine Cooper (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] John H. Cooper (3), son, born Tipton;
- [7] W. E. Cooper (2), son, born Tipton;
- [8] Ellen Smith (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 5/10/1881

“A petition [in liquidation] has also been filed [in Dudley County Court] on behalf of *John Cooper*, late of the SEVEN STARS INN, Park Lane East, Tipton, now in lodgings at 54, Kate Street North, Birmingham, forgerman. Liabilities £300. Messrs. Stokes and Hooper are the debtor's solicitors.”

Dudley and District News 12/11/1881

“Isaiah Jones, labourer, Henry Tudor, miner, John Johnson, labourer, and John Scott (18), ironworker, all of

Dudley Port, were charged with breaking into the ANCHOR INN there, and stealing a quantity of lead piping and pewter measures, the property of Allan Wilson, publican, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Ocker Hill. Mr. Sheldon defended Tudor.

Prosecutor left the ANCHOR INN to go to his present premises, leaving the fixtures and some of the measures in the house, which has since been closed. On the evening of Tuesday last, Johnson went into the beer-house kept by Ann Downing, and asked her if she would buy some pewter measures, as the ANCHOR was open. She replied that she would not buy them from him. A short time after, her son who is a carrier, was in the yard adjoining the ANCHOR, when he saw a light in the brewhouse. He jumped over the wall, went to the door, and called, 'Who's there?' when the light was popped out. He entered the brewhouse and lighted a match when he saw Johnson and Jones there. They tried to escape; but he put his back against the door, and kept them in, and sent for the police. He asked what they wanted there, and Johnson said, 'We have done nothing. We had orders from Inspector Harrison to look over the premises.'

PCs Godsall and Tabberner were quickly in attendance, and on looking over the house found that all the gas pipes had been taken up, and were lying in lengths or coiled up ready for carrying away.

They then took the two prisoners into custody, the others being arrested on information received afterwards. The morning before the trial Tabberner charged the prisoners with the theft, when Johnson said to the others, 'Say nothing till you're dead; and then tell all.'

Inspector Harrison asked the Bench to withdraw the case against Scott, as he appeared to have been led away by the others; but had not taken anything.

Scott, being placed in the witness box, said he was in Bunn's public house [SWAN] when Johnson came to him and said, 'Will you go with me and I will show you where there is some lead. We'll get it at the ANCHOR. If I could get the key of the SEVEN STARS we would go there too.' Witness and Tudor, who was with him, went with Johnson to the ANCHOR. Johnson began to take up some of the lead pipes, and said, 'There's three gallons hanging here.' Johnson also took some measures which he said he could sell.

Mr. Sheldon asked the court to deal leniently with Tudor, as he had hitherto borne an irreproachable character, had a wife and children, and as there was no evidence as to his having taken anything.

He was fined £2, in default one month hard labour; Johnson, against whom several former convictions were recorded, being sentenced to six months' and Jones to three months' hard labour."

Dudley and District News 10/12/1881

"Yesterday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the SEVEN STARS INN, Dudley Port, touching the death of George Shepherd (41), 36, Charlotte Street, Dudley, whose body was found in the canal, near Sheepwash Works, on the previous day.

Deceased was a labourer, and it was his custom on Saturday afternoons, or when work was scarce, to go the round of public houses in the district playing on an accordion. Three weeks ago he left home on one of these excursions, and nothing more was heard of him until Thursday forenoon, when John Randle, a boat steerer, found his body floating in the canal in two feet of water. Deceased was in the habit, when in this part of the district, of going along the banks of the canal to Great Bridge Station when on his way home, and, being weak-sighted, it is conjectured that he had walked into the water. From the fact that 3s in coppers, were found in his pockets, there is no suspicion of foul play.

Having heard the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned."

1891 Census

3, Park Lane East – SEVEN STARS

[1] *Mary Weston* (42), wife, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Triphena Weston* (18), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[3] *Gertrude Weston* (6), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Walter Weston* (2), son, born Quarry Bank:

Dudley Herald 1/10/1898

"The adjourned Licensing Session for the Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division (comprising Darlaston, Tipton, and Dudley Port) took place on Wednesday the cases of the licensed victuallers whose applications for renewal had been deferred were taken first.....

Mr. Round (Tipton) applied for a full license to be granted to *William Henry Anderson*, in respect of new premises to be erected at the corner of Victoria Road and Park Lane East, Tipton, and it was explained that the applicant was prepared to relinquish the license of the SEVEN STARS INN, which he held.

Superintendent Salt informed the Bench that in his opinion it would be an advantage if the license were transferred as proposed.

Mr. Waring (clerk to Tipton Council) gave evidence in support of the application, explaining that the applicant would demolish the SEVEN STARS INN and sell the land to the Council.

Mr. *Anderson* was called, and agreed to complete the new buildings within twelve months and to demolish the old property, which had sunk through mining operations, within two months afterwards.

The Bench granted a provisional license, and approved plans which were submitted.”

[The PARK HOTEL was built.]

Blackcountryman (Summer 1971)

‘Victoria Park, Tipton’

“.....The park was duly laid out with its main entrance in Victoria Road having been renamed from Randolls Lane. However, the entrance could well have been sited at the corner of Park Lane East and Victoria Road, where the Central Library now stands, had the urban council agreed to the offer of Mr. *Anderson* who owned the land on which stood the SEVEN STARS INN and several cottages. He offered the land for £1,200 with £500 back as a donation. The offer was not taken up.....”

SHAKESPEARE

25, Bridge Road / Holland Street, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Charles Darby, Wood Lane, West Bromwich

Darby's Brewery Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1968]

Bass Ltd. [1970]

LICENSEES

John Hathaway [1871] – [1896]

Benjamin Spittle* [1901]

Charles Darby [] – **1903**);

David Spittle* (**1903** – []

W Walton [1908]

Benjamin David Spittle* [1911] – **1922**);

Ann Spittle (**1922** – **1928**);

Jonathan Spittle (**1928** – **1945**);

Charles Walker (**1945** – **1966**);

Albert James Dunkley (**1966** – **1971**);

Charles William Webb (**1971**);

Colin William Wade (**1971** – **1972**);

Geoffrey Blake (**1972** – **1976**);

Herbert George Ingram (**1976**);

Abraham Morton (**1976** – **1982**);

Major Singh (**1982** – **1986**):

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 7/1/1860 - Married

“On the 28th ult, at St. George’s Church, Mr. *John Hathaway* of this town to Isabella, eldest daughter of Mrs. C. Harrold, of Toll End, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/11/1870 - Advert

“Bargain. Three-horse Engine and Boiler, with Fittings complete, direct acting; also, a one-and-a-half Beam Engine, both very cheap.

Apply at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, Tipton.”

1871 Census

25, Bridge Street

[1] *John Hathaway* (39), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;

[2] Isabella Hathaway (37), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah J. Hathaway (9), daughter, born Birmingham;

[4] Catherine Hathaway (7), daughter, born Birmingham;

[5] Louisa Hathaway (5), daughter, born Birmingham;

[6] Isabella Hathaway (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] John Hathaway (1), son, born Tipton;

[8] Ann Vaughan (25), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Guardian 14/2/1874

“Samuel Shorthouse was charged at the instance of Isabella *Hathaway* with rioting and breaking a pane of glass on the 5th inst. Mr. Stokes appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Sheldon defended.

Complainant stated that her husband kept a public-house at Toll End, and on the afternoon in question she saw the prisoner, who was among a number of others, throw stones through the windows.

Mr. Sheldon applied for a remand on bail for a week, as he had a dozen witnesses to call who would prove that the prisoner was elsewhere at the time of the occurrence.

The Magistrates declined to liberate the prisoner on bail, and remanded him for a week.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/2/1874

“Yesterday, at the Wednesbury Police Court, the Stipendiary (Mr. I. Spooner) dealt with a number of persons charged with rioting at the recent Wednesbury election.....

Gilley Hill (who did not appear), Edward Bunce, Samuel Shorthouse, and Mark Richards, all of Tipton, were next charged with riotous behaviour. Mr. Motterham, instructed by Mr. Sheldon, appeared for Short-house and Bunce.

Isabella *Hathaway*, wife of *John Hathaway*, keeper of the SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, Tipton, deposed that at about 4.30 on the day named a crowd of persons, some of them armed with pieces of wood and some with stones tied up in handkerchiefs, came down the street and stopped opposite her husband’s house. A young man named Rabone waved a handkerchief and shouted ‘Hurrah for Brogden!’ and then the crowd, which numbered some 150 persons, threw stones and broke the windows. They then went away, but returned at about half-past six, and again threw stones. She could speak positively to Shorthouse having thrown. Nineteen panes of glass and two fan-lights were broken.

Mr. Motterham cross-examined the witness, with a view of showing that she was animated by vindictive feelings against Shorthouse, owing to a dispute with some of his friends in October last, but she positively denied the imputation.

The Stipendiary considered the identification of the three prisoners in the dock incomplete, and accordingly dismissed them.....

The cases occupied from eleven till nearly five o’clock.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 12/1/1875

“At the Police Court, yesterday, a licensed victualler named *John Hathaway* of the SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, was fined 20s and costs for keeping his house open at an illegal hour on the 1st inst. The landlord thought, in mistake, that his occasional license gave him liberty to keep open.”

Dudley Herald 1/1/1876

“Epitome Of Local Events For 1875. 11th January.

At the Tipton Police Court, *John Hathaway*, landlord of the SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, was fined 20s and costs for keeping his house open for the sale of liquors during prohibited hours.”

Dudley Herald 7/6/1879

“On Saturday last an alarming accident happened on the London and North-Western Railway at the Bloomfield Junction, situate between Tipton and Deepfields, when a train running from Walsall to Wolverhampton, collided with the Liverpool express train to Birmingham.....

The following is a list of the injured.....

Horace Law, SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, Tipton, injuries to leg.....

of the five persons in Dudley and Tipton, two may be said to have recovered. Mr. Horace Law, of Toll End, was a little worse in consequence of the pains in his back becoming more severe. He is, however a young man, and under the care of Mr. James Brown, he is likely to recover rapidly. The symptoms at present do not belie this theory.....”

1881 Census

25, Bridge Road – SHAKESPEARE INN

[1] *John Hathaway* (49), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;

[2] *Isabella Hathaway* (47), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah J. Hathaway* (19), daughter, born Birmingham;

[4] *Kate Hathaway* (17), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;

[5] *Louisa Hathaway* (15), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;

[6] *Isabella Hathaway* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *John Hathaway* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] *George Hathaway* (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[9] *Mary A. Hathaway* (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[10] *Elizabeth Law* (45), sister-in-law, nurse, born Tipton;

[11] *Andrew Law* (22), visitor, engine fitter, born Tipton:

Dudley and District Herald 25/2/1882

“Yesterday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, on the body of *Thomas Shelly*, aged six weeks, son of *Thomas Shelly*, 26, Nock Street. On Tuesday afternoon the deceased was washed and put to bed while his mother went to get herself ready to take him to be vaccinated. About half an hour after, his sister, *Lucy*, aged seven years, went and fetched him, and when brought downstairs, he was found to be dead. The appearance of the child led to the belief that he had been suffocated, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

In April, 1882, a scam was brought to light, involving the ‘International Law Agency’, a company ‘avowedly established for the purpose of discovering heirs and next-of-kin, and recovering vast sums at present in Chancery,’ which seems to have swindled people and taken money in payment for their (non-existent) services.....

“SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, Tipton, April 10th, 1882.

Dear Sir. Your employè, Mr. Beeton, informed me at my last interview with him that he had obtained Wm. Harrold’s birth register from St. Mary’s Church, Cork, and that the register was at your London offices with the rest of the documents we signed with Mr. Shakespeare for power of attorney. What I require is the name of this Wm. Harrold’s father and mother, or a copy of the register, by giving me this information.

Yours respectfully, *John Hathaway*.”

[In July, 1882, some of the people behind the 'Next of Kin Fraud,' were found guilty of 'conspiring with others to defraud and obtain money by false pretences,' and were given sentences of up to two years.]

Dudley and District News 17/3/1883

"*Isabella Hathaway*, publican, was charged with committing an assault upon Edward Price, miner, of Toll End. There was also a cross summons taken out by Mrs. *Hathaway* charging Price with being disorderly and refusing to quit her licensed premises. Mr. Sheldon appeared for Price, and Mr. Hooper (Messrs. Stokes and Hooper, Dudley) for *Hathaway*. It seems the defendant is the wife of *Jno. Hathaway*, and landlady of the SHAKESPEARE public-house at Toll End, and also keeps a pawnshop. Complainant's wife is a member of a death club held at the SHAKESPEARE. The 6th inst. was the yearly night on which the division of the profits was made, and complainant and his wife went to get their share thereof. Complainant sat in another room, and in a short time he heard the defendant say to his wife that she should not pay her money; she should stop it and take it out of his bill. He went out to them in the passage and told defendant that she had no right to stop the money. She then called him a rogue and a vagabond, and followed up these abusive epithets by striking him several times. Her husband and several persons who were present took her off the complainant, and forcibly removed her into an adjoining room.

In answer to Mr. Hooper, Price said he never struck the woman, and neither did he refuse to quit the house, because he was never asked to do so.

A woman named Bevington stated that Price went out of the house directly after the assault.

Price's brother said Mrs. *Hathaway* was 'savage.' He saw her strike her brother on the 'ear-hole.' Her 'Paddy was up.' (Laughter).

Mrs. Price also stated that her husband was never asked to leave the house. He left while Mrs. *Hathaway* was being carried away.

Mr. Hooper, for the defence, called Mrs. *Hathaway*, who said an arrangement has been made between Mrs. Price and herself as to the payment of the dividend arising out of the funds of the death club. When the woman called for the money she wanted the whole of it paid, but Mrs. *Hathaway* refused to pay it, stating that she should stick to the original agreement. Price at this moment came up and commenced to quarrel with her, putting his fist in her face, and challenging her to fight. She refused either to fight or pay the money.

Mrs. Backhouse saw the disturbance but did not see Mrs. *Hathaway* strike Price.

Several other witnesses were brought in support of the defence.

The Bench dismissed the case."

Dudley and District News 20/9/1884

"Hannah Cornfield, an old woman, was charged with stealing a shirt, the property of *John Hathaway*, pawnbroker and publican, Toll End, Tipton, on the 9th September. On this date the prisoner took the shirt and pledged it at prosecutor's shop. Mrs. *Hathaway* left it on the counter and had occasion to go into the passage, and on looking round saw the parcel thrown over the partition. She returned and asked the prisoner what she had thrown over, and she said the shirt, and hoped Mrs. *Hathaway* would not prosecute. She picked it up and gave it back. PC Myatt took her into custody, and on the road to the station she threw away a parcel of worsted. She was further charged with stealing half a pound of worsted, the property of William Hollier, general dealer, 55, Horseley Heath. She denied the charge and said she bought the worsted. The case was dismissed but for the first offence she was sentenced to one month's imprisonment."

Dudley and District News 4/10/1884

"Mr. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Bridge Road, Toll End, on (Monday) morning, on the body of David Thomas Rowley, aged four months, late of 24, Walker Street. From the evidence it appeared that the child was vaccinated about a fortnight ago, and since then had been ill. Verdict Natural Causes."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/7/1885

"At the Wolverhampton Police Court yesterday, before the Deputy Stipendiary (Mr. Neville).....

John Hathaway, Bridge End, Tipton, was fined 20s and costs for not giving a complete description of the articles pledged, and a further 20s for not giving the full address of the pawner.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/10/1885

“The adjourned Licensing session for the West Bromwich and Wednesbury Division was held yesterday, at West Bromwich Police Court.

John Hathaway, Tipton, applied through Mr. Sharpe for a renewal of his license. An objection had been made on the ground that there was a direct communication between the public-house and a pawnshop adjoining which was kept by the same proprietor. It was submitted that there was only a private road for the convenience of the inhabitants.

John Hathaway was cautioned, after which his license was renewed.”

1891 Census

25, Bridge Road – SHAKESPEARE INN

- [1] *John Hathaway* (59), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] Isabella Hathaway (58), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Louisa G. Hathaway (25), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] Isabella Hathaway (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] John Hathaway (21), son, engine fitter, born Tipton;
- [6] George H. Hathaway (19), son, roll turner, born Tipton;
- [7] Mary A. Hathaway (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] George H. Holton (4), grandson, born Sparkhill:

Birmingham Daily Post 17/8/1891

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Toll End, on the body of William Butler (4), the son of a labourer, Nock Street. The boy was playing about his parent’s dwelling, and was missed by his mother. The neighbours subsequently found his body in a cistern close by. This was protected only by a low wall, and the jury thought it unsafe. The Coroner agreed there was not adequate protection. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/9/1893

“The adjourned licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at [Wednesbury](#), yesterday.

The renewal of the license of the SHAKESPEARE alehouse, Bridge Road, Tipton, was opposed on the ground that the owner and occupier, *John Hathaway*, carried on two businesses on the same premises – viz, a licensed victualler’s and a pawnbroker’s. Superintendent Salt said a passage ran through the house, the drink being sold on the one side, and there being an entrance on the other side of the passage to the pawnshop. There was an independent entrance to the latter from an adjacent street; but it was quite possible for a person drinking in the house to pledge an article without going out into the street. A person going to the pawnshop door in the passage would be behind the counter. Mr. Sharpe, for the defence, said things were never taken in that way.

Mr. Williams: If wrong can be done it will be done.

Mr. Sharpe: That’s a very broad view.

Mr. Williams: Do you know if there is such another house in the kingdom?

Mr. Sharpe: I do not know; I have not been on tour. My fee is not large enough for me to undertake that. (Laughter.)

Superintendent Salt, in answer to questions, said the house was respectably conducted. He did not know how many years there had been a pawnbroker’s business there, nor had he ever heard that about ten years ago the magistrates at West Bromwich discussed the matter and decided that there was no reason to interfere. Mr. Sharpe said these arrangements had existed for twenty-five years, and the magistrates at West Bromwich renewed them ten years ago, and saw nothing to object to. No one had even been allowed to proceed through the licensed premises to the pawnshop. He called Mr. and Mrs. *Hathaway* to confirm this statement.

The license to *John Hathaway* would be refused, except on the condition that the licensee undertook to

remove entirely from the premises the pawnbroking business within six months. Mr. Sharpe appealed to the magistrates to be content with the bricking up of the doorway leading to the pawnshop, but they declined to vary the conditions.”

John Hathaway was also a pawnbroker. [1896]
His wife ran the pawnbroker's shop next door.

Birmingham Daily Post 11/8/1900

“On Thursday evening a meeting of the Friendly Societies Committee was held at the CASTLE INN, to make final arrangements for the parade to be held on September 1st. The arrangements for the bands and the compiling of the programme were completed. The next meeting is called for next Thursday at the SHAKE-SPEARE INN, Toll End.”

1901 Census

25, Bridge Road

- [1] *Benjamin Spittle* (37), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Ann Spittle* (37), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Benjamin Spittle* (15), son, time keeper (electric works), born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Jonathan Spittle* (12), son, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Julia Doleman* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

In 1903 it had no sewer connection.

* possibly the same person

1911 Census

Bridge Road – SHAKESPEARE INN

- [1] *Benjamin David Spittle* (55), innkeeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Ann Spittle* (53), wife, married 30 years, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Jonathan Spittle* (27), son, carpenter, born Winson Green;
- [4] *Helen Spittle* (26), daughter-in-law, married under 1 year, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Evelyn Anne Spittle* (7 months), granddaughter, born Ocker Hill:

Toll End Vics FC had their headquarters here. [c.1919]

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/2/1934

“An inquest was held by Mr. J. H. S. Addison (Deputy Coroner for South Staffordshire), at the SHAKE-SPEARE INN, Bridge Road, Toll End, Tipton, on Wednesday afternoon, relative to the death of George Thomas Evans, aged 38, stoker, of 12, Bourne Avenue, Toll End, Tipton, who collapsed at his home on Saturday night.

The widow, Ellen Elizabeth Evans, said her husband's health had been fairly good, although he had suffered from a succession of colds during the past twelve months. He was discharged from the Army on pension because of a weak heart, and he had not been subject to giddy turns nor shortness of breath. In October last he smashed two fingers at the works, whilst six weeks prior to that occurrence he cut his hand.

On Saturday he appeared to be in his normal state of health, and in the evening they went out shopping at Wednesbury, returning about 10.15pm. Nothing had occurred to excite or exhaust him, but shortly after their return home he was sitting in the armchair when he suddenly collapsed, sliding off the chair on to the floor. Witness immediately rushed to him and helped him back into the chair, but he fell back and died a few moments later. The doctor was immediately sent for.

Dr. A. B. Hamilton said he had treated the man for heart trouble for some time, and when he reached the house at about 10.30pm on Saturday found him dead in the armchair. His heart was ‘pretty bad’, and such a

collapse as he had had was not unexpected. His pension from the Army was because of a weak heart. The cause of death was heart failure, due to old valvular disease of the heart. The injuries he sustained at the works had nothing to do with his death.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.”

1939 Register

25, Bridge Road – SHAKESPEARE INN – Public House

[1] *Jonathan Spittle*, date of birth, 17/04/1888, licensed victualler (manager), married;

[2] *Helen Spittle*, dob, 25/09/1889, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Charles Walker was married to Gladys

Tipton Herald 20/2/1960

“During the past 10 years more than £1,500 has been raised for St. Dunstan’s by the Ocker Hill Domino League, and now they are helping another cause. At the league’s annual prize distribution on Friday of last week at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Ocker Hill, it was revealed that a cheque for £35 is to be presented to the Sunshine Homes for Children.

Prizes were presented by Mr. Leslie Reece, League President to DEW DROP INN (league winners), SHAKESPEARE INN (St. Dunstan Cup), and HARRIER A (Victory Cup). Other prize winners were G. Harrison and E. Baker, RAILWAY TAVERN (Thacker Cup), C. Jukes, HARRIER A (Knockout Cup), R. Power, CROWN AND CUSHION B (most wins).”

The licence was refused in 1986.

SHEPHERD’S COTTAGE

229, (4), High Street, Princes End, (Brierley), TIPTON

OWNERS

Mary A. Kennedy, widow, Princes End

Henry Simmons

Lawrence Bradley

James Bradley

Leonard Foster, maltster, Glenroy House, Sedgley

John Seedhouse and Sons Ltd., High Street, Princes End

LICENSEES

John Gutteridge []

John Styler [1871] – 1876);

Henry Simmons (1876 – 1879);

Lawrence Bradley (1879 – 1899);

James Bradley (1899 – 1906);

Mrs. Eliza Bradley (1906 – 1913);

Benjamin Garbett (1913 – 1932);

David Edward Pearson (1932 – 1936);

Arthur Robertson (1936 – 1939);

Harold Draisey (1939 – [1940])

Keith Frank Thomas []
Helen J Davies [1998]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

4, High Street [1871], [1891], [1896]
229, High Street

It had a beerhouse license.

[Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28/8/1869](#)

“The annual licensing meeting for the Bilston division took place yesterday, at the Police Court.....

The following beerhouse keepers had been fined during the past five years.....

For keeping open during prohibited hours *John Gutteridge*, SHEPHERDS COTTAGE, Sedgley, 10s and costs.”

1871 Census

4, High Street, Princes End

- [1] *John Styler* (41), puddler and beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Susannah Styler* (36), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Eliza Clarke* (14), domestic servant, born Sedgley;

Birmingham Daily Post 15/4/1873 - Advert

“I hereby Give Notice, that I will not be Responsible for any Debt or Debts my wife, *Susannah Styler*, may contract after this date.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1873.

(Signed) *John Styler*, Beerhouse-keeper, High Street, Princes End.”

1881 Census

4, High Street

- [1] *Lawrence Bradley* (41), beerhouse keeper, born Pousey, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Bradley* (41), wife, born Pousey, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Marion Bradley* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bradley* (15), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *George Bradley* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *James Bradley* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *John Bradley* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Elizabeth Hutton* (43), visitor, born Tipton;
- [9] *Ann Bailey* (23), visitor, born Tipton;

1891 Census

4, High Street, Brierley

- [1] *Lawrence Bradley* (52), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Eliza Bradley* (52), wife, born Oakengates, Shropshire;
- [3] *James Bradley* (19), son, brewer, born Tipton;
- [4] *John Bradley* (15), son, mechanic, born Tipton;
- [5] *Elizabeth Dutton* (52), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [6] *Alice Green* (7), niece, scholar, born Sedgley;

Lawrence Bradley, beer retailer, 4, High Street, Princes End. [1896]

1901 Census

4, High Street

[1] *James Bradley* (29), licensed victualler, born Summerhill, Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth A. Bradley* (28), wife, born Princes End;

[3] *Maria Bradley* (15), servant, born Princes End:

James Bradley, beer retailer, 4, High Street, Princes End. [1904]

1911 Census

Wednesbury Oak Road – SHEPHERDS COTTAGE

[1] *Eliza Bradley* (72), widow, publican, born Settle Heston, Shropshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Garbett* (44), daughter, married 24 years, cook, born Tipton;

[3] *Benjamin Garbett* (44), son-in-law, coal miner, hewer, born Tipton;

[4] *Benjamin Garbett Jnr.* (24), grandson, brewer, born Sedgley;

[5] *Florrie Bradley* (20), granddaughter, domestic, born Sedgley:

Mrs. Eliza Bradley, beer retailer, 4, High Street, Princes End. [1912]

She died on 6th January 1913.

Benjamin Garbett, beer retailer, 4, High Street, Princes End. [1916], [1921]

Dudley Herald 17/10/1931 - Advert

“Notice Of Sale By Auction of an excellent Freehold Home Brewing Beer-House-On, at Princes End, Tipton, with Possession.

Alfred W. Dando & Co. have received instructions to Sell By Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Monday, November 9th, 1931, the well-known, substantially erected Beer-house-on, the SHEPHERDS COTTAGE, High Street, Princes End, situate on the main road in a thickly populated district, well placed to command a large trade, with accommodation comprising Entrance Passage, Long Tap Room, Bar Smoke Room, Living Room, spacious Club Room, two Bedrooms, Pantry and Cellar together with two-floor Brewery, Wash house, Coal Place and the usual Outbuildings in spacious yard with double gateway approach, and having unbuilt upon frontage to the main road.

A purchaser will be required to take to the usual trade fixtures, Brewing Plant and Effects, at a valuation to be fixed by the Auctioneers.

N.B. This house will grow in value as it is situate on the fringe of a contemplated new housing estate.

Further particulars may be obtained of Messrs. W. A. and H. M. Foster & Co., Solicitors, 31, Queen Street, Wolverhampton (Tele 2256); or of the Auctioneers, 193, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley (Tele 2256).”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/4/1939

“The County Licensing Confirmation Committee for Staffordshire, at their meeting at Stafford yesterday..... The following applications were granted.....

License to sell wine at the SHEPHERDS COTTAGE INN, High Street, Princes End, Coseley.”

1939 Register

SHEPHERDS COTTAGE INN, Coseley UD

[1] *Harold Draisey*, date of birth, 17/05/1899, licensed victualler, married;

[2] *Alice Draisey*, dob, 15/09/1901, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Two teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55]

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1957-58]

London Gazette 2/3/1998

“*Thomas. Keith Frank* carrying on business as the ANGEL Public House, Wednesfield, WHITE ROSE Public House, Temple Street, Bilston, BIRD IN HAND, Hill Street, Bradley, SHEPHERDS COTTAGE, Princes End, Tipton, HORSELEY TAVERN, Dudley Port, COTTAGE SPRING, Alexandra Road, Tipton Date of Filing Petition – 26th January 1998.....”

[2008]

Closed [2010]

It was demolished in 2011.

SHINGLERS ARMS

Bell Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Shepherd [1861] – [1864]

NOTES

Thomas Shepherd = Thomas Shephard = Thomas Sheppard = Thomas Shepperd

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/10/1861

“W. Thompson of Tipton, hearing that E. Williams is not satisfied with his late defeat, Thompson will run him 10 score yards and give him two yards start, for £5 or £10 a side, and will meet him at Mr. *Shepherd's*, SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton, on Saturday or Monday evening next from seven until nine o'clock prepared to make a match. Mr. D. Harden, FIDDLE INN, Tipton, to be stakeholder and referee.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/10/1861

“T. Perry of Tipton will run either Cooper of Shaver's End or Acland of Dudley Port 120 yards; or give Brighton of Great Bridge one yard start in six score, or two in seven score. Either match can be made for £5 or £10 a side, at Mr. J. Whitehouse's, RAILWAY INN, Owen Street; or at Mr. *Shephard's*, SHINGLERS ARMS INN, Bell Street. To run in five weeks from the first deposit, either at Sheffield or Cannock. Mr. Haden of Tipton or Mr. Coates of Birmingham to be stakeholder and referee.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/1/1862

“Thompson and Price (both of Tipton). These midland district men have made their final deposit good to the stakeholder for their 120 yards match, for £5 a side, which comes off tomorrow at the Aston Cross Grounds; the men will toe the mark at one o'clock; to start by mutual consent in fifteen minutes or by the first report of a pistol, Mr. Shenstone to be referee. Thompson will be at *Shepherd's*, SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton, the Saturday evening, and Price at Mr. Whitehouse's, RAILWAY TAVERN, Tipton, at which places the men will be glad to see their friends.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/2/1862

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Jon Haines and D. G. Round, Esqs, *Thomas Sheppard*, SHINGLERS ARMS, Tipton Green, was charged with having allowed disorderly conduct in his house. Mr.

Sheldon appeared for the defence.

Police-constable Hunter stated that on Monday, the 3rd instant, he went to the house of the defendant at seven o'clock at night. The place was full of drunken men, who were breaking jugs, cursing and swearing, and otherwise creating a disturbance. The witness said that he was sent for in the first instance. Two other constables were examined, and they gave testimony which agreed with that of Hunter. There was not any question but that the defendant had sent for the police, but it did not appear that he had taken all means to keep his house quieter. He had told the police that some men named Walker had been the chief disturbers, and on the advice of the police he had summoned these men. The defence was that the defendant was away from home on the afternoon in question, and that the Walkers went there, as was their custom, on purpose to make a disturbance. Defendant rented the house from one of the Walkers, who was a respectable man, but the brothers who were disappointed that they had not the house for themselves, were a continual source of annoyance to defendant. Before deciding the case, the Magistrates heard the summonses against John and Levi Walker. Evidence was given which proved the charge of disorderly behaviour, and the breaking of jugs and glasses by them. Mr. *Sheppard* was fined 2s 6d and costs, and the Walkers 5s each and 7s 6d, the value of the property destroyed."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 29/6/1862

"Totty (late of Walsall, now of Burnt Tree), and Naylor of Gornal, near Dudley, have staked £1 a side for a match to run 120 yards, for £15 a side, Naylor to have two yards start, to come off at the Aston Cross Grounds, on Monday, July 21. The men meet on Monday evening, June 30, to draw up articles, and make it into £5 a side at *T. Shepherd's*, SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton."

Birmingham Journal 20/7/1862 - Advert

"*T. Shephard*, SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton, will open his splendid bagatelle room during the week. Admission by check 6d. Splendid hams and beef. Ale as fine as sherry, porter strong as Sampson, cigars mild as rose water. Pleasant waiters. Messrs. Williams and Jackson brother peds. Call and take a glass with the champion trainer this evening, July 20. Chair taken at six o'clock."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/8/1862 - Advert

"Sale At The SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton.

To Publicans, Brokers, Parties Furnishing, and Others.

To Be Sold By Auction, by C. Round, This day (Tuesday), August 5th, 1862.

The Household Furniture and Effects, mahogany Bagatelle Board, with nine ivory balls, cues, &c, complete; and a variety of other articles, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Shepherd*, who has no further use for them, having given up his shop in Owen Street.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 5/3/1864

"Mr. William's novice of Great Bridge and T. Parkes of Dudley must make their final deposit good this evening at Mr. *Sheppard's*, the SHINGLERS ARMS, Tipton, who is the final stakeholder and referee, for their six score yards match, for £5 a side, which stands to come off on Monday, March 7, at the Ash Tree Grounds, Tividale, between two and three o'clock."

Birmingham Daily Post 14/5/1864 - Advert

"To be Let, the SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton, with Baking and Grocery Business attached. Doing and excellent Business. Eleven years' lease unexpired. Valuation about £100.

Apply on the Premises."

SHOULDER OF MUTTON

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

P. H. Muntz

LICENSEES

Jose Lopez Perez []

SHRUBBERY

Dudley Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Price [1855] – [1858]

James Dainty [1859] – [1861]

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 26/9/1857 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Powell, on Monday Next, September 28th, at Eleven o’clock – an assortment of useful Pit Tools, Waggon, Timber, Horse Gear, a very useful Horse, and a well-built Trap, removed to the Premises of Mr. *John Price*, of the SHRUBBERY INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, for the convenience of sale.”

London Gazette 23/3/1858

“Whereas a Petition of *John Price*, now and for six days last past living in lodgings in Hall-street, Tipton, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, during that period working as a Miner, and for three years previous thereto residing at the SHRUBBERY TAVERN, in Dudley-road, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on there during the whole of the last-named period the trades or businesses of a Retailer of Beer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and during the last five months of that period working also as a Miner, and during the former or other remaining portion of the last-named period being in partnership with Thomas Perry, as Butty Miners, under the firm of Price and Perry, at certain pits, situate at High Leasows and Todd’s End, both in the parish of Tipton aforesaid, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Worcestershire at Dudley and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *John Price*, under the provisions or the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *John Price*, is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 8th of April next, at ten in the forenoon precisely, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors’ assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *John Price*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Thomas Walker, Registrar of the said Court, at his office, at the Court-house, Priory-street, Dudley, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/6/1859

“.....Watkins replied that he had seen the deceased at ‘Durham Jack’s’ – meaning *James Dainty*’s the SHRUBBERY TAVERN.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1860

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before James Bagnall and D. Round, Esqrs, the following beer sellers were summoned and convicted of having kept their houses open for the sale of beer at the wake beyond the hours allowed by the statute, viz, till half-past eleven at night *James Dainty* They were all fined 5s and costs, and cautioned as to their future transactions.”

1861 Census

Dudley Road – SHRUBBERY TAVERN

[1] *James Dainty* (30), publican and miner, born Sedgley;

[2] Ann Dainty (30), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Henry Dainty (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Emily Dainty (11 months), daughter, born Tipton:

Check Horseley Road.

SHRUBBERY (1)

20, Horseley Road, (Shrubbery Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Holdings Brewery Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1919]

LICENSEES

William Fisher [1864] – [1870]

John Eales [1871]

Joseph Pearson [1881]

Mrs. Elizabeth (Pearson) Richards [1891]

William Richards [1896] – 1927);

Fred Madeley (1927 – 1930);

Frederick Pugh (1930 – [1938]

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

William Fisher, beer retailer, Horseley Road. [1864]

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1866

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, the Stipendiary, presiding, *William Fisher*, of the SHRUBBERY INN, Shrubbery Lane, was fined 10s and costs, for having had his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday the 11th inst; and Benjamin Rowley, of the BUSH INN, Lea Brook, was fined 1s and costs for a similar

offence on the same day.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1868

“West Bromwich. On Wednesday last, the Annual Licensing sessions for the renewal of licenses already granted to houses in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division, and for receiving applications for new ones, were held at the Public Office twenty-one applications were nominally received for new licenses from the following persons, the whole to them to be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting on September 23rd.....

William Fisher, Shrubbery Road.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1868

“Yesterday, a special licensing session for the purpose of granting victuallers’ licenses was held at the Public Office, West Bromwich.....

William Fisher, Shrubbery Road. Refused.”

1871 Census

20, Horseley Road

- [1] *John Eales* (45), farmer (21 acres) and publican, born Nuneaton;
- [2] *Catherine Eales* (45), wife, born Nuneaton;
- [3] *Mary Ann Eales* (21), daughter, milliner, born Nuneaton;
- [4] *John Eales* (18), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] *Elizabeth Powell* (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Midland Examiner 11/12/1875

“Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest on Monday, at the SHRUBBERY TAVERN, Shrubbery Road, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of John Gibson, a collier, of Shrubbery Road. Mr. Edwards represented the Darlaston Steel and Iron Company, to whom the colliery in which the deceased was killed belonged. Mr. Dainty was also present with the plan.

It was shown by David Morgan, a fellow-workman, that three tons of coal fell on deceased from a corner of a pillar where no timber could be set. The coal fell after a ‘bump’ occurred, and witness had seen Gibson try the identical piece only a quarter of an hour before with his pike. There was plenty of timber in the pit, and no difficulty about obtaining it.

Several of the jury said it was impossible to take precautions against ‘bumps’ and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1881 Census

20, Horseley Road – SHRUBBERY INN

- [1] *Joseph Pearson* (33), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Pearson* (29), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Fred Pearson* (7), son, scholar, born Handsworth;
- [4] *Joseph Pearson* (5), son, scholar, born Handsworth;
- [5] *Mary Elizabeth Pearson* (4), daughter, scholar, born Handsworth;
- [6] *Elizabeth Moore* (17), general domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1888

“On Saturday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the SHRUBBERY TAVERN, Horseley, on the body of Ann Stokes (69), who lived near. It was shown that the woman went upstairs for the purpose of fetching down her grandson, and that in coming back she fell with the child. The latter escaped almost unhurt, but the grandmother received a severe wound on the head, and it was thought her neck was broken. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1891 Census

20, Horseley Road – Public House

- [1] *Elizabeth Pearson* (39), widow, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Fred Pearson (17), son, born Handsworth;
- [3] Joseph Pearson (15), son, apprentice, born Handsworth;
- [4] Gertrude Pearson (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Guest (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Elizabeth Pearson (39), widow, married *William Richards* (46), widower, boiler maker, on 8th August 1891 at St. James' Church, Wednesbury.

William Richards, beer retailer, 20, Horseley Road. [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

1901 Census

20, Horseley Road

- [1] *William Richards* (56), boiler maker (steel), born London;
- [2] Elizabeth Richards (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Gertrude Pearson (16), daughter, dressmaker, born Tipton;
- [4] Jenny Wagstaff (17), servant, born Tipton;
- [5] Alfred Richards (14), son, bridge trade (steel), born Tipton;
- [6] Ethel Richards (1), granddaughter born Derbyshire:

Tipton Herald 17/10/1903

“A dinner was held at the SHRUBBERY INN, Tipton, on Saturday evening, in connection with the sick and draw club, which is in a favourable financial position. Mr. J. Kent occupied the chair and Mr. B. Carter the vice chair. Mr. *Richards* (the host) gave ‘The King’ which was loyally pledged. A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. J. Morris and seconded by Mr. J. Matthews, was accorded the host and hostess. The toast of ‘The Visitors’ was also drunk. The remainder of the evening was devoted to conviviality.....”

1911 Census

20, Horseley Road – SHRUBBERY INN

- [1] *William Richards* (66), licensed victualler, born Poplar, London;
- [2] Elizabeth Richards (59), wife, married 19 years, born Dudley Port;
- [3] Marey E. Pearson (34), daughter, born Handsworth;
- [4] Gertrude Pearson (26), daughter, dressmaker, born Horseley Road, Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Morris (19), servant:

It closed, and the license was transferred to the TURF.

Demolished

SHRUBBERY (2)

60, Horseley Road / Alexandra Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired 1939) [1961]
Courage Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Charles 'Jack' Summerton (1939 – 1940);
Edith Summerton (1940 – 1941);
Walter Kilminster (1941 – 1954);
James Wilfred Morris (1954 – 1960);
Samuel Norton (1960 – [1966])
Harry Hubble [] – 1985);
Gillian Dangerfield (1985 – [])

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/4/1938

“The Staffordshire Licensing Confirmation Committee sat at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, to consider the confirmation of provisional licenses and removal orders granted in the petty sessional courts..... The committee confirmed orders from the removal of the full license of the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Tipton, to the SHRUBBERY INN, Tipton.”

It opened on 10th March 1939.

Evening Despatch 10/3/1939 - Advert

“Dedicated To The Traditional Hospitality Of The ‘Old English Inn’ the SHRUBBERY, Toll End, Tipton. Opening Today. The SHRUBBERY offers a hospitality of the personal type. Intimacy is its keynote. Moderate in size, it carries with it that atmosphere of good fellowship which is the ancient tradition of old English hospitality. You and your friends will take an even deeper pleasure, in ‘Good Honest Beer’ consumed in such congenial surroundings.

Mitchells & Butlers ‘Good Honest Beer’.

There’s An ‘M&B’ House Quite Near To You.”

Jack Summerton (1909-1976).

He was married to Edith.

See also TURF, Aston Street, Tipton, ROYAL OAK, Langley, KING ARTHUR, Dudley and ROYAL GEORGE, Willenhall.

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

Walter Kilminster was married to Martha.

Birmingham Daily Post 19/8/1959

“After a solicitor had spoken of ‘unconscionable delay’ in getting to hospital a woman suffering from a fractured hip a Dudley inquest was adjourned for a week yesterday for the attendance of a Wolverhampton doctor.

The inquest was on Mrs. Elizabeth *Morris*, aged 62, wife of Mr. *James Wilfred Morris*, licensee of the SHRUBBERY INN, Horseley Road, Tipton.

Evidence was given that after the woman had fallen at her home on March 13 she lay on a settee at the house for six weeks and three days, in almost constant pain, before she was removed to Dudley Guest Hospital.

Mr. *Morris* said that after his wife fell she was picked up and put on a settee in the living-room and never left it until she was removed to hospital six weeks and three days later.

Dr. I. L. R. Lumsden Gordon, practising at Whitehall Lodge, Great Bridge, was advised by the Coroner that he need not give evidence or answer questions. He said that he was called to see Mrs. *Morris* on March 13. He had treated her previously for arthritis, when he called to see her she was lying on the settee. At his request she stood up and walked a pace or two, with support, and he diagnosed exacerbation of arthritis and treated her for that.

Later, at the request of Mr. *Morris*, he called in Dr. J. V. S. A. Davies, a Wolverhampton consultant, who

agreed with his diagnosis but said the woman should go to hospital for observation.

Dr. Gordon agreed there appeared to have been a delay in sending the woman to hospital but could advance no reason. He was under the impression that Dr. Davies was arranging for the removal. He had to leave for Hastings shortly afterwards on the death of his mother, and was surprised to find Mrs. *Morris* still at home when he returned. He made immediate arrangements for her to go to hospital.

Answering Mr. D. F. Cave, representing the relatives, he agreed it would have been better if the woman, who had a history of falls, had gone into hospital immediately.

Mr. Cave: Let us face it, doctor. The truth is that your diagnosis was wrong? – Partly; she was suffering from arthritis.

But you did not discover the fracture? – No.

The woman ought not to have been there six weeks? – No.

Dr. E. G. Gordon, pathologist at the hospital, said the fracture accelerated the woman's death and, while he could not say she would have lived had she been admitted earlier, she would have had a better chance.

Mr. Cave then told the Coroner: The evidence at this point clearly shows unconscionable delay, and whether this is excusable or explicable is not a matter for this Court. But two weeks of that six weeks' delay is, according to a witness, attributable to Dr. Davies, and I think he should be given his chance to have his say. One does not seek to cause trouble, but one has to enquire, and I think it matters not how many people or organisations are involved.

Adjourning the inquest for a week, the Coroner, Mr. Malcolm Wright, said that, in view of Mr. Cave's remarks, he thought it better Dr. Davies should be called and 'allowed his say'."

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1959

"A denial that there had been any delay in removing to hospital a woman who had lain for six weeks on a couch with an undiagnosed fractured femur was made yesterday at the resumed Dudley inquest on Mrs. Elizabeth *Morris*, aged 62, wife of the licensee of the SHRUBBERY INN, Horseley Road, Tipton. The denial was given by Dr. J. V. S. A. Davies, practising at Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton. The inquest had been adjourned from last week so that he could be present and give evidence.....

Yesterday, Dr. Davies, who was told by the Coroner that he need not give evidence or answer questions, said that he visited the woman with Dr. Lumsden Gordon and, after obtaining a clinical history of the case, formed the opinion that there was a history of progressive disability leading to invalidism, which he attributed to multiple arthritis. He advised that she should go into hospital. Asked by the Coroner about the delay in getting the woman to hospital, Dr. Davies said he would not agree with the word 'delay' which indicated a deliberate putting off. 'I would rather say that there was an interval of about 16 days. This interval is only a short one in the case of a medical patient, and in that sense I would not agree that there had been a delay' he said.

Answering further questions by the Coroner, Dr. Davies said that the fractured femur was not evident when he made his examination.

Replying to Mr. D. F. Cave, who appeared for the woman's relative, he said he had not been told that the woman had fallen at home on March 13.

In his summing-up, the Coroner, Mr. Malcolm Wright, said it was not his duty to apportion any negligence, if any there might be, that might arise in the matter. 'Stress has been laid on the diagnosis and what has been called the delay in removing Mrs. *Morris* to hospital. This has been explained to some extent by Dr. Davies, but it is right that these matters should be mentioned though they may have to be pursued elsewhere if necessary. In my view the sequence of events which caused Mrs. *Morris*'s death started with the fracture of March 13, and in view of the fact that this accelerated her death, I feel the proper verdict is one of Death by Misadventure'."

James Wilfred Morris retired in 1961.

He was married to Elizabeth (died 14th July 1959).

Birmingham Daily Post 7/9/1977

"Thousands of Midland drinkers will be forced to change their drinking habits next year – because of a Government report. Three major breweries are to swop 437 pubs – leaving drinkers to choose between their fa-

avourite public house or their favourite beer. The deal was announced yesterday by Ansells, owned by Allied Breweries, Mitchells and Butlers, owned by Bass Charrington, and Courage. The move, involving public houses valued at £11,000,000, was prompted by a Monopolies Commission report seven years ago which claimed that breweries had too much of a stranglehold in certain towns and cities Tenants and managers are being given the opportunity to stay on new terms or change to another establishment. Managers can also opt for voluntary redundancy.....

M & B tenanted houses transferred to Courage.....

SHRUBERY, Horseley Road, Tipton.”

It was structurally altered internally in April 1979, and October 1988.

It closed in 2015.

It was converted into a shop.

SPORTSMAN

St. Marks Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

New River Retail

LICENSEES

George Round [1976] – **1981**)

Homer [1983] – [1985]

M Mulaney [2012] – [2013]

Phil and Ross Arnold (**2018** – [2019])

NOTES

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

It was the headquarters of Sportsman FC. [1976]

Express & Star 29/9/2018

“Council planners may have sealed the fate of a popular pub after backing a move by a supermarket to take it over. Heron Foods wants to create a new shop on the site of the SPORTSMAN in Tipton, despite it still being open for business. The pub, on St. Mark’s Road, is now facing the very real threat of closure. A campaign has been launched to save it by customers but councillors have been advised to give the plans the green light. The decision by planning officials is a huge blow for staff and customers. Councillors will have the final say at a meeting this week, but have been advised by experts that the plan should be allowed to go ahead. Planners said it was ‘accepted that the redevelopment of the site would result in the loss of the pub’ but that as it had not been nominated for Asset of Community Value status, the application was ‘only be reviewed on the merits of the scheme.’ Petitions signed by more than 600 people calling for the pub, which has been a fixture of the area for around 50 years, to be saved have been handed to Sandwell Council, while

customers have also written to MP Adrian Bailey asking him to back the campaign. Another 230 letters of objection will also be considered by the planning committee. The pub is owned by New River Retail, which has overseen changes of many of its pubs to shops over recent years.

James Marsh, who drinks in the SPORTSMAN and lives on nearby South Road, has threatened to boycott the Heron shop, should it open at the pub. He said, 'Since the new landlord has taken over he has built it back up again and it seems a shame to shut it when it is doing so well. Two petitions have gone into the council, signed by more than 600 people. We are short of places for people to get together. Apart from the SPORTSMAN we have only really got the church hall so could do with keeping it.'

Father-of-three Mr. Marsh, aged 38, said residents were concerned both about the potential loss of the pub and the arrival of a new supermarket. He said, 'People don't want another supermarket and the litter and antisocial behaviour that comes with it, that's what people are worried about.'

Pub manager, *Ross Arnold* took over in February following its brief closure around Christmas. He said, 'It is a pub that means a lot to the community. Most of the customers are elderly and it has been the local for around 50 or 60 years. We have had a lot of feedback from our customers – people are not happy about it.'

Express & Star 8/11/2018

"Jubilant campaigners are celebrating after planning chiefs unanimously turned down a controversial application to turn a popular Black Country pub into a supermarket.

A busy public gallery applauded and cheered Sandwell Council's planning committee's decision to refuse Heron Foods' bid to take over the site of the SPORTSMAN, in Tipton. It follows a long-standing battle from campaigners to save the pub – with nearly 900 signatures having been collected in opposition to the plans. They returned to the pub following the verdict on Wednesday night to celebrate the news.....

Ahead of Wednesday evening's meeting, Sandwell Council had received 230 objection letters and three petitions with a combined 893 signatures. Councillor Julie Webb said, 'I have been to the pub a few times, coming from Tipton I know it well. It has been in the community for many years and the current landlord has built up a reputation. There are too many applications of buying pubs and turning them into supermarkets.'"

Express & Star 26/4/2019

"Supermarket bosses have launched an appeal to overturn a Black Country council's decision to reject proposals to turn a popular pub into a food store. Sandwell Council's planning committee refused Heron Foods' bid to take over the site of the SPORTSMAN in Tipton in November. Campaigners carried out a long-standing battle to save the pub ahead of the decision – with nearly 900 signatures having been collected in opposition to the proposals. But it has now been revealed Heron Foods has appealed to the planning inspectorate to overturn the plans – and campaigners have said they are preparing to fight the plans again. A spokesman for the planning inspectorate confirmed they had received the appeal from Heron Foods – and a decision is expected on the appeal by July.

The SPORTSMAN has been open for around 50 years and is owned by New River Retail, which has overseen changes of many of its pubs to shops in recent years.

Phil Arnold, who runs the pub with his son *Ross*, said, 'They will have a fight on their hands if they are appealing the decision – the people of Tipton don't want a Heron Foods. We do a lot of charity work through the pub, so we have a lot of help and support through that. We will have the same backing as we did last time. We will definitely fight this appeal.....'

Express & Star 27/7/2019

"Plans to turn a popular Tipton pub into a food store have been given the green light by the planning inspectorate after an appeal was overturned. Sandwell Council's planning committee threw out Heron Foods' bid to take over the site of the SPORTSMAN back in November. But this week, the planning inspectorate granted approval for the plans, after Heron Foods appealed the authority's decision. Inspector Ben Plenty, who visited the site in June, said that the plans would not have 'material effect on the living conditions of adjacent or cause substantial harm to highway safety'. He added that the proposed retail use would include new employment opportunities and represent 'positive investment in the site and building.' Campaigners have been left devastated by the decision – after carrying out a long-standing battle to save the pub, gathering 900

signatures on a petition and even trying to get the pub listed as an asset of community value. James Marsh, who has been campaigning against the proposals, said, ‘Everyone is just frustrated and angry by this decision. People feel let down by it. It is frustrating because there is not really anything we can do about it now – we are going to try and get some legal advice. We had applied for the pub to be listed as an asset of community value and we were just fobbed off. It all seems to have been handled wrong really, we haven’t been told what’s going on. I am afraid it looks like that the pub will close. But we are going to send another petition to Heron Foods. A lot of people have said they won’t go to the store if it opens – there’s a lot of anger around it.’

Heron Foods submitted an appeal to the planning inspectorate in April, but the approval decision was published by Inspector Plenty, who had been appointed to look into the appeal by the Secretary of State, on Tuesday. The decision notice states, ‘Although the loss of the community facility would be of moderate weight in the planning balance, this would not outweigh the benefits of the proposal in its overall compliance with the development plan policies drawn to my attention and the framework. For the above reasons, and having taken into account all matters raised, the appeal is allowed.’ Heron Foods has been approached for comment.”

[2019]

STAR

185, Bloomfield Road, (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. [1903], [1904], [1912], [1916]

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1929]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Worley [1855] – [1856]

William Whitehouse (1856 – [1892])

William Thomas Martin [1896]

William Nathaniel Cotterell (1897 – [1898])

Mrs. Elizabeth Gray [1901]

Robert Lander (1903 – [])

Edward Henry Lindsay [1906]

F B Cook [1910]

Frank Gemmill Brown [1911]

James Horton [1914]

Arthur Robert Harding [1916] – 1930);

John Herbert Venville (1930 – 1932);

William Thomas Kings (1932 – 1934);

Joseph Whitehouse (1934 – 1939);

Mrs. Lillian Minnie Whitehouse (1939 – 1948);

Rosslyn Vivian Davies (1948 – 1950);

Gerald Jeremiah Allen Jones (1950 – [1970])

Thelma Dale []

NOTES

STAR HOTEL [1856], [1860], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1881], [1896], [1906], [1911], [1912], [1916]

It had a coffee room.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

John Worley, Bloomfield.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/3/1856 - Advert

“Freehold Public House And Premises, at Bloomfield, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Solomon Powell, on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1856, at the house of Mr. Daniel Haden, the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton, at six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions, The Freehold Public House, known as the STAR HOTEL, situated at Bloomfield aforesaid, late in the occupation of Mr. *John Worley*, with Brewery, Outbuildings, and Land, containing, with the site of the buildings, 1,010 square yards or thereabouts, to the same belonging.

The premises, which have been recently and very substantially erected, are abundantly supplied with water. The house has an ornamental front, with plate glass windows, and the interior arrangements are of a superior kind, possessing every convenience in respect to the trade, for which the property was erected. The situation is also very eligible for the purpose of trade, being within a short distance of railway stations and iron and other works, the premises are altogether a very desirable property.

For further particulars apply at the offices of Messrs. Whitehouse, Solicitors Wolverhampton, and Auctioneer, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 25/10/1856 - Advert

“STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield.

W. Whitehouse, in returning his sincere Thanks for the very liberal support he has received during the seven years he carried on Business at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, begs to inform his Friends and the Public in general, that he has taken to the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, where he intends to carry on Business as usual, and hopes by strict assiduous attention to merit the continuance of favours and support.

Wines and Spirits of the best quality, direct from the Docks.

N.B. Commercial Gentlemen visiting Tipton and that locality will find every comfort and accommodation at this Hotel.”

Birmingham Journal 31/12/1856 - Advert

“First Annual Ball, STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, will take place on Thursday, January 7th, 1856.

Tickets: Ladies, 4s; Gentlemen, 6d.

William Whitehouse, Proprietor.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/9/1857 - Advert

“Lost, on Thursday, the 10th instant, from a field at Hurst Lane Farm, Tipton, a Dark Brown Pony, about fourteen hands high, four years old. Whoever has found him and will bring him to Mr. *W. Whitehouse*, STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, will be Rewarded for their trouble.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“The usual meeting for the examination and passing of victuallers’ old licenses was held on Tuesday.....

These parties had been for the offences noted fined since the last annual licensing day.....

William Whitehouse, STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, open on Christmas day, fined 5s and costs.....
These parties were generally admonished or cautioned by the Magistrates.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1859 - Advert

“Wanted a Maltster. A man with a good character can have immediate employment. He will be expected to live in the house.

Apply STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 24/9/1859

“Amateur Theatrical Entertainment. The members of Tipton Dramatic Amateur Society, gave an entertainment at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, on Saturday evening last. The scenery was new, the performers clever, the object benevolent, and the attendance good.”

1861 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *William Whitehouse* (39), inn keeper (STAR) and maltster, born Tipton;
- [2] Jane Whitehouse (32), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] Harriet A. Whitehouse (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] William Whitehouse (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Martha A. Whitehouse (1 month), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Ellen Foster (17), house servant, born Tipton;
- [7] Sarah Handley (18), house servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/1/1863

“A number of gentlemen who met at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, on Wednesday evening, determined to celebrate the marriage of the Prince of Wales by a public dinner.”

Birmingham Journal 28/2/1863 - Advert

“Celebration Of The Marriage Of The Prince Of Wales.

A Public Dinner will be held at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, On Tuesday, the 10th of March next. Tickets including a Bottle of Wine, 7s 6d each. May be obtained at the Bar of the above Inn.

Dinner on the table punctually at Three o'clock.”

The Miner and Workman's Advocate 23/1/1864 - Advert

“The Puddlers' Head-Quarters.

Miners' and Millmen's Meetings are held at the STAR HOTEL, Tipton, *W. Whitehouse*, Proprietor.

The above Hotel, being the most central and by far the largest in the district, affords the best accommodation for large meetings of workmen of all classes, committees, and public meetings.

The *Miner and Workman's Advocate* to be seen, and all information respecting the Coal and Iron Trade to be had at the Bar.

Families supplied with home-brewed Ales, Dublin Porter, in cask and bottle, also Wines and Spirits of the finest quality.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/2/1864

“On Saturday, at the West Bromwich Police Court, a young man of miserable appearance, named John Pritchard, was brought up on the charge of having stolen a loaf of bread from the house of Mr. *William Whitehouse*, the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield. It appeared from the evidence of a witness named Mary Ann Fletcher, that on Wednesday last the prisoner came to the house and endeavoured to beg a pair of trousers from the landlady. The fellow went out, but loitered about the premises, and a short time after was detected by Fletcher in the act of taking the loaf from the pantry windows. He ran away with the loaf under his arm. He was afterwards apprehended by Police-constable Cook, and in answer to the charge admitted having stolen the bread, and expressed a desire to be transported, and said if the present case failed against him he would do something for which he should get years of imprisonment instead of months. Committed for trial

at the Sessions.”

[John Pritchard, appeared at the Sessions at Stafford, on 2nd March 1864, charged with larceny, having before committed a felony, he was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/4/1864 - Advert

“Garibaldi’s Visit To Birmingham.

The Working Men and others of Tipton, Princes End, and Bloomfield, are requested to attend a Public Meeting, This Evening, at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, at half-past Seven, to adopt the best method of giving a hearty Welcome to the Hero, Garibaldi.

W. Gilbert, Esq, is expected to take the Chair.

Messrs. Christie and Church will attend as a deputation from the Birmingham Working Men’s Committee.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/3/1865

“The Lockout In The Iron Trade.....

A large meeting of puddlers was held at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield (Mr. *Whitehouse*'s), yesterday, when a very animated discussion upon the present crisis took place. Reporters were not admitted to the meeting, for the men seem to imagine that if members of the press were present, they would not feel so confident, or so independent in expressing their opinions, and there were representatives from the following works: Bloomfield Factory, Tipton, Oldchurch, Millington's, Wednesbury Oak, Cresswell's, and Ebenezer. We were informed that the latter work's were opened yesterday. After the discussion, the following resolutions were unanimously passed: ‘That the meeting, having duly considered the concessions already made on the part of the men, is of opinion that such concessions should be accepted by the master; but at the same time the men are determined to remain firm on their part.’ The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.”

A National Conference of Miners was held here in June, 1865.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/3/1866

“Master And Workmen’s Act. A meeting of workmen took place at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, on Saturday evening, Mr. W. Smith in the chair, to consider the provisions of the above Act. The following resolution was unanimously agreed to: ‘Resolved, That this meeting considers the law of masters and workmen unequal, iniquitous, and unjust in principle and policy; and therefore inapplicable to the present state of society. Secondly: That this meeting pledges to give every information, and render reasonable pecuniary aid for the committee now sitting in Glasgow, to enable them to obtain the repeal or amendment to this law of masters and workmen.’”

William Whitehouse was also a maltster and brewer. [1868]

He was also a maltster. [1864], [1870]

He was also a brewer. [1870], [1892]

He was also a wine and spirit merchant.

See also KINGS ARMS, Bloomfield Road.

1871 Census

185, Bloomfield Road – STAR HOTEL

[1] *William Whitehouse* (49), widower, innkeeper and maltster employing 2 men, born Tipton;

[2] William Whitehouse (18), son, born Tipton;

[3] Harriet Aston Whitehouse (19), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Jane Aston Whitehouse (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Martha Aston Whitehouse (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Hannah Simpkins (20), domestic general servant, born Tipton;

[7] Eliza Elcock (19), domestic general servant, born Tipton;

[8] Thomas Nisbett (21), boarder, 2nd class assistant Inland Revenue, born Kinver;

[9] Mary Whitehouse (28), barmaid, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/1/1872

“A numerously attended meeting of puddlers, shinglers, rollers, and millmen was held at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton. Mr. James Harrison presided.....”

Dudley Guardian 14/2/1874

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before W. L. Underhill and Wilson Lloyd, Esqrs. Peter Craven, William Fleet, William Bridgwood, Eli Edwards, Richard Morris, James Murphy, Samuel Siddell, William Smith, and Joseph Hakin, were charged with rioting and doing wilful damage at Bloomfield, on the 5th inst. Eli Edwards, William Smith, and Joseph Hakin, were further charged with assaulting the police whilst in the execution of their duty at Tipton on the same date.

William Whitehouse stated that he was a maltster and licensed victualler, and kept the STAR HOTEL at Bloomfield. At about ten o'clock on the morning of the day in question, he was standing outside his house when the prisoners and a number of other persons came up who were armed with sticks and stones. They came from the direction of Tipton, and were shouting ‘Mills and Brogden for ever.’ Witness could not swear to all the prisoners, but could to Fleet, Birchwood, and Morris. As witness was afraid of receiving injury, he went inside his house, and as soon as he went near the window a shower of stones went through it. Morris appeared to be the ringleader. The damage done to his house amounted upwards of £20. All the neighbours were very much frightened and put up their shutters. The prisoners did not attempt to break into his house. The stones produced were some of them which were thrown through the windows. I saw Bridgwood among the crowd. I saw Morris’s hand up as well as others.

Samuel Moore proved seeing Fleet, Bridgwood, Morris, Murphy, Smith, and Craven, among the crowd; did not notice the other prisoners were there. Saw the crowd throw stones and a piece of timber through Mr. *Whitehouse*’s window. Craven was one that stood in the front rank.

William Holden proved seeing Craven and Morris in the crowd.

William Jefferies saw Fleet and Bridgwood among the crowd.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Jones, landlady of the BUSH INN, Bloomfield, stated that shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon, a very large crowd armed with sticks paid a visit to her house. She recognised Morris, Bridgwood, Fleet, as being in the crowd. Bridgwood asked whose side she was for, and immediately afterwards threw a stone through a window. A large shower of stones followed and about thirty panes of glass broken. PC Bishop proved seeing Siddell with a stick in his hand marching the crowd towards Mr. *Whitehouse*’s house shortly before 12 o'clock. The crowd were shouting ‘Mills and Brogden for ever.’

PC Keenan also gave evidence and said he was struck on the side of the head with a stone, because he remonstrated with the mob.

PS Dutton stated that about half-past one o'clock he and three other constables were conveying some prisoners to the station, when they were attacked by a large crowd of people, Joseph Hakin, William Smith, and Eli Edwards, threw stones several of which struck witness. PC Bishop was hurt very badly, and has been disabled from duty in consequence.

All the prisoners were remanded till next Monday.

Mr. *Whitehouse* then applied that the magistrates would make an order upon the treasurer of the Hundred to compensate him for the loss he had sustained. He had advice upon the matter and was informed that he would have to make application within 7 days, otherwise he would be barred from taking proceedings. Mr. Fellows said he should advise the Magistrates not to make an order as he was sure that no claims for compensation could be sustained. He read sections of the Act bearing on the subject by which it appeared that a dwelling house must be wholly demolished and untenable before compensation could be allowed. Mere damage to windows was not within the meaning of the Act. He remembered a case in point which occurred in Birmingham, during the Murphy riots when a claim was set up for damage caused to the roof of a house and chimney, but it was held that the mob did it to arm themselves with weapons. Mr. *Whitehouse* still persisted in making his application, which Mr. Fellows took down in writing and informed him that he would take opinion relative to the case.”

[Mills and Brogden were candidates in an election.]

Birmingham Daily Post 18/2/1874

“Yesterday, at the Wednesbury Police Court, the Stipendiary (Mr. I. Spooner) dealt with a number of persons charged with rioting at the recent Wednesbury election.....

William Bridgewood, Richard Morris, and James Murphy were charged with having done wilful and malicious damage to the property of Mr. *W. Whitehouse*, the STAR HOTEL, Tipton. Mr. *Whitehouse* deposed to damage being done to his property to the extent of £20 8s 8d, and he identified all the prisoners as being among the crowd sentenced to one month’s imprisonment each, with hard labour.....

The cases occupied from eleven till nearly five o’clock.”

Midland Examiner 30/10/1875

“Friendly Societies And Their Rights. In furtherance of this object a meeting of representatives of various Friendly Societies was held at the EAGLE TAVERN (Mr. Humphrey’s), Dock Lane, on Wednesday evening, ably presided over by Mr. Joseph Smart, when the following lodges, courts, and clubs were represented. Foresters – Court Old House at Home, BIRD IN HAND, Kate’s Hill; Court Factors Hope, THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton.

Oddfellows – FOUNTAIN OF HOPE, Birmingham Street, Dudley.

Druids – Dudley Castle, JUNCTION INN, Queens Cross, Dudley; ENTERPRISE, Stone Street.

Free Gardeners – Blooming Rose, EAGLE TAVERN, Dudley; Dudley Castle, EAGLE TAVERN, Dudley; Speed The Plough, BARLEYMOW, Dudley; ROSE AND SHAMROCK, Hall Street, Dudley; Cromwell, Kates Hill, Dudley; Lily of the Valley, New Street, Dudley; Forget-me-not, NEW INN, Dudley; Pride of the Garden, HOPE TAVERN, Dudley.

The Gift Friendly Society, COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley; Tipton United Friendly Society, KINGS HEAD; Tradesmen’s United Brothers, EARL DUDLEYS ARMS, Dudley; Miners Friendly Society, EARL DUDLEYS ARMS; United Tradesmen, BARLEYMOW, Dudley; Work of Industry Lodge, WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley; Miners Association, SHAKESPEARE INN, Dudley; Life and Death, WHITE ROSE, Dudley; Friendly Society, STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield; United Friendly Society, KINGS HEAD, Tipton.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously, (1) ‘That the Home Secretary be written to, asking him if the decision of Mr. Isaac Spencer in the recent case of a Friendly Society Sunday funeral be in accordance with the law,’ and (2) ‘That if a reply in the affirmative be received a petition for its alteration be forwarded to the borough and county members for presentation to the House of Commons’. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the same place. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman and Secretary, and the meeting separated.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/1/1876

“The Finished Ironrollers’ Protection Association.

On Saturday night the first annual meeting in connection with the above newly-formed association was held at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton. The proceedings commenced with a dinner, to which about sixty sat down.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/1/1880 - Notice

“East Staffordshire Election, 1880.....

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee for securing the election of S. C. Allsopp, Esq, and Sir John Hardy, Bart.....

W. Whitehouse, STAR Brewery, Bloomfield.”

1881 Census

185, Bloomfield Road – STAR HOTEL

[1] *William Whitehouse* (59), widower, brewer and maltster, born Tipton;

[2] William Whitehouse (28), son, brewer, born Tipton;

[3] Jane A. Whitehouse (25), daughter, musical professor, born Tipton;

[4] Martha A. Whitehouse (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Mary A. Whitehouse (15), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Phoebe J. Darby (20), general domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 20/8/1881

“About half past eleven o’clock on Tuesday night, a boatwoman passing along the canal side near Wood Street, saw what appeared to be a bundle of clothes floating in the water. She procured the assistance of a woman who lives near, and, having taken it out, they found it to be the body of a man. Information was given to the police, who at once identified the body as that of William Felix Joseph, and had it conveyed to Union Street, where he resided.

The deceased left the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, at an early hour the same evening, and being almost totally blind, it is conjectured that he missed his way and walked into the canal. Mr. Joseph was a brother of the late Dr. Joseph, of Tipton, and was well known in the neighbourhood. He was a man of varied accomplishments, and possessed an extraordinary retentive memory, being able to recite the whole of Milton’s ‘Paradise Lost,’ Cowper’s ‘Task,’ and also several of Shakespeare’s plays, besides a number of shorter poems. Of a genial and kindly disposition, his untimely end has cast a gloom over the neighbourhood.

The inquest was held in the BLACK COCK INN, by the county coroner (Mr. E. Hooper), on Wednesday afternoon.

Louisa Joseph, sister-in-law of deceased, said he resided with her, in Union Street, Tipton. He was 66 years of age. He left the house on Tuesday evening to go to Mr. Nicklin’s shop in Owen Street. She did not see him again until his body was brought home. His life was not insured.

William Whitehouse, landlord of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, said deceased came to his house about half past eight on Tuesday night. He remained in the bar until 9.20, when he left, saying he was going home. He was quite sober then.

Martha Daine, residing at the bottom of Wood Street, said that shortly after eleven o’clock on Tuesday night she heard cries that some one was in the canal. She ran out, and, seeing something floating in the water, with the assistance of a boatwoman, had it taken out. She immediately informed the police, and, finding it to be deceased, she went and informed his sister-in-law and saw the body taken home.

The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Evening Star 13/2/1882

“This morning a meeting of the ironworkers employed at Bloomfield, Wednesbury Oak, Gospel Oak, Millington’s and Hope Works, situated in the Tipton district, was held at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton. There was a very large attendance. Mr. J. Capper, operative secretary of the Wages Board, attended and addressed the meeting.

An operative presided, and in opening the proceedings said it was an adjourned meeting from last Monday. The meeting held last Monday was to consider the sliding scale. At that meeting some said that the sliding scale was worthless and had been no good; neither had the Wages Board been any good. They thought it best to have Mr. Capper and show whether there had been any benefit derived from the existing sliding scale or whether they were likely to be any good. He then called upon Mr. Capper to address the meeting.

Mr. Capper, in addressing the meeting said he had already proved, he thought, to the satisfaction of all reasonable men that the Board had conferred advantages upon the ironworkers in that and other districts. (Hear, hear).

He had pointed out at the mass meeting held at West Bromwich, and a district meeting at Brierley Hill, and at Sheffield that the average price paid for puddling in South Staffordshire for 10 years – 1860 to 1870 – during which time strikes and lockouts were the agencies employed for the regulation of wages – was 8s 4½d per ton. The average rate from 1871 to 1881, during which period wages had been regulated by the intelligent means of conciliation and arbitration, was 9s 7d per ton, and that notwithstanding seven years of unparalleled commercial depression. (Hear, hear).

Figures and facts of that character ought to carry conviction, and he believed they did to men capable of being convinced. Adverting to some personal observations that had been made respecting him, he said he did not feel annoyed at them, as he was doing his best honestly for those he represented. It was quite true that wages at the present time were exceedingly low, but such was not the result of the operation of the Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration, but the result chiefly of the unparalleled period of commercial depression. Arbitration under such circumstances could not keep up wages. What they ought to do was during times of good trade to make the most intelligent effort with a view of securing a fair share of benefits arising out of good trade and high prices, and on the other hand to take care by united action that the employers did not

take unfair advantage of them during a period of bad trade when prices were falling. During the past few days there had been a strike in the North of England. The ignorant or uninterested might assume that they could gain something by the strike. This was a dangerous weapon. If it was fair on the part of the working men to strike when trade was improving until the employers consented to give an advance in wages, it would be equally fair on the part of the employers to lock up their works when trade was declining until the workmen had consented to submit to a reduction. (Hear, hear).

He advised them to take care and not take unfair advantage of the present period of prosperity. What he believed in was that the men should select from amongst themselves the most intelligent of their number to represent them upon the council of the trade, and he was convinced that by the aid of reason they would secure something more than they could by a strike.....”

Wednesbury Herald 9/6/1883

“On Wednesday Mr. William Allen, of Princes End, was entertained at dinner at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, the dinner having been arranged by his friends in the Princes End district as a mark of their appreciation of public services rendered by Mr. Allen as a member of the Tipton Local Board, the Dudley Board of Guardians, and the Coseley Local Board. Over 80 sat down together, the host (Mr. *William Whitehouse*) catering in good style....”

Dudley and District News 13/12/1884

“The centenary celebration of the Tipton association for the Prosecution of Felons (established December 10, 1784), took place at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, on Wednesday evening, when about 40 gentlemen sat down to a capital dinner provided by host *William Whitehouse*. The chair was occupied by Dr. Edgar Underhill, and the vice-chair by Mr. Edgar Round (secretary).....”

Dudley and District News 27/12/1884

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, the magistrates – J. Solly and E. Williams, Esqs. – refused to grant the application of Mr. *Whitehouse*, of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, for a few hours extension of his licenses one evening in January on the occasion of a ball.”

A meeting of Tipton Conservatives was held here on 13th January 1885 to consider the formation of a Conservative Association.

Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/1887

“At the Police Court, yesterday – before Alderman Williams (Mayor of Walsall) and Mr. W. L. Underhill – several licensed victuallers applied for an extra hour on the nights of the 24th and 31st inst. The bench declined to accede to their wishes on the ground that the houses being closed at midnight on Saturday the dispersal of the customers would be on the Sunday. Mr. *W. Whitehouse* applied for an extension from 11 to 3 on the morning of the 3rd January for a ball at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, and the Bench granted the request. They also stated that they were willing to consider applications for other nights except the 24th and 31st.”

1891 Census

185, Bloomfield Road – STAR HOTEL

[1] *William Whitehouse* (69), widower, maltster and brewer, born Tipton;

[2] William Whitehouse (38), son, maltster and brewer, born Tipton;

[3] Martha A. Whitehouse (30), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Whitehouse (71), sister, born Tipton;

[5] Fanny Smith (23), domestic servant, born Birmingham;

[6] Mary Prichard (23), domestic servant, born Tipton;

[7] William J. West (42), servant, maltster, born Coventry:

Birmingham Daily Post 25/5/1893 - Died

“On the 23rd inst, at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, *William Whitehouse*, aged 71 years; deeply

regretted. Funeral will take place at Sedgley Church, tomorrow (Friday), May 26, at 12.45.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/8/1893 - Advert

“Brewers, Publicans, and Capitalists.

For sale by private treaty, the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, together with the malthouses and brewery in connection. The premises are freehold, and have been in the occupation of the late *William Whitehouse* for nearly 40 years, during which time a considerable fortune has been realised. The plant consists of a 3-quarter brewery, two 12-quarter malthouses, one of which is conveniently situated on the side of the canal, with good wharfage and in close proximity to the L&NW and GW railways. The business has increased each year, the last being the best. This is an opportunity seldom to be met with, being a thoroughly sound concern, ripe for further development, in which a large fortune could be speedily made, doing at the present time about £6,000 per annum. Price for the Freehold, including malthouses, £6,750, a portion of which can remain on mortgage.

For further particulars, apply to the Executors, Mr. W. Whitehouse, 14, Mount Street, Walsall, or Mr. F. E. F. Bailey, Bridge Street, Walsall.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/1/1895 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Properties. Bloomfield, Tipton.

An Important and Substantially-built Freehold Licensed Inn, Brewery (3-quarter Plant), Malting, Stables, and Outbuildings.

The STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton.

Together with the Goodwill and Possession. Also Freehold Premises, No.185, Bloomfield Road, Tipton.

Producing £13 per annum.

Five Freehold Dwelling Houses, Malthouse Road, Tipton, producing £37 1s per annum.

Freehold Malting (12-quarter), with Stabling, Coach-house, and Premises, having Canal Wharfage in Hurst Lane, Tipton.

Messrs. Gray & Walker, have received instructions from the Representatives of the late Mr. *William Whitehouse* to Sell by Auction, on Monday, February 4, 1895, at Five for Six o'clock punctually at the STAR HOTEL TIPTON – the above Freehold Properties.

The STAR INN, with its old-established connection, is worthy of the attention of Brewers and Maltsters, or any business requiring a lucrative trade, with a small amount of capital invested. The profits have exceeded £1,200 yearly, and are capable of being increased considerably. Arrangements can be made for a large portion of the Purchase to remain.

The valuation will be about £900.

Full particulars may be obtained from Messrs. T. M. J. and A. Whitehouse, Solicitors, Wolverhampton; or the Auctioneer, 8, Temple Row, Birmingham.”

William Thomas Martin was also a brewer. [1896]

County Express 9/10/1897

“Mr. *W. N. Cottrell*, late of the FIVE WAYS HOTEL, is holding a series of harmonic meetings at the STAR HOTEL, Tipton, similar to those he gave in Cradley Heath. The first was on Thursday, when there was a good attendance and an excellent programme. Mr. T. Edge's violin solos were the principal items of the programme, his brilliant execution and pure intonation gaining him great applause. Mr. Harry Green was in a happy humour, and his songs caused much amusement. Songs by Mr. W. Pugh, and pianoforte solos by Mr. Kingsley (who was also accompanist) were enjoyable items in the programme.”

Dudley Herald 15/1/1898

“The half yearly meeting of the Wolverhampton District of the National Order of Free Gardeners, was held at the Star Lodge House, STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, on Monday night.....”

Dudley Herald 19/2/1898 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Wednesday, 23rd February, 1898.

Belcher & Son will Sell by Auction, on the Premises and Date, the superior Brewing Plant and Effects, comprising large Copper and Wrought-iron Boilers, 3 bell-shaped Vats, 24 bushel Mash Tun, Coolers, patent Copper Refrigerator, Copper Temperator, Thermometer, Saccharometer, Yeast Vats on wheels, Hop Press, 30 well-seasoned Casks (9 gals to 450 gals.), Round Tubs, Wert Spouts, Turning Lathe and Bed, Sack Trolley, Avery's Platform Weighing Machine, capital maltster's Cart, useful Brewer's Float, Coal Cart, Spring Trap, set Harness, Rubber Hose, Steps, Ladders, Gas Stoves, and numerous other effects.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock sharp. Usual conditions.

Catalogues at the STAR HOTEL, or from the Auctioneers' Offices, Wednesbury and Darlaston."

Dudley Herald 26/2/1898

"Another of the series of enjoyable smoking concerts at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, which are held every Friday night, was given last week, when an enjoyable programme was gone through."

Dudley Herald 20/8/1898

"STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton.

Proprietor *W. N. Cotterell*.

This Hotel has the largest and most handsomely appointed Club Room in the Midlands, suitable for Balls, Parties, Meetings, etc. Only recently renovated.

Wines And Spirits Of The Finest Quality.

Smoking Concerts Every Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock, will be found most enjoyable. Only Select Artistes Engaged.

Ordinary Daily At 1.15."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/11/1898

"From the *London Gazette* (last night) Deeds of Arrangement.....

William Nathaniel Cottrell, late the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, now 48, Larches Lane, Wolverhampton, late victualler.

Trustee, William Brown, 9, Owen Street, Tipton, auctioneer, &c.

Liabilities unsecured, £829 15s 8d; estimated net assets, £354 8s 4d.

Dated October 27 and filed November 2.

William Nathaniel Cottrell – see also FIVE WAYS, Cradley Heath, Rowley Regis, GLOBE, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, and LEOPARD, Church Street, Bilston.

Dudley Herald 25/8/1900

"On Tuesday evening Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner) held an inquiry at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, touching the death of George Henry Knight (32), labourer, 173, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, who died from injuries sustained while following his employment at Wood's Brickyard, on August 10th. Mr. Jackson, factory inspector, was present. Mr. F. Round was foreman of the jury, and the following evidence was adduced. Caroline Rippen, mother of deceased, deposed that deceased was her son by a former marriage, and was a labourer at Wood and Company's Brickworks. Deceased had been employed at the works for three years. He had left the works for a week about a fortnight ago, but returned again in two days before he met with his injuries. On August 10th he went to work at six o'clock, returning to his breakfast, and then went to work at nine o'clock. Deceased had enjoyed good health, and on the above date was in his usual health. He came home about eleven o'clock and said, 'I have hurt my side, the barrow slipped, and the handle of it went into my right side.' She sent for Dr. Naylor, who attended him till his death, which occurred on Sunday morning. William Caddick, a deaf and dumb man, whose evidence was given through an interpreter, said that he was a brick drawer at Wood and Co.'s Works. He knew the deceased, and on the day of the accident he was at work with him. He saw deceased coming down the plank with a barrow from the kiln to the canal wharf, when the barrow slipped and threw the deceased off the plank, the handle going into the deceased's side, causing him to vomit blood.

Henry Beddows, brickmaker's foreman, Bloomfield Terrace, deposed that he was employed at Wood and Co.'s. Deceased was coming out of a kiln along a 20ft plank with a barrow loaded with bricks. As a rule

they slid down 16ft and then picked the barrow up along the trace. There was a hole about 6ft from the bottom of the planks, in which the deceased caught, and the weight of the barrow over-balanced him. Witness saw deceased the day following the accident, who told him he picked up the barrow about three feet off the bottom of the planks, and ran about six feet after then dropped into the hole in the plates. The barrow tipped up, and caught him under the ribs on the right side. There was about 2cwt on the barrow.

By Mr. Jackson: The hole was in the ground and not in the plate.

By a Juryman: The height of the plank at the starting point was about 12ft 6in.

Dr. J. Naylor, surgeon, practicing at Tipton, deposed that he was called to deceased on August 10th, and found him to be suffering from a collapse. Deceased told witness he had had a blow in the ribs from the handle of a barrow. His breathing was bad. He examined him, but could find no evidence of fracture. He left deceased for about an hour, who on his return vomited a frothy mucus, which was a sign of rupture of the lung. About two days after pneumonia set in, and deceased died on Sunday as stated. He attributed death to pneumonia, following the injury to the lungs caused by being struck with the handle of the barrow. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1901 Census

185, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Elizabeth Gray* (41), widow, licensed victualler, born Warmsworth, Yorkshire;

[2] *Ada Mary Coucom* (24), niece, barmaid, born Doncaster, Yorkshire;

[3] *Jennie Venables* (18), general servant, born Sedgley;

[4] *Harold F. Paskley* (23), nephew, railway carriage fitter, born Halifax, Yorkshire:

Edward Henry Lindsay was also a brewer. [1906]

1911 Census

185, Bloomfield Road – STAR HOTEL

[1] *Frank Gemmill Brown* (43), hotel keeper, born Glasgow;

[2] *Laura Malvina Brown* (34), wife, married 12 years, assisting in business, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Desmond Clyde Brown* (10), son, school, born Stourbridge;

[4] *Dorothy Nancy Brown* (8), daughter, school, born Stourbridge;

[5] *Hector Stuart Brown* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Leslie Gemmill Brown* (2), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Maud Gibbons* (15), servant, born Dudley:

Dudley Herald 21/3/1914 - Advert

“STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton.

District Headquarters of the Loyal Caledonian Corks Lodge No.638.

The Best Appointed House in Tipton.

HP Famous and Pure Home-Brewed Ales on Draught.

James Horton, manager.”

[HP stood for Hickman and Pullen.]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/2/1916

“At the annual Licensing Session of Tipton, yesterday, four houses were adjourned for further consideration. All the other licenses were renewed.

Of the four licenses referred to, two – the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Road, and the SPRING COTTAGE, Horseley Road – were scheduled with the consent of the owners; the other two were the BARREL INN, Dudley Port, and ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road.”

Lichfield Mercury 14/7/1916

“The Staffordshire Licensing Committee held their principal meeting at Stafford on Saturday.

From the Wednesbury county division the houses before the Committee were the BARREL, Dudley Port, Tipton; the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Tipton, both fully licensed; the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road,

Tipton, and the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bridge Road, both ante 1869 beerhouses.....

In the case of the STAR, this also was agreed to, and the Committee refused renewal of the license.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1916

“The Licensing (Consolidation Act), 1910. County of Stafford.

Notice is hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting held on the 8th day of July, 1916, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licences of the Premises specified below, all persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the Act together with the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises are requested to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims.....

STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Full License. Licensee, *Arthur Robert Harding*. Registered Owner, Atkinson’s Brewery Ltd.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1917

“Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

Supplemental Meeting. This meeting was held on the 14th of October, and by adjournment on the 11th of November and 9th of December. The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following nine cases the committee fixed the compensation, viz.....

The two remaining case – namely the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton (alehouse), and the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Road, Tipton (beerhouse, ante 1869), were referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/1/1918

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1917 was as follows.....

In the case of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, referred to the Inland Revenue last year, the Commissioners have not yet given their award.”

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1919

“The report of the Staffordshire Licensing Compensation Committee was presented to the County Quarter Sessions on Tuesday.....

The compensation was fixed as follows.....

In the case of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue awarded the sum of £400 as the compensation payable. The amount had not yet been apportioned among the interested parties, as it was understood an appeal had been lodged by them against the decision of the Commissioners.”

South Staffordshire Times 7/2/1920

“On Saturday evening last the men of the Engineering Department of the Tipton District of the Birmingham Navigations met at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, and sat down to dinner in a fine and spacious assembly room, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion.

A splendid repast was served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Harding*, in their usual excellent style. They had plenty of waiters present to look after the diners’ requirements, and full justice was done to the good things which had been provided and so tastefully put on to the table. About 60 in all sat down, and this number included a good sprinkling of those on the official staff.....”

Dudley Chronicle 10/5/1923

“Sobbing in a heart-broken way as she told her pitiful story to Messrs. Doughty, Peake and Hipkins at Tipton Police Court on Thursday, Mrs. Annie *Horton*, formerly well-known as the landlady of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Heath, and STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston, had a summons against her husband, *James Horton*, formerly the license holder, now of 10 Martin Road, for per-

sistent cruelty, through which she had been compelled to live apart from him.

She said she was at present living in an apartment at 47, Wellington Road, Tipton. She was married 29 years ago at St. Mark's, Wolverhampton, her wedding day being April 29th. They had lived at the COTTAGE SPRING, Horseley Heath, at the STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston, at an outdoor in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield. Since then they had lived at 10, Martin Road, Tipton. Asked what she specifically complained of, she said defendant was always coming home drunk, smashing the home up and destroying everything he could lay his hands on. He would not let the children come to see her, and she must have no friends or acquaintances. A week ago she had to rush for her life upstairs. Even if it was bitterly cold she had to go and stay there, for he told her to get into her kennel. She left him on the 1st of May, because he came home drunk, smashed everything so much that they had not a cup or saucer in the house. He was continually throwing them at her, and used filthy and threatening language frequently in front of the children.

'Are you afraid of him?' asked the Clerk. Witness replied, 'Absolutely.'

'Has he ever struck you?' asked the Clerk, and the reply was, 'Oh yes; dozens of times.'

Continuing she said that once he had cut her on the forehead with a spoon, and he had blacked her eyes several times. She had had everything thrown at her that could be thrown. Her name had been dragged up and down the town until she was ashamed to go out. He also brought up other people's names and accused them of being the fathers of her children. There were seven children in all, but only two now dependent. The language turned out was not fit for any child to hear, and she could not rear them under it. 'I can't, indeed I can't,' she sobbed.

When asked if he had any questions the defendant replied, 'I have too much respect for my dear wife to ask any questions.' In voluble style defendant went on to say he now had work.

The wife said her husband told her he was earning £1 16s a week.

Defendant: I will not make anything worse by asking my dear wife any questions. She is the most lovable woman on earth bar —.

Mr. Doughty: Bar what? Out with it.

Defendant: Her tongue. She is of a dubious and jealous disposition. Every time I go into the house I am accused of having been with other women. I have got a piece of steel in my side and suffer from heart disease. I have to walk from Tipton night and morning, and my meals consist of a little bread and a smear of margarine, and a little bit of cheese put in between.

The Clerk: You are charged with cruelty. What have you got to say about it?

Defendant: I absolutely deny it. If I am absolutely cruel why did I, last Saturday week, give her 30s, take 6s worth of meat into the house, and give her money for herself, and money to the kiddies to put into their bank. There is no publican in Tipton can say I am a customer.

Mr. Doughty: You have been married 29 years; is there no means of you living comfortably? Why have you not summoned him before?

The Wife: I have always been afraid, because he has said if I did I should never live to see the summons served on him.

Defendant: May I say a word?

The Clerk: You talk about your wife's tongue; yours appears to be quite as active. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wilkes, the Court Missionary, said he had tried, but could not effect any reconciliation.

Mr. Doughty: Is it not possible now to go and live quietly together?

The Wife: It is utterly impossible. She further said her two boys were now in the Army, and she was being helped in keeping the two that were dependent by two friends.

Defendant: May I explain —

The Clerk: Do be quiet; we are trying to help you.

Mr. Doughty: We should like to make you two friends again.

Defendant: Mr. Doughty, nothing would please me better. Let me go into your room and show you my leg, then you will wonder how I stand.

The wife having handed a written document of the 'language' used, the Bench passed it to the defendant, Mr. Doughty remarking, 'Just read that.'

Defendant having read it commenced to laugh and make observations, which caused Mr. Doughty to say sharply, 'Stop it. If you do not stop that tongue of yours you will go downstairs.'

Defendant (still smiling): Well, is it possible for any man to use language like that?

The Wife: Oh, you know you did, Jim.

Defendant went on to say that his earnings were £2 a week, minus his insurance. He was willing to give his wife £1 a week on conditions.

Mr. Doughty: No conditions. What can you give her now?

Defendant: Nothing. I have got nothing.

The wife (who had been allowed to be seated near the Bench) said she had forgiven him many times, even for getting her dearest friends into trouble.

Defendant: Thank you for that.

Mr. Doughty: Just be quiet for a minute or two, can't you? (To the wife.) Tell me, is he a heavy drinker?

The Wife: Oh, yes: I have known him spend £20 in drink.

Mr. Doughty: Does he get into delirium tremens?

The Wife: Oh, yes; I have seen him hundreds of times – seen him crawling on the floor on his hands and knees after them.

Defendant: Mr. Doughty, how can I answer that?

Mr. Doughty: Keep quiet, or we will soon find a cure for that. (To the wife.) And that no doubt accounts for a good deal of what you have told us.

The Wife: Oh, yes.

Defendant here began to say, 'I work from seven o'clock in the morning till six o'clock at night, and if I have got 3d I give it to pay for a glass of beer for my dear wife to have with her supper, and go without myself. I would do anything for a reconciliation.'

After much further talk, during which the defendant pointed to his two sons in the Army and his daughter's scholastic life, as a proof that he was no 'shuffler,' and the wife declared that she had no friends or relatives and that her daughters helped her, though her sons did not.

The magistrates said they would adjourn the case for a month on condition that defendant left his wife alone and paid her £1 a week. In the meantime the magistrates would make arrangements to see what was the matter with defendant.

The Clerk: And if he does not pay the case will be restored to the list.

The Wife: He has lost four situations through drink.

Defendant: When do I commence?

The Clerk: Next Saturday.

Defendant then walked to the table, threw down the house key, and said his wife could have all that was in the house, provided she let him have his letters and papers.

When his wife said she had not got them, defendant exclaimed, 'Then I will get authority to take those boxes out.'"

South Staffordshire Times 19/4/1924

"An advertisement today shows that on Saturday, April 26th, there will be a special dance at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield. It will be for the benefit of the Guest Hospital, and there are several good prizes provided for winners in the spot dances."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/9/1929 - Advert

"By Order of Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Limited and Messrs. Peter Walker & Co. Limited.

In The Black Country Industrial Area, and Embracing Properties in Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

Important Sale In Separate Lots, of 45 Freehold Licensed Houses, some with adjoining properties, and including 36 Fully-licensed Houses, 8 On-Beer Houses and 1 Off-License, situate in.....

Tipton and District.....

STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield.....

Boswell & Tomlins, FAI, in conjunction with William Fowler, Bewlay & Co., will submit the above for Sale by Public Auction, in 45 Lots (subject to Conditions of Sale), at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Monday, October 14, 1929, commencing at 3.30 pm promptly.

Printed particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors, Messrs. Redfern and Co., 25, Colmore Row, Birmingham; or from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, FIA, 88 and 89, Darlington Street,

Wolverhampton (Tel. No.1116 (two lines), Telegrams 'Auctions'), and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and Co., 59, Temple Row, Birmingham (Tel. Midland 6120)."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/10/1929

"An important sale of freehold licensed premises in the Black Country was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday, when Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, Wolverhampton, and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and and Co., Birmingham, offered 45 lots, the vendors of which were Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Ltd, and Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.

Of the 45 lots which were situate at West Bromwich, Tipton, Dudley, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, and Stourbridge, 32 were sold at the sale, and these realised over £80,000....."

[The prices realised by 15 pubs were listed but did not include the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, so it is not known whether it was sold.]

1939 Register

185, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Lilian Minnie Whitehouse*, date of birth, 31/10/1878, licensee and caterer, widowed;

[2] Richard Smith, dob, 19/06/1879, jig tool and guage fitter, general engineer, single:

It was three-parts demolished by a German bomb on 19th November 1940. The licensee's son was killed. It had been hit during WW1 but the bomb had not exploded.

Birmingham Mail 25/9/1943 - Advert

"Green Parrot & Cage for Sale.

STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield Road, Tipton."

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

Two teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55], [1955-56]

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1956-57], [1957-58]

Tipton Herald 23/7/1955

"Princes End (Tipton) Sons of Rest Domino League raised a total of £48 16s for two Sons of Rest homes last season. At the league's annual prize distribution in Messrs. Lathe's Ltd. canteen last Friday night, half of the total was presented to Councillor S. Cox for the Summerhill Sons of Rest and the other half to Councillor Mrs. Gutteridge for Tibbington Sons of Rest.

The UNION INN were presented with the league cup and the runner-up trophy to the UNICORN INN, the 'knock-out' cup was won by the STAR 'B' team.

Councillor A. Parkes carried out the presentations."

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1955

"The 65th annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited was held yesterday at Wolverhampton, Mr. F. J. Yardley (Chairman and Managing Director) presiding.....

Since the relaxation of building restrictions work has commenced on six new houses and it is expected that contracts will be let in respect of 11 others before September, 1956. The capital expenditure involved in respect of all the above houses is estimated at £318,000.....

The STAR, Tipton, which was also damaged by enemy action is also being completely rebuilt."

It was rebuilt on same site, but set back further from the road.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1956

"The annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited will be held on December 31 at Wolverhampton. The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. J. Yardley.....

Six new houses have been opened during the year.....

STAR, Tipton, in September....

They are all doing good business and in a full year should fully justify the capital outlay involved and make a valuable contribution to earnings.”

Tipton Herald 30/6/1956

“Prizes worth £39 10s were distributed on Friday of last week at the COURT HOUSE, Dudley, when games were played between the finalists and consolation finalists in the Dudley Town Football Club darts competition.

In the final the STAR HOTEL (Bloomfield) beat the DOG AND PARTRIDGE (Brierley Hill) by 5-0 while in the consolation final the TALBOT INN (Pensnett) beat Coseley Working Men’s Club by 3-2.

Members of the winning teams were presented with canteens of cutlery and the runners up received coffee sets. Mr. Jones, captain of the STAR team, was presented with a cigarette case for making the highest score.....”

Tipton Herald 6/10/1956

“Mr. J. Beal, captain of the GOODFELLOWS ARMS, received on behalf of his team, the C. R. Butler Cup for darts after the final of the competition, held at the OLD SWAN INN, Netherton, on Friday week. His team beat the STAR HOTEL, Tipton by two games to one.

Run annually, the competition has this year raised £32, and this, together with money from the Netherton Old Folks Darts and Crib League, constituted the record amount of £169 14s, of which the balance of £125 was presented in cheque form to Mrs. Hodson, wife of the treasurer of the Netherton Old Folks Fund, by secretary, Mr. F. G. Newman.

The money is raised from collections which are taken during league and cup matches.

Apart from the C. R. Butler Cup there were two other awards, the T. Lawton Cup for runners-up and the W. Henn Cup which is presented to the team that has taken the largest collection during the season. Winners of the respective cups were the STAR HOTEL, of course and the YEW TREE INN, Netherton, which collected £2 11s.

President of the league, Mrs. D. C. Pardoe; Mr. C. Bartlett, Chairman of the Cup Competition; and Mrs. Allen, a member of the Old Folks Committee, were among officials present at the occasion, as well as Mrs. C. R. Butler, who is wife of the donor of the main award.

Mrs. Butler presented all cups.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Darts League. [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 20/7/1957

“The newly-formed Princes End Darts League held its first prize distribution on Friday of last week at the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Princes End, when the league championship shield was presented to the STAR, Bloomfield, and the league knock-out cup to the WAGON AND HORSES, Bloomfield Road.....”

Tipton Herald 30/11/1957

“On his visit to Tipton next Thursday the Duke of Bedford, who is to present cups to winners of darts and domino competitions organised by a local contractor, will be entertained to lunch at the works of Vono Ltd. and during the afternoon will be taken on a conducted tour of Vono and Revo works.

