

# HITCHMOUGH'S BLACK COUNTRY PUBS



## BOTTLE & GLASS

MOOR LANE, BROCKMOOR, BRIERLEY HILL

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## BOTTLE AND GLASS

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

### OWNERS

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

### LICENSEES

Joseph Bates [1829]  
William Wood [1832]  
Benjamin Holloway [1834] – [1835]  
Charles Roberts [1841] – [1845]  
John Wood [1849] – **1853**;  
Henry Wiggins **(1853 – 1861)**;  
William Stanley **(1861 – 1864)**;  
Mary Stanley **(1864 – 1865)**;  
John Cook **(1865 – 1867)**;  
William Mullett **(1867 – 1878)**;  
Thomas Simpson **(1878 – 1893)**;  
Abraham Grice **(1893 – 1896)**;  
John Law **(1896 – 1898)**;  
Arthur Ray **(1898 – 1899)**;  
William Norris **(1899 – 1901)**;  
Frederick Harley **(1901)**;  
Samuel Simpson **(1901 – 1904)**;  
Thomas Darby **(1904 – 1906)**;  
Ann Blythling **(1906 – 1907)**;  
Frederick Loach **(1907 – 1909)**;  
William Lowe **(1909 – 1911)**;  
Frederick Homer **(1911 – 1912)**;  
David Round **(1912 – 1913)**;  
Herbert Harold Smith **(1913 – 1914)**;  
Henry Allen **(1914 – 1915)**;  
Wilfred Joseph Hilton **(1915 – 1929)**;  
John Stokes **(1929 – 1938)**;  
Arthur William Devenport **(1938 – [1940]**  
Mrs. Freda Ryder **(1957 – 1960)**  
Lloyd Jones **(1963 – 1971)**  
Arthur Devenport [1983]  
Keith Andrews **(1984 – [ ]**  
Debbie Woodward [2010]



c. late 1970s



2010

## NOTES

Buckpool [1849], [1881], [1896], [1912]  
Lays Road [1891]  
23, Buckpool [1901], [1932], [1940]  
23, Moor Lane

It backed on to the canal.

BOTTLE [1834]

It had a beerhouse license.

### **Aris's Birmingham Gazette 16/3/1829 - Advert**

"To Publicans and Others.

To be Let, and entered upon immediately, the Licences, Goodwill, and immediate Possession of that old established and well accustomed Public House, now in full business, known by the sign of the BOTTLE AND GLASS, situate at Moore Lane, near Wordsley, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the possession of Mr. *Joseph Bates*.

There are two very large clubs established at the house.

The coming-in will be very low.

Also a very good accustomed Public House, situate at Claverley, near Bridgnorth.

For further particulars and to treat for the same apply to Mr. Abiathar Bunch, Auctioneer, Dudley."

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### **Aris's Birmingham Gazette 5/4/1830 - Notice**

"Notice is hereby given, that *Joseph Bates*, of Moor Lane, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, Publican, by indenture dated the 3rd day of April, 1829, did assign all his Estate and Effects to William Hughes, of the parish of Kingswinford aforesaid, Maltster, in trust for the benefit of himself and such other Creditors who should execute the same indenture; and that such deed now lies at my office for the signatures of such of the Creditors of the said *Joseph Bates* who have not already signed the same, and will remain there until the 1st day of May next, when the proceeds of the said estate and effects will be divided amongst such of the creditors who shall have then executed the same indenture.

Mr. G. Grazebrook, Solicitor. Stourbridge, March 20, 1830."

### **Aris's Birmingham Gazette 2/4/1832 - Advert**

"Valuable Freehold Land and Mines, adjoining Moor Lane, and desirable Public House and Tenements at Audnam Bank, Kingswinford, Staffordshire.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Davies, on Wednesday the 2nd day of May, 1832, at the TALBOT HOTEL, in Stourbridge, in the county of Worcester, at four o'clock in the afternoon, together or in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be produced.

Lot 1. All that plot or parcel of Land as now marked or staked out, situate at Moor Lane aforesaid, near to the BOTTLE AND GLASS Public House, and in the occupation of *William Wood*, containing 877 square yards, or 0A 9R 29P.

Lot 2. All that plot or parcel of Land as now marked or staked out, adjoining the above-described lot and the said BOTTLE AND GLASS Public House, also in the occupation of the said *William Wood*, containing 907 square yards, or 0A 0R 30P.

The above lots are particularly eligible for Wharfs, or building upon, being bounded by the Stourbridge Canal on the north, and the road called Moor Lane, leading from Wordsley to Brierley Hill, on the south side thereof....."

### **Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/11/1838 - Advert**

"Wordsley, Staffordshire. Desirable Dwelling-Houses, Malt-House, and Land, at Bug Pool.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. William Higgs, on Thursday, the 22nd day of November, 1838, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane, near Brockmoor, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon....."

### 1841 Census

Moor Lane – BOTTLE AND GLASS

[1] *Charles Roberts* (30), licensed victualler;

[2] *Ann Roberts* (35), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Ann Colley* (20), f. s., born Staffordshire:

### Worcestershire Chronicle 13/12/1848

“On the evening of the 4th inst another daring burglary was committed near the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane. Mr. John Mullett went to Enville on Monday morning, and not having returned at nine o’clock in the evening, his wife went to seek him; at that hour everything was safe, and on Mrs. Mullett’s brother going there at eleven o’clock he found the door open, the furniture disturbed, and a quantity of wearing apparel missing. Money was the object of the burglars, but they were not successful in their search, as it had been removed only a day or two previously. Charles Edge, James Merchant, and Thomas York, were brought before the magistrates on Thursday, upon suspicion of being concerned in the robbery.

Mrs. Mullett stated that when she left her house at nine o’clock she went to her brother’s house, the QUEENS HEAD. Edge was there, and followed her into the bar; he heard what she said to her brother, and afterwards followed her out of the house, and saw the direction in which she went. A little below her own house she saw Merchant, who, when she had passed him, went towards her house.

Lucy Chatham saw Edge and York together at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN. They both left about the time of the robbery.

Sub-inspector Hanbury apprehended Edge and Merchant early the next morning. Merchant’s right shoe corresponded exactly with the marks in the garden. He found the bar produced in York’s bed-room; it also fitted the marks made on the door and post.

The Bench, not thinking the evidence was sufficient, discharged the prisoners from custody, but ordered the shoe, bar, &c, to be detained.”

### Worcestershire Chronicle 28/11/1849

“David Davies was charged with stealing half a sovereign, the money of Samuel Stevens, on the previous Sunday evening, in a public house, under the following circumstances.

It appeared that Stevens, with some friends, went into the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, at the Lay, on the evening in question. The prisoner was in the same room, and during the evening Stevens put half a sovereign on a tray to pay for what he and his friends had, when one of the others with him (Stevens) also put down 5s. Stevens, with the others, then went out of the room, leaving one John Hanbury and the prisoner there, and shortly afterwards Hanbury left. The money (the half-sovereign and 5s) Hanbury stated was then safe on the tray, and on his leaving he told the landlady (Mrs. *Wood*), who, on going into the room immediately afterwards, found only the 5s on the tray. The prisoner also left the public house directly afterwards, but he was apprehended in bed the following morning. He was committed to take his trial, but was admitted to bail.”

AND

### Staffordshire Advertiser 5/1/1850

Staffordshire Epiphany Sessions.....

Bills Ignored .... David Davies, charged with stealing a half sovereign at Kingswinford, the property of Samuel Stevens.”

### 1851 Census

Lays Road

[1] *John Wood* (41), licensed victualler, born Enville, Staffordshire;

[2] *Hannah Wood* (36), wife, born Enville, Staffordshire;

[3] *Lucy Chatham* (25), house servant, born Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire:

### Worcestershire Chronicle 6/8/1851

“About six o’clock on the morning of Saturday last, a boy, aged 14, named John Wood, was found drowned in the Stourbridge canal, at the Sixteen Locks. The unfortunate lad was talking to his brother William not more than a quarter of an hour before he was found drowned. On being got out of the water, life was found to be quite extinct. The body of the deceased (who was a native of Twyning, in Gloucestershire) was conveyed to the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buckpool, to await a coroner’s inquest.”

### **Worcestershire Chronicle 26/11/1851**

“On Tuesday week, a collier named John Watkins, 44 years of age, was returning from his work across the second of the sixteen locks on the Stourbridge canal, at Moore Lane, near Brierley Hill, when he accidentally fell into the water and was drowned. He was a very steady man, and has left a wife and seven children to deplore his loss. An inquest has since been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, and jury at the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buckpool, and a verdict of Found Drowned returned.”

### **Worcestershire Chronicle 26/5/1852**

“The dead body of a boatman, named Samuel Candliffe, aged 49, was discovered in the canal, near to the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, about eleven o'clock on Sunday morning last, by a man of the name of Millward. The deceased was observed to be quite tipsy late on the previous night. No marks of violence were apparent on the body. An inquest has been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, and jury at the above inn, and a verdict of Found Drowned returned.”

### **Worcestershire Chronicle 9/6/1852**

“The following lodges and clubs held their anniversaries on Whit Monday and Tuesday last.....  
Bards Hope Lodge, at Mr. Wood's, BOTTLE AND GLASS.”

Henry Wiggins = Henry Wiggin = Henry Wiggan = Henry Wigan

### **Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 6/1/1856**

“At *H. Wiggins's*, BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane, near the Brittell Lane railway station, on Tuesday, Jan 15th, will be shot for, open to all England, a fat pig, 28 score weight, by 38 subscribers, at 10s each; the winner and putter-up to spend £3 each. The shooting to commence at 12 o'clock. Guns not to exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch bore, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz of shot, 21 yards rise, 80 boundary.”

### **County Advertiser 10/1/1857 - Advert**

‘Kingswinford. Valuable Freehold and Copyhold Houses and Land, Moor Lane and Brockmoor.  
To Publicans, Maltsters, and Others.

Messrs. Oates and Perrens have received instructions from the Proprietor, to offer for Sale by Auction, on Monday, the 12th day of January, 1857, at the VINE INN, Wordsley, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be produced.....

Lot 4. All that well-accustomed Valuable Old-Licensed Public House, called the BOTTLE AND GLASS, with the large and convenient Stabling, Brewhouse, and yard, with Large Club Room, and all other necessary accommodation, and doing a first-rate business, situate at Moor Lane, aforesaid, in the occupation of Mr. *Wiggin*, at the moderate rental of £35 per annum, and containing, as now set out 876 square yards.”

### **County Advertiser 28/2/1857 - Advert**

“Annual Pigeon Shooting, Open to All England.

To Be Shot For, at Mr. *H. Wiggan's*, the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, near the Brettell Lane Railway Station, on Monday, March 9th, 1857, a Handsome Fat Pig.

Twenty-three Members, at Ten Shillings each.

The Putter-up to spend £2 10s, and the Winner £1.

Single Guns not to exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$ in bore; 2oz shot; 21 yards rise. Double Guns 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz shot; allowed 2 yards. Guns to be held in a sportsmanlike manner till the bird is on the wing. The Shooting to commence precisely at Twelve o'clock. Mr. *H. W.* begs to inform his friends and all who may patronise him on that day, that they shall have good birds, fair play, and the Winner to have his choice, pig or money.

### **County Advertiser 7/3/1857**

“*Henry Wiggan*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, pleaded guilty to having his house open for the sale of liquor during the hours of divine service, on February 22nd, for which offence he was fined 5s and costs.”

### **County Advertiser 19/12/1857 - Advert**

"To Be Shot For, at Mr. *H. Wiggin's*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Brierley Hill, on Monday, December 21st, a Fat Pig, by twenty-one members, at 10s each. The winner to take £9 or the pig. Conditions, three birds; each gun  $\frac{3}{4}$  bore, two oz of shot, twenty-one yards rise; double guns, nineteen rise,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shot, sixty yards fall. No gentleman to shoot more than two tickets. The gun to be held below the elbow until the bird is on the wing. Shooting to commence at twelve o'clock. Dinner, 1s 6d each, to be on the table at five o'clock."

### **County Advertiser 2/10/1858**

"William Morgan, a youth, whose physiognomy bore the signs of some very rough usage, was charged by John Hanbury, parish constable, with assaulting him. Mr. Burbury was engaged for the defence, and a number of witnesses were heard on each side. The constable deposed that at twelve o'clock on Monday night last, he was called to quell a disturbance at the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house, Moor Lane; on going to the place he found a number of young men fighting, and on his interfering the defendant struck him several severe blows in the face; he then handcuffed him and brought him to the police station. Witnesses were then called, who corroborated the constable's statements.

Mr. Burbury, for the defence, called witnesses who deposed that several young men were fighting in the room, and that upon the defendant, who did not in any way take part in the disturbance, remarking that it would be advisable to leave, and getting up from his seat for that purpose, he was struck by one of the men who were fighting; the constable was standing at the door of the room, and did not offer to interfere until then, when he knocked the defendant down and handcuffed him, and even then continued to ill use him in a very disgraceful manner.

Mr. Leigh remarked that it was strange that the constable had not summoned any of the other men who were fighting; but said he considered the defendant was in some way to blame, and he should fine him 1s only, without costs; at the same time he believed that the conduct of the constable had been very improper."

### **County Advertiser 30/10/1858**

"Brettell Lane Highway Board.....

The Sanitary Inspector reported that a great accumulation of stagnant water was always to be found opposite the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house, Moor Lane, caused by the bad and hollow state of the road there; and that the proprietors of property in that locality had offered to club together to defray the necessary expenses consequent upon putting proper channelling down to carry the water off. The offer was accepted, and the work ordered to be commenced."

### **County Advertiser 9/4/1859 - Advert**

"Pigeon Shooting, Open to All England.

To be Shot For, at Mr. *H. Wiggin's*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, on Monday, April 18th, 1859, one of the Largest Pigs in the United Kingdom, 46 Members at 10s each. The Putter-up to spend £2, and the Winner £1. Conditions of Shooting: Three birds each; guns,  $\frac{3}{4}$ in bore,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz of shot, 21 yards rise; double guns,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shot, 19 yards rise. The field the boundary. Guns to be held in a sportsman-like manner till the Bird is on the Wing. No members to shoot more than two tickets. To commence at Twelve o'clock.

Dinner after shooting.

Parties coming by rail will book to Brettell Lane, on the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Line. There will be a good supply of the best Birds on the ground. The place of Shooting is within a Quarter of a Mile of Brettell Lane Station.

The Pig is on view at the above Inn."

### **County Advertiser 14/5/1859 - Advert**

"Pigeon Shooting. Open to All England. No Man Barred.

To be Shot For, at the house of Mr. *H. Wiggin*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, on Monday, May 16th, 1859, a £10 Sweepstake will be contended for by Twenty Members at 10s each.

Conditions: To shoot at three birds each; gun three-quarter bore,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz shot, 21 yards rise; double gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz shot, 19 yards rise, 60 yards boundary. Tickets unlimited. Mr. *Wiggin* will supply the best Blue Rocks from Manchester. Parties coming by Rail will book to Brierley Hill or Brettell Lane Station, on the Oxford and Worcester Line, five minutes walk to the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, and three miles from Dudley. No outside shooting will be allowed within 30 yards of the boundary. Shooting to take place at one o'clock. Dinner after.

Choice Wines and Spirits. Good Stabling."

### Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/12/1859

“A match will take place tomorrow (Monday), at *H. Wiggin's*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, near Brierley Hill, between four cracks of the neighbourhood, for £10. The first bird to be trapped at twelve o'clock. Sweepstakes after the match. A good supply of pigeons and sparrows will be on the ground. Parties coming by rail will book for Brierley Hill or Brettell Lane stations.”

### County Advertiser 15/9/1860 - Advert

“BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane.

To be Shot For, on Monday, September 24th, 1860, a Fat Sheep. Twenty-four Members, at 2s 6d each. The Winner to have £2 10s or the Sheep.

No person allowed to Shoot who has won a match of £2 and upwards.

Good Pigeons provided, and the Rules of Pigeon Shooting will be strictly adhered to. Conditions of shooting – three birds each; single guns, 21 yards rise, 1¾oz of shot; double guns allowed 2 yards, 1½oz of shot. No gun to exceed ¾ bore.

Shooting to commence at One o'clock. Supper after Shooting.

All Persons Trespassing will be Prosecuted.”

**BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, MOOR LANE.**  
**T**O be SHOT FOR, on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1860, a FAT SHEEP. Twenty-four Members, at 2s. 6d. each. The Winner to have £2 10s. or the Sheep.  
No person allowed to Shoot who has won a match of £2 and upwards.  
Good Pigeons provided, and the Rules of Pigeon Shooting will be strictly adhered to. Conditions of shooting—three birds each; single guns, 21 yards rise, 1¾ oz. of shot; double guns allowed 2 yards, 1½ oz. of shot. No gun to exceed ¾ bore.  
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### 1861 Census

Buck Pool

- [1] William Stanley (60), victualler, born Handsworth;
- [2] Mary Stanley (53), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] William Stanley (7), son, scholar, born Smethwick;
- [4] Henry Stanley (7), son, scholar, born Smethwick;
- [5] Sarah Taylor (57), sister-in-law, housekeeper, born Birmingham;
- [6] Mary Ann Phillips (16), domestic servant, born Smethwick;

### Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/1/1862

“On Friday afternoon, a man named Elisha Green was found drowned in the canal at the Sixteen Locks, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, about half-past four o'clock. A cap which was recognised as belonging to the deceased was found on the canal bank, and two men named Joseph Roberts and John Hale commenced dragging the canal, and found the body as above stated. Police-constable Hammond was immediately sent for, who searched the body, but found nothing except a few trifling articles. He had the deceased removed to the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, there to await the coroner's inquest. Deceased was last seen alive on the previous evening, at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Bromley, which is kept by a relative, at six o'clock in the evening, rather the worse for liquor, and is supposed to have got into the canal in consequence of the fog. It is remarkable that deceased had a brother drowned near the same place about twelve months ago.”

### Birmingham Daily Post 22/1/1864

“The adjourned inquest on the bodies of five of the men, who were killed on the 11th inst, at Messrs. Jackson and Jones's pit, Bromley, was held yesterday, before Mr. Phillips, Coroner. The names of deceased are George Tarran (33), Joseph Page (27), Zachariah Barker (53), Job Round (26), and Joseph Baker (29), and the enquiries were held at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Bromley; the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buck Pool; and the SAMPSON AND LION, Pensnett.

The circumstances of the sad event have already been reported, and yesterday no additional evidence was taken. Mr. Baker, her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, was present. The deceased, it will be remembered, met with their death in consequence of a horse falling down the pit at the time they were being lowered in the skip. Mr. Baker said that it was highly desirable that fences should be put round the mouths of the shafts. Had there been a fence to the pit in question, the accident could not have occurred. He had for some time strongly urged the necessity of having these fences; but, although there had been some concessions made in this respect, the majority of the pits in the district were still without fences. He deemed it most important that this should be made known to the pit proprietors, as, with a little expense, extreme danger could be obviated. It was the cause of humanity for which he was speaking, and he hoped that, ere long, the proprietors would see that it was their duty to provide such fences as had in some few cases been erected.