In the evening at Horseley Bridge and Thomas Piggott’s canteen the cups will be presented to the BRITANNIA INN, Dial Lane, West Bromwich, winners of the domino competition, and to the STAR INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, winners of the darts competition, who beat their opponents the HOP AND BARLEY-CORN INN, Tipton, at the final held at Vono’s club rooms on Monday evening. Both the cups have been given by Mr. J. Monahan, known throughout Tipton as ‘Blackout’.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/6/1969

“A Dudley man who ‘died’ three times and whose heart stopped pumping 195 times was described by the medical staff at Burton Road Hospital, Dudley, last night, as ‘a living miracle’ The intensive therapy

unit was completely equipped by the STAR (Bloomfield) HOTEL Sports and Social Club Committee and has been open for just over 12 months.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/4/1970

“A cheque for £1,750 towards the cost of an extension to the intensive therapy unit was presented to Burton Road Hospital, Dudley, last night by Mr. *Gerald Jones*, licensee of the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, and chairman of the sports and social club committee responsible for giving £3,500 to the hospital in less than nine months.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/7/1970

“Extensions to the Burton Road hospital’s intensive therapy unit will be officially opened on Wednesday, July 29, by Mr. *G. Jones*, chairman of the STAR HOTEL (Bloomfield) sports and social club.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/4/1972

“The regulars at the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, were last night described as ‘guardian angels’ after a cheque for £1,000 was presented to Burton Road Hospital, Dudley.

Mr. Harry Cox, of the committee of the STAR (Bloomfield) Sports and Social Club, presented the cheque to Coun. Len Hughes, chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Dudley, Stourbridge and District Hospital Group.

It was a final payment for the completion of a rehabilitation unit in the geriatric ward at Burton Road, which has cost £4,000.

Members of the social club, which was formed in 1966, have presented over £15,000 to the hospital. Each week they raise £250 for local charity and pay out the same amount in prize money.....”

[A team from here took part in the Sports Argus Inn Quiz. \[1978\]](#)

Thelma Dale was married to *Victor*.
See also BRITANNIA.

Closed

It was demolished in April 1996.

STATION

340, Dudley Port, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elijah Swain [1881]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was next door to the Board School.

1881 Census

340, Dudley Port

- [1] *Elijah Swain* (48), charter master, born Dudley;
- [2] Mary A. Swain (25), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Joseph E. Swain (15), son, coal miner, born Tipton;
- [4] Clara Swain (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Martha G. Swain (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Edith G. Swain (1 month), daughter, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 25/6/1881

“Benjamin Smith and Joseph Morgan were charged with assaulting Joseph Davis, on Saturday, the 11th June.

Joseph Davis, roller, Toll End, said that on the 11th inst he was at *Elijah Swain's*, Dudley Port, between 8 and 9, and had a pint of ale with H. Longford. He called for another, and Morgan said he would toss him. Davis said they would not allow it; however, they tossed, and he (Davis) lost 6 quarts of ale and paid for it. Morgan borrowed 1s off Smith to pay for what he lost, and when he put it down, he (Davis) picked it up. Smith then laid hold of him and jowled his head against the wall, causing blood to flow, and Morgan kicked him.

H. Longford, furnaceman, said he saw Smith punching Davis's head against the wall, and went to take him off, when two others seized him by the throat. He did not know who struck the first blow, as he was not in the room all the time.

Mrs. Martha Davis, mother of the complainant, said that defendants came to her house that morning and offered to pay the summons and the service, but no more, and their offer was refused. This witness caused a very great deal of trouble, repeatedly persisting in making statements instead of answering questions. Smith, in defence, said that he put down 1s for a pint of ale, and Davis picked it up and refused to give it back. Davis struck him, and a free fight took place.

Henry Bence said that he saw Smith put down 1s and Davis pick it up. A fight then took place.

Hannah Morgan, daughter of one of the defendants, said she saw Smith put down 1s and Davis pick it up and put it into his pocket. Davis struck Smith the first blow, and then they fell fighting together, and the one was as bad as the other.

Ordered to pay the costs, 12s, between them, or 6s each.”

London Gazette 20/1/1888

“Notice of Dividends.

Swain, Elijah (Separate Estate), having resided and traded at the STATION INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, Staffordshire, Beerhouse Keeper and Coal Master, trading with Daniel Skidmore, as Skidmore and Swain, at the Great Bridge Colliery, West Bromwich.”

Dudley Herald 1/12/1900

“Last Sunday week the remains of Mr. Edward Albert Hipkins (third son of the late Mr. Charles Hipkins, of Jervoise Street, West Bromwich) were laid to rest in the graveyard of St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford. Deceased some years ago resided at the STATION INN, Dudley Port, but for seven weeks prior to his demise he had lived at Kinver. Mr. Hipkins, who was widely respected, leaves a widow and one child. The coffin, of panelled and polished oak, was made by Mr. W. J. Dudley, of Kingswinford, and contained the following inscription. ‘Edward Albert Hipkins, died November 12th, 1900, aged 35 years.’ The mourners in attendance at the funeral included Mr. D. Hipkins, Mr. C. Hipkins, and Mr. G. S. Peake (of Tipton). The Rev. J. Boulton conducted the burial service.”

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided. Mr. Disturnal appeared for the licensing justices, who had referred the STATION INN, Dudley Port, and Mr. Graham Millward appeared for the owners of the house. The renewal of the license was objected to on the

ground of redundancy.

The committee refused the renewal of the license.”

Lichfield Mercury 17/8/1906

“Staffordshire Licensing Committee.....

The meeting of the Committee on Wednesday was for the purpose of further considering the question of compensation to persons interested in those public-houses the licenses of which had not been renewed by the Committee.....

An impression would seem to prevail in certain quarters that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on this compensation question, will be more generous in fixing the amounts, as quite a number of applications were made for cases to be referred to them, and in each case the Committee complied with the requests made to them. The houses affected by this decision are appended, the amounts claimed being stated, together with the amount which the licensing magistrates considered reasonable, though the latter sum was decided before Mr. Justice Kennedy’s decision, which, among other matters, was that the volume of trade and the rent should be capitalised and taken into account, as well as the depreciation of the fixtures.....

STATION INN, Dudley Port, £1,500.”

It closed on 7th December 1907.

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the twenty-four cases referred to them last year.....

STATION INN, Dudley Port, Tipton, £912.”

STORES

Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Arthur Edwin Hyde [] – 1912)

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/4/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions. *Arthur Edwin Hyde*, licensee of the STORES, Horseley Heath, Tipton, appealed against the decision of the Wednesbury justices not to renew the licence of the house. It was stated that the justices in their absolute discretion had declined to renew the licence as part of a general scheme of reduction, they being of opinion that there were too many licensed houses in the neighbourhood. The appeal was dismissed with costs.”

STORES

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Ann Whitney [1907]

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

The renewal of the license of The STORES, Great Bridge, to *Mary Ann Whitney*, who had been convicted of selling in an unstamped measure, was granted, on the undertaking that there should be no giving of the ‘long pull’.”

STORK

72, Great Bridge Street, Market Place, (72, (5), Great Bridge), (Dudley Road), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Holdings Brewery Ltd.

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1901]

Bass Ltd. [1970]

LICENSEES

Frederick Farley [1851] – **1858**);

Mrs. Ann Farley (**1858**);

Joseph Shaw Brewster (**1858 – 1865**);

Joseph Robert Lee (**1865 – [1879]**)

Edward Hickman [1881] – [1889]

William Bedford [1891]

George Bedford [1892]

William Butler [1896] – [1904]

Biddulph (**1896 – 1906**)

John Wilson [1901] manager

William Boraston [1908]

Arthur Leonard Chambers [1911] – [1912]

Frederick Parker [1916]

Fred Morris [1918]

James Butler [1921] – [1932]

Ernest Arthur Round []

James 'Jim' Partridge (1936 – 1954)
Ernie Bevan []
Edward Charles Beresford (1960 – 1961);
James Arthur Brookes (1961 – 1963);
Derek Horace McGredy (1963 – 1965);
Harold Allen (1965 – 1972);
Cyril John Holden (1972 – 1973);
Colin Dunn (1973 – 1974);
Gerrard Martin Murphy (1974 – 1975);
Jeanne Winifred Harvey (1975 – 1976);
Alfred Ernest Thompson (1976 – 1978);
Stephen Leslie Jones (1978 – 1981);
Santokh Singh Cheema (1981 – 1982);
Pargon Singh Cheema (1982 – 1986):

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[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

5, Great Bridge [1871]
72, Great Bridge [1881], [1940]
72, Great Bridge Street [1908], [1932]

Tokens issued from here bearing 'STORK VAULTS'.

1851 Census

Dudley Road – STORK INN

- [1] *Frederick Farley* (34), plumber and retail brewer, employing ten men, born Wyken, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Ann Farley* (29), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Edwin Farley* (9), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Farley* (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Fanny Farley* (6), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Mary A. Farley* (3), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Lucy Farley* (1), daughter, born West Bromwich:

[Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851](#)

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

Frederick Farley, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, retail brewer.”

AND

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851](#)

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Granted.]

[Staffordshire Advertiser 24/7/1852](#)

“Staffordshire Summer Assizes.

Charles Buxton, alias Long Charley, 20, a tall, powerfully-built young man, was indicted for the manslaughter of William Roberts, at the parish of Westbromwich, in the month of April last. Mr. Chance prosecuted; the prisoner was undefended.

Frederick Farley said he lived at Great Bridge. He was a plumber and glazier, and also kept the STORK INN. On the 3rd of April the deceased was at his house. About half-past eleven he got into a cart belonging to a man named Cooke, to go home. The prisoner got in also, and Cooke ordered him out; but he refused to get out unless the deceased also got out. Deceased then got out, as did prisoner also. When they were on the ground the prisoner wanted deceased to fight, but he refused. Prisoner then struck him lightly three times, and tried to induce him to fight, but deceased still refused. The prisoner then sprang towards him and struck him a violent blow on the forehead, and knocked him down, his head falling heavily on the ground. He was taken up insensible. The prisoner was fresh at the time.

Mrs. Roberts, the mother of the deceased, said she remembered her son being brought home about twelve o'clock on the night of the 3rd April last; he was insensible, could neither speak or stand, and continued in a state of torpor until the 15th April, when he died, never appearing conscious from the time he was brought home until the period of his death.

Mr. Savage, surgeon, Westbromwich, said he saw deceased on the day before his death in a state of insensibility. On the morning of the 15th April he died, and two days afterwards he made a post mortem examination of the body. There was no external wound on the head, but on removing the skull he discovered that death had been caused by effusion of blood upon the brain, resulting from the rupture of some vessel, which would probably be caused by a blow or fall.

The prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment to hard labour."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/4/1854

"On Tuesday, a young fellow named George Howard, No.2 Court, Cattage Buildings, Unett Street, Birmingham, was charged with smashing. It appeared that, on Friday, he went to the STORK INN, Great Bridge, and passed a bad crown piece to the landlady, Mrs. *Farley*. On Monday he repeated his visit, called for half a pint of ale, and was instantly recognised by Mrs. *Farley*. The prisoner was fully committed for trial."

Birmingham Journal 21/11/1857 - Advert

"Rare Opportunity. To Persons in want of a Good Business, who can command about £600.

To be Sold, and may be entered upon immediately, a Coal Wharf, in a good situation, now doing about four boats per week, and capable of extension, having frontage to the Canal and Turnpike Road, with Weighing Machine, Dwelling House, Shop, and Store Room. There is a good Business being done in the Corn and Coal Trades, and satisfactory reasons can be given for the present Proprietor wishing to relinquish the same. Apply to Mr. *Frederick Farley*, STORK INN, Great Bridge, Tipton."

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/3/1858

"The charges of forgery against Mr. *Frederick Farley*, of Great Bridge.

An extraordinary case of forgery has just occurred, which has caused very great excitement in the south of the county, and especially in this neighbourhood, where the parties implicated reside. The accused man is the landlord of the STORK INN, Great Bridge, and has carried on the business as a plumber and glazier in the same place. His name obtained some notoriety as one of the parties in the great case of Danks and *Farley* at the Stafford Assizes some few years since, on which occasion the public sympathy ran so strongly in favour of the prisoner that a subscription was got up on his behalf. The facts upon which the present charge of forgery is based are these. On the 12th instant, a woman named Whitehouse, wife of the landlord of the MOULDERS ARMS, Toll End, presented a cheque for £340 at Messrs. Spooner, Attwoods, and Marshall's Bank, New Street, Birmingham, purporting to be drawn by Messrs. Roberts, of the Swan Foundry, Westbromwich. The signature being suspected, and the clerk remembering that *Farley* had obtained a new cheque book for Messrs. Roberts, after a little demur went out and saw *Farley* standing in the street. A policeman was at once called, and *Farley* and the woman given into custody. *Farley* was brought up at the Birmingham Police Court, and the cheque proved to be a forgery. From subsequent inquiries the police have come to the conclusion that *Farley* was the forger of a cheque for £550, presented by the same woman, and paid by the cashier, at the Dudley and Westbromwich Bank, on the 27th January last; and of another cheque

for £570, presented at the same bank on Friday, the 5th instant, but refused, and of a third for £272, picked up on the pavement near Attwood's bank immediately after *Farley* was apprehended by detective-sergeant Manton. The woman was brought up before J. Leigh, Esq, on Saturday, at Westbromwich, but she has since been removed under a judge's order, to Warwick assizes, where she will be admitted as an approver against her confederate. *Farley* has been committed on the four charges referred to, for both forging and uttering, by the Birmingham magistrates. The general impression is that he will plead guilty, as he has acknowledged the correctness of a statement made by Mrs. Whitehouse, which distinctly implied his guilt."

[At the Warwick Assizes, on 17th March 1858, *Frederick Farley* received four years penal servitude for 'forging an order for payment.']

Birmingham Journal 17/4/1858

"Notice Is Hereby Given, that by an Indenture dated the sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, *Frederick Farley*, of Great Bridge, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Plumber and Glazier, did Assign unto John Spittle, of West Bromwich, in the same county, Gentleman, all his real and personal Estate and Effects, Upon Trust, for the benefit of all Creditors of him, the said *Frederick Farley*. Such deed was executed by the said *Frederick Farley* on the said sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, and by the said John Spittle on the 25th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, and the executors of such Deed by both the said Parties is attested by Edwin Wright, of 6, Waterloo Street, Birmingham, Attorney-at-law.

E. and H. Wright, Solicitors, 6, Waterloo Street, Birmingham.

E. Caddick, Solicitor, West Bromwich."

Birmingham Daily Post 11/5/1858

"We have already noticed a very melancholy accident to a little boy, two years two months old, named Frederick Reuben *Farley*, living with his mother at Great Bridge. On Saturday evening last an inquest was held on the body before G. Hinchliffe, Esq, at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge. From the evidence adduced it seems that on the preceding Thursday, Mrs. *Farley*, on her son coming into the yard at the back of the house, put his hat on and left him, as she inferred, safe. Very shortly after another child came to a woman living near Mrs. *Farley*'s, and said, 'A boy in the brook.' Telling the mother of deceased, she ran out and found her son in the brook-water insensible, and so near death that he died in a quarter of an hour after. After hearing the Coroner on this testimony, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Post 4/10/1858

"Transfer of Licenses.....

STORK INN, Great Bridge, from *Frederick Farley* to Mr. *Joseph Brewster*, of High Street, Birmingham, wine and spirit merchant."

Birmingham Journal 9/4/1859 - Advert

"Valuable Opportunity for Breeding.

This Season, the property of Mr. Nix, Merepool, that celebrated Horse, Volunteer, the Winner of Five Agricultural Prizes, and patronised by Lord Galway and other noblemen, at 2 guineas each mare, and 5s the groom.....

Volunteer will be on Tuesday at the NEW STORK INN, Great Bridge.....

As a proof of the high estimation Volunteer stands in as a stock getter, he has travelled with good success six seasons in one circuit and is the sire of many first-class hunters."

[This is the only reference to NEW STORK, but is more likely to refer to the STORK.]

Joseph S. Brewster was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1860], [1864]

Birmingham Journal 25/8/1860 - Advert

"Wanted, a Barmaid. Good references required. One accustomed to the business.

Apply at the STORK WINE VAULTS, Great Bridge, near Tipton."

Birmingham Journal 24/11/1860 - Advert

“Wanted, a Youth, to make himself generally useful. A good character indispensable. Apply at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge.”

Joseph S. Brewster was described as also a spirit merchant. [1861]

Birmingham Daily Post 18/4/1862 - Advert

“Wanted, a Barmaid, for a Wine and Spirit Vault. One accustomed to the business preferred. Good character indispensable.

Apply at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, near Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/5/1863 - Advert

“Wanted, a young man, as Light Porter.

Apply at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, near Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/6/1865 - Advert

“Lost, on Monday, between twelve and one, a small Black Greyhound. Answers to the name of ‘Tiny.’ Any person taking it to the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, shall be rewarded.”

Birmingham Daily Post 31/10/1865 - Advert

“Found, on Sunday night, a Brown Parcel, containing Linen. The owner can have it by applying at *Joseph R. Lee*’s, STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, and paying the expense of this advertisement.”

Illustrated Sporting News and Theatrical and Musical Review 24/2/1866 - Advert

“Mr. Joe Boyle, the Great Comic, and only Rival of Vance, and Mrs. Joe Boyle. Serio-comic, and Characteristic Vocalist, having concluded a very successful engagement at the Temperance Hall, Sandbach, have opened at the Bulls Head Concert, Longton, Staffordshire, on Monday 19th; return to the STORK Concert Hall, Greatbridge, second engagement, April the 16th, for one month; and open at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Oldbury, for six weeks, second engagement; at liberty March the 5th, for one month. All communications addressed to the Bulls Head Concert Hall, Longton, will meet with strict attention.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/8/1866 - Advert

“Wanted, a general Servant, one who can cook. Undeniable character required.

Apply, *J. R. Lee*, STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, Staffordshire.”

Illustrated Sporting News and Theatrical and Musical Review 27/7/1867 - Advert

“Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyle, at the STORK Concert Hall, Great Bridge, Staffordshire, 4th engagement opens at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Oldbury; 4th engagement commences at the Liver, Liverpool, on the 26th of August, for one month. At liberty on the 30th September. Address as above.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/2/1868

“At the Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before the Rev. W. Ker and R. Bagnall, Esqs, Thomas Roberts, 27, and Thomas Whitley, 24, labourers, were charged with stealing twelve ducks and seven fowl, the property of Mr. *Lee*, of the STORK INN, Great Bridge, and also with violently assaulting the police. On Saturday morning two police-constables were on duty near the Stork Bridge, opposite the canal, when they observed a shawl on top of the wall and noticed two men, who proved to be the prisoners, laying on the ground on the opposite side. The prisoners, on being spoken to, attacked the officers with bludgeons, and made their escape by swimming across the canal. They were apprehended in the course of the afternoon, and near to where they were first seen, and near the place where there was found a bag containing the ducks and fowls. The prisoners were committed for trial.”

[At the Sessions at Stafford, on 19th February 1868, Thomas Whitley and Thomas Roberts, were charged with stealing, on 15th February 1868, at Westbromwich, twelve ducks and seven fowls, the property of *Joseph Lee*, and were sentenced to 15 months’ with hard labour in the House of

Correction. They were also charged with 'unlawfully assaulting Thomas Turner, on 15th February 1868, at Westbromwich, he being a police constable in the due execution of his duty,' they were not tried on this indictment.]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 17/3/1868 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong active Young Man to wait in a Concert Hall and make himself generally useful in the house.

Apply to *J. R Lee*, Stork Music Hall, Great Bridge, Staffordshire.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/3/1870 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong active Girl as General Servant; also one as Housemaid; to assist in the Bar occasionally; aged about 20.

Apply, Mrs. *J. R. Lee*, STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge.”

[There might have been a staff retention problem as there are a lot of advertisements for staff, over many years.]

1871 Census

5, Great Bridge – STORK INN

[1] *Joseph R. Lee* (35), music hall proprietor, born New York, naturalized British subject;

[2] Rose Lee (30), wife, born Warwick;

[3] Rebecca Levi (12), niece, born Manchester;

[4] Annie Whitehouse (26), barmaid, born Dudley;

[5] Thomas Chambers (26), waiter, born Dudley Port;

[6] Ann Dyke (21), domestic servant, born Shropshire;

[7] Fanny Carpenter (22), domestic servant, born Banbury:

Dudley Guardian 7/3/1874

“Joseph Warren, of Great Bridge, was charged with having assaulted Police-constable Rodgers on Saturday night. Prisoner was unruly at the STORK INN, Great Bridge, and when the constable, who had been sent for by the landlord, was putting the prisoner out, he became very violent, and struck the constable on the breast and neck. In answer to the Bench, the constable said the prisoner had not got drunk at the STORK. A fine of £2 and costs was imposed, or six weeks' imprisonment.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/5/1876

“Richard Jukes, miner, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly, and also with having assaulted Police-constable Grealey. The offence took place on Saturday night, when the officer was called upon to turn the prisoner out of the STORK INN, Great Bridge, and was assaulted by him, the prisoner making a desperate attempt to gouge the officer's eye, and only being prevented by the intervention of bystanders. He was fined 10s 6d and costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly, and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for the assault.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/1877

“The Tipton police have in custody a carpenter and joiner, named William Mansfield, of Park Street, Wednesbury, on suspicion of being concerned in the death of Caroline Jones (45), with whom he cohabited. The parties were drinking together at the STORK at Great Bridge until late on Monday night, after which they started on the road home. During Tuesday the police found the body in the canal, and, upon making lengthy enquiries, took into custody Mansfield, not so much on the ground that he was guilty of the woman's death as because he cohabited with her, and was seen with her on Monday. Upon being apprehended, Mansfield said the woman and he were very drunk, and on their road home she would have more beer. He left her and went home. Her road home would be by the side of the canal. This statement fits in, it is said, with the man's subsequent conduct, and there is no doubt that the woman's nearest way to Wednesbury was by the canal side. In consequence, however, of rumours, the police are looking for three men alleged to have been

in the company of Jones after Mansfield left her. The body bears no wound, but there are one or two abrasions of the skin on the face. The deceased lived in Birmingham for years, and bore an indifferent character whilst there. The inquest will be held to-day.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/6/1880 - Advert

“Sale Of Superior Modern Furniture, Pianoforte, Casks, And Effects, at the STORK INN, at Great Bridge. By Roderick & Son. To be Sold by Auction, To-Morrow (Friday), June 4, commencing at 11 o’clock. The Superior Modern Household Furniture, Brewing Casks, and Effects, comprising iron Bedsteads, spring Mattresses, fine feather Beds, Toilet Tables, Swing Glasses, Toilet Ware, Chamber Chairs, mahogany and painted Chests of Drawers, Brussels and other Carpets, Grand Pianoforte, in rosewood case; mahogany Couch, Card Tables, Easy Chairs, Work Table, walnut Canterbury, Chimney Glasses in gilt frames, China and Glass ware, Oil Paintings and Prints, Dinner Ware, Kitchen Requisites, 12 gross of Bottles, Glasses, 30 large Ale Casks, Tubs, and a variety of useful Effects not taken to by the in-coming tenant. Catalogues at 2, Temple Row, West Bromwich.”

Wednesbury Herald 31/7/1880

“Two respectably dressed young men named Joseph and Samuel Williams, both residing at Dudley Port, were charged with violently assaulting Daniel Lawrence, landlord of the GEORGE HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury, at Great Bridge on the 19th inst.

Mr. Sheldon appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Sharpe, of West Bromwich, for the defendants.

Mr. Sheldon said the facts of the case were that on Monday night complainant drove over with a friend from Wednesbury to the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, and upon going into one of the rooms he was met by the two defendants, who without the slightest provocation struck and kicked him in a most violent manner. If he proved his case to the satisfaction of the Court, he trusted that his worship would severely punish the defendants.

The complainant said that upon going into the hotel the defendant Samuel mocked his voice and William afterwards struck him on the head which caused him to fall on the ground. Whilst on the ground both defendants kicked him in a most brutal manner.

A large number of witnesses having given evidence in support of the complainant, Mr. Sharpe said he was in a position to call evidence to the effect that Mr. Lawrence used insulting language towards the defendants, after which a free fight took place. Therefore he contended that if Mr. Lawrence was assaulted it was through his own seeking, inasmuch as he struck the first blow.

Witnesses having been called in support of the defence, defendants were afterwards charged with assaulting Abraham Cooper, a waiter at the STORK HOTEL.

The complainant stated that whilst the defendants were assaulting Lawrence they kicked him, and inflicted serious injuries.

The Stipendiary said he believed the evidence given for the complainants in both cases. For the first offence defendants would each have to pay 20s and costs, and for the second 5s and costs.

The hearing of the cases created a great deal of interest.”

1881 Census

72, Great Bridge – STORK HOTEL

- [1] *Edward Hickman* (47), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Ann Hickman* (32), wife, born Upper Gornal;
- [3] *Rebecca Hickman* (20), daughter, born Gospel Oak;
- [4] *Betsy Jane Stanton* (20), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *Sarah Timmins* (17), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Wednesbury Herald 20/8/1881

“An inquest was held by Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, on Wednesday, at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, touching the death of a boy named Charles Harrison (3), son of Adam Harrison, a publican, at Great Bridge, who was found drowned in an arm of the Birmingham Canal at Great Bridge on Saturday last. The father last saw his son about half past four on the day in question. He was then playing in the yard at the back of

the house with two or three other boys. As the lad did not come in to tea at the usual time the father went out to look for him, and finding no traces of him a general search was made. About half past seven a neighbour came in with her son, a boy of four years of age, who stated that he and deceased had been fishing by the side of the canal, and that deceased had rolled in. The boy pointed out the place where deceased had fallen in, and the canal was dragged and the body found. By the evidence it was found that there was no reason to believe that the lad had met his death by anything but an accident, and a verdict of Accidentally drowned was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/8/1884

“Yesterday, Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, on the body of Thomas Holland (4), the son of parents living in the neighbourhood. The boy walked on to the line on Wednesday last and was killed by a passing train. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/5/1885

“At the Police Court, yesterday, *Edward Hickman*, landlord of the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, was charged with keeping his licensed premises open for the sale of intoxicants during illegal hours on Sunday, the 3rd inst, and May Arnold, described as an actress, was summoned for being on the premises. Police-constable Kelly stated that on Sunday night, the 3rd inst, about 10.20, he was on duty in Great Bridge, when Arnold went up to him and asked him if she was doing any harm in fetching some beer. He told the defendant that it was after time. She afterwards went to the STORK INN, and in a few minutes returned with some ale. Mr. Shakespeare, for the defence, urged that the beer was not sold, but given to the defendant, Arnold, by *Hickman*, to dress an injury her father received by falling off the stage, and that she was under the impression the constable had given her permission to fetch it. Ultimately the learned Stipendiary dismissed both cases.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/10/1887 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public Houses, and Malshouses, and Premises, Great Bridge, Staffordshire. By Roderick & Son. To be Sold by Auction, at the Property Market, 5, Temple Row West, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 22nd November, 1881, at 6 o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced. Lot 1. A Highly-important Full-licensed, Public House, known as the STORK VAULTS, situate in the centre and very best business part of the town of Great Bridge, now let at a yearly rent of £270, and in the occupation of Mr. *Edward Hickman*, whose lease will expire at Christmas next, when the Purchaser will be entitled to absolute possession.

The Premises comprise a very spacious and handsome Liquor Vaults, Smoke and Club Rooms, capital Cellarage, an ample Domestic Accommodation; with Stabling, large Yard and Paddock in the rear, the whole extending to 3,155 square yards or thereabouts.

This is one of the best known Retail Wine and Spirit Establishments in South Staffordshire, and the sale offers to brewers a chance of acquiring a first-class concern, together with the Freehold and early possession.....”

West Bromwich Weekly News 3/12/1887

“A petition has been filed at the Oldbury County Court, by Mr. Shakespeare, on behalf of *Edward Hickman*, of the STORK VAULTS and Concert Hall, Great Bridge, for a receiving order. *Hickman* also carries on, in addition to the licensed victuallers’ business at the STORK, a similar business at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/1/1888

“Re *Edward Hickman*, licensed victualler, of the STORK VAULTS and Concert Hall, 72, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, and also of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheep Wash Lane, Great Bridge. The first meeting of creditors was held yesterday, at the offices of the Official Receiver (Mr. L. J. Sharp), Colmore Row. The official receiver’s report stated that the debtor, who was an ironworker, commenced business in 1872, at Gospel Oak, Tipton, with a capital of £50. In 1876 he removed to the GREAT WESTERN STORES, at Great Bridge. In 1878 he purchased the SEVEN STARS public-house for £800, and obtained a mortgage for

£750 upon the property. He also gave £97 12s 6d for the fixtures, stock, &c. In 1880 he took the STORK VAULTS, at a rental of £270, and paid £750 for the lease, stock, &c. To enable him to do this he borrowed £400, of which sum £370 was still owing. He continued trading in the hope of improving his position, but the trade for the past four or five years had gradually fallen away. In the beginning of the year the debtor was called upon to pay off the mortgage upon the SEVEN STARS, which he had reduced to £500, but was in arrear with interest. He succeeded in obtaining a new mortgage for £650. The balance was paid to his bankers. The lease of the STORK expires at Christmas. Up to September last the bankrupt was also trading at the GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, but as the business had not paid for the last two years he disposed of it to his manager, who agreed to pay him for the fixtures. At the request of the creditors the debtor was ordered to render an account of the goods received into his business premises within the past twelve months, in order that it might be seen what amounts of receipts he should account for. As the debtor had no offer of compensation to make, and the case was a summary one, the Official Receiver is constituted trustee.”

1891 Census

Great Bridge Street – STORK HOTEL

- [1] *William Bedford* (46), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Anne Bedford* (30), wife, born Water Orton, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Maude Bedford* (8), daughter, scholar, born Sutton Coldfield;
- [4] *Alfred Bedford* (6), son, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Alice Bedford* (5), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Edith Fletcher* (20), butler’s help, born Austen Bagot, Warwickshire;
- [7] *Elizabeth Starkey* (25), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Benjamin Hammond* (38), barman, born Birmingham;
- [9] *Andrew Holt* (23), barman, born Princes End;
- [10] *John Wagstaff* (58), widower, gardener, born Coulton, Warwickshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/8/1891

“West Bromwich. The annual licensing sessions for this borough were held yesterday.....

Mr. Shakespeare also applied for the transfer of the license of the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, to *William Bedford*, formerly a publican in Birmingham. He (Mr. Shakespeare) explained that *Bedford* had lived at the STORK HOTEL about three years, without having the license transferred to him, because about three years ago, after keeping various public-houses in Birmingham for fifteen years without complaint, he was convicted of permitting betting on licensed premises. He had, therefore, conducted the business at Great Bridge, but the license was in the name of his cousin. Superintendent Whitehurst opposed the transfer, and in reply to his questions applicant admitted that he was fined £15 for permitting betting whilst at the Brewers Arms Inn, Bordesley Street. He, however, denied that a man named Cooper, now in his service, transacted betting business at the STORK HOTEL. The application was deferred for further consideration at the adjourned meeting on the 24th of September.”

Mr. *Biddulph* was married to *Nellie*.

1901 Census

72, Great Bridge

- [1] *John Wilson* (38), hotel manager, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Louisa Wilson* (45), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Annie Wilson* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [4] *Louisa Wilson* (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Nellie Wilson* (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Ann Stanton* (58), sister-in-law, cook, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Lizzie Williams* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

William Butler – see also BRITANNIA, Whitehall Road, West Bromwich.

Wednesbury Leader 29/6/1901

“At the West Bromwich Police Court on Monday, before the Stipendiary (Mr. Neville), *William Butler*, licensee of the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on June 1st. Mrs. Wilkes was summoned for being drunk on licensed premises.

Mr. S. S. Dorsett (instructed by Mr. Thomas W. Clulow, of Birmingham), on behalf of Messrs. Mitchell and Butler Ltd., defended.

It appeared from the evidence that a woman named Wilkes went into the house intoxicated and remained there about 15 minutes.

For the defence, it was urged that the woman was ejected as soon as her condition was noticed.

The case was ultimately dismissed. The woman, however, was fined 10s 6d for being drunk.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/3/1908

“A verdict of Found Drowned was returned at the resumed inquest at Horseley Heath, Tipton, yesterday, by Mr. G. C. Lewis, on Elizabeth Ann Hilditch (21), of Union Street, Stafford, engaged in domestic service at Knowle near Birmingham, whose body was recovered from the canal at Great Bridge, on the night of March 16. The girl’s sweetheart, John Roberts, of Whitehall Road, Greet’s Green is at present in custody charged on suspicion with causing her death. He was present at the inquiry.

Hannah Roberts, of Whitehall Road, Greet’s Green, at whose house the accused lodged, repeated the evidence she gave at the opening of the inquiry, and added that Roberts came home about a quarter past nine on the night in question, and said, ‘Come, Hannah; Lizzie has jumped into the canal.’ Witness asked him where, and he said, ‘Along Sheepwash.’

William Ernest Leach, barman at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, stated that Roberts and the deceased were in the public-house for about 35 minutes. They were supplied with two glasses of ale and two brandies. They then appeared to be very friendly. Later in the evening Roberts came into the STORK and said to witness, ‘You saw the young lady with me. She is in the canal.’

Police-constable Blower stated that Roberts came up to him and said, ‘I want you. I will show you where somebody is dead.’ He pointed to the canal and added, ‘I, know she is there because I heard a splash.’

Witness said, ‘Why did you not make an alarm or try to save her yourself?’ Roberts said, ‘I did not think of speaking to anyone else until I saw you.’ He also said that they had been having a word or two, but he never thought that she would jump into the canal.

Police-sergeant Hollies stated that Roberts went to the police station at Greet’s Green. He was the worse for drink, crying, and much agitated. He made a statement to the effect that he was courting Hilditch, and that she was to have gone back to her place of service on the Sunday night, but stayed at his lodgings. Next day they went out about 5.35, and walked to the canal bridge. They stood there for some time, and they had a few words about her going back. He (Roberts) offered to pay her fare to Stafford, her home. She said, ‘I’ll not go back,’ and she ran down the opening to the canal, opposite Cox’s timber yard. He heard a splash; Hilditch did not come back; he had not seen her since, and she must be in the canal. Witness said to him, ‘What have you tried to do to get her out?’ and he replied, ‘I have not done anything.’ He added that he had told Police-constable Blower about it. Police-sergeant Hollies proceeded to describe the recovery of the body from the canal. Subsequently in the presence of Inspector Burgess, of Tipton, Roberts asked if they had found the girl and whether she was dead. Inspector Burgess told him that she had been found, and Roberts then burst into tears. He said they had a word or two, and she ran down and jumped into the canal.

Inspector Burgess said that after the recovery of the body he saw Roberts and cautioned him. He told him that it was serious matter and that he should arrest him on suspicion of causing the death of Hilditch. Roberts said, ‘After we left the STORK we went to the canal bridge. We had some words, and she went to the canal and jumped in.’ Roberts had had a drink, and subsequently said, ‘We quarrelled because she told me that she intended to stop with me and was not going back to her place of service. She ran along the side of the canal, and when she got into the water I ran back up the road.’ He also said that he did not know what to do, and reported it to a police-constable.

Dr. Mason said that he found no marks of violence internally or externally. Death was due to drowning. Samuel Hilditch, a painter of Stafford, brother of deceased, said the latter was somewhat of a hasty temper. He had never heard her threaten to commit suicide.

Roberts elected to make a statement. He said he was a malleable annealer, and was engaged to Hilditch. The latter came over to see him, and said, 'I think I will stop over the day because it is your birthday.' When they went to the STORK he ordered a glass of old ale for himself and some brandy for the deceased. She, however, would not have it, and witness drank it. When they came out she said, 'Jack, I am not going to my place again.' He replied, 'Then the best thing for you is to go home to Stafford, and I will pay your fare. It stands to common sense that you cannot stay with me.' She said, 'I will never leave you any more,' and ran down to the canal. Witness heard a splash, but was too agitated to do anything.

The Coroner: You did not think of trying to get her out? – I did not know what to do.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that it would be straining the matter very far to send Roberts for trial on a charge of murder with the evidence adduced. There was strong suspicion, but that was not enough. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned."

1911 Census

STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge

[1] *Arthur Chambers* (28), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Alice Chambers* (27), wife, married 5 years, publican, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Alice Gertrude Chambers* (3), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Edward Lowe* (53), uncle, publican, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Sarah Lowe* (51), aunt, publican, born Tipton;

[6] *Daisy Lowe* (20), cousin, domestic servant (cook), born Tipton;

[7] *Elsie Lowe* (17), cousin, domestic servant (housemaid), born Tipton;

[8] *Edward Billingsley* (23), servant, barman, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/12/1915

"The Gale In The Midlands.

The gale in the Midlands on Boxing Day wrecked the huge sign on the roof of the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge. Part of the sign caught on a telegraph pole, and remained suspended as shown in the above photograph."

It had a bowling green [c.1916], [1925], [1973]

Evening Despatch 10/5/1917

"A billiard match of 600 up between Frank Hadley, Smethwick, and Fred Meese, of Great Bridge, was played at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, and ended in a win for Hadley by 14 points. A collection on behalf of the wounded soldiers realised £2 2s."

Jim Partridge was a founder member of Tipton Harriers in 1910.

He was married to Winifred.

Evening Despatch 8/7/1918

"What three police officers saw in the early hours of a Sunday morning through a window was described at West Bromwich today during the hearing of two summonses against Edwin Thomas Picken, licensee of the GOLDEN LION beerhouse, Great Bridge, for supplying intoxicating liquor and permitting it to be consumed on his premises during prohibited hours. *Fred Morris*, licensee of the STORK HOTEL, his wife, and Thomas Caughan, who lodged at the GOLDEN LION, were summoned for consuming intoxicants on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

The case for the prosecution was that at 1.20 in the morning, 17 June, the police officers saw a light in the smoke room of the GOLDEN LION. Owing to the blinds not fitting properly, they were able to look into the room, where they saw all the defendants and Mrs. Picken. *Morris* had a glass, apparently containing ale, in his hand, from which he drank, and the women, who sat at a table on which there were two glasses, also apparently containing ale, were seen to drink from them.

When the police knocked the door the defendants went into the living room, taking their glasses with them. On being admitted the police found glasses containing the remainder of ale and empty ale bottles.

Picken said they were served before closing time, but *Morris* said 'I will tell you the truth. My wife and I came over to see these people after I had closed my house at nine o'clock, and that is all I can say. We have had a drink'. Proceeding."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/4/1925

"The bowling green season was started at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, on Saturday afternoon. There was no formal opening, but general satisfaction was expressed at the excellent state of the green."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 19/7/1933

"Merit Bowling.

The final rounds of the Birmingham and District Works League Individual merit competition were bowled at the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge....."

[In the final, W. Woodman beat A. Griffiths 21-16.]

1939 Register

72, Great Bridge, West Bromwich CB

[1] *James Partridge*, date of birth, 19/06/1888, license house manager for beers, wines and spirits, married;

[2] *Winifred Partridge*, dob, 17/05/1904, unpaid domestic, married;

[3] *James W. (William) Partridge*, dob, 03/01/1918, assembler in bridge and girder engineering, single;

[4] *Winifred Partridge*, dob, 07/10/1923, seeking work, not previously employed, single;

[5] *Kenneth Partridge*, dob, 20/02/1929, at school, single;

[6] *Stanley Partridge*, dob, 26/11/1931, at school, single;

[8] *Phoebe Barrows*, dob, 04/09/1903, bar general, single;

[9] *Vera M. (Jevons) Lloyd*, dob, 19/09/1910, bar general, single:

Cyril John Holden was married to *Carole* (b. West Bromwich, 1943).

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich Bowling League. [1948]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 16/4/1952 - Death

"*Lane, R. M.*, nee *Butler*. Late of the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge. Died April 12th after painful illness. Burial Thursday. 12 noon. Old Church."

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Domino League. [1954-55]

Two teams from here took part in the West Bromwich & District Bowling League. [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 26/10/1957

"The annual prize distribution and concert of West Bromwich and District Bowling League was held at the STORK INN, Great Bridge, last week. Amongst those who attended were the Mayor and Mayoress of West Bromwich (Alderman and Mrs. *F. Leeson*) and the Mayor and Mayoress of Tipton (Alderman and Mrs. *W. H. Hiron*)....."

Tipton Herald 15/10/1960

"A special court at Tipton on Tuesday heard how a 37-years-old labourer, who admitted drinking 16 pints of beer, 'went mad' after he had been hit with an axe and began to smash up furniture.

Before the court was *Joseph Robinson* (47), of 133, Powis Avenue, who was accused of hitting his step-brother, *Samuel Abraham*, with an axe. After the charge of maliciously wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm had been read to him, *Robinson* pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was committed for trial at the next Stafford Assizes.

The injuries *Abraham* is said to have sustained were two cuts, three and two inches long, on his head. Four stitches were inserted and he was detained in *Dudley Guest Hospital* for two days for observation.

Mr. Frank Cooper, prosecuting, asked *Abraham* if he remembered the night he was hurt. *Abraham* said in reply, 'That was the night I bosted the house up.' He added that he had been drinking heavily at the STORK in

Great Bridge and had drunk 16 pints of beer. He went home after leaving the STORK and when he got there he hit his step-brother in the face without saying anything. Robinson then hit him twice with the chopper Abraham told the court.

Mr. R. S. Chapman, defending, asked Abraham if it was the first time he had broken up the house, and Abraham said it was.

He agreed with Mr. Chapman that his step-brother picked up 'what was handy to protect himself.'

Mrs. Lillian Martha Bird, of 135, Powis Avenue, said her brother and step-brother and Abraham lived at that address. At about 9pm on September 23rd Robinson came home. When Abraham came in at 10pm he was in a quarrelsome mood. He kept walking round the room with his hands behind him. She added that Sam (Abraham) struck Robinson twice and then Robinson hit him with the chopper. Mrs. Bird said she tried to get them apart because one or the other might have been killed. When Abraham saw his own blood he went mad and started smashing up the furniture, she added.

When Mr. Chapman asked her if it was only in self-defence that Robinson picked up the chopper, Mrs. Bird replied, 'I suppose so. They hate the sight of one another.'

PC A. J. Smith told the bench he went to the house at 10.45pm and saw that most of the furniture in the living room had been smashed up. Robinson was sitting on a wall outside and he made a statement.

In the alleged statement he said that Sam was walking up and down and switching the lights in the room on and off. Their mother told Sam to sit down but he would not and he told him to do what his mother said.

Then Sam blew his nose on him and struck him and ran out of the house. There was a struggle and the sister parted them. It was then he picked up the chopper and hit Sam.

In conclusion, the alleged statement reads, 'I am sorry I did it, he had it coming.'

The defence submitted that there was no case to go for trial."

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich Mid-Week Bowling League. [1970], [1973]

It closed in 1985.

The license was surrendered by the brewery.

Demolished

Kwik Save was built on the site.

SWAN

Dudley Road, Upper Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Whitehouse [1828] – [1845]

Henry Leigh Whitehouse [1849] – [1855]

NOTES

Upper Green [1849]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 22/9/1828 - Advert

"Capital Canal Boats. Nearly New.

To be Sold by Auction, by Abiathar Bunch, on Wednesday, October 1, 1828, at Mr. *John Whitehouse's*, the

sign of the SWAN, Tipton, in the county of Stafford.

Four capital high Cabin Boats, strongly built, in good condition, and complete repair, having been employed in carrying coals, grains, &c, and every way fitted for the conveyance of dry goods.

The Boats are now lying near the above place.

The sale to commence at ten o'clock in the morning.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 27/9/1830 - Advert

"To Let, and may be entered upon immediately, two Dwelling Houses and Carrier's Warehouse, situated at Dudley Port.

For particulars, apply to Mr. Edward Williams, of Dudley Port, or Mr. *John Whitehouse*, of the SWAN INN, Tipton."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 30/1/1832 - Advert

"Cabin Boats.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesses Wright, on Friday next, February 2, at the house of Mr. *John Whitehouse*, the SWAN INN, Tipton, three capital well built Boats, one light Cart, &c.

To view the boats apply to Mr. *Whitehouse*.

Sale to commence at three o'clock in the afternoon."

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/3/1837

"Before the Rev. J. Clare and S. S. Briscoe, Esq, James Payne, servant to Mr. George Page, of Wolverhampton, pork-butcher, was brought before their worships, on a charge of robbing his master to a considerable amount.

Prosecutor being sworn, stated that on Saturday 1st, prisoner was sent on horseback to Mr. Webb's, Coseley, with some pork and £20 in silver. From information he received that the pork and the change had not reached Coseley, he sent Fenn, the constable, accompanied by Mr. Webb, in pursuit of the prisoner. They found him at Dudley and brought him back.

Mr. *John Whitehouse*, of the SWAN INN, Dudley Road, deposed to the prisoner going to his house early on Saturday morning, and asking for rum and water. On bringing it to him, prisoner was counting some silver, for which he wanted sovereigns; gave him three five-pound Bank of England notes and two sovereigns.

Mr. B. Webb, of Coseley, coal-master and victualler, said that on Saturday morning last Mr. Page was to send some pork and twenty pounds in silver. Nor receiving it at the proper time, he came to Wolverhampton to inquire about it; found it had been sent; got on his horse and pursued the prisoner, whom he traced to the SWAN INN at Dudley. On entering the kitchen, accompanied by Fenn, prisoner had a purse in his hands, which they seized. It contained 11 sovereigns, 12 half-sovereigns, and 9d in copper. Fenn asked prisoner if he had booked his place to go by coach to Worcester? To which he replied No; but the landlady said he had, and sent for the book-keeper, who informed them that the prisoner had taken an inside place to Worcester, in the name of Joseph Williams, and paid 12s for his fare.

Fenn produced the purse found on the prisoner, and also the silver he had left at the SWAN, which was all in half-crowns. In the purse was a bill for 123lbs of pork, and £20 cash, which should have been delivered to Mr. Webb.

The prisoner, on absconding, left the horse and pork at Bilston.

Committed to the Sessions."

[At the Staffordshire Quarter Sessions, James Paine, for stealing 100lbs weight of pork, and £20 in silver coin, the property of George Page, at Wolverhampton, was imprisoned for three calendar months.]

1841 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *John Whitehouse* (45), victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Whitehouse* (45), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Joseph Whitehouse* (25), butcher, born Staffordshire;

- [4] William Whitehouse (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] Sarah Whitehouse (15), born Staffordshire;
- [6] Mary Ann Whitehouse (15), born Staffordshire;
- [7] John Whitehouse (10), born Staffordshire;
- [8] James Whitehouse (5), born Staffordshire;
- [9] Mariah Freeth (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

Birmingham Journal 14/5/1842 - Deaths

“On the 9th instant, William *Whitehouse*, fourth son of Mr. *John Whitehouse*, of the SWAN INN, Tipton, much regretted by his family and friends.”

Birmingham Journal 10/1/1846 - Married

“On Tuesday, at the Parish Church, Tipton (by the Rev. E. A. Gwynne, minister of St. Paul’s Church), Joseph, second son of Mr. *John Whitehouse*, of the SWAN INN, Tipton, to Catherine, second daughter of Mr. Wade, grocer, of the same place.”

Henry Whitehouse was also a plumber and painter. [1849], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/8/1850

“On Wednesday the annual dinner of No.2 Iron Boat Society took place at Mr. *H. L. Whitehouse*’s, SWAN INN, Tipton, when between twenty and thirty of the men dined together, and passed a happy evening, under the presidency of Mr. John Hill and Mr. J. Hughes. The accommodation was excellent.”

Birmingham Journal 12/10/1850 - Advert

“To Ironmasters, Coalmasters, & Others.
 Sale By Auction Of Three Canal Boats At Tipton.
 To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. T. P. Stokes, on Tuesday Next, 15th day of October inst, at the back of Mr. *Henry Whitehouse*’s, the SWAN INN, Tipton. Two capital Iron and One Wood open Canal Boats, nearly new, the Proprietor having no further use for them.
 The Sale will commence in the morning at Eleven.”

1851 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Henry L. Whitehouse* (37), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Mary Ann Whitehouse (29), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] William Henry Whitehouse (6), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Eliza Whitehouse (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] John Whitehouse (2), son, born Tipton;
- [6] infant Whitehouse (1 week), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Charlotte Whitehouse (51), nurse, born Evesham, Worcestershire;
- [8] Emma Eaton (19), house servant, born Tipton;
- [9] Hannah Martin (17), house servant, born Tipton;
- [10] Charles Adams (40), manservant, born Evesham, Worcestershire:

Birmingham Journal 24/9/1853 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Important Freehold Building Land And Buildings, At Bloomfield, Tipton, Known As The ‘Little Daddocks,’ With Mines And Minerals Under The Same.
 To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. T. Danks, on Monday, October 3, at the house of Mr. *Henry Whitehouse*, the SWAN INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as will then be produced.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/8/1854

“The members of the Tipton Iron Boat Society, No.4, held their first anniversary on Tuesday, at the house of

Mr. *H. L. Whitehouse*, SWAN INN, Tipton, on which occasion upwards of forty gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner. The chair was ably filled by T. W. Coldicott, Esq, of Dudley, and the vice-chair by William Nock, Esq, of Ocker Hill. The dinner and wines were of a first-class description, and reflected great credit upon the worthy host and hostess. The company did not separate until a late hour.”

Birmingham Journal 4/8/1855

“Iron Boat Society. No.4 Society of this kind, held at Mr. *H. L. Whitehouse*’s, SWAN INN, partook of a splendid dinner on the occasion of its anniversary, on Tuesday last, when forty members met together at the above house, and passed a happy evening, under the presidency of Mr. T. W. Coldicott, the Vice-President being Mr. W. Nock. The dessert and wines reflected unusual credit on the much respected host.”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/1/1864

“Yesterday at the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, before Mr. I. Spooner, Job Gutteridge, Edward Gutteridge, John Mills, and Cornelius Mills, appeared to answer a charge of having been drunk and disorderly at Tipton Green, on Sunday night, just after they left the SWAN INN. The charge against Cornelius Mills was not made out, and he was therefore discharged, but the others were each fined 5s and costs, or in default twenty-one days’ imprisonment.”

SWAN

1, Eagle Road, (1, Eagle Lane), (Swan Street), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Sons Ltd, Warrington and Burton on Trent
Thomas Oliver Ltd. [1921]

LICENSEES

Job Ashton [1860] – 1865);
David Pearson (1865 – []
Job Ashton [] – 1871);
James Robert Smith (1871 – [1872]
John Hartopp [1873]
John Homer [1881] – [1883]
Thomas Bedford [1891] temporary transfer
William James Tranter [1891] – [1896]
Joseph Parrock [1890s]
Southam [1898]
Walter Owen Bates [1900]
John Whitney [1904]
Solomon Gould (1908 – [1912]
Frank Howes [1915] – [1916]
William Clay [1917] – 1921);
Minnie Williams (1921 – 1923):

NOTES

1, Eagle Lane [1861], [1865], [1868], [1891], [1901], [1911], [1923]

1, Eagle Road [1865], [1866], [1869], [1871], [1875], [1881], [1896], [1904], [1908], [1915]

WHITE SWAN [1865], [1898]

SWAN TAVERN [1866], [1869], [1875], [1883], [1889], [1908], [1912], [1917], [1918], [1923]

Job Ashton = John Aston

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1860

“The annual adjourned Special Sessions for transacting licensing business was held on Thursday.....

There were twenty-nine applications from retail brewers for wine and spirit licenses, with the following results.....

Tipton.....

Job Ashton, Eagle Lane Granted.”

1861 Census

Eagle Lane

[1] *Job Ashton* (51), victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] Hannah Ashton (48), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Sarah Ashton (23), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] Mary Ashton (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[5] Eliza Ashton (14), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[6] Joseph Ashton (12), son, born West Bromwich;

[7] Hannah Ashton (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[8] Emma Ashton (10), daughter, born Tipton;

[9] Harriet Ashton (6), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/1/1865

“On Saturday the following licenses were temporarily transferred.....

WHITE SWAN, Eagle Road, Great Bridge, from *Job Ashton* to *David Parsons*.”

[Another paper said *Pearson*.]

David Pearson = David Parsons

Birmingham Daily Post 11/7/1866

“Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest yesterday, at the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Road, on the body of a newly-born, unknown child. The body was discovered on Sunday in a ‘miskin’ by a boy named John Clenton, whilst playing near. The body was in a partially decomposed condition when found, and the inquest was adjourned until Saturday.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/7/1866

“An adjourned inquest was held on Saturday evening last, at the SWAN INN, Eagle Road, Great Bridge, before Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, upon the body of an illegitimate child of Jane Williamson. Dr. Thomas Underhill, of Toll End, stated that he had made a post mortem examination of the body, and was of the opinion that the child had never breathed. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with this evidence. Later in the afternoon the girl Williamson, was taken before the Magistrates, and upon the application of Inspector Phair, was remanded until Tuesday, at Wednesbury.”

Mary Ashton, spinster, married *James Robert Smith*, bachelor, roll turner, on 9th December 1867.

Dudley Herald 14/8/1869

“To be sold by auction – all that old established and old-licensed public house known as the SWAN TAVERN with the outbuildings and premises thereto belonging, being No.1, and situated in the Eagle Road,

Great Bridge, Tipton, now in the occupation of the proprietor Mr. *Job Ashton*. Annual value £36 proprietor giving up the business.”

1871 Census

1, Eagle Road

- [1] *James R. Smith* (28), roll turner, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Smith* (27), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Edwin A. Smith* (1), son, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Emma Ashton* (20), born Tipton;
- [5] *Harriet Ashton* (16), born Tipton;

London Gazette 3/8/1875

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

John Hartopp, of the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Road Licensed Victualler and Coal Master.....”

Evening Express 10/2/1881

“Mr. Joseph Eld, tobacconist, Castle Street, Dudley, was drowned last night in the canal at Eagle Road, Great Bridge. He had been to Hill Top on business, and was returning, accompanied by a man named Isaiah Glover. As they were walking along the towing path at the point mentioned they stumbled against each other, and both fell into the water. They were rescued by a man named Baker. Glover recovered, but Mr. Eld died in fifteen minutes afterwards. He leaves a large family. There are thirteen children, most of whom are of tender years.

The news of the occurrence created quite a sensation in Dudley, where the deceased was very well known. The body now lies at the SWAN INN, Great Bridge, awaiting the coroner’s inquest, which will be held in due course.”

Evening Express 12/2/1881

“On Friday afternoon the District Coroner (E. Hooper, Esq) held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Great Bridge, on the body of Joseph Eld (48), tobacconist, Castle Street, Dudley, who was drowned in the Canal at Eagle Road, Great Bridge, on the previous Wednesday night.

Mr. E. Warmington (Dudley) appeared to represent the relatives of the deceased.

Elizabeth Eld, wife of the deceased, stated that on Wednesday morning he left home at half past nine o’clock intending to visit Birmingham, Hill Top, and Swan Village, and to return home at night. Witness waited up all Wednesday night for deceased, and finding he did not return she was going the next (Thursday) morning to make inquiries about him at a place where she knew he would call, but about nine o’clock a messenger called and told her that the deceased was drowned. Deceased was to have received an account of £1 19s on Wednesday that witness knew of. She had no reason to suspect foul play, but thought he ought to have had some gold upon him when found. Deceased left home with the intention of having his portrait taken, and was then going to call upon a customer for an account.

Isaiah Glover, miner, Brickkiln Lane, Hill Top, said he was in the GLOBE public house, New Street, Hill Top, on Wednesday night, when he heard the deceased say he would give anyone threepence who would accompany him to Great Bridge Railway Station, as the night was dark and the road a rough one. The landlady told deceased that she knew witness would go with him. Witness consented, and they started. Deceased was smoking a cigar, and they proceeded as far as the furnaces at Golds Hill, when deceased appeared to grow giddy and took hold of witness’s left arm. When they came to the railway gate at Great Bridge they could not cross owing to some trucks being shunted. Deceased said he must catch the train, and witness said they could go under the canal bridge. When just under the bridge deceased suddenly ‘clapped’ his hand against the bridge and pushed against witness. Witness, who was next to the water’s edge, then fell in, and the deceased fell upon him. Witness sank twice, but ultimately got to the side and shouted ‘Murder.’ Some men from a colliery came to their assistance and got them out of the water. As far as witness knew, the deceased was sober.

By the Foreman: The fall into the water was very sudden. Did not know how the deceased got the marks now visible upon him.

The Coroner pointed out that the marks were not marks of violence, but merely superficial scratches.

By Mr. Warmington: Witness was sober, and had only had half a pint of 'fourpenny' to drink. He took the deceased a short cut to the station, because he seemed anxious to catch the train.

By a Juryman: It was about half past nine o'clock when they left the public house.

John Woodhall, schoolmaster, gave evidence as to hearing cries as he was returning home about ten o'clock on Wednesday evening, and on going to the canal side he found Glover struggling in the water. Witness, with the assistance of others, rescued him. Glover said there was another man in the water, maintaining that it was 'the tobacconist.' Deceased was then got out and removed to the SWAN INN, where he died. He believed the scratches on his face could be accounted for by his being turned on his face after he was taken out of the canal.

Mary Dyke, wife of the landlord of the GLOBE INN, Hill Top, said when the deceased left her house he was sober.

The police-constable having charge said the witness told him, when he went to make enquiries, that the deceased was the worse for liquor, but not drunk.

The witness, proceeding, said deceased was at her house from half past seven until half past nine, and had two bottles of Bass's ale.

Police-constable Godshall proved searching the deceased's pockets, and finding upon him 12 tobacco pouches, several pipes and cigar holders, a pocket book, watch, and keys, and a purse containing 5s, and 2s 6½ d loose in a ticket pocket. The clothes were all disarranged. Witness had made all the inquiries he could, but could not find anything to warrant a suspicion of foul play on the part of any one.

By Mr. Warmington: Had known the witness Glover eight years as a sober, steady, respectable man.

Glover, recalled, said he did not know that the deceased was a tobacconist until after his death.

Mr. Warmington, in reply to the coroner, said deceased's relatives had no suspicion whatever of foul play.

The jury then returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned, and one of the jurymen remarked that he thought the railway company should be recommended to put a footbridge over the railway crossing referred to."

[Joseph Eld left a widow and thirteen children.]

1881 Census

1, Eagle Road

[1] *John Homer* (44), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Betsey Homer* (38), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Betsey Homer* (7), daughter scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *William Homer* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *John Skidmore Homer* (2), son, born Tipton;

[6] *Arthur Homer* (11 months), son, born Tipton;

[7] *Isabella Smith* (14), nurse, born Tipton;

[8] *Annie Winfield* (21), general servant, born Tipton:

West Bromwich Weekly News 24/12/1881

"On Monday Mr. Hooper held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Great Bridge, touching the death of *Thomas Allemark* (27), boatman, of Reynold Street.

Samuel Allemark, brother of the deceased, identified the body.

Samuel Selby said on Saturday morning about half past two o'clock, he and the deceased were bringing a boatload of coal from Pelsall Hall Colliery to Stone's Works, Cape Arm. Deceased was steering the boat, when they got near the Tipton Junction another boat came up and fouled their line, it pulled down the mast, and also dragged the deceased into the canal. He was got out and carried into a hovel. Mr. Underhill's assistant was fetched, he said they could not do better than give him some brandy and rub him, and did not stay two minutes.

Henry Hadley said deceased was not in the water more than four minutes. It was a pure accident.

The jury found a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from shock to the system caused by falling Accidentally into the water."

Evening Star 26/5/1882

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Lane, Toll End, Tipton, on the body of the woman who was on Tuesday morning was drowned in the canal near the London and North Western Railway Station at Great Bridge, under circumstances already reported in the Star. It appeared the body was that of Eliza Nicholls (47), a washerwoman, wife of George Nicholls. The husband is now in Hatton Asylum, but the deceased lived at Cregoe Street, Aston, Birmingham. For some time the deceased had been very peculiar in her habits, and appeared to be very much despondent in spirit and given up to melancholy. She was last seen alive in Minerva Road, Handsworth, walking in the direction of Great Bridge. The coroner said there was nothing to show how the deceased came by her death, whether by accident or suicide.

The jury returned an open verdict.”

Dudley and District News 14/3/1883

“On Monday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper, held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Eagle Road, Toll End, on the body of Benjamin Pitt (30), puddler, but recently working at Messrs. Barrow’s marl-hole. Mr. Caddick was present on behalf of the firm, and Mr. F. W. Barrows also attended.

Henry Spires, employed in the works, said he and the deceased man were working with Edward Fellows, and had just pushed an empty waggon up to the place of work. Whilst the three men were stooping to pick up the shovels to begin and fill, a piece of top clay of about 30cwt fell and crushed Pitt and Fellows. The clay fell from a slip thing. When witness recovered he took hold of Fellows and dragged him from under the clay. Two men from the other side of the work ran and pulled Pitt out, but he was dead. Witness thought the stuff on the slip was on the move, and the dryness of the weather had parted one piece from the block. Fellows was better.

In answer to questions, Mr. Barrows said his firm insured the men, who paid nothing.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Dudley and District News 17/11/1883

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before Mr. Boughey (Stipendiary), *John Homer*, landlord of the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Lane, Great Bridge, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the morning of the 4th inst. Mr. Sheldon defended.

PC Chisholme stated that on visiting the defendant’s house between 10 and 11 o’clock on the morning named he saw four men standing at the bar window. On the table he saw several glasses which had contained ale.

The defence was that only one man was in the house at the time of the officer’s visit, and he bought some parsnips and other vegetables from the defendant.

After a lengthy hearing the Stipendiary convicted the defendant, and fined him 10s and costs.”

Lichfield Mercury 11/1/1889

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (Coroner for North Staffordshire) held an inquest on Monday, at the SWAN TAVERN, Great Bridge, on the body of a boy named George Henry Hall (12), who resided with his parents at Great Bridge.

The boy was sent with his father’s supper to Gold’s Hill, where he was at work on Thursday night. The whole district was at the time enveloped in a thick fog. After taking the supper the boy was sent by his father to a public house three-quarters of a mile away for some beer and tobacco, and on the return journey he apparently lost his way and was drowned in the canal, from where his body was recovered on Saturday.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and the Coroner severely censured the father for his thoughtlessness in sending so young a child such a distance on such a night, the father at the time knowing the very dangerous nature of the locality. The jury concurred with the Coroner’s censure.”

1891 Census

1, Eagle Lane – SWAN INN

[1] *William J. Tranter* (37), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] Jane Tranter (34), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Claude Tranter (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

- [4] Elsie M. Tranter (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Jennie Tranter (5), daughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [6] Marian Tranter (4), daughter, scholar, born Great Bridge;
- [7] Beatrice Tranter (2), daughter, born Great Bridge;
- [8] Sarah Hobday (24), general servant, born Dudley;
- [9] Edith Round (18), niece, nurse, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 14/4/1891

“Yesterday, at West Bromwich Police Court, *William James Tranter*, landlord of the SWAN INN, Eagle Lane, Tipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, on the 9th ult. It was alleged that on the day named a number of men visited the defendant’s house, where they were supplied with a quantity of ale, and, being drunk, were summoned subsequently and fined. Defendant was fined £5 3s including costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1891

“West Bromwich. The adjourned licensing session for this borough was held yesterday.....
Thomas Bedford was granted a temporary transfer of the license of the SWAN HOTEL, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday.....
Mr. *William James Tranter*, the SWAN TAVERN alehouse, Eagle Lane, Great Bridge, applied for a renewal, Mr. A. Whitehouse supporting. Objected to on the ground of a conviction for permitting drunkenness
Renewed.”

Joseph Parrock was also a forge carpenter.

Dudley Herald 30/7/1898

“On Wednesday night, *Thomas Southam* (12), whose parents reside at the WHITE SWAN INN, Great Bridge, was arrested by PC Gillman on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the Birmingham Canal. It appears that a relative of the boy had taken out a summons against him for threats and the summons to appear at the police court on Thursday next was served upon him. As soon as the lad received the summons he appeared to be terrified, and ran away. Upon reaching an arm of the Birmingham Canal near his house he jumped into the water. Fortunately, a man named Jones happened to be at hand, and he rescued the boy, who was subsequently taken into custody, and conveyed to the West Bromwich Police Station.”

1901 Census

1, Eagle Lane – SWAN INN

- [1] *Walter Bates* (24), butcher slaughterer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Matilda Bates* (46), widow, mother, born Rowley;
- [3] *Beatrice Bates* (23), sister, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Eliza Price* (23), general servant, born Gornal:

An objection was made to the license renewal in January 1903, on grounds that police supervision was difficult.

The license was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Solomon Gould was an insurance agent. [1904]
He later became a coal dealer from Great Bridge Wharf.
He was married to Mary.

1911 Census

1, Eagle Lane

[1] *Solomon Gould* (53), publican, born Toll End;

[2] *Mary Gould* (55), wife, married 30 years, housewife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Sylvia Gould* (24), daughter, worker, born Toll End;

[4] *Samuel Gould* (17), son, coal dealer, born Toll End;

[5] *Solomon Gould* (20), son, bar waiter:

Birmingham Mail 8/6/1915 - Births

“At the SWAN INN, Eagle Road, Great Bridge, to Mr. and Mrs. *Howes*, a son.”

Lichfield Mercury 22/6/1917

“Local Casualties. Killed. Private *Frank Clay*, of the SWAN TAVERN, Great Bridge, and late of Lodge Cottage, Shelfield, was killed on April 24th while in action with the Hampshire Regiment. He joined the colours in September 1915, previous to which he was a miner employed at Norton Canes. He was 21 years of age and single.”

Walsall Observer 31/8/1918 - Advert

“Strong willing Girl, aged 15-16 Wanted
Apply, *Clay*, SWAN TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1922

“Tipton Licensing Sessions.....

The OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Lower Church Lane, and the SWAN, Eagle Lane, would be referred on the ground of redundancy to the adjourned day.”

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday

Lord Hatherton C.M.G. (chairman of the County Licensing Committee) presided.....

When the license of the SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Street, Tipton, was being considered, PS Collins stated that the present licensee had been in occupation since September, 1921. During the last ten years there had been four transfers of license. Within 500 yards there were nine other fully licensed houses and three beer houses. Replying Mr. Eadon (for the owners and licensee) said the present licensee (*Mrs. M. Williams*) was quite satisfactory, and there was no complaints against her. He knew certain works in the neighbourhood employed 2,300 men, and if the SWAN were to close these men would have to go to the GRIFFIN.

Mr. Eadon: And the overflow meeting from the GRIFFIN would be the RAILWAY INN, I suppose? Do you know, as a matter of fact that the SWAN is doing a larger trade than the RAILWAY TAVERN? – I was not aware of it.

If that is so do you agree that it is a more important house than the RAILWAY INN? – I do not. Witness added that he did not think any inconvenience would be caused if the SWAN were closed and prospective customers had to go another 260 yards to the GRIFFIN or the RAILWAY INN.

Minnie Williams, licensee of the SWAN, said she was doing a larger trade than the RAILWAY INN, which had been referred for compensation twice on the ground of redundancy. She was satisfied that when trade improved the house would do considerably better.

Further evidence in support of renewal of the license of the SWAN TAVERN was given by John Henry Watkins (representing the owners), and Enoch Wood, an architect and surveyor, of West Bromwich, the latter describing the house as particularly convenient and superior to the RAILWAY INN.

A working man witness, who had used the house for 12 years, said he drank beer when the weather was warm and whisky when it was cold.

Mr. Wylie: How many bottles do you have? – Oh, about three a week.

Mr. Wylie: Don't you consider that this house is rather a danger to your existence? – (Loud laughter).

Another witness admitted he drank about the same number of bottles of whisky as the previous witness when it was cold, and he could afford it, whereupon Mr. Wylie commented that these two men must have drunk all the spirits in the house, because there were only seven bottles used in a week.

After consulting in private the Chairman said the committee had come to the conclusion that they must re-

fuse the license.”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/6/1923 - Notice

“Licensing Consolidation Act. County of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1927, at 11 o'clock am.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licences of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District). List of Licensed Premises.....

SWAN TAVERN, Eagle Lane, Tipton. Full. Licensee, *Minnie Williams.*”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/10/1923

“We understand that the following amounts of compensation have been fixed in the cases of the Staffordshire licenses, the renewal of which was refused under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910.....

SWAN TAVERN, Tipton, full license, £1,450.”

[The compensation was paid on 22nd December 1923.]

It closed on 29th December 1923.

SWAN

82, Lower Church Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Abraham Brown [1860] – [1865]

Enoch Jeavons [1896]

Mrs. Frances Walker [1900]

Ann Elizabeth Downing [] – **1903**;

Joseph Parker (**1903** – [1904]

Charles James Dunn [1919] – **1937**);

Ada Beatrice Dunn (**1937** – [1938]

George Harrold [1940]

Erwin Joseph Stansfield [] – **1959**);

Agnes Louisa Stansfield (**1959** – **1964**);

George Hotchkiss (**1964** – [1966]

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

1861 Census

Church Lane – SWAN

- [1] *Abraham Brown* (40), brewer of ale, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Brown* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Thomas Brown* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Brown* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Brown* (3), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/11/1865 - Notice

“Notice Is Hereby Given, that by a Deed or Instrument, dated the 27th day of October instant, under and by virtue of the provisions of the 192nd section of The Bankruptcy Act, 1861, *George Evans*, of Horseley Heath, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Ironfounder, Conveyed and Assigned all his Estate and Effects, both real and personal whatsoever situate to *Abraham Brown*, of Church Lane, Tipton, afore-said, Innkeeper, as Trustee, to be applied or administered by the said *Abraham Brown*, for the benefit of all the Creditors of him the said *George Evans*, in like manner as if the said *George Evans* had been at the date of the said Deed, duly adjudged Bankrupt.....”

1891 Census

82, Lower Church Lane – hucksters shop and out door licensed house

Enoch Jeavons, beer retailer and shopkeeper, 82, Lower Church Lane. [1896]

Mrs. *Frances Walker*, beer retailer and shopkeeper, 82, Lower Church Lane. [1900]

1901 Census

82, Church Lane – SWAN TAVERN – out door licence

Joseph Parker beer retailer and shopkeeper, 82, Lower Church Lane. [1904]

A full license was confirmed on 24th April 1961.

Closed

It became an off license. [1969]

Closed

Demolished

SWAN

18, Upper Church Lane, (18, Summerhill), (18, Church Lane), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Homer [1852] – [1871]

Benjamin Homer [1881]

Israel Jukes [1891] – [1901]

NOTES

18, Summerhill [1871]

18, Upper Church Lane [1881], [1901]

18, Church Lane [1891]

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Journal 5/6/1852 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Samuel Hodgetts, at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Homer*, the sign of the SWAN, Summer Hill, in the parish of Tipton, on Friday, the 18th day of June instant, at the hour of Six in the evening.....”

Staffordshire Sentinel 13/9/1856 - Advert

“Summerhill, Parish of Tipton, Staffordshire.

To Be Sold By Auction, on Wednesday, September 17th, 1856, at the Hour of Six in the Evening, at the BULLS HEAD INN, in Princes End, by Mr. Stanley, all that Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling House, now used as a Beer House, and known by the Sign of the SWAN INN, in the possession of Mr. *Benjamin Homer*, situated at Summerhill, by the Canal Bridge, together with the Outbuildings and Premises behind the same. The House and Premises are in good repair, and well situated for business.

To View the same, apply to Mr. *B. Homer*, on the Premises; and all further Particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer, Great Bridge, or at the Offices of Mr. Smith, Solicitor, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/1/1857 - Notice

“Pursuant to the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, the following prisoners whose Estates and Effects have been vested in the provisional Assignee by order of the Court, and whose Petitions and Schedules filed in the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, have been duly referred and transmitted to the County Court of Warwickshire, holden at Warwick, pursuant to the statute in that behalf, are ordered to be brought up before the Judge of the said County Court, at Warwick aforesaid, to be dealt with according to the law, on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1857.

Benjamin Homer, formerly of Walsall, in the county of Stafford, carrying on business as a Carpenter and Joiner, and late of Summerhill, in the Parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed to Brew and Sell Ale and Beer by Retail, and Dealer in Tobacco, now a prisoner in the Gaol at Warwick, in the county of Warwick.....

John Francis Dalby, Attorney for Insolvents, Westbromwich.”

1861 Census

Summer Hill – SWAN

[1] *Benjamin Homer* (52), carpenter and brewer, born Tipton;

[2] Mary Homer (44), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Anney Homer (6), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Sarah Homer (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Sarah Ann Weston (9), niece, born Tipton;

Benjamin Homer, beer retailer, Church Lane. [1864], [1865], [1870]

Benjamin Homer, beer retailer, Summer Hill. [1872]

1871 Census

18, Summerhill – SWAN INN

- [1] *Benjamin Homer* (62), carpenter, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Homer* (57), wife, born Albrighton;
- [3] *Anne Homer* (16), daughter, born Tipton:

1881 Census

18, Upper Church Lane – SWAN INN

- [1] *Benjamin Homer* (42), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Himley;
- [2] *Sarah Homer* (23), daughter, housekeeper, born Tipton;
- [3] *John Homer* (62), brother, carpenter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Phoebe Whitehouse* (14), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

18, Church Lane – SWAN INN

- [1] *Israel Jukes* (33), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Jukes* (33), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mary Jukes* (7), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Louisa Jukes* (1), daughter, born Tipton:

Israel Jukes, beer retailer, 18, Upper Church Lane. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

18, Upper Church Lane

- [1] *Israel Jukes* (46), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Jukes* (43), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mary Jukes* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Louisa Jukes* (11), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Clara Jukes* (8), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *William B. Jukes* (7), son, born Tipton:

SWAN

Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jonah Whitehouse [1834]

TALBOT

13, Bradleys Lane / Fountain Lane, Princes End, (Brierley), TIPTON

OWNERS

William Horton
Sarah Horton
Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd. [1903]
John Seedhouse and Sons Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
InnSpired [2002]

LICENSEES

George Perry [1851] – 1853)
Thomas Williams []
John Horton [1860]
William Horton [1861]
Thomas Griffiths [1871] – 1878);
Mary Griffiths (1878 – 1889);
Henry Benfield (1889 – 1899);
Frederick George Horton (1899);
William Partridge (1899 – 1901);
Gerald Hipkins (1901 – 1902);
Sarah (Jukes) Wilson (1902);
Frank Gemmill Brown (1902 – 1903);
Eleanor Frances Helmsley (1903 – 1904);
John Nuttridge (1904 – 1907);
John Thomas Whitehouse (1907 – 1916);
Mrs. Alice Whitehouse (1916 – 1926);
James Smith (1926 – 1928);
Isaac Bradbourn (1928 – [1940]
William ‘Bill’ Bradbourn [1954]
Marey Mander [] – 1983);
James ‘Jim’ Beadon (1983 – 1987);
Wayne Philip Parsons (1987 – 1988);
Shaun Glen Lawley (1988 – 1989);
Richard Colin Black (1989 – 1990);
Brian Dutfield (1990 – [1993]
George Bullock (2004 – []

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

It had a beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 9/2/1851

“Daniel Whitehouse of Princes End, will run J. Walker of Tividale or W. Astor of Tipton 140 or 160 yards; or W. Wood of Great Bridge the same distance, if he will give him two yards start; or Bengely of Dudley Port on the same terms, and to run on Easter Monday, for £5 or £10 a side. The money will be ready tomorrow (Monday) evening, at *Perry’s*, TALBOT INN, Princes End.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 15/1/1852

“On Friday last, and inquest was also held by Mr. Phillips, at the TALBOT INN, Princes End, on the body of Richard Williams, a boy aged 11 years of age, who was killed by falling down a coal-pit at the Moat Colliery, while engaged in steadying a skip which was about to let down the shaft. It seemed that the deceased accidentally disengaged the latch or fastening of the waggon by a rope which he had in his hand, and caused the waggon to run from the mouth of the pit. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

London Gazette 31/5/1853

“Notice is hereby given, that the Partnership subsisting between us, *George Perry* and Henry Meacham, of Princes End, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, as Coal, Lime, and Sand Dealers, under the firm of Perry and Meacham, is this day dissolved by mutual consent; and that all debts owing to and from the said partnership are to be received and paid by the said Henry Meacham.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1853.

George Perry. Henry Meacham.”

Birmingham Journal 27/8/1853 - Notice

“In The Court Of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley.

Whereas a Petition of *George Perry*, at present and for five months past living in lodgings with one Fanny Vine, at Tividale, in the parish of Rowley, in the county of Stafford, and being a Ball Furnacemen, and for two years and seven months previously thereto residing at the TALBOT INN, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, and county of Stafford, and being an Innkeeper and Ball Furnacemen, and also during part of the before mentioned periods carrying on business at Princes End aforesaid in partnership with Henry Meacham, as Coal, Lime, and Sand Dealers, under the firm of Perry and Meacham, an Insolvent Debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, and an Interim Order for Protection from Process having been given to the said *George Perry*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *George Perry* is hereby requested to appear in such aforesaid Court, on the 23rd day of September, 1853, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon precisely, for his First Examination touching his Debts, Estate, Effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and Notice is hereby given that the Choice of Assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All Persons indebted to the said *George Perry*, or who have any of his Effects, are not to pay to the said *George Perry* or deliver the same but to Mr. Thomas Walker, the Official Assignee nominated in that behalf by the said Court acting in the matter if the said Petition, at his Office, at the Court House, Priory Street, Dudley, aforesaid.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/9/1853

“The following insolvents came up on Friday for hearing.....

George Perry, first examination, supported by Mr. Boddington, and opposed (for Mr. Rushworth for two creditors) by Professor Kennedy, who took several objections inter alia, namely, that nothing appeared in the balance-sheet, about £120 awarded to the insolvent in the last twelve months by a railway company as compensation for his house at Rowley. (It appeared he only received £3 of this money, the rest being swallowed up in lawyers' and surveyors' charges); also that he had not described himself as a dealer in pigs, and an iron scrap dealer, and that he had omitted to insert a debt to one Ruthall. These objections were dwelt upon with much force counsel, who expressed himself with considerable warmth of feeling and strong vituperative language. Mr. Boddington addressed the Court in reply. The learned Judge observed that he should take time to consider his judgement, protection being afforded to the insolvent in the interim.”

London Gazette 9/12/1853

“In the Matter of the Petition of *George Perry*, at present and for five months last past living at lodgings with one Fanny Vine, at Tividale, in the parish of Rowley Regis, in the county of Stafford, and being a Ball Furnaceman, and for two years and seven months previously thereto residing at the TALBOT INN, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, and county of Stafford, and being an Innkeeper and Ball Furnaceman, and also during part of the before mentioned periods carrying on business at Princes End aforesaid, in partnership with Henry Meacham, as Coal, Lime, and Sand Dealers, under the firm of Perry and Meacham. NOTICE is hereby given, that the County Court of Worcestershire, at Dudley, acting, in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on the 23rd day of December instant,

at nine o'clock in the forenoon, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary."

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/4/1856 - Deaths

"On the 25th ult, at the TALBOT INN, Tipton, Mr. Joseph Butler, son-in-law to Mr. Thomas Griffiths, of Wolverhampton."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/11/1858 - Notice

"Pursuant to the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England. The following Prisoner, whose Estate and Effects have been vested in the Provisional Assignee by order of the Court, and whose Petition and Schedule, filed in the Court of Relief of Insolvent Debtors, have been duly referred and transmitted to the County Court of Warwickshire, holden at Warwick, pursuant to the Statute in that behalf, is ordered to be brought up before the Judge of the said County Court, at Warwick, aforesaid, to be dealt with according to the law, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of November, 1858.

Thomas Williams, late of No.126, Unett Street, Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, out of business and employment; previously of Hill Top, West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford, part of the time being out of business and employment, and during the other part being a Forgermen and Shingler; formerly of the TALBOT, Princes End, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Forgerman and Shingler; now a prisoner for debt in the Gaol at Warwick, in the county of Warwick.

Alfred Baldwin East, 45, Ann Street, Birmingham, Attorney for the Insolvent."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/4/1860

"John Thomas was charged with having broken a pane of glass in a window at the TALBOT INN, Princes End, kept by *John Horton*. The prisoner is an itinerant musician, and went to the public house whilst in a state of intoxication, and demanded to be supplied with drink. Mrs. *Horton* refused to comply, whereupon he threw a stick at the window and broke a pane of glass. The Bench fined him 1s, the value of the glass and costs, the latter to include the expenses of a witness."

1861 Census

Bradleys Lane – TALBOT INN

- [1] *William Horton* (48), publican and boiler maker employs 6 men + 3 boys, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Frances Horton* (36), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Horton* (22), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *William Horton* (18), son, boiler maker, born Middlesex;
- [5] *Charlotte Horton* (11), daughter, scholar, born North Wales;
- [6] *Betty Horton* (10), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Joshua Horton* (7), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Phoebe Horton* (5), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Jane Horton* (3), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;

1871 Census

13, Bradley Lane

- [1] *Thomas Griffiths* (33), labourer in iron works, born Sedgley;
 - [2] *Mary Griffiths* (32), wife, born Sedgley;
 - [3] *Edith Griffiths* (7), daughter, born Birmingham;
 - [4] *Fanny Griffiths* (3), daughter, born Handsworth;
- and a servant:

Birmingham Daily Post 8/6/1872 - Advert

"Lost, on the 4th inst. Black Retriever Pup, white stroke down the breast about 7 months old. Anyone returning him to *Thomas Griffiths*, TALBOT INN, Princes End, Tipton, will be rewarded for their trouble. Anyone detaining him after this notice will be prosecuted."

Dudley Herald 26/5/1877

“The first anniversary of the New Heart of Oak Benefit Society was held at the Club House, the TALBOT INN on Monday last. About 50 members sat down to a substantial dinner given by mine host.....”

Thomas Griffiths issued tokens from here.
He died in 1878.

1881 Census

13, Bradleys Lane – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Mary Griffiths* (42), widow, publican, born Coseley;
- [2] Edith H. Griffiths (16), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [3] Fannie Griffiths (12), daughter, born Handsworth;
- [4] Maria Clemson (24), publican’s servant, born Smerwick [Smethwick]:

1891 Census

13, Bradleys Lane

- [1] *Henry Benfield* (30), blacksmith and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Frances Elizabeth Benfield (32), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Hannah Lloyd (21), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Henry Benfield, beer retailer, 13, Bradleys Lane, Princes End. [1896]

Sarah Jukes married George Wilson on 3rd April 1902.
She was convicted on 8th April 1902 for permitting drunkenness.

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/4/1902

“*Sarah Jukes*, of the TALBOT INN, Princes End, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises on March 26; and Alfred Allen, of Chapel Street, Coseley, was summoned for being drunk on the premises. Evidence was given by Police-constable Davies that he saw Allen in a drunken condition leave the TALBOT and then return. Later he was discovered by the shadow on the blind sitting by the side of the landlady in the smokeroom. When Davies and another officer visited the house the two were sitting together under the window, and it was pointed out that Allen was drunk. This was denied, and Dr. Clendinnen, who examined Allen stated that he was under the influence of drink to a certain extent, but there were no marked symptoms of intoxication. The Bench fined *Jukes* £5 and cost, and Allen 5s and costs.”

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Sedgley Licensing Sessions [held on 3rd March] Objection was raised on the grounds that the license was not required; lacks necessary accommodation; conviction.

Inspector Moss proved the conviction.

PS Shaffery said that the living kitchen, which contained the beer pulls, was 12ft by 12ft 6in. It was the only place the landlord and family had to live in. The owners (Wordsley Brewery Co.) applied at Bilston Police court for permission to make internal alterations, and although permission was granted they had not been done. The nearest public house was the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, which was within 48 yards; the ROYAL HOTEL, within 100 yards; the PRINCE OF WALES within 80 yards. There were no houses between the TALBOT and GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, and only 8 between the TALBOT and the PRINCE OF WALES.

A representative of the Brewery Company said the reason the alterations were not carried out was on account of the New Act.

The license was renewed on the understanding that the alterations were carried out.”

Eleanor F. Hemsley, beer retailer, 13, Bradleys Lane, Princes End. [1904]

1911 Census

Bradleys Lane – TALBOT INN

- [1] *John Thomas Whitehouse* (32), publican, born Coseley;
- [2] *Alice Whitehouse* (31), wife, married 12 years, born Coseley;
- [3] *Alice Whitehouse* (12), daughter, school, born Coseley;
- [4] *Lily Whitehouse* (10), daughter, school, born Coseley;
- [5] *Laura Whitehouse* (7), daughter, school, born Coseley;
- [6] *Lizzie Elleman* (20), niece:

John T. Whitehouse, beer retailer, Bradleys Lane, Princes End. [1912], [1916]

Mrs. *Alice Whitehouse*, beer retailer, Bradleys Lane, Princes End. [1921]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/5/1925

“A disturbance at Princes End on the night of April 18th after a pigeon match led to the appearance, summoned for disorderly behaviour, of Thomas Evans, William Evans, Harry Evans, Andrew Morris, William Heeley and Richard Evans, all residents of Princes End.

PC Johnson said he had occasion to speak to the defendants about their behaviour outside the TALBOT INN at 10.20pm. They became very abusive, made use of bad language, and a crowd numbering about 200 gathered. The disturbance, the officer stated, occurred after a pigeon match which had taken place during the day.

The summons against Harry Evans and William Heeley were dismissed. Thomas Evans, who had been fined by the court twelve months ago was now fined 30s, and the other defendants 20s each.”

1939 Register

13, Bradley Lane, Coseley UD

- [1] *Isaac Bradbourn*, date of birth, 22/01/1878, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Catherine Bradbourn*, dob, 22/04/1879, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *William I, Bradbourn*, dob, 29/06/1905, electric welder, heavy iron and steel, single;
- [4] *Harold Bradbourn*, dob, 04/10/1916, tool room, turner, single;
- [5] *Albert Bradbourn*, dob, 25/09/1917, sheet iron plater, single:

Jim Beadon was 6'6" tall.
He was married to Sharon.

It was noted for its darts team. [1993]

[1998]

Closed [2007], [2008]

Open [2009]

Closed [2011], [2012]

It was reopened as TRIPLE S. [2013]

Express & Star 25/2/2017

“The Triple S bar, formerly the TALBOT pub, has stood empty for the past 18 months and was put under the hammer by SDL Bigwood. It was plagued by violence, which saw a young man put into a coma following an attack, before police took action to shut it down. The bar, located on Bradleys Lane, had an asking price of £110,000 when it was put up for sale at Villa Park on February 23, but a buyer could not be found.

West Midlands Police said they had intelligence that a feud between rival gangs was connected to the bar. There were hopes that the pub could be redeveloped if it was sold off.

Sandwell Council bosses have previously said it could once again become a pub. Speaking before the

auction, Peter Allen, head of licensing, said, 'If there was an application for it to be a licensed premises we would judge it on its merits'."

Express & Star 19/6/2017

"The TRIPLE S bar, formerly The TALBOT pub, is in new hands having stood empty for almost two years. Plans to turn it into flats had been in the pipeline prior to its sale.

Police took action following a string of violent incidents at the venue, including an attack which put a young man in a coma. Following a period of uncertainty, it has now been confirmed that the Bradleys Lane venue has been sold. Details of the buyer and sale price have not been revealed. TRIPLE S had been due to be offered at an auction earlier this year for £110,000. Property experts have said the building would be suitable for a number of alternative uses, with turning into flats seemingly the most likely possibility. An application to convert it into three flats was lodged last year but later withdrawn. It is believed plans for housing could soon be resurrected.

The bar was shut down by police after a 22-year-old man was left fighting for his life in 2015. He was put into an induced coma, his skull having been fractured in two places after receiving 'extreme blows' to the head. Police said was likely to have been caused by 'punches or a weapon'.

Tipton councillor Stephen Jones said he would support the bar becoming homes. He said, 'It would be great to get a bit more accommodation in the area. We are always looking to build more housing. Decent social housing, if that is what it is going to be, would be welcome. The pub was plagued by antisocial behaviour and a man suffered a serious injury there. It seemed to be a relief for people. Let's get shot of it and get some decent flats for people.'

The serious attack proved to be the final straw for West Midlands Police chiefs, who were adamant TRIPLE S should not re-open on safety grounds. Licensing bosses at Sandwell Council supported the force's stance, stripping the bar of its licence in August 2015.

Officers provided evidence of several other violent incidents at TRIPLE S including brawls and an alleged stabbing."

Closed [2018]

Express & Star 2/4/2023

"Two men have been charged after a huge cannabis farm was discovered in Tipton. Police officers seized around 500 plants after a raid on the former TRIPLE S BAR, Bradley Lane, on Thursday, March 30. Two men, aged 34 and 35, were arrested and growing equipment is set to be destroyed. The men were then charged with cultivating cannabis and remanded in custody overnight to appear at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court last Friday.

TALBOT

Bridge Street / High Street / Bell Street, Upper Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edwin Potts [1859] – [1861]

Robert Lakin [1864] – [1866]

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Birmingham Journal 31/12/1853 - Advert

“Thomas Stanley, Printer, Auctioneer, Appraiser, Public House and General Valuer, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, has a capital Public House to Let, the TALBOT INN, Upper Green, Tipton, now brewing three hogsheads a fortnight. The situation is undeniable, and the only reason for parting with it is the other engagements of the Proprietor. A certain and good living for any one. Coming-in £100 to £200. The Auctioneer wants two good houses, the Coming-in to be about £200 and £280. Send particulars to the above address. No charge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr.....

The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows.....

Edwin Potts, High Street, supported by Mr. Duignan..... Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1860

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, before James Bagnall and D. Round, Esqrs, the following beer sellers were summoned and convicted of having kept their houses open for the sale of beer at the wake beyond the hours allowed by the statute, viz, till half-past eleven at night *Edwin Potts*, High Street They were all fined 5s and costs, and cautioned as to their future transactions.”

1861 Census

Bell Street – TALBOT INN

[1] *Edwin Potts* (40), retail brewer, born Oldbury;

[2] Charlotte Potts (36), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] Sarah Smith (16), general servant, born Oldbury:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/6/1864 - Advert

“Mr. Solomon Powell will Sell by Auction (by direction of the Executors of the late Mr. George Onions), at the house of Mr. Joseph Whitehouse, the CASTLE INN, High Street, Tipton, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, 1864.....

Lot 2. All the Freehold Public House, the TALBOT INN, situate in High Street, at the corners of Bridge Street and Bell Street, with the small Shop fronting to High Street, and the Brewhouse, three Stables, and Lofts, and other Out-offices at the back, now in the occupation of Mr. *Robert Lakin*, or his Undertenant, at the low rent of £35 per annum.

These Premises front the turnpike road leading from Sedgley to Oldbury, and are approached at the back by roads leading out of High Street and Bell Street.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 31/3/1866

“Bill Rydall of Birmingham begs to return thanks for the patronage he received at his late benefit at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Birmingham. He begs also to tender his thanks to the gentlemen of the 1st Warwickshire Rifle Corps, and to those of the line (15th Hussars) and others who gave their able assistance on the occasion. Rydall also informs his Tipton friends that he will be at Mr. *Laken's*, TALBOT INN, Tipton, on Friday next, when he will be glad to see his friends.”

TAME BRIDGE

45, (43), Tame Road, ((43), (44), Sheepwash Lane), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler Ltd. [1960], [1966]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1968]
David Parsons (acquired in 2001) [2018]
Red Pub Company

LICENSEES

William Dunn [1859] – **1863**;
Thomas Henry Wordsworth (**1863 – 1864**);
Thomas Jones (**1864** – []
J Aldridge [1864] – [1865]
John Lloyd [1868] – [1874]
James Leach [1881] manager
Edward Hickman [1887] – [1889]
John Dean [1891] – [1892]
Henry Whitehouse [1894] – [1895]
Mrs. Mary Whitehouse [1896]
Charles Fenton [1900] – [1912]
Mrs. Sarah Jane Gardom [1916] – **1923**);
Philip Blundell (**1923**);
Ernest Thomas Day (**1923 – 1934**);
Frank Burges (**1934 – 1935**);
William Walter Norris (**1935 – 1949**);
Clement John Evans (**1949 – 1960**);
Edwin Harold Turner (**1960 – 1980**);
Florence Winifred Turner (**1980**);
Charles Alwin Turner (**1980** – [1989]
David Parsons (**2001** – [2008];
Liz Price [2013];
David Parsons [2016]
Kim Degan (**2015 – 2023**); manager
Terry (**2023** – []

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Sheepwash Lane [1865]
44, Sheepwash Lane [1873]
43, Sheepwash Lane [1871], [1881], [1889], [1891], [1892], [1894], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904],
[1908], [1912], [1916], [1932]
43, Tame Road [1940]
45, Tame Road [1996], [2008]

It was originally the SEVEN STARS.

Tokens were issued from here.

Birmingham Journal 15/1/1859 - Advert

“An Opportunity Rarely To Be Met With.

Mr. S. Hipkins is instructed by Mr. *William Dunn* to let the SEVEN STARS Public House, situate in Sheep Wash Lane, Great Bridge, Tipton, with a private Yard, Brewhouse, Stabling, and other Out-Buildings; together with a Piece of Land, suitable for carrying on Business as a Coal Yard, close to the Canal. The House

is doing a good business, situated in a densely populated district, surrounded by Ironworks and Collieries. The Fixtures and Brewing Utensils to be taken to at a fair valuation. Rent moderate. For particulars apply to Mr. S. Hipkins, Auctioneer, Burnt Tree, Tipton; or Mr. George Thomas, Horseley Heath, Tipton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1860

“The annual adjourned Special Sessions for transacting licensing business was held on Thursday..... There were twenty-nine applications from retail brewers for wine and spirit licenses, with the following results.....

Tipton.....

William Dunn, Sheepwash Lane Granted.”

1861 Census

Sheepwash Lane – SEVEN STARS

- [1] *William Dunn* (40), coal heaver and victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary A. Dunn* (38), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Hannah Dunn* (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *William Case* (17), son-in-law, coal heaver, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Joseph Case* (15), son-in-law, coal heaver, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *John Dunn* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Thomas Dunn* (6), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Martha Dunn* (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Emma Dunn* (2), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] *Amos Dunn* (11 months), son, born Tipton;
- [11] *Betsy Pearson* (13), visitor, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 7/3/1863

“SEVEN STARS INN, Sheep-Wash Lane, Tipton.

Messrs. Hipkins and Thomas are instructed to Sell by Private Treaty, the Licenses, Goodwill, and desirable Possession of the above Old-established Public-House, in an excellent locality. It is so surrounded with ironworks and collieries, that a man of perseverance and a knowledge of the business would soon acquire a fortune. The purchaser may also carry on, very advantageously, a Retail Coal Trade.

Apply to Hipkins and Thomas, Auctioneers and Valuers, Burnt Tree and Great Bridge.”

William Dunn – see also THREE CROWNS, Hill Top, West Bromwich.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/6/1863

“At the Police Court, yesterday, *Thomas Henry Wordsworth*, a publican, of Tipton, was charged with assaulting *Joseph Cooper*. The defendant, it appeared, owed the complainant a sum of money, and as he refused to pay it he took it out in assault and battery. He was fined 20s and costs.”

Birmingham Journal 15/8/1863 - Advert

“Rare Opportunity Seldom To Be Met With.

For Sale that Old-established Licensed House, the SEVEN STARS, Sheepwash Lane, Horseley Heath, Tipton, Staffordshire. The Premises consist of three Bed Rooms, one large Club Room, Tap Room, Parlour, Private Bar, and Kitchen, good Cellaring, Stabling for five horses, Piggeries, Cistern, large private Yard, with gateway Entrance, and held at a very low rental. The Valuation can be reduced to suit the Purchaser. For further particulars apply on the Premises.”

Birmingham Journal 12/9/1863 - Advert

“SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, West Bromwich.

By R. L. Courtney. To be Let, that above named convenient Old-licensed and Public House, now doing a good business. It consists of a Snug Bar, Tap Room, Parlour, Club Room, four Chambers, Cooking Kitchen,

Brewhouse, excellent Cellars, large entire Yard, Marble and Skittle Alley, Piggeries, five-stall Stable, &c. &c. It is a most complete business premises, and going up solely on account of the present Proprietor going into another business.

For full particulars, apply to T. L. Courtney, Auctioneer, Valuer, and Shipping Agent, High Street, West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/9/1863

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the publicans named below were fined in the sums appended for keeping their houses open during unlawful hours.....

Thomas Henry Wordsworth, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, was charged with having his house open on Sunday morning, the 30th ult, during prohibited hours. The charge was proved, but as this was the defendant’s first offence he was let off with a fine of 2s 6d and costs.”