The Jury, after hearing the Coroner's summing up, returned a verdict of Accidental Death. They, however, accompanied their verdict with an expression of censure upon the conduct of the banksman and the butty.”

### **County Advertiser 23/1/1864**

“Transfers of Licenses.....

BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane, from the executors of the late *William Stanley* to *Mary Stanley*.”

### **Birmingham Daily Post 16/2/1865 - Advert**

“Valuable Opportunity to Parties requiring an Old-Licensed Public House.

To be Let, with immediate possession, that Old-Licensed Public House and Premises, the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, which has been doing a good Trade for several years, and is being let in consequence of the death of the Tenant. Coming-in for Stock, Fixtures, and Furniture, about £300. Preference given to a Party who can take to the whole.

Apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer and Valuer, Brierley Hill.”

### **County Advertiser 18/2/1865 - Advert**

“Sale at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane.

Mr. Hawkins has received instructions from the Trustees of the late Mrs. *Mary Stanley*, to Sell by Auction, upon the Premises as above, on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1865, the whole of the clean and neat Household Furniture, Feather and Flock Beds, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bed Linen, Mahogany Chests of Drawers, Washing Stands, Dressing Tables, Eight-day Clocks, Sofa, Chairs, Tables, and other Effects, which will appear in catalogues, to be had at the place of Sale; Mr. McEwen. Lays Works; or the Auctioneer, TOWN ARMS SPIRIT VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

### **County Advertiser 18/2/1865 - Advert**

“To be Let, with immediate possession (in consequence of the proprietor, Mr. *John Cook*, having taken to the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN), that well-known good Business House, the HAPPY RETURN INN, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill. Stock, Fixtures, and Effects to be taken to at a fair valuation.

Apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, TOWN ARMS SPIRIT VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

### **County Advertiser 18/3/1865**

“The licenses of the following houses were transferred on Monday, at a Special Sessions, at Wordsley.....

BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane, from the executors of the late *Mary Stanley* to *John Cook*.”

### **County Advertiser 18/3/1865 - Advert**

“Wanted, a single Young Man, as Brewer, to make himself generally useful, and to live in the house. Good character required.

Apply to Mr. *John Cook*, BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill.”

### **County Advertiser 10/6/1865**

“The anniversary of the Bond of Hope Lodge, of the Wolverhampton Order of Oddfellows, held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, was celebrated on Monday last. At an early hour in the morning upwards of 100 of the members assembled at the above house, and, headed by the Brierley Hill Sax-horn Band, marched in procession to Wordsley Church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Boulton. After the service they returned to their meeting house and partook of an excellent dinner. Mr. Charles Roberts, PG, was appointed chairman, and Mr. William Newman, GM, occupied the vice-chair. The financial report was then read by the secretary, which showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. Several songs and sentiments were given by some of the members, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a harmonious manner.”

### **County Advertiser 7/4/1866**

“On Tuesday night last, at twenty minutes past nine o’clock, a boy named Millichap knocked at the house door of Mr. John Jackson, keeper of the Bromley lock on the Stourbridge Extension Canal, near Brockmoor, and stated that he had seen what he imagined was some article of wearing apparel lying on the path alongside the canal, close to the water. Mr. Jackson and his grand-son immediately procured a light, and repaired to the spot pointed out, which was about sixty yards from the lock-house. On picking up the article, Mr. Jackson found that it was a modern-shaped overcoat. Mr. Jackson’s fears were aroused by this circumstance, and he at once commenced to examine the water near the place. In a minute or two he observed something resembling the top of a man’s hat, about an inch below the surface of the water. The object was about six feet from the towing-path, and Mr. Jackson, with the crook of a

boat guage-staff, commenced to gently feel about. He soon discovered that there was a body standing upright in the water, and in two minutes afterwards, by the aid of the guage-staff, he brought it to the canal side. The body was at once recognised as that of Mr. Joseph Raybould, manager for his father, Mr. John Raybould, at the Wordsley flour mill. Means to resuscitate the body were taken, but this was found to be useless.

Deceased had been at a sale on Tuesday, at the THREE HORSE SHOES public house, Bromley, which house, it is said, he had entered into arrangements to take. He left the house about half an hour before his dead body was found by Jackson, and it is supposed that, while on the way to his home at Buckpool, he must have accidentally walked into the canal. There were no bruises on the body, and the deceased's dress was in no way disarranged. The depth of the water where deceased was discovered was not quite six feet. The water is almost level with the towing-path, and, being near to the lock, is of course deep at the side.

Deceased, who is about thirty-three years of age, leaves a wife and six young children to mourn their sad and untimely bereavement."

AND

#### **County Advertiser 14/4/1866**

"The inquest on the body of Mr. Joseph Raybould was held on Saturday last, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house, Moor Lane, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner. The evidence was exactly in accordance with the circumstances as reported in our last issue. A man named Thomas Pearson, a labourer, who stated that he had said to Mr. Raybould that he was a hardly in a fit state to go home alone, yet allowed him to go, was severely censured by the Coroner for his inconsiderate conduct. The verdict was Accidental Death."

#### **County Express 7/9/1867 - Advert**

"Unreserved Sale, at the Brick Yard, Top of the Sixteen Locks, back of BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Brockmoor. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Henry Detheridge, on Monday Next, September 9th, 1867, the whole of the Working Tools, Moulds, Planks, Tables; with the Stock of Bricks (about 30,000), and the Erections in a Brickkiln, and Effects, belonging to Mr. Benjamin Lowe, who is giving up the Yard. Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning."

#### **County Express 12/12/1868 - Advert**

"A Tea Party and Ball will be held at the house of Mr. *William Mullett*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, on Monday, December 28th, 1868. Tickets One Shilling Each. Tea on the table at Five o'clock. A Quadrille Band is engaged. Dancing to commence at Seven o'clock."

#### **County Express 22/5/1869**

"On Whit-Monday, a lodge of Odd Fellows held their annual feast, at Mr. *W. Mullett's*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane. Upwards of 60 sat down to an excellent dinner at two o'clock, which reflected great credit upon the management of the host and hostess. After the cloth had been removed Mr. Charles Roberts was called to the chair, and Mr. John Hanbury to the vice-chair, and from the annual reports it seems that the society is in a very prosperous condition, the funds being considerably over £600. Some excellent singing followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent."

#### **County Express 17/7/1869**

"On Saturday an inquest was held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Brockmoor, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy coroner, on the body of Thomas Harris, aged four years. The child was last seen playing near the Stourbridge Canal on Wednesday the 7th inst, and being missed, it was supposed he had fallen into the canal. An active search was made and at ten the next morning the body was found by Mr. John Wassell. The jury returned an open verdict of Found Drowned."

#### **County Express 11/6/1870**

"The twenty-eighth anniversary of the Bonds Hope Lodge, of the Wolverhampton order of Odd Fellows, held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, was celebrated on Monday last. At an early hour in the morning the members, numbering nearly one hundred and thirty, assembled as above, and moved in procession through Brockmoor and Brierley Hill, and thence to Wordsley Church, when a very eloquent discourse was made appropriate to the occasion, from Genesis 45th chapter, latter part of 24th verse, by the Rev. Mr. Leacock, after which they returned to their meeting house and partook of an excellent dinner, which reflected great credit upon the host, Mr. *Mullett*. The cloth having been drawn, the chair was occupied as usual by brother Charles Roberts, PG, and the

vice-chair by brother Thomas Price. The financial report was then read by the Secretary, which showed the Lodge to be in a very prosperous condition, being worth at the present time upwards of £700, which sum, through the exertions of the Trustees, is well invested, thereby realising a good annual sum by way of interest. The remainder of the evening was occupied by song and sentiment, and some excellent airs and choruses were played by the Tipton brass band, which had accompanied them throughout the day. The meeting broke up at an early hour in high spirits."

### Stourbridge Observer 4/3/1871

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

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

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

Police-constable Breton corroborated.

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

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

Samuel Jones and Selina Blackford corroborated Tolley.

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

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

### 1871 Census

Buck Pool

[1] *William Mullett* (56), boatman and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sarah Mullett* (53), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Sarah Jane Mullett* (25), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *William John Mullett* (20), son, glass engraver, born Moor Lane;

[5] *Ruth Mullett* (18), daughter, born Moor Lane;

[6] *James Mullett* (15), son, scholar, born Moor Lane;

[7] *Ellen Mullett* (13), daughter, scholar, born Moor Lane;

[8] *Eliza Mullett* (9), daughter, scholar, born Moor Lane;

### County Advertiser 22/7/1871

"On Monday, Daniel Dukes, carter, Pensnett, was charged, at the Wordsley Petty Sessions, before Messrs. F. Evers and H. Smith, with having caused the death, on the previous Saturday, of William Henry Bagnall, five years and six months old. Mr. Addison appeared for William Bagnall, the father of deceased.

Prosecutor said he was an engineer and lived at Buck Pool. The deceased had his dinner with the rest of the family on the day in question, and witness after the meal proceeded to his work. About half-past two he was sent for to his home, and when he arrived he found the deceased lying on a bench in a dying state, and he shortly afterwards expired. He was five and a half years of age. He met the prisoner as he was going to work from his dinner, near to the canal bridge, below Buck Pool; he was drunk and staggering about the road.

James Hill, a boatman, living at Buck Pool, exactly opposite the spot where the occurrence took place, said that on Saturday, about half-past two o'clock, he was standing in the road. While there he saw the prisoner going over the bridge, leading a horse and cart. Prisoner was holding the horse, and as he got past the bridge the shaft of the cart struck him on the shoulder, making him stagger about the road. He (witness) could see that prisoner was very drunk. The cart was loaded with castings. As prisoner came down the road close to the wall, on his right side, the deceased was also running near the same wall. The little fellow stood with his back against the wall for the prisoner to pass him. The prisoner was leading the horse, and was between the wall and the horse. He consequently passed the deceased, and 'brushed' him with his coat. The deceased seeing how close the cart was to the wall lowered his head,

which was immediately caught by the wheel and crushed against the wall in a frightful manner. Witness before the occurrence shouted to prisoner to be careful, but he took no notice of his caution. The prisoner immediately after backed his cart, but the boy's head was still held between the wall and the wheel, and, on the prisoner drawing the cart forward, the little fellow dropped to the ground and passed his hands backwards and forwards near to his ears, several times. By this time he was covered in blood. He was soon afterwards picked up by some neighbours and taken home. He died about twenty minutes to three o'clock. When the prisoner was detained he grumbled, and wanted to know why he could not go on with his horse and cart. The road was about ten yards wide, and there was nothing on the other side of the road to cause him to go so close to the wall. He was not endeavouring to get out of the way of other children.

In cross-examination by the prisoner, witness denied that the horse was stopped by the prisoner himself, neither did he look behind when witness shouted at him. Witness was quite sure that he was drunk, because he staggered several times near to the canal bridge.

Police-constable Cotterill said he apprehended the prisoner between three and four o'clock the same afternoon, and charged him with causing the death of the deceased child. Prisoner said he was trying to avoid injuring other children who were on the opposite side of the road. The prisoner was drunk, and witness had some difficulty in taking him to the station. He nearly fell down several times on the way.

Police-constable Breton swore that the prisoner was drunk when he was taken into the station.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at Stafford, bail being accepted.

In the afternoon of the same day the inquest upon the body of deceased was held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buck Pool, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Coroner. Similar evidence was given to that which had been taken in the morning, and after a brief consultation, a verdict of Manslaughter was returned by the Jury against the prisoner. The prisoner was present during the latter portion of the inquiry, and was again admitted to bail."

AND

#### **Birmingham Daily Gazette 24/7/1871**

"Staffordshire Midsummer Assizes.....

Daniel Dukes, on bail, was charged with killing and slaying William Henry Bagnall, on the 15th of July last, at the parish of Kingswinford. Mr. Loxdale Warren prosecuted, and Mr. Motteram defended.

On the day named in the indictment, the deceased, a child of five years old, met with his death by being run over by a horse and cart, of which the prisoner was driver. Evidence was called to show that the prisoner had plenty of room to pass that part of the road where deceased was.

The prisoner, who received an excellent character, was found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour."

#### **County Advertiser 25/1/1873**

"At the annual meeting of the Bonds Hope Lodge, held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, on Whit Monday last, it was proposed that a testimonial should be presented to Brother Charles Roberts, PG, who is one of the founders of the lodge, for the very lively interest he has always taken to promote its welfare. A committee was accordingly appointed to carry out the decision. A handsome timepiece, with stand and glass shade complete was purchased, and the following inscription engraved upon it: 'Presented to Brother Charles Roberts, by the members of the Bonds Hope Lodge, as a token of respect for valuable services rendered to the above for more than 30 years.' The committee, on Monday evening last, invited Brother Roberts to supper. Mr. Turner, surgeon to the lodge, was voted to the chair, and Brother James H. Ryder, PGM, occupied the vice-chair. Mr Turner, in a few appropriate words, made the presentation. Brother Roberts thanked the committee and the lodge for their great kindness, and assured them of his devotion to the interests of the club."

#### **County Express 28/3/1874**

"The Coroner, T. M. Philips, Esq, held an inquest at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, on Tuesday evening, to enquire into the death of a woman named Mary Ann Allen, aged 69, who met with severe injuries by falling down some cellar steps on the Wednesday night and died on Sunday morning. From the evidence of Job Allen, her husband, it appears that between eight and nine o'clock on Wednesday night he left his wife to put away the supper while he attended to a fire. On returning he did not see her and after searching for her he found her at the bottom of the cellar steps, bleeding and unconscious. When she regained her senses she told her daughter-in-law that she was putting the supper things away at the top of the stairs when she slipped and fell down the cellar steps. Her husband stated she was very infirm and had previously fallen down the steps. She was attended by Mr. Campbell but his services were of no avail and she died on Sunday morning. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

### **County Advertiser 12/9/1874**

“Last week an important property sale took place at the BELL HOTEL, Stourbridge....

A small plot of land in Moor Lane was brought under the hammer, and fetched £47 10s, the purchaser being Mr. W. Mullett, of the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Moor Lane.”

### **County Express 10/4/1875**

“William Payne was charged with having, on the 29th ult, assaulted David Tolley.

Complainant stated that on the day in question (Easter Monday) he was at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, and the defendant, who was drunk, got up and gave witness several blows on the face, giving him a black eye. Witness gave him no provocation.

Fined 10s and the costs; or, in default of payment, fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.”

### **County Express 3/7/1875 - Advert**

“In Chancery. Banks v Cartwright.

To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs. Oates, Perrens, and Wooldridge, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Stourbridge, Worcestershire, on Friday, 16th July, 1875, at Six (for Seven) o'clock pm.

Lot 1. One equal undivided 3rd part of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, and Premises thereto, at or near Buckpool, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the County of Stafford, and of the Surface Clay (but not any other mines or minerals) in and under the site thereof....”

### **County Express 15/7/1876 - Advert**

“Great Attraction Of The Season.

The Wolverhampton Loyal Order of Odd Fellows of Wordsley, Stourbridge, Dudley, and other Districts, by the kind permission of Colonel Fletcher, JP, will hold their Grand Fete and Pic-Nic, on Monday, July 24, 1876 ..... in the beautiful and classic Grounds at Lawnswood, Wordsley, for the benefit of the Sick and Philanthropic Funds of the Order....

Admission to the Fete, 6d; Children under Twelve Half-price. Children attending Schools will be admitted collectively, at 1d each. Teachers to pay for the whole of their Scholars at the Entrance. Children of the Union admitted free.

Tickets are now ready, and can be obtained at the following Lodge Houses....

Mr. Mullett's, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane.”

### **County Advertiser 25/11/1876 - Advert**

“A Public Dance every Monday Night, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Street, Brierley Hill, commencing at Seven pm.”

### **County Advertiser 15/12/1877**

“On Monday afternoon the body of Mr. Thomas Stevenson, draper, Wellington Road, Dudley, was found drowned in a canal lock at Buckpool. He had left home three days previously, and a search was instituted, in the course of which it was ascertained that he had been at Wordsley. The police made inquiries and Police-constables Hollins and Keenan succeeded in finding his body in the lock which adjoins the bridge crossing the canal between the SAMPSON AND LION and BOTTLE AND GLASS, public houses. The place is a most dangerous one, as the open lock is exactly in line with the turnpike road from Wordsley towards Brockmoor, the road at this point making a sharp turn to the right over the bridge.

An inquest was held touching the death of the deceased, on Thursday morning, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane.

The first witness was Police-constable Hollins, who deposed that he found the body of the deceased in the lock mentioned. In the pockets of the clothes there was found 14s and a watch, which had stopped at three minutes to six o'clock. The place where the deceased was found was a very likely place for a man to get into the canal, and was very dangerous. A fence there would be a great protection.

Mr. Robert Stevenson, the son of the deceased, residing at Willow House, Wellington Road, Dudley, said his father was a travelling draper, and had lived at 80, Wellington Road, Dudley. He did not return home at his usual time on Friday evening, the 7th inst, on which day his round would have been Wordsley and Brockmoor. The deceased had fairly good eyes, though he used spectacles occasionally. His age was about 69 years.

Mr. Baker, landlord of the SWAN INN, Buckpool, was called, and spoke as to the deceased calling on him on business on the evening of the Friday previous, leaving perfectly sober between five and six. Mr. Stevenson said he had to go to Brockmoor, and to do business at Woodside, the way to which places lay by the lock where he was drowned. The witness gave it as his opinion that the place at the bridge was a very dangerous one. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned, coupled with a recommendation to Mr. Meredith, the surveyor, to fence the place, as suggested by the Coroner in his summing up."

### County Express 15/6/1878

"The annual meeting of the members of Bonds Hope Lodge of the Wolverhampton Loyal Order of Odd Fellows, held at Host *Simpson's*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, was celebrated on Whit-Monday, when about sixty members partook of an excellent dinner provided by the host and hostess. The business was proceeded with after dinner, Brother Roberts occupying the chair, and Brother Lee the vice-chair. The Secretary read the balance sheet, which showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing state. The election of Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted in the re-election of Trustees, Secretary, Surgeon, and Treasurer. The business of the day closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, vice-chairman, host and hostess. The evening was passed in the usual manner."

### 1881 Census

Buckpool – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

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

### County Advertiser 23/9/1882

"Arthur Mincher, machine clerk, Wordsley, was brought up under a warrant charged with embezzling £2 6s, the money of the Earl of Dudley.

Robert Lakin, boat catcher, in the employ of the Earl of Dudley, deposed to seeing a boat containing coal and slack sent to Buckpool on the 1st of May by the prisoner.

*Thomas Simpson*, landlord of the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buckpool, said he saw the prisoner on the 27th of April, and told him he was in want of coal. Witness received a boat of coal on the 1st of May, and in a day or two afterwards paid the prisoner for it, for which he received the receipt (produced).