Thomas Henry Wordsworth – see also QUEENS ARMS, Princes End.

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/1865 - Advert

“Sale This Day (Tuesday).

By R. L. Courtney and Son, at the STAR INN, Horseley Heath at Seven o’clock in the evening of all that valuable Freehold Public-House and Buildings adjoining, known as the SEVEN STARS INN Sheepwash Lane.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/10/1868

“On Tuesday evening, shortly after nine o’clock, an impudent burglary was perpetrated at Mr. John Lloyd’s, the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane. About the time mentioned, a spring trap was driven away from the back of the premises, and in such a suspicious manner that search was made throughout the house, and it was discovered that a box in a bed room had been broken open, and £80 in gold stolen. At the time of the robbery a women’s club meeting was being held in an adjoining room, and the noise and bustle attendant upon this gathering were in favour of the thieves, who were unheard during the burglary. The trap was driven away in the direction of Birmingham.”

AND

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/10/1868

“On Tuesday night, £195 was stolen from the bedroom of the landlord of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane. It appears that in a box in his bedroom he had the sum of £180 in gold, and three £5 Bank of England notes, and this fact appears to have been known. An entrance was obtained by the window, the box broken open, and the whole abstracted. The robbery was not discovered until the next morning, when the children found the empty box in the clubroom, and the bag in which the money had been kept was found empty in the privy of the house. The circumstances show that it must have been committed at an early hour in the evening.”

1871 Census

43, Sheepwash Lane

- [1] *John Lloyd* (53), innkeeper, born Nesscliffe, Shropshire;
- [2] *Emma Lloyd* (59), wife, born - not known;
- [3] *Eliza Lloyd* (48), sister, barmaid, born Hadley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Sarah Dare* (19), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Dudley Guardian 3/1/1874

“*John Lloyd*, landlord of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, was charged with keeping his house open during unlawful hours on the 24th December. Mr. Travis appeared for the defendant.

Police-sergeant Henry Chatfield stated that he visited the defendant’s premises at half-past eleven on the night in question, when he found several men drinking. Witness asked him if he had permission to keep open, to which he replied ‘No,’ observing that he did not think it necessary to obtain permission as he had seen a notice in the papers which stated that permission had been given to keep open for an extra hour on

that and three other nights. Witness informed him that he should have gone to the Magistrates Clerks' office and taken out a special license for that purpose.

By Mr. Travis: Defendant immediately closed his premises.

The Magistrates dismissed the case on payment of costs. Defendant then applied and obtained permission to keep open for an extra hour and a half on New Years Eve, and an extra hour on New Years day."

Birmingham Daily Post 17/1/1878 - Advert

"To be Sold by Private Treaty, a capital Freehold Full-licensed Public-house, doing good business, with goodwill, stock-in-trade; the furniture at valuation.

Apply on the premises, SEVEN STARS, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge."

Staffordshire Sentinel 1/2/1878

"On Thursday, an inquest was opened at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, on the body of a male child, found on Tuesday in the brook dividing Tipton from West Bromwich. Harriet Simmonds, married woman, deposed to finding the body, and said she was under the impression that the child had not been dead many hours for she could undress it quite easily. The Coroner said he did not intend to take any further evidence in the matter that day. There was little doubt but that foul play had brought the child to its death, and he did not wish for another undiscovered murder to take place in the county, he should give the police an opportunity of tracing the parties who disposed of the body. The enquiry was then adjourned. The child is apparently about six months old, with very fair hair and light-blue eyes. There are no marks of violence upon it. The child was fully dressed, and its clothes were in good condition. Its stockings were of white wool, its petticoat was flannel, its frock was a dark whimsy with flounces, and the child's pinafore had edging on it. The shawl in which the whole was enveloped is dark-grey, with thin yellow stripes round the edge. These particulars may help the police in their efforts to discover the person who placed the child in the water."

Birmingham Daily Post 2/8/1878 - Advert

"Found, on the 28th ult, a large fawn brindled Shepherd Dog, with cut tail.

Apply, SEVEN STARS, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, Tipton."

1881 Census

43, Sheepwash Lane – SEVEN STARS

[1] *James Leach* (27), public house manager, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Leach* (25), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Edward W. Leach* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Ann Tart* (15), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 3/12/1881

"Yesterday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, relative to the death of Walter Concannon, labourer of Dudley, who was found dead in the Birmingham Canal, on Thursday. A verdict of Found Drowned was returned."

Evening Express 10/12/1881

"The District Coroner (Mr. E. Hooper), on Friday afternoon, held an inquest at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, on the body of George Sheppard (41), Dock Lane, Dudley, whose dead body was, on Thursday, the 8th inst, found in the canal, between Great Bridge and Greets Green.

It appeared that deceased earned a livelihood by playing an accordion in the various public houses in the district. On the 19th of November, he left home intending to go and play around Greets Green. He did not return at night, and although his wife made inquiries she could learn no trace of him until his body was found as stated. The widow now said that her husband was near-sighted, and he was in the habit of walking along the towing path of the canals to shorten his journeys. When found he had the sum of 3s 7d in coppers in his pocket, and there were no marks of violence on his body.

The jury returned a open verdict of Found Drowned."

Wednesbury Herald 29/7/1882

“On Monday, at Tipton Police Court, before Dr. Underhill, Samuel Rickers (29), collier, was charged with having caused the death of Richard Lewis (31), also a collier.

Edward Wall said he saw the men stripped and fighting. Lewis was knocked down, and prisoner ‘tumbled’ on him. Lewis called for help, and witness assisted him into the house. Lewis died the following day, and was buried on Sunday.

The prisoner was then asked if he had any objection to a remand, and to this he answered, ‘No; I am sorry; I should have had no bother with the man, only I was forced to.’

He was then remanded for a week.”

AND

“On Tuesday morning Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, resumed an inquest at the SEVEN STARS, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, on the body of Richard Lewis (31), collier, who was fatally injured in a fight, under circumstances already reported. Rickers was present in custody, and there was a large crowd round the door of the inn.

The first witness was Edward Wall, and he repeated almost word for word the evidence given by him at the Police Court on Monday. He added that after the fall Rickers went away and rendered no assistance to Lewis, although the latter was crying out for help.

Philemon Grainger, miner, brother in law to Lewis, said the man Rickers and Lewis fought two rounds. The latter was driven back against the brickwork, and in trying to get away he gave Rickers an opportunity of striking him and knocking him down. Rickers fell upon the man, but got up at once and went into his house. Lewis cried out, ‘He has broken my neck.’ He was carried into the house, and the surgeon sent for.

By Dr. Underhill: The ground sloped a little, but there was nothing on which the deceased could have struck his neck.

Police-constable John Hobbs, of Ocker Hill, said he arrested the prisoner on Thursday night in a pit hovel on Longmore’s Colliery. He was lying on a bench, with his clothes off which were drying before the fire. He gave his proper name and address, and when charged with causing Lewis’s death he said, ‘Yes, it’s quite right, and I’ll go with you. If you had not come for me I intended to go to Tipton and give myself up as soon as the clothes were dry.’ He accounted for his clothes by saying it was wet in the pit. He said he had some words with Mrs. Lewis about his children before Lewis came home, and Mrs. Lewis said her husband would make him ‘sit up’. After that Lewis came to his back door and used bad language, challenging him to fight. He put up with it for some time until the people called him a coward for not coming out to fight. They had one or two rounds after that, but he never once hit Lewis, who was the best man. Finding he was being punished badly, he closed with Lewis, and both fell together. The head of the man caught the wall, and Lewis cried out. He helped his adversary up, and went into the house. He was very sorry for what had happened. He did not intend to hurt Lewis, nor would he have fought him only that such bad language was used to him. Witness brought Rickers to Tipton.

Dr. A. S. Underhill stated that he had made a post mortem examination of the deceased. The body was so swollen and discoloured from the way in which it had been kept that he could discover no external marks of violence. He found an extravasation of blood on the anterior part of the fifth and sixth cervical vertebrae. The spinal cord had been crushed. The brain was in a state of decomposition.

The Coroner: Had the parish authorities erected a proper mortuary the body would have kept better?

Witness: Oh, yes. The injury to the vertebrae was sufficient to cause death.

The Coroner summed up, and said it did not appear that the accused had any animosity to the deceased.

The jury, after three quarters of an hour’s deliberation, brought in a verdict of Accidental Death.

The Coroner expressed his strong disapproval of the verdict.”

Wednesbury Herald 5/8/1882

“At the Tipton Police Court on Monday, before Dr. T. Underhill and J. Solly, Esq, Samuel Rickers (21), miner, Ballfields, Horseley Heath, Tipton, was brought up on remand, and charged with having caused, on the 19th of July, the death of Richard Lewis, another miner, who also resided at No.10, Ballfields. Mr. J. Sheldon (Wednesbury) appeared for the prisoner.

The facts of the case have already been reported, and it will be remembered that at the Coroner’s inquest a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

Hannah Lewis, the widow of the deceased man, spoke to the accused having used bad language to her on the afternoon in question as she sat in her house. When witness's husband returned he went outside to the front of the house and asked the prisoner what he had said about his (deceased's) wife, at the same time telling the accused that they (the two men) had better have it out. The prisoner got over a wall into a field, and witness's husband after fetching his waist strap out of the house, followed him. The prisoner then returned into his own house, pulled off his shirt, and again went into the field. No blows were struck in the field, and the men once again returned to the yard. Witness was then led away, and saw no fighting. Subsequently her husband was carried into the house injured, and died early the following morning.

Edward Hall, miner, Ballfields, who saw the fight, described it, stating that after two or three rounds both men fell, deceased being underneath the prisoner. Deceased cried out for his brother-in-law, and for some water, and was carried into the house. Prisoner got up and went away.

By Mr. Sheldon: It was a fair stand up fight. No undue advantage was taken by the prisoner, and the men fell as they wrestled together.

Philemon Grainger, deceased's brother-in-law, said deceased fell in trying to get from the brickworks of a wall up against which the prisoner had wrestled with him. As witness was carrying deceased into the house, deceased cried out that his neck was broken. Prisoner, who stood on his own doorstep, threatened to serve witness the same.

Police constable Hobbs proved arresting the prisoner in a pit hovel at Ocker Hill.

Dr. A. S. Underhill made a post mortem examination of the deceased's body, found an extravasation of blood, in front of the fifth and sixth vertebrae of the neck, causing pressure upon the spinal cord. The body of the fifth vertebrae was smashed into 13 pieces. With such injuries as these deceased could not have possibly lived more than four or six hours. Witness had looked up the case in record, and could find no instance of such injuries being inflicted to one vertebrae without great violence. The weight of deceased's body would be insufficient in itself to cause the injuries, which, however, might have been caused by deceased falling against the brickwork of the wall referred to.

This was the whole of the evidence, and the prisoner, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at next Stafford Assizes. Bail was allowed in a personal surety of £100 and two of £50."

[At Stafford Assizes in November 1882 Samuel Rickers was found guilty of manslaughter. He had been already in prison for three months and was sentenced to fourteen days with hard labour.]

Dudley and District News 3/3/1883

"The body of George Wilkes (13), of Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, who on Thursday afternoon was drowned in an arm of the canal which passes through the Brickhouse Colliery field, was not recovered from the water until ten o'clock on Wednesday morning. It was then removed home to await the coroner's inquest. On Friday morning, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Horsley Heath, Tipton, Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner held an inquest. The father of the deceased said that he was awakened up at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, to find his son drowned and his wife in fits, she having witnessed the accident. A little boy named Brookes, who in answer to the Coroner said he would go to the devil if he told a lie, gave evidence to the effect that deceased was endeavouring to get a bit of wood out of the canal. He got a brick to drop on the far side of the wood, and in throwing it he overbalanced himself and fell into the water. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Dudley and District News 5/7/1884

"An inquest was held on Tuesday, at the SEVEN STARS, Horseley Heath, before E. Hooper, Esq, on the body of the infant child of Thomas Syner, Sheepwash Lane. The child was born on the night of the 28th, the confinement being attended by a midwife named Maria Round. It showed very little signs of life, and the midwife instead of sending for a doctor, sent for a priest, in order that the child might not die without being baptised. The Coroner censured the woman for her stupidity, and the jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

Birmingham Daily Post 4/1/1887

"Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Messrs. J. Solly and W. L. Underhill – David Millward, of Park Lane, was charged with assaulting William Moore, formerly an additional constable in the employ of Lord

Dudley. The parties met at the SEVEN STARS INN, Horseley Heath, and a divorce suit in which the defendant was concerned came up for discussion. He accused Moore of acting as a private detective for Mrs. Millward, and then struck him on the eye. After the row consequent to the assault Moore struck Millward, and there was a second disturbance. The Bench fined Millward 5s and costs.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 3/12/1887

“A petition has been filed at the Oldbury County Court, by Mr. Shakespeare, on behalf of *Edward Hickman*, of the STORK VAULTS and Concert Hall, Great Bridge, for a receiving order. *Hickman* also carries on, in addition to the licensed victuallers’ business at the STORK, a similar business at the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/1/1888

“Re *Edward Hickman*, licensed victualler, of the STORK VAULTS and Concert Hall, 72, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, and also of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheep Wash Lane, Great Bridge. The first meeting of creditors was held yesterday, at the offices of the Official Receiver (Mr. L. J. Sharp), Colmore Row. The official receiver’s report stated that the debtor, who was an ironworker, commenced business in 1872, at Gospel Oak, Tipton, with a capital of £50. In 1876 he removed to the GREAT WESTERN STORES, at Great Bridge. In 1878 he purchased the SEVEN STARS public-house for £800, and obtained a mortgage for £750 upon the property. He also gave £97 12s 6d for the fixtures, stock, &c. In 1880 he took the STORK VAULTS, at a rental of £270, and paid £750 for the lease, stock, &c. To enable him to do this he borrowed £400, of which sum £370 was still owing. He continued trading in the hope of improving his position, but the trade for the past four or five years had gradually fallen away. In the beginning of the year the debtor was called upon to pay off the mortgage upon the SEVEN STARS, which he had reduced to £500, but was in arrear with interest. He succeeded in obtaining a new mortgage for £650. The balance was paid to his bankers. The lease of the STORK expires at Christmas. Up to September last the bankrupt was also trading at the GREAT WESTERN STORES, New Road, but as the business had not paid for the last two years he disposed of it to his manager, who agreed to pay him for the fixtures. At the request of the creditors the debtor was ordered to render an account of the goods received into his business premises within the past twelve months, in order that it might be seen what amounts of receipts he should account for. As the debtor had no offer of compensation to make, and the case was a summary one, the Official Receiver is constituted trustee.”

1891 Census

43, Sheepwash Lane – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *John Dean* (59), licensed victualler, born Tong, Shropshire;
- [2] *Naomi Dean* (38), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *John H. Dean* (14), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Austin Dean* (11), son, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Constance A. Dean* (6), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Mary Simmons* (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/1894

“Bankruptcy Proceedings. Re *Henry Whitehouse*, publican, Tipton.

At the Dudley Court yesterday, a receiving order was made in the matter of *Henry Whitehouse*, landlord of the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, on the debtor’s petition. Mr. F. W. Topham (West Bromwich) is acting for the debtor.”

London Gazette 19/10/1894

“*Whitehouse, Henry*, SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, Licensed Victualler.
Date of Filing Petition Oct 15 1894.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/12/1895

“At the Police Court, yesterday, Joseph Perry, boatman, Loudon Street, Smethwick, and Bernard Worsey,

boatman, Spring Hill, Birmingham, were charged with stealing a horse, value £6 10s, the property of Percy Higgett, Butcher, Peel Street, Winson Green.

Prosecutor stated that on the 4th inst. he employed the prisoners and a man named Hobbs to go to Brownhill and Hednesford with a boat, for which purpose he had supplied them with two horses, tackle, and a sufficient quantity of corn, their wages to be 10s each for the journey. Worsey returned the same day, and in consequence of his statement that they could not get along owing to the high wind he allowed him to take another horse away on the day following. On the 6th inst., in consequence of something that was told him, he went to the SEVEN STARS INN, Great Bridge, and there found one of his horses in a stable.

Henry Whitehouse, horse dealer, SEVEN STARS INN, stated that on the 5th inst. prisoners and Hobbs called at his house with a horse, which they offered to sell for 30s. Ultimately they agreed to take 25s, and witness purchased the animal. Hobbs, who received the money, spent 1s 2d in the house, and divided the remainder with Perry and then left. Shortly afterwards, he alleged, said, 'It's a nice thing to be in partnership and receive nothing, but I shall find them out.'

Police-constable Hipkiss stated that he received Perry and Worsey from the custody of the Birmingham police.

In reply to the charge, Perry said, 'Alfred Hobbs received the money, and went away' and Worsey denied having had anything to do with the affair.

Prisoners were committed to the sessions."

County Advertiser 30/1/1897

"At the Police Court, on Thursday – before Mr. N. C. A. Neville (stipendiary) – *Henry Whitehouse*, lately a publican at Tipton, was charged on remand, with criminally assaulting Mary Elizabeth Nickless (14), his step-daughter. Mr. Parfitt (instructed by Messrs. Sanders, Smith, and Parish, Dudley) prosecuted.

The allegations were of a serious kind. It was alleged that the prisoner sent away the younger sister to another room, and in her absence committed the offence he was charged with.

The Stipendiary committed the prisoner for trial. He fixed heavy bail – prisoner in £250, and two sureties of £150 each."

[At Staffordshire Winter Assizes, *Henry Whitehouse*, on bail, was acquitted.]

London Evening Standard 22/11/1899

"From the *London Gazette* of Tuesday, November 21 Receiving Orders.....

Henry Whitehouse, 180, Horsley-heath, Tipton, late of the SEVEN STARS Sheepwash-lane, Horsley-heath, Tipton, Staffordshire, haulier, formerly publican and horse dealer."

1901 Census

43, Sheepwash Lane – SEVEN STARS INN

[1] *Charles Fenton* (42), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] Martha Fenton (41), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Charles Fenton (15), son, born Tipton;

[4] Florence Fenton (20), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Henry Fenton (10), son, born Tipton;

[6] Ethel Fenton (7), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] Sarah Westring (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 9/12/1902

"An accident which occurred so far back as Sunday, July 13th, had its sequel in the Birmingham County Court, yesterday, when Harry Edward Heeley, beer bottler, of Carisbrook End, Erdington, sought to recover from *Charles Fenton* the SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, Great Bridge, for damages alleged to have been caused through the negligence of the defendant's agent. The parties were out driving on the day mentioned. The plaintiff was proceeding through Perry Barr from Birmingham toward Lichfield, and the defendant's vehicle was being driven from West Bromwich to Sutton. The vehicles approached each other at the point where the road leading from Perry Barr to Lichfield is crossed by the road leading from Great Barr to Sutton Coldfield. There was a collision between them, and the allegation of the plaintiff was that this

was due to the defendant's agent, who was driving at a rapid pace, and who negligently managed the horse and trap, of which he was in charge. Occupants of the plaintiff's trap were thrown from their seats, and the vehicle was badly damaged. The plaintiff claimed £2 2s for doctor's bill, £3 3s for a suit of clothes, loss through partial disablement for three weeks and for pain £5; repairs to trap £6 10s; and for a whip 17s 6d; in all £12 12s 6d.

The defendant counter-claimed for £10 damages. He alleged that his trap was run into by the plaintiff, that he was thrown to the ground, and sustained injuries which prevented him from following his employment for 21 days, and that his trap was damaged.

After a large amount of evidence on both sides, the jury, before whom the case was heard, found a verdict for the plaintiff for £10 and the counter-claim was dismissed."

1911 Census

Sheepwash Lane – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Charles Fenton* (53), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Martha Fenton* (51), wife, married 32 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *Henry Fenton* (20), son, roll turner, born Tipton;
- [4] *Ethel Fenton* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [5] *Florence Aston* (30), daughter, married, servant, born Tipton;
- [6] *Henry Aston* (5), nephew, born Tipton;
- [7] *Florence Mary Aston* (2), niece, born Tipton:

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

"Hospital Helping. A Year's Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

SEVEN STARS INN, Sheepwash Lane, £1 8s 7d.....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year's public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s."

It was rebuilt in 1928.

1939 Register

Tame Road – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *William W. Norris*, date of birth, 28/12/1901, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Doris R. Norris*, dob, 04/10/1908, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *William W. Norris*, dob, 03/05/1927, at school, single:

Birmingham Daily Post 22/6/1955

"A warrant for the arrest of William Nock (aged 28), of 30, Pemberton Road, Hill Top, West Bromwich, was issued at Tipton yesterday after he had failed to appear to answer charges which included one of alleged assault, occasioning actual bodily harm, on *Clement John Evans*, licensee of the SEVEN STARS INN, Tame Road, Tipton.

Other charges against Nock alleged being drunk and disorderly, causing malicious damage estimated at £12 1s 9d, and failing to quit licensed premises when requested to do by the licensee."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 31/12/1955

“Stated to have told the police, ‘I wouldn’t hurt a fly,’ William Nock, (28), lorry driver, of 30, Pemberton Road, West Bromwich, was yesterday sent to prison for two consecutive terms of nine months on assault charges.

Nock pleaded ‘Guilty’ at West Bromwich Quarter Sessions to causing actual bodily harm to Bert Boulton on April 11 and *Clement John Evans*, hotel licensee.”

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Domino League. [1954-55]

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Darts League. [1956-57], [1959-60], [1960-61]

Tipton Herald 13/7/1957

“The Mayor and Mayoress of West Bromwich presented the awards at the annual prize distribution of Greets Green Darts League, held at the GRIFFIN INN, New Road, Tipton, on Tuesday, and attended by more than 200 people.

League winners: 1. SWAN, Swan Village; 2. GRIFFIN INN; 3. DUNKIRK, Whitehall Road, West Bromwich.

League knock-out cup: BIRD IN HAND; runners-up DUNKIRK.

British Legion knock-out cup: DUNKIRK; runners-up COPHALL, Sheepwash Lane.

The Pairs cup was won by two brothers, R. and S. Paul, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Tame Bridge, Tipton.....”

Edwin Turner was married to *Florence*.

Tipton Herald 12/11/1960

“The death occurred on October 27th of Mr. *Clement John Evans*, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Tame Road, Great Bridge Tipton, aged 49 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week at Gornal Wood Crematorium.....”

It was renamed TAME BRIDGE in 1990.

David Parsons was married to *Andrea*.

See also ALE HOUSE ROCK, Bilston.

Express & Star 23/10/2020

“Pubs bosses in the West Midlands say they feel like they’re always ‘jumping through hoops’ with the constant Government rule changes within the hospitality industry. Rules in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall prevent households from mixing in pubs and restaurants due to a surge in cases leading them to be placed into the Government’s Tier 2. It has meant less trade, even on busy weekend nights, leaving many places struggling to stay open. And bosses said even with those visiting for a bite to eat, it was almost impossible to check if they were living together.....

Kim Degan, manager of the TAMEBRIDGE pub in Tipton, said the rules had been difficult to police – and stressed they hadn’t been clear in the first place.

She said, ‘It’s been difficult to monitor it. People are relying on others to use common sense but people forget and have some drinks. It’s a nightmare to police because you’re saying ‘mask on’ or ‘move over’ and ‘you can’t do that’ and it’s just a nightmare. The maximum number with the restrictions we can have in is about 25 – before all this madness it was 100, or 120, and it’s a massive blow to us. We find ourselves phoning round other pubs – we’re part of a chain – and asking what’s happening. When we went into the tier system we didn’t know what was happening. Nobody knew if the mixing households related to pubs, or whether it was just people’s homes because they didn’t specify really.’”

[2020]

THE TAVERN

Summerhill, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Short [1819]

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Black Country Bugle 25/11/1999

'Publicans And Sinners' by Edward Dyas

“.....Also listed among the more respectable of innkeepers was *William Short*. *Short* who owned a public house named THE TAVERN, close by Tipton Parish Church, and was also the Town Constable. As a churchgoer, Constable and innkeeper, *Short* held an especially unique and influential position in Tipton, one that could easily have been abused On the surface *Short*, it was said, was an astute businessman, if inclined to be rather strict in his dealings, and we note a certain arrogance about the man. He refused to serve any customer who had offended him; no gambling or swearing were permitted, nor would he serve liquor to members of the church close by.”

THATCHED TAVERN

14, Eagle Street, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Sons Ltd, Warrington and Burton on Trent, Tipton
Frederick Smith Ltd. [1920]

LICENSEES

Thomas Law [1873]

Edward Evans [1880]

Mrs. Ann Mary Stephens [1891]

Cobbery [1898]

John Hill [1901]

Thomas Holdnall [1911]

Mary Ann Holdnall [1919] – **1922**):

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THATCH TAVERN [1873], [1898]

It had a beer and cider license.

London Gazette 25/2/1873

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

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Thomas Law*, of the THATCH TAVERN, Eagle-street, Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Publican and Blacksmith.

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. Francis Willowes Topham, High-street, West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford, on the 7th day of March, 1873, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1873.

F. W. Topham, Attorney for the Debtor.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/12/1873 - Advert

“If the Box left by John Taft, in the year 1870, at the house of *Thomas Law*, THATCH TAVERN, Eagle Street, Toll End, Tipton, be not Fetched Away, and all expenses paid, in six days from this date, it will be sold to defray the same.

December 15, 1873.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 13/11/1877 - Advert

“THATCHED TAVERN, Eagle Street, Toll End, Great Bridge. Rent low. Brewing weekly. In-coming £120.

Apply, J. Cooper, Auctioneer, West Bromwich.”

Dudley Herald 9/10/1880

“*Edward Evans*, THATCHED TAVERN, Eagle Street, Tipton, filed his petition for liquidation in the Dudley Court, on Tuesday. Liabilities £450; assets not yet known.”

1891 Census

14, Eagle Street – Public House

[1] *Ann Mary Stephens* (36), widow, publican, born Walbrook [Coseley];

[2] *Eliza Stephens* (16), daughter, scholar, born Walbrook;

[3] *Alfred Stephens* (4), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *John Stephens* (10), son, scholar, born Walbrook;

[5] *Thomas Stephens* (8), son, scholar, born Walbrook;

[6] *Phebe Green* (17), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 27/8/1898

“*Martha Jarvis*, Toll End Road, formerly a servant in the employ of *Ann Cobbery*, wife of the landlord of the THATCH TAVERN, Toll End Road, Tipton, was charged with stealing a pair of stockings, the property of her former mistress. Prosecutrix stated the defendant was formerly in her employ and left her a few weeks ago. From information received she asked defendant to come to her house on Thursday August 11 and told her to take her stockings off. She did so and witness recognised them as her own.

Defendant: I bought a pair for 11¾d at a shop in Tipton.

Witness proceeded to say that she charged defendant with stealing the stockings. Defendant had said to her servant, *Jenny Taylor*, that prosecutrix had given her a pair of stockings.

Jenny Taylor stated that on the day in question she met defendant near her mistress's house, and she told her that Mrs. *Cobbery* had given her a pair of stockings. Her mistress then requested witness to fetch defendant, which she did, and prosecutrix recognised the stockings as those stolen.

Defendant said she had not spoken to *Jenny Taylor* – ‘because she was not fit to be spoken to.’ She pleaded not guilty.

A fine of 2s and costs was inflicted, and defendant was cautioned not to get into trouble again.”

1901 Census

14, Eagle Street

[1] *John Hill* (44), innkeeper, born Stammer Mill [Stambermill, Lye?], Worcestershire;

[2] A. Alma Hill (45), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Annie Lees (20), domestic servant, born Lye:

1911 Census

14, Eagle Street

[1] *Thomas Holdnall* (56), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;

[2] *Mary Ann Holdnall* (44), wife, married 22 years, born Smethwick:

It was referred to the Compensation Authority.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/2/1922

“License Redundancy At Tipton the houses that they proposed to refer for compensation on the grounds of redundancy were the RAILWAY STATION INN, Eagle Lane; the THATCHED COTTAGE, Eagle Street; the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, and the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/7/1922

“There were 17 cases in the list for consideration at the Principal Meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Committee, held at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Thursday, under the chairmanship of Col. R. C. Clive. The proceedings lasted six hours, and as a result 13 licences were refused and four were renewed The houses referred for compensation were.....

THATCHED TAVERN, Tipton, beer and cider on, ante 1869.”

South Staffordshire Times 27/7/1922

“The principal meeting of the County Licensing Committee was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday morning.....

The licenses of the THATCHED TAVERN, Tipton (*Mary Ann Holdnall*)..... were also refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/8/1922 - Notice

“County Of Stafford. Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 20th day of July, 1922, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

THATCHED TAVERN, Tipton. Beer and Cider on ante 1869. Licensee, *Mary Ann Holdnall*. Registered Owner, Fredk. Smith Ltd.”

£1,070 Compensation was paid.

It closed on 30th December 1922.

THREE FURNACES

8, Furnace Parade / Wood Street, (Old Field), Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Jones (acquired in 1838 for £858)

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

George Benjamin Thorneycroft []
Esther Jones [1828] – [1834]
Thomas Jones [1835] – [1883]
Mrs. Hannah Lawrence [1891]
George Sedgwick [1892]
Charles P Plant [1896] – [1900]
John Alfred Mander []
John Enoch Boffey [1904] – [1908]
James Mander [1912] – **1928**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Mander (**1928** – [1940])

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Wood Street [1849], [1850], [1851], [1860], [1864], [1865], [1868]
Furnace Parade
8, Furnace Parade [1904], [1908], [1932], [1940]

Was this originally the THREE HORSESHOES?

THREE FURNACES [1860], [1904], [1932]
FURNACES [1912], [1916], [1921]

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/11/1856 - Literature

“Memoirs of the late G. B. Thorneycroft, Esq. By the Rev. B. B. Owen, M.A., Hamilton, Adams, and Co. London; T. Simpson, Wolverhampton.

In accordance with our promise last week, we beg to lay before our readers a brief epitome of the late Mr. Thorneycroft’s life, gleaned from the pages of his biographer.

We learn that ‘George’ Benjamin Thorneycroft was born in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, August 20th, A.D. 1791.

Although his parents were in humble circumstances, his more remote ancestors had been the owners of a large estate, and lived at Thornicroft Hall, in Cheshire, from which county his grandfather had gone to settle in Salop, whence he removed to Tipton, where he kept the THREE HORSE SHOES, now appropriately changed to the THREE FURNACES.....”

[Is this the public-house?]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 15/1/1837

“A match came off on Wednesday, for £10, at the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, between Mr. William Hill and Mr. John Martin, which was won by the former, killing six birds out of seven. Mr. Hill will shoot Mr. George Scothorn, of Toll End, at 12 birds each, for £10, £15, or £20 a side; the match to come off at the FOUNTAIN INN, Tipton, where the needful is ready.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 30/5/1841

“On Friday week, at Mr. *Thomas Jones*’s, THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, a tie was shot off between Mr. John Martin of Tipton and Mr. Charles Hopkins, of Wednesbury, for a handsome four-wheeled carriage, at five birds each, which was won cleverly by Mr. Martin, killing all his birds.”

Thomas Jones was also an omnibus proprietor. [1845], [1849], [1850]

Birmingham Journal 13/6/1846 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Property At Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Jesse Wright, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 1846, at the House of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, at Six o'clock in the evening.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/11/1850

“On Wednesday afternoon last, a female passenger by one of the fly boats which ply between Wolverhampton and Birmingham, was suddenly taken ill on leaving the boat, and removed to a back parlour, at the house kept by Mr. *Jones*, the THREE FURNACES, (Tipton packet station), and within about 10 minutes gave birth to a fine female child.”

1851 – “Swift Packet Office”

1851 Census

Wood Street

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (39), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Esther Jones* (39), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Esther Jones* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Ellen Jones* (10), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Edward Jones* (9), son, born Tipton;
- [6] *Ann Jones* (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Margaret Jones* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *George Jones* (2 months), son, born Tipton;
- [9] *Hannah Rogers* (20), house servant, born Tipton;
- [10] *Harriet Hargrove* (19), house servant, born Tipton;
- [11] *William Wickstead* (20), servant, porter, born Edgmont, Shropshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/12/1852

“An inquest was held on Tuesday, at the THREE FURNACES, Tipton, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of *Stephen Spraggs*, aged five years. Deceased was the son of a boatman, who had arrived with his boat at Tipton Green Colliery on the previous Friday. The following day the deceased was seen playing with other children on the wharf, and soon after, as the boat was required to go farther along the canal, his father went to search for him, but being unable to hear anything of him, he dragged the canal, and shortly afterwards found the deceased there dead, about eight yards from the boat. It was supposed that the deceased had fallen from the wharf. Verdict Found Drowned.”

Birmingham Journal 14/5/1853

“An adjourned inquest was held on Thursday last, at the THREE FURNACES INN, in Tipton, before *George Hinchliffe*, Esq, Coroner, and a respectable Jury, to enquire into the cause of the death of *Edward Smith*, aged fifty years. From the evidence, it appeared that on Saturday last deceased went to Dudley and became much intoxicated, and was found by a witness at twelve o'clock at night, lying in the gutter near the lower church, his wife standing by him and carrying him in the direction of Tipton. He was placed on the ground whilst the witness rested, and his wife who was following came up and said deceased was a 'drunken villain,' and kicked him on the side. This violence she repeated whenever deceased was put down to rest. When the first witness had taken him about a mile along the road some person said the woman was not the deceased's wife, but only living with him; upon hearing this witness placed deceased on the ground and left him. He was then quite helpless and insensible from intoxication. A man named *Barber* next saw deceased lying on the road near the railway bridge, and carried him several hundred yards, and when he placed deceased down to rest his wife kicked him two or three times. *Barber* took him as far as *Whitehouse's* bridge, when several parties came up, and *Barber* left him with his wife standing by. From the time *Barber* left him, it did not appear what became of him, until four o'clock the next morning, when a man named *Thomas Austen* found him two or three hundred yards from where *Barber* had left him, lying near the horse road, in the gutter, and no person near him. His nose and mouth were bleeding, his face much bruised, and his face,

clothes, and hair covered with wet mud. He had no waistcoat, coat, or hat on. He was immediately conveyed to a stable near, and died in about ten minutes. Whilst he was lying in the stable his wife came there in a state of intoxication, and after the police-officer had conveyed the body of the deceased to where he resided, he took the wife into custody. The wife made a statement to Jesse Baxter, sub-inspector of police to the effect that the parties were bringing deceased home left him about twelve o'clock near the lime kiln; that he lay in the road till a young man came up, who challenged deceased to a fight; that the latter took off his clothes and walked to the corner of the wall, where he was found; and that he would not have his clothes on, and she took them home. Mr. Underhill and Mr. Bradley, surgeons, were then examined, and stated they had made a post mortem examination of the body. There were several bruises on the face, on the leg, and on the side, and after describing particularly the other appearance of the body they stated that the brain was highly congested, but there were no corresponding internal injuries to the bruises, and that the congestion of the brain, which had occasioned death, was produced by what the deceased had taken and the exposure to cold. They could not even say whether the injuries he had received had accelerated death. They might have been produced by deceased falling down.

The wife of deceased was brought in custody to the inquest. The Coroner summed up the evidence to the Jury, pointing out the principal parts, which related to her conduct towards deceased, and the violence she had used. Deceased's wife then stated that all she wished to say was that deceased told her to go on home, and that she went.

The Jury after some consideration, returned a verdict 'That deceased died from congestion of the brain, produced by intoxication and long exposure to cold.' They also stated they were of opinion that the wife of deceased was guilty of great neglect of duty towards her husband in allowing him to remain exposed so long to the cold whilst in so helpless a state. The Coroner then administered a most severe reprimand to the wife of deceased, observing that her conduct had been most brutal and disgraceful towards her husband; that she ought, instead of leaving him in the helpless state she did, to have procured proper assistance, and had him conveyed home; and that he hoped his death would act as a caution to her in future to reform the dissolute life she had been leading. The enquiry did not terminate until after nine o'clock at night. The greatest interest prevailed in the neighbourhood, numbers of people having assembled near the house where the enquiry was held, anxious to see the wife of the deceased."

In July 1855, after the boiler explosion at New Fields Works, Dudley Port, inquests were held on the bodies of John Bennett, at the THREE FURNACES, Tipton, John Mansell, at the WHITE HORSE, Tipton, and Henry Phipps, a boy, at the ASH TREE, Tividale. Verdicts of Accidental Death were returned at each enquiry.

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/6/1857 - Marriages

"On the 18th instant, at the parish church, Tipton, by the Rev. W. Ker, Mr. Thomas Holey, of Park Lane, Madeley, to Esther, eldest daughter of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton."

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/7/1857

"On Monday last, G. H. Hinchcliffe, Esq, coroner, held an inquest at the THREE FURNACES INN, on the body of Phoebe Thomas. The deceased was a widow, 53 years of age. On the 3rd June she went to bed about eleven o'clock, and slept with her daughter, a girl about thirteen years of age. The following morning, at one o'clock, deceased's son, who lived with her, heard her screams, and upon going into her bedroom found the curtains, the bed clothes, and the table cover in flames; the deceased was just getting out of bed, and was severely burnt; medical assistance was procured, and every attention paid to her, but she died on Friday last from the effects of the burns. The daughter stated that the deceased generally extinguished the candle, and that it was left, on the night she was burnt, on a dressing table near the head of the bed, and very near the curtains; and deceased stated to witness she was in bed first, and did not put the candle out, and could not state by what means the curtains took fire. The jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/7/1857

"Postponement Of Sale.

We Hereby Give Notice that the Sale by Auction of the Two Freehold Messuages, with the appurtenances at Upper Green, Tipton, advertised to take place at the House of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, on the 29th day of July instant, Will Be Indefinitely Postponed.

Whitehouse Brothers, Solicitors.

Wolverhampton, July 21st, 1857.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/3/1859

“On Thursday evening an inquest was held at the THREE FURNACES INN, before G. H. Hinchcliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of Thomas Coombes. The deceased, who was fifty years of age, worked at Mr. Rowley’s pit, on the previous Saturday he descended the pit of the purpose of working during the night, no other person being down. The engine was working all night to pump water, and a log was placed at the end of one of the chains, and this went up and down the shaft of the pit where the deceased was. On the following morning a man went to the pit bank, and got the horses’ corn ready to send down. He called to deceased, but did not receive any answer, and two of the men descended and found the deceased about four feet from the bottom, and quite dead. His thigh was broken and his temple much injured. He was dressed, and his clothes much torn. The witnesses were of opinion that he had been attempting to ascend the shaft, which is about 100 yards in depth, on the log at the end of the chain, and had fallen off. He had several times come up on the log, and had been cautioned, but replied that he considered it safe. It appeared that the wire from the bottom of the shaft to the clapper in the engine house had been broken some time, and the deceased had no means of making any signal to the engineer. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and the coroner desired the manager to have a proper signal put up, and pointed out that he was liable for a penalty under the special colliery rules for not doing so.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/7/1859

“*Jones v. Roberts*. Mr. Sergeant Pigott, Mr. Phipson, and Mr. Kettle for the plaintiff, and Mr. Grey and Mr. Scotland for the defendant. In his opening address Mr. Sergeant Pigott said the present action was brought by Mr. John Thomas [sic], owner of the THREE FURNACES public house in Wood Street, Tipton, against Mr. Charles Roberts, owner of the Tipton Green Colliery. The ground of complaint was that the defendant, by the way in which he worked his colliery, had caused considerable injury to the plaintiff’s property – consisting of the THREE FURNACES, and of two messuages on the opposite side of Wood Street. The public house and some of the buildings adjoining had been standing there for the last forty years. During the whole of that time the house had been kept – first by the plaintiff’s father, and for the last twenty years by the plaintiff himself – as a licensed victualler’s house. Some additional buildings too had been put up by the plaintiff on his purchasing the premises on the death of his father in 1838; so that the more ancient had been there about forty years and the more modern about twenty years. The defendant’s colliery had been worked at different times. It was originally worked as long ago as 1825. In 1847 and 1848 it was worked by Messrs. Roberts (the present defendant) and Eberhardt, under the direction of Mr. Cope their agent. It was what was called a deep thick bed of coal, lying 120 or 140 yards under the surface, and being ten yards in thickness. At the time the mine was worked under the management of Mr. Cope, he left a long, large rib of coal to protect the present buildings, the rib running the whole length of the workings, and being twenty yards wide. Mr. Eberhardt died, Mr. Cope left, and in 1856 Mr. Roberts re-commenced the workings. It was a mine of great wealth, and Mr. Roberts commenced by cutting a drift through the rib of coal which his predecessor had left for the safety of Mr. *Jones*’s property, and drove his workings two yards under the plaintiff’s ground. He then set to work right and left, and took out all the coal excepting some pillars, six yards wide, which he left as supports. Not content with that, however, he subsequently reduced the thickness of these pillars by four feet, and the consequence was that the earth above began to ‘crown in.’ The soil above subsided, and with it the plaintiff’s house and premises also subsided. The premises were before that on a slight elevation, but were now in a sort of hollow, so that the sewage which flowed down Wood Street now went into the plaintiff’s cellars. The roof of one of the tenements had actually fallen off into Wood Street, and all of them began to lean towards the side whence the coal had been taken from beneath, to so great an extent that it had been found necessary to prop them up. Of course Mr. Roberts had been called on to make compensation, and he had, on one occasion, said he would make good all damage. Mr. Roberts had since stated – and he (Mr. Serjeant Pigott) believed that the defence – that it was not his colliery, but one belonging to

Mr. Rowley that had caused the damage. But Mr. Rowley's workings did not come within sixty yards of the premises, and were on the opposite side of those of Mr. Roberts. Mr. Jones's buildings, however, leaned out towards Mr. Rowley's workings, but towards those of Mr. Roberts. Therefore the ground of defence could not be very potent. With respect to the damages the plaintiff had sustained, the neighbourhood was a rapidly improving one; and the house being situated close to the canal wharf and near the railway station, did a first-rate business. In addition to this, the house had been established forty years, and before the railway was cut through it was the landing place for the swift packet boats. But now the public-house and the property adjoining were in such a state of ruin that it would require to be entirely reconstructed, the business during the time would be checked, and the profits of Mr. Jones's trade would be greatly diminished for some time. The damage in that respect was estimated at two thirds of the value of the property. In addition to this, the defendant had excavated a quantity of coal which plaintiff contended belonged to him. The excavations went under a portion of the plaintiff's property, which he purchased of Mr. Roberts; but in respect of this he made no claim, as there was a covenant in the conveyance that the coal should be the property of Mr. Roberts. It might be set up that it was in consequence of these workings that the plaintiff's other property had crowned in, but the answer to that was, that the defendant must work that as carefully as any other part of his mine. Another portion of the excavations went under a piece of land in front of plaintiff's public house. There might arise some dispute as to the ownership of that, as the plaintiff had allowed the public to pass over it, but he (plaintiff) believed it was his property. One other plea of the defendant was, that the weight of the buildings had caused the property to crown in. But when it was remembered that the workings were 160 yards beneath, the observation of Chief Baron Pollock might be properly applied to such a defence – 'buildings there were like flies on a bull's horn.'

Mr. Jones, the plaintiff, was then called, and, in addition to corroborating portions of his counsel's statement, said, when he purchased the premises in 1838, he gave £858 for them, and had since expended £450, in new buildings and alterations. The public-house was within 120 yards of Owen Street and 100 yards of Tipton Market, and up to 1856 he had done a good and increasing business. At that time Mr. Roberts commenced his new workings, the house and premises began to gradually sink, and his business fell off rapidly – people did not like to come. It had now sunk nearly a yard. He complained to Mr. Roberts when his property first began to sink, and Mr. Roberts said 'I will make good all damage that may be done.' In cross-examination he said that it cost him £12 12s to get the houses propped up.

Mr. Cope, who had been alluded to as the agent of Messrs. Roberts and Eberhardt in 1847-48, confirmed the statements made in regard to the state of the workings at that time, and added that his estimate of the quantity of coal got out from under Mr. Jones's property was 900 tons, which was worth £202 10s, after deducting the expense of bringing it to the surface. When he left the workings there were ten or eleven pillars ten or eleven yards thick and eight yards apart. He did not consider that those pillars, reduced by four yards in thickness, would be sufficient to sustain the workings.

Several miners now employed at the Tipton Green mine were then examined, and went to show that Mr. Roberts had, in 1856, reduced those pillars to four yards in thickness, and afterwards had taken them entirely away, had cut a drift way through the rib, and had extended the excavations 22 yards – being two yards beneath Mr. Jones's property. One of them stated, that on removing the pillars the work came in, and that the entire removal of the pillars was not a custom amongst miners.

Joseph Smith, agent to the Birmingham Canal Company, stated that both the plaintiff's property and the Company's Canal had sunk nearly 4 feet since 1856.

Joseph Selden, who owns a house within 10 yards of the THREE FURNACES, stated that his house sunk in a similar manner to that of the plaintiff, and the defendant paid to make it secure.

Mr. Peacock, surveyor, who had taken levels of the land in the neighbourhood of Mr. Jones's property in 1856 and 1857, stated that in October, 1856, it had sunk 1 foot 8 inches. He also spoke to the state of the defendant's pit.

Mr. John Yardley, mine agent, knew Rowley colliery well, as he made working plans for it. No part of the workings came within 60 yards of Mr. Jones's property.

Solomon Powell, surveyor and valuer, stated that he had surveyed Mr. Jones's house, and in his opinion, it was in so ruinous a state that it would require rebuilding. The cost of rebuilding would be £473. Cost of removal and deterioration in stock and fixture £107 12, and loss of profits during six months which the building would occupy £230. In cross-examination he stated that the whole property was worth £1,250.

Mr. R. S. Walker, licensed victuallers' valuer, bore out this statement, as did also Mr. John Fallows, builder's valuer and auctioneer.

This being the plaintiff's case, Mr. Grey said he was prepared to admit that damage had been done to *Jones's* house – though not to anything like the extent alleged by the other side – and that the defendant was partly liable but not wholly so. He would show by the evidence of Mr. Robert's ground manager and miners that when they set to work to remove the rib they found before getting through it that it had been worked from the other side – that, in fact, *Jones's* property had been already undermined. True, it would not have sunk had not Mr. Roberts removed part of the rib of coal, but it was also true that the property would not have sunk from Mr. Roberts workings had it not been previously undermined. Surely, then, Mr. Roberts was not to be made accountable for the acts of some one else, who had entrenched on his rights so far as to take part of his coal from the other side.

The learned Judge interposed. He said that if that was the point of the defence it would not hold good in law. The Judges in the Exchequer Chamber had decided that any person removing so much as a strain as would cause injury to any property on the surface, whether that removal of strata was the whole cause or part of the cause of the injury, such person was liable for the injury so done. Because, as in this case, the injury would not have been done by the first removal had not the second removal taken place.

Mr. Grey: Then what becomes of my client, my lord.

The Judge: Why, he has his action for trespass against the depredator, and can also recover any injury that may have accrued to him in consequence of the trespass.

Mr. Grey said that being his Lordship's ruling, the case resolved itself into a simple question of damages. In the first place it was entirely absurd to suppose that the plaintiff could recover the value of the coal taken from beneath his house. Without a doubt he could claim the value of the one or the value of the other, but not the value of both. Thus, he could not remove the coal itself without damaging his house. Therefore that coal was perfectly valueless while the property remained intact. The plaintiff could now enjoy both properties at once, and by a parity of reasoning, he ought not to obtain the value of both.

His Lordship at once ruled that the plaintiff could not claim for both, and gave Mr. Serjeant Pigott his choice as to which he would take on which to recover damages. After vainly endeavouring to set aside the Judge's ruling, the learned Serjeant chose the surface property.

Mr. William Horton, architect and surveyor, of Wednesbury, was called for the defence. He said that the place might be put into thorough repair for £116 or £117, but in that case the depreciation in value would amount to £250. For the inconvenience of moving during the repairs he thought £20 would be a sufficient compensation.

Other witnesses were called, who gave statements agreeing to some extent with those of Mr. Horton. In cross-examination, however, one admitted that the house required rebuilding, another that the cellar was so full of filth from the street that he could not stay in it, and all admitted they had only made a 'running' survey, which occupied about an hour in making. The Jury gave verdict for plaintiff for £600."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/10/1859

"Annual Dinner Of The Association For The Prosecution Of Felons. On Thursday last the annual meeting of this association was held at the THREE FURNACES INN, when an excellent dinner was provided, to which twenty-six sat down. Afterwards, under the presidency of Mr. John Davies, the usual loyal toasts, with others, were given. The treasurer of the society was re-elected, and other officers of the association appointed. A greater number of members, it was announced, than at any former period during its existence, now belonged to the society."

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1860

"On Saturday last, an inquest was held at the THREE FURNACES INN (Mr. *Jones's*), Wood Street, upon the body of Susannah Burton, nine years of age, who was drowned on Thursday last. Deceased took her father's breakfast to the factory works, and in returning she was attempting to cross the Birmingham canal by a plank, when she fell in the water, and was drowned. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1861 Census

Old Field – THREE FURNACES

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (49), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Esther Jones* (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Ellen Jones* (20), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Ann Jones* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Margrate Jones* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary Shucks* (16), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 27/9/1862 - Died

“On the 15th of April, at Amherst, Australia, aged 42 years, Mr. John Jones, brother to Mr. *Thomas Jones*, THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/2/1865 - Married

“On the 1st inst, at the Parish Church, Tipton (by the Rev. W. Ker, M.A.) Mr. James Brown of Dudley Port, to Ellen, daughter of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, THREE FURNACES, Tipton. No cards.”

Birmingham Journal 30/12/1865 - Advert

“Postponement Of Sale.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Sale of Freehold Houses and Premises, situate in Wood Street, Tipton, advertised for Sale by Auction, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, on the 2nd day of January next, is Postponed Until Further Notice.

T. M. and J. Whitehouse, Solicitors.

Charles Round, Auctioneer. Tipton, December 28, 1865.”

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/1866

“At the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton Green, on Saturday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest on the body of Albert Richard Fleet (12), who was fatally kicked by a boat-horse on the previous Saturday. The boy was going with his elder brother and grandfather to Birmingham from Tipton, the latter two being in charge of a horse and canal boat. Whilst they were getting a windlass out of the boat the boy was left in charge of the horse, and walked behind it. Suddenly the grandfather, Joseph Dominy, heard the boy call out that he had been kicked, and saw him fall on the towing-path. The lad was taken home and attended to, but he grew worse, and on Wednesday the boy died. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/1/1868 - Deaths

“On the 16th inst, aged 31 years, Richard, eldest son of Mr. *Thomas Jones*, THREE FURNACES, Tipton.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/3/1868 - Advert

“An Appeal to the benevolent and generous Gentlemen of the district, on behalf of the Widow of the late Mr. W. H. Crew, Wine Agent and land Surveyor, of Dudley, who was unfortunately drowned on January 28th, 1868, in the Tipton Canal, leaving a Wife and Five small children entirely unprovided for. This subscription is being raised to place the Widow in business to support herself and her family.....

Subscriptions received by..... Mr. *Jones*, THREE FURNACES Tipton.”

1871 Census

8, Furnace Parade

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (59), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Esther Jones* (59), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Ann Jones* (26), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Margaret Jones* (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Edgar W. Brown* (1), grandson, born Tipton;
- [6] *Hannah Paskin* (19), general servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 18/5/1871

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. Hooper held an inquest on the body of a female infant, recently discovered in a jackey pit on the Moat Colliery, at the THREE FURNACES, Tipton. The jury returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown.”

Midland Examiner 30/10/1875

“Friendly Societies And Their Rights. In furtherance of this object a meeting of representatives of various Friendly Societies was held at the EAGLE TAVERN (Mr. Humphrey’s), Dock Lane, on Wednesday evening, ably presided over by Mr. Joseph Smart, when the following lodges, courts, and clubs were represented. Foresters – Court Old House at Home, BIRD IN HAND, Kate’s Hill; Court Factors Hope, THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton.

Oddfellows – FOUNTAIN OF HOPE, Birmingham Street, Dudley.

Druids – Dudley Castle, JUNCTION INN, Queens Cross, Dudley; ENTERPRISE, Stone Street.

Free Gardeners – Blooming Rose, EAGLE TAVERN, Dudley; Dudley Castle, EAGLE TAVERN, Dudley; Speed The Plough, BARLEYMOW, Dudley; ROSE AND SHAMROCK, Hall Street, Dudley; Cromwell, Kates Hill, Dudley; Lily of the Valley, New Street, Dudley; Forget-me-not, NEW INN, Dudley; Pride of the Garden, HOPE TAVERN, Dudley.

The Gift Friendly Society, COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley; Tipton United Friendly Society, KINGS HEAD; Tradesmen’s United Brothers, EARL DUDLEYS ARMS, Dudley; Miners Friendly Society, EARL DUDLEYS ARMS; United Tradesmen, BARLEYMOW, Dudley; Work of Industry Lodge, WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley; Miners Association, SHAKESPEARE INN, Dudley; Life and Death, WHITE ROSE, Dudley; Friendly Society, STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield; United Friendly Society, KINGS HEAD, Tipton.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously, (1) ‘That the Home Secretary be written to, asking him if the decision of Mr. Isaac Spencer in the recent case of a Friendly Society Sunday funeral be in accordance with the law,’ and (2) ‘That if a reply in the affirmative be received a petition for its alteration be forwarded to the borough and county members for presentation to the House of Commons’. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the same place. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman and Secretary, and the meeting separated.”

County Express 29/12/1877

“On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquiry at the THREE FURNACES INN, Wood Street, Tipton, touching the death of Benjamin Dorsett, aged 1 year and seven months, who died from the effects of scalds, on the 22nd inst. The evidence showed that on the 17th inst. the sister of the deceased in lifting a saucepan of boiling water off the fire accidentally upset the water over the deceased’s shoulders, and which so seriously scalded him as to result in his death. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/1/1880 - Notice

“East Staffordshire Election, 1880.....

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee for securing the election of S. C. Allsopp, Esq, and Sir John Hardy, Bart.....

Thomas Jones, THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton.”

1881 Census

8, Furnace Parade – THREE FURNACES INN

[1] *Thomas Jones* (69), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Esther Jones* (69), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Margarate Jones* (31), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Ellen Jones* (17), granddaughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Richard Jones* (13), grandson, born Tipton;

[6] *Edith Hopley* (17), granddaughter, born Madeley, Shropshire;

[7] *Sarah Gough* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

West Bromwich Weekly News 24/9/1881

“On Tuesday, Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton Green, on the body of Joseph Harris (27), miner, Wood Street, who died on Sunday from the effects of burns received whilst at work in Golds Green Colliery, belonging to Messrs. Bagnall and Sons, on the 6th inst. Mr. W. B. Scott (Assistant Government Inspector of Mines) and Mr. Ritson, the colliery manager, were present.

James Atkiss, a pikeman, residing at Summer Hill, gave evidence to the effect that at four o’clock on the morning of the 6th inst, he was at work in a head in a gate road of the pit with the deceased, the latter being engaged clearing out dirt for him. When witness went to work the night doggy, named Rollinson, was not there, so witness took a lighted lamp and tried the pit. It was then safe, and there was a good supply of air through the troughs. About half past two o’clock witness again tried the workings with a candle from the edge of the road, and it was then also safe. About an hour and a half later he heard the roar of gas, and turning saw that the deceased, who was stripped to his waist, had been burned. He was removed to the bank and oils were applied, and he was then taken home.

In reply to the Coroner, the witness said the night doggy was generally there, but he expected he was ill that night. On the Sunday night previous witness could not work in consequence of the gas. A sheet had been put up to create a draught, but it was not there when witness examined the place on the night in question.

The deceased had a naked light.

By Mr. Scott: Naked candles were always used in that head.

Mr. Ritson, in answer to the Coroner, said Rollinson the night deputy, was absent on the night of the explosion through illness, and no one was in his place.

The Coroner: You don’t mean to tell me the pit was left without a doggy?

Mr. Ritson: I did not know he was away.

Edward Bowen, the day doggy, was called, and explained that at twenty minutes past four on the afternoon of the 6th, hearing that Rollinson, the night doggy, was not going to the pit, witness examined the workings, and found them safe. He admitted, in reply to the Coroner, that he now knew he was breaking the special rules by leaving the pit in the other doggy’s absence.

The Coroner said it appeared to him to be a very lax way of doing business. He did not know what the Government Inspector might think about the matter. It appeared to him that the doggy, Rollinson, had been guilty of very great negligence, and he could not excuse witness (Bowen) from blame for leaving the pit. If he could not work the night shift he should have drawn the men out.

Mr. Scott: Certainly,

The Coroner: It seems these men were left to work as they thought fit, which is a most improper state of things.

Mr. Scott said he had examined the pit, and in his opinion, the explosion was caused by deceased using the naked light. There was plenty of time for gas to accumulate between the time of Atkiss’s examination and the explosion. The means of ventilation in the pit were good.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and added that they were of opinion that great blame attached to Bowen, the day doggy, for leaving the men in the pit without a proper man over them; also Atkiss for working there at the time; and also the engine-man, for letting the deceased and Atkiss down when there was no person in charge.

The Coroner said he presumed the Secretary of State would order proceedings against them.”

Evening Star 28/4/1882

“This morning Edwin Hooper, Esq, district coroner, held an inquest at the THREE FURNACES INN, Furnace Parade, Tipton, touching the death of Joseph Davis, aged 7 days, the illegitimate child of Rebecca Davis (25), 4 House, 4 Court, Wood Street, Tipton. This is the mother’s third child, and no one was present at her confinement, except her grandmother and a neighbour.

The child was always weakly, and on Saturday last became convulsed. No doctor, however, was sent for, and it was only when death was imminent that the child was taken to Dr. Brown, who at once pronounced the case to be hopeless, and the child died soon afterwards.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, but at the same time considered that the mother and grandmother had been guilty of culpable neglect in not having taken the child to a doctor sooner. The mother and grandmother were severely censured by the coroner, and warned that if anything of the kind occurred again they would be committed for manslaughter.”

Dudley and District News 17/3/1883 - Death

“On the 8th inst, Esther, the beloved wife of *Thomas Jones*, THREE FURNACES, Tipton, aged 71 years.”

1891 Census

Furnace Parade – THREE FURNACES INN

[1] *Hannah Lawrence* (54), married, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Victoria Onions* (21), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 7/9/1895

“On Tuesday Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the THREE FURNACES INN respecting the death of Edward Ernest Turner (9), son of Edward Turner, puddler, Furnace Parade.

Sarah Turner, deceased’s stepmother, said the boy had been unwell and had been attended by a doctor up till seven weeks ago. On Thursday morning, while at school deceased was taken ill but he refused to go home, as the summer examination of the school was being held, though he was given permission. At home he complained of pain in the stomach and witness thought he was suffering from a bilious attack. He became unconscious and died the following morning. Dr. Brown was fetched on the Friday morning.

The Coroner thought a doctor ought to have been sent for earlier, but the stepmother stated that she did not think that deceased was in a worse condition than he had been on previous occasions when he had recovered.

A witness stated that the stepmother had been kind and attentive to deceased and the jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

The license renewal was objected to, in February 1903, on the grounds that the premises were dilapidated and insanitary.

South Staffordshire Times 26/8/1922

“The death occurred on Friday night, of an aged Tiptonian, who during a long and busy life was held in general esteem by the large number of associates with whom he was connected. This was John Alfred Mander, builder and undertaker, of Wood Street, who entered into his rest at the advanced age of 77. He had been ill for two months with chronic bronchitis, and the end was not altogether unexpected. For some time Mr. Mander was a licensee in the town, holding the license of the BOAT and afterwards of the TWO FURNACES. He leaves six sons and one daughter, his wife having pre-deceased him some three years ago. Among the six sons are Mr. Alf Mander, who is the licensee of the ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, and Mr. *James Mander*, who is the licensee of the THREE FURNACES. Mr. Charles Mander, who is 88, and the oldest brother of the deceased attended the funeral. This took place at the cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral took place on Wednesday from his residence, and the blinds in the vicinity were drawn as a mark of respect.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/8/1928 - Deaths

“On the 15th inst, at the THREE FURNACES INN, Tipton, *James*, dearly beloved husband of *Sarah Ann Mander*, aged 51 years.”

Dudley Herald 20/6/1931

“.....‘In all my life I’ve never seen rain like it,’ said an aged Tipton resident, speaking of Sunday’s downpour which caused so much flooding.

From all over the parish reports of floating furniture and flooded roadways were received, and the great marvel is that there was comparatively little damage done despite the fierceness of the rain and the consequent rushing flood water. The local firefighters found themselves transformed into a ‘water brigade,’ and worked in the latter capacity until late in the evening. Their first call was to the public house the THREE FURNACES, which is situate at the corner of Furnace Parade and Wood Street. The licensee, Mrs. *Sarah Ann Mander*, and her son, Mr. Alfred *Mander*, described to one of our reporters the state of the premises following upon the storm. The water was five feet deep in the cellar, and the barrels were all floating round. The

provisions for a little ‘spread’ which the THREE FURNACES Homing Society were to have on Monday evening were in the cellar at the time, and the state of the jellies, blanc manges, etc, can be well imagined. Also on the menu was to be ‘pigs’ pudding,’ and seven or eight pounds for this were pumped, with the water, out of the cellar. This the boys of the locality ‘captured’ as it came through the house, and a ‘battle royal’ ensued with it.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 22/8/1932

“Flooding occurred in several low-lying areas at Tipton after yesterday’s storm.

Water entered the THREE FURNACES INN, Wood Street, and two adjoining cottages to the depth of about three feet. The furniture in the lower rooms had to be removed upstairs, and about 30 neighbours were engaged for nearly four hours in clearing the flood water from the public house.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 5/2/1936

“Despite strenuous efforts from Tipton Urban Council, the magistrates granted an application by W. Butler and Co. of Wolverhampton for the transfer of the license of the THREE FURNACES INN, Wood Street, Tipton, to premises to be erected on the Tibbington Estate, at present being developed by the Council.

The Council’s objection lay in the fact that the Council had reserved on the estate a site for licensed premises and that the Butler’s house would be opposite the site that the Council had reserved for a school.

Mr. Frank Cooper, for Butlers, said that they were prepared to surrender the license of the VINE INN, on the corner of Tame Road, and give to the Council the land they needed to complete the widening of what was now a very dangerous ‘bottle neck.’ In addition, they undertook not to oppose any application for a licensed house on the site that the Council had reserved.”

The license was removed to the TIBBINGTON.

THREE HORSE SHOES

Horse Shoe Row, Lock Side, Lock Street, Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Ann Elwell [1818]

Joseph Deakins [1828] – [1830]

Edward Whitehouse [1834] – [1842]

William Nightingale [1847]

Lawrence Hartshorne [1849] – [1851]

John Hurst [] – **1855**;

George Downes (**1855** – [1857])

Thomas Downes (**1860**);

Thomas Wood (**1860** – [])

Edward Wood [1861] – [1862]

Joseph Mills [] – **1863**;

Robert Knight (**1863** – [1871])

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 2/6/1839

“William Perry, better known as ‘the Tipton Slasher,’ will fight Tunchy Shelton, of Derby, or any commoner for from £25 to £50 a side. His money is ready at the THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 27/3/1847 - Advert

“Public House, Tipton Green.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. S. Powell, on Wednesday, the 31st of March, at the house of Mr. James Aston, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, at Six o’clock.

The under mentioned Old Licensed Public House with Four small Dwelling Houses, Stables, Yards, Garden, and Appurtenances thereto belonging; with the Mines and Minerals under the same; in the following or such other lots, and subject to conditions as shall be determined upon at the time of sale.

Lot 1. All that Old Licensed Public House, situate at Tipton Green, aforesaid, known by the sign of the THREE HORSE SHOES, now in the occupation of *William Nightingale*; with two Dwelling Houses thereto adjoining, in the occupations of William Timmins and William Cox, and the Yard, Pigsties, and large Garden Ground thereto belonging, as now staked out, which Yards and Gardens contain by admeasurement 335 square yards or thereabouts.....”

1851 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *Lawrence Hartshorne* (42), licensed victualler, born Old Park, Shropshire;
- [2] Elizabeth Hartshorne (40), wife, born Coalbrookdale;
- [3] Ann Eliza Hatshorne (13), daughter, at home, born Staffordshire;
- [4] Ann Ubins (22), house servant, born Kings County, Ireland;
- [5] John Bennett (22), lodger, stepson(?), boatman, born Northampton:

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

“The usual sessions for the renewal of licenses, was held on Wednesday last.....

The list of licensed victuallers who had been fined during the past year, and whose cases were brought as usual under the notice of the Court, stood thus.....

George Downes, THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton, license suspended till the 25th September.”

AND

Birmingham Journal 26/9/1857

“.....licensed victuallers who had their licenses suspended the Magistrates, after due caution, restored the licenses.”

Birmingham Journal 26/9/1857

“Application Day For New Licenses. The meeting was held yesterday (Friday) at the Scott Arms, Great Barr.....

In our August report of the annual licensing day at Great Barr, it was stated that the following licensed victuallers had their licenses suspended until the meeting today.....

George Downes, the THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton.....

Today, the Magistrates, after due caution, restored the licenses.”

Birmingham Journal 14/4/1860

“The usual weekly sessions held at the Public Office on Saturday last, were made special for the usual transfer of licenses.....

THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton (formerly kept by Mr. *G. Downes*) to Mr. *Thomas Downes*.”

1861 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *Edward Wood* (43), coal miner and innkeeper, born Ludlow;
- [2] Ann Wood (38), wife, born Ludlow;
- [3] Charlotte Wood (19), daughter, dressmaker, born Brierley;

[4] Harriet Leath (14), general servant, born Brierley;

[5] Thomas Williams (20), lodger, boatman, born Gloucester:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/6/1861

“At the Wordsley Police Court, on Monday, before James Holcroft and F. Evans, Esqs, the charges against several publicans for illegally selling ale, &c, at Brierley Hill races was again proceeded with. It will be remembered that in October last a number of publicans were summoned on the information of Mr. Superintendent Mills upon the above charge. Upon that occasion a man named Hughes was fined £5 and costs, but upon the application of Mr. Sill, who appeared for the defence, a case was granted for the Quarter Sessions. Upon being taken to the sessions the decision of the Bench at Wordsley was confirmed. A case was granted at the sessions for the opinion of the Court of Queen’s Bench, and the decision of the Court has not yet been given. Mr. Bailey, who appeared on Monday for the prosecution, said that a great deal of delay had taken place in the progress of the case, and great expense had been gone to; Mr. Sill had had every opportunity allowed him of bringing the cases on, and as he had not done so he had now to request that the cases might be gone into. The Bench coincided in this view, and the cases were then proceeded with. The first defendant called was William Hughes, landlord of the RED LION at Wordsley. He at once pleaded guilty to the charge, stating in extenuation that a permission which he considered sufficient had been received by certain persons in Brierley Hill, and he therefore erected his booth. He had acted in ignorance of the law, and would take care not to offend again in a similar manner. He was fined £5 and costs for selling on Monday, the 24th of September, and upon a second charge for selling on the 25th, the charge was withdrawn by Major McKnight upon payment of costs. Jeremiah Browne of the CAT INN, Wordsley; William Hall of the ROSE AND CROWN, Wordsley; William Tranlin, of Tipton; Mary Darby, of the NEW INN, Wordsley, and Joseph Williams, of the ROYAL OAK, Kate’s Hill, Dudley, each pleaded guilty, and were similarly dealt with. In the case of James Huxley, of the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, Bromley, who did not appear, evidence was given by Police-constable Whitehouse of his having filled ale on the two days in question. He was fined £5 in the first case, and the second was withdrawn on payment of costs. William Jones, of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Dudley, pleaded guilty, but it having been shown that he had been previously dealt with at West Bromwich for a similar offence, he was fined £6 and costs in the first case, and the second was withdrawn on payment of costs. *Edward Wood*, of the THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton, was similarly dealt with. Peter Price, of the NEW INNS, Quarry Bank, was fined £5 and costs in each case. He did not appear. William Oakes, of the BRITANNIA, Round Oak, who did not appear, was fined £5 in each case. This concluded the hearing of the cases.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Thursday last.....

The following licensed victuallers, fined for various infringements of the law, and whose cases had been ordered to stand over from the former licensing meeting in August last, were called before the Magistrates, and after their respective cases had been referred to they were admonished and warned that a second offence would be of serious consequences.....

Mr. *Edward Wood*, THREE HORSE SHOES.....”

Birmingham Journal 13/9/1862 - Advert

“Tipton. A Well-Situated Old-Licensed Inn, the THREE HORSE SHOES, situate at Lower Green, fronting Lock Street and the Top Lock on the Birmingham Old Canal.

By Mr. J. S. Parkes. To be Disposed Of by Private Treaty, all that well-accustomed Old-Licensed Inn, now doing a good in and out-door Ready-money Business in consequence of the present Proprietor removing to a distance.

The House consists of Front Tap Room, Bar, Smoke Room, Club Room, Cooking Kitchen, three Cellars, five Bed Rooms, capital Brewhouse, Stabling for seven horses, Marble and Skittle Alley, entire Yard, with a never failing supply of hard and soft water.

Rent £24 per annum, which is cleared regularly by Beds alone.

Immediate possession may be had. Coming-in can be reduced to suit Purchaser.

For further particulars, and to treat, apply upon the Premises; and to the Auctioneer, Surveyor, and Estate

Agent, Wesley Street, Oldbury.”

Birmingham Journal 27/9/1862 - Advert

“Notice. The Sale at the THREE HORSE SHOES, Lower Green, Tipton, advertised for Monday next, is postponed.

J. S. Parkes, Auctioneer, Oldbury.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1862 - Advert

“Sale This Day. By Mr. Joseph Parkes, at the THREE HORSE SHOES, Lower Green, Tipton – Household Furniture, Licenses, and Possession, &c.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/10/1862

“On Tuesday, at Wednesbury Petty Sessions, before T. Davis and J. Haines, Esqs, *Edward Wood*, landlord of the THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton Green, was summoned upon the information of Police-constable Hunter to answer a charge of having refused to admit the police between eleven and twelve o’clock on the night of 27th September. The constable stated that on the night named, seeing a light and hearing a noise in the house, he knocked at the door and requested admission. The light was immediately put out, and after a time Mrs. *Wood* put her head out of an upstairs window and told him he should not enter. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defendant, and called a number of witnesses to show that Mr. and Mrs. *Wood* retired to rest before eleven o’clock on that particular Sunday night, that the persons whose voices the constable heard were Mrs. *Wood* and a female visitor, and that Mrs. *Wood* refused to admit him, believing from his violent conduct and language that he was drunk; also that the constable was prompted by ill feeling to bring the charge. After hearing the witnesses, the Bench dismissed the case.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/6/1863

“At the Police Court, yesterday.....

Robert Knight, of the THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton Green, was also charged with having his house open for the sale of liquor, shortly before one o’clock on the morning of Sunday, the 24th ult. Sergeant Swift and Police-constable Cook deposed to having seen a woman leaving the house at the hour and day named with a jug of ale in her hand. Mr. Sheldon, who appeared for the defendant, endeavoured to show that the jug contained water, but the Stipendiary expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the evidence tendered in support of the complaint, and as defendant had previously been charged with keeping a disorderly house, he was fined in the sums of 40s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/5/1864

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the following beerhouse keepers were fined in the sums appended to their names for selling ale during prohibited hours.....

Robert Knight, the THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton Green (a second offence), £5 and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/8/1864

“Renewal of Licenses.....

From the Superintendent’s statement it appeared that there were but thirteen publicans who had been convicted since last licensing day, and but few of those who had been fined more than once. The list of convictions was as follows.....

Robert Knight, THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton Green, Tipton, disorderly conduct, fined £5.....

After the licenses of those persons who had not been convicted had been renewed, those landlords whose names appeared on the black list were called in, all of whom were severely censured and cautioned by the Bench.....

Robert Knight, THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton Green, Tipton, was censured by the Magistrates for having permitted prostitutes to assemble in his house. Mr. Inspector Phair having given the house a very bad name, Mr. *Knight*’s license was suspended until the 29th proximo.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Mr. Fellows applied for *Robert Knight*, THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Lower Green. House situated 100 yards from the nearest licensed house. Two years ago the applicant’s license was taken away for misconduct. No opposition. Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1866

“The annual sessions for the granting of spirit licenses was held on Wednesday.....

Robert Knight, THREE HORSESHOES INN, Lower Green, no opposition refused.....”

Robert Knight, beer retailer, Lock Side. [1868], [1870]

Robert Knight was fined £5 plus costs for harbouring prostitutes in June 1870.

He was also fined £6 plus costs for permitting prostitutes to assemble in his public house in August 1871.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

Robert Knight, THREE HORSE SHOES, Tipton Green, had been fined £5 for allowing prostitutes in his house. Granted.”

1871 Census

Horse Shoe Row

[1] *Robert Knight* (52), publican, born Felthorp, Norfolk;

[2] Mary Knight (50), wife, born Worcestershire;

[3] Arthur Knight (19), son, labourer, born Tipton;

[4] Robert Knight (11), son, born Tipton;

[5] Thomas Knight (8), son, born Tipton;

[6] Frederick Knight (5), son, born Tipton;

[7] James Sweeney (33), lodger, tailor, born Cork, Ireland;

[8] Frederick Hundrews (29), lodger, tailor, born Sheffield, Yorkshire:

THREE HORSE SHOES

97, (100), Ocker Hill Road, Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Woodhall Ltd., West Bromwich

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. (acquired on 6th October 1938)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Wainwright [1866]

Frederick Hawkins [1871] – [1872]

William Pickerill [1881]

Joseph Hastilow [1882]
George Haycock [1891] – [1900]
Charles Morris [1901]
Thomas Edge [1904] – [1908]
Mrs. Elizabeth Perry [1911] – **1928**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Harding (**1928 – 1949**);
Henry Edward ‘Harry’ Moreton (**1949 – [1958]**)
Pearl Nicholls [2012] – [2013]

NOTES

100, Ocker Hill Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1912]
97, Ocker Hill Road [1939]

It had a beer and cider license.

It had a pigeon club.

[Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1866 - Advert](#)

“Wanted, a young Man, used to Shoeing and Jobbing.
Apply to *Thomas Wainwright*, Shoeing Smith, Toll End, Tipton.”

[Birmingham Daily Post 16/11/1866 - Advert](#)

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold Property At Toll End, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by R. L. Courtney, on Tuesday Next, November 29, at the house of Mr. Erwin, the KINGS ARMS INN, Toll End, Tipton, aforesaid, at Seven o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced.

All that Freehold Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling House and Premises, now used as an Inn or Public House, and known as the THREE HORSE SHOES, situate at Toll End, Tipton, aforesaid, and fronting the main road leading from Great Bridge to Wolverhampton, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Wainwright*.

The Premises are well arranged, and comprise Tap Room, Sitting Room, Parlour, Brewhouse, Cellar, three Bed Rooms, large enclosed Yard, with Gateway, Blacksmith’s and Wheelwright’s Shop, extensive Stabling and Appurtenances.

The Property is well tenanted, and produces an annual rental of £26 12s.

For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, High Street, West Bromwich; or to Mr. F. M. Burton, Solicitor, Union Passage, Birmingham.”

[Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/3/1867 - Advert](#)

“A Beehouse and Blacksmith’s Business to be Disposed Of.
Apply, THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Toll End, Great Bridge.”

[London Gazette 17/12/1867](#)

“*Thomas Wainwright*, late of Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Publican and Blacksmith, since of No.1, Trinity-street, Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Blacksmith, and afterwards of No.1, Tonk-street, Birmingham aforesaid, Publican, and now residing in lodgings at No.9, Essex-street, in Birmingham aforesaid, out of business, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the County Court of Warwickshire, holden at Birmingham, on the 21st day of November, 1867, a public sitting, for the said bankrupt to pass his Last Examination, and make application for his Discharge, will be held at the said Court, Waterloo-street, Birmingham, on the 22nd day of January next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon precisely, the day last aforesaid being the day limited for the said bankrupt to surrender. John Guest, Esq, of Birmingham, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. Stubbs and Fowke, of

Bennetts-hill, Birmingham, are the Solicitors acting in the bankruptcy.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/4/1867

“J. Lee of Great Bridge will run J. Herbert of Swan Village 120 yards, for £5 a side, and will give him a yard start. Money ready at *Hawkins's*, Ocker Hill, near Tipton.”

1871 Census

100, Ocker Hill Road

- [1] *Frederick Hawkins* (39), publican, born Brewood;
- [2] Emma Hawkins (35), wife, born Ocker Hill;
- [3] Joseph Hawkins (6), son, born Ocker Hill;
- [4] William Hawkins (5), son, born Ocker Hill;
- [5] Anne Hawkins (4), daughter, born Ocker Hill;
- [6] Betsy Hawkins (3), daughter, born Ocker Hill;
- [7] Agnes Hawkins (6 months), daughter, born Ocker Hill:

Frederick Hawkins, beer retailer, Ocker Hill. [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 21/10/1878 - Advert

“THREE HORSE SHOES, Ocker Hill, near Wednesbury. Brewing weekly. Coming-in about £120. Apply to E. B. Scholefield, Valuer and Auctioneer, Church Street, Wednesbury.”

1881 Census

100, Ocker Hill Road – THREE HORSE SHOES INN

- [1] *William Pickerill* (60), brickmaker and publican, born Walsall;
- [2] Ann Pickerill (59), wife, born Aldridge;
- [3] William Pickerill (25), son, colliery engineer, born Aldridge;
- [4] Fanny Pickerill (22), daughter, domestic servant, born Aldridge;
- [5] Anne Pickerill (18), daughter, dress maker, born Aldridge:

Joseph Hastilow = Joseph Hastelow = Joseph Hastellow = Joseph Astella

Dudley and District News 4/3/1882

“*Joseph Hastellow*, landlord of the THREE HORSE SHOES, Ocker Hill, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 19th instant. Mr. Sheldon defended.

About 4.30 PC Hopps went into the house and found a man there speechlessly drunk, and several others ‘half-seas over.’ On the landlord being remonstrated with he said, ‘Well, he’s had no beer for some time, and I can’t kick a man out of my house as soon as he gets drunk, so long as he behaves himself.’ Some others in the house said the man was not drunk, and the defendant started with him to the police station at Wednesbury to ask the inspector if he were drunk; but while on the way the man broke down and had to be taken home by the police.

There being no evidence to corroborate that of the policeman, the magistrates said they wished to impress upon their officers the necessity of procuring corroborative evidence, and adjourned the case for a week.”

Dudley and District News 11/3/1882

“*Joseph Hastelow*, landlord of the THREE HORSE SHOES, Ocker Hill, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises, on the 18th ult. Mr. Sheldon defended.

At 4.30pm PC Hobbs went into the defendant’s house, and found William Hume drunk in the tap-room along with some others, who were all more or less inebriated. On the landlord’s attention being drawn to the fact, he said he had not drawn them any drink for 20 minutes. Hobbs said he ought not to have a man in Hume’s condition on the premises, and the landlord said, ‘I could not throw a man into the street the moment he gets drunk.’ Someone proposed that Hume should be taken to the police-inspector at Wednesbury to see if he were drunk. Hobbs said they could do so if they liked, and the landlord set off with him as far as

Doe Bank, but there they stopped, Hume staggering into the JOLLY COLLIER. Defendant came back again and asked the constable if he was going to take any proceedings in the case. Hobbs said 'certainly,' and the defendant repeated 'that he could not throw out a man as soon as he got drunk.' Going into the JOLLY COLLIER, Hobbs found Hume drunk and had him ejected, and took him home.

Samuel Walford, horse-dealer, said he saw Hume followed by Hobbs on the afternoon above-named. Hume was intoxicated, and ran against witness who knocked him down.

Paul Jones, butcher, said Hume could not walk straight, and had he gone to the police-station he would have been locked up.

Mr. Sheldon's defence was that Hume and another man had had a competition as to who could walk straight for 100 yards. Hume almost accomplished the difficult feat, and then went into the house to drink the wager, and, of course, the landlord could not think he was drunk after what he had done, and so filled a quart for him and his companions.

The case was dismissed, the magistrates remarking that it was rather dubious."

Dudley and District News 29/4/1882

"*Joseph Hastilow*, beerhouse keeper, Tipton, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the 10th inst, to wit, after the hour of 11 o'clock to 11.40. Adjourned to Wednesbury, to the 25th.

Thomas Hunston, Ocker Hill, Tipton, was charged with being on the licensed premises of *Joseph Hastilow* during prohibited hours, on the 10th inst. Adjourned to Wednesbury, to the 25th inst."

AND

Wednesbury Herald 29/4/1882

"*Joseph Astella* [sic], landlord of the THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Ocker Hill, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours, on the night of the 10th inst. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defence. Police constable Hobbs stated that on the day in question he visited the defendant's house at 11.40 and found a man named Thomas Houston on the premises drinking. As witness entered the kitchen, a great jug of ale was removed.

Police constable Rodgers corroborated.

Mr. Sheldon said the man Houston courted the defendant's daughter, and after business was over the young man assisted defendant in removing some barrels, after which they had something to drink. Whilst partaking of the ale the officer walked into the house. He submitted very respectfully that no offence had been committed, and contended that as the officers knew that Houston courted the defendant's daughter there was no necessity to take out a summons.

The Bench dismissed the case, but remarked that they considered it a proper case to come before the Court."

1891 Census

100, Ocker Hill Road

[1] *George Haycock* (54), publican and carpenter, born Coventry;

[2] *Mary Haycock* (54), wife, born Bedworth, Warwickshire;

[3] *Charles Morris* (35), son-in-law, labourer, born Halesowen;

[4] *Mary A. Morris* (32), daughter, born Coventry;

[5] *Emma Montgomery* (39), visitor, born Redmarley, Gloucestershire;

[6] *Ernest Montgomery* (12), visitor, scholar, born Smethwick;

[7] *Maud Montgomery* (2), visitor, born Smethwick:

Walsall Observer 21/1/1893

"The annual meeting of the Bilston, Walsall, and Cannock District of the United Order of Free Gardeners was held at Bro. *Haycock's*, the THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Ocker Hill, on Monday last.

Bro. J. Stevenson (master) presided, and, in a very able address, pointed to the satisfactory progress made during the past year, both in the Order and the district.

The auditor's report showed a balance to the funeral fund of £725 16s 5½d, and to the benevolent fund of £112 14s 10d. There was a deficit on the management fund for the half-year ending December 31st to the extent of £93 15s 7½d; and also in the district sick fund of £44 1s 2½d, after allowing £50 9s 9d derived from the Whitsuntide fête and church parade. The report was adopted.

The scheme for the equalization of sick-pay throughout the district was warmly discussed and adopted by 47 votes to 34.

In order to reduce the deficit on the management and sick funds it was decided to increase the payments from the various lodges to the district according to the rate of expenditure.

A strong Management Committee was elected for the ensuing year, and the following were the delegates appointed for the next AGM: Bros. Stevenson, Baldwin, Blakemore, Howl, Gardner, and Edge. Bro. Keen was elected district secretary, and Bro. Baldwin treasurer.

At the close of the proceedings a pleasant ceremony took place, when Bro. J. Stevenson, the retiring master, was presented with a handsome emblem and regalia of the Order. The recipient suitably responded.”

Wednesbury Herald 11/5/1895

“A meeting of the Rosebud Lodge, No.1581, of the National United Order of Free Gardeners, was held at the THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Ocker Hill, on Saturday evening.....”

George Haycock, beer retailer, 100, Ocker Hill Road. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

100, Ocker Hill Road

[1] *Charles Morris* (45), publican, born Halesowen;

[2] *Mary Ann Morris* (42), wife, born Coventry;

[3] *Frank Morris* (1), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Alice Hitchcox* (13), visitor, born Leamington, Warwickshire:

An objection to the license renewal was made, in January 1903, on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervision, and was in a dilapidated and insanitary condition.

The license was renewed on 26th February 1903.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/12/1904

“A man named Frederick Garrett, on December 5, went to the THREE HORSE SHOES, Ocker Hill, kept by *Thomas Edge*, and got supplied with beer. It was afterwards seen that the man was drunk, and when asked by the landlord and the landlady to leave, he simply said ‘Rats.’ While they were expostulating with him the police arrived. *Edge* was yesterday fined by the Stipendiary at Wednesbury 10s and costs for permitting drunkenness, his worship holding that there had been a technical permission of drunkenness, but a summons for selling ale to a drunken person was withdrawn on payment of costs.

Garratt was fined 10s for being drunk on licensed premises.”

1911 Census

Ocker Hill – THREE HORSE SHOES

[1] *Elizabeth Perry* (61), widow, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Bowater* (20), grand-daughter, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Ann Bowater* (17), grand-daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Chrissie Louisa Bowater* (5), grand-daughter, born Tipton:

Elizabeth Bowater married *John Harding* in the 3rd quarter of 1911.

Mrs. *Elizabeth Perry*, beer retailer, 100, Ocker Hill Road. [1912]

Dudley Chronicle 3/9/1925

“It is known that the ‘Tipton Slasher’ had a gorilla as a pet, and it is interesting to learn that it is preserved and is still in the possession of Mrs. *Perry*, licensee of the THREE HORSE SHOES, Ocker Hill, and widow of the late Mr. *William Perry*, a nephew of the famous fighter. Apart from the stuffed gorilla, Mrs. *Perry* also has in her possession a fine painting of the ‘Tipton Slasher.’”

1939 Register

97, Ocker Hill Road

[1] *Elizabeth Harding*, date of birth 28/1/1891, licensee, beerhouse, married;

[2] John Harding, dob 2/10/1887, sheelp(?) turner (heavy work), married;

[3] Doris E. (Harding) Lloyd, dob 2/6/1922, warehouse packer (small metal), single;

[4] William C. Cotton, dob 19/6/1913, motor mechanic, married;

[5] Mary A. E. Cotton, dob 10/12/1915, unpaid domestic duties, married:

'Tipton: A Third Selection' by Keith Hodgkins and John Brimble

".....the stuffed ape which once belonged to the prizefighter, the Tipton Slasher. The story goes that the ape was killed by the Slasher's father who knocked it down a flight of stairs after being bitten on the finger It was passed on to his great granddaughter Mrs. *Elizabeth Harding* of the THREE HORSESHOES in Ocker Hill who gave it to the licensee of the Horseley Heath pub [PRINCE REGENT] when she retired in 1940 It is believed the ape was ceremoniously burnt at the rear of the pub in the 1960s."

Henry Edward Moreton = Henry Edwin Morton

Henry Edward Moreton was married to Eva.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/6/1955

"A Tipton boy of 15 wrote on the back of a tablet box belonging to his mother, 'Please give my ring to Jean, of 40, Lyng Lane, West Bromwich.' Anthony Morton then put the box beside his gold signet ring on the top of the gas oven at his home, the THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Ocker Hill, and gassed himself. But at the inquest yesterday nobody could give a reason why Anthony should have taken his life other than that he suffered a depression after he had been drinking.

Miss Jean Horsley (15), a student at West Bromwich Technical School, said she met Anthony about six weeks ago at a dance hall in Great Bridge. She said she knew he drank because she had seen him leave the dance hall to visit a nearby public house. The last time she saw him was on Thursday night. About a fortnight ago she had 'words with him' and since then he had not walked home with her. But she had met him three times a week and danced with him during the evening.

Mr. Frank Cooper, the Coroner: Did you regard yourself as walking out with him? – Yes.

Did you go out with any other boy during that time? – No.

Henry Edwin Morton said his son left home last Saturday to go on a factory coach trip to Worcester. 'I expected him home at about 2am next day,' said Mr. *Morton*, 'so I gave him the key to let himself in.'

Next morning he found his son's body lying by the gas oven in the kitchen.

Mr. *Morton* said he was not aware that his son drank or that he was going out with a girl. The gold signet ring had been a gift from his mother on his 15th birthday. 'He was not in any trouble – he was too happy to be in any trouble,' added Mr. *Morton*.

Colin Talbot, of 75 Fisher Street, Great Bridge, a member of the works coach party, said he saw Anthony go into a public house at Worcester and while there he drank two pints of beer and a double whisky. He did not appear to be affected by the drink and he wished him 'goodnight' when he left the coach at Great Bridge.

Dr. A. W. Blackwell, police surgeon, said there was an alcohol content equal to 1½ pints of beer in the blood at the time of death. He said that during the previous evening the youth would probably have drunk double that amount. The doctor thought the drink would be likely to depress a youth of 15.

The Coroner recorded a Suicide verdict."

Demolished

Rebuilt

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

[1996]

It was renamed GOLDMINE BAR AND DINER. [2005], [2014]

It was renamed THREE HORSESHOES. [2016]

[2018]

THREE HORSE SHOES

Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Littlewood [] – **1871**;

Thomas Nicholls (**1871** – [1872])

Daniel Dunn [1879]

NOTES

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/1/1870

“A bugle contest took place at the THREE HORSE SHOES, Princes End, on Monday last, for £1 a-side, between Benjamin Coley, bugler of the Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers (Sedgley), and John Cooper, bandmaster of the 11th Tipton Company. Three solos each. The decision was given in favour of Bugler Coley, who won in a canter.”

Thomas Nicholls, beer retailer, Princes End. [1872]

THREE TUNS

28, Hurst Lane, (Dudley Road), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard M Wood [1859] – [1861]

Mrs. Lucy Wood [1870] – [1872]

Thomas Stevenson [1879] – [1880]

Joseph Whitehouse [1881]

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Princes End [1879]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/6/1859 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public House, The THREE TUNS, and Adjoining Houses, in Hurst Lane, Dudley Road, In the Parish of Tipton.

Mr. Charles Round will Sell by Auction, at the OLD BUSH INN, Factory, Tipton, on Tuesday Next, the 5th day of July, at six o’clock in the Evening, in two lots.

Lot 1. A well-established Public House, known as the THREE TUNS, situate in Hurst Lane, Dudley Road, Tipton, in the occupation of *Richard M. Wood*. The House contains bar, parlour, tap room, three bed rooms, three cellars, brewhouse, and large yard, well supplied with hard and soft water.

This lot has a frontage 17 feet to the Dudley and Gospel Oak Turnpike Road, and is let at the inadequate rent of £20 per annum.

Lot 2. Five Freehold Messuages or Dwelling Houses, adjoining the last lot, in the respective occupations of Faulkner, widow Gough, Lech, Nicklin, and one void, let at very low rents, and producing £29 5s per annum.

This lot has a frontage to the above Turnpike Road of 34 feet.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Duignan and Ebsworth, Solicitors, Walsall; and of the Auctioneer, Owen Street, Tipton.”

1861 Census

Hurst Lane

[1] *Richard Wood* (26), publican (THREE TUNS), born Tipton, deaf;

[2] *Lucy Wood* (27), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Emily Wood* (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Caroline Whitehouse* (17), house servant, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Lucy Ward*, beer retailer, Dudley Road. [1870]

1871 Census

28, Hurst Lane – THREE TUNS

[1] *Lucy Wood* (37), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Emily M. Wood* (14), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] *Hannah Whitehouse* (22), sister, born Tipton;

[4] *Ellen Robinson* (21), barmaid, born Tipton;

[5] *Phoebe Robinson* (23), general servant, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Lucy Wood*, beer retailer, Hurst Lane. [1872]

Dudley Herald 16/10/1880

“John Williams and John Onions, both of Hall Street, Tipton, were charged with being disorderly on the licensed premises of *Thomas Stevenson*, and refusing to quit when requested to do so. Complainant said he kept the THREE TUNS, Hurst Lane. The defendants had some words about a pint of beer, and set about a man named Austin. Witness remonstrated with them, and Onions struck witness three times in the face.

Sarah Gibbons said she was in the THREE TUNS, and saw Onions strike complainant. Williams was fined 17s 3d, including costs, or 14 days, and Onions 30s, including costs, or one month.”

1881 Census

28, Hurst Lane – THREE TUNS INN

[1] *Joseph Whitehouse* (48), coal miner and innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Eliza Whitehouse* (47), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *William Whitehouse* (27), son, coal miner, born Tipton;

[4] *Joseph Whitehouse* (21), son, coal miner, born Sedgley;

[5] *Hannah Whitehouse* (18), daughter, born Sedgley;

[6] *Eliza Whitehouse* (15), daughter, born Sedgley;

[7] Abraham Whitehouse (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[8] Amelia Whitehouse (8), son, born Tipton:

TIBBINGTON

27, Central Avenue, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns [1990s]

LICENSEES

Sarah Ann Mander **(1938 – 1940)**;

Frank Langford **(1940 – 1946)**;

Mrs. Vera Emily Langford **(1946 – 1949)**;

William Henry Horseman **(1949 – 1953)**;

James William Booton **(1953 – 1956)**;

John French Parker **(1956 – 1963)**;

Kenneth Harold Sheldon **(1963 – 1965)**;

Peter William Hann **(1965 – [1966]**

Harry Hubball [1985]

Linda Reeves [1986]

Malcolm Longmore [1988]

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It opened on 21st June 1938.

It was designed by Scott and Clark, of West Bromwich.

1939 Register

Central Avenue – TIBBINGTON

[1] *Sarah A. Mander*, date of birth, 12/11/1879, widow, licensee public;

[2] Elizabeth A. (Mander) Davies, dob, 22/02/1900, paid domestic duties, single;

[3] Alfred Mander, dob, 23/06/1904, barman, married;

[4] Edith Mander, dob, 02/07/1907, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[5] David Baker, dob, 23/05/1902, iron moulder, married;

[6] Hilda M. (Halford) Baker, dob, 03/03/1910, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[7] Sheila (Baker) Slatter, dob, 03/03/1928, at school, single:

[Elizabeth married Davies in 1942, Sheila married Slatter 1949.]

It was the headquarters of Tipton Amateur Football League. [1950s]

Tipton Herald 25/6/1955

“The annual general meeting of Tipton and District Amateur Football League will be held at the TIBBINGTON INN, Central Avenue, Tipton, on July 7th at 8pm. The league’s annual prize distribution will take

place at the TIBBINGTON on July 14th.”

Tipton Herald 16/7/1955

“There are vacancies for four or five clubs in the Tipton and District Amateur Football League, it was stated at the annual general meeting of the League at the TIBBINGTON INN, Tipton, on Thursday week. So far 11 clubs have entered for next season.....”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1956-57], [1957-58]

Tipton Herald 13/10/1956

“Two harvest festivals held in local public houses over the last weekend realised nearly £60 towards the funds of the local Old Age Pensioners’ Association.....

Over 100 people were in the large bar of the TIBBINGTON INN, Central Avenue, on Sunday when the inn’s annual harvest festival was held which realised £31 towards the Tipton Old People’s Association.

In the opinion of many of those attending, it was the biggest festival that had been held there for many years and spoke well for the hard work put in by Mr. and Mrs. *J. F. Parker*, the licensee and his wife, and Mr. D. Perry.

Mr. T. Hipkiss conducted the service which preceded the auctioning of gifts brought in by customers by Mr. W. Sheldon, who is himself an old age pensioner.”

Tipton Herald 22/12/1956

“Some 50 old age pensioners were entertained to a Christmas dinner and concert at the TIBBINGTON INN, Tipton, on Tuesday. Arrangements were made by the inn’s Distress Fund Committee.”

Tipton Herald 1/10/1960

“Proceeds of £47 from a harvest home held at the TIBBINGTON INN, Central Avenue, will be used to give a Christmas party to local old people. There was a fine display of produce. A silver cup for the best show of vegetables and flowers was awarded to Mr. Wilkinson.....”

One-armed Bandits were installed here in 1965.

Malcolm Longmore was married to Maureen.

It closed in 2008.

An application to convert it into a care home was made on 14th July 2008.

It was demolished in October 2008.

Express & Star 21/5/2009

“Plans to build a 50-bed care home on the site of a demolished Sandwell pub have moved a step closer. Council planners have now approved an application for outdoor storage buildings alongside the proposed development on the site of the former TIBBINGTON ARMS in Tipton. Orchard Care has already been given planning approval for the main building on the corner of Central Avenue and Sycamore Road. Its latest application, approved by officers under delegated powers, includes an 8ft store on the north west side of the site onto Sycamore Road, with a 6.5ft bin store to be built on the south east boundary within the new car park area off Central Avenue.

The TIBBINGTON ARMS stood for 70 years before Orchard Care were given the green light to flatten it last October. It faced dwindling custom before its closure, while previous plans to turn it into 20 apartments failed to materialise. Plans from Orchard Care are for a three-storey residential home, with landscaping and a car park for 12 vehicles. A report to Sandwell Council from Orchard Care states that there is a need for a purpose-built care facility for older people in the area. Up to 40 jobs could be created when the care home opens, with three quarters of those full-time positions. According to developers, the majority of new jobs would be filled by suitable candidates from within the local area while future residents would preferably come from within a three mile radius of the home. In a report, planning and design manager Alistair Wood,

said, ‘The proposed scheme should provide a development and site treatment that would positively contribute to and enhance the immediate area, whilst offering a necessary and important local community service’.”