Mr. John Fisher, cashier in the employ of the Earl of Dudley, said it was the duty of prisoner to weigh all coal at the Brockmoor basin, and pay over to him all cash he received. Prisoner had not accounted to him for the £2 6s he had received from *Simpson*.

Additional-constable Taylor deposed to apprehending the prisoner under a warrant. When charged prisoner said, 'I know it's true; I'm very sorry for it, and I hope they will be light with me.' The prisoner pleaded guilty.

The Bench said they were very sorry to see the prisoner charged with such a serious offence, and they could not do less than send him to prison for three months, with hard labour."

### County Advertiser 28/4/1883

"Thomas Hughes, ironworker, Buckpool, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the licensed premises of *Thomas Simpson*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool; and Elizabeth Hughes, his wife, was charged with assaulting *Thomas Simpson*. There was a cross-summons against *Thomas Simpson* and his wife *Hannah Simpson*, for assaulting Elizabeth Hughes. Mr. Waldron appeared for the *Simpsons*, and Mr. Holberton for the Hugheses.

It appeared from *Simpson's* evidence that Hughes and his wife went to the BOTTLE AND GLASS drunk, and used bad language. *Simpson* asked them to leave, but they refused to do so. Hughes and his wife then assaulted *Simpson* and his wife. In the course of the evidence it turned out that the parties were related to each other, and there was a dispute between them. All the summonses were ultimately withdrawn with the exception of the one for refusing to quit, and for this offence Hughes was fined 5s and costs."

### **County Express 10/11/1883**

“Board of Guardians ..... Sanitary Committee. This Committee reported that a letter had been received from the Brierley Hill Local Board drawing attention to the dangerous state of the road, from want of lighting, leading from Farmer’s Bridge, at Moor Lane, to the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buck Pool, and asking that lamps should be put there. The Committee recommended that the opinion of a vestry meeting be taken thereon.”

### **County Advertiser 19/7/1884**

“John Mullett, ironworker, Wordsley, on a charge of being disorderly and refusing to quit the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house, Buckpool, was fined 2s 6d and costs, on the evidence of *Thomas Simpson*, the landlord.”

### **County Express 23/8/1884**

“Mr. W. H. Phillips, district coroner, held an inquiry at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, on Saturday last, respecting the death of William Brown (55), a chainmaker of the Saltwells Coppice, who was drowned in the Stourbridge Canal on the previous Friday.

William Henry Brown, son of the deceased, said his father left home on the Thursday about three o’clock, having at that time £1 12s 6d in his pocket. Deceased was in the habit of coming to Buckpool, where he was found drowned. Thomas Watton, a boatman, deposed to finding the body in the third lock of the Stourbridge Canal. There were no marks of injury on the body.

Eliza Round said the deceased called at the BLACK HORSE INN, Wordsley, on the Thursday evening, and stayed from half-past six until nearly ten. Whilst there he had a pint of ale and some brandy.

The jury returned a verdict that the deceased was found dead in the canal, and drew attention to the dangerous state of the canal at the spot where deceased got in. In accordance with a recommendation from the jury the coroner promised to communicate with the surveyor, Mr. Meredith, and ask him to make better provisions for the safety of the public.”

### **County Advertiser 30/5/1885**

“The forty-third anniversary in connection with the Bonds Hope Lodge, held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, of the Wolverhampton Order of Odd Fellows was celebrated on Monday last. A goodly number of the members assembled and partook of an excellent dinner served up by the host. After dinner Mr. Charles Roberts, PG, was voted to the chair, and Mr. Thomas Price, PG, occupied the vice-chair. The secretary presented the financial report for the past year which showed that the lodge numbered 123 members, and was worth upwards of £1,100 invested in mortgages and freehold property. After drinking the success to the Bonds Hope Lodge, and the health of the Host and Hostess, the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.”

### **Western Daily Press 7/7/1886**

“Last Night’s *Gazette* (by Telegraph). Bankrupts.....

*Thomas Simpson*, BOTTLE OF GLASS INN, Buckpool, near Brierley Hill, licensed victualler, canal haulier, and boat owner.”

### **Worcestershire Chronicle 24/7/1886**

“A Bankrupt Publican. *Thomas Simpson*, BOTTLE OF GLASS INN, Buckpool, licensed victualler and canal haulier, came up for his public examination by the Official Receiver (Mr. E. P. Jobson), on Wednesday, at the Stourbridge Court House, before Mr. Registrar Collis. Mr. Addison appeared for a creditor; Mr. C. H. Collis for the debtor. The debtor’s statement of affairs showed liabilities, £337 18s 5d, and the assets were stated as nil. Some additional liabilities were stated in detail. The debtor stated that he started in the public house business by borrowing money on his furniture and boats upon a bill of sale. The examination was adjourned.”

### **County Express 22/1/1887**

“County Court. Thursday. Before Sir Rupert Kettle, Judge.....

Bankrupt’s Discharge. On the application of Mr. C. Herbert Collis, his Honour granted the discharge of *Thomas Simpson*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool.”

### **County Express 19/3/1887**

“Mr. W. H Phillips, district coroner, held an inquest at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, yesterday evening, touching the death of Benjamin Narwood, 42, labourer.

Deceased, who lived in Buckpool Road, followed the occupation of a boat loader, and was employed at the Dial Glass Works. His son, Benjamin Narwood, a lad of fifteen, took his father’s dinner to the works on Tuesday morning, and found him unloading a boat of slack. Whilst doing this deceased somehow stumbled heavily over his wheelbarrow, and when picked up complained to his son of great pain in his side. He assisted his parent home, and it took two hours for them to get there from Audnam Bank.

Deceased’s wife told the coroner they had been married twenty years. Her husband had fairly good health, but suffered from rheumatism. When leaving for work on Tuesday morning, deceased told her that he had a pain in his arm. He came to tea at five o’clock, and afterwards said his side hurt him, and although he had an application of turpentine, he complained of great pain. Mrs. Narwood, the same night, went for medical assistance, and consulted Mr. Plant, surgeon, of Wordsley, upon her husband’s condition.

A lodger named Henry Shenton, who also gave evidence, told the coroner and jury that while he lived with deceased and his wife (about a fortnight) he did not remember anything else the matter with deceased except rheumatics, which affected his arm. Deceased told witness that he fell over a wheelbarrow and hurt him very much. He did not say what caused the accident, and seemed rather to make light of it. Deceased groaned a good deal during the night, and he (Shenton) went to his assistance, but could not relieve him. The unfortunate man expired on Wednesday morning at half-past nine.

The Coroner adjourned the inquiry till Monday at 5pm, for the production of medical testimony.”

AND

### **County Express 26/3/1887**

“Mr. W. H. Phillips resumed his enquiry at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buck Pool, on Monday evening, touching the death of Benjamin Narwood, which took place on the 16th inst.

Mr. A. W. Plant, surgeon, of Wordsley, said he made a post mortem examination of the body on Saturday, and was quite satisfied that no fall had anything to do with the cause of death. There were no internal injuries, and deceased died from syncope or fainting, arising from heart disease. He also suffered from Bright’s disease of the kidneys.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.”

### **County Advertiser 10/9/1887**

“On Tuesday Mr. W. H. Phillips (coroner) held an inquest at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buck Pool, on the body of Cornelius Wood, aged six years, son of Thomas Wood. On the 4th inst the deceased was seen playing near the canal at Buck Pool, and shortly afterwards was found dead in the water by his father. The jury returned an open verdict.”

### **County Advertiser 9/6/1888**

“A singular accident befell a boatman named George Hale, of Swan Village, yesterday afternoon, at Buckpool. His boat was about to enter the top lock. When he was at the far end, the line suddenly became detached from the horse, and Hale, who had hold of the rope, was thrown into the water of the lock, turning a complete somersault. It was a twelve feet fall or more from the top of the lock to the surface of the water, and the only wonder is that the man, in falling, did not strike his head against the side of the lock and dash out his brains. There is something to be thankful for even in misfortune occasionally, and in this case it was extremely fortunate for Hale that he fell clear into the water. He went right to the bottom of the lock, there being a depth of six or seven feet of water, and in a few seconds afterwards was noticed to be swimming on the surface of the water. In a minute or so his boat came up to the spot where he had fallen, and he scrambled aboard her, shaking the water from him like a spaniel. As the boat rose to the top of the lock he stepped on to the lock side, remarking, ‘We boatmen do occasionally get a dip like that.’ Hale went into the BOTTLE AND GLASS, hard by, and Mr. *Thomas Simpson*, the landlord, supplied him with some dry clothing wherewith to proceed homeward.”

### **Dudley Mercury 3/11/1888 - Advert**

“Lost, on Friday night, October 26th, either in the Town Hall, Brierley Hill, or between there and the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Moor Lane, part of a Gold Ear-Ring, with Pearl set in centre. The finder will be suitably rewarded on returning same to Mrs. Joseph Skelding, 22, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill.”

### County Express 17/11/1888

"An inquest was held at the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buck Pool, on Monday, before Mr. Thorneycroft (deputy coroner), on the body of Hannah Maria, Norwood, aged 40 years, widow, who died suddenly on Saturday last. Deceased went to her mother-in-law's and had supper, after which she returned home. Shortly afterwards, about a quarter past ten, she was taken ill, and died at a quarter to one. Dr. Plant was called in, but his services were of no avail. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned."

### County Express 23/8/1890

"A meeting of Brockmoor Conservative Association was held at the house of Mr. *Thomas Simpson*, BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buck Pool, when a large and enthusiastic gathering assembled to listen to the remarks of encouragement so ably rendered by Messrs. Cox, Phibbs, and others. The chair was taken by Mr. Z. Cox, who spoke as to the good work already done by the society, and gave an idea to the members how to work up the association, and what good each one might do by inviting friends to their future meetings....."