TILTED BARREL

33, (116), High Street / Parkes Lane, Princes End, (Brierley), TIPTON

OWNERS

Jonathan E. Howl, brick manufacturer, Upper Gornal [1873]

Charles Summers

Henry Summers

Jemima Summers

Thomas Booth, Pensnett

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Pubmaster

Ian Riaar (acquired in 2023)

LICENSEES

Edwin Holland [1866] – [1868]

William Leach [1868] – 1875);

James Moore (1875 – 1891);

Charles Summers (1891 – 1911);

Mrs. Jemima Summers (1911 – [1940]

Thomas Horace Heathcock (1954 – 1960)

David Jones [1987] – [1988]

Chris Ashwood [1993]

Julie Hayes (1995 – []

Anthony John Sefton [1998]

Anthony Hughes [1999]

J Glover [2013]

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

116, High Street [1881], [1891], [1896], [1903], [1916], [1921], [1940]

33, High Street [1993], [1998]

BARREL [1868], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1916], [1940]

TILTED BARREL [1998], [2006]

Grade 1 listed.

It had a beerhouse license.

Black Country Bugle

Letter from F. Fellows, Coseley

“One crooked house that has stood at the corner of the busy High Street, Princes End and Parkes Lane for many years is a well known public house originally known as the BARREL but now the TILTED BARREL. Again mining activities was thought to be the cause of the buildings to lurch to the left. The brewery company thought that it would be necessary to demolish the pub and to rebuild but the council would not permit this, so the premises were shored up with steel girders. It is understood that the furniture in the house stands on blocks. However the licensee and his family have lived with the inconvenience for several years. It is a very popular public house and has had many strangers to see this unusual building.”

It had a bowling green.

Edwin Holland = Edward Holland

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday.....

Mr. Young applied on behalf of *Edwin Holland*, of the BARREL INN, Princes End. After some opposition on behalf of Mr. Shenton of the SEVEN STARS, the Bench said they should reject it.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 31/8/1867

“Yesterday the annual Bilston Licensing Meeting was held at the Public Office.....

The next application was that of Mr. Watson, of West Bromwich, on behalf of *Edward Holland*, BARREL INN, Princes End. Opposed on behalf of Mr. Taylor, of the SEVEN STARS INN. Refused.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 31/8/1867

“Yesterday, the annual meeting of Magistrates for the granting of victuallers licenses, in the Bilston Police Division, was held at the Police Court in that town.....

Mr. Watson, of West Bromwich, asked on behalf of Mr. *Edwin Holland*, for a license to a house at Princes End. Mr. *Holland* had kept the house for several years, without complaint. Testimonials of character, influentially signed, were handed in. Mr. Fellows opposed on behalf of the owner, and also of the lessee of the SEVEN STARS, and contended that no additional accommodation was required, as there were three other licensed houses within 100 yards of Mr. *Holland's* Refused.”

London Gazette 3/4/1868

“*Edwin Holland*, late of the BARREL INN, Princes End, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, Beerhouse Keeper, but now of Summerhill, in the parish of Tipton, in the said county of Stafford, Butcher, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in Her Majesty's Court of Bankruptcy for the Birmingham District, on the 1st of April, 1868, is hereby required to surrender himself to Alfred Hill, Esq., a Registrar of the said Court, at the first meeting of creditors to be held before the said Registrar, on the 17th of April instant, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely, at the said Court, at Birmingham. Mr. George Kinnear, of Waterloo-rooms, Waterloo-street, Birmingham, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. Watson and Topham, of Westbromwich, are the Solicitors acting in the bankruptcy.”

William Leach, beer retailer, Princes End. [1868], [1870], [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/11/1871 - Advert

“Black Country. To be Let, a first-class Beerhouse, with Liquor Shop Front. Good Stabling and Piggeries. Brewing Weekly. In-coming moderate. Can enter immediately if required. Apply, BARREL INN, Princes End near Tipton.”

1881 Census

116, High Street – BARREL INN

- [1] *James Moore* (44), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Moore* (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Jane Moore* (23), daughter, barmaid, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Thomas Moore* (20), son, puddler, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Annie Moore* (17), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [6] *Elizabeth Moore* (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *James Moore* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *George Henry Moore* (12), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [9] *John Moore* (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

116, High Street, Brierley

- [1] *James Moore* (54), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Moore* (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *James Moore* (25), son, iron worker, born Tipton;
- [4] *George H. Moore* (22), son, imbecile, born Sedgley;
- [5] *John Moore* (20), son, iron worker, born Swindon, Staffordshire:

1901 Census

116, High Street, Princes End

- [1] *Charles Summers* (45), beer retailer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Jemima Summers* (39), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Harry Summers* (9), son, at school, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Samuel Summers* (5), son, at school, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Johana Summers* (3), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Hannah Turner* (19), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [7] *Hannah Grainger* (17), servant, born Tipton:

Charles Summers, beer and wine retailer, 116, High Street. [1904]

Charles Summers bought the saddlers shop on Parkes Lane side, and knocked the pub through. He died on 28th March 1911.

1911 Census

116, High Street, Princes End

- [1] *Jemima Summers* (49), widow, retailer of porter, cider and tobacco, born Tipton;
- [2] *Harry Summers* (19), son, assisting in the business, born Princes End;
- [3] *Samuel Summers* (15), son, law clerk, born Princes End;
- [4] *Ida Summers* (12), daughter, born Princes End;
- [5] *Leonard Summers* (9), son, born Princes End;
- [6] *Hilda Summers* (6), daughter, born Princes End;
- [7] *Sue Summers* (4), daughter, born Princes End;
- [8] *Lucy Poole* (20), general servant, born Princes End:

Mrs. *Jemima Summers*, beer retailer, 116, High Street. [1912], [1916], [1921]

Harry and Len *Summers* brewed for *Jemima Summers*.

1939 Register

- [1] *Jemima Summers*, date of birth, 12/12/1861, licensee of public house, widowed;
- [2] *Leonard Summers*, dob, 09/10/1901, manager of public house, single;
- [3] *Edna May (Summers) Deakin*, dob, 28/10/1914, bar general, single:

It had three storeys. The top storey was removed after being struck by lightning during World War 2.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 1/2/1949 - Advert

“Wanted. Copper Brewing Boiler to hold 250 gallons.
BARREL INN, Princes End.”

Tipton Herald 2/7/1960

“A verdict that a 43-years-old Tipton licensee died from chronic alcoholism was recoded at a Dudley inquest, by the Coroner, Mr. Malcom Wright, on Friday. Mr. Wright said the cirrhosis of the liver, which had caused the death of *Thomas Horace Heathcock*, of the TILTED BARREL INN, High Street, Princes End, Tipton, might have been caused by drinking.

Heathcock's wife has said in evidence that he had drunk from four to six pints of beer every day and it was possible that he had consumed more than this when she was not about.

Mrs. May *Heathcock* said her husband kept on his job of a castings dresser when the couple took over the TILTED BARREL six years ago. At night he usually returned at 5.30pm and did not do much serving in the bar unless she was busy. He has always ‘liked his drink’ of beer, but never touched spirits. He usually had a pint at dinner time and four or five pints at night. She did not think it possible that he would have drunk more than this when she was not there.

Mrs. *Heathcock* said that on June 16th her husband complained of not feeling well. The following day she advised him not to go to work, but he insisted on going. However, he returned home an hour or so later and lay down on the bed. He remained ill until the Sunday when he did eat a little. But during the night, said Mrs. *Heathcock*, he got up three or four times to vomit. She called the doctor and *Heathcock* was removed to Dudley Guest Hospital, where he died on June 22nd.

The medical evidence revealed that *Heathcock* had ruptured varicose veins in his wind pipe and this was due to cirrhosis of the liver.”

A team from here took part in the *Sports Argus* Inn-Quiz. [1973/74]

London Gazette 19/8/1999

“*Hughes, Anthony*, address unknown, trading at 97, Alexandra Road as a Publican, at the COTTAGE SPRING, also trading at High Street at the TILTED BARREL Date of Filing Petition – 22nd June 1999 Date of Bankruptcy Order – 10th August 1999.....”

Express & Star 11/10/2023

“The pub now dubbed as ‘Britain’s wonkiest pub’ has been put up for sale. The TILTED BARREL in Tipton, has been put up for auction by its owners, meaning ‘Britain’s wonkiest pub’ may be no more. It comes following the unfortunate loss of the CROOKED HOUSE, and the GREYHOUND – both wonky pubs that were victims of suspected arson attacks. The Grade II Listed building, on High Street, Princes End, Tipton, is set to go under the hammer on Wednesday, October 25, with a guide price of £178,000. It is being marketed by Cottons Auctions, with interested buyers able to bid in person, online and via telephone. Photos on the auction listing show that the inside has been almost ripped out with only few bits of furniture remaining that likens it to a pub.

Following the tragic blaze which saw the CROOKED HOUSE reduced to rubble, the TILTED BARREL was then dubbed as Britain’s wonkiest pub. The TILTED BARREL stands proudly at a slant, after being hit by mining subsidence and consequently tilting not long after being built, leaving it with a ‘particularly obvious lean.’ The last subsidence to hit the pub was in 1896. Built in the 1800s, the watering hole on High Street in Princes End is just five miles away from the site of the CROOKED HOUSE. The tilted barrel is a Grade II listed building, meaning it is designated as a ‘building of special interest’ by Historic England. As a result, it is given extra protections so the pub can be ‘protected for future generations.’

The description on the auction listing says, ‘An opportunity to purchase a famous Black Country Public House, known as the TILTED BARREL comprising of a Grade II Listed two storey detached premises of brick construction surmounted by a pitched slate clad roof, prominently situated at the junction of High

Street and Parkes Lane. The property was constructed circa mid 1800s and was affected by mining subsidence at an early stage, resulting in the pubs recognisable crooked appearance and it is well documented in the media that since the recent demise of the CROOKED HOUSE pub at Himley, the TILTED BARREL is regarded as the most crooked public house in the UK. The property is located in a densely populated mixed use area containing a range of residential properties interspersed with commercial and industrial units and is situated approximately 2 miles to the North of Dudley Town Centre, 5 miles to the South East of Wolverhampton City Centre and 7 miles to the North West of Birmingham City Centre.'

In 1994, the landlady of the Tipton pub was punched in the face and robbed of more than £1,000 in takings in a vicious attack in the pub's car park. And on her first night on the job as landlady, 32-year-old *Julie Hayes* bravely wrestled a knife from the hand of a drunken customer in 1995. The 5ft 2ins licensee sprang into action, despite the armed customer being a lot bigger than her, after he started an argument with two other customers. At the time of the incident, *Julie* said, 'I didn't have time to think even though the man was a lot bigger than me. I just acted on instinct. I thought the bloke was unconscious when I went over to him. I tried to grab the knife but he came to and I had a real struggle to take it off him.'"

Daily Telegraph 27/10/2023

"A pub said to be Britain's wonkiest after the CROOKED HOUSE burned down has failed to sell at auction. The TILTED BARREL in Tipton, West Midlands, is more than 200 years old and Grade II listed, unlike the CROOKED HOUSE, but is similarly lopsided because of mining subsidence from the 1800s.

Haych Mann, who took over the pub in February, tried to sell it after it claimed the 'wonkiest' title, but the pub failed to reach the reserve price of £178,000. Auctioneers at Cottons, Birmingham, had initially hoped it would sell for more than the guide price of £180,000, but it only reached £170,000 at auction and the property was declared unsold.

The tavern shares similar quirks with the CROOKED HOUSE, with Ms. Mann explaining that she had to move the pool table because balls seemingly rolled uphill. She decided to keep the dartboard where it was because the slanted oche gave the local team the edge over other players."

Express & Star 24/11/2023

"The new owner of a Black Country pub dubbed the country's wonkiest since the demise of the CROOKED HOUSE has revealed plans for the site. The TILTED BARREL in Tipton had previously gone up for auction in October, but had failed to sell after its reserve price was not met. But its new owner Ian Riaar has revealed that he stepped in afterwards and bought the Grade II listed building, on High Street, paying around £186,000. It comes following the unfortunate loss of the CROOKED HOUSE, which burned down in a suspected arson attack on August 5 and was demolished two days later. The 64-year-old, who owns several other pubs around the Black Country, has told the *Express & Star* of his plans to renovate the building and run it as a pub once again....."

www.bbc.co.uk 25/11/2023

"The new owner of a sloping pub, where objects seemingly roll uphill, said he was inspired to buy it by the demolition of the nearby CROOKED HOUSE. Ian Riaar said he had been a CROOKED HOUSE customer and was shocked when it set alight and was then demolished. The building was just five miles (8km) away from his new pub, the 200-year-old TILTED BARREL in Tipton. Both pubs sloped due to mining subsidence. Mr. Riaar said he hoped his new venture would be open by Christmas. He bought the grade II-listed building for £186,000 after it failed to secure interest at auction. 'When I heard that the CROOKED HOUSE, which I used to visit quite a lot, got burned down it really shook me that such a nice building was gone. It really hurt me, I thought this is the only place left so I wanted to make it like the CROOKED HOUSED,' he said.

The businessman, from Sutton Coldfield, plans to reopen the property as a pub and hopes to submit planning applications to Dudley Council to build a kitchen. In keeping with the name, the décor of the newly renovated pub will be centred around aged-wood and barrels. 'I'm hoping to open the inside for drinks before Christmas, I'm trying very hard,' Mr. Riaar said. 'It is very important as it is one of the only tilted pubs left in the country, I hope Historic England get in touch and help me to keep the building the same.'"

Express & Star 30/12/2023

“The TILTED BARREL in Tipton went up for auction in October, but failed to sell after its reserve price was not met. But new owner Ian Riaar stepped in afterwards and bought the Grade II listed building, on High Street, paying around £186,000. He has spent up to £80,000 to fully refurbish the building from scratch within three weeks – and it has now opened its doors to customers.....”

[2023]

TIPTON ARMS

Birmingham New Road / Baker Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Licensed Refreshments Ltd. (until 1981)

LICENSEES

Bernard Thomas Hemming (1939 – 1944);

Arthur Bert Skipp (1944 – 1948);

Sidney George Beard (1948 – 1950);

John Brook Holden Webb (1950 – 1951);

Albert Pickering (1951 – 1953);

Horace Isaiah Hollyhead (1953 – 1956);

Thomas Ray ‘Tom’ ‘Tommy’ Jones (1956 – 1959);

Leslie Kelley (1959);

Charles Frederick Faulkner (1959 – 1963);

John French Parker (1963 – [1966]

Eynon Evans []

Michael Gould [1985] – [1987]

NOTES

It opened on 28th November 1939.

It was designed by Scott and Clark, West Bromwich.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/4/1941 - Advert

“Barmaids, good wages, safe area.

TIPTON ARMS, New Birmingham-Wolverhampton Road, Tipton Green, Staffs.

Phone Tipton 1036.”

Horace Hollyhead – see also GREYHOUND, SUMMER HOUSE, and MERRY HILL, Wolverhampton.

Black Country Bugle 1/12/2011

Article by Michael Hollyhead

“Although built as a public house, during the week they took in bed and breakfast guests Apart from

the normal public house duties, a lunch time restaurant was run, which did a very brisk trade, and for this the large lounge at the end of the building was used, whilst the small smoking room at the other end of the building was used by the staff of Thomas Dudley Ltd for their lunch.....”

The Tipton Dog Show was held here.

Tipton Herald 19/6/1948

“A Tipton publican was one of two men accused at Bilston on Tuesday of receiving stolen property.

He was *Arthur Bert Skipp* (58), licensee of the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Baker Street, and he was remanded on bail until next Friday, charged with receiving from William Hodges between April 16th and May 9th, 48 pairs of ladies’ shoes, 36lbs of yellow soap, 68 tablets of carbolic soap, 40 tablets of toilet soap, and 24 blankets, total value £67 18s 9d, knowing them to have been stolen.

Detective Sergeant Buncle said *Skipp* told him, ‘I bought these things in good faith.’

Harry Edward Hawkins (38), a haulier of 5b, West Street, Lower Gornal, charged with receiving from Hodges between October 26th 1947, and May 9th 1948, 125 aluminium saucepans and a motor tyre value £11, knowing them to have been stolen, was also remanded on bail until next Friday.

Sergeant Buncle said when the warrant was read over to him Hawkins said, ‘I will now tell you all about it’ and he made a statement.”

Tipton Herald 25/9/1948

“A former licensee of the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Tipton, *Arthur Bert Skipp* (58), of 59, Grange Road, Smethwick, was at Bilston on Friday committed to trial at Staffordshire Assizes in November, on two charges of receiving goods valued at £156 18s 9d, knowing them to have been stolen.

Intimating that his plea would be one of not guilty, *Skipp* reserved his defence and said he had bought the goods in good faith. Bail was allowed.

It was alleged that the goods were part of a rather substantial quantity stolen from Ettingshall railway sidings by two men, named James Bleakley and Joseph Alan Price, who at the July Assizes were each sentenced to three years penal servitude.

The first charge was receiving from Price and William Hodges, who is awaiting trial at the November assizes on four receiving charges, footwear, blankets and soap, value £67 18s 9d, for which *Skipp* was alleged to have paid £60, second related to boys’ suits and women’s shoes, value £89, alleged to have been received from Hodges.

When charged, it was stated, he replied, ‘I bought the things in good faith.’.....”

Tipton Herald 13/11/1948

“Strong criticism of coal merchants who remain outside the organisation was voiced at the second annual dinner of the Tipton and Coseley Coal Merchants’ and Dealers’ Association in TIPTON ARMS HOTEL on Wednesday evening.

The president, Mr A. Matty JP, presided, and there was a good attendance of members’ wives and friends. After the dinner a variety entertainment was given.....”

Tipton Herald 4/12/1948

“When charged at Stafford Assizes on Monday with receiving goods, the property of the Railway Executive, knowing them to have been stolen, *Arthur Bert Skipp*, (58), formerly licensee of the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Tipton, pleaded not guilty on both of two counts.

Mr. A. J. Long KC, prosecuting said that at the time of the alleged offences *Skipp* was licensee of the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Tipton. He was charged with receiving a quantity of women’s court shoes, soap, blankets, suede shoes, and boys’ jersey suits, which had previously been stolen from British Railways goods depot at Ettinghall Road, Bilston, by two men named Bleakley and Price. These two men had been dealt with at the last assizes. They had lived together in Bleakley’s house in Lanesfield. Mr. Long said they had used the house as a depository for the stolen goods.

In the present case, Mr. Long said, a man named William Hodges, a painter and decorator, of St. John’s Square, Wolverhampton, acted as intermediary between the thieves and others.

Hodges and *Skipp* first met in a Wolverhampton hotel, where Hodges apparently told *Skipp* that he could get him 'odd lots of stuff.' Subsequently, goods listed in the charges were delivered by Hodges to the TIPTON ARMS.

In statements to the police, it was alleged, *Skipp* said that he had had two transactions with Hodges, and had paid him two sums of £60 and £76 in cash for the articles he had received. There were no coupons exchanged in the deal, Mr. Long said.

On Tuesday, *Skipp*, in the witness-box, recalled his introduction in a Wolverhampton bar to Hodges, who was described as a general dealer and painter and decorator, and looked a substantial business man. When the question of deals in job lots was raised, *Skipp* said he was willing to buy if they were genuine. Some time later Hodges called at his house with a suitcase and two parcels containing six dozen jersey suits, and 48 pairs of suede shoes, for which he asked £80. 'The things looked to me as though they had been handled,' added *Skipp*, 'and I eventually paid £76 for them in pound notes.' Hodges told him they were job lots, the original owner of which was in trouble and needed money quickly. When *Skipp* asked about coupons, Hodges said the original owner had deposited them. 'I should certainly never have bought them if I had known they were stolen,' said *Skipp* before describing a second visit by Hodges, who brought a number of shoes and blankets and a carton of soap, for which he was paid £60. Some of these articles were subsequently sold and when a police officer made inquiries he admitted he had had the things and recovered some of them from people to whom they had been sold.

During a long cross-examination by Mr. Long, *Skipp* said when he asked Hodges if he had authority to sell he was putting the stock question of all dealers. 'If you go to a second-hand shop with a parcel that is what you are asked,' he said.

Mr. Long: I should have thought if you put that question to any decent man he would put his foot behind you.

Skipp was found guilty on five charges of receiving, and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment on each charge, to run concurrently.

Skipp, who was said to have nine previous convictions, pleaded for leniency on the ground that he had made good since his last conviction in 1934, including the management of a large and important public house.

Hodges pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment on each of five charges of receiving goods and three of being an accessory after the fact, sentences to run concurrently.

Harry Hawkins (38), haulage contractor, committed from Bilston on three charges of receiving goods in similar circumstances pleaded guilty. He was said to have a number of previous convictions and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment on each charge concurrently."

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 28/1/1956

"As the first course was being served to the 50 guests attending the annual dinner and prize distribution of Tipton Cricket Club at the TIPTON ARMS on Monday evening, a main fuse blew and the public house was plunged into darkness.

Those attending adjourned to the bar where drinks were served by candlelight. Three quarters of an hour later, with the aid of an MEB fitter, light was again restored....."

AND

"A man known to hundreds of Black Country children is now 'mine host' of the TIPTON ARMS public house, on the Birmingham-Wolverhampton New Road at Tipton.

He is Mr. *Tommy Jones*, who for eight years was 'Uncle Tommy' at a Welsh holiday camp. During that time he has entertained and amused thousands of children, his infectious laugh and gay humour helping to make their holiday a success.

Born in Tonypany, South Wales, 42 years ago, Mr. *Jones*, throughout his career as Uncle Tommy, was helped by his wife, known to the children as 'Auntie Pete.'

'We made thousands of friends on the job we did' he said this week. 'It always seemed to me a job worth doing, even though it sometimes meant very early rising.'

In the bar of the TIPTON ARMS are dozens of pictures of children, and more than one customer has spotted

‘our kid’ in fancy dress he wore for a competition, or a young daughter trying her voice over the microphone for the first time.

Known professionally a Tommy Ray, he has acted in several films with Donald Houston, the Welsh film star, who was also born in Tonypany. They include ‘Dance Hall,’ and ‘Run for your money.’

During his stay at the camp he has worked with many well-known comedians, including Arthur English and Max Bygraves.

Many readers too, will remember the popular BBC programme ‘Welsh Rarebit.’ Tommy, with his lilting Welsh accent, was one of those who helped make the programme such a success.”

Tipton Herald 18/2/1956

“Each year in whatever part of the country he has been Mr. *Tommy Jones*, now licensee of the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Tipton, has arranged a football match between a local team and a team of miners from the Rhondda valley.

This year is no exception for next Saturday at Victoria Park, Tipton, a team from Babcocks & Wilcox will meet the Welsh team, the Dinas Corries (k.o. 2.45).

Mr. *Jones*, also a native of the Rhondda, and well known to thousands of Black Country children who met ‘Uncle Tommy’ in a North Wales holiday camp where he was children’s entertainer for eight years, told me this week. ‘The Corries team manager and trainer are old school friends of mine. The team consists of miners who are thoroughly looking forward to their trip to Tipton. I would like to ask all Welsh people living in the district to come along and see a real good game of football.’

Calling all Welshpeople.”

Tipton Herald 3/3/1956 - Advert

“Part-Time Barmaids & Barmen required (learners considered).
TIPTON ARMS HOTEL.”

Tipton Herald 14/4/1956

“.....recently-formed Midland branch of the Triumph Owners’ Motor Cycle Club although only three weeks old, the club has already a membership of more than 20. Club headquarters are at the TIPTON ARMS on the Birmingham New Road not far from the Tipton Road crossing meetings are held on the second Friday in each month.”

Tipton Herald 14/4/1956 - Advert

“Part-Time Bar Help required, male or female. Learners considered.
Apply The Manager, TIPTON ARMS HOTEL.”

Tipton Herald 5/5/1956 - Advert

“Bar Help wanted, male or female. Learners considered.
Apply Manager, TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Birmingham New Road, Tipton.”

Tipton Herald 17/8/1957

“A skiffle group, formed at the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Tipton, just over four months ago, has so far raised £112 towards the Christmas party and outing funds of local old age pensioners.

The group originated through the efforts of Mr. *Tommy Jones*, the licensee ‘We play at various public houses in the district, but we are willing to go anywhere in the Black Country to help the old age pensioners. We give our service entirely free.’ Players in the group are Benny Pleavin (piano), Arthur Jones (drums), Barry Parsons (singer, compere), Ron Davis (guitarist), while *Tommy* himself helps out on the bass. The group are assisted by local singers Derek Munro, Kenny Brown and Colin Spencer. Both the last named have won prizes at recent singing competitions held at Butlins holiday camps.

Although only formed a short time the group got through to the finals of a skiffle competition held at Dudley Hippodrome after competing against 30 other bands.”

Tipton Herald 9/11/1957

“Sixty excited children danced around a huge bonfire in the grounds of the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, Tipton, on Tuesday night, Guy Fawkes night. Heavy rain during the day had threatened to wash out the traditional festivities but Mr. *Tom Jones*, licensee of the hotel, had wisely covered the bonfire with sacks and a tarpaulin. Shortly before the fire was lit the rain stopped and, released from this ‘damper’ to the proceedings, the children, families of customers of the hotel, had a merry time. Mr. and Mrs. *Jones* assisted by Messrs. Jim Hall and Joe Fisher, had spent several days making the bonfire, which was still burning two hours later. Before leaving for home the children were provided with hot soup and roast potatoes.”

Tipton Herald 16/11/1957

“Mr. D. G. Lloyd, President of Park Ward Old Peoples Welfare Club, was on Tuesday night at the TIPTON ARMS HOTEL, presented with a cheque for £12 by the licensee, Mr. *Tom Jones*. The cheque is the latest sum raised by a skiffle group formed at the public house by Mr. *Jones*, which, during the past 10 months has raised £280 towards old age pensioners’ funds.”

Tipton Herald 17/12/1960

“The Christmas dinner and concert of the Tibbington Old People’s Welfare Club was held at the TIPTON ARMS on Tuesday night.

Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Tipton, Councillor and Mrs. A. Morton, the Vicar of St. John’s Church, Councillor A. Parkes and Alderman Mrs. Cox.

Donations for the club had been received from the Mayor and Mayoress, the Groveland Club, the Staff of Locarno Road School Kitchen, Mr. Hurley and Messrs. Allen Ltd.

Thanks were expressed to the Secretary for her good work in preparing the evening.”

Tipton Herald 12/6/1965

“At a meeting of Tipton Licensed Victuallers’ Association at the TIPTON ARMS on Thursday night, three new members were accepted.....”

Eynon Evans (aka E. Eynon Rees) played Tommy Troubles on radio in “The Welsh Rarebit”. [1940s]

He was born on 18th May 1904, in Nelson, Caerphilly.

He died in 1989.

[Is this a landlord of a Black Country pub? Was the real landlord’s nickname Tommy Troubles?]

[Was this really *Thomas Ray Jones*?]

Licensed Refreshments Ltd. address was the TIPTON ARMS. They were Bankrupt by March 1981.

A supper license was granted in April 1987.

It closed in November 1994.

Demolished

TIPTON TAVERN

37, (57), (56), New Road, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Frances Jane Rabone, 25, Victoria Street, West Bromwich

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Eleys Stafford Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired on 29th May 1940)

Eleys Stafford Brewery Limited of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton [1956]

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns [1990s]

LICENSEES

John Hartland [1825] – [1845]

James Hancox [1846] – [1857]

Mrs. Catherine (Hancox) Butterworth [1860] – **1861**);

Thomas Taylor Butterworth (**1861** – [1865]

Thomas Reading [1867]

Thomas Rabone [1868] – [1873]

Mrs. Rabone [1876]

Samuel Rabone [1881]

Peter Fisher [1891] – [1892]

Mrs. Maria Hale [1896] – [1901]

Thomas Twist [1904]

Henry Davies [1906]

George Perks [1908] – [1912]

Roger Preece [1916]

Elizabeth Preece [] – **1919**);

Roger Preece (**1919** – **1949**);

John Barber (**1949** – **1950**);

William Henry Charles Cottam (**1950** – **1953**);

Joseph Erwin ‘Jock’ Ralph (**1953** – **1962**);

Elsie May Ralph (**1962** – **1963**);

George Henry Griffith (**1963** – **1964**);

Cyril George Allen (**1964** – [1966]

J Bobeck [1983]

Mrs. Ann Walshe (**1986** – []

Ray Crawford [2010] – [2013]

NOTES

57, New Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1932], [1940]

56, New Road [1901]

37, New Road

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 5/12/1825 - Advert

“Sale of capital strong Horses, Carts, Waggon, and Gearing.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Tuesday, December 13, 1825, at the dwelling-house of Mr. *John Hartland*, TIPTON TAVERN, in the Parish of Tipton, and county of Stafford.....”

TAVERN, Great Bridge [1828], [1830]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/10/1830 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction, In One Lot, by Septimus Davis. On Wednesday, October 20, 1830, at the TIPTON TAVERN, near to Great Bridge, at Four O’clock in the Afternoon, subject to Conditions to be then produced. A Substantial Brick-built Chapel, 40 feet long by 22 feet wide, fitted up complete with Pulpit, Baptistry, Branches for Lights, and regularly used for a Baptist Chapel, and will hold 250 persons.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 3/4/1837 - Advert

“Capital Steam Engine of 12-horse power, Toll End, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Sept. Davis, on Friday next, April 7, at the TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, at six o'clock in the evening.....”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 16/11/1840 - Advert

“To be Disposed of, a quantity of Land and Mines of Coal and Ironstone, situated in Gold's Green, near Great Bridge, Tipton.

For particulars apply to Mr. Isaac Stanton, near the TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Catherine Hartland married *James Hancox* on 17th March 1841.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 22/3/1841 - Advert

“Bricks. To be Sold, from 200,000 to 300,000 good Blue and Brown Bricks.

Apply at Titford Meadow Colliery, near Oldbury, or to Mr. *John Hartland*, TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End.”

1841 Census

New Road

[1] *John Hartland* (45), victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Hannah Hartland* (45), born Staffordshire;

[3] *John Hartland* (19), born Staffordshire;

[4] *Mary Hartland* (6), born Staffordshire;

[5] *Martha Hartland* (4), born Staffordshire;

[6] *John Davies* (25), ms, born Staffordshire;

[7] *Catharine Middleton* (16), fs, born Staffordshire;

[8] *Mary Price* (17), fs;

[9] *Sarah Gallimore* (12), fs, born Staffordshire:

Birmingham Journal 13/6/1846

“On Friday afternoon, the 5th inst, two boys named *George Wyhe* and *Francis Evans*, went together to bathe in an arm of the Birmingham Canal, and while *Evans* was holding his hand, *Wyhe* slipped into the deep part, and pulled his companion with him. *Evans*, however, with some difficulty, managed to get out again; but poor *Wyhe* was drowned before assistance could be rendered him. An inquest was held on the body, before *G. Hinchcliffe, Esq.*, at Mr. *James Hancox's* TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, this day se'en night, and a verdict of Accidental Drowned, brought in.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 2/11/1846 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by *John Prince*, at the house of *Wm. James Hancox*, TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton, on Tuesday evening, October the 10th, 1846, Two Forfeited Shares in The TIPTON TAVERN Oak And Deal Boat Society.

Sale to commence at seven o'clock in the evening.

John Prince. West Bromwich, Oct. 29, 1846.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/2/1847

“Inquests Before *George Hinchcliffe, Esq.*, Coroner.....

On Saturday se'night, at the TIPTON TAVERN, Tipton, on the body of *Allen Botfield*, aged six years, whose clothes caught fire on Tuesday morning, and before the flames could be extinguished, he was so dreadfully burnt, that he expired on the Friday following. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/7/1848

“On Thursday evening last, about seven o'clock, another explosion of sulphur occurred in a coalpit belonging to Mr. *Walker*, situate at Lee Brook, in this parish. There were eight workers in the pit at the time, and the most severely injured were *William Ralph*, of West Bromwich, *Joseph Vernon*, of Tipton, *John Hughes*,

of Great Bridge, and a boy named William Page, who had his arm broken. The accident is supposed to have been caused by the atmosphere. Joseph Vernon was so dreadfully burned that he expired early on the following morning (Friday). An inquest was held on the body before George Hinchliffe, Esq. coroner and jury, at the house of Mr. *Hancox*, TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, on Saturday afternoon, when William Ralph, a miner, deposed that he worked at Mr. Walker's coal pit, Wednesbury Old Field, and that the deceased also worked there. On Thursday evening, with the deceased and several others, went down the pit in question to work for the night. The deceased was going to try that pit with the lamp; witness was close to the deceased at the time, about forty-five yards from the bottom of the shaft; but before he (the deceased) had time to try the lamp the explosion took place. Witness momentarily lay down, and the fire passed over him, burning his face and arm. When they (witness, deceased, and the others) descended the pit, the deceased lighted a candle, and took it with him, together with the lamp. The sulphur was ignited by the candle, before the lamp was lighted. The deceased always lighted the lamp at a certain place in the pit, about eighty yards from the bottom of the shaft. There was no sulphur on that day (Thursday) at dinner time in the pit. Witness had tried the lamp himself, and so had the 'doggy,' Thomas Pugh. Pugh is a careful steady man. The lamp was used regularly every morning, and Pugh always gave directions to the men not to go to a particular part of the pit if, after trying the lamp, any sulphur was found. That morning (Thursday) he found a small quantity of sulphur about fifty yards from the place where the explosion occurred, and he cautioned deceased and also witness not to go near that part of the pit. The pit was liable to sulphur, and witness had frequently found sulphur when the lamp had been tried, but never knew any sulphur in that part of the pit where the explosion took place. The weather, witness stated, had a great effect on the air in the pit, and sulphur would sometime generate very quickly. It was very hot on the day in question. After the explosion the deceased 'scrawled' to witness; and thence to the bottom of the shaft, and was conveyed up the shaft. There were six others besides witness and deceased in the pit at the time, but only witness and deceased were burnt. The deceased had worked in the pit about six months.

Benjamin Round then deposed that he was uncle to deceased, and that he saw him the same evening of the explosion, after he was brought home. Witness asked him how he got burned, when the deceased said he had the lamp in his hand, and was going to try it, when the explosion took place. Witness also stated that the deceased added he could not tell how it was, but the sulphur came 150 yards nearer than what was expected, and that no one was to blame. Vernon died at a quarter before six the following morning (Friday), from the effects of the burns. He was in good health before. Every attention was paid to him by Mr. Underhill, surgeon.

Charles Green, a miner, was then examined. He was about fifty yards distant when the explosion happened. Witness had a safety lamp in that part of the pit where he then was, and had tried it himself. He then heard the explosion, and the fire passed witness in the gate road, towards the bottom of the shaft. Witness was in an opening out of the gate road. It was deceased's duty to have tried the lamp that night before working. It was not supposed there was any gas in the place when the explosion occurred. The pit was properly and carefully worked and managed, and the explosion was accidental. There were two lamps kept in the pit, and every man could try them if he wished.

The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1851 Census

New Road

- [1] *James Hancox* (32), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Catherine Hancox* (27), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Hannah Hancox* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Catherine Hancox* (5), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *John Hancox* (4), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *William Hancox* (2), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *James Hancox* (4 months), son, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Caroline Middleton* (25), servant, barmaid, born Grindley, Staffordshire;
- [9] *Mary Drew* (18), house servant, born Tipton;
- [10] *Ruth Hickin* (12), servant, nurse, born Open Gates [Oakengates?], Shropshire;
- [11] *Benjamin Holt* (31), house labourer, born Tipton:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 19/1/1852

“The inquest on the bodies of the men killed at the recent boiler explosion at Great Bridge Tipton, was resumed on Tuesday last, before G. Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, at the TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, when a further inquiry into the cause of the explosion was made. The evidence adduced was again of a conflicting nature, and the inquest was further adjourned till Friday afternoon, in order that the evidence of Bradbury, the engineer of the works, might be taken.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1855 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by J. R. Chirm, Jun. (by order of the Mortgagee) at five o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 7th day of August, at Mr. *James Hancox's*, TIPTON TAVERN, New Road, Toll End.

All that substantial and commodious Building, known as Mount Zion Baptist Chapel, situated in Chapel Street, Toll End, and the spacious School Room in the rear, with outbuildings and spare Land, suitable for the erection of a House.

The Chapel has a Gallery in front, and contains 300 sittings, together with Pulpit, Stove, Platform, Gas Fittings, Baptistery, Clock, and every requisite convenience.

The School or Lecture Room is 53 feet 6 inches by 19 feet 9 inches, with moveable partition to divide it for school purposes, and contains two Fireplaces, two large Cupboards, sixteen Benches, &c, with partition at one end to form a Vestry.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/3/1856

“On Tuesday, an aged man of respectable appearance, named Benjamin Ralph was charged with embezzling £30, the property of Messrs. Whitehouse and Co. of Tipton. The accused, who had been in the service of the prosecutors nearly eighteen years, was frequently sent by them on a Saturday to Mr. *James Hancox*, landlord of the TIPTON TAVERN, for change to pay the workmen. On the preceding Saturday, he obtained £30, in gold, silver, and copper, from Mrs. *Hancox*, and absconded. He was apprehended in Liverpool, while purchasing seas stores, by Sub-inspector Baxter, who found he had taken a berth on board the ship Isaac Webb, then on the eve of sailing for America. Mr. Whitehouse said the prisoner had up to the present time maintained an irreproachable character, and besought the magistrate to deal as leniently as possible with the charge. Mr. Leigh, after some hesitation, consented to adjudicate summarily, and committed the accused to hard labour for six months. The prisoner, in his defence, merely observed he had a son in America who he was anxious to see.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 25/10/1857

“A match came off on Friday, the 16th, two miles on the Shenstone Road, near Lichfield, between Mr. *James Hancox's* chestnut cob Bobby, of the TIPTON TAVERN INN, and Messrs. Allan and Eaton's black horse, of Hednesford, for £110. The betting was 10 to 6 on Bobby, but very few takers. A good start was effected – when about a mile up the road the black horse, having not the least chance, pulled up. The money was paid over to Mr. *Hancox* on the ground.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/2/1860

“On Tuesday last an inquest was held at the TIPTON TAVERN, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner, on the body of Daniel Childs. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was fifty-four years of age, and was in the employ of the South Staffordshire Railway Company. On the 24th of December last he and others were in the wharf at the siding of the railway at the Great Bridge Station, and deceased went on the rails and stood with his back against the wall, waiting for a truck. Thomas Bredon attached a horse to an empty truck, which he drew along the rails, while Bredon went to turn the points. The men called to deceased, and he attempted to get up the steps onto the wharf, but before he could do so the front part of the truck struck him and turned him round, and he was much crushed between the truck and the wall, the space being only being about ten inches. The witnesses stated that there was no one walking with the horse, and that Bredon did not see deceased, as he was on the opposite side of the truck. He was conveyed home, where every attention as paid him by Mr. Underhill, surgeon, but he died on Saturday last from the effects of the injuries. The truck did not belong to the Company, but was wider than theirs. As it did not appeared that blame

attached to any person, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, but recommended that in future, when trucks and carriages were being moved along the rails, one person be employed to drive the horse, and another to attend the points; and they were of opinion that both these duties ought not to be performed by one man, and if that precaution mentioned had been taken the deceased would not have lost his life.”

Catherine Hancox, widow, victualler, married *Thomas Taylor Butterworth*, widower, jeweller, on 4th September 1860.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/1/1861

“At West Bromwich Public Office, on Saturday last, the following transfers of licenses were granted by the Magistrates.....

TIPTON TAVERN, from Mrs. *Catherine Butterworth* (late *Catherine Hancox*) to her husband, Mr. *Thomas Taylor Butterworth*.”

1861 Census

New Road – TIPTON TAVERN INN

- [1] *Thomas J. Butterworth* (39), victualler, born Coventry;
- [2] *Catherine Butterworth* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Hannah Hancox* (18), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Catherine Hancox* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *John Hancox* (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *William Hancox* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *James Hancox* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Thomas Hancox* (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [9] *Joseph Hancox* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [10] *Ritecca Dinnalo* (18), visitor, born Tipton;
- [11] *Arthur Williams* (33), servant, waggoner, born Gnosall, Staffordshire;
- [12] *Betsy Cox* (21), servant, born Tipton;
- [13] *Mercy Adams* (18), house maid, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/11/1861

“At the Town Hall, Wednesbury, yesterday, *Thomas Shenstone* and *Edward Wilkes*, respectably connected men, were charged with having assaulted *Isaac Vaughan*. Mr. Slater prosecuted and Mr. Sheldon defended. It was stated that the complainant and defendants were formerly in partnership as butties. On the 1st of October they met at the TIPTON TAVERN, and a row took place, during which the assault was committed. Mr. Sheldon said he could not resist the evidence, but pleaded in mitigation of the fine. The defendants were each fined £1 and costs.”

Thomas Taylor Butterworth was also a canal carrier and sand merchant. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/6/1865 - Advert

“For Sale, Two Iron Boats.

Apply at the TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 30/12/1865 - Advert

“TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton.

By Charles Round. To be Disposed Of by Valuation, the Brewing Plant, Public-House Fixtures, Licenses, Goodwill and Possession of the above old-established Inn, which has been in the possession of the present family for upwards of forty years, and has during that time done the best business of any house in the neighbourhood and the only reason for disposing of the same is on account of the Proprietor having entered into other engagements. The Premises are large and commodious, and contain four Bed Rooms, Club Room, Malt Room, Parlour, Bar, Smoke Room, Tap Room, Kitchen, three Cellars, Brewhouse, Stabling for seven horses, Piggeries, and Yard.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, Tipton; or Mr. *T. T. Butterworth* on the Premises.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/2/1866 - Advert

“Old-Established Licensed House, Tipton.

To be Let, with possession at Lady-day next, the well-known and old-established Licensed House, called the TIPTON TAVERN, situate at Toll End, Tipton.

Apply to Messrs. Rawlins and Rowley, Solicitors, 12, Temple Row, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 10/3/1866 - Advert

“Clearing Out Sale, at the TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton, on Monday next, March 12.

Charles Round will Sell by Auction (by direction of Mr. *T. T. Butterworth*, who is retiring from the business).

All the Excellent Brewing Plant, Public House Fixtures, well-seasoned and sound Ale Barrels, including 800, 600, 500, 300, 250, 140, 130, 120, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50 and downwards to 8 gallons; Tubs, Coolers, 150-gallon wrought-iron Boiler, 80-gallon cast-iron Boiler, three large cast-iron Cooling Vats, wood Vat, capital 24-bushel Mash Tub, also a 24-bushel cast-iron Mash Tub, cast-iron Lifting Pump, with 60 yards of two-inch piping; four-pull Ale Machine, with piping and taps, five-tap Liquor Fountain, Porter Pull, Metal Top Counter, Cupboards, Shelving, Spirit Drainer, Deal Seating, Drinking Tables, brass Bells, wood Partition and glass Door, Grates, Fenders, Fire-irons, grand Square Pianoforte, Chairs, Tables, Oil Paintings and Prints, eight wood Skips, Pony Gearing, and a large quantity of other Effects, detailed in catalogues, which may be had at the Place of Sale, and of the Auctioneer, at his Offices, Owen Street, and Bloomfield, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/5/1866 - Advert

“Shut-Up Old -Licensed TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton.

By Gilbert and Son. The excellent House to be Disposed Of. Rent £45. Fixtures to be taken to. Has done a good trade, having Brewed on average, twenty-eight bushels per week until shut.

Apply, 23, Ann Street.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/2/1867

“Between ten o’clock on Saturday night and five o’clock on Sunday morning, the premises of Mr. *Reading*, TIPTON TAVERN, New Road, Tipton, was entered by burglars. Mr. *Reading* was roused by a man who saw the door open, and on examination he found that his wine cellar had been ransacked, and about forty bottles of champagne, port, sherry, brandy, &c, had been stolen. About eight o’clock he gave information to the police. Police-constables Hand and Cook perceived some foot-prints on a newly ploughed field, which they traced across a road into an alley where were situated two houses. The officers entered one, and found two men and two women seated at a table, with a bottle of brandy, and bottle of sherry, and a bottle of port before them. Leaving Cook in charge of the men and women, Hand went upstairs, where he found the rest of the stolen property. In the meantime, one of the men, James Pickering, who is not unknown to the police, told Cook that he wanted to go out to the back for a necessary purpose, and Cook foolishly allowed him to go, and he did not return. On coming downstairs, Hand, took the three remaining persons, John Curtis, his wife Mary Curtis, and Mary Pickering, James Pickering’s wife, into custody, but not until Hand had been rather severely handled by Mary Curtis, who struck him with a poker, and bit and kicked him. They were, however eventually all securely lodged in a police cell.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/3/1867

“James Pickering, 41, labourer, was charged with breaking into the house of Mr. *Thomas Reading*, licensed victualler, the TIPTON TAVERN, New Road, on the night of Saturday fortnight, and stealing two hams, a side of bacon, 16 bottles of brandy, four bottles of champagne, and five bottles of port and sherry, and a shoulder of mutton. At the last sitting of the Bench three prisoners including the wife of Pickering were committed to take their trial at the Sessions on the charge of being concerned in the same burglary. The prisoner, who absconded at the same time the others were secured, was apprehended in Birmingham by Inspector Phair, pleaded guilty, and committed to take his trial at the ensuing Sessions.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1867

“Staffordshire Lent Assizes.

John Curtis, 21, and James Pickering, 43, labourers, pleaded guilty to burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling of *Thomas Reading*, at the parish of Tipton, on the 10th of February, and stealing therein a side of bacon, seventeen bottles of brandy, two hams, and other articles, and were sentenced, Curtis to six months’, and Pickering to eight months’ imprisonment. Mary Ann Curtis, 18, button-maker, and Mary Pickering, 43, no occupation, who were indicted for aiding in committing the same offence, were acquitted.”

Thomas Rabone = Thomas Raybone

Birmingham Daily Gazette 23/6/1868 - Advert

“Wanted, a young Man, with good character, as Brewer and Ostler, to make himself generally useful. To live in the house.

Apply at TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/11/1868

“On Monday evening, several serious disturbances, arising out of the present political excitement, occurred in the vicinity of Great Bridge and Horseley Heath. A number of men and youths, returning from the nomination at Wednesbury, commenced throwing large stones through various windows as they passed along..... At Mr. *Rabone*’s, the TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge, forty squares of glass were broken, and a member of the family was struck on the leg by a stone. Mr. *Rabone*, with a party then in the house, sallied out with the intention of disturbing the rioters, and the back of the house was then bombarded in a similar manner to the front.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 18/10/1869 - Letter

“To the Editor of the *Daily Gazette*. Sir. Permit me to draw attention of the Tipton authorities to the nuisances that people have to put up with in Great Bridge. Every Friday night, without exception, in New Road, between the LIMERICK INN and the TIPTON TAVERN, the stench that arises from the butchers’ premises in boiling up the refuse is really unbearable. I am sure, at the present time especially, when diarrhoea and fever are so prevalent, that this nuisance ought to be put a stop to. In the next instance I will call the attention of the police to the prostitutes that are allowed to congregate at the entrance to the station (London and North Western). Every night without exception, they surround the gin-shop entrance, and in the passage to the station. Indeed, it is seldom that people can pass by without hearing some filthy expression, or being insulted by them, and it is often the case that the police pass by without saying a word. Now, Sir, if such proceedings as these are allowed to go on, what shall we expect next? It ought to be looked into at once.

Yours, respectfully, T. B. Great Bridge, Oct. 13, 1869.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 23/10/1869

“Yesterday an inquest was held by Mr. Hooper, Coroner, at the TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge, on the body of John Hughes, aged 30, Toll End, who was injured at the works of the Great Bridge Iron and Steel Company, by the explosion of a boiler on Monday last, so that he died on Wednesday night at nine o’clock. This is the second death from this lamentable explosion. Mr. Solly, manager to the company, was present at the inquiry.

A juryman named William Cresswell was not present at the opening of the inquest, and the Coroner ordered that he should be called thrice. On his not answering to his name another person was sworn in his place, and Mr. Hooper said he should fine him 40s.

Mary Brown, the mother of the deceased, said he was 30 years of age, and about half-past eight o’clock on Monday night his brother brought him home from the works of the Great Bridge Iron and Steel Company, where he had been injured by the explosion of a boiler. Deceased’s left leg was broken, and he was scalded all over his body. The deceased did not recollect anything about the explosion. He was attended by three medical men, and died on Wednesday night. Deceased blamed no one; and, from what she knew of the acci-

dent herself, she did not think anyone deserved censure.

John Parkes, engineer at the Great Bridge Iron and Steel Company's works, said the accident happened about half-past seven o'clock on Monday night. At the time that it occurred he was near the 'donkey' engine, which filled the boilers, and he heard an explosion. There were five boilers, four of which were at work, and it was No.2 which exploded, the end being blown out. He heard that a woman was killed, but he was not aware of any accident happening to the deceased until twenty minutes after the explosion, when he (deceased) was found in the slack-hole, about twelve or fourteen yards from the boiler which exploded. The Coroner said he thought he had better tell the jury, at this stage of the inquiry, that on the previous day he opened an inquest on the body of a young woman named Bentley, who was killed by the same explosion as deceased. He then found it necessary to adjourn the inquest after having had the body identified, in order that scientific evidence might be obtained as to the actual cause of the explosion. That evidence would have to be gone into on the 10th of November, as far as the young woman was concerned. It was for them to say whether they would like to have the inquest adjourned, and go through the same evidence as the other jury would have to do, or whether they would be satisfied with saying that the man was killed in consequence of the explosion. If the jury so desired, he could let them have the evidence as would be brought before the jury on the 10th of November. Of course, this was a matter for their consideration, but he (Mr. Hooper) did not see the necessity of two inquiries.

In answer to a jurymen, the witness stated the No.2 boiler had been recently repaired. The boiler which exploded would be filled at four o'clock on the day when the accident happened, and at the time of the occurrence had been connected with the other boilers about an hour. He considered the steam sufficient.

In answer to the Coroner, the witness said that the steam 'clacks' had been down about 1¼ hours.

A jurymen said he did not see the slightest necessity for going into the inquiry at the present, when he considered the fact that there would be scientific evidence rendered at the inquest on the body of the young woman Bentley.

The Coroner said that if they adjourned the present inquest in order to have the same evidence as that which would be given at the Gold's Green inquest, it would entail considerable expense upon the county. It was quite open to them to return a verdict to the effect that deceased died of scalding, caused by the explosion of a boiler, but there was no evidence to show how that explosion took place.

One jurymen asked if it would not imply that the jury had not sought the necessary evidence.

The Coroner said that this did not show anything of the kind.

The jurymen said he did not think it would be right to terminate the inquiry without having the fullest evidence brought before them.

The Coroner said that his only object in making the suggestion was to save the ratepayers expense.

Another jurymen said that the inquiry as to the cause of the accident would be fully gone into at the other inquest in the case he did not see the slightest necessity for adjourning the present one. They had at that time knew how the deceased came to his death, and if they adjourned the present inquest they would know no more.

The foreman of the jury consulted with the other members, and ultimately it was agreed without dissent, that the suggestion of the Coroner should be adopted.

Mr. Solly, in answer to the Coroner, said he was perfectly willing that the full investigation should take place at the inquest on the young woman Bentley.

The Coroner said that any jurors who were now present, would be at liberty to attend the inquest on the woman Bentley. It was an open court.

The foreman said it was the general opinion of the jury that it would be well to return an open verdict in the present case, and let the cause of the accident be fully investigated at the inquest at Gold's Green.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died from scalding, occasioned by the explosion of a boiler of the Great Bridge Iron and Steel Company, but how the explosion occurred there was no evidence to show.

This concluded the proceedings."

[At the adjourned inquest on Mary Ann Bentley, held at the THREE FURNACES INN, Golds Green, West Bromwich, 'the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death accidentally, and that the boiler exploded in consequence of the frequent repairs it had undergone'.]

Birmingham Daily Post 5/4/1870 - Advert

“Wanted, a steady young Man, as Brewer, and willing to make himself useful. Will be required to live in the house.

Apply at TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/1/1871

“Bissel’s White Bill of Hill Top and Brown’s Dog Nelson of Church Lane. £5 a side is down for these dogs to run a catch weight 200 yards for £10 a side on Jan 30. Mr. *Rabone*, TIPTON TAVERN is stakeholder.”

1871 Census

57, New Road – TIPTON TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Rabone* (41), publican, born Alvechurch;
- [2] *Susannah Rabone* (40), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *William Rabone* (19), son, clerk, born Wombourne;
- [4] *Samuel Rabone* (16), son, fitter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Beatrice Perry* (20), niece, born Kidderminster;
- [6] *Catherine Smith* (25), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *William Earlestone* (22), brewer, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Richard Hindley* (22), lodger, forge roller, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/8/1871

“At the Police Court, on Monday, *Thomas Raybone*, of the TIPTON TAVERN, was fined 20s and costs, for permitting drunkenness. Police-constable Hands said he found thirty men more or less drunk in the house.”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/8/1871

“Mr. Golding, 8, Chapel Street, Toll End, Tipton, writes with reference to the late conviction of Mr. *T. Rabone*, of TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, for allowing drunkenness in his house. Mr. Golding says he is secretary to a Foresters’ Society, which held a meeting at the house on the night in question, and there was not a drunken man in the house.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/10/1871

“Lambeth’s Dog Nelson of Great Bridge and Bradley’s Lady of Kingswinford. £1 a side is down for a match between these dogs, to run 200 yards, for £10 a side. Lady to have two yards to the pound allowed her. They meet to draw up articles this evening (Saturday), at Mr. *Rabone*’s, TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Thomas Rabone – see also BULLS HEAD, New Road.

Birmingham Daily Post 16/9/1872 - Advert

“Servant Girl (good) wanted. For a Public House. Good character.

Apply, TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/12/1873 - Advert

“General Servant Wanted, immediately. Good character.

Apply, TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Dudley Guardian 25/4/1874

“John Mason (32) and Stephen Raybould (18), under-hand puddlers, of Great Bridge, were charged with stealing a shirt and hat belonging to John Warden, rag dealer, Golds Green. On Wednesday night week, whilst in the TIPTON TAVERN, a quarrel arose between the prosecutor and the prisoners. The former was knocked down, and, whilst on the ground, alleged that a shirt was taken out of his pocket, and his hat taken off his head. The two articles were afterwards found concealed in Mason’s house. Both prisoners were

committed to the Sessions for trial, bail being accepted for their appearance.”

[John Mason and Stephen Raybould appeared at the Sessions charged with stealing a shirt and hat, the jury found ‘not a true bill’.]

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/1877 - Advert

“General Servant (good), Wanted; one used to plain cooking preferred.

Apply, Mrs. *S. Rabone*, TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1880 - Advert

“Dog – Left, at the TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge, December 26, large brindled Dog, with collar on. If not owned within three days will be sold to defray expenses. Owner have it by applying.”

Dudley Herald 16/10/1880

“Half-Yearly Meeting Of Foresters. Wolverhampton And District.

The nineteenth meeting of the above district was held on Monday last, at the TIPTON TAVERN, New Road Great Bridge; D.C.R. Valentine Harris occupied the chair, supported by D.S.C.R. Geo. Parkes as vice-chairman. On the credentials being called in there were 41 Courts represented, one only being absent....”

Samuel Rabone = Samuel Raybone

1881 Census

57, New Road

[1] *Samuel Rabone* (26), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Annie Rabone (24), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Edward Rabone (2), son, born Tipton;

[4] Mary J. Kicken (18), general servant, born Tipton;

[5] Annie Gould (14), nurse, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 10/12/1881

“Albert Finch, alias Romeo, puddler, Park Lane, was charged with stealing a dog, value 20s, the property of *Samuel Raybone*, landlord of the TIPTON TAVERN, New Road, Great Bridge.

It appeared that the dog had been allowed to run about prosecutor’s house loose, and, having gone missing some time since, prosecutor gave information to the police.

PC Brien found the dog in the lodgings of a man named John Price, Sheepwash Lane, on the 1st ult. Price told him he had purchased it from prisoner. He arrested prisoner in Park Lane on the 4th. When charged, prisoner said he bought the dog from some children.

John Price, puddler, deposed to seeing prisoner with the dog at Great Bridge, about two months ago, and offered him a shilling for it. Prisoner accepted the offer, and took the dog to witness’s house, where it has been.

Prisoner again repeated the statement he made to the constable, adding that the children he got the dog from were going to drown it.

He was fined 11s, or 14 days.”

1891 Census

57, New Road – TIPTON TAVERN

[1] *Peter Fisher* (48), publican, born Buckinghamshire;

[2] Maria Fisher (45), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Amy Williams (14), adopted, born West Bromwich;

[4] Annie Yates (19), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Walsall Advertiser 26/1/1895

“The half-yearly district meeting in connection with the Bilston, Walsall and Cannock district of the N.U.O. Free Gardeners was held at Mrs. *Hales*’s, TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, on Monday last.....”

Dudley Herald 14/4/1900

“On Tuesday evening there was a large gathering at the TIPTON TAVERN, the occasion being a concert for the benefit of Mr. Chas. Lloyd, who for about two years has been unable to follow his employment.....”

1901 Census

56, New Road – TIPTON TAVERN

- [1] *Maria Hale* (52), widow, publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Annie Hale* (25), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Emily Rushton* (19), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *John Hale* (70), brother, living on own means, born West Bromwich:

Tipton Herald 9/5/1903

“On Tuesday morning Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner) held an inquest at the TIPTON TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton, touching the death of Ernest Roberts, 16 months old, residing with its parents at 3 house, 1 court, Toll End, Tipton, and whose death took place on Saturday under circumstances detailed in the following evidence.

Eliza Roberts, mother of deceased, stated that deceased had not been healthy from birth. He had been in the hospital for consumption of the bowels. About 7.40pm on April 29th, she put deceased to sit on the sofa, while she went to fetch some coal. She heard a bump, and on returning found that deceased had fallen off the sofa. He was taken to Dr. Morris, who thought he was shaken somewhat. Next morning deceased got up at five o'clock and later in the day had a fit. On Saturday he had severe fits, and eventually died.

Mary Ann Wright, a neighbour, stated that when she saw the deceased after the fall she thought his neck was broken, as he kept his head on one side. On the day following the fall Dr. Morris examined deceased, and said there was some injury to the skull.

Dr. Morris deposed to the child being brought to the surgery. It had signs of pains in the head. On the following day he called to see the child, and found very marked signs of fracture of the skull. There was bleeding and a watery discharge from the ears, and the pupils were unequal. The child's head was larger than it should be, and there were signs of water on the brain, on account of which the bones would be thinner, and the head heavier, consequently a fall would be more likely to fracture the skull than in an ordinary child. He attributed death to the fracture of the base of the skull.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Wednesbury Leader 7/9/1906

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday afternoon, before the Mayor (Alderman Kilvert) and Mr. Partridge (sitting for the Stipendiary, Mr. N. C. A. Neville), *Henry Davies*, landlord of the TIPTON TAVERN, New Road, Great Bridge, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 6th instant. Charles Lloyd, of New Road, Great Bridge, was charged with being drunk on the premises. Mr. J. Clark prosecuted, and Mr. C. H. Darby defended.

The evidence for the prosecution showed that on Bank Holiday Monday night, the 6th ultimo, Police constable Sturgess heard a noise in the defendant *Davies*'s house. He entered the premises about 9.25, and in the taproom he saw the defendant Lloyd sitting down, in a drunken condition. The landlord was in the same room speaking to some other men at the time, and apparently he was making no effort to get Lloyd out. The officer called the landlord's attention to Lloyd's condition, when he said, ‘Yes, I have come round to put him out; he has only just come in, and I have not supplied him with any drink.’

Mr. Clark submitted that the Act of 1904 had been contravened in this case, and that the landlord had allowed the man Lloyd to remain in the house without taking reasonable steps to get him out.

For the defence, Mr. Darby contended that Lloyd was not drunk. On the night in question Lloyd, he asserted, walked two miles through the streets of Birmingham, coming home by the 8.45 train, which arrived at Great Bridge at 9.12. He then walked up to the TIPTON TAVERN, where he had not been more than a minute when the policeman came in.

A number of witnesses were called for the defence.

The charge against *Davies* was dismissed, and Lloyd was fined 5s and costs.”

1911 Census

57, New Road

- [1] *George Perks* (46), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Perks* (44), wife, married 25 years, assisting in the business, born Dudley;
- [3] *Florence Edith Perks* (15), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Georgina Mabel Perks* (11), daughter, school, born Dudley;

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/3/1913

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.

At the Sessions plans were submitted for the improvement of.....

TIPTON TAVERN, Great Bridge.”

Roger Preece was born on 2nd October 1880.

Black Country Bugle 20/7/2000

Letter from Mrs. Anne Stewart, Tipton

“.....*Roger Preece* was a short, portly man, and kept a very popular pub, which locally was referred to as the ‘Tavern’ or ‘Roger’s’.”

South Staffordshire Times 3/11/1923

“Tipton Homing Society. The annual dinner and prize presentation in connection with which event was also associated the distribution of prizes, was held at the headquarters, the TIPTON TAVERN INN, New Road, Great Bridge, on Saturday last, the company, numbering about 70, enjoying the excellent spread provided. The President of the Society (Mr. A. Short, M.P.) was present.....”

1939 Register

New Road – TIPTON TAVERN

- [1] *Roger Preece*, date of birth, 02/10/1880, publican, widowed;
- [2] *Roger Preece*, dob, 04/10/1916, tube worker, married;
- [3] *Mary F. Preece*, dob, 24/12/1912, unpaid domestic duties, married:

It was bombed during WW2.

Roger Preece was rescued from the rafters of the cellar on 17th May 1941.

A temporary wooden building was put in its place.

The present building was erected post WW2.

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Domino League. [1954-55], [1956-57], [1959-60], [1960-61]

A team from here took part in the Greets Green Darts League. [1959-60]

Tipton Herald 21/1/1956 - Notice

“Licensing Act 1953.

To the Chief Constable for the County of Stafford. To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Petty Sessional Division of Tipton in the said County. To the Clerk to the Rating Authority for the Borough of Tipton aforesaid. To Eley’s Stafford Brewery Limited of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, and To all others whom it may concern.

I, *Joseph E. Ralph* of the TIPTON TAVERN, New Road, Tipton in the County of Stafford, Licensed Victualler Do Hereby Give Notice that it my intention to apply at the First Session of the General Annual Licensing Meeting for Petty Sessional Division of Tipton to be holden at the Magistrates Court, Church Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday the 7th day of February 1956 at the hour of 10.30 o’clock in the forenoon for the Provisional Grant to me (in substitution for a Provisional Grant in favour of Frank Joseph Yardley made at

the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting for the Division of Tipton held on the 1st day of March 1949 which Grant was confirmed by the County Licensing Confirmation Committee on the 25th day of April 1949) of an Order sanctioning the Removal of the Justices' License now in force and held by me in pursuance of which I hold an Excise License to sell by Retail at the licensed premises situate at New Road, Tipton aforesaid and known by the sign of the TIPTON TAVERN any Intoxicating Liquor which may be sold under a Publican's License for consumption either on or off the premises from such premises to a House and premises proposed to be erected upon land situate and fronting to New Road and Horsley Road, Tipton aforesaid and forming the site of the premises proposed to be erected by the before mentioned Provisional Grant of the 1st day of March 1949.

And I Hereby Give Further Notice that Eley's Stafford Brewery Limited of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, are the Owners of the said licensed premises known as the TIPTON TAVERN and will be the owners of the said premises which it is proposed to erect if and when erected.

Given under my hand this 13th day of January One thousand and nine hundred and fifty-six.

J. E. Ralph."

Birmingham Daily Post 11/1/1961

"A man told Tipton magistrates yesterday that after he had intervened in a struggle between men in a Tipton public house, he was struck on the forehead by a man holding a broken glass.

Brian Samuel Bird (aged 18), of 1, Brindley Road, Hill Top, West Bromwich, was charged with maliciously wounding Mr. James Trevor Hill, of 4, Thomas Guy Road, Hill Top, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Prosecuting, Mr. Frank Cooper said that Mr. Hill received a vertical wound in the middle of the forehead. It was fortunate that he was not blinded.

Mr. Hill said while he was at the TIPTON TAVERN, in New Road, Tipton, two men started struggling. He tried to intervene. Bird, Mr. Hill alleged, said 'Leave my friend alone' and then jumped on Mr. Hill's back and butted him three times in the face. Mr. Hill said that during the struggle he picked up a watch which Bird had dropped and later he offered it to Bird. 'He said nothing and then I heard the crash of glass and I saw him aim a blow at my forehead,' continued Mr. Hill. 'The next thing I knew my hands and jacket were covered with blood. I had put up my hands to protect myself.'

Bird was committed on bail for trial at Stafford Assizes."

[A team from here took part in the Sports Argus Inn-Quiz. \[1973/74\]](#)

It was renamed HALLBRIDGE ARMS in 1996.

Closed [2005]

It reopened in 2005 as THE COMEDIAN.

Dudley Chronicle 10/6/2010

"A bead shop launched in a Black Country boozier has proved so successful the landlord is set to rename the pub. Businessman *Ray Crawford* who runs the COMEDIAN pub in Tipton opened a new venture from the pub in New Road earlier this year.

He said the bead business has been so popular it often attracts more women to the pub than men and he is now set to rename the pub the PEARL GIRL – after the bead business.

Selling beads started off as an internet venture four years ago and Mr. *Crawford* aged 62, who runs the pub with his wife Stephanie [b.1948], said it is the first licensed bead shop in the British Isles....."

[2015]

Closed

Express & Star 24/11/2016

["Nine jobs could be created if a Tipton pub is converted into a children's day nursery.](#)

The change of use application to the COMEDIAN pub on New Road has been submitted to Sandwell Council planners by Kangaroo Pouch Ltd, who already run nurseries in Charlemont, Tividale and Hateley. The pub is not currently trading, and the planned work includes resurfacing the pot-holed car park and increasing its capacity from 13 to 15 spaces. An external section of the site will also be used to create an outdoor play area, in addition to the nursery provision inside the building. If approved the nursery would be open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.”

It became a children’s day nursery. [2017]

TOP STAR

178, (176), Horseley Heath / Tame Road, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

William Doughty
Charrington and Co. [1890]
Edward Henry Lindsay [1900]
Lesters Ltd., Dudley [1910], [1920]
Richard Marsh
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1969]
Robert Pinner (acquired in April 1991)
Dandelion Commerce Ltd. [2013]

LICENSEES

Thomas Doughty [1841] – [1853]
Mrs. Mary Doughty [1854] – [1857]
Miss Mary Doughty [] – **1859**);
William Doughty (**1859** – [1871]
Mrs. Maria Doughty [1871] – [1873]
Emanuel Cornfield [1881]
James Peacock [1891]
Charles Askew [1892]
Alfred Guy [1896]
Edward Henry Lindsay [1900] – **1906**);
Charles Edward Cutts (**1906** – **1910**);
George Davies [1908] ?
Albert H Clarke (**1910** – **1912**);
David Evans (**1912** – []
John Mason [1916] – **1921**);
Mrs. Isabella Alice (Mason) Kielman (**1921** – **1933**);
Richard ‘Dick’ Marsh (**1933** – **1947**);
Thomas J ‘Tommy’ Steele (**1947** – **1957**);
Alfred James Pyatt (**1957**);
James Henry Reece (**1957** – [1958];
Norman Roland Holloway [1959] – **1961**);
Lesley Tansley (**1961** – **1970**);
Mary Whitehouse (**1970** – **1989**);

Michael Bradley (1989 – 1991);
Robert Wilfred Pinner (1991);
Patrick Joseph Hayes (1991 – 1993);
Kevin Ian Bowater (1993);
Stephen Kevin ‘Steve’ Moorman (1993 – 1995);
Nigel Griffin (1995 – 1997);
Philip Ronald Bates (1997 – []
Kevin Taylor (1999 – []
James and Diane Earl (2008 – [2009] managers

NOTES

176, Horseley Heath [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1932], [1940]
178, Horseley Heath

It was originally called the STAR.

It was known locally as the “Top Star”.

It was the home of the STAR Brewery.

1851 Census

Horseley Heath

[1] *Thomas Doughty* (48), hinge manufacturer employing 20 men, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Doughty* (47), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *William Doughty* (25), son, hinge maker, born Tipton;

[4] Samuel Doughty (18), son, roll turner, born Tipton;

[5] Mary Jenkins (27), servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

Mary Doughty, Horseley Heath.”

Birmingham Journal 14/2/1857

“An inquest was held on Wednesday, by G. Hinchliffe, Esq, at the house of Mrs. *Mary Doughty*, STAR INN, Horseley Heath, on the body of a new born male child. The evidence showed that a married woman named Phoebe Green (living apart from her husband) at Dudley Port, was on Sunday night last delivered of the child. No midwife was present, but a woman named Sarah Smith, a neighbour, was in attendance at the birth. On the woman (with whom Mrs. Green lodged) returning home soon after the birth with another woman, named Sarah Price, the latter found the child in a chamber utensil, in the kitchen, the mother being then also in the kitchen. Mrs. Price laid the infant upon a table, and Jane Price, who had also first come to the house, then took hold of one of its legs, and turned it over several times. The child was noticed to lift its hand to its head twice, and to open its mouth. Having remained on the table nearly ten minutes Jane Price rolled it up in a coarse cloth, and Sarah Price said that she would go and see that it was buried. One of the women, Elizabeth Shaddock, said, ‘Don’t talk of burying the child until it’s dead; let it be, and see whether it will live.’ Sarah Price replied, ‘We have got the keeping of her (meaning Phoebe Green) and what has it to do with you?’ The child was then taken away by Mary Roberts and Sarah Price. On the following day Sergeant Adams, hearing of the circumstances, enquired about the body, but not hearing where it was, he apprehended Mary Roberts, Sarah Price, and Jane Price, on a charge of concealing the child’s birth. Jane Price

said she took the body to Tipton churchyard, and had it buried by Bennett, the sexton. This the officer found to be correct, the infant having been buried that morning, as being a still-born child. The body was exhumed on the same night. The inquest was adjourned in order that a post mortem examination might be made. Mr. Bailey, solicitor, of Wednesbury, attended to watch the case for the three women named.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/2/1857

“Phoebe Green, Jane Price, Mary Roberts, and Sarah Price, were again brought up on the charge of concealing the birth of the child of the former, and were discharged, Mr. Bailey, on their behalf, stating that the coroner’s jury had found that the child was born dead.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/9/1857

“On Thursday afternoon an inquest was held before G. Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, at the STAR INN, Horseley Heath, on the body of William Martlow, aged sixty-five, who was killed about one o’clock on the preceding day, at the Pump House Colliery, Westbromwich, belonging to Messrs. Richard and John Haines. The deceased and several other men were engaged in changing a pump bucket, and had attached a skip loaded with a quantity of iron, to one of the arms of the capstan to steady it; but as soon as the horse which had drawn the rods was taken off by the deceased, the capstan began to turn very rapidly, and before deceased could get away he was struck by one of the arms of the capstan across his back, which was broken by the blow, and he died immediately. A man named Jones was badly injured, and two men who were in the pit had a narrow escape, as the whole of the rope went down the pit passed them. The coroner and the jury thought there had been great neglect in not having more men, or some better means of steadying the capstan, and the inquiry was adjourned until the 1st of October, for the attendance of the Government Inspector.”

William Doughty was also a hinge maker [1860]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1861

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, yesterday, a man named Benjamin Mills was charged with having stabbed James Tibbetts. Police-constable Bowen deposed that on Saturday last, he received information that there had been a row at the STAR INN, and that a man had been stabbed there. He then ascertained that such was the case, and apprehended the prisoner at his father’s house, Horseley Heath, and charged him with the offence. As soon as he was taken into custody he took a knife from his pocket and threw it away. It transpired that the prisoner had had a row at the public-house named with a man known as ‘Humpy,’ and had drawn a knife as if supposed to assault him, but in the disturbance Tibbetts received the blow on the left side of his breast. The knife entered to a depth of two and a half inches, and inflicted a very serious wound. The prisoner was remanded for a week.”

1861 Census

Horseley Heath – STAR INN

[1] *William Doughty* (35), victualler and hinge maker, employing 5 men, born Tipton;

[2] *Maria Doughty* (33), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Doughty* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Eliza A. Doughty* (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Maria Doughty* (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Sarah Doughty* (8 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] *Mary Robinson* (20), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;

[8] *Demarris Hill* (15), visitor, born West Bromwich;

[9] *Richard Reed* (47), servant, brewer, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/7/1861

“Benjamin Mills (26), no occupation, pleaded not guilty to a charge of feloniously cutting and wounding James Wickstead, at Horsley Heath, in the parish of Tipton, and the 16th of March last. Mr. Worran, prosecuted. On the evening of the day just named the prosecutor was at a public house kept by a man named *Doughty*, at Horsley Heath, near Great Bridge, and the prisoner and the prisoner’s brother were there also.

Prisoner asked them to drink with him and they did so, and shortly afterwards the prisoner began to vomit. Prosecutor acquainted the landlord of this, and prisoner called him a liar, and after a few more words the prisoner struck Wickstead on the breast. It was, however, nearly half-an-hour before prosecutor discovered that the blow had been dealt with a knife; he was then on his way home, and had become so faint from loss of blood that he had to creep part of the way on his hands and his knees. When apprehended by the police the prisoner was seen to throw away his knife, which, when picked up, was found to be stained with blood. When in the custody of the police prisoner also said it was a bad job; if Wickstead died he should have his neck stretched, and if he got better he should most likely get seven years. The evidence of Mr. Malins, assistant to Mr. T. Underhill, surgeon, Great Bridge, went to prove that the wound was a dangerous one; it was 2½ inches deep, and penetrated the left lung.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of unlawfully wounding, and in passing sentence his worship said, that had he been found guilty of felony, he would have been sentenced to a very long term of penal servitude, because of the prevalence of cases of that character. The sentence of the Court would be that he should be imprisoned for eighteen months.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/1/1863

“An inquest was held on Tuesday night last, before Edwin Hooper, Esq, Coroner, at the house of *William Doughty*, the STAR INN, on the body of a man unknown, who was supposed to be about sixty years of age. The evidence went to show that on the previous Friday night, about twelve o’clock, Joseph Duffield, in company with another man, were walking from Lea Brook to Tipton, when reaching Ocker Hill they saw a man lying in the road insensible. They immediately fetched the police, who conveyed him to Horseley Heath Police Station, and sent for Mr. Thomas Underhill, surgeon, who attended, but the unfortunate man expired in a few hours. Mr. Underhill, surgeon, stated that when he was sent for to see the deceased, he found him lying on the stone floor at the Police Station, without anything to cover him but the coats of some of the men in the force, and, in fact in a most improper state for a man in his condition. Since death he had made a post mortem examination of the body, and could find no external marks of violence, but upon examining the head he discovered that was extravasation on the left side of the brain, caused by the rupture of one of the principal vessels. This was undoubtedly the cause of death. The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence. The Coroner said he could not dismiss the Jury without expressing his entire disapproval of the want of accommodation at Horseley Heath Station. He had discovered that there was not even a bed to lay a man upon on the premises, nor a blanket to cover him. This was the second case within a short period where a person had been brought to the station, and allowed to die on the stone floor. He could not imagine that the county magistrates, and more especially those residing in the immediate district, could be aware of these facts. He considered, however, that when such cases came under his notice it became part of his duty to bring the matter before the authorities, who have the power to provide decent accommodation at the police station, in such a populous district as that in which he now sat, and he should certainly take steps to have the matter investigated.

The Foreman and the rest of the Jury entirely agreed with the remarks of the Coroner, and hoped he would be able to cause some reform in this respect to be accomplished.”

William Doughty was described as a hinge manufacturer [1864]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 11/4/1864

“Mr. W. H. Phillips, jun., Coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mr. *William Doughty*, the STAR INN, on Friday, on the body of an infant, seven months old, named George Benjamin Humphries, who died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon last. It appeared that on the day mentioned, at about half-past one o’clock, the deceased was suddenly taken ill, and expired before medical assistance could be obtained. Mr. Thomas Underhill, surgeon, of Toll End, was sent for, but did not arrive until after death. The jury returned a verdict that deceased had Died from the Visitation of God.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/4/1865

“Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest on Tuesday, at the STAR INN, Horseley Heath, on the body of John Stanton, two years old son of a bricklayer. On Saturday last, a woman named Rhoda Percival went to

empty something into a cesspool near her dwelling, and there saw the body of a child among the refuse. She obtained assistance and got the body out which was found to be that of the deceased. The witness deposed that she had lived in the neighbourhood eighteen years, and during the last ten years, the hole had been left uncovered and level with the ground. The property belonged to Mr. William Cooksey of, West Bromwich, who had been there weekly to collect his rents, but she was not aware that any complaint had been made to him touching the cesspool. Mr. Baxter, Inspector of Nuisances, was there a few weeks ago, and he recommended emptying the hole, which was 2 feet 7 inches deep. The father of the deceased deposed that the deceased left home on Saturday, in company with his brothers and sisters, to go to their grandmother's house, near the cesspool, and he had every reason to suppose that the child accidentally got into the hole. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and expressed an opinion that the place had been left in a very unsafe state for some time, and that the Inspector of Nuisances had been guilty of neglect in not having given Mr. Cooksey notice of the dangerous exposure of the cesspool. Mr. Cooksey, who was present, promised to have the place bricked round and covered over; and the Coroner undertook to convey the opinion of the Jury to Mr. Baxter."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/11/1868

"On Monday evening, several serious disturbances, arising out of the present political excitement, occurred in the vicinity of Great Bridge and Horseley Heath. A number of men and youths, returning from the nomination at Wednesbury, commenced throwing large stones through various windows as they passed along..... Mr. *Doughty*, a publican, at Horseley Heath, also had his windows broken, but it does not appear that it was the same crowd which committed the damages at Great Bridge. In this case quick detection followed. A rough fellow, named Peter Hough, was seen to hurl a heavy stone through the window. PC Bradshaw arrived on the spot in time to witness the act, and the perpetrator was safely lodged at the police station in Church Lane."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28/11/1868 - Advert

"Valuable Freehold Property, Situate at Sheepwash Lane, Tipton.
To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs. Powell & Son, on Wednesday, the 9th day of December next, at the house of Mr. *William Doughty*, known as the STAR INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, at Six o'clock in the evening....."

1871 Census

176, Horseley Heath

- [1] *William Doughty* (45), hinge maker, born Tipton;
 - [2] *Maria Doughty* (40), wife, born Tipton;
 - [3] *Mary Doughty* (19), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [4] *Elizabeth Ann Doughty* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [5] *Maria Lees Doughty* (13), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [6] *Sarah Lees Doughty* (10), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [7] *Annie Lees Doughty* (8), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [8] *William Lees Doughty* (6), son, born Tipton;
 - [9] *Miranday Lees Doughty* (4), daughter, born Tipton;
 - [10] *Florence Lees Doughty* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- plus one servant:

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 1/7/1871 - Deaths

"On the 25th ult, in his 46th year, Mr. *William Doughty*, hinge manufacturer, Horseley Heath, Tipton; deeply lamented by his family and a large circle of friends."

London Gazette 18/8/1871 - Notice

"Notice is hereby given, that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands on or against the estate of *William Doughty*, late of Horseley Heath, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Hinge Manufacturer and Licensed Victualler, deceased (who died on the 25th day of June, 1871, at Horseley Heath aforesaid, and

whose will was proved in the District Registry of her Majesty's Court of Probate at Lichfield, on the 31st day of July, 1871, by us the undersigned, Benjamin Woolley, of West Bromwich, Brass Founder, and *Maria Doughty*, Widow, the relict of the said deceased, the executors therein named), are hereby required on or before the 9th day of October next, to send the full particulars of their claims or demands to William Brown, of 215, Horseley Heath, Tipton, Accountant Clerk, after which day we shall proceed to apply and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts or claims of which we shall then have had notice; and will not be liable for any part of such assets to any person of whose claim we shall not then, have had due notice.

Dated the 9th day of August, 1871.

Benjamin Woolley. *M. Doughty.*"

Maria Doughty was also a hinge and kitchen range manufacturer.

Midland Advertiser 16/2/1878

"On Wednesday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, resumed an enquiry at the STAR INN, Dudley Port, on the body of a male infant which was found in the boundary brook at Great Bridge. The Coroner said he adjourned the enquiry to give the police an opportunity of discovering the guilty party or parties, and for the purpose of a post mortem examination, which had been made.

Thomas Powell, collier, White Row Street, otherwise Providence Street, Horseley Heath, said he saw the bundle in the water at ten o'clock on the morning of the 29th ult. Two men whom he did not know called his attention to the clothing, and the witness saw a child's hand hanging out of the shawl. He ran off and told Mrs. Simmons, who was examined at the first enquiry.

In reply to the Coroner, Inspector Harrison said he had not been able to find the two men who called witness's attention to the bundle.

Powell, re-examined said the men were not in working clothes, and did not appear to be men engaged in the trades of the district.

In reply to the Coroner, Superintendent Holland said he had no further evidence to offer. He had had a large number of bills printed, and men specially engaged on the business, but without success. The police had done all in their power to discover the party or parties who placed the child in the water.

Dr. Arthur S. Underhill, of Toll End, said he had made a post mortem examination of the child on the 1st inst, and found it a well formed and nourished infant, about six months old. Up to the time of its death, the child had been well attended to. There were four vaccination marks, showing plainly that the child had been operated on by a public officer; private medical men usually put but two. The cause of death was asphyxia, from drowning; decomposition had not set in, and the child had not long been dead. The cutaneous evidence showed that the child was warm when thrown into the water.

Superintendent Holland said all the towns, workhouses and public institutions in the neighbourhood had been visited, but without eliciting any further evidence.

The Coroner said the police seem to have done all in their power to discover the guilty persons. There was no doubt but that the child had been finally murdered, and that the conclusion of the inquest that day would not prevent the police from taking any person before the justices.

The jury then unanimously agreed to a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown, and recommended that a reward from the Government should be asked for."

1881 Census

176, Horseley Heath – STAR INN

[1] *Emanuel Cornfield* (44), licensed victualler, born Dudley;

[2] Sarah Jane Cornfield (46), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Alfred H. Guy (16), assistant brewer, born Dudley;

[4] Sarah Ann Lines (18), general servant, born Fenny Compton, Warwickshire:

E. Cornfield issued tokens from here.

1891 Census

176, Horseley Heath – STAR HOTEL

[1] *James Peacock* (55), married, victualler, born Green Lion, Yorkshire;

[2] Joe R. Peacock (31), son, victualler, born Primrose Hill, Yorkshire;

[3] Sarah J. Hunter (24), general servant, born Tipton;

[4] Eliza J. Hildick (28), general servant, born Aston, Warwickshire:

West Bromwich Weekly News 31/3/1900

“Independent Order of Foresters, Manchester Unity (West Bromwich District). At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the quarterly district meeting, held at the STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath, Tipton, PPGM, C. W. Holden, the retiring Provincial GM, was the recipient of a Past Provincial GM’s sash and medal in recognition of the valuable service rendered by him during his term of office.....”

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Edward Henry Lindsay, STAR, Horseley Heath.”

1901 Census

176, Horseley Heath – STAR HOTEL

[1] *Edward Lindsay* (43), common brewer, born Bow, London;

[2] Annie Lindsay (42), wife, born Fradley, Staffordshire;

[3] Fred Lindsay (19), stepson, clerk, born Elford, Staffordshire;

[4] Elizabeth Malley (18), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Florence Wilkes (21), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Edward Henry Lindsay was also a brewer. [1905]

Wednesbury Leader 17/8/1906

“A petition in bankruptcy was filed on Tuesday in Dudley County Court by *Edward Henry Lindsay*, licensed victualler, STAR HOTEL, Tipton. Mr. G. T. S. Plant is the solicitor for the debtor.”

Wednesbury Leader 14/9/1906

“At the Dudley Bankruptcy Court on Thursday, before Mr. Cyril Young, registrar, *E. H. Lindsay*, licensed victualler, STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath, appeared for his public examination. The debtor was represented by Mr. G. T. S. Plant and Mr. A. R. Taylor (Messrs. Hooper and Taylor) appeared for the trustee. The statement of affairs showed that the gross liabilities amounted to £6,887, and the deficiency to £1,502. *Lindsay*, who is forty-nine years of age, stated in reply to Mr. Jobson (Official Receiver) that he commenced business with £50 capital in 1886 at the BELL, Brierley Hill. In June 1898, having about £200, he took the STAR HOTEL on a seven years’ lease, and in the following year he purchased the property for £2,400, raising the money on mortgage. He spent £2,000 in improving the property. The mortgages now amounted to £5,040, estimated to realise £4,500. An execution was levied against him on the 14th of July last. Debtor thereupon executed a bill of sale for £150, paying out the execution for £120. A subsequent execution for £18 he also paid out. Other creditors took action against him, and he made an offer to execute a deed of assignment, which was not accepted. His bank account was overdrawn to the amount of £271.

The examination was adjourned.”

Wednesbury Leader 21/12/1906

“At Dudley County Court on Tuesday, *Edward H. Lindsay*, licensed victualler, late of the STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath, came up for public examination.

Mr. A. R. Taylor represented the trustee (Mr. A. E. Percy).

Debtor, in reply to Mr. G. T. S. Plant, said the STAR was surrounded by houses, where the 'long pull', free suppers, etc, were given. It was the worst district in the country for that kind of competition.

Mr. Plant: And you attribute your failure to the falling off in your trade owing to this cause? – The debtor: I do.

The examination was closed.”

1911 Census

176, Horseley Heath

[1] *David Evans* (38), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Henrietta A. Evans* (36), wife, married 18 years, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Percy R. Evans* (12), son, school, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Ethel Lloyd* (21), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Sidney Jones* (18), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

“Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The consideration of the renewal of the license of the STAR INN, Horseley Heath, would also be deferred.”

Star Brewery was here [1920]

South Staffordshire Times 9/4/1921

“At the Police Court on Tuesday the transfer of the license of the STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath, was granted to Mrs. *Isabella Mason*, widow of the late licensee, Mr. *John Mason*, who died on March 14th. In reply to the Bench the applicant stated that they were in the seventh year of holding the license.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/11/1923

“Tipton Fanciers Association. Much interest was displayed, both on the part of members and also the general public, in the 15th members' show which was held on Saturday night at the STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath. The staging was well done under the superintendence of Mr. D. Higgs, the secretary and the committee. The exhibition judge was Mr. J. C. Hill, of Stourbridge, and the utility judge Mr. H. Hassell, of Tipton.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 29/11/1924

“Mr. V. *Kielman*, STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath, Tipton, has sent £2 to Councillor King, president of the British Legion, as a result of a whist drive held at the STAR HOTEL, on Thursday, November 20th, for the ex-Service Men's Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The following were the prize winners:– Ladies: 1. Miss Collins; 2. Mrs. Tranter. Gentlemen: 1. Mr. C. Tranter; 2. Mr. J. McTavis; 3. Mr. W. Hyde. Mr. G. Huskins was M.C.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 28/2/1925

“A whist drive for the Guest Hospital funds was held at the STAR HOTEL, Horseley Heath, on Thursday night last week. The prize winners were:- Ladies: 1. Miss P. Devey; 2. Mrs. Dunn; 3. Mrs. Bennett. Gentlemen: 1. Mr. W. Jones; 2. Mr. Dodd; 3. Mr. W. Hickybottom. Mr. W. Wolvescroft was the M.C.”

Isabella Alice Mason was fined £5 and £2 2s special costs, or one month, on 31st May 1932, “under the Food and Drug (Adulteration) Act 1928, Section 8 (1) – selling a certain article of food, to wit a quantity of whisky which was not of the quality demanded by the purchaser, the same being diluted beyond the statutory limit of 35 degrees under proof.”

Isabella Alice Mason married Mr. V. *Kielman* in 1933.

R. Marsh issued tokens from here.

1939 Register

Horseley Heath – STAR HOTEL

[1] *Richard Marsh*, date of birth, 09/10/1880, brewer, married;

[2] *Ada Marsh*, dob, 21/11/1875, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Lesley Tansley = Leslie Tansley

Black Country Bugle (July 1996) - Pub of the Month

“.....was once a ‘mild only’ Mitchells and Butlers house. It fell on hard times in the 1980s.”

Closed

It reopened in July 1991, as the PORT ‘N’ ALE.

Nigel Griffin was married to Leanne.

Kevin Taylor was married to Pauline.

It closed in 2005.

It reopened in April 2006.

James Earl was born c.1963.

He was married to Diane.

Diane Earl was born c.1970.

Express & Star 3/10/2009

“One in three Black Country pubs currently up for sale could be flattened, according to a report from estate agents released today. Birmingham-based Fleurets have 34 pubs currently for sale in the Black Country but at least 10 of those will be wiped off the map when sold. It has almost £8 million worth of pubs on offer, many of which have been up for sale for more than a year. Scores of pubs had disappeared in the region in the last five years, many of them knocked down for housing. With the downturn, a number of pub sites remain empty as redevelopment work has halted until the economy improves.

Fleurets sales associate Andy Tudor today said the pub property market had been harder hit by the recession than other businesses. He said, ‘Licensees needed to cope with the smoking ban first and then the recession landed. Prices of licensed property have fallen quite notably and certain sectors of the market remain very, very difficult – but for the right property we have still been doing brisk business. Around one in three of our sales of pubs are recommended for alternative development.’

James Earl, aged 47, runs the PORT ‘N’ ALE pub in Dudley Port, and has campaigned to keep established pubs open. He said, ‘It’s a real disappointment that so many old pubs will be demolished. Landlords have been hit hard. We are part of the community and we can still make pubs a success but we are being squeezed with taxes and the smoking ban.’”

It was renamed TOP STAR in 2013.

[2018]

Reopened on 21st January 2019 as PORT ‘N’ ALE Bar and Grill, serving Indian food.

[2022]

TRUE BRITON

2, Lower Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Aston [1834] – [1851]

John Morris [1866]

John Aston [1871]

Joseph Woodhall [1881]

George Evans [1882]

Solomon Jones [1887]

Moses Millington [1891]

Alfred Herbert Sherwood [1896] – [1904]

William Hughes [1907]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/5/1848

“*John Aston*, of Tipton; *Samuel Butler*, of Darlaston; and *Phoebe Taylor*, of Darlaston, were fined; the two former 10s each and costs, and Mrs. Taylor 5s and costs, for having their houses open after the appointed time, on the 21st inst.”

John Aston, beer retailer, Lower Green. [1849]

John Aston, beer retailer, 2, Lower Green. [1850]

1851 Census

Lower Green

[1] *John Aston* (48), whitesmith and retailer of beer, born Tipton;

[2] *Samuel Aston* (18), son, whitesmith, born Tipton;

[3] *Hannah Nicklin* (26), housekeeper, born Tipton;

[4] *Phoebe Cox* (16), visitor, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 23/6/1866 - Advert

“Tuesday Next, June 28, At The TRUE BRITON INN, Lower Green, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round, as above, a portion of the Household Furniture; comprising horsehair Sofa, Windsor Chairs, mahogany Corner Cupboard, eight-day Clock, Chimney Glass, in rose-wood, Fenders and Fireirons, Brewers Saccharometer, Pewter Measures, Drinking Tables, mahogany Chest of Drawers, oak two-leaf Dining Table, three Barrels, Coolers, Tubs, &c, belonging to Mr. *John Morris*, who is declining the public business.

Also at the same time and place, a capital Cart Horse, two and 3 inch wheel Carts, Cart Gearing, Chaff Box, Corn Box, three Shovels, a very large Copper Boiler, and other Effects, which must be sold to cover an advance.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.

Auctioneer's Offices, Owen Street and Bloomfield, Tipton.”

1871 Census

2, Low Green

[1] *John Aston* (61), beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Aston* (57), wife, born Tipton:

1881 Census

2, Lower Green – TRUE BRITON

[1] *Joseph Woodhall* (33), hammerman, born Netherton;

[2] *Sarah Woodhall* (33), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *John Thomas Woodhall* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Josiah Woodhall* (9), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Arthur Woodhall* (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *William Woodhall* (5), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Louise Woodhall* (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[8] *Bertie Woodhall* (1), son, born Tipton;

[9] *Alice Jones* (22), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Lichfield Mercury 29/7/1887

“At the Police Court on Monday, *Solomon Jones*, landlord of the TRUE BRITON INN, Lower Green, Tipton Green, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours. Police-constable Patten said that on Sunday morning, the 17th inst, about five minutes past eleven, he saw a woman come out of the beer-house with a quart of fresh drawn ale. The defence was that it was drawn and paid for on Saturday night and fetched on the Sunday morning.

A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.”

1891 Census

2, Lower Green

[1] *Moses Millington* (37), beerhouse keeper and fitter, born Tipton;

[2] *Amelia Millington* (39), wife, born Greets Green;

[3] *Eliza Patent* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Alfred Herbert Sherwood, beer retailer, 2, Lower Green. [1896], [1900], [1904]

See also BEEHIVE.

1901 Census

2, Lower Green

[1] *Alfred H. Sherwood* (29), beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] *Phillis Sherwood* (27), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *Elizabeth Sherwood* (7), daughter, deaf and dumb, born Oldbury;

[4] *Albert E. Sherwood* (3), son, born Tipton;

[5] *Alfred Sherwood* (6 months), son, born Tipton:

The license renewal was objected to in January 1903 on the grounds that it was difficult for police supervision.

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

“County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

Mr. J. G. Thursfield, clerk to the justices, stated that the following licenses had been referred in the Wednesbury division.....

TRUE BRITON, Lower Green, Tipton, beer and cider ‘on’ license, (licensee *William Hughes*).

Mr. Sharp said the owners did not oppose, and the renewal of the license was refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/7/1907

“A supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Wednesday and Thursday, to consider the amount of compensation to be awarded in the case of licenses the renewal of which was refused at the principal meeting.....

In cases where the amount of compensation approved by the committee was not accepted by the parties concerned, these were referred to the Inland Revenue Commissioners to determine the sum to be awarded..... TRUE BRITON, Lower Green, Tipton (owner Wordsley Brewery Company Limited), referred to Inland Revenue Commissioners.”

Lichfield Mercury 8/1/1909

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The Licensing Committee presented a report for the year 1908.....

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the cases referred to them last year.....

TRUE BRITON, Tipton, £886.”

It closed on 25th July 1908.

TURF TAVERN

13, Aston Street / Hackett Street, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Salt, Kates Hill Brewery
J. C. Holder, Birmingham
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1919]

LICENSEES

William Fletcher [1848] – **1859**);
Enoch Vaughan (**1859 – 1865**);
John Bebb (**1865 – 1867**);
William Goddington (**1867 – 1870**);
Edward Stephens (**1870 – [1884]**)
Joseph Smith [1891] – [1894]
Edward Powell [1896]
Mrs. Jeannie Fulton [1900]
Frederick Pearson [1904] – **1928**);
Albert Thomas Cole (**1928**);
Thomas Sproson (**1928 – 1932**);
Leslie Arthur Dennington (**1932 – 1934**);
William Harry Lane (**1934 – 1937**);
Arthur Cartwright (**1937 – 1938**);
John Charles ‘Jack’ Summerton (**1938 – 1939**);

NOTES

Tokens were issued for its Sick and Dividend Society.

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/10/1848

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

Mary Davis was arraigned for uttering and putting off at Tipton two pieces of false and counterfeit coins, intended to resemble shillings, well knowing them to be false and counterfeit.

Mr. Kynnersley, (with whom was Mr. Meteyard) opened the case to the jury, from which it appeared that on 2nd of October instant, Mrs. *Fletcher*, of the TURF TAVERN, Toll End, went out in the afternoon, leaving her servant, Sarah Barron, in care of the house, and also of the money till, in which she left three shilling pieces and four sixpences. Shortly after she had left, the prisoner came in to the house and asked for a small quantity of porter, which was given to her in a bottle by Sarah Barron, and for which she put down half-a-crown. Barron then gave her 2s out of the till and three-pence, when the prisoner said it was too dear, and she would not have it. She then returned the porter, and put down two shillings pieces and the copper, when the half-a-crown was given to her and she left. From some shuffling and suspicious circumstances, Barron was led to look at the money in the till, and she then discovered that one of the shillings was a base one. She immediately gave information, and the prisoner was followed to Mr. Tutley’s shop, where she practiced the same trick, by buying a loaf of bread, and returning it, and there the prisoner dropped the other shilling. She was taken into custody.