### 1891 Census

Lays Road – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

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

### County Advertiser 20/2/1892 - Advert

"Found, a Sheep Dog, on Monday. If not owned in Three days will be Sold.—Apply, *T. Simpson*, BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buckpool, Wordsley."

**FOUND, a SHEEP DOG, on Monday. If not owned in Three days will be Sold.—Apply, T. Simpson, Bottle and Glass, Buckpool, Wordsley.**

### County Advertiser 24/8/1895

"The Annual Licensing Sessions for the Kingswinford and Wordsley divisions were held on Tuesday.....

The 'black list' contained the following names.....

*Abraham Grice*, BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buckpool, house not being structurally adapted, and window open to other houses.....

Superintendent Spendlove said that in the case of *Abraham Grice*, of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, the ground of objection, the supplying of beer through a window at the back of the house, had been removed, and he withdrew his objection to the renewal of the license."

### County Express 2/2/1901

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

### County Advertiser 16/2/1901 - Advert

"Monday Next, February 18th.

Sale of Surplus Household and Public House Furniture, Brewing Coppers and Utensils, Wood Erections, and Other Effects, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, Brierley Hill.

R. G. Rowley has received instructions from Mr. *William Norris*, whose Tenancy expires, to Sell by Auction, upon the Premises, on Monday Next, February 18th, 1901.

Surplus Household and Public House Furniture, Brewing Plant, Copper and Iron Furnaces, with the Settings; Twelve-bushel Mash Tun, strong Ale Coolers, Lead Wort Pipe and Spouts, Ale Casks, &c. Also Wood Erections, with Sheet Iron Roof, forming Stables, Cart Shed, and Pigeon Pen; Wood Fencing on canal side of yard, Coal Scales and Weights, and other Effects.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

Auctioneer's Offices: 16, Park Street, Stourbridge."

### 1901 Census

23, Buckpool – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

[1] *Frederick Harley* (28), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Edith Harley* (28), wife, born Quarry Bank;

[3] *Florence M. Harley* (8), daughter, born Pensnett;

[4] *George Harley* (1), son, born Harts Hill;

[5] *Fanny Badford* (14), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

### County Advertiser 16/11/1901

"*Samuel Simpson*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Brockmoor, was, on the evidence of Police-constable Kendall, fined 20s and costs for being drunk in charge of a horse and gig, near the clock at Stourbridge, at eleven pm on the 14th inst."

### County Advertiser 2/8/1902 - Advert

"Wednesday Next, August 6th at Two o'clock in the Afternoon, Unreserved Sale of Household Furniture and Effects, removed for convenience of Sale to the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, Moor Lane, near Brierley Hill...."

### County Advertiser 3/8/1907

"Some thirty customers and friends were invited to a dinner on Monday at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, by the landlord, Mr. *Fred Loach*. The dinner was a substantial one, and was splendidly served, and it reflected great credit on those who carried out the arrangements. After the cloth was drawn Mr. H. Bishop was elected chairman, and Mr. S. Johnson to the vice-chair. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Percy Hill, W. Bishop, W. Wassell, Bert Hill, W. Cooke, J. Hambrey, H. J. Wharton, W. Boycott, and Stephens. Special mention should be made of the singing of Messrs. Wharton, B. Hill, and W. Wassell, while the accompaniment of Mr. Percy Hill was everything that could be desired. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. *Loach* for his kind hospitality, to Mr. Wharton, and to Mr. Percy Hill. A similar vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman and vice-chairman, and an enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem."

### County Express 15/8/1908

"On Tuesday the Fire Brigade were summoned to Buckpool, where a rick belonging to Mr. W. H. Skelding was found to be on fire. Information of the fire was sent by telephone by Mr. E. Quarry, of the HAPPY RETURN INN, but by some means Brettell Lane was given as the scene of the outbreak, and when the brigade had travelled to Brettell Lane they found it was necessary to proceed via Audnam and Wordsley to Buckpool, which might easily have been reached in a few minutes had the precise locality been named. The brigade found that a new rick of some ten tons and a clump of old hay were well on fire. In the initial stages of their work water was got from a sluice of a 2½in water main, but this was insufficient, and eventually the brigade crossed the road with the manual and placed this alongside the canal in the yard of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN. After working for a number of hours, Lieut. Charlton found it necessary to pull the rick to pieces. The brigade returned to the station shortly before midnight."

### County Express 16/1/1909

“Dividend Clubs..... BOTTLE AND GLASS (Brockmoor).

On Saturday the members assembled to an excellent supper provided by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Loach*). Afterwards Mr. J. Griffiths was voted to the chair, and Mr. Bullock to the vice-chair. The secretary's report showed a dividend of £1 7s 4d, which was considered very satisfactory. To the evening's entertainment the following contributed: Messrs. Bullock, J. Smith, Cook, Adams, Griffiths, L. Smith, and Jones.”

### 1911 Census

Buckpool – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

[1] *Frederick Homer* (23), clay miner, hewer, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Ellen Homer* (23), wife, married 1 year, born Dudley;

[3] *Elizabeth Homer* (61), mother, widow, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Winnie Seach* (17), domestic servant, born Dudley;

[5] *Clara Stokes* (5), visitor, school, born Brierley Hill:

### County Express 9/12/1911

“The singular circumstances connected with the death of a school girl *Alice Maud Allen* (12), of 22, Buckpool, Brockmoor, were investigated on Wednesday by Mr. T. A Stokes and jury at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool. Mr. I Woodcock was foreman of the jury.

Absalom Allen, iron-moulder, father of the child, said he resided at 34, Buckpool, and she had, since her mother's death four years ago, lived with her grandmother, at No.22. He saw the child on the sofa at her grandmother's at dinner-time on Monday and again between 7.30 and 8, when she complained of pains in the head.

The Coroner: Was she going to take part in some concert? – Witness: Yes, an entertainment tonight at the Temperance Hall in connection with the school she attended, to raise money to defray the cost of a piano.

She was going to take part? – Yes, she had a big part in it. She was to sing and dance according to the exercise I have seen her doing.

Did that seem to excite her? – Yes, I believe that has got a lot to do with it.

She had been a healthy child? – She never complained to me since her mother died four years next month, excepting of a bit of toothache.

And this was the first time she complained of these pains in the head? – Yes. She was with me on Sunday night for three hours singing splendidly whilst a young man played the organ. She never complained to me at all then.

Witness added that he understood she went to bed at 10pm on Sunday night, and at 1am on Monday complained of pains in the head.

Mary Ann Allen, grandmother, said about bed time on Sunday the child said she had pains in the head, but was nevertheless very ‘pearl.’ They occupied the same bedroom. During the early hours of Tuesday, she noticed *Alice* was asleep. At 5.30 she got out of bed and had some water to drink. At 7.30 witness went upstairs, when the girl said she was better and would go to school. Witness proceeded downstairs and prepared the child's breakfast. Shortly after 8.30 witness went upstairs again and found the girl dead.

The Coroner: You were expecting her to go to school? – Witness: Yes, she wanted to, on account of this concert.

She seemed all right on Tuesday morning? – Yes.

Dr. Gifford said he had made a post mortem examination and found the organs were all healthy except the brain, in the ventricles of which he found an excessive quantity of fluid. This would set up direct action on the vagus centre. The heart was controlled from the brain by means of the vagus nerve, and irritation of this nerve would arrest the heart's action.

The Coroner: Did she die from heart failure? – Dr. Gifford: That was the primary cause of death.

Can you tell the jury any reason for the fluid being there? – I could find no definite reason; there was no growth about the brain at all. I can only suggest that in a very excitable child such as she was the excitement of preparing for this entertainment had a great deal to do with the formation of the excessive quantity of fluid. I can find no disease about the brain.

The Foreman of the Jury: You think that this caused the heart to stop? – Dr Gifford: Yes, the mischief in the brain arrested the heart's action.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes – heart failure.”

## County Express 3/2/1912

“On Monday, at Brierley Hill, before Col. Higgs-Walker and Mr. Albert Shaw, *Frederick Homer*, licensee of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, Brockmoor, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 6th inst. He pleaded not guilty. Mr. J. Walter Clulow prosecuted for the chief constable, and Mr. J. T. Higgs defended.

Mr. Clulow said he was afraid the charge would turn out to be a very serious one, as the evidence would disclose a wilful, deliberate neglect to prevent intoxication on the licensed premises, the intoxication being in this instance in a boy of fifteen years of age. On Saturday night, January 6th, PC O’Hara received a complaint that a youth named John Parkinson, aged 15, who resided at Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, had been found helplessly drunk in the gutter some distance from the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, at 9.30pm. O’Hara went to the boy’s home. The boy was upstairs but came down at his father’s request. Parkinson had then not recovered from the effects of drunkenness. Next morning O’Hara made enquiries to find out who picked the lad up and other particulars, and at 7.40 on the Sunday night he went with PC Ledward to see *Homer*. O’Hara told *Homer* of the information he had respecting the lad Parkinson, that he had been served at his house and had nothing anywhere else. Defendant said the lad came into the tap room at five o’clock with two men, that they had three quarts of ale between them; further, he thought they were not in much above an hour. The landlord added, ‘I could see he was boozed; I turned him out, and the other two men said they would take him home. They were not drunk.’ An enquiry as to who served the men and the boy, resulted in defendant replying, ‘They only had three quarts, and I served them with it all.’ A youth named Rowbottam, aged 17, went in with the boy about 4.30, and they were served by the defendant. Rowbottam made a statement that he saw Parkinson was drunk in the tap room before they left, and that when Parkinson left just turned six o’clock he fell after getting off the steps. Some two or three hundreds of yards away the lad was found by a man named Pargeter.....

John Parkinson, aged 15, of 16, Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, said on the Saturday afternoon named, he and Walter Rowbottam, and another youth, went to Brierley Hill to attend a football match, but this was postponed, and they returned, and arrived at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN about 4.30. They went into the tap room, where witness called for two pints of ale, which the landlord supplied, and witness paid for it. He also drank two or three times out of cups belonging to other men. Witness was there until about a quarter past six; nobody turned him out. Outside, he fell down, and Rowbottam came out and picked him up and proceeded towards home with witness. He did not go into any other public house. Further down the road witness fell again, and a man whom he did not know picked him up, and assisted him as far as Watery Lane, which was near his home. Witness was drunk. Last Friday night *Homer* called at witness’s house, and when on the way, to Rowbottam’s house. *Homer* asked witness to say that Rowbottam paid for the beer and also called for it.

Mr. Clulow: You were drunk? – Witness: Yes.

Where did you get drunk? – At the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house.

When witness got home his mother put him straight to bed.

Cross-examined: In the BOTTLE AND GLASS witness paid for two pints of ale; they did not ask for quarts. Witness could not stand a pint of ale, this being the first ale he ever had. He felt the ale upset him. He had several sips with other customers, and one of the customers drank out of witness’s cup, so that altogether, he thought, he had more than a pint. Witness left first, and Rowbottam followed him.

Were you really drunk, or were you pretending to be drunk? – I was really drunk.

Did you start teasing the man from the workhouse? – No, I didn’t know him until I have seen him this morning.

Witness, replying to further questions, said he did not walk very straight from the tap room to the door when he came out. About ten minutes before witness went out – he was not turned out – he felt he ‘was going giddy or drunk.’ After he was left at the top of Watery Lane he went along himself ‘from one side of the road to the other.’

Mr. Shaw: You had never had any beer before you got into that house? – Witness: No.

You are not in the habit of taking it? – No.

You never drank any before in your life? – No, sir.

What induced you to start then? – I don’t know.

Benjamin Pargeter, an inmate of the Stourbridge Union Workhouse, deposed to finding Parkinson in the gutter on the Wordsley side of the Buckpool canal bridge. The lad was drunk, and witness got him up and assisted him as far as the top of Watery Lane.

Walter Rowbottam (17), moulder, 11, Camp Hill, Wordsley, said after going to Brierley Hill with Parkinson they went into the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, where Parkinson called for two pints of ale and paid for them. They left about six o’clock, Parkinson being then drunk. Witness went out a minute or two before Parkinson, and when

Parkinson came out he fell down some five yards from the steps. As they were going home Parkinson fell down again. They had nothing to drink besides the two pints of ale.

Cross-examined: He did not think in the house that Parkinson was drunk, because he only had the pint of ale, but this seemed to overcome him when he went outside. Parkinson had nothing to eat from 2.15 until 6.30, but he did have a cigarette. There was nothing in Parkinson's manner to lead witness to think that he was drunk until he fell down. The landlord did not turn him out, neither did he ask him to leave.

Mr. Higgs: Did you think he was drunk when he got up to come out? – Witness: No, sir.

And you swear he only had this one pint of ale? – Yes.

Mr. Clulow: But he was drunk when he was outside? – Yes.

He was drunk when he fell down the first time? – Yes.

And he was drunk when he fell down the second time? – Yes.

And when Pargeter took him home? – Yes.

Was he sober when he came out of the house? – No, sir.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Wickham King): To what do you put down his falling down outside the house? –

Witness: Giddiness, I think.

What caused the giddiness? – I cannot say.

Emma Parkinson, wife of George Parkinson, mother of the boy Parkinson, said when her son came home he was drunk. She had never seen him smoke.

Mr. Higgs decided to call his witnesses before addressing the Court.

*Frederick Homer*, the defendant, said he had been the tenant of this house 13 months, and paid £25 deposit when he went in, which sum he would lose if there was a conviction against him, there being a forfeiture clause in the agreement. When Parkinson and Rowbottam came in, three men were already in the room, this being about 4.30. They first called for a pint of ale, and afterwards for a second, both of which he supplied, and they left about half-past five, after being there about three-quarters of an hour. When they left they appeared perfectly sober. On the next night, Sunday, PC O'Hara called to see him, and spoke about Parkinson. Witness had never heard the youth's name, and told the constable that two youths did have two pints of ale there on the preceding afternoon, which was all they had, excepting that they drank for friendship out of another customer's cup. O'Hara stated that Parkinson was found lying drunk not far away, to which witness replied that if so, he did not get drunk in his house, and that he was perfectly sober when he left his house. When the two entered the house, witness remarked that the younger one was 'a young 'un,' whereupon he replied that he was 17, and had been working as a 'taker in' at a glass works for four years. Witness denied telling Parkinson to say that the beer was supplied to Rowbottam.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clulow, witness said that both police officers had deliberately inserted in their books statements which witness never used to them when they interviewed him on the Sunday night. He never said that the lad was 'boozed'; the statement of the constables to this effect was a lie, and it was also a lie to say that he said he turned them out, because he did not do so.

Mr. Clulow: When Parkinson says he was drunk, and when Rowbottam, Pargeter, and his mother says he was drunk, are they all wrong and you right? – Witness: That is nothing to do with me; he was sober at the time he entered my house and at the time he went out.

George Shaw, moulder, 8, Buckpool, said he was in the BOTTLE AND GLASS, and saw the two youths enter and leave. They had two pints of ale, and when they left they were perfectly sober. *Homer* did not request them to leave, and neither of them was assisted. He did not notice whether Parkinson was smoking.

Cross-examined: Although witnesses for the prosecution stated Parkinson was drunk outside, witness repeated that he was sober inside.

Edwin Careless, moulder, Buckpool, gave evidence that Parkinson and Rowbottam were sober when they entered the house, and when they left.

Cross-examined: Parkinson was perfectly sober. There was nothing in his manner to show that he had had too much to drink.

Alfred Privett, insurance agent, Stourbridge, said he was in the BOTTLE AND GLASS for three hours, doing insurance business. During this time the two youths came in and had two pints of ale, and left sober. There was nothing to indicate that they had had anything to drink.

Mrs. *Homer*, wife of the defendant, said she returned from Brierley Hill just as the youths were leaving, and they were perfectly sober. Parkinson did not fall down outside the door.

May Pagett, married, said she went to the BOTTLE AND GLASS to fetch some beer for her husband, and as she was speaking to Mrs. *Homer* at the doorsteps the youths came out. They were, in her opinion, perfectly sober, and they wished her 'Good night,' and went off. She did not see either of them fall.

Mr. Higgs submitted that from every point of view the case ought to be dismissed. At the highest the case for the prosecution was that this lad had a pint of beer, that he had had nothing to eat, and smoked one or more cigarettes. Was a man to be convicted of permitting drunkenness on his premises upon such a case as that? The probability was that the cigarette had the effect of making the lad giddy and ill, and that this accounted for his being found in the road by Pargeter. The defence had called a number of witnesses whose evidence had not been shaken that when in the house the youth Parkinson was perfectly sober. With confidence, he left the matter to the Bench.

The Bench retired for some ten minutes, and, upon returning, said they had decided to convict, and fined defendant £6 including costs, distress, or two months."

### **County Express 10/2/1912**

"The annual licensing sessions for the Kingswinford and Wordsley division was held at Brierley Hill on Monday..... Mr. W. H. Thompson represented the owners of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool.

Superintendent Johnson asked for this license to be put back to the adjourned meeting. The house, he said, was in a most dilapidated condition, and was almost uninhabitable. The window frames were falling out and also the door frames, and the washhouse had fallen down. The tenant had to make his domestic accommodation in the rooms for customers. Plans for structural alterations were passed in October, but nothing had been done.

Mr. Thompson said the directors of Messrs. Plant did not get the specifications for approval until December, and the weather had prevented the work being carried out. They proposed spending £300 or £400.

The Bench postponed the matter until the adjourned licensing meeting, and Mr. Evers Swindell said that notice of objection would be served."

### **County Express 9/3/1912**

"The adjourned licensing sessions were held at Brierley Hill on Monday.....

Mr. W. H. Thompson applied for the renewal of the license of the BOTTLE AND GLASS, Buckpool, which was adjourned from the former sessions. The alterations were now being proceeded with to plans prepared by Mr. T. Grazebrook, and a new tenant was also installed.

Superintendent Johnson said the alterations would be satisfactory.

The license was renewed."

**COAL SCALES by W. & T. Avery, only  
used for months; good as new.—W. Hilton,  
Bottle and Glass Inn Buckpool, Brockmoor.**

### **County Express 4/9/1915 - Advert**

"Coal Scales by W. & T. Avery, only used for months; good as new.

W. Hilton, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, Brockmoor."

### **Dudley Chronicle 20/12/1919**

"The members of the Brockmoor Labour Party celebrated the anniversary of the Labour victory in Kingswinford Division by the return of Mr. C. H. Sitch, by a supper held at the FORESTERS ARMS, Cressett Lane, on Saturday..... Later in the evening Mr. Sitch attended the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, where a concert was being held for the benefit of F. Jones and W. Swingewood, who are unable to follow their employment.

Councillor J. N. Hickman (chairman of the Kingswinford Rural Council) presided over a good company, and an excellent programme was contributed by Messrs. T. Cox, J. Elwell, F. Morgan, G. Brooks, W. Jones, B. Hill, W. Wassell, and Walter Bloomer, pianist.