The evidence of various witnesses having borne out these facts, and Mr. Lithgoe, of Stafford, having pronounced the coins to be counterfeit, the prisoner was found guilty, and was sentenced to twelve calendar months, imprisonment with hard labour.”

1851 Census

Aston Street

- [1] *William Fletcher* (56), boiler maker and victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Fletcher (52), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] Emma C. Fletcher (13), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Charles Fletcher (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Richard Fletcher (18), relative, boiler maker, born Tipton;
- [6] Jabez Fletcher (16), relative, boiler maker, born Tipton;
- [7] Maria Lightbourne (18), relative, barmaid, born Lechenster, Buckinghamshire;
- [8] Mary A. Mallin (17), general servant, born Bath Whitewall:

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/12/1857

“On Friday, the 27th ultimo, a man named George Lester, about thirty years of age, was seriously injured by being crushed under a new horizontal boiler at Messrs. Motteram and Deeley’s works at Toll End. The deceased and some others were rolling the boiler, which was about ten tons in weight, to another part of the yard to be proved; but, on getting the bottom of the boiler uppermost, that part being much heavier than the other from the flue passing through it, they were overpowered, and the deceased, who had his back against the boiler, was unable to get away with the rest and was crushed beneath the boiler. He was taken to Mr. *Fletcher*’s, the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street; and Mr. T. Underhill, surgeon was immediately in attendance upon him, but he died early on Monday morning last.”

Birmingham Journal 25/6/1859 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction.

By Joseph Whitehouse, on Monday Next, June 27, under a Bill of Sale – part of the neat and clean Household Furniture and Effects, the property of Mr. *William Fletcher*, of the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, near Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, consisting of Nineteen Ale and Spirit Casks, patent Malt Crusher, part of a pocket of Hops, three sets of mahogany Chests of Drawers, four-post and other Bedsteads, Dining and other Tables, large Sign, Chaff Engine, lot of Scaffold Poles, and other Effects, according to catalogue.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock am, with the usual conditions.

Auctioneer’s Office, TURKS HEAD, Wednesbury.”

Birmingham Journal 29/10/1859 - Advert

“Freehold Houses And Building Land, in Aston Street, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Solomon Powell, at the house of Mr. *Enoch Vaughan*, the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 1859, at Seven o'clock in the evening, in one or the following lots, subject to conditions.....”

1861 Census

North Aston Street

- [1] *Enoch Vaughan* (40), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Vaughan (40), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Elizabeth Vaughan (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Jane Vaughan (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Henrietta Vaughan (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Vaughan (8), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [7] George Vaughan (7), son, scholar, born West Bromwich:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/1/1862 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Sale of the TURF TAVERN, situate in Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton, and of Dwelling Houses, situate at the Swan Village, Fox Yards, in the parish of Sedgley.

Mr. Joseph Cooksey will Sell by Auction, at the house of Mr. Benjamin Whitehouse, the NAVIGATION INN, at Tipton, on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1863, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then and there to be read, the undermentioned Freehold Properties, viz.

Lot 1. All that Old Licensed Public House, known as the TURF TAVERN, situate in Aston Street, Toll End, in the parish of Tipton, now in the occupation of Mr. *Enoch Vaughan*, comprising Entrance Hall, Bar, Sitting Room, Parlour, Tap Room, and Kitchen, on the ground floor; two Bed Rooms, and large Club Room, on the upper floor; capital Cellars under the whole; Pantry, Brewhouse and Malt Room, Stable and other Outbuildings; excellent Pump and Well, and a commodious Yard, with side entrance to Aston-Hatchett Street; the whole having a frontage of 10½ yards to Aston Street aforesaid, and contains an area of 472 square yards or thereabouts, let at an annual rental of £35.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/1/1865 - Advert

“To be Sold, Cheap, by Private Treaty, the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Tipton. Also, Five Houses, in Tibbington Terrace, Princes End, occupied by Pearson and others.
Apply, to Thomas Rollason, Surgeon, West Bromwich.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/3/1865 - Advert

“Public-House Effects.

By E. Cox, This Day (Thursday), at Eleven o'clock, at the TURF TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton.

The Public House Fixtures and Utensils, Brewing Plant, Household Furniture, and other important Effects (under a Distraint for Rent).”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/6/1865 - Advert

“To be Let, with immediate possession, that Old-established licensed House, the TURF TAVERN, in Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton. Fixtures to be taken only. Rent moderate.

For particulars, apply E. Cox, High Street, West Bromwich.”

1871 Census

13, Aston Street

- [1] *Edward Stephens* (35), tube maker, born Wales;
- [2] Hannah Stephens (24), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Mary J. Tickens (8), niece, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 30/9/1871

“United Order of Free Gardeners the first of these concerts was given on Monday evening at the TURF TAVERN, Aston Road, Toll End.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/4/1872

“On Thursday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Toll End, on the body of Frederick Forman, aged 14, a boy in the employ of the Patent Shaft and Axle-tree Company. On Saturday evening, at about five o’clock, the lad was seen by the side of the canal near the works, but was afterwards missed; and on Monday morning his lifeless body was found in the water. There was no suspicion of foul play, but in the absence of direct evidence as to how the deceased got into the water an open verdict was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1879

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division was held yesterday.....

Edward Stephens, of the TURF TAVERN, Tipton, who had been fined 40s and costs and had his license endorsed for permitting drunkenness, was cautioned, and his license granted.”

1881 Census

13, Aston Street – TURF TAVERN

- [1] *Edward Stephens* (36), married, publican, born South Wales;
- [2] Edward Stephens (7), son, born Tipton;
- [3] Mary Stephens (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Fanny Whicing (13), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [5] Thomas Evans (63), boarder, general labourer, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 3/11/1883

“A petition has been filed in the Dudley County Court by *Edward Stevens*, licensed victualler, of the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton, with liabilities amounting to £342 16s 4d. The solicitor acting in the matter is Mr. A. W. Barradale of Dudley.”

Dudley and District News 5/1/1884

“Myra Gregory, prostitute, Aston Street Toll End, Tipton; Catherine Tracey, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton; Francis John Feeney, puddler, Aston Street, Tipton; Thos. Stevens, miner, Holland Street, Toll End, Tipton; Joseph Saxon, engineer, New Street, Hill Top; and Thomas Earp, roller, Hill Top; were charged with burglariously entering the house of *Edward Stevens* on the night of the 24th ult, and stealing therefrom a quantity of liquors, cigars, bottles, jugs, &c. Mr. Travis appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Sheldon defended Stevens and Earp.

The charges against Stevens and Earp were withdrawn.

Edward Stevens was the first witness called, and said that he was the landlord of the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton. On the night of the 24th ult. he closed his house at twelve o’clock. He bolted the front door, and the door leading from the cellar was fastened with a wood button. About 7.30 the following morning he was awakened by someone calling out, who he afterwards ascertained to be Henry Haines. He came down and found the front door partly opened. The cellar door was also unfastened. He then went into the bar and missed one gallon bottle of rum, two pints and a half bottles of rum, one quart bottle of whiskey, one quart bottle of sherry, one quart bottle of port, half a pound of twist tobacco, two boxes of cigars, three decanters, two small ale glasses, one empty gallon stone bottle, and one empty cigar box, in which was a club card. The club card now produced in court was the card that he had missed, and the broken glass was part of the decanters and glasses that he had missed.

Thomas Stevens stated that on the 24th ult. he was in company with the prisoners, at the prisoner Myra Gregory’s house. After he had been in that house a short time, Saxon and Gregory left. That was between four and five o’clock. In about a quarter of an hour, or rather more, Gregory returned with a pint bottle of rum. He (witness) asked Gregory where he had had it from, and Gregory replied that he had had it given to

him. Saxon then returned with a quart bottle of whiskey and two boxes of cigars. Saxon said, 'I have had them from *Stevens*. He has robbed many a —— and I have robbed him.' All the prisoners drank out of the bottle, and were present when Saxon made the statement.

Jeremiah Boden (12), Bridge Road, Tipton, said that he was passing the prosecutor's house about a quarter to six o'clock on Christmas morning, and saw a man come out of the front door, and go towards the prisoner Myra Gregory's house.

John Vaughan, puddler, Toll End, said that on the morning of the 15th ult. he saw the prisoner Saxon between eight and nine o'clock about fifty yards from Gregory's house, with a bottle in his possession. At the request of Saxon he drank out of the bottle, and found it contained rum. Saxon also gave him a cigar.

Emma Brooks, Toll End, said that the prisoner Saxon came to her house about 8.45 on the Christmas morning. Saxon had a gallon with him, and she drank out of it and found it contained rum. Saxon was very drunk, and went to sleep in the house. Later in the day she heard of the robbery, and then she asked Saxon where he had the rum from. Saxon replied, 'I bought it from the Wagon.' She then told him that the people said he had stolen it from Mr. *Stevens*, but he made no reply, and left the house.

PC Gaunt stated that on the 25th ult., from information he received he went to prosecutor's house about 11.30 in the morning. He then went, accompanied by the prosecutor, to the prisoner Myra Gregory's house, which is a brothel. He there saw the whole of the prisoners, who were very drunk. On the floor he found part of the neck of a glass decanter, three cigars, a piece of twist tobacco, one glass decanter stopper, two small ale glasses. In the oven he found a cigar box, with the club card produced. He then went into the yard and found pieces of a stone bottle; also two necks of glass decanters and pieces of glass. He then arrested the whole of the prisoners except Saxon. He searched them and upon Finney found a purse containing 5d and seven cigars; upon Francis Gregory he found fourteen cigars and a piece of twist tobacco. Prisoners were so drunk that he had to get a conveyance to take them to the police station. He charged them with the offence the following morning. On the night of the 21st ult. he arrested Saxon at his home at New Street, Hill Top.

PC Wardle stated that on the 25th ult., after prisoners had been taken away, he searched Gregory's house. In the coal place he found three cigars, and in the back kitchen he found a stone bottle. The bottle was identified by the prosecutor as his property. The bottle smelt as if it had had sherry in.

Selena Gasson, wife of Inspector Gasson, who searched Tracey, stated that she found three cigars in her pocket.

Prisoners were each committed for trial at the Assizes, John Gregory and Saxon on the charge of burglary, and the other prisoners on the charge of receiving the articles knowing them to have been stolen."

[At the Assizes at Stafford on 24th January, Joseph Saxon and Francis John Gregory, were found guilty of burglary, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Myra Gregory, John Feeney, and Catherine Tracey, were charged with burglary, and the jury returned 'no bill'.]

Birmingham Daily Post 29/6/1886

"Yesterday, Mr. Hooper, held an inquest at the TURF TAVERN, Toll End, on the body of Charles Davies (3), of the neighbourhood, who was drowned in an unprotected well in the yard where his parents lived. The mother of deceased said her husband had written to the agent about the well. The Coroner said he would write, and order legal proceedings for the well was a perfect death trap. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and agreed with the Coroner."

1891 Census

13, Aston Street – TURF TAVERN

[1] *Joseph Smith* (65), publican, born Knowle;

[2] *Mary Smith* (65), wife, born North Wales;

[3] *Edward Stevens* (17), grandson, iron works labourer, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/4/1894 - Advert

"The Estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, Brewer, Deceased.

To Brewers and Others. Highly important Sale by Auction of the Kates Hill Brewery, Maltings, Stores, and Land, together with Twelve Freehold and Two Leasehold Public Houses, in and around Dudley.

Alfred W. Dando has been favoured with instructions from the Trustee of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, to Sell by Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday Next, May 1 (unless an acceptable offer for the whole is in the meantime made), at Seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced.....

Lot 12. All that Capital Old-established Fully-Licensed Premises, known as the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Toll End, now and for many years past in the occupation of Mr. James [sic] *Smith*, and containing superior business and private accommodation.

N.B. The whole of the foregoing houses were purchased by the late Mr. Samuel Salt with excellent judgement, and are nearly all occupied by respectable and old tenants under agreements (copies of which may be seen upon application), and are well worth the attention of brewers desirous of increasing their trade and private individuals wishing to start in the public business.....

Further particulars and plans may be obtained at the Offices of Messrs. A. G. and S. Hooper, Solicitors; or the Auctioneer, all of Dudley.”

County Advertiser 5/5/1894

“On Tuesday evening, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, Mr. Alfred W. Dando, auctioneer and valuer, of Dudley, offered for sale by auction valuable properties belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, brewer. There was a large attendance. The biddings throughout were very spirited, and the sale was a very successful one. The total amount realised was £8,941.....

TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Toll End, sold for £465.”

Dudley Herald 27/8/1898

“Yesterday, at the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Toll End, Mr. A. A. Betham, deputy coroner, held an inquest concerning the death of Ivy May Ford, aged 14 months, the illegitimate child of Rose Hannah Ford. The evidence showed that the child was under the charge of its grandmother, Mary Ann Ford, at 1 court, 4 house, Aston Street, and had been ailing for the past fortnight. It had been treated at the Birmingham Skin Hospital. The child was put to bed about 9pm on Sunday, the 21st inst., and at 11 o'clock its grandmother heard it give two shrieks, and it expired immediately she got upstairs. The mother of the child was in service at Barmouth.

It was stated that the police had no knowledge of the death of the child until the grandmother applied for a certificate at the hospital on Thursday.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, and at the request of the jury the grandmother was cautioned as regard the future care of any child that might be entrusted to her.”

1901 Census

13, Aston Street

[1] *Fred Pearson* (27), publican, born Handsworth;

[2] *Fanny Pearson* (28), wife, born Walsall:

Jack Summerton was born in Smethwick 1909.

He married Edith.

He died in April 1976.

See also SHRUBBERY, ROYAL GEORGE, Willenhall, ROYAL OAK, Langley and KING ARTHUR, Dudley.

1911 Census

13, Aston Street

[1] *Fred Pearson* (37), licensed victualler, born Handsworth;

[2] *Fanny Pearson* (39), wife, married 10 years, assisting in business, born Walsall;

[3] *Fredrick Joseph Pearson* (7), son, school, born Tipton;

[4] *Jessey Pearson* (3), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Rose Davies* (24), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/10/1930

“Norton Canes Disaster.

Subscription List.....

Customers of the TURF TAVERN, Toll End, Tipton ... 6s.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/4/1938

“The Staffordshire Licensing Confirmation Committee sat at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, to consider the confirmation of provisional licenses and removal orders granted in the petty sessional courts.....

The committee confirmed orders from the removal of the full license of the TURF TAVERN, Aston Street, Tipton, to the SHRUBBERY INN, Tipton.”

It closed in 1939 as part of the license for the SHRUBBERY.

TURKS HEAD

Howard Street, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Ellis [1867]

Joseph Onions [1868]

NOTES

Dudley Herald 27/6/1861

“To let – commodious public house, surrounded by large and extensive iron works and collieries tap room, front bar, large smoke room, good kitchen, four chambers, two brewhouses, American bowling alley, enclosed yard – Rent £30 per year.”

The Sportsman 28/9/1867

“Mr. Griffiths’s bitch Fly and Mr. Allen’s bitch Fly, both of West Bromwich, run 200 yards for £5 a side on Monday next. Mr. *Ellis*, TURKS HEAD, holds £2 10s a side. The final deposit to be made this (Saturday) evening between eight and ten. To run on handicap terms.”

Dudley Herald 27/6/1868

“To be let. The above commodious public house surrounded by large and extensive iron works and collieries. The premises comprise front tap room, front bar, large smoke room, good kitchen, four chambers, two brewhouses, American bowling alley, enclosed yard and well supplied with hard and soft water. Satisfactory reasons assigned why the present proprietor is relinquishing the business.”

Birmingham Journal 19/9/1868 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Property and Building Land, Howard Street, Dudley Port.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent, on Tuesday Next, the 22nd day of September, at the House of Mr. William Clarke, the ROYAL OAK INN, Dudley Port, at Six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read.

Lot 1. All that newly-erected Freehold Public-House and Premises, known by the sign of the TURKS

HEAD, Howard Street, Dudley Port.

The Premises comprise front Tap Room, Bar, Smoke Room, Kitchen, two excellent Cellars, four Chambers, Cooking Kitchen, Brewhouse, excellent well of Water, good Cistern, and other Out-buildings, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Onions*, of the annual value of £30, and contains in the whole, with site of building, an area of 264 square yards.

Lot 2. All that valuable plot of Front Freehold Building Land, adjoining Lot 1, having a frontage in Howard Street of 21 yards 2 feet 4 inches, and in a newly laid out street a frontage of 14 yards 1 foot 4 inches, and contains an area of 354 square yards. The whole enclosed by a strong built wall.

For further particulars, apply at the respective Offices of Messrs. Sanders and Smith, Solicitors, or the Auctioneer all of Dudley.”

TWO FURNACES

Furnace Parade, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was recommended to be closed at Tipton Licensing Sessions in February 1908.

Check THREE FURNACES.

TWO FURNACES

40, High Street / Simons Passage, TIPTON

OWNERS

Samuel Woodhall Ltd. [1910]

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Jinks [1870] – [1881]

Thomas Haines [1886] – [1896]

Walter Woodhall [1900] – [1904]

Job Bache [1908] – [1911]

Thomas Henry Palmer [1910] – [1912]

John Alfred Mander []

Daniel Bill [1919] – 1920);
John Thomas Brown (1920 – 1939):

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

William Jinks was found guilty of selling beer during prohibited hours on the 9th inst, and fined 5s and costs, on 24th January, 1870.

1871 Census

40, High Street

- [1] *William Jinks* (52), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Jinks (52), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Eliza Jinks (23), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Phoebe Fletcher (12), niece, domestic servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 14/11/1874 - Advert

“For Sale, black Mare, quiet to ride and drive; fast trotter. Price £25.
Apply, J. Dando, TWO FURNACES INN, High Street, Tipton.”

1881 Census

40, High Street – TWO FURNACES INN

- [1] *William Jinks* (62), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Jinks (61), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Richard Allen (32), son-in-law, moulder, born Tipton;
- [4] Eliza Allen (32), wife of son-in-law, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Jinks (90), mother, annuitant, born Tipton;
- [6] Sarah Hick (15), granddaughter, pupil teacher, born Tipton;
- [7] Fanny Allen (1), granddaughter, born Tipton;
- [8] William Allen (3), grandson, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1883 - Advert

“TWO FURNACES INN, High Street, Tipton; good beerhouse; opposite entrance to chain works and foundry; convenient for other trades. In-coming only £10. Powell and Brown, Estate Agents, Tipton.”

Dudley and District News 29/3/1884

“Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest on Monday, at the TWO FURNACES, High Street, on the body of Ruth Jeavons, aged four. The child wandered into the works of Messrs. Parkes and Ross, chain manufacturer, and fell into a boiler of hot tar. Dr. W. L. Underhill attended, but she died two days afterwards. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death; and Mr. Barklam, on behalf of the firm, promised to have the boiler covered.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/5/1886

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Mr. Solly and Mr. E. F. Smith – John Parkes (45), a carpenter, Bell Street, was charged with having committed an indecent assault on Elizabeth Wright (24), a domestic servant, on the 12th ult.

The woman was employed at the TWO FURNACES INN, High Street, and he stated that whilst in an upper room the defendant came to her and behaved indecently. He afterwards repeated the offence in the kitchen, and the complainant told Miss *Haines*, the landlord's daughter.

Defendant, when charged, denied having committed any offence, and called a collier named William Garrett, who said the complainant met him the next day, and said she was not hurt, and it was her mother who ad-

vised the summons.

The Bench committed Parkes for trial.”

[At the Stafford Spring assizes, on 8th May, 1886, John Parkes was found guilty of indecent assault and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.]

Birmingham Daily Post 31/12/1888 - Advert

“To Let, with immediate possession, the TWO FURNACES Beerhouse, situated in High Street, Tipton. For particulars, apply to Messrs. Cutlack and Lee, Sedgley Brewery.”

Thomas Haines, beer retailer, 40, High Street. [1896]

Walter Woodhall, beer retailer, 40, High Street. [1900], [1904]

It was put up for auction in July 1900. (“freehold”)

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. Cave, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. Glover to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. Plant, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Walter Woodhall, TWO FURNACES, Tipton.”

1901 Census

40, High Street – TWO FURNACES INN

[1] *Walter Woodhall* (25), brewer (beer), born West Bromwich;

[2] Elizabeth Wodhall (26), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Florence Woodhall (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Emily Willetts (15), servant, nurse, born Handsworth:

It was referred to Compensation Authority in July 1908.

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the ‘long pull’. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the ‘long pull’ and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

TWO FURNACES, High Street, Tipton.”

Lichfield Mercury 8/4/1910

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

An appeal was lodged by Messrs. Samuel Woodhall, Ltd., Tipton, the owners of the TWO FOUNTAINS INN [sic], Tipton, and *Thomas Henry Palmer*, the licensee, against the decision of the justices sitting at Tipton not to renew the license of the TWO FOUNTAINS INN. Mr. Graham Millward appeared for the appellant, and Mr. J. W. Lawrence was for the respondents.

For the evidence given in the case, it appeared that at the annual licensing meeting in 1909, the magistrates, having considered the question of what is known as the long pull, gave instructions to their clerk for a cir-

cular letter to be sent to the tenants and owners of the licensed houses in the district asking them not to give over-measures exceeding twenty-five per cent. Among others Messrs. Woodhall and their tenant *Job Bache* gave written undertakings in respect to the TWO FOUNTAINS that over-measure would not be given beyond twenty-five percent, and at the annual meeting, last year, the Chairman of the Bench stated that licensees would be expected to carry out the written undertakings. *Bache* retired from the tenancy of the house, and he was succeeded by *Palmer*, one of the appellants. When *Palmer* appeared before the Bench to obtain the transfer of the licence he gave verbal promises that he would carry out the undertakings which had been entered into by *Bache*. On behalf of the respondents, it was alleged that *Palmer* broke the agreement by giving the 'long pull,' and Mr. Lawrence contended that the conduct of *Palmer* in breaking the verbal agreement he had given was not consistent with the conduct of a man of good character, and that the justices were justified in refusing the license on the ground that *Palmer* had failed to produce evidence of good character. For the appellants, Mr. Millward contended that the licensing justices had shown bias, and that the written undertakings given by Messrs Woodhall and *Bache* were not admissible against *Palmer*. He also contended that the action of the justices would inflict great hardship upon the house as it would deprive the persons interested in it of compensation. He further contended that the justices had not acted judicially. They had, he submitted, previously made up their minds as to what they were going to do, and he quoted from the Chairman's address at the licensing meeting that this was one of the most flagrant cases of the 'long pull.' After a consultation with the other justices, the Chairman said that they proposed to refuse the license, and that the proper notices would be served by the Clerk to the persons interested in the house. He also submitted that the magistrates could not refuse the license without taking evidence on oath, he argued that the proceedings were in no sense judicial in character, because at the first meeting the Chairman had, in the name of the Bench, announced their intention of taking away the license.

The Chairman said that on the highest judicial authority the justices had the power to refuse a license, but it was their duty to act judicially, and if they had re-heard the case at the adjourned licensing sessions he thought they would have come to the same conclusion as the Court, who were unanimously of opinion that the appeal must be allowed, but they would not make any order as to costs, because they felt that appellant had not come into court with absolutely clean hands."

Home brewed ales. [1911]

1911 Census

40, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Henry Palmer* (38), beerhouse keeper, born Old Hill;
- [2] *Rebecca Palmer* (37), wife, married 15 years, born Old Hill;
- [3] *Ethel Palmer* (14), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [4] *Harry Palmer* (13), son, school, born Old Hill;
- [5] *Edith Emma Palmer* (8), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [6] *Alice Palmer* (6), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [7] *Florence Burns* (20), servant, housemaid, born Wallbrook, Coseley:

Thomas Palmer, beer retailer, 40, High Street. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 26/8/1922

"The death occurred on Friday night, of an aged Tiptonian, who during a long and busy life was held in general esteem by the large number of associates with whom he was connected. This was *John Alfred Mander*, builder and undertaker, of Wood Street, who entered into his rest at the advanced age of 77. He had been ill for two months with chronic bronchitis, and the end was not altogether unexpected. For some time Mr. *Mander* was a licensee in the town, holding the license of the BOAT and afterwards of the TWO FURNACES. He leaves six sons and one daughter, his wife having pre-deceased him some three years ago. Among the six sons are Mr. Alf Mander, who is the licensee of the ROSE AND CROWN, Walton Street, and Mr. James Mander, who is the licensee of the THREE FURNACES. Mr. Charles Mander, who is 88, and the oldest brother of the deceased attended the funeral. This took place at the cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral took place on Wednesday from his residence, and the blinds in the vicinity were drawn as a

mark of respect.....”

1939 Register

High Street – TWO FURNACES

[1] *John T. Brown*, date of birth, 22/02/1874, licensed victualler, married;

[2] Alice M. Brown, dob, 01/05/1876, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] Alice M. M. (Brown) Kimberley, dob, 28/04/1905, cleaner, paid, single:

The license was surrendered on 28th November 1939.

TWO FURNACES

1, Howard Street, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Smith [1891]

Joseph Webster [1916]

NOTES

1891 Census

1, Howard Street – TWO FURNACES

[1] *Joseph Smith* (28), labourer at colliery and beer seller, born Bloxwich;

[2] Harriet Smith (27), wife, born Dudley Port;

[3] Mildred Smith (8 months), daughter, born Dudley Port:

Birmingham Mail 5/1/1916

“At Tipton, yesterday, *Joseph Webster*, landlord of the TWO FURNACES INN, Howard Street, was summoned for selling beer in an unsealed vessel to a child under fourteen years of age.

Police-sergeant Willis said on December 5 he saw a girl, aged 10, coming from the direction of defendant’s premises, carrying a large stone bottle containing half a gallon of beer. The bottle was not sealed. Witness questioned the landlord, who replied, ‘I put the label over the cork, but it would not stick, so I told her to keep her hands on the label to prevent it from coming off.’ Witness suggested to the landlord that he should have put some sealing wax over the cork, or taken some proper measure to see the label was securely fastened. Defendant replied, ‘The labels are supplied by my firm. I put them on, but if they don’t stick I cannot help it. I am not going to buy sealing wax. I am doing all I intend to do.’

Replying to Mr. W. A. Foster, who defended, witness said the bottle had a cork screw.

The girl said defendant did attach a label, whereupon the Bench dismissed the case, suggesting the advisability of publicans supplying pints for outdoor consumption in labelled and sealed bottles like those provided by certain big brewery firms.

The owner of the public-house said he fully approved of the method of supply, but there was at present a great difficulty in getting anything like an adequate supply of pint bottles.”

UNICORN

2, (37), Tibbington Terrace, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Seedhouse, SEVEN STARS, Tipton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Banner [1865]
Thomas Warr [1870] – [1871]
Joseph Little [1880] – [1881]
Thomas Adams [1891] – [1896]
George Henry Foster [1901] – [1912]
Mrs. Nancy Foster [1916] – 1934);
George Henry Foster (1934 – 1953);
James Lowke (1953 – 1957);
Edward Joseph Hayes (1957 – [1958]
Roy Hackett [1982]
Dave Howell [1985]
Mansell [1986]

NOTES

37, Tibbington Terrace [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1911]
2, Tibbington Terrace

It had a beer and cider license.

It was frequented by pigeon fanciers.

It was the headquarters of the biggest club in the Tipton and District Homing Society.

Birmingham Daily Post 14/8/1865 - Advert

“Princes End, Tipton.

To be Disposed Of, and may be entered upon immediately, the UNICORN INN, with The Grocery Business attached. The Proprietor retiring from business. In-coming low. Stock and Fixtures at valuation. Rent £20 per annum.

To Treat, and for further particulars, apply to Mr. *Banner*, upon the Premises; or to Joseph Hipkins, Auctioneer and Surveyor, Princes End.”

1871 Census

37, Tibbington Terrace

- [1] *Thomas Warr* (42), grocer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Warr* (40), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Betsy Warr* (16), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Phoebe Warr* (9), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Eliza J. Warr (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] Benjamin Warr (1), son, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 24/1/1880

“Adeline Burrows (23), domestic servant, Tipton, was charged with stealing two bodices, three handkerchiefs, and one woollen necklet, the property of Annie Eliza Hodgetts, licensed victualler, Hall Street, Tipton, and three Holland aprons, the property of Emily *Little*, UNICORN INN, Tibbington Terrace.

Mrs. Hodgetts said on Friday, January 6th, prisoner was in her service as a domestic servant, and not being satisfied with her gave her notice to leave. Before prisoner left witness searched her bundle and clothes, and found the articles belonging to herself and Mrs. *Little* which the prisoner was charged with stealing, and were now produced in Court.

Emily *Little* said prisoner was formerly in her employ, and the aprons produced were her property.

PS Dutton proved apprehending the prisoner on both charges.

The Bench said they would take a merciful view of the case, and sentenced prisoner to seven days' imprisonment on each charge – 14 days in all.”

1881 Census

37, Tibbington Terrace – UNICORN

[1] *Joseph Little* (28), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] Emily Little (27), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Joseph Herbert Little (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Emily Little (4), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] Mary Marsh (16), domestic servant, born Dudley:

1891 Census

37, Tibbington Terrace

[1] *Thomas Adams* (48), grocer and innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] Prudence Adams (36), wife, born Corngreaves [Cradley Heath];

[3] Albert E. Adams (12), son, scholar, born Princes End;

[4] Thomas W. Adams (10), son, scholar, born Princes End;

[5] Alfred E. Adams (9), son, scholar, born Princes End;

[6] Ida M. Adams (4), daughter, born Princes End;

[7] Prudence E. Adams (2), daughter, born Princes End:

Thomas Adams, beer retailer, 37, Tibbington Terrace, Princes End. [1896]

1901 Census

37, Tibbington Terrace

[1] *George Henry Foster* (54), coal miner, pikeman, born Sedgley;

[2] *Ann Foster* (48), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Arthur Foster (20), son, general labourer, born Sedgley;

[4] Bert Foster (17), son, learning fitting, born Sedgley;

[5] *George Foster* (15), son, learning fitting, born Sedgley;

[6] Walter Foster (14), son, born Sedgley;

[7] Ernest Foster (12), son, born Sedgley;

[8] Edith Foster (10), daughter, born Sedgley;

[9] Leonard Foster (8), son, born Sedgley:

An objection to the license renewal was made in February 1903, on the grounds that it was in a dilapidated and insanitary condition.

George Henry Foster, beer retailer, 37, Tibbington Terrace, Princes End. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

37, Tibbington Terrace – UNICORN INN

- [1] *George Henry Foster* (64), license holder, born Tipton;
- [2] *Nancy Foster* (58), wife, married 40 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Henry Foster* (26), son, fitter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Walter Foster* (24), son, labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] *Ernest Foster* (20), son, fitter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Edith Foster* (18), daughter, servant at home, born Tipton;
- [7] *Leonard Foster* (17), son, iron moulder, born Tipton;
- [8] *Bert Foster* (28), son, steel presser. Born Tipton;
- [9] *Elizabeth Foster* (38), daughter, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Nancy Foster*, beer retailer, 37, Tibbington Terrace, Princes End. [1916], [1921]

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/1918

“The renewal of the licenses of the following public-houses, opposed on grounds of redundancy, would be postponed until the adjourned sessions.....
The UNICORN, Tibbington Terrace.”

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55]

Two teams from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57], [1957-58]

Tipton Herald 23/7/1955

“Princes End (Tipton) Sons of Rest Domino League raised a total of £48 16s for two Sons of Rest homes last season. At the league’s annual prize distribution in Messrs. Lathe’s Ltd. canteen last Friday night, half of the total was presented to Councillor S. Cox for the Summerhill Sons of Rest and the other half to Councillor Mrs. Gutteridge for Tibbington Sons of Rest.

The UNION INN were presented with the league cup and the runner-up trophy to the UNICORN INN, the ‘knock-out’ cup was won by the STAR ‘B’ team.

Councillor A. Parkes carried out the presentations.”

Tipton Herald 28/4/1956

“Mr. Albert Parker presenting the league trophy to Mr. Jack Blower, captain of the UNICORN ‘A’ team, and individual winner. His team finished champions of the Princes End Sons of Rest Domino League. In the centre are Secretary A. Clulow and Chairman C. P. Stackhouse.”

Tipton Herald 9/3/1957

“Celebrating the birth of his child a 21-years-old Coseley father drank some beer on Saturday at the UNICORN INN, Tibbington Terrace, Tipton. What followed was related at Tipton Magistrates Court on Tuesday when the father, Edward Stone, of Fountain Lane, Coseley, was fined a total of £10 plus £3 15s restitution after being found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, assaulting a police officer, and causing damage amounting to £3 15s to a police mackintosh.

Supt. H. S. Turner, prosecuting, said that at 10.25pm on March 2nd PC Hewitt, who was on duty in Tibbington Terrace, saw the defendant struggling with another man outside the UNICORN INN. The officer went to Stone and caught hold of him. There was a violent struggle and PC Hewitt was forced to the ground.

Hewitt was struck several blows in the chest and stomach by Stone until he was completely exhausted.

Stone then left the scene, continued the Superintendent, but PC Hewitt was able to get to a telephone and ask for assistance.

PC A. F. Robinson, who arrived on the scene shortly after, made a search of the area and found the defendant at a house in Turner Street. Stone, who was drunk, said to him, ‘I will get you one by one just you wait. I

will be out tomorrow.’

PC Hewitt told the court that he was treated at Dudley Guest Hospital for abrasions and a large swelling on the side of the head.

Stone said he went to the public house just after 8pm and stayed there until closing time. He could not remember how many drinks he had had, but he had been drinking pints of beer. He came out of the public house and started arguing with someone. ‘I do not remember PC Hewitt coming up to me,’ he said. ‘I remember going to the floor, but I do not know with whom I was struggling. I cannot remember saying anything to Robinson.’ He had been celebrating the birth of his child born the previous day.

Supt. Turner: You made a very good job of that celebration, didn’t you? – Yes, sir.

Isn’t it a fact that when you came out of the public house you were ‘king of the clan’? – No, sir, it was not as bad as that, but I was drunk.

Stone was told by the Chairman, Mr. T. A. Sanders, ‘We do not intend to let our police in this borough be knocked about by you or anybody else. Their main duty is to prevent crime and a very good job they are doing, too. You could be sent to prison for six months for what you have done but you have not got a bad record and we don’t want to see you here again. You should have celebrated at home.’”

Tipton Herald 31/8/1957

“Married at St. John’s Church, Summerhill, Tipton, on Saturday were Mr. Leslie Fred Clarke, eldest son of Mr. F. Clarke and the late Mrs. M. Clarke, of Walsall Street, Wolverhampton, and Miss Doreen Hayes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *E. J. Hayes*, the UNICORN INN, Tibbington Terrace, Princes End, Tipton. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, Rev. K. M. Keeley.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a ballerina length dress of white lace studded with pearls. She carried a bouquet of trailing red roses. Her two bridesmaids, Miss Mavis Williams (bride’s cousin) wore a ballerina length dress of blue net with a headdress of matching blue feathers, and Miss Sheila Thomas (bride’s friend) was dressed in a white satin ankle length dress. Both carried bouquets of anemones and sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Arthur Clarke, brother of the groom.

Thirty guests attended the reception, which was held at the bride’s home. The couple later left for their honeymoon at Southbourne, near Bournemouth, the bride travelling in a lime two-piece suit with accessories to match.”

Birmingham Daily Post 12/10/1968

“In a remarkable demonstration of dental strength, a Tipton man last night held two cast iron tables and two 56lbs weights with his teeth. 37-year-old Mr. Leonard Round has been lifting the tables at the UNICORN public house, Princes End, for some years to entertain the other regulars. Then he heard that a Langley man had held two tables and one weight, so Mr. Round set out to beat him last night. He lifted and held one table in his teeth while his brother and another man placed the second table and two weights on top. For a couple of seconds Mr. Round held 224lbs with his teeth. He is a scrap metal merchant and attributes his strength to constant heavy lifting at work. ‘I don’t even have a stiff neck afterwards’ he said.”

[1996]

Closed [2002]

Demolished [2007]

UNION

46, High Street / Union Street, Brierley, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Charles Round, beerhouse keeper, Tipton
A. Dean, 238, Waterloo Road, Coleridge, Stoke on Trent
Edward Gettings, beerhouse keeper, Daisy Bank
Messrs. Millard Brothers, maltsters, Wednesbury
Messrs. Bindley and Co. Ltd.
Frederick Smith Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Richard Harvey [1872] – 1873);
Mrs. Sarah Harvey (1873 – 1884);
Joseph Elliman (1884 – 1901);
Charles Shaw (1901 – 1902);
James Summers (1902 – 1932);
Henry Wall (1932 – [1940])

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, but is included here due to the proximity to the Tipton border.]

It had a beerhouse license.

Richard Harvey, beer retailer, Princes End. [1872]
He died in 1873.

Dudley Herald 30/9/1876

“At the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, *Sarah Harvey*, UNION beerhouse, Princes End, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on her premises on the 5th inst. A woman, whose husband was found drunk in the house, proved the case, and PC Craddock corroborated. Defendant, who denied that the man referred to was drunk, was fined 10s and costs, and the conviction to be endorsed on her license.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 1/9/1877

“The annual licensing sessions for the Bilston division were held at the Public Office, Bilston, yesterday..... The black list was as follows Beersellers.....
Sarah Harvey, UNION INN, Princes End, permitting drunkenness, 10s and costs and license endorsed.....
The whole of the licenses in the ‘black list,’ it was stated, would be held over until the adjourned sessions.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/9/1877

“Bilston Adjourned Licensing Sessions were held yesterday.....
The licenses of the following persons were renewed, each holder being cautioned.....
Isaiah [sic] Harvey, UNION INN, Princes End.”

Wednesbury Herald 29/1/1881

“*Sarah Harvey*, of the UNION INN, High Street, Princes End, was summoned for assaulting Mary Cadman, on the 17th inst. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defendant.
The complainant stated that on the day in question she went to the defendant’s house to pay her club money. A dispute took place, which culminated in defendant striking her in the face.
Mr. Sheldon denied that any assault was committed, and stated that complainant was very disorderly, and

refused to leave the house when requested to do so.

The case was dismissed.”

AND

“Mary Cadman, the complainant in the last case, was charged with refusing to quit the UNION INN, Princes End, when requested to do so.

Mrs. *Harvey* stated that the defendant came into the house and created a disturbance, and upon being requested to leave, she refused to do so.

Defendant said the minute she was requested to leave the house she left.

The Stipendiary [W. J. F. Boughey, Esq] also dismissed this case.”

1881 Census

46, High Street – UNION INN

[1] Mrs. *Sarah Harvey* (66), publican, born Sedgley;

[2] Mr. Robinson (41), son-in-law, boat builder out of work, born Sedgley;

[3] Mrs. Robinson (42), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] William Price (19), grandson, shut mill catcher, born Sedgley;

[5] Hannah Price (17), niece, dress maker, born Sedgley;

[6] Elizabeth Johnson (14), granddaughter, visitor, born West Bromwich;

[7] William Webb (26), wire drawer, born Sedgley:

Dudley and District News 3/9/1881

“National United Order of Free Gardeners. On Saturday evening the members of the Gospel Oak Lodge, No.1144, belonging to the Walsall, Bilston, and Cannock District, held their anniversary dinner at the UNION INN, Princes End. Mr. James Taylor was voted to the chair, Mr. John Whitehouse to the vice chair. Mr. Samuel Robert proposed ‘Success to the Gospel Oak Lodge,’ and remarked that he thought it had been very successful in all matters, especially finances. Other toasts succeeded, and a number of songs were sung by various members of the company.”

Evening Star 31/1/1882

“*Sarah Harvey*, keeper of the UNION beerhouse, Princes End, was charged by the police with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises. Mr. Fallows prosecuted.

Sergeant Ellis visited the house on the night of January 21st, at 10.25, and found about sixteen or seventeen persons in the room, several of whom were the worse for drink. Four or five jugs containing ale were on the table. A man named Heeley was very drunk, and had to be led home by one of his friends. The whole of these men were members of a club which held its meetings in the house, and they had been there on the night named from eight o’clock. The man, Heeley, was also charged with being drunk on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

For the defence it was said that the whole of the members of the club had only had 6s worth of beer, and none of them was drunk.

The Stipendiary considered the case proved, and fined Mrs. *Harvey* 40s and costs, and Heeley 5s and costs.”

1891 Census

46, High Street, Brierley

[1] *Joseph Elliman* (40), iron worker, born Dudley;

[2] Ann Elliman (30), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Emma Elliman (18), daughter, born Sedgley;

[4] Harold Elliman (4), son, born Sedgley:

Joseph Elliman, beer retailer, 46, High Street, Princes End. [1896]

James Summers, beer retailer, 46, High Street, Princes End. [1900], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]

1901 Census

46, High Street, Brierley

[1] *Joseph Elliman* (31), beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;

[2] Ann Elliman (30), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Harold Elliman (3), son, born Sedgley:

[These ages are not to be trusted.]

1911 Census

46, High Street, Princes End

[1] *James Summers* (52), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] Sarah Summers (49), wife, married 29 years, born Sedgley;

[3] Harry Summers (25), son, boiler repairer (rivetter), born Sedgley;

[4] Bert Summers (23), son, sheet mill worker, furnaceman, born Sedgley;

[5] Edith Summers (19), daughter, assistant in business, born Sedgley;

[6] Maud Summers (17), daughter, buttonhole machinist, tailoring, born Sedgley;

[7] May Summers (15), daughter, finisher (tailoring), born Sedgley;

[8] Beatrice Summers (13), daughter, born Sedgley;

[9] Sam Summers (11), son, school, born Sedgley;

[10] Wilfred Summers (9), son, school, born Sedgley:

James Summers was fined £20 for keeping his premises for the purpose of betting and for allowing betting to take place, on 15th January 1932.

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/4/1932

“Quarter Sessions Calendar.....

An appeal has been entered by *Hy. Wall*, beerhouse keeper, against the refusal of the Coseley Justices to renew the license of the UNION INN, Princes End.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/4/1932

“County Quarter Sessions.

The justices of the Bilston Division were respondents in a case in which *Hy. Wall* appealed against the refusal of the justices to renew the license in respect of the UNION INN, High Street, Princes End.

Mr. Gilbert Griffiths, who appeared on behalf of the respondent justices, explained that the appeal was one against the refusal of the Bilston Licensing Justices to renew the license of the UNION INN, Princes End.

The house was what was known as an ante '69 beerhouse, and after going carefully into the facts, and after having the benefit of a consultation with the learned Clerk to the Justices, he had advised the respondents that there had been a technical mistake in refusing to renew the license. It was purely a technical mistake, but it was sufficient to invalidate their findings, and he advised them not to resist the appeal.

Mr. W. Field Hunt (for the appellant) said all his clients desired was that the license should be renewed in the most expeditious and economical manner. They desired the license renewed and the renewal to stand in the book as soon as possible. Having regard to the circumstances of the case his client was asking for no costs whatever.

The Chairman said he thought the justices had been well advised. The action of the justices was explicable and one could well understand it. The appeal was allowed, no order being made as to costs.”

A team from here took part in the Princes End Sons Of Rest Domino League. [1954-55], [1955-56]

Tipton Herald 23/7/1955

“Princes End (Tipton) Sons of Rest Domino League raised a total of £48 16s for two Sons of Rest homes last season. At the league's annual prize distribution in Messrs. Lathe's Ltd. canteen last Friday night, half of the total was presented to Councillor S. Cox for the Summerhill Sons of Rest and the other half to Councillor Mrs. Gutteridge for Tibbington Sons of Rest.

The UNION INN were presented with the league cup and the runner-up trophy to the UNICORN INN, the 'knock-out' cup was won by the STAR 'B' team.

Councillor A. Parkes carried out the presentations.”

[1974]

Closed

Demolished

The LAGOON was built on the site.

UNION

76, (75), Union Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Charles Williams

Maria Williams

William Bowen Ltd. (acquired in April 1924 for £1,950.)

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Enterprise Inns [1990s]

LICENSEES

John Ward [1851]

Mrs. Mary Ward [1864] – [1871]

Stephen Smart [1881] – [1891]

Charles Williams [1896] – **1924**;

Maria Williams (**1924**);

Philip William Hazell (**1924 – 1931**);

George Norton Green (**1931 – 1934**);

George Henry Smith (**1934 – 1938**);

Abigail Smith (**1938**)

William Owen ‘Bill’ Gamble (**1938 – 1976**)

NOTES

75, Union Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1916]

76, Union Street [1977]

It had a beer, cider and wine license.

Mary Ward, retailer of beer, Union Street. [1851]

1851 Census

Union Street

[1] *John Ward* (65), tailor and publican, born Woodside, Lincolnshire;

[2] *Mary Ward* (51), wife, born Wombourn;

[3] George Ward (25), son, brewer, born Tipton;

[4] Edwin Ward (16), son, grocer, born Tipton;

- [5] Anne Ward (14), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
[6] James Ward (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
[7] William Cooksey (47), lodger, labourer, born Kingswinford:

1861 Census

Union Street – Beerhouse

- [1] *Mary Ward* (62), widow, publican, born Wombourn;
[2] Ann Ward (24), daughter, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Mary Ward*, beer retailer, Union Street. [1864], [1868], [1870]
Mary Ward, beer retailer, Union Street. [1865]

1871 Census

75, Union Street

- [1] *Mary Ward* (72), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wombourne;
[2] James Ward (27), son, moulder, born Tipton;
[3] Sarah Davies (18), general servant, born West Bromwich:

1881 Census

75, Union Street – UNION INN

- [1] *Stephen Smart* (49), general labourer, born Tipton;
[2] Eliza Smart (50), wife, born Tipton;
[3] George Smart (21), son, general labourer, born Tipton;
[4] Benjamin Smart (16), son, general labourer, born Tipton;
[5] *Maria Smart* (13), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
[6] Elizabeth Smart (7), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 18/8/1882 - Advert

“To Cab and Car Proprietors and Others.

Messrs Powell & Brown will Sell by Auction, at the UNION INN, Union Street, Tipton, To-Morrow (Saturday), at 10.30am – a very superior and Well-built Cab, with Lamps and Cushions all complete, and in first-class condition (by Read and Co. Leamington); a fast-going Dark-brown Mare, about 16 Hands; and set of plated harness, removed to the above premises for convenience.

Auctioneer’s Offices, 9, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Maria Smart (22), spinster, married *Charles Williams* (24), bachelor, moulder, at St. John’s Church, Tipton, on 15th February 1890.

1891 Census

75, Union Street

- [1] *Stephen Smart* (59), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
[2] Eliza Smart (61), wife, born Tipton;
[3] George Smart (33), son, drayman, born Tipton;
[4] Benjamin Smart (26), son, gas fitter, born Tipton;
[5] Lizzie Smart (17), daughter, born Tipton:

Stephen Smart died in the 1st quarter of 1893.

Charles Williams, beer retailer, 75, Union Street. [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912]

Dudley Herald 2/6/1900

“In honour of the release of Baden-Powell, Mr. *C. Williams*, landlord of the UNION INN, entertained his customers to dinner on Tuesday evening. After the cloth was removed Mr. Bourne was voted to the chair

and Mr. Goode to the vice-chair. The musical portion of the evening was opened by Mr. Phillips playing 'Soldiers of the Queen.' Songs and recitations were rendered by Messrs. Gwinnet, Green, Richards, James, Massey, Williams, Timmings, Goode, &c. A vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess for the able manner in which they had catered for the company. Mr. *Williams*, in response, expressed his pleasure at the company having enjoyed themselves that evening. He would be pleased to do what he could when the British flag was hoisted at Pretoria. The evening was brought to a close by singing 'God save the Queen.'"

1901 Census

75, Union Street

[1] *Charles Williams* (35), brewer, born Tipton;

[2] *Maria Williams* (33), wife, born Tipton;

[3] George N. Williams (10), son, born Tipton;

[4] Charles S. Williams (4), son, born Tipton;

[5] Eliza Smart (70), mother-in-law, widow, living on own means, born Tipton;

[6] Florence Lakin (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 16/1/1909

"The inquest on the unfortunate young woman, Bertha Williams, aged 21, of 4, Howls Place, Union Street, Tipton Green, who was drowned in a cistern about six o'clock on Wednesday evening, was held at the UNION INN, yesterday (Friday) morning.

The evidence showed that the deceased had left off washing in company with her sister (Ada) in order to have tea. The deceased returned to the washhouse, where the cistern was situated, and was missed. Her brother, John, found the lid off the cistern, and pulled up the dead body of his sister by means of a drag. The jury considered that the cistern was dangerous, and that there ought to be some means of drawing or pumping the water so as to afford some protection.

Mr. W. J. Cox (who represented the owners) said that for some reason the pump had been taken away, but he would communicate with the society owning the premises.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1911 Census

75, Union Street – UNION INN

[1] *Charles Williams* (45), brewer and beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] *Maria Williams* (42), wife, married 21 years, assisting in business, born Tipton;

[3] George Norman Williams (21), son, college student (education), born Tipton;

[4] Charles Stephen Williams (14), son, student, part time, born Tipton;

[5] Walter Williams (8), son, school, born Tipton;

[6] Gladys Williams (5), niece, born Smethwick:

Charles Williams, beer retailer, 75, Union Street. [1916]

South Staffordshire Times 9/7/1921

"The landlord of the UNION INN, Union Street, Mr. *Williams*, possesses a curiosity, laid by one of his hens. It is an egg, which is without shell, and possesses a positive tail. It is to be preserved in spirits as a curiosity."

South Staffordshire Times 5/4/1924 - Advert

"To the Licensed Trade Home Brewers and Others. Tipton, Staffs. Notice of Sale By Auction of a soundly constructed, double Fronted, Freehold Ante69 Home-Brewing Beerhouse, Known as the UNION INN.

Commandingly situate in Union Street, close to the centre of town and the junction of New Cross Street, in an industrial quarter, and within two minutes of the Railway Station in Owen Street.

The accommodation comprises: Central Entrance running through to the back; Long Bar Smoke Room; Tap Room; Living Room and Larder off; Four Good Bedrooms and an extensive range of arched Cellarage.

At rear, in partly paved Yard having gateway entrance approach from New Cross Street, is a small suitably

equipped Brewery, with Malt Room over; Outer Scullery; Two-Stall Stable; Warehouse on two floors; Two W.C.s, and other conveniences.

Adjoining is a Well Built Dwelling House at the corner of Union Street and New Cross Street, containing: Two bedrooms; Large Living Room and Cellar.

The Sale of the above described Freehold Property should particularly appeal to those in search of licensed premises for occupation or investment, in a densely populated locality. The Beerhouse is one of the first known houses in the Black Country, and has been in the hands of the present owner and occupier for upwards of thirty years.

Davies and Walker have been favoured with instructions from the Owner, the Occupier now being about to retire from the Business, to Sell by Auction the forgoing licensed property at the BLACK COCK HOTEL, Tipton, on Tuesday, April 29th, 1924, at Seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then read.

Further particulars may be obtained of Charles Round Esq, Solicitor, Tipton (Tel.196); or of the Auctioneers, 20, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley (Tel.2005)."

South Staffordshire Times 3/5/1924

"The Sale by Auction of the UNION INN, Union Street, took place at the BLACK COCK, on Thursday night, the auctioneers being Messrs. Davies and Walker, Dudley. The licensed premises and the dwelling house adjoining were purchased by Messrs. Bowen, West Bromwich, for £1,950. It was a pathetic coincidence that Mr. *Williams*, the owner, passed away on Wednesday, but it was his expressed wish that the sale was not postponed because of his illness."

South Staffordshire Times 14/6/1924

"At Tipton Police Court on Tuesday, Messrs. C. Barrows, E. S. Hipkins and W. Powis, granted a temporary transfer of the license of the UNION INN, Union Street, from Mrs. *Maria Williams*, to *Philip William Hazel*. Mr. Milichip (West Bromwich) made the application."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/9/1924

"The following license transfers were granted: UNION INN, Union Street, from *Maria Williams* to *Phillip William Hazell*....."

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/5/1936

"A change in the habits of women drinking, who, it was stated, now preferred wine to beer and stout was a reason for the increase in the number of applications for wine licenses, when the County Licensing Confirmation Committee met at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday. Sir William Goodwin (Chairman) presided. Of the 18 applications heard by the Committee, seven were in respect of wine licenses.....

UNION INN, Union Street, Tipton.....

Announcing that the applications were confirmed, the Chairman said they were all very much on the same lines – that ladies required wine, and he supposed they had to meet modern necessities."

1939 Register

Union Street – UNION INN

[1] *William O. Gamble*, date of birth, 28/02/1888, public house licensee, married;

[2] *Hannah Gamble*, dob, 19/10/1886, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] *William A. Gamble*, date of birth, 14/03/1911, brass and copper mill metal cleaner, (machinist), heavy worker, married;

[4] *Nora Gamble*, dob, 01/11/1912, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies' Darts League. [1948]

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1949.

Tipton Herald 27/2/1960

“Pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly, William Terrence Atkins (19), of 2, Nelson Road, Dudley, was fined £2 at Tipton Magistrates Court on Tuesday. Insp. B. Taylor, prosecuting, said Atkins came out of the UNION INN, Union Street, Tipton, at 9pm on February 20th and started to rave about everyone being against him. PC E. A. W. Anderson went up to Atkins, who was drunk, and had to pull him quickly to one side to avoid an oncoming car. Although told to be quiet, Atkins refused and continued to shout in an unintelligible manner. Charged the following day with the offence, Atkins replied, ‘Yes, I was drunk. It was softness.’ Atkins told the magistrates he had about four pints in the public house. ‘But I know I was not drunk. I have drunk more beer than that,’ he said.”

Tipton Herald 22/10/1960

“Retired this week as Tipton Branch Secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, Mr. James Marsden received an inscribed cigarette case from his colleagues. The presentation was made at a ceremony held at the UNION INN, Union Street, on Tuesday.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/10/1973

“A impressive glimpse of the Black Country of yesteryear will be provided by an exhibition to be staged at Park Lane Methodist Church Hall, Tipton on Saturday. Dr. John Fletcher, president of the Black Country Society, told me, ‘Most of the stuff is of great local interest. And there are all sorts of very strange items, like a device for measuring beer in a barrel. The exhibition illustrates a part of the Black Country life that is not always shown by a museum.’

The exhibition consists largely of material collected by the society in the last five years. The society receives about half a dozen items a week, and it hopes the display may encourage even more donations. It would be wrong, however, to assume that the society is linked to the past to the exclusion of the present and the future. Tomorrow night, in fact, at the UNION INN, Tipton, it is organising an open meeting to discuss employment in the region.”

[1997]

It closed c.2002.

It became a day nursery.

UNION

1, Wednesfield Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Holland [1879]

VEAL INN

Bloomfield Road, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Bladmore [1879]

NOTES

[This is probably the VIOLIN, and John Bladmore could be a misspelling of John Blakemore.]

VICTORIA

40, (39), (39a), (25), (23), Dudley Road / Bell Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Price the Elder [1866]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1896]
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [1903]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

William Whitehouse [1851] – **1857**);
Thomas Price (**1857 – 1870**);
Frederick Smith (**1870 – [1873]**)
John Jones [1878]
Richard W Grayer [1881]
William Turner [1884] – [1885]
Frederick Warr [1888] – [1892]
Moses Millington [1893] manager
Elias Barlow [1900]
Henry Stubbs [1901]
Thomas Roderick (**1903 – [1904]**)
Nathaniel Hadley [1908]
George Bowcutt [1911]
John Fleming [1912]
Richard Samuel Hadley [1916] – **1939**);
Richard Henry Woodward Lakin (**1939 – 1950**);
James Henry Powell (**1950 – [1966]**)
John Davies [1984]
John Davies (**1985 – []**)
Judy Rollinson [1993]
Kevin Biddle [1997]
Ian Barton [2002]

NOTES

25, Dudley Road [1871], [1881]
23, Dudley Road [1873]
39a, Dudley Road [1891], [1896]
39, Dudley Road [1892]
40, Dudley Road [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1932], [1940], [2002]

It was formerly the BIRD IN HAND

It was known locally as “The Bird”.

Tokens were issued for the Sick and Dividend Club.

Birmingham Journal 17/7/1847

“On Saturday last, an inquest was held at the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, coroner, on the body of a boy named Joseph Latham, eight years of age, who came by his death under the following circumstances. About three weeks previous to his death, he had been playing with a boy of about the same age, when the latter picked up a stone and struck him on the lip with considerable force, making blood flow profusely. Mr. Underhill, surgeon, of Tipton, attended the deceased, and succeeded in stopping the blood at the time, but the wound broke out afresh several times, and the boy languished and died on Thursday week. The evidence was to the effect that the deceased had died from loss of blood resulting from his peculiar habit of body, as the wound would not have been fatal in any ordinary individual. The jury returned their verdict in accordance with the above facts.”

1851 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *William Whitehouse* (29), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Whitehouse* (23), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Catharine Dillow* (17), house servant, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 8/12/1855 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. J. F. Watkins, at the house of Mr. *William Whitehouse*, BIRD IN HAND, Tipton.....”

Birmingham Journal 25/10/1856 - Advert

“STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield.

W. Whitehouse, in returning his sincere Thanks for the very liberal support he has received during the seven years he carried on Business at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, begs to inform his Friends and the Public in general, that he has taken to the STAR HOTEL, Bloomfield, Tipton, where he intends to carry on Business as usual, and hopes by strict assiduous attention to merit the continuance of favours and support.

Wines and Spirits of the best quality, direct from the Docks.

N.B. Commercial Gentlemen visiting Tipton and that locality will find every comfort and accommodation at this Hotel.”

William Whitehouse – see also STAR.

1861 Census

Dudley Road – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Thomas Price* (28), mine surveyor and innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Hannah Price* (31), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Esther Price* (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Price* (2), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] James Price (11 months), son, born Tipton;

[6] Joseph Foster (77), father-in-law, proprietor of houses and boats, born Dudley;

[7] Emma Nicklin (16), house servant, born Tipton;

[8] Eliza Cox (13), house servant, born Tipton:

Thomas Price was also a land and mine agent. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Gazette 18/8/1870 - Advert

“For Sale, a very handsome Bay Pony, with black points, 11 hands high; sound and free from vice. Apply *Frederick Smith*, BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 13/2/1871 - Sales This Day

“By Charles Round, This Evening, at 7.30pm, at the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, Tipton, Leasehold Building Land, at Hurst Lane, Tipton, opposite Toll House; also 20,000 New Bricks.”

1871 Census

25, Dudley Road – BIRD IN HAND

[1] *Frederick Smith* (45), publican, born Birmingham;

[2] *Mary Smith* (45), wife, born Ryce (?), Worcestershire;

[3] *Agnes A. Smith* (13), daughter, born Ryce (?), Worcestershire:

Frederick Smith, beer retailer, Dudley Road. [1872]

London Gazette 26/11/1878

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

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *John Jones*, of the BIRD IN HAND INN, Dudley Road Licensed Victualler, lately carrying on a business as a Charter Master, in partnership with *Edward Whitehouse*, at the Moat Colliery, Tipton aforesaid.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 10th day of December, 1878.....”

Dudley and District News 22/5/1880

“At the Police Court, on Tuesday, before Mr. Haden Corser (Deputy-Stipendiary), *Esau Wood*, ironworker, Tipton Green, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and violently assaulting PS Dutton and PC Heath. On Monday night PC Heath went to the BIRD IN HAND, Tipton Green, where he found prisoner creating a disturbance. In attempting to take the prisoner into custody the prisoner struck him three violent blows in the mouth, bit his legs, and kicked him about the chest and legs, and caused him to sustain serious injuries. It was with difficulty that the prisoner was removed to the police-station.

PS Dutton said that upon the prisoner being brought to the Police Station he kicked him and also bit his hand. The prisoner afterwards became very violent, and had to be removed to the County Police Station in a cart.

Prisoner denied being drunk, and said that he struck and bit the officers in consequence of having received provocation.

The Deputy-Stipendiary sentenced prisoner to one months' imprisonment on each of the charges of assault, and ordered him to pay 10s and costs or in default fourteen days for being drunk, and 7s for damaging the constable's coat, or in default to go to gaol for seven days.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/10/1880 - Advert

“By *J. Whitehouse*, To-Morrow (Wednesday), at 11, at the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, Tipton. The Brewing Plant, Liquor Shop Fixtures, Household Furniture, and Effects.”

1881 Census

25, Dudley Road – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Richard W. Grayer* (21), nephew, managing victualler, born Langley;
[2] *Abraham Grayer* (11), nephew, scholar, born West Bromwich:

Dudley and District News 14/10/1882

“*Alfred Smith*, a young man, was charged with being disorderly and refusing to quit the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, Tipton, on the 3rd inst. The landlord of the house stated that the defendant became very disorderly in the house as soon as he entered. He was ordered to go out, but he refused. Defendant admitted the charge, and he was fined 5s and costs, or 14 days.”

Dudley and District News 22/9/1883

“*Elizabeth Parkes*, a married woman, residing at Tipton Green, was charged with refusing to quit the BIRD IN HAND INN, Dudley Road, on the 8th inst. The landlord stated the defendant commenced a quarrel with her husband while in his house, and in consequence he ordered her to leave. She refused to go, and still repeated her very bad language. He then pushed her through the front door into the street. Defendant then went to the back door, and coming into the house assaulted the pianist.

Defendant was then charged with assaulting *Mary Hardy*, the pianist. The complainant said that the defendant came into the room where she was sitting, and after using filthy language towards her, struck her with her fists several times.

Defendant, who did not put in an appearance, was fined 5s and costs, or 14 days, for each offence.”

Dudley and District News 8/11/1884

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, *George Mallinder* and *Charles Pearce*, both of *Simon’s Passage*, Tipton Green, were charged with stealing a coat belonging to *William Turner*, BIRD IN HAND, Tipton Green. Mallinder was fined 40s and costs, or one month’s imprisonment, and the other prisoner was discharged.”

Dudley and District News 6/12/1884

“*Thomas Hawthorne*, boatman, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, on the night of the 25th. The defendant entered the house much the worse for drink, and seeing him in this condition, the landlord, *William Turner*, declined to serve him beer. He ordered him to leave the house, but he became very abusive and refused to leave. *Turner* fetched PC *Patten*, who turned him out. Defendant was further charged with being drunk and disorderly in the road. His wife, who appeared for him, admitted the charges. For the first offence defendant was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days. The second case was not adjudicated on.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/11/1885

“Yesterday, at the Police Court – before Messrs. *J. Solly* and *W. L. Underhill* – *William Turner*, the manager of the BIRD IN HAND, Tipton Green, was charged with selling ale without a license. Superintendent *Holland* explained to the Bench that the former landlord of the house died in August last, and, contrary to the law, the license had not been transferred. *Turner*, in defence, said he was only the manager for brewer; but the Bench held that he ought to know under what terms he took the management of the house, and fined him £5 and costs. In reply to a question it was stated that the house had been well-conducted, and the Bench, to assist *Turner*, granted a temporary transfer to him.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/2/1888

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday – before Mr. *Neville* (Stipendiary) – the undermentioned cases were dealt with.....

Frederick Warr, BIRD IN HAND INN, Tipton Green was also summoned for allowing gaming on his licensed premises, on the 14th ult, when Police-constables *Pickin* and *Brandrick* found three men there playing ‘all-fours’ for beer. Fined £3 and costs.”

1891 Census

39a, Dudley Road

- [1] *Frederick Warr* (35), iron worker, born Tipton;
- [2] *Evelina Warr* (35), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Fredeick Warr* (12), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Bertie Warr* (3), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Floria Warr* (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Dora Warr* (2), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/12/1893

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Messrs. J. Fellows and G. Macpherson, a case was heard in which the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company were summoned for allowing intoxicating liquors to be consumed at illegal hours on the licensed premises of the BIRD IN HAND, Dudley Road, Tipton Green, managed for the company by *Moses Millington*. Mr. W. H. Thompson (Dudley) appeared on behalf of the company.

Police-constable Farrell stated that at about midnight on the 6th inst he looked through a window of the inn, and saw Mr. Stephen Aston, Factory Road, and Mr. Henry George, Owen Street, sitting down with glasses in front of them containing liquor. Witness demanded an explanation, and the manager replied, ‘It’s all right; they are friends of mine; they have been for supper, and have stopped to have a friendly glass with me.’ Aston confirmed this statement, adding that ‘time had flown rapidly.’ Witness informed the manager that he should have to report the matter, and he replied, ‘You can do as you like; we are open to the result.’ In the same room were several females, whom the landlord said had been assisting at the supper. He waited for about twenty minutes, but did not see either Aston or George leave the premises.

For the defence, Mr. Thompson said the supper was given in connection with a clothing club which Mr. George had formed, and of which Mr. Aston was chairman. Mr. George stopped to settle with the landlord, and, at the latter’s request, he and Mr. Aston remained to have a glass of spirits at Mr. *Millington*’s expense. The females present were defendant’s wife, his wife’s sister, his niece, and a servant, all of whom had been assisting at the supper.

Evidence having been given by the manager and Messrs. Aston and George in support of this statement, the Bench dismissed the case.”

Dudley Herald 21/5/1898

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday about an hour was occupied in dealing with application for full transfers of public house licenses. Messrs. H. P. Parkes, J. H. Thursfield, and A. H. Partridge were the sitting magistrates. There were sixteen applications from Tipton, and eight from Darlaston, and they were all granted. No point of interest arose except that on the application of the North Worcestershire Breweries Company, the Bench agreed to the changing of the name of a Tipton inn from BIRD IN HAND to the VICTORIA.”

1901 Census

40, Dudley Road – VICTORIA INN

- [1] *Henry Stubbs* (35), publican, born Gawsworth, Cheshire;
- [2] *Jane Stubbs* (30), wife, born Whittington, Staffordshire:

Indenture 28/10/1909

“All that plot or parcel of land situate at Tipton fronting the road there leading from Dudley to Gospel Oak called the Dudley Road (formerly a turnpike road) containing in the whole 393 square yards or thereabouts. And also all those three messuages or dwelling-houses and appurtenances standing and being upon the said piece of land two of which front Dudley Road aforesaid the one being a public-house formerly known as The BIRD IN HAND but now as The VICTORIA and the other is now used as a lock-up shop and the other messuage situated in and numbered 27 Bell Street.....”

1911 Census

40, Dudley Road

- [1] *George Bowcutt* (52), manager, licensed house, born West Bromwich;

- [2] Mary Ann Bowcutt (46), wife, married 5 years, born Tipton;
- [3] William Bowcutt (18), son, engineer, telegraph works, born Tipton;
- [4] John Moore Bowcutt (16), son, engineer, telegraph works, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Ellen Bowcutt (15), daughter, house work, assisting in public house, born Tipton;
- [6] Florence Emma Bowcutt(12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Maria Bowcutt (78), mother, widow, born Tipton:

London Gazette 3/10/1911

“*George Bowcutt*, the VICTORIA INN, 40, Dudley Road lately residing and carrying on business at the BELL INN, Bell Street, Tipton aforesaid, Public House Manager, lately Licensed Victualler. Date of Order – September 29th 1911.”

George Bowcutt – see also BELL, Bell Street.

1939 Register

40, Dudley Road

- [1] *Richard H. W. Lakin*, date of birth, 07/04/1896, licensed victualler, married;
 - [2] Lydia L. Lakin, dob, 08/03/1895, unpaid domestic duties, married;
 - [3] Gladys M. (Lakin) Tuck, dob, 06/09/1930, shop assistant, draper, single;
 - [4] Joseph Lakin, dob, 02/09/1862, retired tube inspector, married:
- [Gladys married Tuck in 1944.]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 31/3/1956

“While PC W. G. Ashley was sitting in the VICTORIA INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, on February 25th, a man came in and sat next to him. The man started to talk in a loud voice, and said, ‘I will argue with anybody on any subject they like.’

What followed was related by the constable at Tipton Magistrates Court on Tuesday, when Eric Causer (40), of 3, Cedar Road, Tipton, was fined £3 for refusing to quit licensed premises when ordered to do so, and £2 for being drunk and disorderly. Causer pleaded guilty to both offences.

Defendant continued in this manner for two or three minutes, telling a retired school teacher, ‘You don’t know as much as that glass of beer.’

‘He then turned to me,’ said the constable, ‘and said, ‘What do you think about it?’ I told him to behave, but he replied, ‘You are a copper. I know you. You are a ——.’

Although asked to leave several times, Causer would not do so and had to be put out of the public house. In Dudley Road he continued to struggle and argue, and had to be restrained from fighting.

Imposing the fines, the Chairman, Mr. T. A. Sanders, told Causer, ‘You behaved in a disgusting manner. The Bench intends to give all the support they can to the police in carrying out of their difficult duties, and also to the licensees’.”

It was refurbished in 1985.

Kevin Biddle was married to Sue.

[2008]

Closed [2009], [2011]

It was converted into a Chinese takeaway. [2012]

VINE

46, Hopkins Street / 1, (12), Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, Tividale, TIPTON

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [1903]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Noah Dunn [1866] – [1891]

Mrs. Jane Dunn [1892]

Benjamin Harrison [1896]

Thomas Roderick [1900]

Enoch Roderick [1901] manager

William Fisher [1903] manager

William Isaac Saxon [1904]

John H Twist [1908]

William Parkes [1911] – [1912]

Lilly Gertrude Fleming [1916] – **1919**;

John Fleming (**1919 – 1927**);

Samuel Robert Marsh (**1927 – 1955**);

Lily Marsh [1939]

Harold Desmond O'Reilly (**1955 – 1960**);

William Lowe (**1960 – 1962**);

Joseph Gibbons (**1962** – [1966])

NOTES

1, Gilbert Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1908]

Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree [1911]

46, Hopkins Street [1911], [1932], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

“Even on a cold winter’s day, the outside doors were left open, due to the efficiency of a centrally placed solid fuel stove.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Mr. Fellows applied on behalf of *Noah Dunn*, VINE INN, Burnt Tile [sic], whose house was situated 237 yards from the nearest licensed house. No opposition. Granted.”

An inquest was held here in 1868 concerning the death of Thomas Griffiths who died whilst chairing a meeting of men on strike.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 4/3/1871 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Property, Burnt Tree, near Dudley Port.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent, at the House of Mr. *Noah Dunn*, the VINE INN, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, on Tuesday, March 21st, 1871, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then read, in the following or such other Lots as may be agreed upon at the time of Sale.....”

1871 Census

Gilbert Street

- [1] *Noah Dunn* (46), miner, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Dunn* (44), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] Eanos Dunn (23), son, miner, born Staffordshire;
- [4] Mary J. Dunn (21), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Ellen Dunn (16), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Noah Dunn (14), son, labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [7] Moses Dunn (11), son, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [8] Emma Dunn (9), daughter, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [9] Joseph Dunn (3), son, born Staffordshire;
- [10] William Dunn (7 months), son, born Staffordshire;
- [11] Sarah Pearson (19), daughter, married, born Staffordshire;
- [12] Ann J. Pearson (9 months), granddaughter, born Staffordshire:

Dudley Herald 15/5/1875

“Sale Old Licensed public house VINE corner spirit vaults, large bar parlour, first class tap room, scullery, club room 27 feet long now in the occupation of *Noah Dunn* at £40 per year”.

Dudley Herald 3/7/1880 - Advert

“Twentieth Annual Report of the Honourable Order of Engineers' Sick and Benefit Friendly Society, held at the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton, Staffordshire. No.2 Society Total £391 14s 4d.”

1881 Census

1, Gilbert Street

- [1] *Noah Dunn* (56), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Jane Dunn* (54), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Moses Dunn (21), son, clerk, born Tipton;
- [4] Emma Dunn (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Joseph Dunn (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] Mary A. Greed (24), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Dudley and District News 18/8/1883

“*Noah Dunn*, innkeeper, of Burnt Tree, was charged by the Excise Authorities with keeping a carriage without a license. Mr. Kelly prosecuted. The charge was proved by Henry Thompson, a Revenue officer, who stated that notice was served on defendant in May last, and since that time he had seen him riding in the carriage several times. The charge was denied, defendant stating that the carriage, which was really a cart, was used daily to convey coal. He had now obtained a license. Fined 10s and costs, or seven days.”

Dudley and District News 27/10/1883

“On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, upon the body of William Corser (65), late of 4, Bradley Street, Burnt Tree, who had been found dead in bed Elizabeth Corser, wife of deceased, then gave evidence. The jury found a verdict to the effect that death had been a result of Natural Causes.”

Dudley and District News 5/4/1884

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest on Friday morning, at the COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley Port,

on the body of Thomas Whitehouse (6), son of a labourer residing in Coneygree Road, Dudley Port. The child was in a club in connection with a Sunday school, and the father and mother are both in clubs. On Tuesday night deceased ran out of his grandfather's house after the Salvation Army band. At the canal bridge the procession was overtaken by a horse and trap, belonging to Mr. *Noah Dunn*, of the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, and driven by Joseph Walker. The horse took fright at the Salvation Army and bolted. Walker tried to control the animal, but was unable to do so, until the band had stopped, and then it was seen that the deceased had been run over. A witness named Hughes said the child was knocked down as he was getting out of the way of the trap, and one of the wheels passed over him. The band stopped as soon as they saw the child run over.

The Coroner said he did not wish to express any opinion on the Salvation Army, but so long as these exhibitions took place, accidents were sure to occur. It was very dangerous for horses to pass while these people were marching, with bands playing and handkerchiefs and flags waving.

The jury considered the captain of the army should be cautioned, and the Coroner said he should do so. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

A Conservative dinner was held here, on 18th January 1886, to celebrate the return to Parliament of Mr. Wilson Lloyd.

1891 Census

1, Gilbert Street

- [1] *Noah Dunn* (66), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Jane Dunn* (64), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Joseph Dunn (32), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Clark (16), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

London Gazette 20/1/1893

"First meetings And Public Examinations..... Joseph *Dunn*, Residing in lodgings at Joseph Parke's, Whitehall-road, West Bromwich, Staffordshire, lately residing and trading at VINE INN, Tividale, Staffordshire, and formerly carrying on business at Swan Farm Colliery, West Bromwich."

1901 Census

12, Gilbert Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Enoch Roderick* (25), public house manager, born Tipton;
- [2] Annie L. Roderick (27), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Victor Roderick (2), son, born Tipton:

William Fisher – see also BURNT TREE TAVERN.

Tipton Herald 17/1/1903

"The North Worcestershire Brewery Company were charged with permitting drunkenness on their licensed premises at the VINE INN, Burnt Tree, on December 21st 1902, and also with supplying drink to a drunken person. Mr. Darby prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Mr. Darby said he was instructed by the chief constable to prosecute. The defendant company was charged with two offences.

Mr. Waldron: You cannot take both summonses. You must take either one or the other.

Mr. Darby: Alright, if you want to go over the evidence twice.

Mr. Waldron: I don't object to it.

Mr. Darby said he would take the case of selling to a drunken person. The case arose on Sunday, December 21st. There was a disgraceful scene in the street between half past two and three o'clock. A woman named Richards was in a beastly state of intoxication and was in the street helpless for a considerable time, and ultimately she was put on a trolley and wheeled away in the direction of her home. She was met by a man with whom she lived, and he, together with another man, took her home. This set the police enquiring, and from the enquiries about one o'clock the woman Richards went into the house of a man named Turner, who was a

beerhouse keeper of the sign of the ROYAL OAK.

Mr. Waldron: I must object to it. Anything that occurred at Turner's house could not affect them. The allegation was that it was the North Worcestershire Brewery Company's house where the offence was committed.

Mr. Underhill: The facts leading up to it are admissible.

Mr. Darby continuing, said that Mr. Turner refused to supply Mrs. Richards, and he could tell then that she was drunk.

Mr. Waldron: It cannot be evidence.

Mr. Underhill: It can be evidence, as it proved that she was drunk at the time.

Mr. Darby, proceeding, said that shortly afterwards she was on the premises of the VINE INN. If she was drunk at one house one minute, she would be at the next. He would prove by the admissions made to the police that Mrs. Richards went to the VINE INN shortly after 12.30, and was supplied with whisky by the manager and his wife. While Mrs. Richards was in the house a number of people went in and two or three of them would state that it was apparent to them as casual customers that the woman was drunk. She was lolling against the wall and her voice was thick, so that she could not talk properly. As though the whisky was not sufficient the manager supplied her with a bottle of stout to take away. He submitted that it was a case where no other conclusion could be come to but that the woman was unfit to be supplied.

Albert Edward Turner, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, Burnt Tree, stated that his house was about 100 yards from the VINE INN. On Sunday, December 21st he saw Mrs. Laura Richards in his house and refused to supply her with anything as though she was not practically drunk she had had some beer. He could tell that by her eyes and her talk. She asked for a glass of ale and he refused. Then she went away. That was about one o'clock.

By Mr. Waldron: He had been a beerhouse keeper for ten years, and had known Mrs. Richards for two years. He had not been cautioned by the police for supplying her. He did not know that she was a habitual drunkard. She lived with his brother. He was not friendly disposed towards Mrs. Richards. He would not say she was drunk.

Re-examined by Mr. Darby, he would not say she was sober.

Elizabeth Brien, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that shortly after two o'clock on the date in question she went to the VINE INN, and saw Mrs. Richards behind a door in the passage with a glass of spirits in front of her. She was standing alone. Mrs. Richards was drunk. Witness afterwards saw her put on a trolley and taken away.

By Mr. Waldron: She had known Mrs. Richards about three months. Mrs. Richards was no friend of witness. When she went to the VINE INN Mrs. Richards spoke to her. The reason she concluded that Mrs. Richards was drunk was because she had seen her so many times. She did not know that Mrs. Richards was thrown out of a Mr. Pardon's.

Mary Jane Evans, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to visiting the VINE INN a few minutes after two o'clock. She saw Mrs. Richards come out of the snug into the passage. Mrs. Richards called for two two's of whisky for Mrs. Stevens and herself. She was not supplied. Mrs. Richards was quite drunk. Witness afterwards saw Mrs. Richards lying in the street.

By Mr. Waldron: Her husband used to be a customer. He had been refused by the landlord. Mrs. Richards did not speak alright, and she had not sworn so. She had known Mrs. Richards for about six months. Witness drank with Mrs. Stevens in the passage.

Re-examined by Mr. Darby, she had nothing against Mr. *Fisher*, the manager

Annie Gray, Gilbert Street, stated as to going to the VINE INN about 2.20pm. Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Stevens were there behind the door. Mrs. Richards had something in a glass. Mrs. Richards was drunk and when witness opened the door she reeled. Witness afterwards saw her in the street, in such a condition that it would be impossible for anyone to be worse.

By Mr. Waldron: She had known Mrs. Richards for two years, and had on many occasions seen her drunk. The reason she thought Mrs. Richards was drunk was because she staggered in the passage. She did not see Mrs. Richards supplied with anything.

Martha Stevens, Bank Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going to the VINE INN between 2 and 2.30. When she got there Mrs. Richards was in the snug. Mrs. Richards asked witness if she would have something to drink and then came into the passage and called for two two's of whisky, which was supplied by Mrs. *Fisher* and

paid for by Mrs. Richards. Witness and Mrs. Richards drank one glass each.

By Mr. Waldron: She could not tell whether Mrs. Richards was drunk or not, and it would puzzle anyone to tell.

Re-examined, she had been subpoenaed by the Brewery Company.

Elisha Parton, greengrocer, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that Mrs. Richards came to his house between 2.30 and 3pm. She was beastly drunk and was propping the wall up. She had a bottle of stout which she dropped four times and he picked it up each time. She also had a sixpence but he did not know whether she swallowed or not. With great difficulty she was got out of the house and lay on the footpath for about twenty minutes. Witness and his brother in law put her on the trolley and took her away.

By Mr. Waldron: Witness's wife pulled Mrs. Richards on the trolley. Neither he or his wife had had any trouble with the North Worcestershire Brewery Co. She ought not to have been served, she was very drunk. Inspector Given stated that on December 22, in consequence of information supplied, he visited the VINE INN, and saw the manager. He asked the manager what time Mrs. Richards went to the house on Sunday, and he replied about two o'clock. He supplied her with two twopenny worths of whisky and a bottle of stout, and she left at closing time. Witness called Mrs. *Fisher* in the room and asked her the time Mrs. Richards came in. She said soon after opening time. Mr. *Fisher* said 'No! No! It was about two o'clock'. Mrs. *Fisher* said she supplied Mrs. Richards with two pennyworth of whisky in a little room, meaning the snug. Witness then asked Mr. *Fisher* where he supplied her and he said in the passage.

By Mr. Waldron: Mr. *Fisher* did not say that so far as he could see, the woman Richards was sober. Neither did Mrs. *Fisher*.

PC Egan bore out the statements of the inspector.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, said that anything that happened before or after the time she was at the VINE INN was immaterial so far as the present case was concerned. The bench would have to be satisfied that at the time the woman was supplied she was drunk. There was no evidence of a reliable character to show that the woman at the time was drunk. The bench were asked to convict on prejudice and because something subsequently happened. He claimed that the first witness proved the innocence of Mr. *Fisher*, the manager. The witness Turner told them that the woman Richards was not drunk when she left his house. It was important for the police to have found out where the woman Richards was between the time she left Turner's house and the time when she went to the VINE INN. One witness told them they could not tell whether Mrs. Richards was drunk or not unless they knew her, and it was an important element in the case. He ventured to submit that there was no evidence to show that Mrs. Richards was drunk. Mr. *Fisher* had previously kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN for thirteen or fourteen years without a complaint.

William Fisher, manager of the VINE INN, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated that previous to going to his present place of business he kept the BURNT TREE TAVERN for thirteen years. On December 21st Mrs. Richards came to the VINE INN about ten minutes or a quarter past two. He served her with two twopenny-worths of whisky and a bottle of stout. He looked at Mrs. Richards and considered she was sober. He saw her go towards the door and saw a police officer that night and made a complaint about the woman. Previously that day he saw some people passing the window with a handcart, with a woman on. Inspector Given came to see him about it and he told him the inspector the woman was sober, as did also his wife.

By Mr. Darby: He told the inspector that it was about two o'clock when Mrs. Richards came in. He did not tell the inspector that she stayed till closing time. She left about 2.25pm. He saw her go out.

Re-examined by Mr. Waldron, there was no necessity for him to order her out as he considered she was sober.

Maria Fisher, wife of the last witness, stated as to serving Mrs. Richards with twopennyworths of whisky in the little bar. She told the inspector the woman was sober.

By Mr. Darby: She told the inspector that Mrs. Richards came in shortly after opening time, but she found it was a mistake.

Thomas Hunt, 26, Burnt Tree, stated that he saw Mrs. Richards coming up the street shortly after one o'clock. They spoke to one another, and she was not drunk then.

By Mr. Darby: He saw her go down the street about a quarter of an hour later.

John Long, 12, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going in to the VINE INN about twenty minutes to two. He saw Mrs. Richards there about a quarter past two o'clock and she appeared sober.

Hannah Harris, 15, Gilbert Street, Burnt Tree, stated as to going to the VINE INN and seeing Mrs. Richards

there. She appeared sober. It was about five minutes before closing time.

The bench adjourned for lunch and on returning Mr. Doughty said they had given the case their serious consideration and were unanimously of opinion that the woman Laura Richards was drunk. It was practically proved by her being taken away on handcart in a beastly state of intoxication a few minutes after she had left the public house.

Fined 40s and costs. Total £7 3s 6d, including solicitor's fee.

Laura Richards, Burnt Tree, was then charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Defendant did not appear although she had been sat in court nearly all the time the previous case was being heard.

Elizabeth Brian stated as to seeing defendant in the public house in a drunken state.

Mr. Doughty said defendant was evidently the person who got the conviction against the public house.

Fined 40s and costs, or one month."

The license renewal was objected to in January 1903 on the grounds that there was insufficient domestic accommodation. The license was renewed on 26th February 1903 on condition that alterations were made.

Indenture 28/10/1909

"All that plot or parcel of land situate in Dudley Port in the Parish of Tipton an the County of Stafford being a corner lot at the junction of two streets called respectively Gilbert Street and Hopkins Street and containing in the whole 697 square yards. And also those five messuages or dwelling-houses and outbuildings erected on the said land and one of which is used as a public-house and known as The VINE INN."

1911 Census

46, Hopkins Street – VINE INN

- [1] *William Parkes* (48), license holder, born Rowley;
- [2] *Eliza Parkes* (49), wife, married 24 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Amy F. Greenwood* (23), daughter, married 2 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Hartley Greenwood* (23), son-in-law, butcher, born Lye;
- [5] *William Hartley Greenwood* (3 months), born Lye:

1939 Register

46, Hopkins Street

- [1] *Samuel R. Marsh*, date of birth, 22/10/1899, foreman mechanic, (garage), electrical industry, married;
- [2] *Lily Marsh*, dob, 19/10/1900, public house manageress, married:

Tipton Herald 2/6/1956

"Local 'mine host' to secure a diploma in a recent examination organised by the National Trade Development Association, joint organisation of brewers and licensed victuallers, is Mr. *H. D. O'Reilly*, of the VINE INN, Hopkins Street, Burnt Tree, Tipton.

To pass, candidates had to complete three written papers on subjects ranging from correct cellar management and catering, to involved problems of licensing law and hygiene regulations.

'To the customer the job of innkeeping looks easy,' an official told me on Monday, 'but there's more to it than chatting with customers and occasionally joining them in a glass of beer. Successful innkeeping today calls for really hard work, tact, and a sound knowledge of how to do everything necessary to make for a well run house.'"

It closed on 24th August 1977.

It was demolished c.1978.

VINE

177, Horseley Heath / Sheepwash Lane, (Tame Road, Horseley Heath), TIPTON

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. [1900], [1904], [1908], [1916]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1929]

LICENSEES

Richard Stanton [1861] – [1872]
Catherine Stanton [1879] – [1880]
Mary Stanton [1881]
John Stanton [1881] – [1884]
Charles Askers [1891]
Joe Robert Peacock [1892]
Joseph Bird [1896]
John Askey [1901]
John Henneker [1903]
John William Collins [1916]
John ‘Jack’ William Kaye [1919] – **1934**;
Stanley Joseph Humpage **(1934 – 1937)**:

NOTES

It stood on the opposite corner of Sheepwash Lane to the STAR (TOP STAR).

It had a six day license.

Black Country Bugle (October 1990)

‘Tipton Pride Lives On’

“Pat Collins, the well known showman, held Great Bridge Wakes at the back of the pub, and he always called in for a drink with his traction engine driver Jim Morley.....”

1861 Census

Horseley Heath

- [1] *Richard Stanton* (33), engine fitter, and beer seller, born Tipton;
- [2] *Catherine Stanton* (30), wife, born London;
- [3] John R. Stanton (7), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Clara Stanton (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Catherine L. Stanton (2 months), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Mr. Fellows applied on behalf of *Richard Stanton*, Horseley Heath, whose house was situated 25 yards from the nearest licensed house. Mr. C. H. Bayley opposed on behalf of the proprietor of the STAR INN. Re-fused.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1866

“The annual sessions for the granting of spirit licenses was held on Wednesday.....

Richard Stanton, Horseley Heath, opposed refused.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/9/1867

“On Wednesday the adjourned licensing meeting for West Bromwich district was held in the Petty Sessions Room new applications [for spirit licenses].....

Richard Stanton, Horseley Heath, Tipton, supported by Mr. Shakespeare, and opposed by Mr. C. H. Bayley. Refused.”

1871 Census

177, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Richard Stanton* (44), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Catherine Stanton* (40), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] John R. Stanton (17), son, clerk, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Stanton* (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Kate Stanton (10), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] George F. Stanton (8), son, born Tipton;
- [7] Sarah Stanton (6 weeks), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] Sarah Morgan (23), general servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 9/10/1880

“*Catherine Stanton*, VINE INN, Horseley Heath, filed her petition for liquidation in the Dudley Court, on Tuesday. The liabilities amount to £650; assets not yet known.”

1881 Census

177, Horseley Heath – The VINE

- [1] *Mary Stanton* (25), unmarried, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Fred Stanton (18), brother, engine fitter at works, born Tipton;
- [3] Sarah Stanton (10), sister, born Tipton;
- [4] Mary Heath (21), general servant, born Tipton:

John Stanton issued tokens from here.

Dudley and District News 10/9/1881

“Joseph Barnes (17), Sheepwash Lane, was charged with stealing a horse-rug, the property of *John Stanton*, VINE INN, Horseley Heath, on the previous Saturday week. Mr. *Stanton* said he missed it out of his gig, and fancying that it had dropped out of his gig, and had it ‘cried.’ John Whitehouse said the prisoner told him he had found the rug in Sheepwash Lane. Witness told him he should advertise it. Prisoner told him he was no scholar, but witness waited to see if it would be ‘cried.’ PI Harrison said when he charged prisoner with stealing the rug, he said he found it in Sheepwash Lane, and had taken it up to his ‘uncle Job’s.’ The case was dismissed.”

Dudley and District News 17/6/1882

“John Hancox, Dudley Port, was charged with being disorderly on the licensed premises of *John Stanton*, the VINE INN, Horseley Heath, on the 22nd of April. Complainant said defendant was fighting and knocked a man down, he requested him to leave, but he would not and complainant had to send for the police. He was also charged with assaulting Israel Griffiths, Newells Road, Dudley Port, on the same date and at the same time. Complainant said that he was in the VINE INN, and defendant accused him of giving evidence about stealing some ducks. It was not witness who gave the information, but his brother. A man in the room gave defendant a shilling to strike complainant. Defendant did so and knocked him down. For being disorderly he was ordered to pay 21s 6d including costs, or in default 21 days, and for the assault 40s

including costs, or in default 28 days.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/7/1884 - Advert

“To Brewers, Licensed Victuallers, and Others.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. G. Thomas, on Monday next, July 28, on the Premises, at 7 o’clock in the evening (subject to conditions to be then produced and read).

The Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of and in all that Old Licensed Public House, known as the VINE INN, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge, Tipton, the present proprietor, Mr. *John Stanton*, who is doing a good business, having to give up the trade through illness. The House is in every way adapted for a more extensive trade, containing Bar, Smoke Room, Sitting Room, Side Door with Bottle Department, Kitchen, four Bed Rooms, a large Club Room, Bagatelle Room, spacious Yard, with Gateway Entrance, Stabling, Piggeries, Greenhouse, and other conveniences.

The Purchaser will have to take to the Fixtures and Brewing Plant at a valuation, and also to the Stock-in-Trade; but a Lease of the Premises will be granted to him on completion for a term of seven years, at £50 per annum, with the right of renewal at his option for a further term of seven years, at the same rent.

For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, Horseley Heath, Tipton; or to Mr. Thomas E. Rowley, Solicitor, Great Bridge and West Bromwich.”

1891 Census

177, Horseley Heath – VINE INN

- [1] *Charles Askers* (45), public house manager, born Kenilworth, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Askers* (50), wife, born Manchester;
- [3] *Sarah J. Askers* (21), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Charles H. Askers* (15), son, tube turner, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

177, Horseley Heath – VINE INN

- [1] *John Askey* (41), married, manager of wine, spirit and beer store, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Amelia Askey* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Birmingham:

Wednesbury Leader 21/9/1906

“The annual juvenile outing in connection with the Pride of the Oak Lodge (1055) of the National United Order of Free Gardeners, took place on Saturday, a party of about forty being conveyed in brakes from the Lodge House, the VINE INN, Horseley Heath, to Wombourne. A field was there engaged, and an old English sports was arranged. After tea presents were distributed. Home was reached about 8.30pm. Everything was done for the comfort and amusement of the youngsters.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“The annual licensing sessions for the parish of Tipton were held on Wednesday.....

The Chairman said It was deplorable that there had been an increase in the number of convictions for drunkenness amongst women, and in his opinion the regrettable fact was largely associated with the question of the ‘long pull’. Twelve months ago a voluntary and reasonable undertaking in regard to over-measure was given by every licence-holder and every owner of freehold licenced property throughout the parish. It was an honourable undertaking, and the Court expected that it would be kept honourably. Unfortunately, after a few weeks the practice broke out again. The Bench proposed to refuse the licences of the following beerhouses and alehouses on the ground of the ‘long pull’ and they would be dealt with in the proper way.....

VINE, Horseley Heath.”

It was auctioned in 1929, but failed to reach the reserve.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/9/1929 - Advert

“By Order of Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Limited and Messrs. Peter Walker & Co. Limited.

In The Black Country Industrial Area, and Embracing Properties in Staffordshire and Worcestershire. Important Sale In Separate Lots, of 45 Freehold Licensed Houses, some with adjoining properties, and including 36 Fully-licensed Houses, 8 On-Beer Houses and 1 Off-License, situate in..... Tipton and District.....

VINE INN and Land adjoining, Horseley Heath.....

Boswell & Tomlins, FAI, in conjunction with William Fowler, Bewlay & Co., will submit the above for Sale by Public Auction, in 45 Lots (subject to Conditions of Sale), at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Monday, October 14, 1929, commencing at 3.30 pm promptly.

Printed particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors, Messrs. Redfern and Co., 25, Colmore Row, Birmingham; or from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, FIA, 88 and 89, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton (Tel. No.1116 (two lines), Telegrams 'Auctions'), and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and Co., 59, Temple Row, Birmingham (Tel. Midland 6120)."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/10/1929

"An important sale of freehold licensed premises in the Black Country was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday, when Messrs. Boswell and Tomlins, Wolverhampton, and Messrs. William Fowler, Bewlay and and Co., Birmingham, offered 45 lots, the vendors of which were Messrs. Atkinsons Brewery Ltd, and Messrs. Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.

Of the 45 lots which were situate at West Bromwich, Tipton, Dudley, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, and Stourbridge, 32 were sold at the sale, and these realised over £80,000....."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/3/1937

"At the adjourned licensing sessions yesterday, Tipton magistrates referred for compensation the licenses of the GRAPES, Owen Street; the GRINDERS ARMS, Horseley Heath; and the BROWN LION INN, Co-neygree.

They renewed the licenses of the LEOPARD INN, Horseley Heath, and the VINE INN, Horseley Heath."

The license was surrendered on 25th September 1937.

It was demolished in the 1930s.

VINE

Park Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

D Smith [1855]

John Cox [1861] – [1864]

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 21/1/1855

"Mr. Hawthorne of Tipton, will make a match with Mr. Hanbury, of Oldbury, or Hadley of the same place, for £5 or £10 a side; ¾guns, 1½oz shot; 60 yards boundary. To trap for each other. The match can be made on application to Mr. Hawthorne, at Mr. *D. Smith's*, VINE INN, Park Lane, Tipton."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/6/1861

“Pursuant to the several Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England. The County Court of Warwickshire, the 20th day of May, 1861, upon the filing of the Schedule of *John Cox*, late of the VINE INN, Park Lane in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Retail Brewer, and for the last three years carrying on the business of a Charter Master, and part of the time as a Royalty Master, in partnership with Joseph Mills, Adam Pearson, and John Aston, in a certain Colliery called the Bunfield Colliery Company, and trading under the name or style of Bunfield Colliery Company, situate in the parish of Kingswinford, in the said county of Stafford; before then of Churchfield House, Brierley Hill, in the said county of Stafford, and carrying on the business of a Charter Master, and part of this time as a Royalty Master, in partnership with the said Joseph Mills, Adam Pearson, and John Aston, at the aforesaid Colliery, called Bunfield Colliery, situate in the parish of Kingswinford, in the said county of Stafford, a Prisoner in Gaol of Warwick, in the county of Warwick, whose Estate and Effects have been vested in the Provisional Assignee by order duly made in that behalf; and upon Reference of the Petition and Schedule of the said prisoner for hearing made to this Court by order of the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, pursuant to the said Acts, it is ordered and appointed that the said Prisoner shall be brought up to be dealt with according to the provisions of the said Acts, before the Judge of the said County Court at Warwick, in the said county, on the 19th day of July, 1861, at the hour of ten in the morning precisely, of which all Creditors and Persons claiming to be Creditors of the said Prisoner for the sum of Five Pounds or more, shall have notice by service of a copy of this order, made within such time and in such a manner as is prescribed by the rule of court in that behalf.

By the Court.

Francis Tibbitts, Registrar.”

London Gazette 2/7/1861

“*John Cox*, late of the VINE, Park-lane, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Retail Brewer, and for the last three years carrying on the business of a Charter Master, and part of this time as a Royalty Master in partnership with Joseph Mills, Adam Pearson, and John Aston, in a certain Colliery, called the Bunfield Colliery, and trading under the name or style of the Bunfield Colliery Company, situate in the parish of Kingswinford, in the said county of Stafford, before then of Churchfield-house, Brierly-hill, in the said county of Stafford, and carrying on the said business of a Charter Master, and part of this time as a Royalty Master, in partnership with the said Joseph Mills, Adam Pearson, and John Aston at the aforesaid Colliery, called Bunfield Colliery, situate in the parish of Kingswinford, in the said county of Stafford.”

Birmingham Daily Post 1/9/1864 - Advert

“Important Freehold Properties, Dudley Port and Park Lane, in the Parish of Tipton, in the County of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Thomas Danks, on Tuesday Next, September 6, at Six o’clock in the evening, at the house of Mr. Clarke, ROYAL OAK INN, Horseley Heath, Tipton, the following important Freehold Properties.....

Lot 3. All those valuable Freehold Premises, known as the VINE INN, situate in Park Lane, Tipton, comprising two front Rooms, large Parlour, Pantry, and well fitted-up Brewhouse, Entrance Hall, three Bed Rooms, and spacious Club Room, three Cellars, two large Stables with Room over the same, and Out-offices, large Yard, with Entrance Gateway out of a newly-laid out Street. The above having a frontage into Park Lane of 40 yards and 6 inches, and contains 549 square yards, and now in the occupation of Mr. *John Cox*.....”

VINE

Perry Street, (119, Dudley Port), TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Whale [1853]

Timothy Perry [1868] – [1874]

William Perry [1891]

NOTES

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/6/1853

“George Stone of Dudley Port will run William Bailey or John Wilcox of Oldbury 120 yards, for £10 or £15 a side; or take 10 yards start in 440 of William Whitehouse of the Brades, for from £10 to £15 a side. A match can be made any night next week, at Mr. *Whale*'s, VINE INN, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/12/1868

“At the Police Court, yesterday, before the Rev. W. Ker and Mr. E. Smith, Mr. *Timothy Perry*, colliery engineer and beerhouse keeper, Dudley Port, was charged with paying wages in the VINE INN to Joseph Mason, an engineer. Mr. Travis prosecuted and Mr. Stokes defended. The witnesses were ordered out of Court during the evidence of the prosecutor. Mason stated that he had been employed by the defendant at the Burton Lane and Park Lane Collieries, and that he received at the public-house above-mentioned a sum of £8 18s for work done. In cross-examination Mason said the entries in the wages book were made by himself every night at the conclusion of the work. In further cross-examination by the Bench and Mr. Stokes, prosecutor actually admitted that he could not write; that the entries were made by a man whose name he did not even know. Mrs. Mason was then called, and swore positively that she saw her husband make the entries in the book. Here she was told that her husband admitted that he could not write. She appeared dumbfounded upon receiving this intelligence. The Bench dismissed the case without going any further into it.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/1/1874

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. I. Spooner (Stipendiary), the undermentioned persons were summoned at the instance of Mr. J. G. Horder, the inspector under the Adulteration Act, 35 and 35 Vic, c.74, with having sold milk which was adulterated. In each case a quart of milk was bought by Samuel Toy, assistant to the inspector, the seller receiving notification the purchase was intended for analysis. It was then handed to Mr. Horder, who transferred one part of it to Mr. Jones, the county analyst, retaining the other part securely sealed up.....

Timothy Perry, the VINE INN, Dudley Port; the added water was shown to amount to 32 per cent.

The Stipendiary: Pretty well, thankyou. (Laughter).

The defendant pleaded that the milk had been set aside for the children, and not for sale. He was fined £10 and costs, or two months' imprisonment in default of distress.”

1891 Census

119, Dudley Port – VINE INN

[1] *William Perry* (43), engineer and publican, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Perry (41), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Mary Ann Perry (21), daughter, born Tipton:

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided..... The renewal of the license of the VINE INN, Perry Street, Dudley Port, was opposed on the behalf of the licensing justices.

The committee refused to renew the license.”

Lichfield Mercury 17/8/1906

“Staffordshire Licensing Committee.....

The meeting of the Committee on Wednesday was for the purpose of further considering the question of compensation to persons interested in those public-houses the licenses of which had not been renewed by the Committee.....

An impression would seem to prevail in certain quarters that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on this compensation question, will be more generous in fixing the amounts, as quite a number of applications were made for cases to be referred to them, and in each case the Committee complied with the requests made to them. The houses affected by this decision are appended, the amounts claimed being stated, together with the amount which the licensing magistrates considered reasonable, though the latter sum was decided before Mr. Justice Kennedy’s decision, which, among other matters, was that the volume of trade and the rent should be capitalised and taken into account, as well as the depreciation of the fixtures.....

VINE INN, Perry Street, Dudley Port, £1,148 claimed, £500 offered by Committee but not accepted.”

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The committee considered that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.....

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue gave their decisions in the twenty-four cases referred to them last year, and the total amount awarded was £17, 454. Some of the awards are as follows.....

VINE INN, Tipton, £857.”

VIOLIN

195, (199), Bloomfield Road, (Dudley Road), TIPTON

OWNERS

James Whitehouse

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1903], [1910]

LICENSEES

Daniel Haden [1851] – [1866]

William Davy [1867]

William Drury [1868] – [1870]

John Blakemore [1871] – [1875]

Mary Blakemore [1881]

George Wood [1890]

Mrs. Caroline Roper [1891] – [1896]

Mrs. Betsy Jeavons [1900]

James Cox [1903] – [1908]

Florence Leach [1911]

Thomas Leach [1911]

Frank Brown [1912]

George W H Dallor [1914]

NOTES

Dudley Road [1861]

199, Bloomfield Road [1873]

195, Bloomfield Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912]

FIDDLE [1860], [1861]

Daniel Haden = Daniel Hayden = Daniel Headen

1851 Census

Bloomfield

[1] *Daniel Haden* (34) innkeeper, born Rowley Regis;

[2] Sarah Haden (45), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Elizabeth Bennett (19), house servant, born Tipton;

[4] Daniel Cooper (28), visitor, puddler, born Bilston:

Birmingham Journal 30/8/1851

“On Wednesday, the annual special sessions for renewal of licenses was held.....

By an arrangement (duly announced in the *Journal* at the time) the consideration of the granting of new licenses is adjourned until the 24th September. This arrangement has been universally approved of, and will give proper time for the due and necessary inquiries, which step has been undertaken by the respective Magistrates best acquainted with each locality. We give the names of the applicants for new licenses, fifty-one in number, within one or two of the same amount as those of last year.....

Daniel Haden, Bloomfield, Tipton, retail brewer.”

AND

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1851

“On Wednesday last, according to notice, the adjourned special sessions was held at Great Barr....

The applications for spirit licenses resulted in the granting of eight, out of a list of fifty-one retail brewers and others, who had asked for the privilege.....”

[Not granted.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/10/1855

“Annual Application Day For New Licenses.

As usual, a Special Session was held at the Scott Arms, Great Barr, on Wednesday, to determine with reference to sixty-three new applications for spirit licenses made in the division.....

Tipton: Thirteen applications, of which seven were granted.....

Daniel Haden, Bloomfield.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/3/1856 - Advert

“Freehold Public House And Premises, at Bloomfield, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Solomon Powell, on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1856, at the house of Mr. *Daniel Haden*, the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions, The Freehold Public House, known as the STAR HOTEL, situated at Bloomfield aforesaid, late in the occupation of Mr. John Worley, with Brewery, Outbuildings, and Land, containing, with the site of the buildings, 1,010 square yards or thereabouts, to the same belonging.

The premises, which have been recently and very substantially erected, are abundantly supplied with water. The house has an ornamental front, with plate glass windows, and the interior arrangements are of a superior kind, possessing every convenience in respect to the trade, for which the property was erected. The situation is also very eligible for the purpose of trade, being within a short distance of railway stations and iron and other works, the premises are altogether a very desirable property.

For further particulars apply at the offices of Messrs. Whitehouse, Solicitors Wolverhampton, and Auctioneer, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 20/12/1856

“The adjourned inquest on the body of Richard Rudge, a boy eight or nine years of age, who died on the 9th inst, from injuries received on the same morning, by the explosion of a steam boiler at the iron works of Messrs. Cresswell and Son, Tipton, was held yesterday (Friday) afternoon, at the house of Mr. *Daniel Harden*, the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, before G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, and a Jury. Mr. Kenealy, barrister, instructed by Messrs Coldicott and Canning, of Dudley, attended the enquiry on behalf of the proprietors of the works, one of whom, Mr. H. Cresswell, was also present. Mr. G. R. Lowe, solicitor, of Dudley, attended to watch the proceedings on the part of the engineer, Thomas Oakley.

Mr. Benjamin Skidmore, of Church Lane, Tipton, the principal engineer to the Messrs. Bagnalls, of West Bromwich, pursuant to the instructions from the Coroner, examined the boiler in question on Monday and Wednesday, the 15th and 17th inst. He was accompanied by Mr. Mills of Great Bridge. He found that there had been nine boilers in the works, one pudding furnace boiler and two mill furnace boilers were connected with the one that exploded. They were low pressure boilers, and had at the time to drive the mill engine. He found that part of the exploded boiler on the seat, a part blown across the canal wharf, a part on the mill floor, and the flues on a bank. He examined the plates, and found the average thickness to be three-eighths of an inch. There were two thin places over the fire, about nine inches long. He thought it was the blistered part of the plate. It showed a blister. The boiler was torn through the row of rivets in the thickest part, and on the short side of the boiler. There was no indication of there having been a shortness of water. He considered the thickness of the plates quite sufficient, for a boiler of that description, to withstand the pressure it was working at. It was an old boiler. It would be safe to work it at 20lb per inch, not more. He found by the gauge of the blast engine that it had been working at an average of 17lbs or 18lbs on the square inch. He considered it quite safe to work at this pressure. The connection with the other three boilers was, as unusual, by steam pipes. The steam could pass from one to another. The boiler, which was heated by a fire being put underneath it, was between the others. There was only one safety valve on each boiler, but owing to it having been ‘scoured up’ since the explosion he could not describe its state when the explosion took place. The cause of the explosion was for want of more escape for the accumulated steam. It burst from over-pressure. There was nothing to indicate any other cause. The exploded boiler being the weakest, and the other boilers forcing steam into it, it would naturally go first. The other boilers were worked at two or three pounds the inch greater pressure than the exploded one, and they were permitted to blow off first. The safety valve was six inches in diameter. This was insufficient. A boiler of the dimensions of the exploded one ought to be furnished with two safety valves. The boiler would be more likely to explode when the engine was standing (as in this case) than when at work, because the other boilers would be pouring into it. He did not think the explosion would have occurred had the engine been at work, or had there been a sufficient outlet for the steam. It was the duty of the engineer to ‘ease’ the clacks when the engine was going to stand. If this had been done the explosion might have burst from the quick generation of steam, and from the others pouring into the weaker boiler. He did not see that any blame attached to the engineer. The boiler was very much patched in front but it was sound. He understood it had been made eighteen years. There were plenty of engineers who did not know whether there were sufficient escape or not to their boilers. The boiler gave way in its soundest part. It was twenty-four feet long and ten feet in diameter, and was furnished with a breeches flue. The boiler was not dirty. There are many boilers such as the exploded one with only one safety valve, although it ought to be otherwise.

By Mr. Kenealy: When not frequently eased, clacks were apt to stick. They ought to be tried three or four times in a day, and oftener if there was but one clack.

By a Juryman: A six-inch clack would be sufficient for that boiler alone.

By Mr. Kenealy: He did not know of his own knowledge that the other boilers were overweighted at the time of the explosion. He found them with the weight he had named. There were no marks of burning on the other boiler, to indicate that they had been subjected to an improper heat. It was a proper and safe valve for the one boiler only. All was right except that the clack was not lifted.

By a Juryman: More boiler explosions occurred from over pressure than from any other cause.

Mr. Joseph Mills, of Great Bridge, engineer, examined the boiler with the preceding witness. After speaking

to the position &c, of the exploded boiler, he said the thin places spoken of were in some places only about an eighth of an inch in thickness. Mr. Mills's testimony was the same in effect as that of the last witness. The engineer, he added, should have eased the clack when the engine was standing. He told the witness he did ease it. (The Coroner: But that you don't know). Mr. Mills thought that if the engineer eased the clack he could not be blamed. The clack seemed to be in good working order. If the boiler had been equally weighted, he thought the explosion would have occurred nevertheless, owing to the greater strength of the other furnace boilers. The latter boilers would generate steam very rapidly, and the engineer had no control over the puddling fires.

The Foreman observed that an engineer was placed in a peculiar position if he had no control over the fires. Mr. Mills: He has control over the steam.

By Mr. Kenealy: Every facility was afforded for the examination by Messrs. Cresswell and Son. George Bagley, of Toll End, one of the engineers at Messrs. Cresswell's works, said he was with the engineer, Thomas Oakley, about six o'clock on the morning in question. Oakley had stopped the engine, and was in a cistern to screw up some pins on the air-pump lid. All the other clacks were in good order. The boiler in question was working at 15lbs per square inch.

The Coroner was about examining the engineer, Thomas Oakley, when Mr. Lowe desired that he might not be taken as a witness, as what he might state might possibly at some future period be used against him. The Coroner overruled the objection, and said that if any charge were afterwards made against him, his depositions could not be made use of as evidence.

Mr. Kenealy quoted a case where the depositions were used as evidence against the person charged.

The Coroner told the witness he was not obliged to say anything to criminate himself, and Thomas Oakley was then examined. He had been an engineer for Messrs. Cresswell for sixteen years; the boiler he believed, had been used for twenty-one years. On the morning in question he stopped the engine at six o'clock, to screw down the air-pump lid. At the time of the explosion there was a little fire under his boiler, and the fire doors were open. The weights were put on the clacks some years ago, by a man named Thomas Dudley. They had not been altered since. All the boilers worked at 17lbs to the square inch; there were about 3lbs more on the egg boilers, as they would blow sooner. He eased the steam clack of the exploded boiler about ten minutes before the explosion. It blew strong. It did not blow before. He thought the clacks were sufficient.

Benjamin Oakley, of Walbrooke who worked the engine on the day turn, said the boilers only worked at 15lbs, that being 2lb or 3lb less than on the egg boilers, or those worked by the furnaces.

By the Foreman: He had not heard any complaints about the boiler wanting repairs.

Mr. Kenealy was glad this question was asked, as it had been reported in Tipton that the boiler wanted repairs.

The Coroner summed up the evidence. He said the plan of the working boilers by the furnaces appeared to be a dangerous one. There appeared, however, to be no criminal blame attaching to the proprietor, or to the engineer.

The Jury then returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Journal 14/3/1857

"On Saturday last, a horse driver, named Joseph Aston, was engaged at Bloomfield Basin of the Stour Valley railway in shunting a goods truck on to a siding, where other trucks were standing. After turning the horse from between the rails, and unhooking the chain, the horse again turned into the road. The deceased again drove the horse out, but on himself trying to get from between the carriages on the opposite side, he was caught between the buffers of two trucks, and was so injured that he died in two minutes. An inquest was held on Tuesday, by G. H. Hinchliffe, Esq, at the house of Mr. *Daniel Haden*, VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned. Mr. Dudley Parsons and a solicitor were in attendance on behalf of the Railway Company."

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 3/4/1859

"W. Williams of Great Bridge and John Adams of Bilston made good their deposit of £2 10s a side on Tuesday last, at Mr. Inston's Bilston; the next deposit of £2 10s a side is to be made at Mr. *Daniel Haden*'s VIOLIN INN, Tipton, on Tuesday next. W. Williams is matched to run John Turner of Bilston 440 yards, for

£25 a side, in ten weeks' time.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/7/1860

“G. Boyes of Tipton will run Adams of Bilston four laps round Aston Cross Grounds, Birmingham, for £10 a side, or 700 yards on a turnpike road half-way between home and home, for the same sum; to run in five weeks from to-morrow (Monday). If a deposit is sent to *Bells Life* and articles to Boyes, at the FIDDLE INN, Tipton, the match can be made.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 10/2/1861

“Hollis and Williams. In a letter we have received from Williams, he says age is now beginning to tell on him, and that he must forfeit in his match with Hollis, which was to have taken place tomorrow, on Shelford Common but that he will run Hollis 440 yards if he will give him 12 yards start; or Homer of Birmingham, Thrasher of Coventry, or Winsper of Darlaston, if they will give him six yards start in the same distance; or Waitman of Coventry, or any man in Birmingham, 36 years of age, at the same distance level. A match can be made for £25 a side, at Mr. *Hayden*'s FIDDLE INN, Tipton, any night next week. The match to come off in six weeks from the first deposit, either at Shelford, Cannock, or the Vauxhall Gardens, Wolverhampton. Mr. Shenstone of Wednesbury Oak, or Mr. Coates of Birmingham, to be stakeholder and referee.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 7/4/1861

“Great All England Handicap Foot Race, distance 225 yards; first prize £10, second £2, third £1. Mr. *Daniel Haden*, of the VIOLIN INN, Tipton Staffordshire, will give the above prizes to be run for at the Vauxhall Grounds, Cannock Road, near Wolverhampton, on Monday and Tuesday, May 6 and 7; entrance of 1s each to be made to Mr. *Haden*, as above, on or before April 23, and acceptances is to be made by April 30. Stamps as cash. The ground is second to none in England. To ensure fair play the same rules as at Hyde Park, Sheffield, will be strictly enforced.”

1861 Census

Dudley Road – Factory

- [1] *Daniel Haden* (44), victualler (at VIOLIN), born Rowley Regis;
- [2] Sarah Haden (50), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] William Haden (27), nephew, brewer, born Rowley Regis;
- [4] Harriet Hinett (21), house servant, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/10/1861

“W. Thompson of Tipton, hearing that E. Williams is not satisfied with his late defeat, Thompson will run him 10 score yards and give him two yards start, for £5 or £10 a side, and will meet him at Mr. Shepherd's, SHINGLERS ARMS, Bell Street, Tipton, on Saturday or Monday evening next from seven until nine o'clock prepared to make a match. Mr. *D. Harden*, FIDDLE INN, Tipton, to be stakeholder and referee.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 25/2/1864 - Advert

“Patriotic Society Of Smiths And Their Assistants. Established Nov. 21, 1863.

The above-named Society calls the attention of all Smiths and Assistants in South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire to a great Meeting, on February 27, 1864, in the large Room in the house of Mr. *Daniel Haden*, VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, to commence at Seven o'clock, when they are invited to attend.

James Bartley, Secretary.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/2/1864

“A meeting of smiths and their assistants was called on Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, at the VIOLIN INN, Tipton, and at that time there were seven persons present. By half-past eight o'clock there were about eighteen, but at the time our reporter left no chairman had been appointed, and it did not appear that any business would be gone into. The object for which the meeting was called was to form a trades' union.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/11/1866

“On Friday morning, Mr. E. Hooper, held an inquest at the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, respecting the death of Charles Green, a labourer, 55 years of age. Samuel Hunt, a boy, stated that he saw deceased, who was drunk fall against the bridge of the canal near the Tipton Railway Station, and then into the water. Witness called to a man who was passing over the bridge in a cart and told what had happened, but he drove on. Elizabeth Green, wife of the deceased, stated that her husband several years before had received an accident to the head, which, after drinking ale, made him unsteady and almost incapable. The Foreman of the Jury asked the police-officer if any steps had been taken to find the man who passed the spot at the time when the deceased was in the water. The officer stated that inquiries had been and were still being made with reference to the man in question. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/11/1866 - Deaths

“On the 23rd inst, aged 66 years, Sarah, wife of *Daniel Hayden*, of the VIOLIN, Bloomfield, Tipton; much regretted.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1867

“The annual licensing meeting for the West Bromwich district was held in the Public Office, West Bromwich....

The following publicans against whom convictions were recorded, were reprimanded, but had their licenses renewed.....

William Drury, the VIOLIN INN, Tipton, keeping open during prohibited hours.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 14/7/1869 - Advert

“To Innkeepers, Householders, And Others.

The VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton.

Unreserved Sale Of Household Furniture, Brewing Vessels, Ale Casks, Bar, Tap Room, and Brewing Fixtures, Sign and Other Effects.

Messrs. Yates and Quinton will Sell by Auction, on Friday next, the 16th July, upon the Premises – the whole of the valuable Effects.

Full particulars in Catalogues, which are in circulation.

Sale to commence at ten o'clock, owing to the number of lots.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/7/1869 - Advert

“To be Let, with immediate Possession, that excellent Old-Licensed Public-House, called the VIOLIN INN, at Bloomfield, Tipton. The late Proprietor realised a fortune at it. The Fixtures, &c, to be taken to at a fair valuation.

Apply Yates and Quinton, Auctioneers, Rugeley.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/3/1870 - Advert

“The VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton.

To be Disposed of, immediately, in consequence of the death of the Proprietor, the above well-known Old-Licensed Inn. The Fixtures and Licenses to be taken to by valuation.

For particulars, apply to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/4/1870 - Advert

“Sale, To-Morrow (Tuesday), April 5, at the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round (by order of the Executors of Mr. *Daniel Haden*, deceased), on the Premises at the above-named Inn – all the useful Household Furniture, tables, oak and deal Clothes Chests, Feather Beds, mahogany Pembroke Table, mahogany Easy Chair, Picture, a large quantity of Kitchen and Domestic Articles; also the large stock of Linen, Blankets, Sheets, and Wearing Apparel; two gold Geneva watches, one gold Guard, one silver Patent Lever Watch; and the Public House Fixtures, comprising 4-pull Ale machine, Drinking Tables, pewter Spirit and Ale Measures, rail-back and other Benches, capital Lettered Sign, and other Fixtures; together with the Brewing Plant, comprising two large oval Coolers, two new Ale Vats and Piping, 12-bushel Mash Tub, large and small Tubs, Wort Trough, three 36-gallon Casks,

seven 60-gallon Casks, 80-gallon Cask, 180-gallon Cask, large and small Gathering Tubs, five 56-gallon Casks, 100-gallon Cask, pair Vats, and two Coolers; and the Stock-In-Trade, consisting several gallons of Whisky, Brandy, Rum, and Gin, twelve bushels of prime Malt, old and fresh Ale, Beer, Porter, and Cider; also a large quantity of Carpenter's Tools and Timbers, wrought-iron Anvil, pair of 3-inch Float Wheels, Crank Axletree, and Springs, lot Felloes, cast-iron Boilers, lead Pump, and a large quantity of Tools and Effects, particularised in catalogues to be obtained at the Auctioneer's Office, 69, Owen Street, Tipton. In consequence of the number of Lots, Sale to commence at Ten o'clock to the minute."

Birmingham Daily Post 3/6/1870 - Advert

"Found on May 22, a Greyhound Dog.

The Owner can have it by paying expenses, and applying at the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton."

1871 Census

195, Bloomfield Road – public house

[1] *John Blakemore* (60), innkeeper and licensed victualler, born Stapleton, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Blakemore* (54), wife, born Worfield, Shropshire;

[3] *Annie Blakemore* (19), daughter, born Arnage, Shropshire:

Dudley Guardian 17/4/1875

"At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before Isaac Spooner, Esq, a young man, named Josiah Miller, in the employ of Mr. Whitehouse, a maltster, Tipton, was charged with stealing a ham, value 25s. *John Blakemore*, landlord of the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield Road, Tipton, stated that about half-past ten o'clock on Monday night he saw the ham produced, with two others, lying on the table in his kitchen. Shortly afterwards he missed it, and the prisoner was there about the time.

The son of the last witness deposed to seeing the ham safe at ten o'clock. He missed it about eleven. Prisoner was in the room during the evening.

Police-constable Bird said he apprehended the prisoner at a quarter-past twelve a.m. on Tuesday morning at the place where he worked. Prisoner said to him, 'I suppose you have come about the ham,' and offered to take him to it. He then fetched it out of a corner and said, 'I only took it away in a lark.' On the way to the station he said, 'It was all through larking. They will never catch me again.' Prisoner was remanded for a week to Wolverhampton for enquiries to be made as to his character."

Midland Examiner 1/5/1875

"Joseph Miller was brought up in custody, under remand, charged with stealing a ham, the property of *John Blakemore*, VIOLIN INN, Tipton, on the 12th inst. He pleaded guilty, and, requesting to be dealt with summarily, was sent to gaol for six months."

1881 Census

195, Bloomfield Road – VIOLIN INN

[1] *Mary Blakemore* (64), widow, licensed victualler, born Marvel, Shropshire;

[2] *Annie Marshall* (29), daughter, general servant, born Harnage, Shropshire;

[3] *William Marshall* (24), son-in-law, railway shipper, born Great Bowden, Leicestershire;

[4] *Ellen Jane Marshall* (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Emma Benbow* (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Shropshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 12/1/1887

"Yesterday morning, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the VIOLIN TAVERN, Bloomfield Road, on the body of Thomas Jones (fifty-eight), a wagoner, who had resided in the neighbourhood.

The man, with others, was helping to push a vehicle through a snowdrift, when the load from the wagon fell upon him. He was crushed about the body and legs and died the same night. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1891 Census

195, Bloomfield Road – VIOLIN INN

[1] *Caroline Roper* (42), widow, manageress, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Caroline Roper* (14), daughter, assistant publican, born Tipton;

[3] *Elizabeth Roper* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *James Roper* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Sarah Roper* (4), daughter, born Tipton:

1901 Census

195, Bloomfield Road

[1] *James Jevons* (23), bricklayer, born Coseley;

[2] *Lucy Jevons* (20), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *James Baden Jevons* (9 months), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Jennie Jones* (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Bagatelle was played here. [pre WW1]

1911 Census

195, Bloomfield Road

[1] *Thomas Leach* (37), fitter (grates), born Tipton;

[2] *Florence Leach* (34), wife, innkeeper, no birthplace given;

[3] *Sidney Leach* (12), son, school, no birthplace given;

[4] *Florence Gertrude Leach* (4), daughter, no birthplace given;

[5] *Walter Jamieson* (22), lodger, fullers maker, pattern maker (handwood), born Falkirk, Scotland:

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

“Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The following houses would be reported for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....

VIOLIN, Bloomfield.”

Birmingham Daily Post 5/2/1914

“The sessions for the parish of Tipton were held yesterday.....

Mr. W. W. Doughty (presiding magistrate) congratulated the parish upon the decrease in drunkenness. With regard to the condition of the licensed houses, the magistrates had found that in a few cases greater cleanliness was desirable, and this would be insisted upon. There were still too many licenses, and at the adjourned sessions the justices would consider the reported unsuitability of the GROVELAND BROOK TAVERN and the alleged redundancy of the BROWN LION, Church Lane; the VIOLIN, Bloomfield; the PLOUGH, Dudley Port; the BULLS HEAD, Dudley Port....”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/6/1914 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at 11.15 o'clock am, on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1914.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).

List of Licensed Premises.....

VIOLIN, Bloomfield, Tipton. Full License. Licensee, *George W. H. Dallor*.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/7/1914

“The Staffordshire Compensation Authority had under consideration at Stafford yesterday twenty-five licenses referred to them for consideration by the justices in the various petty sessional divisions. In fifteen cases there was no opposition to the non-renewal of the licenses.....

Two cases, those of the VIOLIN INN, Bloomfield, Tipton; and the BROWN LION, Lower Church Lane, Tipton, were adjourned. In these cases an interesting point of procedure arose. The brewer had refused to supply figures as to the trade done in the houses to the justices below; and they were also not supplied to the committee, and the cases were adjourned until the figures were supplied.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/1/1915

“Report of the County Licensing Committee for the year 1914.....

The committee of the Compensation Authority went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants.....

VIOLIN, Tipton, alehouse were referred to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the committee being unable to approve the amounts submitted.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/1/1916

“The report of the County Licensing Committee for the year was presented as follows.....

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in three of the four cases referred to them last year as follows.....

VIOLIN, Tipton (alehouse), £680.”

Closed

VULCAN HOUSE

Aston Street, Toll End TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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[1842]

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Journal 8/11/1862 - Advert

“To Butty Colliers, Scrap Dealers, Beersellers, And Others.

To be Let, that old-established Beer House, known by the sign of the VULCAN HOUSE, situated in Aston Street, Toll End, Tipton. Has been carried on by the present Proprietor more that 20 years. Stock and Fixtures to be taken by valuation. Declining years is the sole reason for leaving.

For particulars, apply on the Premises; or to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, Owen Street, Tipton,”

VULCAN

Park Lane, TIPTON

20198OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Bister [1869]

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Aris's Birmingham Gazette 19/6/1869 - Advert

“Sale At The VULCAN INN, Park Lane, Tipton.

To Publicans, Brokers, and Others, By Messrs, Powell and Son, on Monday Next, June 21st.

The Brewing Plant, Public House Fixtures, and Effects, comprising 4-pull Beer Machine, Piping and Taps, Partition, with half-glass door, sliding window, and cup and glass shelves, two half-glass Doors and Cases, rail-back Screens, seats and elbows round room, Window Guards, three Ale Measures, Tap Table, Jugs, Cups, and Glasses; cross-leg and other Tables, Windsor Chairs, Receiving Tub, five sound and sweet Ale Casks, Refrigerator, Lead Pipe, 9-gallons wrought-iron Boiler, 30-gallon cast ditto, with bars, grates, &c; 8-bushel Mash Tub, two deal Vats and Bearers, Hopper, wort Trow, two Beer Barrels, large copper-bottom Sieve, Strainer, Skittle Pegs and Bowls, two Forms, Sign Board, Lamp, Wash Tub, Gate, deal Vat, 1½ gross glass Bottles, rail-back Screen, cross-leg Table, eight 30-gallon Casks, cast-iron Window Frame, Bottle Rack, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Charles Bister*, who is leaving the neighbourhood. Sale to commence at Two o'clock p.m.”

WAGGON AND HORSES

57, (42), (42+43), (43+44), Dudley Road / High Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Oliver Ltd. [1900], [1903]

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

[Red Lion Bar Limited \(acquired in January 2021\)](#)

LICENSEES

Rupert Meller [1840] – **1861**;

Benjamin Meller (**1861** – [1881]

Mrs. Ann Meller [1891] – [1895]

Alexander Milton Dudley [1896]

William Thomas Martin [1900]

Fanny Bannister [1901]

John Kimberley [1903]
Thomas Oliver [1904]
Ernest Edward Cowley [1905]
Thomas Roderick [1908] – 1922);
Harry Rogers (1922 – 1924);
Mrs. Harriet May Rogers (1924 – 1937);
Reuben Victor Milligan (1937 – 1940);
Joseph Pratt (1940 – 1949);
Mrs. Vera Evelyn Langford (1949 – 1960);
William David Amis (1960 – 1964);
Arnold Hemming (1964 – 1966);
Mildred Hemming (1966 – 1973);
Malcom Charles Powell (1973);
John Thomas Butler (1973 – 1979);
Betty Irene Copus (1979 – 1980);
Peter Joseph Bedford-Clayton (1980 – 1981);
Royston Philip John (1981 – 1989);
Julie Bernadette Golding (1989 – 1990);
Patricia Ann ‘Pat’ Lewis (1990 – [2013])

NOTES

42, Dudley Road [1871]
43+44 Dudley Road [1873]
42+43, Dudley Road [1881]
57, Dudley Road [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1939]
57+58, Dudley Road [1892], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a six-day license.

Rupert Meller = Rupert Mellor = Rupert Maller = Rupert Miller = Rupert Mellar
He issued tokens from here.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/12/1840

“William Highway was brought up in custody, charged with stealing a horse and a saddle, from the stable of the WAGGON AND HORSES, at Tipton. Mr. *Rupert Meller* stated that he was a saddler, and kept the public

house named above. On Thursday evening last his horse and saddle were safe in his stable. Next morning, about half-past four o’clock, he was informed that the stable door had been broken open, and the horse and saddle and bridle were gone. Witness came in search of them, the same day, to Wolverhampton, and found them there. The prisoner had been at his house the day before.

John Bradbury, a tarpaulin maker, living near the house of the last witness, said he saw the prisoner in a public-house in Dudley, and also at the house of the prosecutor, about ten or eleven o’clock on Thursday night. George Few, a policeman, stated that about two o’clock on Friday morning he saw the prisoner knocking on the door of the MITRE INN, in this town. Witness asked him what he wanted. He said ‘I want to put his horse up.’ Witness enquired whose it was, and he replied he did not know. Few then asked him where he got it from, and he said he found it a little below the HALFWAY HOUSE, on the road to Tettenhall. Witness took the horse and prisoner to the GOLDEN CUP, in Cock street, after which he asked him where he was going to sleep that night, and he replied at his aunt’s on Brickkiln Lane. Few kept the horse till the next day, but allowed prisoner to depart.

Samuel Hill stated that he apprehended the prisoner on Saturday night, at the GOLDEN CUP, and that on being asked if he had been at Dudley or Tipton, he said he never was at either place in his life. He declared that he came from Wellington, and started from there at six o'clock on Thursday night.

The prisoner, who declined saying anything in answer to the charge, was committed to the assizes."

[At the Stafford Assizes William Highway was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.]

1841 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *Rupert Mellor* (51), tailor;

[2] Elizabeth Mellor (51);

[3] *Benjamin Mellor* (26), tailor, born Staffordshire;

[4] George Mellor (19), carpenter, born Staffordshire;

[5] Charlotte Nowell (9), fs, born Staffordshire;

[6] Sarah Timmins (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/3/1848 - Married

"On the 22nd ult, at Tipton church, by the Rev. Mr. Ker, Mr. David Jevons, grocer of Tipton, to Miss Mellor, the only daughter of Mr. *Rupert Mellor*, of the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Tipton."

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1848

"Applications For Spirit Licenses.

Licenses were also granted to *Rupert Mellor* and David Morris, of Park Lane; whilst the applications of Thomas Price, of Princes End, John Bailey and Joseph Whitehouse, of Upper Green, and John Hughes of Hurst Lane, were refused."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/6/1849

"On Tuesday morning last the house of Mr. *Rupert Mellor*, the WAGON AND HORSES INN, was entered by breaking open the bar window with an iron instrument, which was found near the spot. Several articles were stolen, and about 7s in cash. It appears that there were two attempts made, for Mr. *Mellor*, hearing a noise, saw three men cross the road and come up to the window. He instantly came down stairs, when they fled, and he pursued them for some distance, but the morning being dark and wet they escaped. In his pursuit Mr. *Mellor* found a decanter with brandy, and other articles, within half a mile of the house."

Rupert Mellor, beer retailer, Dudley Road. [1851]

1851 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *Rupert Mellor* (61), innkeeper, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;

[2] Elizabeth Mellor (62), wife, born Stourport, Worcestershire;

[3] Mary Adams (19), house servant, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/4/1854

"Thomas Jones and John Hitchens were convicted, on Tuesday, of a violent assault on Mr. Benjamin Miller, saddler. The complainant was at the house of his father, Mr. *Miller*, landlord of the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Road, Tipton, on Saturday night, and interfered to protect his father from the violence of the defendants, who were about to maltreat him, and the assault was then committed. They were ordered to pay 18s each."

Birmingham Journal 8/7/1854 - Advert

"Wanted, a respectable Female, not less than 36 years of age, who can give undeniable character for sobriety and honesty, to assist in the Management of a Roadside Inn and general care of the House. There is no Family. One who has been accustomed to the Public Business preferred. Apply to Mr. *Mellor*, WAGON AND HORSES INN, Tipton."

1861 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *Rupert Meller* (70), widower, innkeeper, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;

[2] Elizabeth Millward (60), house servant, born Bilston:

Benjamin Meller = Benjamin Mellor

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 2/11/1861 - Advert

“Cheap Coal.

To Lime And Mine Burners, Brickmakers, Farmers And Others.

For Sale, a quantity of Coal suitable for common purposes, at 4s per ton (22cwt) delivered into boats at the Tipton Hall Colliery, Tipton.

An excellent Coal, for House and best purposes, 7s per ton.

Good rough Slack, 3s per ton.

Apply at Mr. *Benjamin Meller's*, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/3/1865

“Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest, at the WAGON AND HORSES, Tipton Green, on Saturday, on the body of James Evans (50), Horseley Heath. Deceased left home on Thursday night, being at the time a little worse for drink, and next morning was found dead in a pool of water, near the Earl of Dudley's pits. The road by the pool is raised, and the railings, on account of subsidence, have sunk considerably below the level of the road. The supposition is that deceased, being a little unsteady, fell over the railings whilst walking on the road above. It was stated that several of the deceased's relatives had died from apoplexy. Under these circumstances, the Jury returned an open verdict.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1866

“An inquest was held at the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Road, Tipton, on Saturday, on the body of Joseph Samuel Kirkham, aged a little over six years. Deceased was left in a canal boat near the Dudley tunnel, on Wednesday morning, and his father having returned and missed him, a search was made, and four hours afterwards his dead body was found in the canal by a man named Kerr. There was no evidence to show how deceased had got into the water, and the Jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 21/5/1870 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Properties, Tipton, Foxyards, and Coseley.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent, on Wednesday next, the 25th day of May, at the House of Mr. *Benjamin Mellor*, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Tipton, at Six o'clock in the evening.....”

1871 Census

42, Dudley Road – WAGGON AND HORSES

[1] *Benjamin Mellor* (56), saddler and innkeeper, born Bilston;

[2] *Ann Mellor* (52), wife, born Stewarton, Warwickshire;

[3] *Rupert Mellor* (80), father, born Kidderminster;

[4] Elizabeth Harrison (42), sister-in-law, barmaid, born Stourport;

[5] Emma Barnfield (22), general servant, born Sedgley:

Benjamin Meller was also a saddler and harness maker. [1864]

He was described as being also a saddler. [1872]

Lane's Masonic Records (www.dhi.ac.uk)

“Noah's Arke Lodge (347)

WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, Staffordshire. 1872.”

Dudley Herald 3/1/1880 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold Public-House, Private Dwelling-Houses, and Premises, situate in Park Lane West and Boat Row, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round (by direction of the Trustees, for Sale, under the will of the late Mr. John Lakin, senior), at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Mellor*, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1880, at Six o'clock in the evening.....”

1881 Census

42+43, Dudley Road – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *Benjamin Mellor* (66), master saddler and innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Annie Mellor* (62), wife, born Stourport;
- [3] Louisa H. Mellor (29), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Harrison (52), visitor, born Stourport;
- [5] Mary Whatmore (17), general servant, born Dudley:

Dudley and District News 3/2/1883

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, on Thursday afternoon, touching the circumstances connected with the death of Hannah Taylor (25), tailoress, of High Street. The deceased lived with her mother. On Monday last she complained of pains in her stomach, and she vomited. Acting on the advice of her mother she went to bed, and on the following day she gradually got worse and she vomited several times. Becoming alarmed her mother sent for Dr. Underhill, but before the arrival of the gentleman the deceased died.

Sergeant Dutton remarked that he had received information that Dr. Underhill had carefully examined the body of the deceased, and could not see anything that could account for death. There was no stoppage in the throat. He also examined the vomit and found it was composed of clear water. In answer to the Coroner the sergeant said neither the doctor or himself had suspicion of foul play.

The Jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

Dudley and District News 24/3/1883

“Mr. E. Hooper (district coroner), held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Tipton, on Tuesday morning, on view of the body of Samuel Hale aged 33 years, miner, late in the employ of Messrs. R. Mason and Sons, at their No.4 Colliery. Mr. Scott, Government Inspector, watched the case on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. Ritson, manager, represented the colliery proprietors. The following evidence was adduced.

Isaiah Aston, miner, was the first witness called. He said he lived at Horseley Heath, and worked at the Crown Meadow Colliery. He knew deceased who was a pikeman. On Friday morning last, at about 11am, they were working together getting coal from the opening for the loaders. The opening was in the deep working. The height was from four to five yards high, and about six or seven yards wide. At the time of the accident there were twelve trees. Whilst at work there came a bump which had the effect of dislodging a tree, and from nine or ten tons of coal fell from the roof, a great quantity falling upon the deceased. Help was immediately at hand, but the deceased was not extricated till at the expiration of about twenty minutes, and he was then dead. The deceased had examined the coal that morning with a pike, and it seemed to knock hard. Witness also examined the coal not long before the slip, and he found it all right. He believed deceased's neck and left leg were broken. He had often heard bumps in the pit during the time he had worked therein, but he considered that place safe.

James Taylor, the deputy, deposed to examining the pit on the morning of the accident in company with deceased, and all seemed safe. He considered there was sufficient timber in the opening.

Mr. Scott said he visited the pit, and from the examination he had made he had reason to believe every precaution had been taken in regard to timber. Accidents such as this could not always be avoided.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Wednesbury Herald 24/3/1883

“The District Coroner (E. Hooper, Esq) held an inquiry on Tuesday at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton Green, touching the death of Robert Smith (63), hairdresser, who resided at 26, High

Street, Tipton Green. Deceased committed suicide by hanging himself on the previous Friday morning. Mary Smith, widow of the deceased, stated that about two o'clock in the morning in question deceased got up out of bed and complained of his head. He returned to bed, and at four o'clock again arose to go to the Guest Hospital to shave the patients, according to his usual custom.

He went downstairs, and witness not hearing him moving about also went down about half past four, and then found deceased hanging against the back door with one end of a rope (produced) around his neck, and the other attached to a nail in the door. His feet were touching the ground. Witness raised an alarm, and their son John ran downstairs and cut his father down, but he was quite dead. Deceased had but very indifferent health for the last two or three months, and had been 'very queer.' Upon one occasion he told witness to fetch a razor and cut his throat and her own, and upon another occasion, when found by the canal, he said he was trying to find a nice place to conceal himself in. His father committed suicide by hanging, and his cousin cut his throat in a ditch.

John Smith, deceased's son, also gave evidence, and stated that his father had of late freely indulged in drink.

A verdict of Suicide whilst in a state of Temporary Insanity was returned."

Ann Meller = Ann Mellor

1891 Census

57, Dudley Road

- [1] *Ann Meller* (72), widow, licensed victualler, born Stourport;
- [2] *Louisa A. Meller* (39), daughter, copying clerk, born Tipton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Harrison* (62), sister, unmarried, born Stourport;
- [4] *Mary Whatmore* (27), general servant, born Dudley:

Ann Meller was also a saddler. [1892]

Wednesbury Herald 5/1/1895

"At Dudley Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Registrar Kettle, *Ann Mellor*, of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, licensed victualler and saddler, came up for public examination. The statement of affairs showed liabilities amounting to £425, and a deficiency of £388. The causes of failure were alleged to be 'bad trade and keen competition'. Mr. W. H. Thompson (Messrs. Warmington and Thompson) represented the bankrupt, who is an old lady of 81 years of age. The replies to the Official Receiver's questions showed that when the bankrupt's husband died in 1885, she came into possession of his real and personal property, together with his business, for her life, or until she married again, but his property was mortgaged, and he owed other debts. In order to trade and pay off her husband's debts the bankrupt had to increase the mortgage, and it was, she said, taking upon herself such a burden that brought her to her present position. The debtor was allowed to pass."

William Thomas Martin was also a brewer. [1900]

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1900

"Wednesbury sessions took place yesterday.....

Mr. C. H. Darby applied on behalf of *Thomas Oliver*, WAGON AND HORSES, Tipton, for a seven days' instead of a six days' license. Refused."

1901 Census

57, Dudley Road

- [1] *Elizabeth Bannister* (60), widow, head, born Upton on Severn, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Fanny Bannister* (26), daughter, manageress of hotel, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Rebecca Davies* (19), general servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Leader 7/12/1901

“On Saturday morning, Mr. H. A. Pearson (South Staffordshire Coroner) held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Tipton, concerning the death of Frederick Arthur Edward Ruberry (34), 1, Castle Road, Tipton, who was found drowned in the canal at the rear of Messrs. Parkes and Co’s chain works on Wednesday.

William Ruberry, manager of the Tipton Green Chain and Anchor Works, and residing at 76, Dudley Road, Tipton, said the deceased was assistant manager at the works. He was married, and had one child. He had complained of giddiness more or less for twelve months, and had been treated by Dr. Brown quite recently. He was in cheerful spirits at 6pm on Tuesday evening, when he last saw him alive. His financial position was quite easy, and he was quite happy at home. Witness first heard of his death at 3.15pm on Wednesday, when he was on the Wrens Nest searching for him, as he thought he might have gone on to the Wrens Nest, had been giddy, and fallen down one of the precipices.

The Coroner said Dr. Brown did not think deceased’s wife was able to attend, but a statement had been made by her to the effect that her husband went to the works at 6am in his usual state of health. He had never complained of trouble at the works, but had had pains in the head. He had never threatened to commit suicide.

Dr. Brown said at the post mortem examination he found a bony growth in the head, which would cause dizziness on the right side, but not such as would cause him to fall. It would not be very painful, but would cause noises in the head. Death was due to drowning.

William Smith, a blast furnaceman, said at 7pm on the 27th he heard a splash in the canal near the works, but saw no one about, and thought it was the splash of a boat. Later on a workman named Samuel Griffiths said Mr. Ruberry had been missing, and suggested they should have a look in the canal for him. They got a boat shaft and eventually brought the deceased man’s body to the surface, and conveyed it home. The dress was undisturbed, the coat collar being buttoned round the neck.

Mr. W. R. Ruberry: That was his usual mode of dress in the early morning.

Conrad Ruberry, nephew to the deceased, spoke to seeing his uncle at the wharf gates near the weighing machine. He spoke to him about some work. That would be at 7.10 on Wednesday morning, and he did not see him again alive.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Thomas Roderick = Thomas Rodrick

Tipton Herald 27/2/1909

“An inquest was held at the WAGON AND HORSES, Dudley Road, Tipton, by Mr. G. C. Lewis, on Tuesday afternoon, concerning the death of Richard Langford, aged one year, residing with its parents at 47, (formerly No.1 court), Dudley Road. The mother, Matilda, wife of James Langford, a chainmaker, was called, as was an elder son, from which it appeared that about 8 o’clock on Sunday night the deceased was playing in front of the fire with some marbles, and putting one of them in its mouth it stuck fast in its throat. The child at once turned black in the face, and died in a few minutes. James Langford, the elder son, said he saw the child go black in the face as it was crawling towards him. He saw there was a marble in the throat, but he was unable to get it up. When Dr. Brown arrived the child was quite dead. The doctor said that death was due to suffocation, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1911 Census

57, Dudley Road

[1] *Thomas Roderick* (57), licensed victualler (manager), born Tipton;

[2] Mary Ann Roderick (54), wife, licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[3] May Roderick (28), daughter, assistant in house, born Tipton;

[4] Amy Carter (19), domestic servant, help, born Tipton;

[5] Elias Roderick (31), son, carter, brewery trade, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 12/1/1924

“The death of *Harry Rogers*, aged 39, the licensee of the WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Road, took place on Wednesday night under sad circumstances. His wife stated that in September, 1921, a motor car,

his property, became accidentally on fire and was destroyed. (The occurrence was reported at the time). *Rogers* was badly burned, and since his recovery has always been strange in his manner. She left him in the house about half-past two to pay a visit to her mother. When she returned about half-past five, she noticed the window of the scullery was wide open, and finding a strong smell of gas became suspicious.

Mr. Sam Whitehouse, who happened to be near the house, and Mr. Simpson, of Dudley Road, who was sent to assist in the search, and Police Sergeant Davison, Tipton Green Station, was also sent for. In a room upstairs they found Mr. *Rogers* lying on the floor. The room was full of gas. Sergeant Davison removed the man and tried artificial respiration for half-an-hour, but without avail. In the meantime Dr. Williams had been sent for, but on his arrival he could only say the man was dead.

At the inquest held yesterday (Friday), at the WAGGON AND HORSES, by Mr. G. C. Lewis (County Coroner), evidence was given to show that the wife returned home but could not gain admittance. She called a neighbouring licensee, and they opened the door and detected a strong smell of gas. Her companion turned off the gas at the meter, and then went upstairs to a bedroom, where he found deceased lying on the floor with a gas bracket in his hand, and an almost empty whiskey bottle lying by his side.

The doctor's evidence showed that deceased had suffered from neurasthenia since the car accident.

The Coroner said that the deceased was undoubtedly in a neurastenic condition, and drank the whisky to nerve himself up to commit suicide.

A verdict of Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind was recorded.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. *Rogers*, and regret at Mr. *Rogers*'s untimely end, for he was a man held in much esteem by hosts of friends and acquaintances."

Reuben V. Milligan married Dora L. Roderick in the 2nd quarter of 1923.

Dora Louisa Roderick was the daughter of Enoch Roderick and the granddaughter of *Thomas Roderick*.

1939 Register

57, Dudley Road

[1] *Reuben V. Milligan*, date of birth, 03/06/1889, licensed victualler, married;

[2] Dora L. Milligan, dob, 19/04/1901, hotel manageress, married;

[3] Enoch Roderick, dob, 14/04/1876, iron moulder, heavy worker, married:

A team from here took part in the Tipton Friendly Societies' Darts League. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Princes End Darts League. [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 20/7/1957

"The newly-formed Princes End Darts League held its first prize distribution on Friday of last week at the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Princes End, when the league championship shield was presented to the STAR, Bloomfield, and the league knock-out cup to the WAGON AND HORSES, Bloomfield Road....."

Tipton Herald 26/3/1960

"After eleven years as licensee of the WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Road, Tipton and 37 years with the same brewery Mrs. *Vera Langford* is retiring. On Thursday she received a cocktail cabinet from the customers, handed over by Mr. Noel Fisher. With them in this picture is Mrs. *Langford*'s daughter Iris (See story on Page 4)."

AND

"After 37 years in the licensing trade at Tipton, Mrs. *Vera Langford* retires on Monday.

For the past 11 years she has been licensee of the WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Road, Tipton, and on Thursday customers of the public house presented her with a cocktail cabinet as a token of their appreciation.

Making the presentation, Mr. Noel Fisher, who organised the event, paid tribute to Mrs. *Langford* for her cheerful spirit and the welcome customers always received.

Mrs. *Langford*, now 66, is a native of Birmingham. She has been connected with the trade for 64 years, her mother and father taking over a Birmingham public house when she was two.

She held her first license – at the Ivy Tavern, Icknield Street, Hockley – when she was 23, which made her the youngest licensee at that time in Birmingham.

She has had to retire because of ill health, ‘otherwise I could have carried on for a long while yet’ Mrs. *Langford* told a reporter. ‘I have always been very happy in the trade and I am going to miss it very much,’ she said.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1964

“The following have passed the innkeeping examination of the National Trade Development Association.....
A. Hemming, WAGGON AND HORSES, Tipton.”

A team from here took part in the *Sports Argus* Inn Quiz. [1973/74], [1974/5], [1977], [1978], [1979]
They were losing semi-finalists in 1977.

Sports Argus 22/4/1978

“The WAGON AND HORSES from Tipton, top sports quiz competitors over the years set a hot pace in the *Sports Argus* Sport-Inn Quiz this week. In the second round they smashed in a fantastic score of 67 points against the hard-pressed HAND AND BOTTLE from Bilston.”

[2018]

WAGGON AND HORSES

47, Great Bridge Street, (47, (23), Great Bridge), (New Road), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Wheale, Ryde, Isle of Wight

Mrs. Sarah Lavinia Conlon, Quarr, Woodside Road, New Malden, Surrey [1929]

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (leased) (acquired) [1961]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Bell [pre 1833]

Thomas Bell [1826] – [1834]

Mrs. Sarah Bell [1833]

Samuel Hodgkins [1835] – [1845]

Mrs. Mary (Hodgkins) Jutson [1846] – [1856]

John Cleaver Mist [1858] – [1874]

William Hawkins [1870] ??

Mrs. Louisa Jane Mist [1879] – [1883]

Charles Henry Birch [1887] – **1900**);

Mrs. Ellen Eliza Birch (**1900 – 1907**);

Henry Charles Birch (**1907 – 1908**);

Daniel Henry Hipkins (**1908**);

Thomas Samuel 'Tom' Parker (1908 – 1909);
Mrs Laura Amy Parker (1909 – 1913);
Joseph Burton (1913 – 1923);
Charles William Herrick (1923 – 1927);
Harold Parkinson (1927 – 1929);
William Archer (1929 – 1931);
Christopher Howarth Southworth (1931 – 1932);
Frank Enoch Bridges (1932 – 1934);
William Harold Morrison (1934 – 1937);
Cyril Moreton (1937 – 1939);
George Ernest Reaney (1939 – 1951);
John Webb (1951 – 1954);
Randolph Ratcliffe (1954 – 1958);
Samuel Roberts (1958 – []

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

Great Bridge Street [1860]
23, Great Bridge [1888], [1904], [1912]
23, Great Bridge Street [1889], [1891]
Great Bridge [1892]
47, Great Bridge [1916]
New Road [1967]
47, Great Bridge Street

OLD WAGGON AND HORSES [1835], [1842]
WAGGON AND HORSES [1849], [1860]
WAGON AND HORSES [1858], [1903]

It was built in 1764 to cater for the increase in coach traffic.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 20/3/1826 - Advert

“Sale of superior strong Horses, Carts, Gearing, and Waggon.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Monday the 3rd of April next, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Bell*, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, near Great Bridge, in the parish of West Bromwich, and the county of Stafford, 30 capital strong Dray Horses, fit for any work where size and strength are wanted, six strong six-inch wheel carts, nearly new, one narrow-wheel waggon, 20 sets of strong gearing and traces, very stout.

Catalogues may be had by applying to the auctioneer.

The Sale to commence at eleven o'clock in the morning.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 13/5/1833 - Advert

“Eligible Steam Flour Mill, Foundry, Blade Mill, House & Land, at Great Bridge, in the parish of West Bromwich.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Tuesday, the 28th day of May instant, at Mrs. *Bell's*, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, at five o'clock in the afternoon.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 10/6/1833 - Notice

“All Person having any demand against the late Mrs. *Sarah Bell*, of the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford, are requested immediately to send particulars of the same to the Executors, Mr. William Cooksey, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, and Mrs. Joseph Warr, Ocker Hill,

Tipton; and to all persons who stood indebted to the said Mrs. *Bell*, are requested to pay immediately the amount of such debts to the above-named executor.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/8/1833 - Advert

“Important and valuable road-side Public House, well known as the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, at Great Bridge, West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Friday next, August 16, at five o'clock in the afternoon, by direction of executors, in consequence of the late purchaser not completing the agreement made for the payment of money at the time appointed – the Licenses, Good-will, and Possessions of that old established Public House and Liquor Shop, the WAGGON AND HORSES, at Great Bridge, adjoining the high road from Birmingham to Dudley and Wolverhampton. The house is capacious and fitted up with every convenience, and well adapted for conducting the business on a large scale; two capital pumps of water, coach houses, and three stables, large productive Garden, &c. The premises communicate with the Birmingham canal.

Persons who wish for a capital road-side house, where from fifteen to twenty mail and other coaches pass the door daily, will find this one of the best in the country, and in the centre of the coal and iron trades and of a vast population, has been in the occupation of the late Mrs. *Bell* upwards of 40 years.

The Household Furniture and Fixtures, and Stock in Trade, which is low, to be taken at a fair valuation.....”

Staffordshire Gazette 11/7/1840 - Advert

“West Bromwich Operatives' Conservative Association.

The Members of the above Association intend Dining together in the Four Acres, on Monday August 3rd. Dinner on the Table precisely at Two o'clock.

Tickets may be had by applying to Mr. Salter, New Street; to Mr. Beeson, DARTMOUTH HOTEL; to Mr. Brown, ROE BUCK INN; and to Mr. *Hodgkins*, WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 12/7/1840

“The third deposit was made good at the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, Staffordshire, on Monday last according to articles for the pending foot race of John Miles, which is to take place on the 20th inst. Miles is a labouring man, and is to run a mile in five minutes for £50.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 8/11/1841

“To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, in this present month – one of the best Freehold Public Houses and extensive Business premises on the high road in Staffordshire, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, West Bromwich.

Also Two Dwelling Houses and a Butcher's Shop adjoining.

Further particulars will appear next week in the local newspapers.

For particulars apply to Septimius Davis, Auctioneer and Appraiser, West Bromwich.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 29/11/1841 - Advert

“Important And Valuable Freehold Public House, Dwelling Houses, and Butcher's Shop, with Extensive Stabling and Land, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, West Bromwich.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Wednesday, December 8, on the premises now in the tenure of Mr. *Samuel Hodgkins*, jun.

The Premises are substantially built, containing on the ground floor large front parlour, two back parlours, excellent bar, large tap-room and large club-room; five bed-rooms and closets, capital brewhouse, pantry, and cellar, malt-room, abundance of fine spring water, excellent back Premises, private Stables, Pigstys, and Out-offices, Stable at the front to accommodate thirty horses, Carriage-house with loft over, fronting the high road, with large Garden and Land, communicating with extensive frontage to the Birmingham canal; at the front of the House there is a capital Pump of fine spring water.

N.B. In this purchase will be included two Freehold Dwelling Houses and a Butcher's Shop, fronting the high road, in the tenure of Miss Nightingale and Mr. Hall.

This is one of the best Freehold Properties in the county of Stafford for public business, either for investment or to be conducted by the purchaser.

The business now carried on is very extensive, being on a great thoroughfare road, and surrounded by inexhaustible treasures of the great Coal Mines and Iron Works.

Sale to commence at six o'clock in the evening.

Catalogues will be distributed, and any further information may be had of the Auctioneer, Protector Cottage, West Bromwich."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 3/3/1845 - Advert

"Valuable Freehold Land, in Park Street, Birmingham, containing about 2,000 yards, belonging to Messrs Stantons.

To be Sold by private Contract, on Monday next the 10th of March, at Mr. *Hodgkins*, WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, Tipton.

To treat for the same apply to Messrs. Stanton, Great Bridge, Tipton, aforesaid."

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 29/6/1846 - Advert

"Votes For Staffordshire.

Two Freehold Dwelling Houses And Gardens, Dunkirk Place, West Bromwich, near Great Bridge.

To be Sold by Auction, by Septimus Davis, on Wednesday next the 1st day of July, at Mrs. *Hodgkins*, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions – two strong and well-built Freehold Houses....."

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/1/1847

"Inquests Held Before George Hinchliffe, Esq, Coroner.....

On Thursday, at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, on the body of May Whitehouse. The deceased was going upstairs on Saturday last, and accidentally fell backwards and so severely injured herself that she lingered in great agony until Wednesday, when she died. Verdict, Accidental Death."

Birmingham Journal 26/2/1848

"On Monday evening, before George Hinchliffe, Esq, at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, to investigate in what manner Henry Westwood, aged 39 years, had met with his death. The deceased was at work on Friday evening in one of Messrs. Bagnall's coal-pits at Tividale, in the parish of Rowley, when a quantity of coal giving way, he was killed upon the spot. The pit was properly worked and managed, and considered perfectly safe in that part where the man was unfortunately employed. Verdict, Accidental Death."

1851 Census

Great Bridge

- [1] *Mary Hodgkins* (47), widow, victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Caroline Hodgkins* (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Hannah Hodgkins* (12), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Sarah Hodgkins* (10), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Joseph Hodgkins* (8), son, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *John Hodgkins* (6), son, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Mary Carlin* (45), cousin, widow, born Lambeth, Surrey;
- [8] *Edward Pritchard* (30), brewer, born Tupsley, Herefordshire;
- [9] *George Smith* (18), servant, born Handsworth;
- [10] *Hannah Mason* (22), servant, born Aldridge, Staffordshire;
- [11] *Sarah Wearing* (20), servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Journal 14/2/1852

"The Boiler Explosion At Messrs. Bagnall's Work.

The official enquiry into the circumstances connected with this shocking catastrophe, which, it will be recollected, was adjourned from Thursday week, for the purpose of the production of the engineer, Thomas Morris, was resumed by the Coroner, G. Hinchliffe, Esq, and Jury, at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN,

Great Bridge, on Wednesday last. Morris, who had sustained some rather severe injuries by the explosion, had been unable previously to attend, but had now nearly recovered. No additional evidence was taken, the whole of the material facts having been elicited at the preceding stage of the investigation. Morris declined to make any statement when called upon to do so, and the Jury at once proceeded to consider their verdict, and after a short deliberation returned one of Manslaughter against Thomas Morris. The man was fully committed to take his trial at the Assizes for the offence.”

[At Stafford Assizes, on 9th March 1852, Thomas Morris was found not guilty of manslaughter.]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 14/5/1852 - Advert

“To Coal-Dealers And Others.

Unreserved Sale Of One Open and Four Cabin Boats.

To be Sold by Auction by John Prince, tomorrow (Tuesday), at the house of Mrs. *Hodgkins*, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, commencing punctually at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Boats may be seen in a basin near to Mr. Cox's Timber Yard.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/2/1855

“The members of the choir of Christ Church met together on Friday last, at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mrs. *Mary Hodgkins*. The chair was taken by Mr. Wm. Cooksey, the senior warden, Mr. John Hodgkins officiating as vice. After dinner the usual loyal toasts and patriotic were given, and a number of glees and songs were sung, and the evening passed away in a truly rational and delightful manner. Mr. S. Prince kindly accompanied the vocalists on the pianoforte, and contributed greatly to the entertainment of the evening.”

Mary Hodgkins married Henry *Jutson* on 27th April 1855.

Birmingham Journal 16/8/1856 - Advert

“The WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, West Bromwich.

To be Disposed Of by Private Treaty, the very valuable Goodwill, Licenses, and Possession of the above well-known, respectable, and profitable House, of the town of Great Bridge, which has been successfully carried on for the last twenty-three years by the present Proprietor, Mrs. *Jutson* (late Mrs. *Hodgkins*), who now wishes to retire.

The House and Premises are replete with every convenience, having Liquor Shop, Bar, Parlour, Smoke Room, two Tap Rooms, Dining Rooms, Sitting Room, six Bed Rooms, large Club Room, Cooking Kitchen, Scullery, convenient Brewhouse, Malt Room, Store Rooms, six capital Ale Cellars, Wine and Spirit Vaults, Bottling Room, Stabling for twelve horses, large Yard, extensive Piggeries and Out-buildings, with private entrance to the Birmingham Canal at the back.

To a respectable tenant a lease would be granted, if required; or the Proprietor would treat with the Purchaser for the Sale of the Freehold of the Premises.

For further particulars, and to treat, apply to Richard Clarke, Auctioneer and Valuer, 104, Newhall Street, Birmingham.”

Birmingham Journal 20/12/1856 - Advert

“To be Let, that Old-licensed Public House, the WAGGON AND HORSES, Dudley Port, near to the Railway Stations, and surrounded with Coal and Ironworks, doing a fair business, which might be greatly increased by care and industry. The Landlady's ill-health is the sole cause of it being to be Let. Apply on the Premises.”

Birmingham Journal 23/5/1857 - Advert

“Wanted, immediately, a Young Man, as Brewer and Ostler, to live in the house. No one need apply unless he thoroughly understands his business, and whose character will bear the strictest investigation.

Apply personally at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 17/1/1858

“At Mr. *Mist*'s, the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, near Tipton, Staffordshire, a fat pig will be shot for, by 30 members at 10s each. The winner to pay £2 towards expenses. Guns not to exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ -bore, shot limited to 1½oz. The above house is within one mile of Swan Village Station, Great Western Railway and North Western Railway. Tickets to be had as above.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 2/5/1858

“To be shot for, at Mr. *J. C. Mist*'s, WAGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, Tipton, Staffordshire, on Monday, May 10th, one of the finest and largest pigs in the world, warranted 45 scores, by 25 members, at £1 each. Conditions: 5 birds each, gun $\frac{3}{4}$ bore, 2oz shot, 21 yards rise, above $\frac{3}{4}$ bore 23 yards, double guns 19 yards 1½oz of shot, 80 yards boundary. Tickets unlimited. Mr. Redfern of Manchester will supply the best blue rocks. The house above is five minutes' walk from Dudley Port Station.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1858

“A case of an unusually painful nature came before Mr. G. H. Hinchliffe, coroner, and a jury, at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, on Monday last, on the body of Jane Elizabeth Hammond. The deceased was found on Saturday last in the Birmingham Canal, by a boatman, whose boat-hook accidentally caught the clothes. A stone was found in the pocket of her dress weighing about two pounds. She was 21 years of age, and it was shown by the evidence adduced that she had been for about three weeks in the employ of Mr. Wm. Taylor, who keeps a beerhouse and a small shop in Cophall Street, Newton, about a quarter of a mile from the spot where she was found. On the previous Wednesday Mrs. Taylor had accidentally discovered a purse containing upwards of 10s concealed in deceased's bed, and the girl confessed that she had taken the money in small sums from the shop till, and begged forgiveness. She was, however, told to leave the house at once, and after packing up her clothes, she refused to take them or to accept 6d for her fare to Birmingham, where her friends reside. Suspicions that she meditated self-destruction being excited by her conduct, Mr. Taylor and his son watched her, but lost sight of her. She afterwards called upon Mrs. Brown, in Sheepwash Lane, who had been helping her to wash that day, and requested her to ask her mistress not to let her friends know what she had done, saying, in answer to a question, that she was not going far, and on leaving walked in the direction of the place where her body was found. The mother and brother of the deceased gave evidence that about 12 months ago, a young man to whom deceased was engaged to be married, died, which affected her very much, and since she had frequently appeared very strange in her manner, and that two or three members of her father's family had been insane. The jury returned a verdict of Temporary Insanity.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 26/1/1861

“An inquest was held on Friday, before Mr. Hooper, coroner, at Horseley Heath, on the body of a man named William Horton, aged 60, who had been found dead in the road. It appeared that he had been drinking at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, on the previous evening, and on his way home fell down and died from exposure. A verdict to that effect was returned.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/2/1861

“At the Police Court, on Saturday last, Sampson Dowling was fined £25 for having, without being possessed of a license, offered illicit whisky for sale at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge. In default of payment he was ordered to be sent to prison for six months.”

1861 Census

High Street, Great Bridge

- [1] *John Cleaver Mist* (40), licensed victualler with 4 servants, born Perry Barr;
- [2] Sarah Mist (50), wife, born Castle Bromwich;
- [3] John Whitehead (60), servant, brewer, born Kingsbury, Warwickshire;
- [4] Alfred Ninex (16), servant, born Birmingham;
- [5] Jane Jones (20), house servant, born West Bromwich;
- [6] Nancy Sheldon (29), house servant, born Tipton;
- [7] Mary Gamtray (19), servant, bar maid, born Morton in the Marsh;

Birmingham Journal 28/9/1861 - Advert

“Staffordshire Great Rifle Contest, At Brownhills,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Next, October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

J. Mist, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, begs to announce that he has taken the First-Class Refreshment Tents on the Shooting Ground, close to the Brownhills Station, where he will be prepared to supply to the Volunteers and Visitors during the above exciting contest.

Wines And Spirits of the Very Best Quality

The Burton Brewing Company’s Strong Ales

And Findlater and Co.’s Dublin Stout.

A separate Apartment will be provided specially for Dinners, and Refreshments may be had at any hour.

Notice! *Mist*’s First-Class Refreshment Tents.”

Birmingham Journal 30/11/1861 - Advert

“To Let, a very convenient Retail Shop, with Dwelling House attached, situated in the most business part of Great Bridge, West Bromwich.

Apply to Mr. *J. C. Mist*, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 28/1/1863

“At Wednesbury Petty Session, yesterday, before J. Haines and T. Jesson, Esqs, William Richardson was charged with assaulting Mr. *J. Mist*, of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge; also with assaulting an aged man, named John White, and subsequently assaulting Police-constable Langdon. It appeared that on Saturday night the prisoner was fighting in the WAGGON AND HORSES, and Mr. *Mist* turned him into the street. He thereupon struck Mr. *Mist*, and also beat the old man White, who was standing close at hand. The police-constable was sent for, and prisoner dealt him a severe blow, causing him a black eye. Fined 5s for the assault on *Mist*, 5s for the assault on White, and 5s for the assault on the constable, with the alternative of fourteen days’ imprisonment in each case.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1866 - Advert

“Wanted, a single respectable Man as Brewer and Ostler.

Apply at the WAGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/5/1866 - Advert

“Wanted, for a Commercial Inn, two respectable Servants, one as Cook, the other as Housemaid and Waitress.

Apply, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/6/1866 - Advert

“For Sale, a handsome Black Cob, suitable for Black Work, 15 hands 1 inch high.

Apply at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/11/1866 - Advert

“Newly Erected Freehold Dwelling Houses, New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton.

Messrs. Walker and H. J. Lloyd will Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 13th day of November, 1866, at the house of Mr. *John C. Mist*, called the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, Tipton, at five o’clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions as will be then produced.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/8/1868

“Last night a crowded meeting of the friends and supporters of Mr. T. E. Walker, the Conservative candidate for the representation of the borough of Wednesbury in Parliament, was held at the house of Mr. *Mist*, the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge. The Rev. C. Massey presided.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 2/6/1869 - Deaths

“On the 29th ult, at Great Bridge, the beloved wife of *John Cleaver Mist*, of the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge; deeply regretted.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/1/1870

“An inquest was held yesterday, at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, by Mr. E. Hooper, respecting the death of Edward Fereday, aged 61, labourer, who lived at Bayley’s buildings, Great Bridge. Deceased was injured in a most shocking manner by the explosion of a ‘still,’ on Wednesday last, at the works of Messrs. Bethell, near Golds Hill, and he died on Saturday morning in consequence. The facts relating to the accident have been fully reported in our columns, and the evidence taken yesterday was precisely similar to that given on Saturday, at the inquest held at West Bromwich on the body of Thomas Wilkinson (21), labourer, whose death also resulted from the explosion.

John Holliday, manager at the works, gave a description of the ‘still,’ and said it was his opinion that the explosion took place owing to the frosting of one of the pipes connected with the ‘still.’

The Coroner briefly summed up the facts, remarking that by his instruction a careful inspection of the ‘still’ would be made by an engineer, who would state the result of his examination at the adjourned inquest on the body of Thomas Wilkinson, which would take place on the 17th inst, at West Bromwich. He thought it would be useless to adjourn the present enquiry, seeing that there was another inquest upon the same matter already adjourned.

The jury unanimously agreed with the Coroner, and under his instructions they found the deceased died from injuries caused by the explosion of a ‘still,’ at the works of Messrs. Bethell.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 14/5/1870 - Marriages

“On the 10th inst, at All Saints’, West Bromwich, by the Rev. F. Willet, MA, *John Cleaver Mist*, of the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, to *Louise Jane*, the youngest daughter of Mr. George Horne, of Bridgnorth.”

1871 Census

Great Bridge

[1] *John Cleaver Mist* (50), licensed victualler, born Perry Barr;

[2] Louisa Jane Mist (30), wife, born Northampton;

[3] Enley Wilmore Cork (25), barmaid, born Kidderminster;

[4] Joseph Davis (68), brewer, born Worcestershire;

[5] James Taylor (18), boots, born Gornal;

[6] Emma Wakelam (19), kitchen maid, born Staffordshire;

[7] Anne Wilks (18), chambermaid, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 1/6/1871 - Advert

“Wanted, an active, steady, and respectable young Person, as Barmaid, with good character. Apply, WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge.”

Commercial inn [1872]

Birmingham Daily Post 30/10/1873

“On Tuesday night, the first anniversary dinner of the West Bromwich, Smethwick, and Harborne Licensed Victuallers’ Protection and Benevolent Society was held at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge. Mr. S. C. Allsopp, MP, presided; and he was supported by Mr. Arthur Bass, MP, the Rev. C. Massey.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/2/1874

“Two boys, aged 14, named Langford and Boulton, of Wednesbury, were charged with throwing stones at Great Bridge, during the Wednesbury borough election. The prisoners broke several panes of glass at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge. They were ordered to pay £1 and costs.”

Commercial hotel [1879], [1889], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916], [1921]

Wednesbury Herald 11/1/1879

“The festival of the West Bromwich, Handsworth, Smethwick and Harborne Retail Brewers’ Protection Society, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, the members meeting together at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge. The chair was occupied by Captain Thompson, Mr. J. H. Cheshire being voted to the vice chair.....”

Wednesbury Herald 15/3/1879

“On Thursday, Mr. E. Hooper held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, on the body of John Round (45), boatman, who died suddenly on Sunday. At breakfast and dinner the deceased ate plentifully of pork. When sitting down to tea he fell backwards and without recovering consciousness expired before medical aid could be obtained. Mrs. Round stated that her late husband’s father and grandfather also died suddenly. There had been no quarrelling nor anything to occasion suspicion. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

An application was made in 1879 to create a new front to the building.

1881 Census

Great Bridge Street – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *Louisa J. Mist* (40), widow, victualler, born Northampton;
- [2] *Mary J. Gilsthorpe* (14), niece, born Derby;
- [3] *E. Thomas* (34), cook, born Acton;
- [4] *Alice W Ellwell* (21), waitress, born Bilston;
- [5] *Andrew Connolly* (28), barman, born Longford, Ireland:

Evening Express 13/6/1881

“On Whit Monday Samuel James was charged with stealing 4s, belonging to Edward Rushton. Prosecutor staked the money on prisoner’s pigeon, at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge. Prisoner, instead of putting another 4s to it, according to agreement, took the money off the table and put it in his pocket.

Prisoner said the prosecutor told him to do so. The prisoner was then charged, along with Joseph James, Elizabeth James, and Maria Hodgkiss, with assaulting and obstructing Police-constable Beardsmore and Police-constable Heath whilst in the execution of their duty.

When the officers arrested the prisoner Samuel James, the other prisoners hurled stones and broken bottles at them, and also struck and kicked them.

Samuel James was sentenced to three months’ imprisonment, and the others were fined 14s each, or 14 days’ imprisonment.”

Wednesbury Herald 3/12/1881

“The ninth anniversary dinner of the West Bromwich, Handsworth, Smethwick and Harborne Licensed Victuallers’ Protection and Benevolent Association was held on Tuesday evening at the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL Great Bridge. Mr. J. Sills (Wolverhampton), of the firm of Messrs. Salt and Son, of Burton, presided, and the vice chair was occupied by Mr. J. Dillon Garland of the firm of Messrs. W. Showell and Son, Oldbury.....”

Wednesbury Herald 18/3/1882

“On Tuesday, the District Coroner (E. Hooper, Esq), held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, on the body of William Taylor (30), who was in the employ of the Midland Railway Company. George Patrick Green said on Friday he and deceased were backing a horse in a waggon at Messrs. Muntz’s Metal Works. Witness was standing on the shafts and at the request of the deceased, who had hold of the horse’s head, he (witness) struck the horse with a whip. This caused the animal to plunge forward, and deceased was struck in the head with the side of the waggon, and died immediately afterwards. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wednesbury Herald 6/1/1883

“On Tuesday evening last, Mrs. *Mist*, the hostess of the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, gave a substantial meat tea to over 100 aged people. At the conclusion of the tea each of the old men were provided with a supply of tobacco, while the old women received mince pies and port wine. A good entertainment of vocal and instrumental music was afterwards given to the poor people, who heartily enjoyed themselves. Amongst those present were the Rev. F. Bradley, vicar of St. Peters; Rev. A. Wells, Mr. G. Hollies, and Mr. Councillor Lees.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/3/1885

“Last night, the annual dinner in connection with the West Bromwich (E) Company of the Volunteers took place at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge. Captain Caddick presided.....”

West Bromwich Weekly News 10/12/1887

“The fifteenth annual dinner of the West Bromwich and District Licensed Victuallers’ Protection and Benevolent Society, including Handsworth, Smethwick, Harborne, and Great Bridge, at the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge. The chair was taken by the president of the society, Mr. W. Hodson, and the vice-chair by Mr. John Bywater.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/10/1890

“The fourteenth annual dinner of the members of the West Bromwich and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held last night, at the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge. There was a large attendance. Mr. W. Butler presided.....”

1891 Census

23, Great Bridge

- [1] *Charles H. Birch* (49), licensed victualler, born Sutton Coldfield;
- [2] *Ellen E. Birch* (46), wife, born Northampton;
- [3] *Emma L. Birch* (20), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [4] *Ellen Birch* (19), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [5] *Beatrice Birch* (17), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [6] *Lizzie Birch* (16), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [7] *Annie Birch* (14), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [8] *Albert Birch* (6), son, born Tamworth;
- [9] *James H. Birch* (15), nephew, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Fred Birch* (13), nephew, born Wednesbury;
- [11] *Edith E. Birch* (11), niece, born Birmingham;
- [12] *Eliza E. Stephens* (29), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Birmingham Daily Post 12/4/1892

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, respecting the death of Harriett Matilda Francis (29), of Fisher Street, who was found dead in bed on Saturday. Deceased was employed as a domestic servant at Mr. Tite’s, and on Saturday morning was discovered dead in bed. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

Lane’s Masonic Records (www.dhi.ac.uk)

“Noah’s Arke Lodge (347)

WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge, Tipton, Staffordshire. 1893.”

Birmingham Daily Post 6/3/1893

“An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, before Mr. E. Hooper (coroner), at the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, touching the death of William Henry Calloway, aged ten weeks, son of Robert William Calloway, of Elwell Street, Great Bridge, who died on Monday whilst being carried to Dr. Underhill’s sur-

gery.

Martha Morgan, who carried the child, said Dr. Underhill shouted through the window and told her to return home, and if the child was dead they were to inform the police. The Coroner said he declined to believe that any doctor would make such a statement unless he was told that the child was dead. Witness adhered to her statement, but ultimately admitted that the father of the child told Dr. Underhill that he did not know whether the child was dead or not.

Police-constable Dais said Mrs. Morgan told him that the child was dead when they reached the surgery. Morgan was called into the room again, and was cautioned by the Coroner, who remarked that it was clear she came there with the intention of deceiving the Court, although he failed to see what object she had in view. He disallowed her expenses.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned by the jury.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/10/1893

“Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest yesterday, at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Great Bridge, concerning the death of Jesse Burns (19), painter of Slater Street, Great Bridge, who was killed on Saturday by falling from a ladder whilst engaged at Great Bridge.

William Mann, carpenter, of Birmingham, said he was at work with deceased on Saturday last in Ryder’s Green Road. Deceased was fixing some spouting on some new buildings, and the ladder was in a very slanting position. Witness wanted to give deceased some instructions about his work, and he went to ascend the ladder. When he got up to about the tenth rung of the ladder it broke, and deceased fell upon him and stunned him. The spouting dropped to the ground. A medical man was summoned, but when he arrived Burns was dead.

Witnesses were called to show that the ladder was safe if properly used.

The Coroner said there was no doubt that the ladder had been subjected to undue weight, and the deceased clearly lost his life through Mann getting upon the ladder, and, the weight being too much for it, it broke. He thought he should be reprimanded for his thoughtlessness.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and the Coroner censured Mann for his conduct, and also refused to allow his expenses.”

Dudley Herald 22/1/1898

“Yesterday the annual meeting of the Noah’s Ark Lodge of Freemasons took place at the lodge house, WAGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge.....”

Dudley Herald 7/5/1898 - Advert

“The Commercial (WAGGON & HORSES) Permanent Money Society.

Registered as a Specially Authorised Society.

Meeting every Monday evening from 7.30 to 9, at the Registered office, WAGGON & HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge. Contributions per week for shares of £10, 1s 3d; £20, 2s 3d; £30, 3s 3d; £40, 4s 3d; £50, 5s 3d, &c. No entrance fee to pay. Dividends declared quarterly to investors and purchasers alike. Sales every night. Prices very low.

Full particulars on application at the above Office, or the Secretary, W. E. Partridge, 12, Hawkes Lane, Hill Top, West Bromwich.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 24/2/1900

“Considerable interest was centred in the 26th annual meeting of the West Bromwich and District Licensed Trade Association, held on Thursday evening at the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, owing to the fact that the scheme for amalgamation with the West Bromwich Retail Brewers’ Association was successfully completed.....”

West Bromwich Weekly News 30/6/1900

“W. I. Bassett (West Bromwich Albion) married Beatrice Birch, daughter of *Charles Henry Birch* (president of the West Bromwich and District Licensed Trade Association) of the COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Great Bridge, at St. Peters Church, Newton, West Bromwich, on Thursday 24th of June.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 22/9/1900

“It is with feelings of profound regret that we have to record the death of Mr. *Charles Henry Birch*, of the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Sunday afternoon last.

The deceased gentleman, who was 58 years of age, had been in failing health for some considerable time past, but his friends hardly anticipated the end was so near, and as a matter of fact a marked improvement was noticeable in his condition during the previous few days. On Sunday morning, however, he had an apoplectic seizure and expired a few hours later. His medical adviser was Dr. Underhill.

Mr. *Birch* was well known and held in the highest respect throughout the district. He was a native of Tamworth, and for several years occupied a seat on the Town Council there, while he also acted as captain of the fire Brigade. He came to West Bromwich some 15 years ago, and from that time has carried on business at the WAGGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge. On January 2nd 1895, he was appointed President of the West Bromwich Licensed Victuallers' Association, and on the amalgamation of the Retail Brewers' Association he was also unanimously chosen to fill the presidential chair. It was doubtless mainly owing to his exertions that the amalgamation of the two Trade societies in West Bromwich was brought about. He had a seat on the West Bromwich Board of Guardians about four years, after which he retired. He held the post of district representative of Messrs. Butler and Co., Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, and was closely identified with Freemasonry in the district, being a member of the 'Dartmouth' and 'Noahs Ark' Lodges. He was also a member of Court Britannia, Ancient Order of Foresters, and of the West Bromwich Conservative Association. He was a regular worshipper at St. Peter's, Newtown.

His demise will be mourned by a very large circle of friends, and the greatest sympathy we feel sure will be extended to the bereaved widow and family.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were laid to rest on Thursday afternoon in the grave yard, adjoining St. Peter's Church, Newtown, the ceremony being of a very impressive character. Blinds were lowered at the majority of the houses and business establishments in Great Bridge, and a large number of people lined the route along which the mournful cortege proceeded.....”

1901 Census

23, Great Bridge – WAGON Commercial Hotel

- [1] *Ellen E. Birch* (56), widow, hotel keeper, born Daventry;
- [2] *Henry C. Birch* (31), son, born Tamworth;
- [3] *Emma L. Birch* (30), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [4] *Ellen Birch* (29), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [5] *Annie Birch* (24), daughter, born Tamworth;
- [6] *Albert Birch* (16), son, patternmaker's apprentice, born Tamworth;
- [7] *Edith E. Birch* (21), niece, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Mollie Gavin* (27), barmaid, born Stafford;
- [9] *Phoebe Hill* (21), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Tipton Herald 24/1/1903

“The members of Noahs Ark Lodge of Staffordshire Freemasons held their annual festival and installation at the WAGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge, on Friday. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren from the provinces of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Devonshire, including two Grand Officers of England. Wor. Bro. G. W. Butler occupied the chair, and installed Bro. J. Brown, SW as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.....”

Wednesbury Leader 13/7/1906 - Advert

“Highly Important Freehold Fully-Licensed Property, well known as WAGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, West Bromwich, with possession at Christmas next.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. J. W. Florance, at the Property Mart, 6, Temple Row West, Birmingham, on Thursday, July 26th, 1906, at Six o'clock in the Evening punctually (following the sale of the Wordsley Brewery).

Highly Important and Valuable Freehold Fully-Licensed Property, well known as the WAGON AND HORSES, occupying an important position in the Main Street at Great Bridge, having spacious and ample Business and Domestic Conveniences, including wide Entrance Hall, having Outdoor Department, large Bar with separate Entrance, Smoke Room, Commercial Room, Billiard Room, spacious Assembly Room with Ante Room and Lavatory conveniences, Bath Room, wc, two Sitting Rooms, ample Bed Rooms, large paved and partly covered Yard having wide Gateway Entrance, Coachhouse, extensive Stabling, Harness Room, capital Wine, Spirit, Bottle, and other Stores and Outbuildings, and in the Basement is spacious Cellarage. All now, and for many years past in the occupation of Mrs. *Birch*, at the moderate rent of £180 per annum, but whose lease expires at Christmas next, when possession may be had. There is a very old-established trade and connection attached to this House, which is probably one of the best known in the district and should at all times command a high-class, profitable trade.

The Property has good frontage and contains a large area of land.

Plans and particulars are in preparation, and may shortly be had of Messrs. Cochrane and Peacock, Solicitors, West Bromwich; or of the Auctioneer, the Property Mart, 6, Temple Row West, Birmingham.”

Daniel Hipkins = Daniel Hopkins

Thomas Samuel Parker was married to *Laura Amy*.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 20/11/1908

“The funeral of the late Mr. *Tom Parker*, of the WAGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, took place at Upland Cemetery, Smethwick yesterday.....”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/1/1909

“Mr. *Thomas Samuel Parker*, of the WAGON AND HORSES HOTEL, Great Bridge, Staffordshire, and formerly of the Crown Hotel, Corporation Street, Birmingham, hotel manager, sometime manager of the Wheatsheaf, Coventry Road, the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, and the HAWTHORNS HOTEL, West Bromwich, formerly a well-known road and track cyclist, and hon. secretary of the Birmingham Theatrical Charities Sports, who died November 16 last, left estate of the gross value of £2,707, of which the net personalty has been sworn at £2,661.

The probate of his will has been granted to Mr. Frederick John Hutchings, house agent, of 6, Cherry Street, Birmingham, and Mr. Walter Brooke Goodwin, cycle agent, of 13, Arthur Road, Erdington, Warwickshire, power being reserved to grant probate also to other executors.”

Bennett's Business Directory 1911-1912

“WAGGON AND HORSES COMMERCIAL HOTEL – Mrs. *L. Parker*. Ordinary daily at 1.15pm. Motor Garage and Stabling.”

1911 Census

Great Bridge – WAGON AND HORSES

- [1] *Laura Amy Parker* (42), widow, hotel proprietress, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Laura Catherine Parker* (14), daughter, school, born Small Heath;
- [3] *Constance Madeline Parker* (7), daughter, school, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Annie Larkin* (29), servant, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Matilda Hall* (24), servant, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Ernest William Corbett* (23), servant, bar potman, born Withall;
- [7] *Clara Philips* (30), servant, kitchen maid, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Dorothy Leadbeater* (19), servant, house maid, born Wolverhampton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 1/10/1913

“James Malley, painter, Branston Street, and Martin Manning, painter, Bishopsgate Street, were charged at Birmingham yesterday with stealing a horse, trap, and harness, the property of Joseph Webster, general dealer, of Wheeler Street, Lozells.

Prosecutor said he made a call in Barker Street on 22 September on his rounds and found that the horse and trap had gone when he came out of a house. He did not know the prisoners.

Joseph Burton, of the WAGON AND HORSES, Great Bridge, said that on 22 September Malley called and asked if he could put up his horse and trap for the night.

Subsequently he saw two prisoners in the bar, and spoke to Malley, but the latter said nothing about the horse and trap which he had left. Malley told him he was a 'connoisseur in pictures,' and that his name was Grigg, and that he was from South America.

Police-constable Reeve of Birmingham, said that at 10am on 24 September he received prisoners from the West Bromwich Police, and charged them.

Malley said, 'This man was not with me when I stole it. There was another man with me when I drove it away.' Manning answered, 'It had nothing to do with me.'

Manning was discharged, the chairman remarking that there was not sufficient evidence against him.

Malley pleaded guilty, and said he was under the influence of drink when he took the trap, but meant no harm.

Malley was given two months' hard labour."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/11/1930 - Advert

"Boxing.

WAGON & HORSES, Great Bridge.

Open 8 Stone Competition.

To-Night, at 7.45 p.m. prompt."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 3/10/1933

"A visit by two policemen to the WAGGON AND HORSES COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Great Bridge, on 4 September, at 10.40pm led to the appearance of the licensee and two of his customers at West Bromwich Police Court for alleged contravention of the licensing regulations.

A summons for supplying intoxicating liquor after hours against *Frank Enoch Bridges*, the licensee, was dismissed, but on two summonses for aiding and abetting two of his customers he was fined 20s and £3 3s costs on one and 4s costs on the other. John Richard Worley, of 18 Oldbury Road, and James Arthur Smith, of 55, Great Bridge, were each fined 10s and costs."

'Great Bridge And District' by Terry Price

"Events such as these [Midlands Area Dog Show 1938] including wrestling matches were frequently hosted at this popular venue by landlord *George Reaney*."

John Webb was married to Margaret.

Closed

WAGGON AND HORSES

131, (110), Toll End Road, Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

Ada Darby, wife of Charles Darby, West Bromwich

Darby's Brewery Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1968]

Keith Darby

LICENSEES

John Dewson [1871] – [1881]
Sarah Dewson [1891]
David Hemmings [1908]
Joseph Whitehouse [1912]
Isaac Wilkes [1919] – **1931**);
Benjamin David Spittle (**1931**);
Joseph Aston (**1931 – 1948**);
Elsie Gladys Aston (**1948**);
Benjamin Baker (**1948 – 1953**);
Maurice George Corbett (**1953 – 1958**);
Richard Leslie Edwards (**1958** – [1960]
Janice Freer [1970s]
J A Jones [1983]
Keith Darby (**2001** – [2013]
Gordon Bowdley [2015]

NOTES

110, Toll End Road [1871], [1881], [1891], [1919]
131, Toll End Road [1908], [1912]

It had a beer and cider license.

1871 Census

110, Toll End Road

- [1] *John Dewson* (50), innkeeper, born Halesowen;
- [2] *Sarah Dewson* (48), wife, born Rowley;
- [3] *Mary Ann Dewson* (27), daughter, domestic servant, born Rowley;
- [4] *Frances Dewson* (20), daughter, domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *Samuel Dewson* (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Charles Dewson* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Sarah Dewson* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1881 Census

110, Toll End Road

- [1] *John Dewson* (61), beer retailer, born Halesowen;
- [2] *Sarah Dewson* (58), wife, born Tividale;
- [3] *Samuel Dewson* (23), son, elementary schoolteacher, born Leabrook;
- [4] *Charles Dewson* (22), son, station master, born Leabrook;
- [5] *Sarah Dewson* (19), daughter, born Ocker Hill:

1891 Census

110, Toll End Road

- [1] *Sarah Dewson* (67), widow, publican, born Rowley;
- [2] *Sarah Dewson* (29), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Whitehouse* (15), granddaughter, born Tipton:

London Gazette 28/10/1908

“*Hemmings, David*, WAGGON AND HORSES, 131, Toll End Road.....

Date of Release – January 15th 1908.”

Joseph Whitehouse, beer retailer, 131, Toll End Road. [1912]

Plans for alterations were approved at the adjourned Licensing Session on 4th March 1930.

1939 Register

131, Toll End Road – WAGON AND HORSES INN

[1] *Joseph Aston*, date of birth, 13/05/1896, beerhouse keeper, (manager), married;

[2] *Elsie G. Aston*, dob, 30/09/1895, unpaid domestic duties, married:

A team from here took part in the Tipton Dominoes League. [1948]

Tipton Herald 2/4/1960

“An accident between two cars at the junction of New Rowley Road and Buffery Road, Dudley, led to one of the drivers involved being taken to the Guest Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. He was *Mr. R. Edwards* (45), of the WAGON AND HORSES, Toll End Road, Tipton, who sustained injuries to the chest when, it is understood, he was struck by the steering wheel of his car. The driver of the other car escaped without injury.”

[1968]

A team from here took part in the Ocker Hill Darts League. [1970]

Janice Freer was married to Alan Frederick Freer.

Closed

It reopened on 2nd August 2001.

Toll End Brewery was established at rear of the pub in 2004.

Keith Darby was a carpenter.

He was born in West Bromwich.

He married Tipton born Sandra.

[2018]

WATERLOO

18, (18+19), Waterloo Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Henry Wilkinson, The Docks, Dudley

Samuel Salt, Kates Hill Brewery

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1960]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Robert Swift [] – **1870**);
William Henry Baker (**1870** – []
Phoebe Beddow [1871]
Mrs. Ann Wilkinson [1881] – [1882]
Alexander Saunders [1891] – [1901]
Mrs. Helen Saunders [1904]
George Priest [1911]
Henry Lyndon [1912]
William Henry Davies [1919] – **1923**);
Alfred Kay (**1923** – **1950**);
John Baxter (**1950** – [1966])

NOTES

18+19, Waterloo Street [1891], [1911]

WATERLOO HOUSE [1891], [1919]

It had a beer and cider license.

1871 Census

18+19, Waterloo Street

[1] *Phoebe Beddow* (59), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] William Steadman (38), nephew, brewer, born Tipton;

[3] Fanny Davies (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 5/3/1881

“*Ann Wilkinson* was charged with being drunk in Waterloo Street, Tipton. PCs Mullagh and Smith said they went to the WATERLOO INN on the night of the 24th inst, and saw the defendant, who was the landlady, drunk there. Defendant denied the charge, and called two witnesses. PS Dutton said he had heard several complaints about her getting drunk. Fined 5s and costs.”

County Express 1/4/1882

“Solomon Mills (19), Old Cross Street, Tipton, was brought up under a warrant from that place, and charged with being drunk and disorderly and refusing to quit the WATERLOO INN, Tipton, on the 27th February. The case was proved by several witnesses, including Mrs. *Wilkinson*, the landlady, whom defendant assaulted at the time in question. Several convictions were recorded against the defendant, including one as recent as January.

The Stipendiary inflicted a fine of 20s and costs, with the alternative of one months’ imprisonment.”

1891 Census

18+19, Waterloo Street – WATERLOO HOUSE

[1] *Alexander Saunders* (37), publican, born Dudley;

[2] *Helen Saunders* (36), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Alex Saunders (1), son, born Tipton;

[4] Emmie Saunders (6), daughter, scholar, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 26/4/1894 - Advert

“The Estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, Brewer, Deceased.

To Brewers and Others. Highly important Sale by Auction of the Kates Hill Brewery, Maltings, Stores, and Land, together with Twelve Freehold and Two Leasehold Public Houses, in and around Dudley.

Alfred W. Dando has been favoured with instructions from the Trustee of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, to Sell by Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday Next, May 1 (unless an acceptable offer for the whole is in the meantime made), at Seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale then to be produced.....

Lot 14. The Goodwill and Possession of the Beerhouse, known as the WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton, at the annual rental of £18, and now in the occupation of Mr. *A. Saunders*.

Further particulars and plans may be obtained at the Offices of Messrs. A. G. and S. Hooper, Solicitors; or the Auctioneer, all of Dudley.”

County Advertiser 5/5/1894

“On Tuesday evening, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, Mr. Alfred W. Dando, auctioneer and valuer, of Dudley, offered for sale by auction valuable properties belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Samuel Salt, brewer. There was a large attendance. The biddings throughout were very spirited, and the sale was a very successful one. The total amount realised was £8,941.....

The goodwill and possession of the beerhouse, the WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton, at the annual rental of £18, sold for £26.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1899

“Staffordshire Summer Assizes.....

Action for Personal Injuries at Tipton. *Saunders v Bantock and Co.*

Mr. Vachell appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Disturnal for the defendants. The sum of £1,000 was claimed as damages for personal injuries.

Mr. Vachell, in opening, said the action was brought by *Alexander Saunders*, of the WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Road, Tipton, on behalf of his son, Alexander Saunders, against Messrs. Thomas Bantock and Co, railway carriers, of Wolverhampton, to recover damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained on December 19 last, in consequence of the negligent driving of one of the defendants servants. The plaintiff was nine years old, and the accident had resulted disastrously to him, having necessitated the amputation of his right leg a little below the knee. On the day named the boy left school in Wood Street, Tipton, and was going home. His way lay through Wood Street, across Owen Street, and down Union Street. The accident happened as he was crossing Owen Street, at a point where Union Street ran into it. He was walking across the road. The defendants van, laden with iron pipes, was proceeding along Owen Street in the direction of High Street, towards Workhouse Lane, and the vehicle was on the wrong side of the road. The boy said that he looked toward the right side before beginning to cross the road, but did not notice anything, so thereupon proceeded. The horse and van came along at a walking pace, but the driver's attention apparently was fixed on something he saw at the MAGPIE INN on the other side of the street. Had he looked up he would have noticed the boy. A man named Edwards, who was wheeling a barrow, shouted out to the driver two or three times, but he took no notice. The result was that the boy was struck by the horse and fell within a few feet of the kerbstone. The driver, as soon as the child fell, instead of keeping control over the horse, threw the reins down on the animal's back and jumped off his van. The consequence was that the horse, instead of remaining quiet, moved on and the front wheel of the van passed over the little lad's leg. The man Edwards picked him up at once, and had he not done so the back wheel of the vehicle would also have gone over the boy.

The plaintiff, in his evidence, said he looked across the road before he started to go across, but did not see the van approaching. He was taken to the hospital after the accident. He was going to be a mining engineer when he grew up. In cross-examination, he denied that just before the accident he had been taking part with other lads in a pig-hunt near the spot.

Evidence in support of counsel's opening statement was given by James Edwards, labourer, Tipton.

Two other men named Sheldon and Edward Richards, clerk at an iron foundry where the van unloaded, said the load was about 15cwt.

Dr. Golding, of Dudley, described the injuries sustained by the plaintiff. An effort was made to save the limb, but as suppuration and gangrenous developments ensued, the leg had to be taken off to save the boy's life.

For the defence, Robert Footman, the driver of the van in question, was called and stated that the horse was

a quiet, steady animal.

His Lordship: There is no imputation against the horse. (Laughter.)

Witness, continuing, said he was going slowly at the time, and he denied looking at the MAGPIE INN. He first noticed the lad when the witness Edwards shouted, and then he saw he was on the ground. He thought the lad must have run into the horse. He thought the best thing he could do was to go at once to the horse's head. In cross-examination witness said he had had one or two misfortunes in driving before, but he could not remember two or three incidents which counsel narrated.

Mr. Disturnal, in defence, denied that there was any negligence on the part of Footman, and alleged that the injuries sustained were caused by the negligence of the boy in running across the road. The plaintiff had no doubt suffered great inconvenience and discomfort, but he was not prevented from following the occupation for which he was destined. The learned counsel contended that the accident was one of those unfortunate occurrences which frequently took place when children dashed thoughtlessly off the pavement into the road. His Lordship, in summing up, said the evidence of the driver of the van clearly showed that he was guilty of negligence, and if the defendants sent out servants of this description they must take the consequences. He had never heard a case in which negligence had been so clearly made out.

The jury retired to consider their verdict, and found for the plaintiff; damages £200."

Alexander Saunders, beer retailer, 18, Waterloo Street. [1896], [1900]

1901 Census

18+19, Waterloo Street

[1] *Alexander Saunders* (45), beerhouse keeper, born Worcester;

[2] *Hellen Saunders* (44), wife, born Worcester;

[3] Alexander Saunders (11), son, born Tipton:

Mrs. *Helen Saunders*, beer retailer, 18, Waterloo Street. [1904]

Tipton Harriers was founded here during *George Priest*'s tenure.

1911 Census

18+19, Waterloo Street

[1] *George Priest* (44), brewer and beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;

[2] Alice Priest (41), wife, married 18 years, born Tipton:

Henry Lyndon, beer retailer, 18, Waterloo Street. [1912]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 29/9/1928 - Marriages

"On September 15th, at St. James Church, Dudley, Ernest, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. *A. Kay*, WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton, to Clara Lillian, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Vickers, of SHAKE-SPEARE INN, Stafford Street, Dudley."

It was the headquarters of Tipton Harriers [1930] – **1936**

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/11/1931

"Cross Country Runs.

Midland Harriers' arrangements for this afternoon are as follows.....

Tipton Harriers. Fast and slow packs, WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton, at 3pm."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 31/3/1934

"Cross Country.....

Tipton N. Road race, WATERLOO INN, Tipton, 3.15pm."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 21/9/1935

“Tipton Harriers will be similarly engaged [a relay race trial], with a five mile trial from the WATERLOO INN, at 3pm. Last Saturday and also the previous week, Jack Holden, broke the course record, and it will be interesting to see if he can gain the ‘hat’ trick to-day.”

1939 Register

18, Waterloo Street

[1] *Alfred Kay*, date of birth, 03/05/1878, public house licensee, married, PWC;

[2] *Mary E. Kay*, dob, 05/11/1879, unpaid domestic duties, married:

The billiards license was withdrawn on 4th February 1947.

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Domino League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

A team from here took part in the Park Lane Darts League. [1955-56], [1956-57]

Tipton Herald 16/1/1960 - Advert

“Licensing Act, 1953.

To the Chief Constable for the County of Stafford. To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Petty Sessional Division of Tipton in the County of Stafford. To the Clerk to the Rating Authority for the Borough of Tipton aforesaid. To Messrs W. Butler & Co. Limited of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, and To all others whom it may concern.

I, *John Baxter* of the WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Beerhouse Keeper, Do Hereby Give Notice that it is my intention to apply at the First Session of the General Annual Licensing Meeting for the Petty Sessional Division of Tipton in the said County of Stafford to be holden at the Magistrates Court, Church Lane, Tipton, on Tuesday the 2nd day of February 1960 at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to me of a Justices License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell by Retail any Intoxicating Liquor which may be sold under a Publican's License for consumption either on or off the premises in respect of the premises situate at Waterloo Street, Tipton aforesaid now in my occupation and known by the sign of the WATERLOO INN, and in respect of which premises I now hold an Excise License authorising me to sell Beer and Cider by Retail for consumption either on or off the premises.

And I Hereby Give Further Notice that it is my intention at the hearing of the said application to offer, if my said application be granted, to surrender the before mentioned License authorising me to hold an Excise License to sell Beer and Cider by Retail at the before mentioned premises for consumption either on or off the premises.

And I Hereby Give Further Notice that W. Butler & Co. Limited, of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, are the Owners of the said premises known as the WATERLOO INN, Waterloo Street, Tipton aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January One thousand and nine hundred and sixty.

J. Baxter.”

A full license was confirmed on 25th April 1960.

[1968]

Closed

It was demolished c.1972.

WEARY TRAVELLER

Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Plant [1908]

LICENSEES

Herbert Pullen [1908]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

It was recommended to be closed, in February 1908, on the grounds of redundancy, at Tipton Licensing Sessions.

Lichfield Mercury 26/6/1908

“The principal meeting of the members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee was held at the Shirehall, Stafford. There was a full attendance of the members of the committee, Lord Hatherton presiding. The business before the committee was that of hearing and determining applications for the renewal of licenses in those cases which had been referred to the committee by the justices in petty sessions for compensation. The list contained forty public houses. There was a large attendance of barristers and solicitors, but in none of the cases were any objections raised to the reports of the justices concerning the houses referred, and the committee refused to renew the licenses in each of the forty cases which came before them. The following are the houses, the licenses of which were refused.....

WEARY TRAVELLER, Owen Street, Tipton, ante-1869 beer and cider.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/6/1908 - Notice

“The Licensing Act 1904. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of June, 1908, to refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, All Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 20th day of July, 1908, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules 1904, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

WEARY TRAVELLER, Owen Street, Tipton. Beer and Cider, ante 1869. Licensee, *Herbert Pullin*. Registered Owners, Thomas Plant.”

Tipton Herald 13/2/1909

“The annual licensing sessions for Tipton was held on Wednesday.....

The report of Police-superintendent Salt to the licensing justices was as follows.....

The ALBION beerhouse, Horseley Heath, and the WEARY TRAVELLER beerhouse, Owen Street, that were reported upon at the adjourned licensing meeting last year and referred for compensation have not yet been finally dealt with, and are still open.”

Lichfield Mercury 7/1/1910

“The Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of Stafford commenced on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford.....

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue gave their decisions in cases referred to them in 1908.....

WEARY TRAVELLER, Tipton. £115.

The persons interested in the WEARY TRAVELLER entered an appeal to the High Court against the Inland

Revenue award.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions. Annual Report Of The County Licensing Committee.....

Decision Of Inland Revenue. The parties interested in the WEARY TRAVELLER, Tipton, abandoned their appeal to the High Court against the decision of the Inland Revenue and accepted the award of £115.”

Closed

Demolished

WELLINGTON

99, (9), Park Lane East / Wellington Street, (Puppy Green), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Alfred Charles Cox

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

LICENSEES

David Morris [1848] – [1850]

Mrs. Ann Morris [1850] – [1854]

Henry Woodhall [1854]

Daniel Woodhall [] – **1855**;

Benjamin Woodhall (**1855**);

Mrs. Mary Ann Wodhall (**1855 – 1859**);

Henry Woodhall (**1859 – 1860**);

Samuel Sutton (**1860** – [1861]

Mrs. Helen (Sutton) Wilkins [1862]

William Sutton [] – **1863**;

George Wilkins (**1863** – [1874]

Benjamin Wilkinson [1878]

George John Naughton [1881]

George Wellings [1891] – [1896]

Sidney William Anderson [1900]

Edward Hartland [1900] manager

Thomas William Manyer [1911]

Thomas Henry ‘Tom’ Burrows [1913]

George Tyler [1919] – **1933**;

Joseph William Marston (**1933 – 1943**);

Jack Whitehouse Guest (**1943 – 1952**);

Samuel Edwards (**1952 – 1954**);

George William James (**1954**);

Harold Fortnam (**1954 – 1959**);

Thomas Henry Parton (**1959** – [1966]

NOTES

Park Lane [1851], [1868]

9, Park Lane East [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1908], [1916]

99, Park Lane East [1932], [1939], [1940], [1996]

It was adjacent to the iron works, which were established by Thomas Morris in 1847.

Birmingham Journal 19/2/1848

“A very daring robbery was committed on Tuesday last, between the hours of eleven and twelve o’clock, at the house of Mr. *David Morris*, Puppy Green, Tipton. The private parlour of the above inn appears to have been visited by some dexterous thieves, when a dress-coat, silk handkerchief, a fluted-battel pistol, and other articles, were carried off. The police are in active search of the thieves, but neither them nor the property have since been heard of.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/9/1848

“Applications For Spirit Licenses.

Licenses were also granted to Rupert Mellor and *David Morris*, of Park Lane; whilst the applications of Thomas Price, of Princes End, John Bailey and Joseph Whitehouse, of Upper Green, and John Hughes of Hurst Lane, were refused.”

Birmingham Journal 6/4/1850

“Eligibly-situated Freehold Houses in Church Lane, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Powell, on Monday, the 15th day of April 1850, at the house of Mrs. *Morris*, WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, at Six o’clock in the evening.....”

1851 Census

Park Lane

[1] *Ann Morris* (33), widow, innkeeper, born Stourbridge;

[2] Eliza Harris (30), house servant, born Stourbridge;

[3] Thomas Harris (6), son of Eliza Harris, school, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Banks (25), house servant, born Birmingham;

[5] Joseph Small (25), servant, brewer &c, born Tipton:

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 17/1/1853

“Messrs. Thomas Morris, of Park Lane Coal and Iron Works, Tipton, entertained a party of 400 of their workmen for supper, at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, on Old Christmas Day. The men sat down to an excellent supper of beef, plum-pudding, dessert, &c; and after supper Mr. Morris, sen., addressed them in an impressive and suitable manner. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing, and at twelve o’clock the party separated, highly delighted with the proceedings.”

Birmingham Journal 14/1/1854 - Advert

“A Rosewood Piano-forte for One Shilling.

W. White’s Grand Musical Distribution, on the plan of the Royal Art Union, London.

£100 of Property in Three Prizes will take place on Friday, January 27, 1854 at Mr. G. Bailey’s, the Frighted Horse, Handsworth.

The Prizes consist of Two elegant Rosewood Piano-fortes, selected from the best Houses in London, value £40 each. A fine-toned Violin, by Le Martill, value £20 which may be seen at Mr. White’s Medical Hall, Handsworth.

Two Thousand Tickets, at 1s each. For tickets and particulars, enclose an address and stamped envelope for a reply, to.....

Mrs. *Morris*, WELLINGTON INN, Dudley Port.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/3/1854 - Advert

“An Extraordinary Opportunity to Parties Wishing To Enter Into The Public Business.

To Be Let, with immediate possession, that excellent road-side, good-accustomed, old-licensed Public-House, the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton. The house is fitted up in a most excellent style, and is replete with every convenience for carrying on the trade, having front bar, front parlour, smoke room, large tap room, cooking kitchen, malt room, lodge room, four chambers, brewhouse, with excellent brewing plant, four large cellars, stabling, with lock-up coach-house, good yard, piggeries, and an excellent supply of water.

The Auctioneer begs to call the attention of capitalists to the above house, which is doing an excellent trade, having several clubs attached, and is supplying eight pit companies with ale, being adjacent to several iron and coal works, and but a few yards from Dudley Port railway station. The present tenant having carried on the business upwards of eleven years is retiring with sufficient competency. A goodwill requirement, and the stock of ales, wines, spirits, fixtures, and furniture to be taken to at a fair valuation.

For particulars and to treat, apply on the premises; or to Mr. Wm. Hawkins, Auctioneer, at his Offices, Brierley Hill, and Oldbury.”

Birmingham Journal 2/9/1854 - Advert

“Sale At The WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton.

To Coal And Iron Masters, Contractors, And Others.

By Mr. S. Powell, upon the Premises, at the WELLINGTON INN, aforesaid, on Tuesday, September 12th.

A quantity of useful Household Furniture, Farming and Colliery Implements, and other useful effects; consisting of Wagons and Carts, Ploughs and Scuttle, Chaff Machines, three powerful Draught Horses, superior Hack Horse, three Gigs and Harness, Cow in calf, Store Pig (about eighteen score), 14-horse Steam Engine and Boiler, 120 yards of Flat Pit-Chain, cast-iron Pit Pulley, Oblong Boiler, 11½ feet along and 3 feet in diameter, one ditto eighteen feet long and two feet diameter; Scale Beams, large Pulley Blocks, new Barrow Wheels, Skip Bottoms, set of Side Cloths for a Boat, Cart Hubs, Sashes and Window Case, Doors and other Building Materials, two double-barrel Guns, and other useful and numerous effects.

Catalogues to be had on application to the Auctioneer, Tipton, or at the place of Sale.”

Birmingham Journal 30/12/1854

“*Henry Woodhall*, WELLINGTON INN, Tipton, was charged with keeping his house open for the sale of drink during the hours of divine service on Sunday week. Police-constable Lees stated that on going to the defendant’s house at a quarter to ten on the day named he saw some vessels on the table containing rum, and two men in the room. The defendant’s wife admitted having drawn some rum. A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.”

Birmingham Journal 20/1/1855

“On Saturday week, Messrs. Thomas Morris and Sons entertained about 320 of their workmen at the WELLINGTON INN and the SEVEN STARS INN, Park Lane, Tipton, with an excellent dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. After dinner, the health of Mr. Thomas was drunk, along with those of Mr. Thomas, junior, Mr. Samuel Bayley, and their families. ‘Lord Raglan, and the officers and soldiers in arms before Sebastopol, and may they be successful and return victorious,’ was warmly received.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/3/1855 - Advert

“Under a Bill of Sale.

Sale of the costly Public-House Fittings, Brewing Utensils, and usual Effects, at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, Tipton, (near Dudley Port Railway Stations), To-Morrow (Friday), March 27.

By Messrs. Powell & Brown, including panelled Counter, with mahogany top; nearly new 6-pull Beer Machine, with quadrant action, by Yates, and Piping to same; Eight-tap Spirit Fountain, eight china Spirit Jars, 33 yards run of Seating and Backing; 41 feet of framed Seating, covered with Russian leather; two Brewing Boilers, Vats, and other Effects, particulars of which may be had from the Auctioneers, Tipton.

Sale at 10.30 a.m.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/7/1855

“On Saturday last, the following transfers of licenses were allowed.....

WELLINGTON INN, Tipton, from *Benjamin Woodall*, executor to the late *Daniel Woodall*, to *Mary Ann Woodall*, his widow.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 23/1/1858

“Mr. Edwin Hooper, deputy coroner, held an inquest, on Thursday, at Mrs. *Mary Ann Woodhall*’s WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, on the body of a girl, twelve years of age, named *Mary Maria Powell*, who died on Tuesday last from injuries received by being burnt on the 6th inst. The deceased was picking coal at a cinder mound near Messrs. Morris’s Furnaces, Park Lane, when her clothes took fire. Her screams alarmed a man named *John George*, engineer at the works, who extinguished the flames, but not before the deceased was severely burnt about the body. She had previously been cautioned by *George* about going on the mound. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned. Mr. Hooper, the deputy coroner, admonished the mother of the deceased for sending her on so dangerous an errand as picking cinders from a mound which is often a mass of smouldering materials.”

Birmingham Journal 2/10/1858 - Advert

“To Publicans, Brokers, And Others.

Sale At The WELLINGTON INN, at Puppy Green, near the Dudley Port Station, in the parish of Tipton. To Be Sold By Auction. By Mr. T. P. Stokes, on Monday and Tuesday, the 11th and 12th October inst, at the WELLINGTON INN, as aforesaid – all the capital modern Household Furniture, Public House Fixtures, very large and sweet iron-bound Casks, cast and wrought-iron Boilers, Brewing Utensils, &c, capital four-pull Machine, Piping and Taps, 300 gallons of prime old Ale, and other Effects; also the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the said Public House and Premises, the whole being the Property of the representatives of the late Mr. *Daniel Woodall*, who are relinquishing the Public House business. The sale to commence at half-past Ten o’clock on the morning of each day. The Licenses and Possession will be offered at One o’clock on the first day.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/9/1859 - Advert

“Wanted, an experienced Brewer, for a small Brewery. Reference required. Apply at the WELLINGTON INN, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

1861 Census

Park Lane – WELLINGTON INN

- [1] *Samuel Sutton* (49), innkeeper, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Hellen Sutton* (41), wife, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Amelia Sutton* (14), daughter, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Sutton* (10), son, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Joseph Sutton* (8), son, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Samuel Sutton* (5), son, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Mary Maiden* (21), servant, born Ellenhall Park, Staffordshire:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/6/1862

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, before *Thomas Walker* and *Job Hames*, Esqrs, *Helen Sutton*, WELLINGTON INN, Dudley Port, was summoned by the police on a charge of having, on Sunday week, kept her house open for the sale of liquor during prohibited hours. PC161 proved that on the day in question he saw a man drinking gin and water in the house during church time. Defendant pleaded that she was a widow with four children, that she and her late husband had always kept the house respectably, and that the drink which the officer saw was given, not sold, to a man who had been working in her house. Under these circumstances, the Bench dismissed the case.”

Helen Sutton married *George Wilkins* in the 2nd quarter of 1863.

Birmingham Daily Post 15/12/1863

“Yesterday the adjourned investigation into the death of William Fawkner, a resident of Kidderminster, was resumed at the house of Mr. *Wilkins*, the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Dudley Port, by Mr. E. Hooper, the District Coroner. Mr. Warmington, of Dudley, as on the previous occasion, attended for the friends of the deceased, and Mr. Evans (firm, Ingleby, Wragge, and Evans, Birmingham), represented the Birmingham Canal Company.

The deceased had come to his death whilst driving a van underneath the arch of the aqueduct on the canal, when on his return home, at nine o'clock at night, on the 2nd inst. The Coroner read over the evidence of Thomas Hall, a companion of the deceased man, which had been taken at the preliminary investigation, and which went to show that on the night in question the van was returning from beyond Walsall to Kidderminster, after having removed some furniture to the former locality, and the driver and his man stopped at the STAR INN, Horseley Heath. When there, according to testimony of Hall, the deceased was advised by the landlord of the inn to proceed to Dudley Port by Park Lane, over which the arch of the aqueduct was erected. According to the evidence of the same witness, the deceased had been cautioned as to the lowness of the arch. On arriving at the spot the deceased was struck by the masonry, and received such severe injuries as caused his death in a few minutes. The following witnesses were yesterday examined.

John Evans, a carpenter, of Horsley Heath, said that on the night after the occurrence, he, at the request of the daughter of the deceased, measured the body for a coffin. He had also taken the dimensions of the arch. On the Dudley side the height of the crown of the arch above the roadway was ten feet four and a half inches. The length of the deceased man's body was six feet one inch, which would exceed his stature while alive by about two inches. The height of the driving box from the ground was about eight feet two inches, and the height of the top of the van from the ground was nine feet eight inches. The width of the vehicle was six feet eight inches, and the headway at the Dudley end was seventeen feet nine inches, and at the other end of the archway, seventeen feet eleven inches. There were channels on either side of the roadway, of the width of eighteen inches.

Thomas Ingle, a carpenter, deposed that having heard cries he proceeded to the spot, on the night in question, and found the van two yards from the archway, and the deceased hanging by one leg from the vehicle. He helped get the deceased from his position. The van was not in the centre of the road, but was about a yard from the side wall. A medical gentleman was sent for. The deceased had a bruise on the side of his head, but the witness did not observe much blood. Deceased appeared to be unconscious, but groaned three or four times. Witness had lived near the aqueduct for about four years, and had wondered that accidents had not occurred there. The arch was not of sufficient altitude to permit the passage of such vehicles as the van driven by the deceased. The witness added that there was no light near the aqueduct on the railway bridge near it, and that he had observed several vehicles turned back, in consequence of their not being able to pass under the aqueduct.

The rest of the evidence was most decidedly to the effect that the arch might be a prolific source of mortality to the vicinity.

It was then explained by Mr. Evans that the canal company were placed in a peculiar position by their Act of Parliament, which they, as a Corporation, were not at liberty to infringe without a new enactment. He did not deny for a moment that the arch, which the Coroner and the Jury (at the suggestion of Mr. Hooper, who caused the van to be drawn under it) had inspected, was totally inefficient for the traffic of the district, and so far as he was concerned, he would state that the matter would be fully brought before the directors of the Canal Company, he had not the slightest doubt that any recommendation proceeding from the Jury would be responded to. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, appending to the verdict that the arch was insufficient for the public safety, and that the Coroner should intimate the same to the Company. Mr. Evans said that he would use every effort to give effect to the Jury's opinion.”

[Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/8/1864](#)

“Renewal of Licenses.

From the Superintendent's statement it appeared that there were but thirteen publicans who had been convicted since last licensing day, and but few of those who had been fined more than once. The list of convictions was as follows.....

George Wilkins, WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, open on Sunday, fined 20s and costs, September 1, 1863.....

After the licenses of those persons who had not been convicted had been renewed, those landlords whose names appeared on the black list were called in, all of whom were severely censured and cautioned by the Bench.”

AND

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1864

“The annual Petty Session for the renewal of publican’s licenses in the Walsall, Wednesbury, and West Bromwich district was held yesterday, at the Scott Arms, Great Barr.....

The undermentioned persons were reported by the police to have been fined during the year for offences against their licenses. The fines, however, appeared to have exercised a salutary effect, as they had, with the exception of two innkeepers stated below, whose licenses were suspended, all conducted their houses since the several convictions in a very orderly manner.....

George Wilkins, WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton license renewed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 3/10/1864

“Seventeen publicans were summoned at the West Bromwich Police Court, on Saturday, before Messrs. Bagnall and Kenrick, for offences against their licenses. The police were in each case represented by Mr. Travis, and the major part of the informations charged the defendants with ‘allowing gambling in their houses against the tenour of their licenses.’ The defendants were represented by various solicitors, as stated below. About three months ago, it having come to the knowledge of the head of police that gambling was allowed in a large number of houses in the district, Police-constables Walker and Hampton were instructed to make a tour through the district in plain clothes, and ascertain the truth of the information. They did so, and found that in the defendants’ houses gambling was frequently allowed; but the matter was allowed to stand over to within three days of three months after the commission of the offences, which is the limit of time allowed by the law for the informations to be laid. Mr. Travis stated as the reason that the summonses had not been taken out sooner, that Police-constable Walker had been ill, and Major M’Knight had been away, but it was proved in evidence that these two reasons only applied to a short time, and that there had been plenty of opportunity for the informations to have been laid sooner. The solicitors for the defence all strongly deprecated the spy system used in general, and called the attention of the Bench to the injustice which would be done to the defendants if they convicted under such circumstances, they not having the means of defence and being entirely in the hands of the police. In the following cases Police-constables Walker and Hampton proved the charges, and in each case the landlord was stated to be present.....

George Wilkins, WELLINGTON INN, Tipton, allowing gambling in his house on the 17th and 20th of June, fined 20s including costs in each case. Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defence.”

Aris’s Birmingham Gazette 28/9/1867 - Advert

“Tipton, Staffordshire.

Re The Birmingham Banking Company.

Blast Furnaces, Collieries, Public House, Dwelling Houses, and Land, Suitable for Building purposes, Situated in Park Lane, Randall’s Lane, Watery Lane, High Street, and Coppice Street, in the parish of Tipton in the county of Stafford.

Lying near Dudley Port and Tipton Stations on the Stour Valley and South Staffordshire Railways, and within 1½ miles of the town of Dudley. The Birmingham Canal, which intersects the property, affords great facilities for the conveyance of materials and produce to and from the Furnaces and Collieries.

To Be Sold By Auction, By Messrs. Joseph Cooksey and Son, at the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton Green, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October next, at Five o’clock in the evening, in the following lots.....

Lot 3. The WELLINGTON INN, Premises, and Land, including part of Canal Basin, situate in Park Lane, and contains 1,190 square yards of surface Land or thereabouts, in the occupation of *George Wilkins*. Rent £35 per annum.....”

1871 Census

9, Park Lane East – WELLINGTON INN

[1] *George Wilkins* (48), licensed victualler, born Ripple, Worcestershire;

[2] *Ellen Wilkins* (49), wife, born Frankley, Worcestershire;

[3] Thomas Sutton (20), son, railway clerk, born Bagley, Staffordshire;

[4] Joseph Sutton (17), son, born Bagley, Staffordshire;

[5] Samuel Sutton (15), son, born Bagley, Staffordshire;

[6] Emily Sutton (23), daughter, born Kings Norton:

George Wilkins issued tokens from here.

Birmingham Daily Post 14/11/1871

“At the Tipton Police Court, *George Wilkins*, of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, was fined £5 and costs for supplying brandy during illegal hours. Defendant had been previously convicted, and Mr. Bagnall said he would assuredly lose his license.”

Dudley Guardian 18/7/1874

“A Caution to Publicans. At the Tipton Petty Sessions, on Monday (Fisher Smith Esq. in the chair), Mr. *George Wilkins*, landlord of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, Tipton, was summoned on the information of Sergeant Chatfield for having kept his house open at illegal hours on Sunday, the 5th of July. Mr Travis appeared for the defence.

It appeared that Sergeant Chatfield, accompanied by Sergeant Dutton, visited defendant’s premises at 3.15pm on the day in question. He found two men, named James Walker and Benjamin Stanton, who reside at Burnt Tree, in a room drinking.

In defence it was contended that the men were bona fide travellers, that they had been walking since nine o’clock in the morning, and that one of them had also called to pay the landlord an account. This view of the case was supported by the landlord and his two customers.

The Bench, however, appeared to think that sufficient time was allowed by the legislature in the middle of the day to satisfy any ordinary requirements, and fined defendant 50s and costs. The license was not endorsed.”

AND

“A Caution to Publicans’ Customers. James Walker and Benjamin Stanton, of Burnt Tree, were charged before Tipton magistrates, on Monday, with having been on the premises of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, at illegal hours on Sunday the 5th of July. Sergeant Chatfield proved the case, the particulars of which were similar to those narrated under the head of ‘A Caution to Publicans’.

The Bench did not think they were bona fide travellers and fined each defendant 2s 6d and costs.”

Midland Advertiser 13/4/1878

“*Benjamin Wilkinson*, landlord of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours. Mr. Travis defended.

Inspector Harrison said about half past twelve on Tuesday night he went to the defendant’s house and heard some loud talking inside. He sent two constables in, and went round to the back himself; he afterwards went into the house and saw two men in who had evidently been having drink. There were several glasses and a jug on the table.

Cross examined: There was one man hid at the top of the cellar. One of the men said he had been at Sheffield, and went there to see if he could get a bed.

Police constable Davies gave corroborative evidence.

Defendant said he had been nearly confined to his bed since Christmas; and had also advertised his house for sale, and he could not attend to his business and he asked the men who were there to come down to assist him in his business, and the one that was in the cellar had been to tap a barrel. They in fact carried the business on for him.

Edward Percival said he went down the cellar to tap a barrel for the defendant, and his wife had been employed there daily for the last year and nine months, and he went to fetch his wife home.

Henry Jeavons corroborated this statement.

The magistrates thought it a very suspicious case; but they would give the defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the case.”

1881 Census

9, Park Lane East – WELLINGTON ARMS

[1] *George John Naughton* (44), licensed victualler, born Darrington, Yorkshire;

[2] *Margaret Naughton* (39), wife, born Leyland, Lancashire;

[3] *George Naughton* (9), son, scholar, born Prestbury, Cheshire;

[4] *John Naughton* (3), son, born Southport;

[5] *Sarah Banner* (26), domestic servant, born Bromsgrove:

Wednesbury Herald 28/1/1882

“The inquest on the body of *Susannah Jones* (22), nailmaker, of Phoenix Street, Swan Village, to whose murder the young man *William Fryer*, ironworker, of Whitehall Road, Greet Green, West Bromwich, confessed on Saturday night, was held on Tuesday, at the WELLINGTON INN, Dudley Port, before Mr. Edwin Hooper (district coroner). Some time before the time appointed for opening the inquiry, a crowd of from 200 to 300 persons of both sexes had assembled outside the inn, and generally they appeared to be under the influence of strong excitement, discussing eagerly the details of the crime. Mr. G. S. Peake was foreman of the jury.

One of the jurymen – Mr. Benjamin Smith – on his name being called, answered in a manner which showed he was evidently the worse for drink, and he was ordered to be removed, and his place filled by another. The prisoner was present in custody, looking very wretched, and completely broken down.

Enoch Jones, father of the deceased, a labourer at the Birmingham Corporation Gasworks at Swan Village, who gave his evidence with much emotion identified the body viewed by the jury as that of his daughter. She was 22 last summer, and lived at home. He last saw her alive at half past four on Saturday afternoon. She was in good health and spirits. The next he heard of her was a little after one on Sunday morning, when his wife went to him at the gasworks and told him *Susannah* was drowned. He at once went to the Police Station at Greet Green. He waited for Police-sergeant *Davies*, and they searched together for the body in the canal.

By the Coroner: They went to the canal from what the prisoner told the sergeant. They searched between Albion and Dudley Port. At Albion a railway porter shouted across the canal that he saw a hat in the canal. They all saw it then, and went to the other side of the canal, when the porter had got it out of the water. Witness identified it as being the hat of his daughter. They got some drags at Tipton Police Station, with which they dragged the canal from three o'clock till eight on Sunday morning, when they found the body near to Dudley Port Railway Station. It was brought to that house. From the place where the hat was found to that where the body was recovered was about a quarter of a mile. His daughter had been keeping company with the prisoner, *William Fryer*, from twelve to eighteen months, and as far as he knew they were on good terms. Witness raised no objection to their acquaintance. No time had been appointed for their marriage. Witness last saw *Fryer* at his house on Christmas night. The prisoner was a steady man.

Enoch Jones, brother of deceased, said he last saw his sister *Susannah* alive about five minutes to seven on Saturday night, when she brought his father's supper to the gasworks. She was alone and no conversation took place between them. On Sunday morning he heard she was drowned. He knew his sister kept company with *Fryer*, and believed they were on good terms. His sister had never told him that *Fryer* had threatened her in any way.

Bridget Price, wife of *John Price*, brickmaker of Churchyard Road, Tipton, said she knew the deceased by sight, and she knew *William Fryer* also, being on speaking terms with him. She had often seen him walking with *Susannah Jones*. On Saturday night last, about a quarter past nine, as she and her mother-in-law from Tipton along the canalside, she saw *Susannah Jones* and *William Fryer* on the canalside opposite to the furnaces. They were walking, *William Fryer* being nearest the water. Witness said her mother-in-law passed them. Her mother-in-law wished them 'Good night,' and *Susannah Jones* answered 'Good night,' *Fryer* said nothing. Next morning she heard that *Jones* was drowned. The two were walking towards West Bromwich. Police-constable *Thomas Davies*, stationed at Greet Green, said that on Saturday night last, about a quarter to twelve, he saw the prisoner in the Whitehall Road, standing on the footpath. Witness went up to him, and spoke about a man he had just locked up for drunkenness. Prisoner turned and said, 'Lock me up.' Witness asked what he meant. He again said, 'Lock me up. I have pushed a young woman in the canal, and I believe she is drowned.' Witness asked him where it was, and he replied, 'Going to Tipton.' Witness then asked

who the young woman was. He said 'Her name is Jones, and she lives against Cole's shop.' Witness then took him into the Police Station at Greets Green, and after he had been there a time, he said, 'Oh! dear, dear! this never would have happened if they had sent me away.' Witness asked what he meant by 'sending him away', but could get no answer. Witness then went to the girl's house to make inquiries, and he was told that she had not returned home. He had good reasons to believe that prisoner's statement was true. The prisoner's clothes were wet, but neither his face nor the top of his hat were wet. He was taken before the justices at Tipton on Monday, and was remanded until next Monday.

By the Coroner: When he made the statement to witness the prisoner seemed to be in a low state of mind. He was sober, but when questioned hung his head on one side and made a mournful noise.

By a Juryman: He was wet up to his neck. He did not tell witness he had been in the canal.

Police-sergeant George Chatham said that at 12.30am, on Sunday morning he visited the Greets Green Police Station, and found the prisoner William Fryer there in charge of a constable. He was informed that Police-constable Davies had brought him there on his own statement that he had pushed a young woman into the canal and drowned her. He asked Fryer if the statement was correct. He said, 'It is too true'. Witness then asked whereabouts in the canal it was. He said, 'Going from Tipton to Dudley Port, near to Dudley Port Station up the Tipton side.' Just about that time the father of the girl came to the station Davies, and witness came got drags. They searched down canal mentioned by Fryer had found a hat about 600 yards from Dudley Port Station towards Greets Green, they then commenced to drag, and they found the body of Susannah Jones, about one hundred yards from Dudley Port Station and about one hundred and thirty yards from Park Lane canal bridge. There were no marks of violence upon her, and all her clothes seemed in order. After finding the body witness went to Greets Green station, and charged the prisoner with causing the death of his sweetheart, Susannah Jones, by pushing her into the canal at Tipton, and drowning her. He said 'I did it; it is true.' Witness then conveyed him to West Bromwich, and thence to Tipton.

The Coroner commented that up to the present he had been unable to obtain medical evidence. He proposed therefore to adjourn the inquiry for the medical evidence as to the cause of death to be proved. The adjourned inquiry was fixed for ten o'clock next Monday morning. The prisoner never spoke once during the examination of the witnesses."

Dudley Herald 4/2/1882

Inquest held here, January 1882

"on Susannah Jones (22), nailmaker, who was found drowned in the canal near Dudley Port William Fryer (23) sweetheart, an ironworker, threw her in – sent for trial at Stafford for murder."

[At the adjourned inquest William Fryer was committed to trial on the charge of Wilful Murder. He appeared at Stafford Spring Assizes on 28th April 1882, where he was 'acquitted on the ground of insanity.' He was 'ordered to be kept in strict custody in gaol until Her Majesty's pleasure shall be known.']

West Bromwich Weekly News 3/1/1891

"An inquest was held on Monday morning at the WELLINGTON INN, Great Bridge, by Mr. E. Hooper, concerning the daughter of Henry Gittins aged three years who died suddenly on the 24th ult. The daughter was ill and was treated for croup. She got worse, however, and died.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

1891 Census

9, Park Lane East – WELLINGTON INN

- [1] *George Wellings* (60), widower, coal master, born Tipton;
- [2] Alfred Wellings (38), son, coal master's assistant, born Tipton;
- [3] Annie Hamblett (33), housekeeper, born Silverdale, Staffordshire;
- [4] Mary A. Hamblett (18), general servant, born Tipton:

London Gazette 2/12/1892

"*Wellings, George*, WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane formerly trading at Park Lane Colliery Coal

Master and Licensed Victualler. Date of Filing – November 21st 1892.”

George Wellings was also a colliery proprietor. [1896]

Dudley Herald 24/2/1900

“With the express object of assisting the local reserve fund, Mr. *Edward Hartland*, manager of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, promoted a smoking concert, which was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. Edge, of Birmingham, presided (in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Butler). Among those present were Dr. Hughes (Birmingham), Mr. Bateson (Birmingham), Mr. Edies (Birmingham), Mr. Humphries, &c. Mr. E. Moore, one of the local reservists who had been ordered to the front, was present, in his khaki dress. The room was packed, many being unable to obtain admission. The Chairman in the course of an able address referred to the object for which the concert was promoted and hoped that the good news that they had already received would be supplemented. He also complimented Mr. Hartland on the excellent arrangements made for carrying out the concert, which he hoped would be a success financially. During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. J. H. Purnell, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. J. W. Richards, and Dr. Hughes. Monsieur Charl Lapino, in a fine style gave a Shakespearian recital, and the ‘absent minded beggar.’ Mr. James Hale gave a violin solo, Mr. E. Middleton contributed a cornet solo, Mr. James Hale’s Orchestral Band rendered selections at intervals, Mr. Bates contributed piccolo solos. Mr. S. Hale was the accompanist. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and the singing of the National Anthem closed a very enjoyable evening.”

Tipton Herald 25/4/1903

“On Monday afternoon Mr. H. A. Pearson (Coroner), held an inquest at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, touching the death of Edith Lizzie White (11), 5, Park Lane East, Tipton, who died suddenly. James Edward White, labourer, 5, Park Lane East, Tipton, identified the body. The deceased used to come and stay with him on Saturdays and Sundays. She came last Saturday, as usual, and on Sunday complained that she was sick, and on the Monday was worse. She continued to get worse during the day, and in the evening witness went for the doctor, but before he arrived she died in a fit.

By Inspector Given: He had never known the girl have a fit before.

Mary White stated the girl was her granddaughter. She complained of feeling sick on Sunday, and was worse the next day. Deceased died in a fit in which she struggled very much.

By Inspector Given: She had never seen the child ill previously. Deceased had a pink powder on Sunday night.

Eliza Hartill, widow, Churchyard Road, stated that with the exception of weekends, deceased stayed with her. The child went last weekend as usual apparently in good health. Witness heard that she was ill, and went to Park Lane. She gave the child a pink powder, and told Mrs. White to give her another.

By Inspector Given: She had never given the child a pink powder before. She had the child insured for a penny a week. The mother of the child took out the policy and gave it to witness. The mother of deceased had been going from house to house to get a living, and only returned to witness’s house on April 21st.

Dr. S. E. Price stated that he was sent for to the child, but could not then leave the surgery. Soon afterwards he was informed that the child was dead. He had made a post mortem examination. There were no marks of violence. The brain was congested. He attributed death to an epileptic fit.

By Inspector Given: It was a difficult thing to tell what caused the fit in so healthy a child.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 13/10/1905

“At West Bromwich yesterday *Herbert W. Vibert* and Jane Vibert, husband and wife, formerly of the WELLINGTON INN, Great Bridge, were fined 10s and costs and 5s and costs respectively, or 14 days each, for being drunk on the licensed premises of the WELLINGTON INN.

The male defendant had been holding the license, and should have obtained a permanent transfer last Thursday. On the previous night, both the accused were found in a drunken condition staggering about the house.”

Wednesbury Leader 2/2/1906

“An inquest was held on Tuesday at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, on the body of Patrick Conroy, a shoemaker, who lodged in Peel Street.

Susannah Richardson said that deceased was very unwell on Sunday, and while she and her son were helping him to bed he died in their arms.

Dr. Price, who was called in, attributed death to dropsy.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1911 Census

99, Park Lane East – WELLINGTON INN

[1] *Thomas William Manyer* (36), manager hotel, born Peterborough, Northamptonshire;

[2] *Alice Manyer* (36), wife, married 10 years, born Smethwick;

[3] *Alice May Manyer* (9), daughter, school, born Smethwick;

[4] *Thelma Jessie Manyer* (7), daughter, school, born Tipton;

[5] *William James Manyer* (5), son, school, born Tipton;

[6] *Edith Gillman* (29), niece, born Birmingham;

[7] *Jane Telly* (29), servant, born Tipton;

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/1/1913

“*Tom Burrows*, 40, manager of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, was summoned for assaulting Mrs. Sarah White. Maria Edwards, 40, of Old Cross Street, and Mrs. Sarah White, 42, of Park Lane East, were summoned for Assaulting Mrs. Sarah Ann Parton. There were cross-summons against Mrs. Parton for assaulting Mrs. White. The evidence was to the effect that on the night of Boxing Day, Mrs. Parton was in the private room of the WELLINGTON INN, with the wife of the manager, when Mrs. White and Mrs. Edwards came in and made a rush for her, and, it was alleged, used threatening language. They were stopped by the manager and were finally induced to leave. *Burrows* was fined £1 and costs for assaulting Mrs. White, and Mrs. Parton was fined £1 and costs for assaulting Mrs. White. The other summonses were dismissed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/4/1914 - Advert

“Barman Wanted; good references; live in; Mitchells and Butlers preferred.

Apply, WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton.”

Birmingham Mail 2/11/1914 - Advert

“Barman Wanted; good references.

Apply, WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, Tipton.”

South Staffordshire Times 4/9/1920

“On Sunday the customers from the BLACK HORSE, Park Lane West, had a pleasurable outing, their destination being Stratford-on-Avon. The same morning, the men customers of the WELLINGTON, Park Lane East, had their annual outing. They started at nine o'clock in one of the well-appointed ‘Charries’ of Messrs. M. and S. Ltd. and were conveyed to Shrewsbury. There were about thirty five in the party and the host Mr. *George Tyler*, accompanied them, a pleasant time was spent and the party returned happy and contented after almost enjoyable twelve hours’ outing.”

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Considerable concern was experienced on the Park Estate, Tipton, when, about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon it was reported that Mrs. Annie Stean, a well-known resident of Park Lane East, had attempted suicide by taking salts used by her husband (Alfred Stean) in pursuit of his business. The statement proved true. Dr. Harold Brown was called in, and immediately applied an antidote. The result seemed to be quite favourable, for the woman was soon able to be up and converse with her brother-in-law and others who went to the house at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock she was dead. Mrs. Stean was the wife of A. Stean, who has been for a considerable number of years in the employ of the Horseley Engineering Co. She was the mother

of Miss Mahala Stean, the well-known concert soprano singer, and also Miss May Stean, who died a little over a year ago. The latter was the talented pianist at the Victoria Picture Palace, and at the inquest touching her death it was shown that she had died from ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating tainted rabbit. Much sympathy is felt and has been expressed with Mr. Stean, who some years ago lost a child by burning; who recently lost his youngest daughter, and whose wife had now met such a tragic fate.

Mr. G. C. Lewis, Coroner, held an inquest touching the matter at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, on Monday afternoon.

Alfred Stean, husband of the deceased, 106, Park Lane East, said he was an engineer's fitter. He identified the body as that of his wife, Mary Ann, who was 53 years of age. She died on Saturday. He had had a dispute with his wife relative to things taken out of the house belonging to his daughter who died 18 months ago. His wife had been pawning them. He was angry with her, but not passionately. He had often had to remonstrate with her for her wasteful habits, and had told her that he should give her no money, but leave the management of the house to his daughter. He fancied she had been drinking, for she always got excited at these times. She had never shown any signs of mental disturbance except when she had been drinking. Then and after, she could never be made to listen to reason. He was away from the house for an hour after the bother, and when he came back he was told she had taken the poison, and a doctor had been sent for. She lived about four hours. He kept the spirits of salt in the house for mechanical purposes and soldering. In consequence of the back room where it was kept was being renovated, the spirits of salts were in the room where his wife was.

Mahala Stean, a daughter, said she heard the dispute between her father and mother. After her father had gone out, her mother asked what she thought about it. Witness replied that she had no sympathy with her mother, who ought to be ashamed of herself. She was angry and agitated, did not reply, sat by the fire a few minutes, and then walked into the kitchen. Witness followed, to wash her hands, not to watch her mother, a few minutes after. Her mother had the bottle in one hand and the glass in the other, and was just drinking the last drop. She had emptied the bottle (produced) which contained spirits of salts. It was about the third of a medicine bottle. Witness asked why she had done that, and her mother replied 'There; I've done it now, and it's all over.' Witness fetched the neighbours, and a doctor was sent for straight away. Her mother had been addicted to drinking ever since witness could remember. She was always at it, and did not do it in bouts. She got fuddled generally, stupid, not helpless. There were no intoxicants kept in the house, and all that was obtained was by surreptitious means.

Mr. Williams, assistant to Dr. Brown, said he found the woman suffering from excoriation of the lips. Antidotes were administered for an acid poison, but unavailingly. It would be very strong acid from the blistering of her lips.

The Coroner said he had no doubt it was a case of poisoning, with intent to take her own life. The only question was the state mind, which might have been unbalanced. He thought that after the proper rebukes of her husband, the balance of probabilities was that she was very angry. He should find that she took her life by hydrochloric acid poisoning, but though he had an idea in his mind about it he should express no opinion, and give no decision as to the state of her mind at the time.

PC Collins was in charge of the case."

South Staffordshire Times 20/1/1922

"In the Divorce Court, on Wednesday, Sir Henry Duke heard the undefended petition of George Parton, coal miner of Old Pit Road, South Kirby, for the dissolution of his marriage and damages on the ground of misconduct of his wife, Sarah Ann, with *Thomas Henry Burrows*, an engine driver.

Petitioner said he was married in April, 1900, and lived at Church Hill, Hendsford. He was happy until 1912, when co-respondent, who had been the licensee of an inn at Park Lane East, Tipton, went to live with them at Smallthorn Grove, Castleford. Then the wife refused to go out with petitioner, although she was often out with *Burrows*. When told to leave the house *Burrows* refused.

A son of the petitioner gave evidence that during his fathers' absence, his mother and *Burrows* lived together at Gladstone Street, Leeds.

His lordship granted a decree nisi with costs, and assessed damages at one farthing.

Thomas Henry Burrows was formerly landlord of the WELLINGTON INN, and the Partons then kept a small greengrocer's shop next door. Mr. Parton was well known and respected all over the town as a pur-

veyor of vegetables, etc, which he carted around.”

South Staffordshire Times 1/3/1924

“A thoroughly enjoyable gathering was held at the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Park Lane East, Tipton, on Saturday night, when about 70 or 80 persons were present. It was a smoking concert arranged by officials of the Dudley Port and District Railway Men’s Social and Sports Club which had for its object the recreation of the men. Mr. John Gregory, station-master at Dudley Port, in a brief opening speech, spoke of the objects of the organisation.....”

South Staffordshire Times 26/7/1924

“Canine Success. ‘Active Lad,’ the dog owned by Mr. *George Tyler*, of the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane West, won second, third, and reserve prizes at the Handsworth Fanciers’ Society (canine section) at Victoria Park, Handsworth, last Saturday. The judge was Mr. Wilson.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/12/1924

“Dividend Club Supper. This annual event was successfully held at the club house, the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East, on Saturday night.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 19/9/1925

“A representative company of the members of the Tipton Friendly Societies’ Committee assembled at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane West, on Wednesday night, to do honour to Mr. and Mrs. *Tyler* (the licensees) and the customers in recognition of their splendid service in the box collection. As runners up for the silver shield the house obtained the great sum of £31 11s 8d.....”

Dudley Chronicle 26/8/1926

“Hospital Helping. A Year’s Work at Tipton.

The following is the annual report of the Tipton Friendly Societies, read by Mr. Geo. A. Baker, at the allocation meeting at the FOUNTAIN INN on August 11th The list of public house boxes opened up to the present were as follows.....

WELLINGTON INN, £26 18s 8d (winners of the shield).....

This, he thought, was very satisfactory, and showed a marked improvement upon last year’s public house boxes. We should (he continued) like every house in Tipton to take a keen interest in our local institutions, because whatever may be their position, a continual heavy daily expense must be met, and if the voluntary system is to maintain its reputation every house must do its duty towards its upkeep. Let Tipton take the lead.....

To the WELLINGTON INN we send our congratulations on winning the shield, especially on beating their near neighbours, the PARK HOTEL. These will be presented later with a winner’s and runner’s up certificate; also the Soldiers Club on winning the King Shield once again for the largest turnout on parade. Such friendly rivalry is good for our cause, and the committee, I know, hope that other houses in Tipton will follow suit and see that neither the WELLINGTON INN nor the PARK HOTEL win the shield next year.

The allocations were as follows: Guest Hospital, £40; Dudley Dispensary, £40; Birmingham General, £10; Birmingham Ear and Throat, £10; Nurses Home (Tipton), £5; West Bromwich Hospital, £5; Womens Hospital, Wolverhampton, £5; Wolverhampton General, £3 3s; Royal Orphanage, £1 1s; St. John Ambulance (Tipton), £2 2s; St. John Ambulance Nurses Section (Tipton), £1 1s; Police Court Mission, £1; reserved for spectacles, £12; balance carried forward, £36 12s.”

Evening Despatch 21/6/1939 - Advert

“Bar-General wanted; liberal outings.
WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane Heath, Tipton.”

1939 Register

99, Park Lane East

[1] *Joseph W. Marston*, date of birth, 03/10/1890, licensed trade (manager), married;

[2] Florence Alice Marston, dob, 07/11/1892, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] George Marston, dob. 22/06/1920, beer pipe fitter, single;

[4] Mary A. Reynolds, dob, 31/05/1893, bar general, widowed:

Tipton Herald 30/7/1955

“In an effort to raise £500 for the Blind in Tipton and district, a domino competition is to be organised by Mr. J. Monahan, Secretary of the local Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. To start the competition, a meeting will be held at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane, Tipton, on Wednesday, September 7th. Entrance fee for teams will be 10s and the winners will receive the ‘Blackout’ Silver Challenge Cup.”

AND

“Customers of the WELLINGTON INN, Tipton, visited Leamington Spa Training Centre for Guide Dogs for the Blind last Sunday.”

Tipton Herald 27/8/1960

“Disgust at the reaction of most of Tipton’s public houses towards the borough’s World Refugee Appeal, which closed recently, was expressed this week by Councillor J. W. Walters, the Deputy Mayor, who launched the appeal twelve months ago. Total amount collected in the borough towards the £2,500 appeal was £1,397. Of this amount £29 3s 11d was received as a result of collections in 68 public houses.

Councillor Walters said on Thursday, ‘I am disgusted at the reaction of the licensed houses to the appeal. I think the licensees have shown complete indifference. It is most depressing, and if they had pulled their weight our total would have been much better’.....

Some public house gave nothing at all. One inn at the Five Ways, Tipton, gave a half-penny and four others gave 2d or less.

The highest amount collected by any public house – £2 13s 6d – was at the WELLINGTON INN, Park Lane East.....

One licensee of a public house where 10d was collected for the appeal said, ‘The World Refugee Appeal clashed with other appeals that were being made at the time, including a collection for our customers who are old age pensioners. Last Christmas we gave £2 12s 6d each to 18 old people, so that shows that Tipton people are not stingy. They just preferred at the time to give to local causes.’.....”

It closed in 1999.

It was converted into housing.

WHITE HART

49, Owen Street, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Cotton [1862] – [1870]

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Birmingham Journal 2/8/1862 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Important Sale, at Tipton.

The Old-Established Public Houses called the HEN AND CHICKENS, the WHITE HART INN, and the

LOCK HOUSE INN. Valuable Grocer's Premises, and Various Other Houses and Sites; in the centre of the town of Tipton, suitable for public and other business purposes.

To be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Solomon Powell, at the house of Mr. James Aston, the FOUNTAIN INN, Owen Street, Tipton, on Wednesday Next, the 5th day of August, at Six o'clock in the evening, the under-mentioned valuable Freehold properties, in the following or such other lots as shall be then determined upon by the Auctioneer at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be read.

Lot 1. All that Retail Public House, the WHITE HART INN, having a frontage of 16 yards 8 inches to Owen Street, and also the Dwelling House adjoining fronting the road leading to Park Lane, with the Out-Buildings at the back thereof, now in the respective occupations of Mr. *George Cotton* and Mr. Jesse Jevons, containing 350 square yards, or thereabouts.

Lot 2. All that old-established Grocer's Shop, Dwelling House, and Out-Buildings, adjoining the WHITE HART, having frontage of 8 yards and two feet to Owen Street, in the occupation of Mr. Tapley, containing 193 square yards, or thereabouts.

N.B. Lots 1 and 2 have the joint use of the Road, Yard, and Privy at the back of their Premises, as shown upon plan.

Lot 3. A desirable Plot of Building Land, adjoining Lot 2, having a frontage of 11 yards to Owen Street, and also a Private Road out of Canal Street, 10 yards wide, together with the Two Dwelling Houses and Workshops erected thereon in the occupation of Mr. John Bird or his Under-tenants, containing 302 square yards or thereabouts.....”

George Cotton, beer retailer, Owen Street. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

Birmingham Daily Post 27/8/1866 - Advert

“This Day, Monday, August 27.

To Brewers, Publicans, And Others, by Mrs. Messrs. Powell and Son, on Premises adjoining the WHITE HART INN, Owen Street, Tipton, Fifty-three Bags of Prime Malt, in lots to suit purchasers.

Sale to commence at Three p.m.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 10/5/1870

“Yesterday, *George Cotton*, landlord of the WHITE HART, Owen Street, was summoned before Messrs. Bagnall and E. F. Smith, to answer a charge of permitting gambling in his house, on the 30th ult. Mr. Ebsworth defended. Evidence of the offence was given by Reuben Roberts, Sergeant Dutton, and Police-constable Critchlow. Defendant, who had been previously convicted, was fined £5 and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 29/9/1870

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions at West Bromwich.....

Beer licenses.....

George Cotton, WHITE HART, Owen Street, had been adjourned in consequence of having been several times convicted of keeping open during improper hours, and allowing bowling. Granted.”

1871 Census

49, Owen Street – WHITE HART Public House

Uninhabited

WHITE HORSE

27, (29+30), Bridge Road, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Plants Brewery Ltd. [1912]

LICENSEES

James Seedhouse [1881] – [1882]

Joseph Seedhouse [1882]

Walter Ellis [1891]

Samuel Mills [1901]

Elizabeth Morgan [1911] – [1912]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Dudley Guardian 24/4/1875

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before Mr. E. Smith and Captain Barrow, Thomas James was charged with being on licensed premises during prohibited hours, on the 4th instant.

Police-constable Hobbs said he went to the WHITE HORSE INN, Toll End, at a quarter to one o'clock on the morning in question, when he saw defendant hiding behind a door. Fined 10s and costs.”

1881 Census

29+30, Bridge Road – WHITE HORSE

[1] *James Seedhouse* (28), publican, born Tipton;

[2] Harriet Seedhouse (28), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Elizabeth A. Seedhouse (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Caroline Seedhouse (6), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Louisa Seedhouse (4), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] Joseph Seedhouse (1), son, born Tipton;

[7] Phebe Walton (16), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Dudley and District News 27/5/1882

“*James Seedhouse*, beerhouse keeper, WHITE HORSE INN, Toll End, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on Saturday 22nd April. The case was adjourned for 14 days.”

Dudley and District News 10/6/1882

“*James Seedhouse*, beer-house keeper, WHITE HORSE INN, Bridge Road, Toll End, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the 22nd April last. PC Gawn said he watched defendant's house, and saw Jane Powell go up an entry to the back door of the premises. She came down the entry and looked about the street, and then went to the back door, went in, and about 5 minutes after – at about 11.40pm – she came out with a quart of beer. He asked her what she had got there, and she threw the beer out of the jug to the ground, and said, ‘There it is.’ He took Powell into the house and asked the landlord how he accounted for Powell being served with beer. Defendant's wife said her children had been bad, and Powell had been waiting upon them, and after giving her her supper, she gave her some beer to take home. PC Godsall corroborated the evidence of Gawn. Defendant's wife said Mrs. Powell had been attending to the children.

Jane Powell said she had been all day attending to Mrs. *Seedhouse*'s children, who were unwell, when she went across she used to look at the pigs which were kept at the defendant's. Before she went to the pigstye she looked up and down. She has attended Mrs. *Seedhouse*'s children for three months. The reason why she threw the beer out was because a man seized her, and began to feel all over her. She intended to have struck him with the jug, as she was so frightened. She did not know he was a PC, as he was in plain clothes. Defendant was fined 5s and costs, license not to be endorsed.

Dudley and District News 17/6/1882

“Jane Powell, Toll End, was charged with being upon the licensed premises of *James Seedhouse* during prohibited hours on the 22nd April. Defendant pleaded guilty. PC Godsall said he saw defendant bring a quart of ale out of the WHITE HORSE at 11.40pm, and when she saw him she threw out the jug on the ground. Defendant said she had been waiting on the landlady’s children who had the fever, and she gave her some beer for her supper. She went out nursing, and received beer as part wages. Case adjourned, and if nothing else was brought against defendant there would be nothing more about it.”

1891 Census

29+30, Bridge Road – Public House

- [1] *Walter Ellis* (30), innkeeper and iron worker, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Phoebe Ellis* (31), wife, born Scotland;
- [3] *Phoebe A. Ellis* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

1901 Census

29+30, Bridge Road

- [1] *Samuel Mills* (45), plumber and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Mills* (41), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Herbert Mills* (15), son, brass finisher, born Tipton;
- [4] *Maud Mills* (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Clara Mills* (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *John Mills* (10), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Dora Mills* (7), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Elsie Mills* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Rebecca Taylor* (38), married, sister-in-law, born West Bromwich:

The license renewal was objected to in 1903 on the grounds that it was insanitary and dirty.

1911 Census

27, Bridge Road – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Morgan* (70), widow, tenant of beerhouse, born Oswestry, Wales;
- [2] *Martha Marsh* (82), widow, sister, born Willenhall;
- [3] *William Corfield* (24), boarder, plater’s helper in boiler yard, bridge and girder makers, born Tipton;
- [4] *Sarah Stanford* (28), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [5] *Maude Harvey* (6), adopted, school, born Willenhall:

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/2/1912

“Tipton. These Sessions were held on Wednesday.....

The following houses would be reported for compensation on the ground of redundancy.....

WHITE HORSE, Toll End.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/6/1912 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above Area, will be held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, at Eleven o’clock am, on Thursday, the 18th Day of July, 1912.

And Notice Is Hereby Also Given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the Renewal of the Licenses of the several Premises specified in the subjoined list, all those Persons to whom under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard; that is to say, the Persons interested in any Licensed Premises in question, and, unless it appears to the Compensation Authority unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the renewal of the license of those premises (including the Justices of the Licensing District).

List of Licensed Premises.....

WHITE HORSE, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Elizabeth Morgan.*”

Staffordshire Advertiser 3/8/1912 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of July, 1912, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 26th day of August, 1912, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

WHITE HORSE, Toll End, Tipton. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Elizabeth Morgan.* Registered Owner, Plants Brewery Ltd.”

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1913

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented the following report. The committee went into great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.

In the following twenty-five cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

WHITE HORSE, Toll End, Tipton, beerhouse ante 1869, £350.....

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and will be paid out on the 21st of December.”

WHITE HORSE

Horseley Heath, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Mills [1872]

Mrs. Maria Archer [1879]

William Carrington [1888]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 1/2/1888

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday – before Mr. Neville (Stipendiary) – the undermentioned cases were dealt with.....

William Carrington, of the WHITE HORSE beerhouse, Horseley Heath, was summoned for permitting gambling on his licensed premises. Mr. Sharpe defended. The evidence of Police-constables Pickin and Bran-

drick was to the effect that they entered the house, and saw four men playing at 'don' for beer, the losers paying for the beer. The defence was that the gaming was carried on unknown to the landlord. A previous conviction having been proved against the defendant, he was fined £3 and costs."

[1915]

Check Dudley Port.

WHITE HORSE

8+9, Lower Church Lane, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Lee [1858]

Thomas Cox [1861] – [1862]

Joseph Day [1884]

Richard H Harper [1891]

Albert Walter Smart [1901] – [1904]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/4/1858

"Phillip Martin (alias Sleuderman) will run John Walker of Dudley Port, or Richard Dyke of Tipton, 100 or 110 yards, for £20 or £25 a side. Money ready at Mr. Lee's, WHITE HORSE, Church Lane, Tipton."

Staffordshire Advertiser 13/8/1859

"Queen Of The Forest Lodge. A new Court of the Order of Foresters bearing this name, in connection with the Wolverhampton and Tipton District, was opened on Tuesday, at the WHITE HORSE INN, Church Lane, Dudley Port, by Bro. J. Dorricote, District Chief Ranger, assisted by Bro. J. Goodwin, D.S., W. H. Hall, P.C.R., J. Jones, C.R., and W. Broadhead, S.C.R., the opening officers from Court King of the Forest. Thirteen members were enrolled and initiated into the mysteries of Forestry. A dinner closed the proceedings, and one of the toasts was followed by the Foresters' fire."

1861 Census

Church Lane – WHITE HORSE

[1] *Thomas Cox* (40), dresser, born Tipton;

[2] *Phebe Cox* (40), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Ann Maria Cox* (16), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Betsey Cox* (9), daughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Eliza Cox* (7), daughter, born Tipton;

[6] *Mary Ann Cox* (1), daughter, born Tipton;

[7] *Jemima Cox* (1), daughter, born Tipton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/11/1862

“On Saturday John Stewart, a deaf and dumb man, who can write remarkably well, was brought before the West Bromwich magistrates on the following charge.

Mrs. Phoebe *Cox*, wife of *Thomas Cox*, landlord of the WHITE HORSE, Church Lane, said that between three and four o'clock, on the previous afternoon, the prisoner came to the house and made signs that he wanted some beer. She supplied him with the ale, and he handed her sixpence in payment. She took some money from her pocket to give him change, when he snatched a shilling from her hand, and he wrote on the table some words to the effect that he could tell fortunes. Witness, however, with her baby in her arms, placed herself against the door to prevent his egress and the accused hurled a chair at her, after which he seized a spittoon, and struck her on the head. A slate was procured, and in answer to the charge the prisoner wrote, ‘I was drunk, and did wrong, and am sorry.’ The Bench inflicted a penalty of 5s and expenses, or one month to hard labour.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/8/1880 - Advert

“To Let, the WHITE HORSE, Church Lane, Tipton; doing a good business. Rent £20. In-coming at valuation. Proprietor going abroad.

Geo. Thomas, Auctioneer, Great Bridge.”

Dudley and District News 22/11/1884

“John Price, puddler, Church Lane, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises, and further with assaulting PC Chisholme. On Saturday Sergeant Howell and PC Chisholme found the prisoner in the WHITE HORSE INN, Church Lane, very drunk. The landlord turned him out, and when in the road he became very disorderly. He was arrested, and immediately he began to kick Chisholme. He tore his coat and shirt collar, and struck him several times. He also kicked Sergeant Howell. Prisoner seizing an opportunity, took a knife out of his pocket, and was about to strike Chisholme with it, when Howell arrested the blow, and succeeded in getting the knife out of his hand. The fight continued for some time, the parties rolling about a good deal on the ground. The crowd obstructed the officers, and made matters ten times worse. The prisoner’s father and mother incensed the crowd, and personally actually assaulted the officers. Prisoner admitted the charge. Thomas Price, prisoner’s father, was then charged with assaulting Chisholme. As Howell and Chisholme were taking the son to the station, the prisoner came up and tried to rescue his son, he struck Chisholme on the face several times, and also kicked him. Howell drew his staff and threatened to strike him, when the prisoner quietened him a bit, and followed at a distance. He was afterwards arrested. Prisoner denied both charges.

Ann Price, the mother, was then charged with being drunk and disorderly, and with assaulting Chisholme. It was shown that the woman in trying to rescue her son, struck the officer several times.

John Price was fined 2s 6d and costs for being drunk on licensed premises, and 20s and costs for each assault, or a month in each case; Thomas Price was fined 2s 6d and costs for assaulting Chisholme, and Mary Price 5s and costs for assaulting the same officer. The charges of drunkenness against the last two defendants were not adjudicated on.”

Dudley and District News 6/12/1884

“*Joseph Day*, publican, was charged with permitting drunkenness on the 15th. Mr. Sharp, West Bromwich defended. The defendant keeps the WHITE HORSE beerhouse, Lower Church Lane. On the night of the 15th November Police-constable Chisholme, from what he had been told, paid a visit to the house, where, he said, he found a number of men in the tap-room drunk – two of them very drunk. They had beer before them, and were all disorderly. He called the attention of the landlord to the condition of the men, and the landlord ordered the man in the most drunken state to leave, which he did with assistance. The officer left, and waited outside. Entering again, he saw a man named Price leaning against the counter very drunk. Price was ordered out. He went, and became very disorderly in the street. It took two men to take the first-mentioned man home. Sergeant Howell, who entered the house whilst Chisholme was there the second time, said he also called the defendant’s attention to Price. Defendant replied that he could conduct his business very well without policemen. The officers left the house together, and finding that Price had not been ejected, they returned and found him still standing in a drunken situation. Ultimately Price was got out.

For the defence it was admitted that the man Price was in the house the worse for drink. He asked for beer but the defendant refused to draw him any, but gave him a bottle of ginger beer in a pint glass, which was an unfortunate thing, said Mr. Sharp, as this ginger beer was put into a jug, for no doubt the officers made their mistake on this point. Defendant was put into the witness-box, and he swore he did not supply Price with beer, but with ginger beer. Fined 10s and costs.”

1891 Census

8+9, Lower Church Lane – WHITE HORSE

[1] *Richard H. Harper* (58), auctioneer and valuer, born Bilston;

[2] Sarah Harper (63), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Rebecca Kinsay (67), boarder, widow, born Bilston;

[4] Eliza Massey (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Church Lane – WHITE HORSE TAVERN

House furnished. Family absent.

[Birmingham Mail 5/7/1901 - Advert](#)

“Girl (good strong) Wanted, one used to public house, age no object.

Apply, *Smart*, WHITE HORSE, Church Lane, Dudley Port, Tipton.”

Wednesbury Leader 28/12/1901

“On Monday at Tipton Police Court, before Messrs. C. H. Burrows and W. W. Doughty, *Albert Walter Smart*, landlord of the WHITE HORSE INN, Lower Church Lane, was charged with permitting drunkenness, and Thomas Lappage, Horseley Heath, was summoned for being drunk on licensed premises. The landlord summoned Lappage, Horseley Road, for refusing to quit. Mr. Sharpe (West Bromwich) represented the police, and Mr. Willcock (Wolverhampton) appeared on behalf of the landlord.

Mr. Sharpe stated that Police constable Sturgess visited the public house at 2.10pm on November 25th, and found several men, including Thomas Lappage, distinctly the worse for drink. There was also considerable disturbance in the house. The officer cautioned the landlord, who asked him to have a drink, which he refused. At 4.40 Police constable Sturgess, accompanied by Police sergeant Biddulph, again visited the house, and directly afterwards Inspector Given arrived. Thomas Lappage was then very drunk, and was ultimately taken away by another man. Benjamin Lappage, who was also present then, was under the influence of drink. There was not the slightest suggestion made by the landlord in the presence of the officers that he had had any trouble with Benjamin, and he (Mr. Sharpe) asked the Bench to believe that if it had not been for the visits of the police there would have been no summons against this defendant by the landlord.

The defence was that Benjamin Lappage was not supplied with any drink, and that Thomas was not drunk. The case against Benjamin Lappage was dismissed, Thomas Lappage was fined 10s and costs, and the landlord was fined £3 and costs, amounting to £5 15s 6d.”

An objection to license renewal was made in February 1903, on the grounds that it was disorderly.

London Gazette 6/12/1904

“*Smart, Albert Walter*. Residing and carrying on business at the WHITE HORSE, Church-lane, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Beerhouse Keeper.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 26/12/1904

“The first meeting of the creditors of *Albert Walter Smart*, of the WHITE HORSE INN, Tipton, was held on Saturday, at Dudley, when the statement of affairs showed liabilities £138 7s, and the deficiency £107 3s 7d. The alleged causes of failure were ‘bad trade and illness of himself and family.’ The Official Receiver’s observations showed that for eleven years to 1901 he resided and carried on business at 110, High Street, Smethwick, as a carpenter and joiner. He disposed of this business to his brother in 1901, and he and his wife became tenants of the WHITE HORSE, Tipton, where practically all the liabilities were incurred. The

matter was left in the hands of the Official Receiver.”

Lichfield Mercury 29/6/1906

“The members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee resumed the hearing of the cases referred to them by the justices of the licensing districts, at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Monday. Lord Hatherton presided. In regard to the WHITE HORSE INN, Church Lane, Tipton, Mr. Graham Millward, for the owners, said he did not apply for a renewal of the license, and he put the figure of £350 as the value of the house, a figure which he understood was agreed to by the justices.

Mr. Disturnal said the justices agreed, and the Chairman and the committee were satisfied with the arrangement, and agreed to it provisionally.”

WHITE HORSE

147+148, Park Lane West, (Sawney Bridge), Lower (Upper) Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

John Lakin

LICENSEES

John Worley [1847] – [1852]

William Case [1859] – [1861]

John Kimberley [] – **1870**;

Joseph Mills (**1870** – [1872])

Mrs. Alice Lakin [1880]

John Flavell [1881] – [1891]

Thomas Jinks [1896]

William Henry Cox [1900] – [1904]

John Thomas Bishop [1907]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Journal 24/4/1847 - Advert

“Three Freehold Houses And Land, at Tipton Green, and Watery Lane, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. J. Wright, at the House of Mr. *J. Worley*, WHITE HORSE INN, Tipton Green, on Thursday, May 6th, 1847, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/6/1849

“Another daring robbery was committed on Tuesday night in the house of Mr. *John Worley*, of the WHITE HORSE, Tipton Green. An entrance into the premises was effected by forcing down one of the shutters and removing a square of glass, when clothing and other articles, to the value of 4s were carried off. The inhabitants are so alarmed at the frequency of these robberies, that they are forming an association for appointing watchmen to protect their property.”

Birmingham Journal 5/1/1850 - Advert

“Sale At Tipton Green.

To be Sold by Auction, by Jesse Wright, on Tuesday Next, January 8th, in a large Yard at the back of Mr. *J. Worley*'s WHITE HORSE INN, Tipton Green – Two Flat Pit Chains, several Tons of Wrought and Cast-iron Rails and Sleepers, and a variety of useful Colliery Iron Work; removed for the convenience of sale. The whole will be sold without the least reserve, as the Proprietors have no further use for them. Sale to commence at Ten o'clock in the morning.”

1851 Census

Lower Green

- [1] *John Worley* (34), hay, corn dealer and retailer of beer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sophia Worley* (31), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Matilda Parker* (10), visitor, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Eliza Webb* (4), visitor, scholar, born Delph:

Birmingham Journal 4/9/1852 - Advert

“WHITE HORSE INN, Upper Green, Tipton.

John Worley, Proprietor.

No.2 £25, £50, and £100 Money Club.

John Worley, in returning thanks of his Friends and the Public generally for the liberal support he has met with since he commenced Business at the above House, begs to announce to them that in consequence of the great benefit derived by the Members of No.1 Money Club, he intends, at the request of several of his Friends, Commencing No.2 Money Club, on the evening of Wednesday Next, September the 8th, at half-past Seven o'clock.

About twenty Persons have already promised to become Members.

Fortnightly Payments for £25, 5s; for £50, 10s; for £100, 20s.”

In July 1855, after the boiler explosion at New Fields Works, Dudley Port, inquests were held on the bodies of John Bennett, at the THREE FURNACES, Tipton, John Mansell, at the WHITE HORSE, Tipton, and Henry Phipps, a boy, at the ASH TREE, Tividale. Verdicts of Accidental Death were returned at each enquiry.

Birmingham Daily Post 8/3/1859 - Advert

“Stolen or Strayed, from the Stable of Mr. *William Case*, WHITE HORSE INN, Tipton, a cream-coloured Horse, rising four years old, 14½ hand high. Has a dark mane and tail. Any Person delivering the same to the above address will be handsomely rewarded for their trouble. If stolen, any one giving information leading to the conviction of the offenders, will receive Five Pounds Reward.”

1861 Census

Low Green

- [1] *William Case* (55), publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Sarah Case* (55), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Thomas Case* (22), son, corn dealer, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Eliza Case* (20), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 21/9/1861 - Advert

“WHITE HORSE, Sawney Bridge, Tipton.

To Be Sold, by Auction, by John G. Wright, on Friday Next, September 27th, all the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Utensils, Household Furniture and Effects, belonging to Mr. *William Case*, who has no further use for the same, having taken another establishment in Wednesbury; the Effects comprise hogshead and half-hogshead Casks, four-pull Beer Machine, Screens, Seating, Tables, Cooling Vats, Mash Tub, Malt Crusher, Chamber Furniture, &c; also a quantity of Old and Fresh Ale, &c, &c.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the morning.”

William Case – see also PLOUGH, Smethwick.

Birmingham Journal 16/5/1868 - Advert

“To Hay, Corn, and General Dealers. To be Let, and may be entered upon immediately, an excellent Canal and Roadside Public-House, the WHITE HORSE INN, Park Lane West, Tipton, with an excellent stable for twelve horses; large Store Rooms, with Steam engine, to cut chaff, beans, &c; with Front Shop. Apply to W. Wade, High Street, Tipton.”

Joseph Mills = Joseph Mill

1871 Census

147, Park Lane West

[1] *Joseph Mills* (28), labourer, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Mills (29), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Harriet Mills (7), daughter, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1871

“The annual adjourned licensing sessions for the West Bromwich Division, which comprises the parishes of West Bromwich, Handsworth, Darlaston, Harborne, Tipton, and Wednesbury, was held yesterday, at the Police Court at West Bromwich.....

The application of Thomas Davies, WHITE LION, Dudley Port, for a renewal was granted (applicant was convicted in July 1870 and again in June 1871); also that of *Joseph Mills*, WHITE HORSE, Park Lane West, (once convicted); and that of Zillah Whitehouse, RAILWAY TAVERN, Owen Street, supported by Mr. Bayley (convicted in July 1871, and fined £5 and costs).”

Joseph Mills, beer retailer, Park Lane West. [1872]

Dudley Herald 3/1/1880 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold Public-House, Private Dwelling-Houses, and Premises, situate in Park Lane West and Boat Row, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Charles Round (by direction of the Trustees, for Sale, under the will of the late Mr. John Lakin, senior), at the house of Mr. Benjamin Meller, WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Dudley Road, Tipton, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1880, at Six o'clock in the evening subject to conditions of Sale which will incorporate the Common Form Conditions of the Birmingham Law Society.

All that eligibly situated Public-House known as the WHITE HORSE INN, being Nos.147 and 148, in Park Lane West, Tipton, containing tap-room, bar, club-room, three chambers, cellar, kitchen, with brewhouse, in the occupation of Mrs. *Alice Lakin*; also the private Dwelling-Houses, being No.1 and 2 in Boat Row, fronting the Birmingham Canal, in the occupations of Messrs. John Lakin and Edward Roberts, and the three stall stable, wash-house, walled-in yard, and entrance gates and premises thereto belonging, the whole covering an area of 402 square yards of land or thereabouts. Estimated rental £53 1s per annum.

The Auctioneer wishes to call the attention of Brewers, Publicans, Hay and Corn Dealers, and others to this property as being most excellently situated, with a corner frontage to Park Lane West, and to the Canal and Boat Row, and a frontage to a cart-road, leading thereout. The premises have every convenience for carrying on the ale trade, and any other retail trade requiring space and commodious out-buildings, and, as an investment, will be found a good and safe one, being in thorough repair and substantially built.

For further particulars and to inspect plan, apply to Mr. F. M. Warmington, Esq, Solicitor, Dudley, or to Mr. Charles Round, Architect and Surveyor, Tipton.”

1881 Census

147+148, Park Lane West – WHITE HORSE INN

[1] *John Flavell* (43), beerhouse keeper, born Stourbridge;

[2] Eliza Flavell (40), wife, born Shardlow, Derbyshire;

[3] Emma Darby (15), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 26/7/1884

“Joseph Langford was charged with refusing to quit the WHITE HORSE, Park Lane, on the 12th, when requested to do so by *John Flavell*, the landlord. Defendant was very quarrelsome and *Flavell* put him out of the house twice. Fined 10s and costs, or seven days.”

Birmingham Daily Post 24/11/1885

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, *John Flavell*, brewer, Park Lane, was fined 40s including costs, for concealing wort with intent to deceive the Revenue. Mr. Kelly, supervisor, proved the entry in the book, and the finding of five more gallons of wort.”

1891 Census

147+148, Park Lane West – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *John Flavell* (53), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Eliza Flavell (50), wife, born Shardlow;
- [3] Elizabeth Weaver (20), general servant, born Shrewsbury:

Thomas Jinks, beer retailer, 147, Park Lane West. [1896]

William Henry Cox, beer retailer, 147, Park Lane West. [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

147+148, Park Lane West – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *William H. Cox* (31), brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] Susan Cox (32), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] George Cox (2), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Arthur Cox (6 months), son, born Tipton;
- [5] Mary Clarke (18), general servant, born Tipton:

William Henry Cox – check CASTLE.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 15/2/1907

“Apparently the last that was seen in Tipton of *John Thomas Bishop*, the licensee of the WHITE HORSE INN, Tipton Green, was as he turned out of a barber’s shop in High Street between five and half-past five on Saturday evening, after a shave.

He was then seen taking the direction of the railway station. *Bishop* did not return to his home, nor was he present at an extraordinary meeting of the members of the Hand-in-Hand Lodge of the United Order of Free Gardeners, of which he had been secretary for twelve years.

This was held at the CROSS INN, Park Lane West on Saturday evening. He had been summoned to explain why he had not sent the annual report to the District Secretary as requested. He had been given three months in which to do this, and the time had expired the preceding night. As a consequence, the Lodge, the members of which had been threatened with suspension for this neglect, fined *Bishop* £2.

Bishop, who is forty years of age, is a native of Tipton, and had lived there all his life. For twenty-two years he had worked for Messrs. J. and J. Whitehouse, Castle Street, as an ironmoulder, and continued to work there though holding a license.

He left work at mid-day on Thursday, February 7, and did not return again. He complained of feeling unwell, and remained in bed the following day. When his daughter went for his wages on the Saturday she said he would return to work on Monday if he were better.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 16/3/1907

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions. These sessions were held on Wednesday....

The Bench considered six houses reported as redundant.....

WHITE HORSE, Park Lane, kept by *J. T. Bishop*. Referred for compensation.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

“County Licensing Compensation Authority.

The principal meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford on Tuesday.....

Mr. J. G. Thursfield, clerk to the justices, stated that the following licenses had been referred in the Wednesbury division.....

WHITE HORSE, Park Lane West, Tipton, beer and cider ‘on’ license (licensee *John Thomas Bishop*).

Mr. Foster applied for the renewal of the license which had been refused on the ground of redundancy. Mr. W. J. Disturnal, barrister, called evidence in support of the justices’ report, and Inspector Rowbotham stated that there was a licensed house to every 175 of the inhabitants and 46 licensed houses within a radius of 500 yards. Evidence called by Mr. Foster in support of the renewal showed that the house was doing about £14 or £15 a-week, and was valued at £2,200 for compensation, being described as a well-adapted for carrying on a home-brewing business. The renewal of the license was refused.”

It closed on 7th December 1907

Lichfield Mercury 3/1/1908

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented a report of the business transacted during the year.....

The committee went very carefully in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee considered that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the compensation fund.....

WHITE HORSE, Park Lane West, Tipton, £900.”

WHITE LION

17, Boat Row, TIPTON

OWNERS

Richard Nicklin

William Hixon

LICENSEES

William Nicklin [] – **1838**);

James Nicklin (**1838** – []

William Hixon [1849] – **1850**);

John Lakin (**1850** – []

Thomas Thacker [c.1859]

James Keeling [1861] – **1871**);

Edward Law (**1871** – [1891]

William Henry Wade [] – **1889**)

Mrs. Ann Law [] – **1891**)

John Law [1896]

Israel Fletcher [1900] – [1901]

Charles Mellor [] – **1903**);

George Griffin (1903 – [1904])

Thomas Oliver (1905 – [])

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 12/3/1838 - Advert

“All Persons having claims against the Estate of the late Mr. *William Nicklin*, of Tipton, are requested to send them to one of his Executors (Mr. Schofield, Surgeon, or his son, Mr. Richard Nicklin, RED LION INN, both of Tipton), that they may be examined and discharged; and all persons indebted to the said estate are desired to pay the amount immediately to one of the said Executors.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 29/10/1838

“Staffordshire. Valuable Freehold And Leasehold Properties, in the Parish of Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by J. Wright, at the LION INN, Tipton, on Monday the 12th day of November next, precisely at three o'clock in the afternoon (by direction of the Devises in Trust of the late Mr. *Nicklin*, being part of the property devised by his will for sale), subject to such conditions as will be then produced, the following highly important investments.....

Lot 13. All those two Dwelling Houses, with Out-buildings and Gardens thereto belonging, fronting to the Birmingham canal and to a newly laid out road near the High Green, Tipton, one of which is known by the sign of the WHITE LION, and now in the occupations of William Hixon and *James Nicklin*.

The purchaser of this lot may have the option of purchasing or renting the LION INN and Premises for a term of fourteen years,,,,,”

National Archives 12/11/1838

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Plan of sale of estate of *Wm. Nicklin* (deceased) Tipton.”

National Archives 1&2/1/1839

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Conveyance: Richard Nicklin and Hen. Scofield to Wm. Hixon.”

National Archives 3/1/1839

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Conveyance upon trust: Wm. Hixon to Richard Nicklin and Hen. Scofield.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/6/1849 - Advert

“Freehold Property At Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. J. Bateman, on Monday, the 25th of June instant, at the house of Mr. Benjamin Whitehouse, the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, at six o'clock in the evening, the undermentioned freehold property, in one or such lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be produced.

All those Two Dwelling Houses, Outbuildings, and Gardens thereto belonging, situated near High Green, Tipton, and fronting to the Birmingham Canal, one of which is known by the sign of the WHITE LION, in the occupation of *William Hixon* and Thomas Hixon, and comprising about 350 square yards.

Further particulars may be known and plans inspected on application to Messrs. Robinson and Fletcher, solicitors, of the Auctioneer, Dudley.”

National Archive 20/12/1849

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Notice of sale, Richard Nicklin to *William Hixon*.”

Birmingham Journal 27/7/1850 - Advert

“Freehold Property, Tipton.

To Be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Bateman, by order of the Mortgagee, on Monday Next, the 29th day of July, at the house of Mr. Benjamin Whitehouse, the NAVIGATION INN, Tipton, at Six o'clock in the evening.....

All those Two Dwelling Houses, Out-buildings and Gardens thereto belonging, situated near High Green, Tipton, and fronting to the Birmingham Canal, one of which is known by the sign of the WHITE LION, in the occupation of *William Hixon* and *Thomas Hixon*, and comprising about 350 square yards.

Further particulars may be known and plans inspected on application to Messrs. *Robinson and Fletcher*, solicitors, or the Auctioneer, *Dudley*.”

National Archives 29/7/1850

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Conditions of sale and auction poster.”

National Archives 28/9/1850

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Conveyances: *William Hixon* et al to *John Lakin*.”

London Gazette 18/6/1861

“Whereas a Petition of *Thomas Thacker*, now and for two months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Hall-street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Beer, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also that of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and for eighteen months and upwards, previously thereto, residing in the Fox-yards, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and previously thereto residing at the WHITE LION INN, Boat-row, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Cider, and Beer, and Dealer in Tobacco, during the whole of the said time carrying on the trade or business of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and also a portion of the said period that of a Dealer in Hay, Straw, and Corn, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, at *Dudley*, and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *Thomas Thacker*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Thomas Thacker* is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 4th day of July next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon precisely, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors' assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *Thomas Thacker*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. *Thomas Walker*, Registrar of the said Court, at his office, at the Court-house, *Priory-street, Dudley*, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent.”

London Gazette 20/9/1861

“In the Matter of the Petition of *Thomas Thacker*, now and for two months and upwards last past residing at the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Hall Street, Tipton carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Beer, and Cider, and Dealer in Tobacco, and also that of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and for eighteen months and upwards, previously thereto, residing in the Foxyards and previously thereto residing at the WHITE LION INN, Boat Row, Tipton aforesaid, carrying on the trades or businesses of a Licensed Brewer and Retailer of Ale, Porter, Cider, and Beer, and Dealer in Tobacco, during the whole of the said time carrying on the trade or business of a Master Boatman, Contractor, and Dealer in Manure, and also a portion of the said period that of a Dealer in Hay, Straw and Corn, an insolvent debtor.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/11/1861

“At the *Wednesbury Police Court*, yesterday, *James Keeling*, beerhouse keeper, *Tipton Green*, was sum-

moned for having kept his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours. Police-constable Swift proved the offence was committed on Saturday night, the 16th instant. Defendant did not appear, and fine of 40s and costs was ordered.”

Post Office Directory 1868

“*James Keeling*, Beer Retailer, Canal Side”

Birmingham Daily Post 17/3/1871 – Advert

“In Liquidation. Re *James Keeling*, Publican, Shopkeeper, and Steerer. The WHITE LION INN, Castle Street, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. John Bent, by order of the Trustees, on Monday Next, March 20.

The whole of the Public House Effects and Stock-in Trade; comprising a capital 6-pull Beer machine, with Stop Taps and Piping; a 4-pull ditto, Tap Counter, metal top; Screens, Counters Scales and Weights, Cups, Jugs, Glasses, Pewter measures, Drinking Table, Gasfittings, Mash Tub, Cooling Vats, well-seasoned Ale Casks, about 300 hundred gallons Fresh Ale and Hops; Boat Shafts and Wings, Cabin Boat, Two Horses, Carts, Gig, 20 tons Manure, about 15 tons of Coal, wrought-iron Scrap, together with the Household Furniture, feather Beds, Bedsteads, Mattresses and other Effects.

Sale to Commence at Eleven o’clock.”

1871 Census

17, Boat Row – Uninhabited

Dudley Herald 16/10/1880

“We desire to call the attention of the Tipton Board of Health to the dangerous state of Boat Row, from Navigation Bridge to Mr. *Edward Law*’s (the WHITE LION), and at the rear of his premises, the whole being a public thoroughfare and populously inhabited. Strange to say that although the canal runs by the houses, and is only separated from them by an unprotected footpath, there is not a lamp-post in the Row, and the only lights to be seen are those from the tenements. The consequences are that of the late several persons have walked into the canal at night, and had it not been that they were timely rescued they would have been drowned. We understand that the local authorities promised last year, when about to reduce the lamps during the summer, to give the matter their attention, but as yet no steps have been taken to erect lamp-posts and give the light which is absolutely necessary.”

1881 Census

17, Boat Row – WHITE LION INN

- [1] *Edward Law* (56), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Law (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Elizabeth Law (21), daughter, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [4] George Law (19), son, railway porter, born Tipton;
- [5] Emma Law (17), daughter, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [6] Joseph Law (16), son, boat builder, born Tipton;
- [7] Arthur Law (13), son, scholar, born Tipton:

National Archive 2/5/1889

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Death certificate *William Henry Wade*.”

1891 Census

17, Boat Row – WHITE HORSE [sic] INN

- [1] *Edward Law* (66), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Law (66), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Arthur Law (23), son, butcher, born Tipton:

National Archives 2/6/1891

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Death certificate Mrs. *Ann Law*.”

John Law, beer retailer and furniture remover, 17, Boat Row. [1896]

Israel Fletcher, beer retailer, 17, Boat Row. [1900]

1901 Census

17, Boat Row – WHITE LION INN

- [1] *Israel Fletcher* (53), furnaceman chain works, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah A. Fletcher (52), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Joseph Fletcher (23), son, labourer anchor forge, born Tipton;
- [4] Edward Fletcher (21), son, moulder iron foundry, born Tipton;
- [5] John Fletcher (19), son, moulder iron foundry, born Tipton;
- [6] Leah Fletcher (15), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Israel Fletcher (12), son, born Tipton;
- [8] Samuel Fletcher (10), son, born Tipton;
- [9] Bernard Farmer (5), adopted son, born Tipton:

An objection to license renewal was made in February 1903 on the grounds that it lacks accommodation and is dilapidated.

The license was renewed 26th February 1903 after alterations had been made.

George Griffin, beer retailer, 17, Boat Row. [1904]

National Archives March 1905

“WHITE LION, Boat Row, Tipton.

Conditions of sale by PW to *Thomas Oliver*.”

WHITE LION

273, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Davies [1861] – [1872]

Z H Davies [1876]

C Ames [1880]

Thomas Haines [1881]

Samuel Hall [1884] – [1885]

John Ames [1887] – [1896]

NOTES

It was situated opposite to the WAGGON AND HORSES.

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Davies = Thomas Davis

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/5/1861

“At the Town Hall, Wednesbury, yesterday, before W. Partridge, Esq, *Thomas Davis*, beerhouse keeper, Dudley Port, was charged on a summons with having unlawfully kept open his house for the sale of beer on the night of the 21st instant. The police-constable deposed that on the night in question he visited the defendant’s house at twenty-five minutes past eleven at night, and there saw some person drinking. The defendant’s wife said that the customers had played a ‘lark’ with the clock, and put it back. It appeared the house had not been opened long, and that it had up to the time of the present offence been well conducted. Fined 10s and costs.”

Thomas Davies, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1862], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/6/1868

“T. Buxton (alias Young Warton) of Dudley Port will fight W. Taylor at catch weight for £5 a side; or he will fight Young Derbyshire of Randle’s Lane, Tipton at catch weight, for £5 a side. Money ready at *T. Davis’s*, WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/5/1869 - Advert

“For Sale, a large Drinking Booth, 88 feet long by 21 feet wide, with all fittings complete; also 3 inch Farmer’s waggon.

Apply *Thomas Davies* WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Post 13/7/1870 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, at the WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port.

By Mr. John Bent, This Day (Wednesday), July 13 – a capital portable Tent, together with Public House Fixtures, Beer Machines and other Effects, removed to the above Inn for sale.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock.”

Thomas Davies was fined 2s 6d and costs for selling during prohibited hours, in July 1870.

1871 Census

273, Dudley Port

[1] *Thomas Davis* (48), innkeeper, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Elizabeth Davis (48), wife, born Netherton;

[3] Alice Fletcher (18), general servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/9/1871

“The annual adjourned licensing sessions for the West Bromwich Division, which comprises the parishes of West Bromwich, Handsworth, Darlaston, Harborne, Tipton, and Wednesbury, was held yesterday, at the Police Court at West Bromwich.....

The application of *Thomas Davies*, WHITE LION, Dudley Port, for a renewal was granted (applicant was convicted in July 1870 and again in June 1871); also that of Joseph Mills, WHITE HORSE, Park Lane West, (once convicted); and that of Zillah Whitehouse, RAILWAY TAVERN, Owen Street, supported by Mr. Bayley (convicted in July 1871, and fined £5 and costs).”

Dudley Herald 29/7/1876 - Advert

“Monday. July 31, Sale At The WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port.

Messrs. Payton and Hill have received instructions from the Representatives of *Thomas Davies* (deceased), to Sell by Auction, upon the above Premises, on Monday, July 31, 1876, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Posses-

sion of the above well-known Inn, and also the whole of the Household Furniture, Brewing Utensils, Fixtures and Public-house Effects, comprising handsome half-tester Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses, Feather Beds and Bed Clothing, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Toilet Tables, Toilet Glasses, Cane-seated and other Chairs, Eight-day Clock, Cross-leg Drinking Tables, Two Spring Traps, Set Pony Harness, Capital Four-pull Beer Machine, Pair Ale Vats, Mash Tub, Cast Iron Boiler, Five 60-gallon Barrels, Two 100-gallon Barrels, Four 36-gallon Barrels, Five 18-gallon Barrels, in present use, Two handle and other Tubs, Kitchen Requisites, and other Miscellaneous Effects described in Catalogue.”

Dudley Herald 26/8/1876

“To be sold by private treaty – the public house known as the WHITE LION, with licenses and goodwill, also four cottages adjoining. Apply *Z. H. Davies*, WHITE LION, Dudley Port.”

Dudley Herald 21/2/1880 - Advert

“For Sale, Four Swing Boats, price £5 5s.
Apply, *C. Ames*, WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port.”

1881 Census

273, Dudley Port

- [1] *Thomas Haines* (54), beer seller, born Polesworth, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary A. Haines* (53), wife, born Tamworth;
- [3] *John Haines* (28), son, horse driver, born Polesworth, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Charles Haines* (27), son, general broker, born Polesworth, Worcestershire:

Birmingham Daily Post 25/5/1882 - Advert

“Strayed or Stolen, from the back of the WHITE LION, Dudley Port, a brown Pony, about 12½ hands high. A reward given to anyone returning the same to the above address.”

Dudley and District News 19/1/1884 - Advert

“Brewing Plant And Furniture.
Mr. George Thomas will Sell by Auction on Tuesday next, Clearing-Out Sale at the WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port, the whole of the Brewing Plant, Furniture, and Fixtures.
Sale at Eleven a.m.
Auctioneer’s Office and Sale Room, 20, Horseley Heath, Great Bridge.
Cash advanced on Goods for positive Sale.”

Samuel Hall = Samuel Hale

Dudley and District News 20/12/1884

“*Mary Marsh*, 43, was fined 10s and costs or 14 days, for being drunk and disorderly on the licensed premises of *Samuel Hall*, the WHITE LION, Dudley Port, on the 13th inst.”

Dudley and District News 3/1/1885

“*Samuel Hale*, beer-house-keeper, was charged with permitting drunkenness. About 9.15pm on 13th December, PC Chishlome visited the WHITE LION beer-house, Dudley Port, kept by the defendant, and in the taproom found three men and a woman very drunk. One man named Morgan threw his hat at him and also threw one of the other men’s hats. He picked up a pint jug, but was prevented throwing it at the officer by the landlady. Morgan attempted to get over the screen but the landlady stopped him. The officer called her attention to the drunken state of the people and she said Morgan had had no beer. He found several jugs of beer on the table. Chisholme left the house and in the course of twenty minutes returned in company with PCs Goodwin and Myatt. They found the front and back doors locked, and after waiting and knocking a few minutes the landlady admitted them. They found the woman Marsh there and a man named James. Marsh asked them to have a drink but they refused. James picked up his jug and staggered out of the house. The woman also left, and in consequence of her disorderly conduct in the street, she was locked up, and subse-

quently fined 10s and costs. PC Myatt corroborated.

Defendant's wife denied the charge. Edward Palto, in her behalf stated that Morgan had no beer whilst he was there. There was one man who was drunk when he came in but had no beer. The man was carried out. Mary Marsh was not drunk. Fined 10s and costs. The license was not endorsed.

Saml. James and Joseph James were then charged with being drunk on licensed premises. They were both fined 10s and costs, or 14 days. A warrant was issued against the other man Morgan."

Dudley Mercury 30/4/1887

"*John Ames*, landlord of the WHITE LION INN, Dudley Port, was summoned for selling ale during prohibited hours, and was fined 2s 9d, and 10s 6d costs. Mr. A. Whitehouse appeared for the defendant, who pleaded guilty. The offence occurred on Easter Sunday night, about half-past ten, when Police-constable Grindley saw a woman come out of the house with a jug containing fresh drawn ale."

1891 Census

273, Dudley Port – BROWN LION INN

- [1] *John Ames* (40), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Ames* (27), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Mary Ann Ames* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Gerty Ames* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Sarah Ann Ames* (3 months), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *James Plant* (25), boarder, coal miner;
- [7] *George Pearce* (25), boarder, horse driver:

John Ames, beer retailer and scrap iron dealer, 273, Dudley Port. [1896]

WHITE LION

24, Upper Church Lane, (24, Summer Hill), (Summer Lane), Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Caroline Thomas, Summer Hill, Tipton
Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd. [1903]

LICENSEES

John Duffield [1841] – [1845]
Mary Duffield [1851]
Abraham Duffield [1857] – [1873]
Samuel Holmes [1881] – [1882]
James Brown [1889] – 1892);
Hodgkins (1892 – []
John Wall [1896] – [1901]
George Smith (1903 – [1908]
Mrs. Annie Smith [1911] – 1919):

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Church Lane [1841], [1865]

24, Summer Hill [1845], [1871], [1873], [1892]

24, Upper Church Lane [1881], [1896], [1900], [1903], [1904], [1908], [1912]

24, Church Lane [1891]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Duffield, beer retailer, Summer Hill. [1841]

1841 Census

Church Lane

[1] *John Duffield* (35), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Duffield* (35), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Mary Duffield* (10), born Staffordshire;

[4] *Isaac Duffield* (2 months), born Staffordshire;

[5] *Mary Duffield* (60), ind, born Staffordshire;

John Duffield was also a provision dealer. [1845]

1851 Census

Church Lane

[1] *Mary Duffield* (48), widow, publican and grocer, born Harris Heath, Staffordshire;

[2] *Abraham Duffield* (17), son, grocer's assistant, born Tipton;

[3] *Isaac Duffield* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Jane Nicholls* (22), general servant, born Tipton:

[Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857](#)

“Annual Licensing Day Sessions adjourned till Friday, the 25th day of September next, when forty-two applications from retail brewers in the division for wine and spirit licenses will be considered.....

Abraham Duffield, Church Lane, Summer Hill, Tipton.”

[Refused at the adjourned sessions.]

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/9/1858](#)

“Applications for New [spirit] Licenses.....

The number of applicants for licenses was thirty. The following were the applications.....

Tipton.....

Abraham Duffield, Church Lane, Summer Hill, was supported by Mr. R. Caddick Refused.”

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/10/1859](#)

“A special licensing sessions was held on Wednesday, at the Scott Arms Inn, Great Barr.....

The number of applications was 33 which were disposed of as follows.....

Mr. *Abraham Duffield*, the WHITE LION, Church Lane, supported by Mr. Caddick Granted.”

1861 Census

Summer Hill – WIGHTE SWAN

[1] *Abraham Duffield* (28), licensed victualler and grocer, born Tipton;

[2] *Sarah Duffield* (22), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *John B. R. Duffield* (7), son, born Tipton;

[4] *Rachel York* (19), house servant, born Tipton;

[5] *Sarah A. Rhodes* (17), house servant, born Sedgley:

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/6/1861](#)

“An inquest was held yesterday (Tuesday), at the WHITE LION INN, Summerhill, before Edwin Hooper,

Esq, coroner, on the body of Thomas Mason, miner, aged 74, who met with his death on the previous Saturday night from the alleged negligence of the driver of a cart. The first witness, Sarah Greene, identified the body of the deceased, whom she said she had known for upwards of 35 years. She heard of his death on Saturday night, and assisted to lay him out &c. She noticed a deep cut wound on the back part of his head, and other bruises upon the thigh and hand. She could give no evidence as to the accident.

Mary Parker, a widow, said that at ten o'clock on the previous Saturday night she saw Henry Stanley driving a cart at a very fast rate, from Gospel Oak to Princess End; he passed the house where she was standing and was then flogging his horse. She afterwards heard that deceased had been knocked down by the cart and killed instantly. At this stage the Coroner said that he had several other inquests that day, and he should be compelled to adjourn the inquiry; he remarked that this course would not perhaps have been necessary if some of the jury had not kept him waiting for upwards of an hour after the appointed time. The inquiry was adjourned till Friday next, at six o'clock.

John Costello, inspector of police, stated that there had been great difficulty to procure witnesses against Stanley, as a great deal of intimidation had been used by his friends against persons who had been requested to attend and give evidence. The man Stanley was taken into custody at the time of the accident, but has since been admitted to bail."

[At the adjourned inquest the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Mason came to his death through the negligence of Henry Stanley who was then tried for manslaughter at the Stafford Summer Assizes and was found not guilty.]

Abraham Duffield was also a shopkeeper. [1864], [1865]

Birmingham Daily Post 16/1/1864

"The enquiry into the death of Minnie Smart, aged thirteen, was resumed yesterday, by Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, at the house of Mr. *Abraham Duffield*, the WHITE LION INN, Summer Hill. It will be remembered that at the preliminary enquiry, which took place on Friday, the 8th inst, it was shown that deceased had been visiting a married sister at Netherton, where she was taken ill, and after having had some 'surfeit water' administered to her, was removed to the house of her parents, where she soon afterwards died. The Coroner and Jury having considered that the circumstances of the case required further investigation, the inquest was adjourned until yesterday, when the first witness called was Mr. Thomas Underhill, surgeon, Great Bridge, who said: I made a post mortem examination of the body, which was emaciated, on the 9th inst. There were no marks of violence, but there was a black deposit on the lips, usually caused by fever. The membranes of the brain were congested, and the heart and lungs were healthy, and the blood was fluid. The stomach contained a small quantity of mucus, and the coats were not at all inflamed. There was no trace of any poison. My opinion is that death was occasioned by suppressed scarlet fever.

Tabatha Cambridge, the married sister, who brought the child home from Netherton, was recalled, and in addition to her former evidence, stated that fever had been in the house in which she (witness) resided, that two of her brother's children had died of it, and that a third child was at the point of death.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. Underhill said that 'surfeit water' was principally composed of water, spirits, sugar, and cinnamon, and that it was usually given to children to bring our eruptions by the people in that country. He had tested the 'surfeit water,' a portion of which had been drunk by the deceased, and found it to be perfectly harmless.

The Jury expressed themselves satisfied, and found verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

Mr. Underhill said that, with the permission of the Coroner, he desired to direct attention to two very important points in the case – first, the great indiscretion of removing a child suffering from scarlet fever during the late bitterly cold weather; and secondly, the folly of taking a child who had caught the infection among those whom the fever had not reached. Had deceased been kept warm, the eruption would probably have gone out, and her life have been preserved.

The Coroner agreed with Mr. Underhill, as to the folly of the act, but observed that he did not think Mr. Cambridge was aware that the child had caught the fever when she took her home."

Birmingham Daily Post 31/8/1867

"Yesterday, the annual meeting of Magistrates for the granting of victuallers licenses, in the Bilston Police

Division, was held at the Police Court in that town.....

Mr. Underhill applied, on behalf of Mr. Henry Millership, for a license to a house at Princes End, belonging to Mr. W. Whitehouse, a large brewer, of that place. The ordinary testimony to character was produced, as also a letter from Mr. W. Barrows, ironmaster. No license had been granted to that place for some years. The house stood at the junction of two roads; he believed it was always desirable to grant a license to a house so situated.

Mr. Thurstans opposed on behalf of the landlord of the WHITE LION, and showed that there were four public houses within 150 yards of it Refused.”

London Gazette 9/10/1868

“Notice is hereby given, that the following is a copy of an entry made in the book kept by the Chief Registrar of the Court of Bankruptcy for the Registration of Trust Deeds for the benefit of Creditors, Composition, and Inspectorship Deeds executed by a Debtor, as required by the Bankruptcy Act.....

Date of execution by Debtor – 5th October, 1868.

Name and description of the Debtor, as in the Deed – *Abraham Duffield*, of Summerhill, in the parish of Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler and Grocer.

The names and descriptions of the Trustees, or other parties to the Deed, but not specifying the names of the Creditors – The creditors.

A short statement of the nature of the Deed – Whereby the debtor covenants to pay his creditors a composition of 5s in the pound on their debts, by two equal instalments, within seven days from the date thereof, and on the 1st April, 1869, the second to be secured by the joint and several promisory notes of the debtor and Elizabeth Ayre, of Dudley, Widow, and Edward Packwood, of the same place, Provision Merchant; and a release by the creditors.

When left for Registration – 7th October, 1868, at two o’clock.

The Seal Of The Court.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/6/1869 - Advert

“Found, a Black and White Newfoundland Dog. If not owned in three days, will be Sold to defray expenses. Address, *Abraham Duffield*, WHITE LION, Summer Hill, Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 13/5/1870

“Yesterday, at Mr. *Abraham Duffield*’s, WHITE LION INN, Summer’s Hill, Tipton, an inquiry was made before Mr. Hopper, coroner, into the cause of the death of William Parry (46), a butty collier, who was employed at the Woodbank Colliery, Darlaston, belonging to Messrs. George Perry and Co. Mr. Baker, Government Inspector, attended the inquest, and Mr. George Perry, one of the proprietors of the colliery was also present.

The first witness, James Morris, deposed that he and the deceased were butties, who worked at the pit in question. On Monday last they were descending the shaft together, when a pulley which was attached to a frame not in use, and adjacent to the one which they were being let down, fell from the top and struck the deceased, who was violently thrown from the skip to the bottom of the shaft. He expired soon afterwards. In cross-examination by Mr. Baker, witness said he never noticed whether there was a bottom pin in the pulley like there was in the one upon which they were descending. As one of the butties, he did not examine whether the pit ‘gear’ was in proper order. He believed it was his duty to have done so, but that was undertaken by the deceased.

A juryman here explained that it was a custom at many collieries to have a working butty and a managing butty. In this instance witness was engaged in the former capacity. In reply to further examination by Mr. Baker, he said when the accident occurred there was no ‘bonnet’ on the skip. If such a cover had been attached to the tackle of the skip he did not think that the life of the deceased would have been saved. He knew the ‘bonnet’ was put on for the purpose of preventing anything from striking persons going down the pit. The deceased took it off himself on the previous Saturday, saying that as it was a new shaft, it would not be required. Witness had never seen the rule; could not read or write, and had never had the rules read to him.

The Coroner: This is a serious admission, for, as one of the butties at the pit, I do not see how you can en-

force the rules if you do not understand them yourself.

Mr. Baker: Are you aware that by not using 'covers' you were violating a special rule? – Witness: I know nothing about it; Geo. Parry had to do with the management.

Coroner: Did you ever notice whether the pulley was safe? – Witness: I never noticed it; I don't notice such things.

Coroner: This man appears to be in total ignorance of the rules. It is a serious thing that a man should be engaged in such a position, who does not understand the rules. They ought to be thoroughly explained to him before he attempts to take the management again.

Mr. Perry explained that when the two butties were engaged, one of them took the leading and responsible part. He would, however, take care that Harris was instructed in the rules before he resumed work at the pit. Geo. Parry, banksman, deposed that his brother (the deceased) examined the machinery before descending the shaft on the morning the accident occurred, and that he took off the 'bonnet'.

In briefly summing up, the Coroner observed that to a certain extent the deceased was to blame himself, as it was his duty to see that the machinery was safe before going down the shaft, and as to the 'bonnet,' that was removed by the deceased, and therefore, he considered that really he was the most to blame for the death caused by the pulley falling upon him.

After a brief consultation, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

24, Summerhill – WHITE LION

- [1] *Abraham Duffield* (38), victualler and grocer, born Tipton;
- [2] Sarah Duffield (32), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] John Duffield (11), son, born Tipton;
- [4] Elizabeth Duffield (9), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Frances Duffield (7), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Clara Duffield (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] Kate Duffield (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] Sarah Duffield (1) daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] Elizabeth Ayre (53), mother-in-law, widow, born Tipton;
- [10] Eliza Swain (31), married, servant, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/6/1874 - Advert

“Grocers. For Sale, the Fittings of a Shop, complete, comprising counters, canisters, and bins. Apply WHITE LION INN, Summer Hill, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 23/9/1876

“Inquest at the WHITE LION, Summerhill, Tipton on Job Whitehouse and William Grainger killed in Moat Colliery manslaughter against manager Elijah Davies, Joseph Sheppard, head engineer William Jackson, engine man George Price.”

[At Stafford Assizes, on 2nd March 1877, Elijah Davis, Joseph Sheppard and George Price, appeared charged with manslaughter, and were found not guilty.]

1881 Census

24, Upper Church Lane – WHITE LION INN

- [1] *Samuel Holmes* (27), unmarried, licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Elizabeth Holmes (55), mother, annuitant, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Amelia J. Holmes (16), sister, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Sarah Dugmore (32), sister, widow, dress maker, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Florence Dugmore (9), niece, born West Bromwich:

Evening Express 6/9/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, a good Servant, about 16.

Apply at the WHITE LION, Summer Hill, Tipton.”

Dudley and District News 1/4/1882

“*Samuel Holmes*, victualler, of Church Lane, Princes End, was charged with selling during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 12th March. It appeared that about half-past three in the afternoon of that day PC Houston saw a boy leave the house with a bottle, but on seeing the officer he dropped the bottle and ran away as fast as he could. The bottle contained sherry. Fined £2, and costs £1 13s 6d.”

Dudley Herald 12/8/1882

“To be disposed of WHITE LION, Summerhill, Tipton.....”

Wednesbury Herald 22/2/1884

“An inquest was held on Tuesday, before Mr. E. Hooper, at the WHITE LION INN, Princes End, on the body of Godfrey Duffell (50), who was killed at the Paddock Colliery, Coseley, on Saturday. Mr. W. E. Pickering, assistant inspector, was present.

Abraham Parkes said that the man Duffell was engaged with other colliers in erecting a pit frame. Duffell gave orders to let go some ropes. When the ropes were withdrawn the frame fell and Duffell was instantly killed. A man named Walker was also seriously injured.

John Evans, sinker, said Duffell was on the frame at his work, and when the order was given to let go the ropes he (witness) suggested that it would be better to have the pins in first. The wind was very high at the time. When the ropes were taken off the cross pieces fell, together with the ladder, and Duffell came down with a crash.

Mr. Pickering thought it strange that a man of Duffell’s experience should have cut off the ropes without the pins.

The Coroner believed the frame would have stood had the wind not been so high.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/12/1889

“At the Wednesbury Police Court yesterday – before Mr. Neville (Stipendiary) – Sarah Darby, Princes End, a middle-aged woman, was charged with doing wilful damage at the house of *Jas. Brown*, the WHITE LION INN, Summer Lane, Tipton.

1891 Census

24, Church Lane – WHITE LION

[1] *James Brown* (58), widower, blacksmith, born Tipton;

[2] John Ratcliffe (27), son-in-law, iron plate worker, born Tipton;

[3] Sarah J. Ratcliffe (27), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Ann Ratcliffe (2), granddaughter, born Tipton;

[5] Frank Ratcliffe (1 month), grandson, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1892

“The adjourned general licensing meeting for this division took place at the Police Court, yesterday.....

Mr. Whitehouse applied for renewal of the license to the WHITE LION INN, Summer Hill, which had been objected to on the ground of the former tenant *James Brown* having been convicted for permitting gambling. He proposed that the license should be transferred to a man named *Hodgkins* Granted.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1893

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the WHITE LION, Summerhill, on the body of Annie Ratcliffe (5), who was killed by being run over by a wagon, belonging to Messrs C. Lathe and Company, Moat Foundry.

The mother stated that she was expecting deceased home from school on Tuesday afternoon, when a little girl informed her that her daughter had been run over, and was dying. She found the child in an unconscious condition, at a house near to the scene of the accident, and death occurred a few minutes after her arrival.

George Littlewood said he was driving down the incline near the school, when he saw deceased walking backwards towards the horse. He shouted, and she turned suddenly round, and went under the horse. He pulled up immediately, but not before the wheels had passed over the child. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1901 Census

24, Upper Church Lane

- [1] *John Wall* (41), widower, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Arthur Wall* (21), son, bricklayer's labourer, born Tipton;
- [3] *Alice Wall* (12), daughter, born Tipton:

1911 Census

24, Upper Church Lane – WHITE LION

- [1] *Annie Smith* (56), widow, born Tipton;
- [2] *John Alfred Smith* (20), son, iron moulder (window frames), out of work, born Tipton;
- [3] *Harold Smith* (17), son, fitter (learner), born Tipton;
- [4] *Daniel Nicklin* (30), boarder, general labourer, born Tipton;
- [5] *Martha Baker* (11), boarder, born Tipton;
- [6] *Florrie Baker* (9), boarder, born Tipton;
- [7] *Janet Smith* (27), visitor, born Oldbury;
- [8] *Harold Smith* (1), visitor, born Denaby Main:

A Special Removal Order was granted from the WHITE LION to the BREWER AND BAKER on 22nd September 1919.

WHITE ROSE

154, Horseley Heath / Providence Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Golden Ball Brewery, Oldbury
J. and J. Yardley Ltd. [1908]
Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd. [1921]
Ansells Ltd. [1967]

LICENSEES

William Archer [1856] – [1872]
Ann Mary Archer [] – **1881**;
Henry Lloyd (**1881** – []
William Carrington [1885]
Mrs. Harriet Hunt [1891] – [1896]
Charles George Hunt [1897]
Mrs. Sarah Jane Hunt [1900]
James Hickman [1901] – [1904]
Mary Harriet Mason [1908]
George Sherman [1911] – **1921**;

George Henry Sherman (1921);
William Sidney Hyde (1921 – 1924);
Percy Samuel Powell (1924 – 1925);
William Sidney Hyde (1925 – 1926);
John Pugh (1926 – 1930);
William Aston (1930 – 1933);
William Orwin (1933 – 1946);
George Thomas Cole (1946);
Maud Mary (Kennedy) Durkin (1946 – 1959);
Ronald ‘Ron’ Woodhall (1959 – []
Mrs. Lilian Hill [] – 1967)
Dennis Harvey Johnson [] – 1972):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

It had a beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/6/1856

“Tom Bell of Great Bridge will walk T. Naylor of Dudley Port, his own distance, for his own sum. Money ready any time at Mr. *Archer*’s, the WHITE ROSE, Great Bridge.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/3/1859

“At Wednesbury, on Tuesday, *William Archer*, a beer-shop keeper, residing at Horseley Heath, was charged by the police with having, on Sunday last, assaulted Police-constable Bowen. The evidence of the officer was to the effect that on Sunday night, at about half-past eleven o’clock, he went to the WHITE ROSE, the house of defendant, in consequence of hearing a noise there, and was admitted after a little delay. He there saw jugs, tobacco, and evident signs of drink having been consumed. He went towards the cellar and the other parts of the house, searching the same with the view of discovering if there were any persons in the house. As, however, he was proceeding to the cellar the defendant knocked the candle out of his hand, swore he should not search his house, and afterwards struck him. He then took defendant into custody and locked him up. Police-constable Landon gave similar testimony, after which Mr. Jackson, who appeared for the defendant, addressed the bench, and stated that the police had in this instance grossly exceeded their duty, inasmuch as they did not discover anyone in the house, except one man, who was a lodger for the night, he having left his own home, which was close by, for the purpose of allowing his sister, who was visiting him, to sleep there. As for the alleged assault, surely a summons would have been sufficient, for it was most disgraceful that his client should have been ignominiously dragged from his home, and detained in custody the whole night. A man named Downing was called, and swore that at the time the police came to defendant’s house, there was not anyone there drinking, nor was anyone else in the house, except himself and the members of *Archer*’s family. Mr. Bagnall said the question for the Magistrates would always be to protect them in the proper discharge of such duties. Defendant must have well-known that he was doing wrong; and it seemed very suspicious that he should have offered any objection to the search which complainant wished to make. They would therefore order a fine of 20s and costs.”

William Archer, beer retailer, Horseley Heath. [1860], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1870], [1872]

1861 Census

Horseley Heath – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *William Archer* (51), beerhouse keeper, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] Harriet Archer (53), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] William Archer (23), son, iron puddler, born Tipton;

- [4] Ann Maria Archer (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Hannah Archer (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Edward Archer (13), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 18/5/1862

“W. Crowley of Dudley Port will run W. Williams of Great Bridge 300 yards, or will give Price of Tipton two yards in 120, or T. Thomas, of Tividale four yards like distance, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at *Archer's*, WHITE ROSE, Great Bridge.”

1871 Census

154, Horseley Heath – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *William Archer* (63), widower, publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] Ann Maria Archer (25), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] Hannah Archer (23), daughter, born Tipton:

1881 Census

154, Horseley Heath – WHITE ROSE INN

- [1] *Henry Lloyd* (49), widower, retail brewer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Mildred Whitehouse (23), niece, barmaid, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Mark Pooler (19), brewer, born Tipton;
- [4] Betsy Elmore (15), general servant, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 10/11/1883 - Advert

“WHITE ROSE, Great Bridge, Tipton. To Let, on advantageous terms. Part of purchase money can remain. Apply, Henry Jerrams, Golden Ball Brewery Oldbury.”

Dudley and District News 10/1/1885

“Patesy Nockton, labourer, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises. Mr. Sheldon defended. PC Chisholme visited the WHITE ROSE INN, kept by *William Carrington*, at Horseley Heath. He found defendant lying drunk on a sofa in a back room. He called the landlord's attention to him, and the landlord replied, ‘It doesn't matter, he's a lodger; he's been lodging here for the last six months.’ Chisholme went and returned a short time afterwards and found the man in the same place and condition. Three women came and took him away to his lodgings next door. He was so helpless that he could not walk; he was carried and dragged. PC Myatt corroborated. For the defence it was alleged that the defendant, who often lodged at the house, and a few others had been out all the previous night and that day carol singing. He had a headache when they returned, and after drinking a little ale, and a drop of whisky in a cup of tea, he lay down on the sofa and fell asleep. ‘Poor Patesy,’ said Mr. Sheldon, ‘slept like a dove.’

William Carrington, the landlord, was then charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. The evidence was the same as in the previous case, with the exception that the landlord begged Chisholme to have something to drink, but the invitation was refused. Defendant further offered to give him a sovereign to say nothing about the matter. When Chisholme visited the house the second time defendant said he was very sorry he had told him a lie. Nockton, he said, was a lodger. The man Nockton was put into the witness box, and he denied being drunk. *Carrington* said he could not swear the man was sober. The Bench considered the case proved. Nockton was fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days. *Carrington* was fined 10s and costs, or 11 days. The license was not endorsed.”

1891 Census

154, Horseley Heath

- [1] *Harriet Hunt* (60), widow, beerseller, born Tipton;
 - [2] Elizabeth Hunt (20), daughter, born Tipton:
- AND
- [1] *Charles George Hunt* (27), moulder, born Dudley;
 - [2] *Sarah Jane Hunt* (26), wife, born Tipton;

[3] Charles Thomas Hunt (6), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/5/1891

“At the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, *Harriet Hunt*, landlady of the WHITE ROSE INN, Tipton, appeared to answer a charge of allowing betting to take place on her premises, of the 12th and 13th inst. Mr. Pratt prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. Jackson defended.

On the 12th inst, Police-constable Tytherleigh, disguised as a labourer, visited the premises with a friend, and wrote the names of two horses on a slip of paper, which he gave to defendant’s son, with 2s. On the following day the officer again visited the house, and received 1s 10d, as the amount he had won on one of the horses he had backed the previous day. He then wrote the names of two more horses on a piece of paper, which he gave to the wife of defendant’s son, together with 7s. When taking the money the woman said they did not make book themselves, but only received money and ‘put it on’ to accommodate customers. The Stipendiary magistrate (Mr. Neville) said perhaps he had not imposed a fine heavy enough in the part to explode the idea that a publican was not committing an infringement of the Licensing Act, because he had a man round the corner or down the street. It was nonsense for such people to think they could set Acts of Parliament at nought. A fine of £5, with £2 5s costs was imposed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 29/9/1891

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wednesbury petty sessional division was held yesterday..... Mr. H. H. Jackson applied for the renewal of the license of *Harriett Hunt*, the WHITE ROSE beerhouse, Horseley Heath, the application having been objected to on the ground that she had permitted gambling on her licensed premises Granted, subject to her son, who was said to be responsible for the betting, not living with her.”

Mrs. *Harriet Hunt*, beer retailer, 154, Horseley Heath. [1896]

Staffordshire Advertiser 10/4/1897

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

At the recent adjourned sessions the recognizances of *Sarah Jane Hunt* and *Charles George Hunt*, of the WHITE ROSE beerhouse, Horseley Heath, Tipton, were ordered to be estreated owing to the costs in an appeal case against a conviction by the magistrates not having been paid, and it was now asked that the estreat should be remitted. The Court granted the request.”

Mrs. *Sarah Jane Hunt*, beer retailer, 154, Horseley Heath. [1900]

1901 Census

154, Horseley Heath

- [1] *James Hickman* (57), widower, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Maria Cooper* (24), daughter, married, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Clara Hickman* (16), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Henry Cooper* (28), son-in-law, coal miner (hewer), born West Bromwich:

James Hickman, beer retailer, 154, Hosreley Heath. [1904]

It was recommended to be closed on the grounds of redundancy, at Tipton Licencing Sessions, in February 1908.

It was referred to the Compensation Authority in 1908.

1911 Census

154, Horseley Heath – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *George Sherman* (50), publican, birthplace unknown;
- [2] *Jane Sherman* (45), wife, married 26 years, born Stonall, Staffordshire;
- [3] *George Henry Sherman* (20), son, iron roller, born Walsall;

[4] Mabel Victoria Sherman (13), daughter, born Walsall;

[5] Lilian Gladys Sherman (8), daughter, school, born Walsall:

South Staffordshire Times 3/9/1921

“Wolverhampton Police Court. A curious, and yet sad, story was told when a respectably dressed woman, who had a black eye, stood up in the dock to answer charges of larceny and damage. Her name was Lilian De Breffe, aged 37, of 128 Bright Street, Wolverhampton, and she was charged with stealing three bottles of stout, valued at 2s 6d, the property of *William Sydney Hyde*, licensee of the WHITE ROSE, Horseley Heath and with doing willful damage to glass at the police station to the extent of 11s. Mr. Darby (Messrs. Sharpe and Darby) prosecuted for the publican and Mr. F. W. Green (Dudley) defended and pleaded guilty.

Mr. Darby said that on August 28th, the defendant somehow got on to the premises of the WHITE ROSE. He did not suggest that she got on for a felonious purpose; she appeared a sort of stowaway. Anyhow on the following morning she was found in one of the public rooms the worse for drink, and the stout she drank was the property of the prosecutor. During the night she had been behind the bar, stolen the stout, and helped herself to beer, seeing that the taps had been left running. When the landlord found her he sent for the police and she was locked up. Defendant was a stranger to the prosecutor. She was not a customer or to his knowledge he had not previously seen her. She was a respectable woman and the prosecutor was really sorry for her family. He (Mr. Darby) believed it was a very sad case.

Inspector Mycock, giving evidence respecting the damage, said the woman was placed in the exercise yard, where she deliberately smashed a window. After she had been placed in a cell she smashed a window there, the damage was estimated at 11s.

Mr. Green, for the defence, said this was a very unfortunate occurrence. The woman's husband occupied an important position in Wolverhampton. The defendant had from time to time been addicted to drinking bouts, and unfortunately last week she had one of those bouts and came to Tipton. She was truly sorry for what she had done. It was difficult for the magistrates to know what to do with a case of this kind. To send her to prison would probably make her worse, and to inflict a fine would mean that the husband would have to pay it. He suggested that the defendant should be induced to give up drink entirely and that she should be bound over. She had promised to do this if the Court would give her another chance, while the husband was willing to pay costs for any damage incurred.

The Chairman said they were sorry to see such a respectable woman in court, but it was no doubt due to taking too much to drink. They would give her another opportunity if she would take the pledge, and she would be bound over for three years – they could not do less – and she would have to pay the costs. They hoped that at the end of the three years she would be thankful that the sentence had been imposed. The costs and damage amounted to £5 2s.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 13/6/1925

“The license of the WHITE ROSE, Horseley Heath, was at the Police Court on Tuesday transferred from *Percy Samuel Powell* to *William Sidney Hyde*, who, in answer to the magistrates as to his experience, said he had kept the WHITE ROSE for three years.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/2/1934

“At the Tipton annual licensing meeting yesterday.

With the exception of the WHITE ROSE, Horseley Heath, and the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Lea Brook Road, Ocker Hill, (consideration adjourned until 6 March), all licenses were renewed.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/3/1934

“Tipton Licensing Justices yesterday renewed the license of the WHITE ROSE, Horseley Heath, and referred for compensation that of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Leabrook Road, Ocker Hill.”

1939 Register

154, Horseley Heath – Public House

[1] *William Orwin*, date of birth, 18/04/1903, licensee (beerhouse), married;

[2] Evelyn (Orwin) Clarke, dob, 22/11/1902, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[3] William H. Orwin, dob, 19/01/1934, at school, single:
[Evelyn married Clarke in 1948.]

Maud Mary Kennedy married James Durkin in January 1949.

Tipton Herald 5/5/1956

“Due to inclement weather the Albion Shield final between WHITE ROSE and Parkes Hall Social in the Tipton and District Amateur League, played at Wellington Tube Works Ground on Thursday was late starting. At the end of 90 minutes play the score was 1-1, and by then it was too late to play extra time. The shield will therefore be held jointly by the teams. The hundred or so spectators present were given good value for their money during the game. Both teams gave a good account of themselves, although WHITE ROSE, who seemed stronger in their attacks, lost many scoring opportunities through failing to take chances.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 10/3/1967

“A woman licensee, her husband and three children were last night still barricaded in the living quarters of the WHITE ROSE public house, Horseley Heath, Tipton, from which they claim attempts were made to evict them.

They are Mrs. Lilian *Hill*, aged 24, Mr. *Anthony Hill*, aged 28, a moulder, Wendy (5), Jaqueline (3) and Andrew (6 months). The WHITE ROSE is an Ansells Brewery house.

Mr. *Hill*, who will not go to work today claims that they have nowhere to go and would not move until he had a decent home for his family.

He said they were given notice to quit a month ago. The brewery have stated that they had ‘bad stocks.’ The brewery they allege had had gas and electricity supplied cut off.

‘The welfare and children’s department at West Bromwich have tried in vain to find us accommodation. I have not been to work today, and do not intend to move out. I am prepared to sacrifice my job, but I hope my employer will be tolerant in the circumstances.’

The family have confined themselves to a small living room and kitchen, divided from the rest of the premises by a narrow passage which Mr. *Hill* blocked with furniture from floor to ceiling.

He said, ‘When brewery officials tried to evict us, they broke a window and damaged some of my furniture we are using to barricade ourselves in. We had other furniture in upstairs rooms at the public house. They have taken it away.’

Mrs. *Hill* said, ‘Our food stocks are exhausted and we have nothing to keep the children warm except a very small coal fire in the living room for which only a limited amount of coal is left. With the gas cut off, we have no means of heating milk for the baby.’ She said a friend had promised to bring them some more food. A brewery spokesman said, ‘The reason for this business is the management of the house. The licensee was dismissed. She was served with the normal procedure of 28 days’ notice to quit the house and terminate the management agreement. This was served on February 7. At their own request the notice was extended by two days by agreement with the company and the incoming manager. These two days have now expired and the people are still in the premises. The new manager is waiting to move in, but cannot. We’re now considering what further action we can take. For the past seven days the licensee has been barred from the business part of the house in order that a relief manager can maintain service to the public and some semblance of order.’

A West Bromwich housing department spokesman said the *Hills*, a Birmingham family, had been to the department, but they were not registered on the housing list.

At the children’s department it was stated that no approach was made to them until Tuesday. West Bromwich had no hostel accommodation of the kind necessary for this type of case. A spokesman added that they had tried to find hostel accommodation in Wolverhampton, but because premises were being renovated they were unable to find places for the mother and children. The *Hills* were most anxious not to be parted from their children.”

Birmingham Daily Post 11/3/1967

“Intensive efforts are being made by staff of West Bromwich Children’s Department to find a temporary home for a family of five who barricaded themselves in part of a Tipton public house to prevent eviction by

the brewery company. The Children's Officer, Mr. J. G. Jones, said last night that they were attempting to find the family a rented caravan.

Mr. and Mrs. *Anthony Hill* and their three children refused to leave the WHITE ROSE public house, Horseley Heath, when their notice to quit expired. They barricaded themselves into a small living-room and kitchen because, said Mr. *Hill*, aged 28, they had nowhere else to go. 'We do not want to walk the streets or have the family split up' he said.

Mr. Jones said he had explained the latest position to the brewery, Ansells Ltd, who said they were willing to co-operate as far as they were able to allow the matter to be settled amicably. A brewery spokesman said they would be pleased if the matter was resolved in the way being attempted by the Children's Department."

It closed on 7th June 1972.

It was demolished in 1972.

WHITE ROSE

Whitehall Road / Tinsley Street, Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Parker [pre 1930]

NOTES

Closed

It was converted into a fish and chip shop [1934], [1950]

It was demolished in the 1970s.

WHITE SWAN

5, Burnt Tree, Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. [1919]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Smith [1843]

Abraham Lewis [1845] – 1867)

Mrs. Jane Lewis [1868] – [1881]

Thomas Lewis [1891] – [1896]

Thomas Darby [1900]
Joseph Onions [1901] – 1903);
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Onions (1903 – [1911]
Thomas Noad [1912]
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Onions [1916] – 1920);
William Henry Ratcliffe (1920 – 1947);
Arthur Sidney Freeman (1947 – [1968]

NOTES

It was situated opposite to Coneygre Road.

SWAN [1858], [1860], [1872], [1920]

It was a coaching house.

Abraham Lewis married *Jane Cooper* in 1836.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 18/9/1843 - Advert

“First-Rate, Old-Licensed Public House, at Dudley Port, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, on the premises, by Thomas Danks, this present Monday, Spt. 18, at six o'clock in the evening – the Lease of that excellent and well-frequented Public House, known by the sign of the WHITE SWAN, at Dudley Port.

The above House is situated upon the main turnpike road leading from Dudley to Birmingham, and in the midst of a populous and flourishing neighbourhood, surrounded by vast and important Coal and Iron Works, and near the canal.

The house comprises excellent front and back kitchen, parlour, malt-room, brewhouse, large lodge room (in which a lodge regularly meets), pump, and a good supply of water, Stable, and the necessary out-offices.

The above is an opportunity which rarely occurs for a person wishing to enter into the Public House business.

The Purchaser may take to the Stock and other Effects at a fair valuation.”

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 25/9/1843 - Advert

“The SWAN INN, Burnt Tree.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Danks, Tomorrow (Tuesday), September 26, part of the Household Furniture, China, Glass, Earthenware, Brewing Utensils, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *John Smith*, of the WHITE SWAN, Burnt Tree, near Dudley.”

Birmingham Journal 3/11/1849 - Advert

“To Railway Contractors, Carriers, And Others.

Unreserved Sale of Eight strong and useful Draught Horses, Six-inch and other Carts, Horses' Gearing, Trap and Pony Gig, Gig, Harness, and four-wheel Phaeton; Fat and Store Pigs, &c, &c, the Property of Mr. *Abraham Lewis*, of the WHITE SWAN INN, Dudley Port.

To be Sold by John Prince, on Monday next, November 5th.

Also a portion of the very superior Household Furniture, comprising Spanish mahogany Chests of Drawers, mahogany Sofas, in horse-hair Seating; Chairs, Tables, brilliant Chimney Glasses, and other Miscellaneous Articles.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.”

1851 Census

Dudley Port

[1] *Abraham Lewis* (38), victualler, born Oldbury;

- [2] *Jane Lewis* (38), wife, born Brockmore;
- [3] *Hannah Lewis* (14), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Lewis* (11), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Lewis* (5), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Thomas Lewis* (3), son, born Tipton;
- [7] *Rebecca Lewis* (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Isaac Lewis* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [9] *Christiman* (17), female, servant, born Tipton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/4/1851

“The adjourned inquest on the body of the infant child of *Mary Dixon* was resumed at the WHITE SWAN, Dudley Port, before *G. Hinchliffe, Esq.*, on Monday last. No further evidence was adduced, and the jury returned the following verdict. ‘That the deceased died from suffocation, having been found in the night soil of a water-closet, but by what means it came there, there was no direct evidence to show.’ The mother, who has been pronounced by the surgeon to be in a very precarious state, still remains in custody, and will be indicted for concealment of birth.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/4/1851

“An inquest was held, on Tuesday last, at the WHITE SWAN, Burnt Tree, Tipton, before *G. Hinchliffe, Esq.*, coroner, on the body of *Richard Leader*. The deceased was employed as a keeper at the blast furnace at the Horseley Iron Works, and, about three weeks since, at night, he had let the hot metal out of the furnace into the moulds, and, when sufficient had run, he stopped it from going into the moulds, and diverted its course in another direction. He then turned round and caught his foot against a shovel lying on the ground, and fell backwards into the runner or channel along which the hot metal and melted cinders were running. A man near immediately pulled him out; he was much burnt, and died on Saturday last from the injuries he received. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 5/9/1857

“On the 24th ult, an adjourned inquest was held before *E. Hooper, Esq.*, at *Mr. Abraham Lewis’s*, the WHITE SWAN, on the body of the unfortunate young man who lost his life by a quantity of slack falling upon him whilst at work in *Messrs. Jesson and Bagnall’s* pit at Tividale, as reported in last Saturday’s *Journal*. The Government Inspector (for whose evidence the Coroner deemed it advisable to adjourn the inquest) stated that he had examined the pit, and had satisfied himself that no blame was attributable to any one employed in the pit. The Coroner, after laying the evidence clearly before the Jury, questioned the Inspector as to whether he considered it would be safe to open the pit again for the purpose of working it, whereupon he replied in the negative. At the request of the Coroner and Jury the Inspector was requested to communicate with *Messrs. Jesson and Bagnall*, and suggest the propriety of their closing the pit in order to prevent any future occurrences of a similar nature. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Birmingham Journal 3/4/1858 - Advert

“Sale Of Farming Implements, Horses, Waggon, Carts, Winnowing Machine, and Other Effects, Removed to the SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton.

To Be Sold By Auction, By *Mr. S. Powell*, on Tuesday Next, the 6th day of April, a capital 6-inch wheel Waggon, Two 4½-inch wheel Carts, Two Spring Traps, Winnowing Machine, Black Pony, Two Capital Cart Horses, one powerful Waggon Horse, Thiller and Long Gears, and other useful Effects, belonging to *Mr. Lewis*, of the SWAN INN aforesaid, who has left his farm at Aldridge, and has no further use for them. Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock in the morning.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/12/1860

“On Monday last, *Mr. E. Hooper*, coroner, held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Dudley Port, on the body of *Thomas Hughes*, a married man, aged 26 years, who died suddenly on the previous Friday night. The deceased went to bed with his wife about half-past nine in his usual health, and in ten minutes afterwards he said to her, ‘Good night, my love, God bless you,’ and immediately turned over on his side groaned, and in a

few minutes expired. Mr. Whittaker, surgeon, was sent for, but life was extinct before his arrival. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased Died by the Visitation of God.”

1861 Census

Dudley Port – WHITE SWAN INN

- [1] *Abraham Lewis* (47), innkeeper, born Oldbury;
- [2] *Jane Lewis* (47), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Lewis* (14), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Thomas Lewis* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Isaac Lewis* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Lettica James* (18), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/1/1863

“A labourer residing at Dudley, named Isaac Hughes, was charged with feloniously cutting and wounding three persons, Mary Ann Jackson, Thomas Morgan, and James Walker. In the case of Morgan the wound is a very severe one, about five inches long and situate between the inner part of the thigh. The parties were drinking at the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, on Friday evening, when the prisoner, without any provocation, made the ferocious attack on his companions. Police-constable Hunter, who apprehended the prisoner, handed to the Bench a certificate from Dr. Whittaker, of Dudley Port, to the effect that the prosecutors would be unfit to attend until next Saturday. The prisoner was therefore remanded upon the application of Inspector Phair.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/7/1864

“Yesterday Mr. E. Hooper, district Coroner, opened inquests on the bodies of the unfortunate lads whose deaths had been caused, as already reported in the *Daily Post* of Thursday last, in consequence of a skip in which they were ascending a pit belonging to Mr. James Solly, at Toll End Colliery, having been drawn over the pulley. The first enquiry took place at the COPHALL INN, Sheepwash Lane, where the proceedings were simply confined to the identification of the body of William Ponn (12), one of the deceased, who resided in that locality, and had been removed to his home. The Coroner said that he had only taken this evidence with the object of an adjournment, and that the inquest would be resumed at ten o’clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, the 26th inst. The next inquest was held at the house of Mr. Wm. George, the PRINCE REGENT, Horseley Heath, on the body of Abraham Cooper (11), where identification of the body having been finally proved, the further proceedings were postponed until noon on the 25th inst, the Coroner stating that the Government Inspector of Mines, Mr. Baker, would be present at the third inquest that day (yesterday).

The third inquest was opened at the house of Mr. Daniel Smith, the GROVELAND BROOK INN, Dudley Port, and Mr. Baker attended it. The inquest was on the body of Thomas Evans (14). The only witness called was Sarah Evans, who was deeply affected. She said: I am the wife of James Evans, a miner, and mother of the deceased, who worked for Mr. Solly, at the Toll End Colliery. He left home for work on Tuesday morning, at half-past five o’clock, and he was brought home dead in the evening at eight o’clock. Most of his bones were broken. It was only his second day in Mr. Solly’s employment.

The Coroner here, as on the former occasions, suggested an adjournment, in order that the Jury might from being nearer the spot where the fatal occurrence took place, have an ample opportunity of inspecting the works and the machinery.

A Juror, Mr. *Abraham Lewis*, landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, protested against any such arrangement, giving as his reason that it ‘would not suit his personal convenience.’ The Foreman and the other gentlemen of the Jury, having expressed a strong opinion on the subject of Mr. Lewis’s ideas of ‘personal convenience’ where human lives were at stake, it was ultimately decided that the Jury should proceed, with the Coroner and the Government Inspector, to examine the machinery, after which they should resume the enquiry at ten o’clock on the morning of the 23rd inst.”

Birmingham Journal 14/12/1867 - Died

“On the 7th inst, in his 54th year of his age, *Abraham Lewis*, licensed victualler, WHITE SWAN INN, Dudley Port; deeply lamented.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/6/1869

“Mr. Smith’s Bitch Nance and Mr. Acton’s Bitch Lady of Tipton. The match between these dogs to run 200 yards, Lady receiving seven yards start, for £10 a side, on July 18, is going on, £5 a side is down in the hands of Mr. Lines, the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree.”

Dudley Herald 28/5/1870

“*Jane Lewis*, licensed victualler of Burnt Tree, was fined 2s 6d and costs for serving during prohibited hours.”

1871 Census

5, Burnt Tree

[1] *Jane Lewis* (57), widow, licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;

[2] Isaac Lewis (21), son, engine fitter, born Tipton;

[3] Ann R. Mason (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] Mary Ann Chivers (21), general servant, born Sedgley:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/5/1872

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, on the body of John Morgan, aged 17, who was drowned on the previous day. The young man was at Dudley on the previous Saturday night in company with his father, who left him to go home. The next morning the mother of the deceased, anxious to know what had become of her son, who was not in the habit of staying out all night, found his hat lying on the edge of a pool – fourteen feet deep – near their home. The father of deceased helped recover the body. The young man was last seen alive by a young woman named Silver Bannister, of Cawney Hill, and he was under the influence of drink and sick at that time. It was shown that deceased had to pass the pool on his way home, and that a rail near where his body was found had been displaced. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and in consequence of the recommendation of the Jury the Coroner promised to write to Mr. E. F. Smith, Lord Dudley’s agent, as to the more secure fencing of the pool. A second inquest was held at the above inn, on the body of Thomas William Whitfield, aged 8, who was drowned on the previous evening in a pool only a few yards distant. About two o’clock the mother of the boy sent him to school, and soon after five o’clock she heard that he was in the water dead. The children with the boy said he fell in whilst throwing stones at a log of wood floating on the pool. The Jury in this case returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Dudley Herald 1/3/1879

“On Tuesday, an inquest was held before Mr. Hooper, district coroner, at the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, on the body of Ann Stopp (17), who was found drowned in Morgan’s Pool, on Saturday morning. George Stopp said his daughter had been for five weeks before her death in the service of Mr. Roberts, Ocker Hill. On Friday night she came home and said she had been to Birmingham in search of another situation. He told her he had received a letter from her mistress, which gave her a disgraceful character. She then asked who had it, and upon replying that her stepmother held it, she ‘threw herself into a passion,’ and rushed out of the house. He supposed she had gone to his daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, of Tipton, but on the following morning he heard that her jacket, hat, muffler, and one kid glove had been found on the side of the pool, and her dead body in the water, which is about 100 yards from his house. There was nothing peculiar about her disposition except that she was passionate, stubborn, and self-willed. Her stepmother did not speak to her on Friday night. He had never refused her a home; but there were not good feelings existing between her and her stepmother. There was some animosity between her and her stepmother, but it arose from his daughter’s ‘stubborn’ conduct. There was not a better wife living, and she had been a good mother to his children.

Elisabeth Bonser said there were no marks or bruises on any part of the body of the deceased, and Hannah Wheeler stated that the stepmother had refused her sister a home, but had never beaten her or otherwise used her cruelly.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whist in a state of Temporary Insanity.”

Wednesbury Herald 3/1/1880

“On Monday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the WHITE SWAN INN, Dudley Port, relative to the death of Henry Baker, aged eleven months.

The evidence showed that the deceased fell out of a chair into the fireplace and was so shockingly burnt, as to cause him to expire shortly after the accident.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

5, Burnt Tree

[1] *Jane Lewis* (66), widow, licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;

[2] Isaac Lewis (31), son, brewer, born Tipton;

[3] Annie R. Mason (22), granddaughter, barmaid, born Tipton;

[4] Kate Mason (11), granddaughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] Ann Darby (24), general servant, born Shifnal:

Dudley and District News 31/3/1883 - Deaths

“On the 27th inst, at Burnt Tree, Tipton, aged 33 years, Isaac, youngest son of the late *Abraham Lewis*, WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree. Deeply lamented.”

Birmingham Daily Post 9/11/1886 - Advert

“By Mr. John G. Wright, at the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, This Day (Tuesday) – Freehold Public House, Dwelling Houses and Premises, Burnt Tree, in the parish of Tipton.”

Thomas Lewis was the son of *Abraham* and *Jane*.

He married Sarah Fereday in 1867.

1891 Census

5, Burnt Tree – WHITE SWAN

[1] *Thomas Lewis* (45), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Lewis (45), wife, assistant victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[3] Sarah J. Lewis (23), daughter, assistant victualler, born Tipton;

[4] Arthur Edward Lewis (17), son, assistant victualler, born Tipton;

[5] Abraham Lewis (15), son, born Tipton;

[6] Harry Mason (14), boarder, born Tipton;

[7] Mary Ann Ferriday (40), visitor, born Duffield, Staffordshire:

Dudley Herald 26/3/1898 - Advert

“Tuesday next, March 29th, 1898.

Sale of Milking Cows, Dairy Utensils, &c, at the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton; also a Rick of hay now standing in a field at Tividale Hall, Tividale, near Dudley.

John G. Wright & Son are instructed by the Executors of the late Mr. *Thomas Lewis* to Sell by Auction, upon the Premises, as above, on Tuesday, March 29th, 1898, Four Excellent Milking Cows and a Calf, also a Cow in-calf, the whole of the Dairy Utensils, comprising Swede Pulper, &c; also a Rick of (about 13 tons) last year’s well gotten Hay (to go off).

The Sale of Hay will commence at Eleven o’clock in the Morning prompt, in the Field where the rick now stands, and the Sale of Cows, &c, at 11.30, at the WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton.

Auction Offices: No.23 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

Dudley Herald 7/5/1898 - Advert

“Preliminary Advertisement.

WHITE SWAN INN, Burnt Tree, Tipton.

Sale of the Brewing Plant, Utensils, and Effects, also the excellent Household Furniture, &c.

John G. Wright & Son are instructed by the Exors. of the late Mr. *Thomas Lewis* (having disposed of the above Premises) to Sell by Auction, upon the Premises, on Thursday, 19th May, 1898, the capital Brewing Plant, quantity of Casks, &c; also the Household Furniture and effects, Particulars in next week's advertisement.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the morning.

Auction Offices: No.23 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley."

[Several dwelling houses from the estate of Mr. *Thomas Lewis* were sold around this time.]

1901 Census

5, Burnt Tree – WHITE SWAN INN

[1] *Joseph Onions* (44), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Elizabeth Onions* (43), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Annie Onions* (20), daughter, born Tipton:

Joseph Onions died on 26th April 1903.

1911 Census

5, Burnt Tree

[1] *Elizabeth Ann Onions* (52), widow, licensed victualler, born Dudley;

[2] *William Henry Ratcliffe* (37), son-in-law, brass fitter, born Kates Hill;

[3] *Annie Ratcliffe* (30), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Kalthleen Ratcliffe* (3), granddaughter, born Tipton;

[5] *Harry Ratcliffe* (under 1 month), grandson, born Tipton;

[6] *Kate Stokes* (22), servant, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 5/6/1920

"The death has occurred this week of Mrs. *Elizabeth A. Onions*, the much respected landlady of the SWAN INN, Burnt Tree. The occurrence has caused the greatest regret, not only among those who frequented the house and members of the bowling club held there, but among the residents of the locality, by whom she was held in high esteem. She was a lady of fine personality, keenly intelligent, took a lively interest in all that was for the benefit of the community, had always a ready open hand for genuine cases where charity was needed, and during a long life won honour and love, not only from her relatives, but from every one of the frequenters of the house, to whom and with whom she held the proud title of a genuine friend. Mrs. *Onions* was a sister of Mrs. Gibson, wife of one of the most popular Great Bridge residents, and formerly a useful member of the Tipton Council. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Tuesday."

William Henry Ratcliffe = William Henry Ratcliff

It closed in 1983.

Demolished

WHITE SWAN

7, High Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Jones [1862] – [1863]
Joseph Parkes [1868] – [1872]
Thomas Edwards [1881]
Henry Wyatt [1882]

NOTES

It had an ante'69 beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 24/12/1862

“At the Wednesbury Petty Sessions, *Henry Jones*, beerhouse keeper, of Tipton Green, was fined 10s and costs, for having his house open during prohibited hours on the 22nd inst.”

Birmingham Daily Post 16/9/1863

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the publicans named below were fined in the sums appended for keeping their houses open during unlawful hours.....

Henry Jones, of the SWAN beerhouse, High Street, Tipton, was also convicted in the full penalty of £5 and costs, for permitting drinking on his premises on Sunday morning, the 30th ult. A previous conviction was proved, and the house was stated to bear a bad character.”

Joseph Parkes, beer retailer, High Street. [1868], [1870], [1872]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/8/1869

“At the West Bromwich Police Court, on Saturday, before Colonel Ratcliffe, Captain Williams, and Mr. Williams, David Dally, a stranger to the police, was charged with stealing a barrel, value 10s, the property of Mr. *Joseph Parkes*, publican, High Street, Tipton Green, on the previous Wednesday. David Hodgetts proved seeing the barrel taken away by the prisoner, and that he followed him and gave him into the custody of Police-constable Critchlow.

The prisoner was committed for trial.”

1871 Census

7, High Street – WHITE SWAN

- [1] *Joseph Parkes* (30), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Rhoda Parkes (28), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] Joseph Parkes (9), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] Maude Parkes (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] Elizabeth Parkes (4), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] Albert H. Parkes (10 months), son, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 11/12/1880

“On Monday, a friendly supper was partaken of by the members of the Tipton boot club, at the WHITE SWAN INN, High Street. The spread was ample, and excellently served by the host and hostess. After the cloth was removed various toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Songs and glees were sung, and recitations given by several of the guests, and after spending a pleasant evening the proceedings terminated.”

1881 Census

7, High Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *Thomas Edwards* (32), coal dealer and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] Emily Edwards (30), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Elizabeth Edwards (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] Clara Edwards (10), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] Charity Edwards (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

- [6] William Edwards (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] Thomas Edwards (3), son, born Tipton;
- [8] Joseph Edwards (1), son, born Tipton;
- [9] Elijah Edwards (3 weeks), son, born Tipton;
- [10] Sarah A. Harris (20), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Wednesbury Herald 18/6/1881

“Mr. Charles Round, Peremptory Unreserved Sale at the WHITE SWAN INN, No.7, High Street, Tipton. To be sold by auction, by Mr. Charles Round, on Monday next, June 20th 1881, all the surplus public house fixtures, 4½ inch wheel Cart, and Effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Edwards*, who has taken to the COTTAGE SPRING INN, High Street, Tipton.”

Dudley and District News 7/10/1882

“*Henry Wyatt*, landlord of the WHITE SWAN beerhouse, High Street, was charged with selling ale during prohibited hours. Sergeant Dutton was on duty in High Street at midnight on the 23rd ult, when he saw a woman named Pyatt come out of the front door of the WHITE SWAN with a bottle containing two quarts of beer. Defendant denied the charge, and stated that the woman Pyatt paid for the beer before eleven o’clock, and as she had to go to Dudley she left it till she returned. Mr. Pyatt supported this statement. Case dismissed.”

WHITE SWAN

Sheepwash Lane (407, (221), Whitehall Road), Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

James Watson
John Astley
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd. [1907]

LICENSEES

James Watson [] – 1883);
Peter Watson (1883 – 1885);
John Astley (1885 – 1889);
Henry Horton (1889 – 1895);
Joseph Cornfield (1895 – 1897);
Thomas Southan (1897 – 1899);
George Thomas Cartwright (1899 – 1900);
Henry Wilkins (1900);
John Thomas Jones (1900 – 1904);
James Kendrick (1904 – 1907);
Alfred Austin (1907 – 1908);
Herbert Edwin Harvey (1908 – 1911);
James Henry Clark (1911 – 1920);
Ernest Harry Carter (1920 – 1922);
George Samuel Richard Parker (1922 – 1930):

NOTES

[This pub is strictly in West Bromwich, but is included here due to it being in Great Bridge.]

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Post 23/7/1883 - Advert

“House and Shop to Let; No.31 Howard Street.....

Apply to Mr. *Peter Watson*, WHITE SWAN, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, Tipton.”

Lichfield Mercury 24/9/1886

“On Monday, at the Public Offices, before Mr. C. N. A. Neville (Stipendiary), *John Astley*, landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, was charged with keeping his licensed premises open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 29th of August. Mr. J. S. Sharpe appeared for the defence.

The evidence showed that about ten o'clock on the morning in question Police-constable Bakewell saw a youth leave the defendant's premises with a bottle containing half a gallon of beer in his possession, which he stated had been handed over defendant's boundary wall to him by a navy [sic].

Mr. Sharpe contended for the defence that there was no proof of the premises being opened, and that the beer was paid for on the previous night.

The learned magistrates said it would be a very easy way of defeating the Licensing Act if they could put the money down on a Saturday night and be supplied with beer on a Sunday.

Defendant was fined 20s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/8/1887

“The annual Licensing session for the West Bromwich and Wednesbury Petty Sessional Division of Staffordshire was held yesterday at West Bromwich.....

John Astley, of the WHITE SWAN beerhouse, Greets Green, West Bromwich, was fined 20s and costs, and there was also a case pending against him. They should therefore require *John Astley* to appear before them on the 24th of September, at the adjourned session, to apply for his license and show cause why it should be renewed.”

West Bromwich Weekly News 10/9/1887

“*John Astley*, landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Whitehall Road, Greets Green, was charged with selling liquors during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 14th inst.

Police-sergeant Bakewell stated that about 10.25pm on the day in question, he was near defendant's house, when he saw three men standing opposite the SWAN INN, and immediately afterwards the door of defendant's house was opened by someone inside, who handed out a stone bottle containing about four quarts of ale. A man named Haycock went to the door and put the bottle under his coat and walked away with it. Witness followed and overtook him about sixty yards away, and found the bottle concealed under his coat. Defendant was fined £5 and costs.

Mr. H. Jackson defended.”

1891 Census

221, Whitehall Road – WHITE SWAN INN

[1] *Henry Horton* (52), iron moulder, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary A. Horton* (37), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Clara Horton* (23), daughter, general servant, born Smethwick;

[4] *Arthur Horton* (20), son, dresser, bridge worker, iron, born Smethwick;

[5] *Hymon Horton* (16), son, office boy, born Smethwick;

[6] *Emma K. Horton* (12), daughter, scholar, born Smethwick;

[7] *Herbert Horton* (4), son, born Smethwick;

[8] *Elsie Horton* (2), daughter, born West Bromwich:

Birmingham Daily Post 29/11/1895

“Yesterday, at the Borough Police Court, Albert Saunders (27), alias Tipster, of Oldbury, was charged with obtaining 2s by false pretences from *Joseph Cornfield*, landlord of the WHITE SWAN, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, and 2s from Thomas Davies, of the BEEHIVE INN, Great Bridge Street. Mr. J. Clark prosecuted.

Prisoner visited the WHITE SWAN INN on the 13th inst, and represented to Miss *Cornfield* that he had been sent by her father for 2s. The money was given to him, but it was subsequently ascertained that prosecutor had not authorized the accused to apply for it. He was arrested by Police-sergeant Hollis on the 21st inst. The evidence in the second case was that on the 15th inst prisoner went to Mr. Davis, and, presenting a telegram, said he had been sent for 2s to put on horses. Prosecutor handed the accused the money. Shortly afterwards prisoner asked him to double it but not understanding horse-racing, prosecutor declined to do so. A man named Brain denied having sent the prisoner to the prosecutor for money. Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, was committed to the Borough Quarter Sessions.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/1/1896

“The Westbromwich Quarter Sessions were opened on Tuesday.....

Albert Sanders, 27, betting agent, of Thomas Street, Oldbury, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences. It appeared that he had procured 2s from Mrs. *Cornfield*, the wife of the landlord of the WHITE SWAN INN, Great Bridge, on the 13th of November last, by representing that her husband had sent him for the money in order to back a horse. The prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and one year's police supervision.”

Dudley Herald 30/7/1898

“On Wednesday night, Thomas *Southan* (12), whose parents reside at the WHITE SWAN INN, Great Bridge, was arrested by Police-constable Gillman on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the Birmingham Canal. It appears that a relative of the boy had taken summonses out against him for threats and the summons to appear at the police court on Thursday next was served upon him. As soon as he received the summons he appeared to be terrified and ran away. Upon reaching an arm of the Birmingham Canal near his house he jumped into the water. Fortunately, a man named Jones happened to be at hand, and he rescued the boy, who was subsequently taken into custody, and conveyed to the West Bromwich Police Station.”

1901 Census

407, Whitehall Road

- [1] *John Thomas Jones* (26), manager of beerhouse, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Jones* (24), wife, born Dudley Port;
- [3] *John William Jones* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [4] *Mary Till* (78), grandmother, widow, born Withibrook, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Fanny Kenzie* (15), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

1911 Census

407, Whitehall Road – WHITE SWAN

- [1] *James Henry Clark* (36), holloware turner, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Clark* (34), wife, married 12 years, born Stoke on Trent;
- [3] *Hiram James Clark* (11), son, school, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Hilda Clark* (8), daughter, school, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Sidney Clark* (6), son, school, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Harold Clark* (4), son, school, born West Bromwich:

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 14th March 1929.
The renewal was refused on 28th May 1929.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 30/5/1930

“Compensation Awards.

West Bromwich Compensation Authority yesterday awarded £1,900 in respect of the closing the WHITE SWAN, in Whitehall Road (the owners had claimed £2,588).”

The license was extinguished on 30th June 1930.

WHY NOT

Ocker Hill, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Smith [1860]

NOTES

Birmingham Journal 14/7/1860 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the WHY NOT INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Charles Round, on Monday next, July 16th, all the Brewing Plant, Public House Fixtures, &c; comprising 12-bushel Mash Tub, large Cooler, two Wort Vats and Piping, 140-gallon Cask, iron Boiler, Patent Malt Crusher, Ale Barrels, new Pewter Measures, two tumps of prime Hops, and numerous other Articles, the property of Mr. *William Smith*, who is declining the business. Sale to commence at Ten o'clock am.

Auctioneer's Offices, Owen Street, Tipton.”

Birmingham Journal 16/7/1860 - Advert

“Public House Effects.

By Charles Round, This Day (Monday), at Ten o'clock, at the WHY NOT INN, Ocker Hill, Tipton – the Brewing Plant, Public House Fixtures, &c.”

WOODMAN

Albert Street, Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Titus Greenway

LICENSEES

Titus Greenway [1849] – 1878):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Titus Greenway = Titus Greenaway

Titus Greenway, beer retailer, Princes End. [1849]

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 10/9/1864

“Yesterday the magistrates sat in Special Sessions for the consideration of the applications for the renewal of old and the granting of new licenses to victuallers.....

Mr. Slater sought a license for the WOODMAN, the property and in the possession of Mr. *Titus Greenaway*, at Princes End. Application refused.”

Titus Greenway, beer retailer, Albert Street. [1865], [1868]

The license was abandoned in 1878.

WOODMAN

5, Lockside, New Cross Street, Tipton Green, TIPTON

OWNERS

Mary Edwards, Tipton

LICENSEES

Benjamin Cartwright [1857] – [1861]

Joseph Edwards [1871] – **1884**)

Mrs. Mary Edwards [] – [1886]

Samuel Edwards [1900]

Mrs. Mary Edwards [1901]

Samuel Edwards [1911]

Joseph Hillman [1919] – **1922**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Benjamin Cartwright = Benjamin Cartright

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/7/1857

“On Monday last, at the Public Office, Dudley, Daniel Murphy was charged with stealing a ham, the property of *Benjamin Cartwright*, of the WOODMAN INN, Tipton. On Saturday evening last, between six and seven o'clock, the prisoner went to the house of Jane Merlin, in Oakeywell Street, Dudley, and offered to sell a ham, which he had with him, for 8d per lb, and subsequently for 6d per lb. She told him that she

would purchase it if she knew that he had come by it honestly. She put it on one side, and told him she must ascertain where it came from before she purchased it. The prisoner owed her 8s 9d, which she had lent him a month or two ago, and therefore she refused to give him either the money for the ham or to return the ham. Police officer Roberts was fetched, and asked the prisoner where he got the ham, and he replied that he bought it from Mr. *Cartwright*, the WOODMAN INN, Tipton. Roberts took him to that public house, and confronted the prisoner with the landlord, who denied having sold the ham, and then for the first time missed it from the bacon rack. The prisoner had been at the public house the same afternoon. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment."

Birmingham Journal 29/8/1857

"Annual Licensing Day Sessions adjourned till Friday, the 25th day of September next, when forty-two applications from retail brewers in the division for wine and spirit licenses will be considered.....

Benjamin Cartwright, Lower Green, Tipton."

[Refused at the adjourned sessions.]

1861 Census

Lock Side – WOODMAN INN

[1] *Benjamin Cartright* (43), iron furnaceman, born Tipton;

[2] *Sophia Cartright* (38), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Thomas Cartright* (14), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[4] *Sophia Cartright* (11), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[5] *Benjamin Cartright* (8), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Rebecka Cartright* (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;

[7] *Edward Cartright* (2), son, scholar, born Tipton:

Birmingham Journal 8/2/1862 - Advert

"WOODMAN INN, Lock Street, Tipton.

By Messrs. Hipkins and Thomas. To be Sold by Private Treaty, the above Retail Beerhouse, in an excellent locality for business, situate by the Lock Side, with complete Premises. Rent £20. Possession may be had immediately.

For particulars, apply to the Auctioneers, Burnt Tree and Horseley Heath, Tipton."

1871 Census

5, Lock Side

[1] *Joseph Edwards* (31), carpenter and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Edwards* (30), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Ann* (8), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/8/1874 - Advert

"Wanted, Forty Miners at the Esk Valley and Glassdale Mines, by Grosmont, near Whitby, Yorkshire.

For further information, apply by letter to Thomas Evans, Manager of Mines; or to Wm. Evans, ROYAL OAK, Pensnett, near Dudley; or to *Joseph Edwards*, WOODMAN INN, Tipton."

Dudley Herald 10/7/1880

"Yesterday evening at 6.15, John Thomas Mason, a child, aged eight years and ten months, was playing near the canal at Tipton Green, when he fell into the water. At 6.30 he was taken out by Benjamin Timmins, but life was extinct. The body was taken to the WOODMAN INN, Lock Side, where it awaits the Coroner's enquiry."

[Accidental Death.]

1881 Census

5, Lock Side

[1] *Joseph Edwards* (41), publican, born Tipton;

- [2] *Mary Edwards* (40), wife, born Tipton;
[3] *Annie Evans* (14), niece, born Pensnett;
[4] *Emily Bate* (21) domestic servant, born Tipton:

Dudley and District News 24/12/1881

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the WOODMAN INN, New Cross Street, touching the death of the newly born male child of Charlotte, wife of Charles Worrell, boatman.

It appeared that the mother had been staying for the last few weeks in New Cross Street, with a sister, and was there delivered of a child last Sunday night. *Mary Johnson* alias ‘Poll Dollar,’ acted as midwife, and, being a questionable character, and the child being found to be dead, this inquiry was held.

On the evidence of *Elizabeth Worrell* it was proved that the child had been stillborn, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

The coroner said it was only because the mother of the child had been attended by this woman *Johnson* that he had considered it necessary to hold an inquest, as, seeing the number of suspicious cases in which she had, from time to time, figured, he had considered it his duty to instruct the police to inform him whenever a child was found to be dead after this woman had attended the birth, in order to dissuade, if possible, the people in the parish from employing her.”

Dudley and District News 28/1/1882

“On Wednesday evening a miscellaneous concert was given in the WOODMAN INN, New Cross Street, for the benefit of *Edward Guthridge*, a miner who, a number of years ago, was disabled through falling down a well. With his usual generosity, Mr. *Edwards*, the landlord, who, indeed was the prime mover in getting up the concert, gave the use of his large assembly room for the occasion. There was a fair attendance.

Mr. J. H. *Smith* presided, and in introducing the programme dwelt on the necessity as well as the duty of helping a ‘shipwrecked brother’.

A long and interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was then gone through, all the artistes acquitting themselves creditably. A brass band was in attendance, and gave several popular selections, and Mr. *Hately* gave two fine trombone solos, Mr. *Osborne* performing on the solo violin. The Masters *Fowler* (comiques), of Wolverhampton were specially engaged, and created much amusement by inimitable singing, the other artistes being Misses *Macdonald* and *York*, Messrs. *Paskal*, *Pardoe*, *Owen*, and the Tipton Glee Party.

At the close votes of thanks were cordially given to the artistes, as well as to those who had been instrumental in getting up the entertainment.”

Dudley and District News 24/2/1883

“*Thomas Howell*, bricklayer, was placed in the dock on a charge of being drunk on licensed premises and refusing to quit. On the night of the 17th inst, he went into the WOODMAN INN, Cross Street, Tipton, and asked for a drink. Mrs. *Edwards* seeing that he was already drunk, refused to supply him with beer. He became very disorderly, and annoyed the customers to the extent that they were obliged to retire. PCs *Smith* and *Chishlome* were sent for, and upon their arrival those functionaries ordered him out of the house. He refused to obey the orders both of the landlady and the officers, and the latter had to forcibly eject him. He then behaved himself like a madman, and struck and kicked both officers. After a desperate struggle the handcuffs were adjusted and the prisoner locked up.

Prisoner admitted both charges, and for the first he was fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days; and for the second 5s and costs, or 14 days.”

Dudley and District News 8/9/1883

“On Thursday morning an inquest was held at the WOODMAN INN, Tipton, before Mr. E. Hooper (coroner), on the body of *Joseph Hipkins* (7), who was drowned in the lock on Sunday. Deceased was the son of *James Hipkins*, miner, New Cross Street. He ran after the Salvation Army, and fell into the canal. The accident was not seen and the jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Dudley and District News 3/11/1883

“A concert was held at the WOODMAN Assembly Room, Tipton, on Thursday evening, on behalf of the widows and orphans fund of the N.U.O. of Free Gardeners. There was a very large attendance.....”

Dudley and District News 2/2/1884

“On Monday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the WOODMAN INN, Tipton Green, on the body of the infant female child of Richard Hixon, a boatman. Hixon said that his wife was confined in a boat last Tuesday, and was attended by a midwife named Mary Johnson. The birth took place at three in the afternoon. Witness saw the child two hours after birth, and saw nothing the matter wrong with it. About half-past eleven on Wednesday night he was awakened by the child crying and found it lying besides its mother in a pool of blood. Telling his wife to get the child out of bed he went for assistance. The child was taken to the midwife and he never saw it again. His wife had previously had four still-born children, but had never before been attended by Mrs. Johnson. The midwife was perfectly sober when attending his wife.

Mary Ann Johnson was then called. She said she called to see Mrs. Hixon at twenty-five minutes to two o'clock last Tuesday morning, and at six o'clock in the afternoon delivered her a female child. On Thursday the child was brought to her bleeding at the navel. She then noticed that the dressing she had put on had been partially removed. She re-dressed it and stopped the bleeding.

The Coroner: Why did you not take the child to a doctor? – Witness: I did not see the necessity. I have had thirty years experience.

The Coroner: Unfortunately I know too much of your experience.

Ellen Cartwright grandmother to the child, was present at the birth, and believed Mrs. Johnson did all that was necessary. She left, however, as soon as the child was born.

Mary Hayward was also present at the birth, and considered that the midwife did her work properly. All the first night the child appeared to be perfectly well, but was very cross. The mother was still in the boat, and was unable to be present.

Sarah Hall said she was called to see the child on Wednesday mid-night, and took it to Mrs. Johnson. It was bleeding from the navel. Mrs. Johnson dressed it; but the child died a few hours afterwards. When the child was undressed a linen rag that had been tied round the navel was found in its clothes. The baby had not been undressed from its birth until it was taken to Mrs. Johnson. Witness would not like Mrs. Johnson to attend her confinement.

The Coroner pointed out that the midwife did not bear a very good character for sobriety. But two days having elapsed before the bleeding commenced it was evident the child had been properly attended to at first. His opinion was that the ligature had slipped accidentally. However, it would be a very good thing for the parish when Mrs. Johnson was removed from it.

A verdict was returned to the effect that death was caused by haemorrhage and accelerated by the want of proper medical aid, adding that the father was to blame for such neglect. The foremen of the jury said he hoped the midwife would not get another case.”

Dudley and District News 19/4/1884 - Death

“On the 11th inst, *Joseph Edwards*, of the WOODMAN INN, New Cross Street, Tipton, in the 45th year of his age. Deservedly respected by all who knew him.”

Dudley and District News 6/12/1884

“National United Order Of Free Gardeners.

A grand miscellaneous concert was given on Wednesday last at the WOODMAN INN, Tipton, on behalf of the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Albion Lodge, No.1314, Wolverhampton district. Brother S. Millington presided.....”

Wednesbury Herald 10/8/1885

“On Tuesday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper (coroner) held an inquest at the WOODMAN INN, Tipton, on the body of Job Langford (72), lately residing with a married niece in New Cross Street.

Betsy Edwards, deceased's niece, said Langford had been ailing since Christmas. On Thursday he went to

Dr. Brown's, and the doctor told him he was not to come out again. On Friday night, however, he asked for his stick and jacket and said he was going to collect 3d that was owing him. Later he was brought home unconscious and bleeding from the temple. He was brought on a wheelbarrow. Dr. Brown was sent for and said that what had occurred was no more than he expected. He was afraid he would die in the surgery the previous night.

The Coroner said the body was in an advanced state of decomposition.

Witness said the relatives intended for the funeral to take place on Saturday, and she regretted now that she did not allow the body to be taken to the mortuary. She wanted the body to be taken to an empty house up the yard.

The Coroner said he should communicate with the Officer of Health for the neighbourhood, and unless the body was buried by Wednesday it would be removed at once to the mortuary.

Other evidence was to the effect that the old man fell down in the street.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned."

Lichfield Mercury 23/7/1886

"On Saturday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the WOODMAN TAVERN, Tipton Green, on the body of Mark Yale (31), late of New Cross Street, a miner employed in No.26 pit Oakham Colliery, the property of the Earl of Dudley. Mr. B. Scott, the Government inspector, attended the inquest, as well as Mr. R. Latham, the certificated manager of the pit.

A fellow workman of Yale stated that they were at work together setting the timber, when there came a 'bump,' and the coal fell off, killing Yale on the spot. The weight was calculated at 30cwt.

Mr. Simeon Dando, the chartermaster, in reply to Mr. Scott, said there was always danger in approaching old workings, and an extra tree and a bar would have been an advantage, no doubt, but there seemed no danger. He said that because he had told the men to try the place, and they had tapped it. There was plenty of timber to be had.

Mr. Scott, in answer to the coroner said he had only suggested more care in approaching old workings.

There had been no breach of the act, and the plan was about as he had seen the place.

Mr. Dando said he would observe Mr. Scott's remarks, and the jury then returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/12/1886 - Advert

"To Brokers, Furniture Dealers, and Others.

Mr. P. H. Bailey has received instructions from the Proprietress, Mrs. *Edwards*, who is giving up the business of the WOODMAN INN, New Cross Street, Tipton, to Sell by Auction, This Day (Tuesday), December 7.

The Surplus Household Furniture, comprising mahogany Centre and other Tables, oak corner Cupboard, Easy Chairs, crown-back and Windsor Chairs, dozen new iron Buckets and Coal-hods, Butler's Tray, leather-covered Couch, three feather Beds, Carpets, four Clocks, Timepieces, Prints, Engravings, Ornaments; splendid fine-toned Walnut 7-octave Pianoforte, nearly new by Justin Browne; mahogany half-tester Bedsteads, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Carpets, cane-seated Chairs, two sets iron Bedsteads, two swing Glasses, Kitchen Effects, and other articles too numerous to mention; Wagonette, nearly new, Dog Cart, Pony, about 12 hands, quiet to ride and drive, and Pony Gig; and several Brewing Utensils.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock prompt.

Auctioneer's Offices, 1, Temple Row West, Birmingham."

1891 Census

5, Lock Side

[1] *Samuel Edwards* (37), joiner, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Edwards* (47), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Annie Evans* (22), niece, visitor, born Pensnett;

[4] *William Hy. Mills* (34), lodger, barman, born Tipton:

Dudley Herald 20/1/1900

“On Saturday last about 40 members of the Albion Lodge of N.U.O. Free Gardeners sat down to their annual supper, which had been provided at the lodge house, the WOODMAN INN, by the Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Edwards*, in their well-known style.....”

Walsall Observer 1/9/1900

“The annual licensing sessions for Darlaston Tipton &c, were held at Wednesbury Police Court on Wednesday.....

Mr. *Cave*, barrister, of Birmingham, said he had been instructed by Mr. A. J. *Glover* to support notices of objection to the renewal of several licenses by Mr. *Plant*, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers Society, on account of the long pull Objections withdrawn.....

The license holders who had been served with the notices of objection were as follows.....

Samuel Edwards, WOODMAN, New Cross Street, Tipton.”

1901 Census

5, Lock Side

[1] *Samuel Edwards* (48), carpenter, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Edwards* (57), wife, tavern keeper, born Tipton:

Tipton Herald 15/5/1909

“At the WOODMAN INN Concert Hall, New Cross Street, Tipton Green, on Monday evening a concert was given for the benefit of Thomas Downing, who had the misfortune to lose two valuable horses. Mr. W. J. *Cox* presided.”

1911 Census

5, Lock Side

[1] *Samuel Edwards* (58), brewer and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Edwards* (67), wife, born Tipton:

South Staffordshire Times 12/2/1921

“Tipton Brewster Sessions.....

The following houses were notified as having been placed on the compensation list, with a view to their being closed on various grounds: OLD HOUSE AT HOME, Bloomfield; PUDDLERS ARMS, Park Lane West; WOODMAN, Lockside, and ROYAL OAK, Gate Street, Burnt Tree.

All other licenses were renewed.”

South Staffordshire Times 23/7/1921

“At a meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority at Stafford, on Thursday, there was no opposition to the closing of the MARKET HOUSE, Wednesbury, the COACH AND HORSES, Wednesbury, and the WOODMAN INN, Tipton, and the licenses were refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/1/1922

“The Principal Meeting of the Compensation Authority was held on July 21, when the committee, after careful consideration of each case referred, refused to renew seven licences.....

The Supplemental Meeting was held on November 12 and by adjournment on December 10. The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard evidence put forward by the claimants. The committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon are satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested and the Compensation Fund.

In the following five cases the committee fixed the compensation.....

WOODMAN INN, Tipton, beerhouse on (ante 1869). £1,250.”

It closed on 30th March 1922.

WRENS NEST

140, (142), Dudley Port, TIPTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1895], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

LICENSEES

Benjamin Nuttall [1866] – [1870]
Mrs. Mary Ann Nuttall [1871] – [1873]
Arthur Wise [1874] – [1876]
William John Wise [1880] – [1883]
James J Emers [1891] – [1896] manager
William Parkes [1901] – [1903]
Arthur Jones Wheale [1911] – **1921**;
Mrs. Annie Eliza Wheale **(1921 – 1922)**:

NOTES

142, Dudley Port [1873]
140, Dudley Port [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904], [1908], [1912], [1916]

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1866

“Messrs. Jesson, Adkins, Bagnall, H. Williams, Marshall, and Lewis, sat at the West Bromwich Police Court, yesterday, to hear applications for new licenses. There were forty applications – five for Handsworth, eleven for West Bromwich, nine for Tipton, five for Harborne and Smethwick, four for Darlaston, and six for Wednesbury. The following is a list of the applications which were made.....

Benjamin Nuttall, WRENS NEST, Dudley Port, applied through Mr. Young. House situated 130 yards from the nearest licensed house. No opposition. Refused.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 1/6/1867

“A match has been made for Mr. Adams’s dog Spot of Westbromwich and Mr. Wall’s bitch Gip of Summerhill to run 200 yards, for £10 a side, at the Royal Oak Grounds, Burnt Tree, on Monday, June 10. The dogs to run at catch weight. A referee to be chosen on the ground. Mr. *B. Nuttall* of the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port, stakeholder.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/9/1867

“On Wednesday the adjourned licensing meeting for West Bromwich district was held in the Petty Sessions Room of the new applications [for victuallers licences] there were – from West Bromwich 6, Wednesbury 4, Handsworth 5, Darlaston 3, Smethwick 7, Tipton 3.....

Benjamin Nuttall, WRENS NEST, Dudley Port, Tipton, supported by Mr. Travis. Refused.”

Benjamin Nuttall, beer retailer, Dudley Port. [1868], [1870]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1868

“West Bromwich. On Wednesday last, the Annual Licensing sessions for the renewal of licenses already

granted to houses in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury, and Walsall division, and for receiving applications for new ones, were held at the Public Office twenty-one applications were nominally received for new licenses from the following persons, the whole to them to be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting on September 23rd.....

Benjamin Nuttall, WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/9/1868

“Yesterday, a special licensing session for the purpose of granting victuallers’ licenses was held at the Public Office, West Bromwich The magistrates grant the following.....

Benjamin Nuttall, WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.”

1871 Census

140, Dudley Port – WRENS NEST

[1] *Mary Ann Nuttall* (52), widow, publican, born Goscot [Goscote, Walsall];

[2] *Elizabeth Onslow* (16), general servant, born Tipton:

Dudley Guardian 7/11/1874 - Advert

“To Dairymen, Farmers, and Others.

Sale on Monday, Nov. 16th, 1874, in the Yard belonging to Mr. *Arthur Wise*, the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. John Bent, on Monday, November 16th, 1874 (by order of Mr. *Arthur Wise*, who is declining the dairy business), Ten Young Fresh Milking Cows and In-Calf Cows, Horses, Traps, &c. N.B. The Auctioneer respectfully invites the attention of Dairymen, and others, to the above useful lot of Young Cows, which have been carefully selected from the best dairies in the country.

At the above sale several useful Horses, Traps, Carts, &c, belonging to several parties who have no further use for them, will be offered for sale.

Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock prompt.”

Dudley Herald 14/10/1876 - Advert

“Sale of Highly-important Freehold Old-Licensed Inn, Genteel Dwelling Houses, Pawnbroker’s Shop, and eligible Building Land, at Burnt Tree and Dudley Port, in the Parish of Tipton, in the County of Stafford, producing an aggregate rental of £152 14s per annum.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Charles Round (by order of the Trustee under the Will of the late Mr. *Benjamin Nuttall*), at the house of Mr. *Arthur Wise*, the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port, on Wednesday, October 25, 1876, at Six o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then read, and in the following or such other Lots as may be agreed upon at the time of Sale.....

Properties, Dudley Port.

Lot 7. All that eligible Piece of Building Land, situate in and having a frontage of 11 yards to Sharp Street, with the well-erected Cottage, Wash-house, Outbuildings, Garden, and Premises, in the occupation of Mr. Emanuel Dickens, and covering an area of 220 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less.

Lot 8. All that eligible Piece of Building Land, situate in and having a frontage of 12 yards and 6 inches to Sharp Street, adjoining to Lot 7, and immediately at the back of the WRENS NEST INN, together with the Piggery and Walling erected thereon, and containing 238 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less.

Lot 9. All that Valuable Old-licensed Public House (known as the WRENS NEST INN), situate at Dudley Port, in the occupation of Mr. *Arthur Wise*, with the Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable, Yard, and Premises. The House contains three Cellars, Kitchen, Tap Room, Bar, Two Chambers, and Club Room, with Entrance Gates to Yard. This property has a frontage of 11 yards to the main road leading from Dudley through West Bromwich to Birmingham, and contains, including the site of the buildings, 440 square yards of land or thereabouts, be the same more or less.

Lots 7, 8, and 9, are let to Mr. *Wise*, at the aggregate rent of £35 per annum.

To parties in search of a good Old-Licensed Inn, this will be found a very desirable one.

The whole of the Properties are substantially-erected, in excellent and well-letting situations, and are well

worthy the attention of Capitalists or others requiring good sound investments.

A Plan of the Lots is in course of preparation, and will be produced at the Sale. In the meantime any further information may be obtained on application to James Round, Esq, Solicitor, or Mr. Charles Round, Architect and Surveyor, both of Tipton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/7/1877 - Advert

“The WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port, Tipton.

By Mr. Charles Round, To be Let, on a ten years' Lease, the above well-known and established Old-Licensed Inn, situate in the midst of collieries and ironworks, now doing a good business, which may be considerably increased by converting the bar, tap-room, and entrance gateway into an excellent spirit vaults, and which could be done at a reasonable cost.

The House contains Front Bar, Tap-room, Kitchen, Club Room, Chambers, and good Cellaring, and there is a Brewhouse, with Malt Room over; Stabling, excellent Piggeries, Cottage, Garden, and Yard, with carriage entrance front and back. The Proprietor is desirous of relinquishing the business on account of other engagements.

For rent, in-coming, and goodwill, apply to Mr. Charles Round, Auctioneer and Valuer, Tipton.”

Dudley Herald 15/5/1880

“At the Borough Police Court, on Wednesday, before G. Bagott and John Bateman, Esqrs, Henry Green (30), alias ‘Robert Smitheman’, who had been convicted at Birmingham Sessions in 1864, and sent to prison for one month; also, at the same Sessions in 1865, to twelve months' imprisonment; further, at Staffordshire March Sessions, 1866, to seven years' penal servitude; and lastly, in 1873, at the Birmingham Sessions, to eight years' penal servitude for larceny, was charged, on remand, with stealing £10 from Thomas Jackson, money belonging to *William Wise*, landlord of the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port, on the 8th inst. Mr. Chief-Superintendent Burton explained that there were five charges of a similar nature which could be brought against the prisoner.

William Wise, landlord of the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port, stated that on Saturday, the 8th of May, he sent Thomas Jackson, a boy, aged 12 years, at half-past one o'clock, with 10 sovereigns, which were wrapped up in paper, to Dudley, to get change either from Messrs. Bray and Walker's, or Mr. Rutland's. Witness saw the money put into the bag. About four o'clock in the afternoon he returned, and made a complaint to him. Witness, the boy, and the boy's father afterwards went up to Dudley, where they gave information of the robbery.

Thomas Jackson, son of Samuel Jackson, Tividale Road, Dudley Port, said on the 8th of May Mr. *Wise* gave him 10 sovereigns wrapped in paper, which were placed in a bag. He went to Dudley for change and met the prisoner in the Birmingham Road. He was coming out of the gateway leading to the lime kilns. Prisoner accosted him, and asked him whether he would carry a basket for him. Prisoner then stated that the baskets were coming in by train, and that witness would have to carry the basket to the confectioner's shop near the Lower Church. Prisoner talked to the witness for some time afterwards, and said he had seen witness several times in Dudley before, but he did not know whether he was going for change. Witness told prisoner that he was going for change, and the latter said he was a confectioner, and was known all over the country, and he could give witness change, as he had about £80 worth a week. Prisoner afterwards said he would show witness where he lived, and took him up the Trindle Road on to a mount. Prisoner then said he had just thought of something; he had to receive £2 6s from a house below. He then took the satchel from witness, and said he would give him £10's worth of change for it, at the same time putting the 10 sovereigns into his purse. After this had transpired prisoner took witness towards the railway station. When they arrived near the station prisoner told him to go to the station and ‘tell Willie to come to him.’ Witness said ‘I don't know where Willie is.’ Prisoner replied ‘You will find him standing by the top office.’ Prisoner then suggested that witness should stop in the Birmingham Road, and he would go to the station. He ran off, and witness followed him, but lost the prisoner in the gallery. Witness went home, and spoke to Mr. *Wise*, and he and witness's father went to Dudley and gave information to the police. As witness was returning with his father he saw the prisoner in a cab coming up the Birmingham Road, and told his father that the man in the cab was the one who had taken the money. They followed the cab, which stopped at the GREEN MAN INN, Castle Street, and they went into the house, where they saw the prisoner paying for something to drink for

the cabman. Prisoner was kept at the public house until Inspector Wigley came.....

Prisoner was then charged with stealing a purse and £1 11s 10d from Ann Cowell, aged 13, living in Charlotte Street, Dock, Dudley, money belonging to her father, on the 14th of February.....

Another case of a similar nature was brought against the prisoner, who was charged with stealing the sum of £1 7s 6d from the person of John Greenway, a lad, aged 12 years.....

There were a number of other charges against the prisoner, but the magistrates considered that the three cases heard would be sufficient to be gone into, and the prisoner was then committed to take his trial at the next Worcestershire Quarter Sessions.”

[Robert Smitheman alias Henry Green alias Gilbert Smitheman was tried on 29th June 1880 and pleaded guilty of larceny in the three cases. He was sentenced to 10 years penal servitude and 7 years' police supervision.]

Evening Express 3/3/1881

“An inquiry was on Wednesday afternoon resumed by Mr. E. Hooper (district coroner), at the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port, touching the death of a boy named William George Jones, about four years old, the son of Henry Lewis Jones, a roller, residing in Gilbert Street, Dudley Port, the deceased having died on the 14th of February, from the result of injuries sustained by a wall falling upon him four days previously. Mr. A. J. Whitehouse (Messrs. T. M. J. and A. Whitehouse) appeared to represent the parents of the deceased; Mr. E. M. Warmington represented Mr. Stackhouse, the owner of the wall; and Mr. Waring, clerk to the Tipton Local Board, was present on behalf of that body.

It appeared from the evidence taken, when the inquest was first opened, that on the morning of the 10th of February the deceased and his father were walking down a thoroughfare, known as the New Road, which leads from Gate Street to Tividale Street, Dudley Port, when a portion of wall, which was about 34 yards long and 8ft high, suddenly fell upon them. The father was rendered insensible, but after being extricated from the debris recovered from his injuries; his child was more seriously injured, and died on the 14th ult. The father said he considered the wall safe, or he should not have walked under it.

Philip Stackhouse, limestone miner, Burnt Tree, now gave evidence to the effect that the wall, the bottom portion of which was composed of cinders and the main portion of brickwork, belonged to him, and was one of the boundaries of the new road which led in the direction of the Burnt Tree Board Schools. The road was made last year by the Local Board, who had previously given him the usual notice of their intention to do the work. A man named Daniel Courtenay, in the employ of the Board, told witness after the road was completed in November that witness had better underbuild a wall to keep it secure at a point where the soil had been removed to a depth of 30 inches, and witness sent his son, who did the underbuilding up to the brickwork, as was advised. Witness afterwards believed that the wall was perfectly safe. Had never received a notion from the Local Board that it was unsafe. On the day it fell there was a heavy gale, and a length of about ten yards was blown down.

By Mr. Whitehouse: A portion of the top end of the wall fell before the deceased was injured.

By Mr. Warmington: Thirty inches of soil was taken from under the wall throughout its length. Had nothing to do with the alterations by the Local Board except that he had, as a property owner, to pay his proportion of their expenses.

Deceased's father (re-called) said there was no particular gale on the day in question.

Mr. Waring here stated that no notice had been given to the Local Board as to the state of the wall. If there had it would have been attended to. He read a report which the Board's surveyor had prepared upon the matter, and which stated that the cause of the wall falling appeared to arise from children or coal pickers with their picks interfering with the lower cinder portion. After that, the action of the severe frost upon the lower portion, and the drainage through from the field, which account for the fall. Without interference on the part of children the wall, in his opinion would have remained standing and not dangerous.

The Coroner said he considered the foregoing report of very great importance if it was correct. If the jury were of opinion that Mr. Stackhouse has knowingly allowed the place to remain unsafe he would be criminally liable, and they would be bound to return a verdict of manslaughter, but if his evidence was to be relied upon, that he made the wall safe to the best of his judgement, they must attribute the fall to natural causes. He (the coroner's) own impression was that on the date of the opening of the inquest it was not safe, and whatever conclusion the jury arrived at he should not conclude the enquiry without having a direct under-

standing with Mr. Stackhouse that the wall must be made safe. It was close to a Board school, and when it fell there might have been fifty children instead of one under it.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, with the addendum that in their opinion the wall, as it now stood, was unsafe, and desiring the coroner to call the attention of the Local Board to that fact, and request them to serve notices, and adopt the usual course with the owner of the property, or use their best endeavours to have the wall rebuilt or made safe.”

1881 Census

140, Dudley Port

[1] *William J. Wise* (25), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Elizabeth Wise (22), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Ann E. Wise (11 months), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] Sarah A. Barnett (17), general servant, born Sedgley:

Wednesbury Herald 28/10/1882

“Jane Williams (18), a well dressed girl, was brought up in custody for stealing a gold watch and an ivory cross, the property of Ezra Nicholas, landlord of the PRINCE REGENT INN, Dudley Port. The prisoner was also charged with stealing 2s 6d, the property of *William John Wise*, the landlord of the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port.

The prisoner was in the employ of Nicholas as a domestic servant and left her employ on the 7th inst. On the following day Mrs. Nicholas missed her gold watch, which she valued at £3, and a cross and necklace. She communicated with the prisoner, but prisoner denied all knowledge of the watch and the cross. On Monday the prisoner was caught in the act of stealing 2s 6d, belonging to her new employer, Mr. *Wise*. Police constable Price was sent for and the watch, and cross, and £1 8s 6d, were found in her possessions. Prisoner said she took the watch in consequence of her mistress owing her some money, but denied stealing the 2s 6d, and alleged that she found the coin under a bench.

Mrs. *Wise* said that since the prisoner had been in her employ she had frequently missed money.

The mother of the accused said she had always found her daughter to be honest and prudent, and asked the magistrates to deal mercifully with her for the present offences.

Mr. Farley asked Mrs. *Wise* if she would take the prisoner back again into her employ and endeavour to reclaim her, as the magistrates thought severe punishment would not have a tendency to deter the prisoner from committing crime.

Mrs. *Wise* said she could not think of taking the prisoner into her employ again.

Mr. Elwell said the magistrates had seriously considered the case and had decided to commit the prisoner to gaol for three months with hard labour.”

London Gazette 7/12/1883

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

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *William John Wise*, of the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port.....”

Dudley and District News 12/4/1884

“Joseph Wise was charged with assaulting Samuel Lewis on the 31st ult at the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port. Complainant said defendant struck him two or three violent blows in the face. Defendant stated that he only struck the complainant in self-defence, and the magistrates dismissed the case.”

James Emers = James Eames

1891 Census

140, Dudley Port – WRENS NEST INN

[1] *James J. Emers* (38), licensed victualler, born London;

[2] Jane Emers (35), wife, born Dudley:

Birmingham Daily Post 13/6/1894

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, yesterday, the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company were charged with having allowed gaming in their house, the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port, on the 12th, 14th, and 15th ult. Mr. J. E. Underhill appeared for the defence.

Police-constable Dobson and Daniel Williams deposed to visiting the house, and to seeing men playing at cards for ale, in the presence of the manager.

For the defence, it was declared that the utmost care was taken to have the company's houses conducted as well as possible, and if there had been card-playing, it was without the knowledge of the manager and his wife.

Three penalties of 10s each and costs were imposed, making £2 17s 6d in all.”

Birmingham Daily Post 21/8/1894

“The annual general licensing session for Tipton and Darlaston took place at the Police Court, Wednesbury, yesterday Notices of opposition had been served upon.....

The Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company in respect of the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.....

The consideration of the applications and cases involving objections were adjourned until September 24.”

Birmingham Daily Post 25/9/1894

“Darlaston and Tipton. The adjourned licensing session for this district took place at Wednesbury yesterday.....

Mr. A. Whitehouse, on behalf of the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company, applied for the renewal of the license of the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port. One objection to the renewal was that the manager had been convicted of permitting gaming on the 12th, 14th, and 15th May; another being that the house was not required in the neighbourhood. Inspector Gasson, who was called, said there were seven licensed houses within a radius of 150 yards from the WRENS NEST; and within the same area there were only 148 private dwelling houses. Granted, the bench requiring certain structural alterations about the yard.”

Wednesbury Herald 26/1/1895

“Wednesbury Police Court The Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Company, and *James Emers*, their manager at the WRENS NEST INN, Dudley Port, were charged with selling without a license

The evidence showed that Inspector Gasson and Police-constable Morris went to the house on the 4th inst, and found business going on in the ordinary way. They enquired for the license, and were told that it was in the hands of the company Last year the defendants and their manager were fined, and, in accordance with the rule of the magistrates, the license was not renewed until the adjourned licensing day. Then he was away on his holidays, and Mr. Whitehouse, who attended for him, left the payment of fees to be made by the agent, and the agent thought Mr. Whitehouse had done all that was necessary, the result being that the license was not taken away by either of them. On the 11th October the Inland Revenue authorities granted their license, and Mr. Thomson (the managing director of the company) having paid the £17 which that entailed never thought of the other, which cost only 9s.

The Stipendiary dismissed the case, remarking that it was a frivolous prosecution.....”

1901 Census

Dudley Port – WRENS NEST INN

[1] *William Parkes* (38), licensed victualler, manager, born Rowley;

[2] *Eliza Parkes* (39), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *Amy T. Parkes* (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

William Parkes – see also VINE.

1911 Census

140, Dudley Port – WRENS NEST INN

[1] *Arthur Jones Wheale* (31), licensed victualler, born Rowley Regis;

[2] *Annie Jones Wheale* (30), wife, married 9 years, born Wolverhampton;

- [3] Jessie May Jones Wheale (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Lilly Jones Wheale (7), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Ada Jones Wheale (5), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Samuel Henry Jones Wheale (3), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] Beatrice Jones Wheale (2 months), daughter, born Tipton:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/2/1922

“License Redundancy At Tipton the houses that they proposed to refer for compensation on the grounds of redundancy were the RAILWAY STATION INN, Eagle Lane; the THATCHED COTTAGE, Eagle Street; the PLOUGH INN, Aston Street, and the WRENS NEST, Dudley Port.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/8/1922 - Notice

“County Of Stafford. Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 20th day of July, 1922, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below.....

WRENS NEST, Dudley Port. Full License. Licensee, *Annie Eliza Wheale*. Registered Owner, Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1922

“A Supplementary Meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1910, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, Lord Hatherton, C.M.G. in the chair. The Committee approved the following awards of compensation in respect of the under-mentioned houses, the licenses of which were refused renewal at the Principal Meeting of the Authority on July 20 last.....

WRENS NEST, Dudley Port, Tipton, full license, £2,300.”

£2,300 Compensation was paid.

It closed on 30th December 1922.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Austin Street, Toll End, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Davis [1881]

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Dudley and District News 2/7/1881

“Joseph Morgan (who was represented by his wife), and Levi James were charged with having, on the 20th instant, committed a breach of the peace in a public house, in Austin Street, Toll End.

James Davis, landlord of the house, said prisoners were behaving in a disorderly manner and challenging those in the house to fight. He requested them to go out quietly, but Morgan said, 'I won't go out for a little — like you.'

Both charges were proved, and prisoners were fined 13s and 15s respectively, including costs.”

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Lower Church Lane, TIPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Sarah Hardman [1861]

Mrs. Hannah Hardman [1865]

NOTES

It was next door to the SWAN.

1861 Census

Church Lane – Beershop

[1] *Sarah Hardman* (61), widow, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary Hardman* (34), daughter, house maid, born Tipton;

[3] *Abraham Hardman* (24), son, miner, born Tipton;

[4] *Hannah Hardman* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Tipton;

[5] *William Wednesbury* (24), lodger, smith, born Kidderminster:

Birmingham Journal 5/8/1865 - Advert

“Eligible Freehold property, in Lower Church Lane, Tipton, Staffordshire.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Messrs. Powell and Son, at the house of Mr. John Pessoll, HOP AND BARLEY-CORN INN, Dudley Port, on Tuesday, the 15th day of August inst, at Six o’clock in the evening subject to conditions – all that Freehold Public House (formerly two houses), with Brewhouse, Stable, Out-buildings, Yard, and Garden at the back thereof, now in the occupation of Mrs. *Hannah Hardman*.

The House consists of two cellars, Tap Room, Smoke Room, Parlour, Kitchen, and four Chambers. The Out-buildings comprise Brewhouse, with soft water Cistern; Stable, Pigstye, and Privy. The whole contains an area, including the buildings, of 227 square yards.

For further particulars, apply at the Offices of Mr. W. H. Fellows, Solicitor, Horseley Heath; of the Auctioneers, Tipton.”

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Great Bridge, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Davis

LICENSEES

Thomas Davis []

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Princes End, TIPTON

OWNERS

Thomas Higgins, stocktaker, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

Catherine Constable [1873]

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The license was abandoned.