Upon Mr. Sitch entering the room the audience rose and sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' He afterwards thanked them for their reception, and said he was proud to think he had been permitted to assist in such a worthy cause.....

A most enjoyable evening concluded with thanks to the chairman and artistes and Mr. W. J. Hilton (host)."

### **Birmingham Daily Gazette 4/10/1930**

"Paralysed and bed-ridden as a result of asthma, George Frederick Silvers, of Buckpool, a little hamlet lying between Brierley Hill and Wordsley, was burned to death yesterday through his bed catching fire while his wife was away drawing her unemployment pay. Silvers, who was 60 years age, had resided in the district for many years and had been confined to his bed for a considerable time. His wife, who maintained the home, was at Brierley Hill when the tragedy occurred.

A neighbour, Mrs. Underhill, seeing smoke coming from the bedroom window, gave the alarm, but both she and John Almo, of the Olympia Theatre, Wordsley, were unable to mount the stairs owing to the dense smoke.

John Stokes, licensee of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, was more successful. In graphic sentences he described to a *Gazette* reporter the rescue efforts. 'With wet cloths on our heads, Mr. Thomas Bowdler, Mr. John

Westwood and I rushed up the stairs. I was leading the way. In the bedroom the smoke was so dense that we could scarcely see across the room and the bed was a mass of flames. I tried to smother the flames with some clothing, but they had too great a hold. A bucket of water was passed up the stairs and I flung it over the bed. The smoke got over me, but Westwood, crawling on his hands and knees, got to the bed and pulled Silvers off. Together we carried him downstairs, but I could see he was in a very serious condition.' Silvers died shortly after admission to the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge."

### **Birmingham Daily Gazette 7/10/1930**

"A graphic story of the terrible fate which befell a partially paralysed and bedridden man, as the result of his bed catching fire while he was alone in the house, was told at the inquest at Corbett Hospital, Amblecote, yesterday, on Frederick Thomas Silver, aged 60, of 30, Buckpool, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill.

The widow, Mrs. Mary Silver, said nine weeks ago her husband had a stroke which took the whole of the use from his right side, and he could not move from any position in which she put him in bed.

On Friday afternoon she left her husband alone while she visited the Employment Exchange at Brierley Hill to draw her unemployment money. 'I was obliged to go because it was our only source of income,' witness added. 'Before I went I filled his two pipes with tobacco and left them together with a box of matches on a chair within his reach.' Her husband was able, by placing the matchbox between his knees, to strike matches. She had watched him do it, and on one or two occasions had had to take the box from him because the end of the match had fallen on to the bedclothes and scorched them.

Mrs. Mabel Ethel Underhill, a next door neighbour, said she was in the habit of looking in to see that Silver was all right whenever Mrs. Silver had to leave home. On Friday Silver was apparently all right at two o'clock and was going to sleep. Witness returned half an hour later, and when she opened the door the smoke was so dense that she was obliged to go upstairs on her hands and knees. The smoke overcame her before she reached the top and she had to go back. She wetted a handkerchief and, placing it against her face, made a second attempt to ascend the stairs, but still found it impossible. She then rushed outside and called in the assistance of a man who was passing.

John Alma, of the Olympia Cinema, Wordsley, said he made three attempts to get into the bedroom, but only managed to get his one foot inside when the smoke overpowered him.

*John Stokes*, licensee of the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool, said that after two attempts he managed to reach the bedroom. He found the bed on which Silver lay in flames. Witness immediately got some old clothing and tried to put them out, but failed. He then ran into the brewhouse and returned with a bucket of water, with which he put the fire out.

Police-constable Ellis stated that he later visited the house and found the two pipes produced, one filled with tobacco and the other empty. Witness saw no signs of matches or matchbox.

Recording a verdict of Accidental Death, the Coroner said the fact that the matchbox and matches had disappeared and that one of the pipes had been smoked went to show that deceased did light the pipe, and perhaps the brimstone from the match, falling on the bed-clothing, caused the fire.

Mr. Higgs complimented the witnesses and the two men who had not been called to give evidence on the efforts they made to rescue deceased."

*John Stokes* – see also BROCKMOOR HOUSE and VINE.

*Arthur William Devonport* = *Arthur William Moreton*

### **1939 Register**

23, Brierley Hill Road

[1] *Arthur W. Moreton*, date of birth 6/5/1877, retail licensed victualler, married;

[2] *John Roberts*, dob 19/6/1914, council rental clerk, single;

[3] *Ethel Moreton*, dob 22/5/1881, unpaid domestic duties, married:

It closed in 1979.

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

## Rugeley Times 29/5/1982 - Advert

“Step back with us into the past at the Black Country Museum.

The BOTTLE AND GLASS INN is the latest building to be moved to the Museum.

See the Chemist shop, the Chapel, Canal Boat, Dock and Chainmakers. Take a trip on a Tram or into Dudley Tunnel. On the Tipton Road in Dudley. Open every day except Saturday 10am to 5pm.”



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**N**OTICE is hereby given, that JOSEPH BATES, of Moor Lane, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, Publican, by indenture dated the 3d day of April, 1829, did assign all his Estate and Effects to Wm. Hughes, of the parish of Kingswinford aforesaid, Maltster, in trust for the benefit of himself and such other of the Creditors who should execute the same indenture; and that such deed now lies at my office for the signatures of such of the Creditors of the said Joseph Bates who have not already signed the same, and will remain there until the 1st day of May next, when the proceeds of the said estate and effects will be divided amongst such of the creditors who shall have then executed the same indenture.

Mr. G. GRAZEBROOK, Solicitor.

Stourbridge, March 20, 1830.

Advert 1830

## VALUABLE FREEHOLD LAND AND MINES, ADJOINING MOOR-LANE, And desirable Public House and Tenements at Audnam Bank, Kingswinford, Staffordshire.

**T**O be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. DAVIES, on Wednesday the 2d day of May, 1832, at the Talbot Hotel, in Stourbridge, in the county of Worcester, at four o'clock in the afternoon, together or in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to conditions then to be produced:—

- | LOT  | A. | R. | P. |
|--|----|----|----|
| 1. All that plot or parcel of Land as now marked or staked out, situate at Moor-lane aforesaid, near to the Bottle and Glass Public House, and in the occupation of Wm. Wood, containing 877 square yards, or ...              | 0  | 9  | 29 |
| 2. All that plot or parcel of Land as now marked or staked out, adjoining the above-described lot and the said Bottle and Glass Public House, also in the occupation of the said Wm. Wood, containing 907 square yards, or ... | 0  | 0  | 30 |

The above lots are particularly eligible for Wharfs, or building upon, being bounded by the Stourbridge Canal on the north, and the road called Moor-lane, leading from Wordsley to Brierley Hill, on the south side thereof.

Advert 1832

# ANNUAL PIGEON SHOOTING, OPEN TO ALL ENGLAND.

**TO BE SHOT FOR**, at Mr. H. Wiggan's, the **BOTTLE AND GLASS INN**, Buckpool, near the Brettell Lane Railway Station, on **MONDAY, March 9th, 1857, a HANDSOME FAT PIG.**

Twenty-three Members, at Ten Shillings each.

The Putter-up to spend £2. 10s., and the Winner £1.

Single Guns not to exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. bore; 2 oz. shot; 21 yards rise. Double Guns  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. shot; allowed 2 yards. Guns to be held in a sportsmanlike manner till the bird is on the wing. The Shooting to commence precisely at **TWELVE** o'clock.

Mr. H. W. begs to inform his friends and all who may patronise him on that day, that they shall have good birds, fair play, and the Winner to have his choice, pig or money.

**LOT 4.**—All that well-accustomed Valuable **OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE**, called "**THE BOTTLE AND GLASS**," with the large and convenient Stabling, Brewhouse, and yard, with Large Club Room, and all other necessary accommodation, and doing a first-rate business, situate at Moor Lane, aforesaid, in the occupation of Mr. Wiggan, at the moderate rental of £35 per annum, and containing, as now set out, 876 square yards.

**TO BE SHOT FOR**, at Mr. Henry Wiggan's, Bottle and Glass Inn, Brierley Hill, on **MONDAY, December, 21st, A FAT PIG**, by twenty-one members at 10s. each. The winner to take £9 or the pig. Conditions: three birds; each gun  $\frac{1}{2}$  bore, two oz. of shot, twenty-one yards rise; double guns, nineteen rise,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of shot, sixty yards fall. No gentleman to shoot more than two tickets. The gun to be held below the elbow until the bird is on the wing. Shooting to commence at twelve o'clock. Dinner, 1s. 6d. each, to be on the table at five o'clock.

Adverts 1857

# PIGEON SHOOTING, OPEN TO ALL ENGLAND.

**TO BE SHOT FOR**, at Mr. H. WIGGIN'S, Bottle and Glass Inn, Moor Lane, on **MONDAY, APRIL 18th, 1859, one of the LARGEST PIGS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.** 46 Members at 10s. each. The Putter-up to spend £2, and the Winner £1.

**CONDITIONS OF SHOOTING:**—Three birds each; guns,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. bore,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of shot, 21 yards rise; double guns,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of shot, 19 yards rise. The field the boundary. Guns to be held in a sportsmanlike manner till the Bird is on the Wing. No member to shoot more than two tickets. To commence at Twelve o'clock.

Dinner after Shooting.

Parties coming by rail will book to Brettell Lane, on the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Line. There will be a good supply of the best Birds on the ground. The place of Shooting is within a Quarter of a Mile of Brettell Lane Station.

The Pig is on view at the above Inn.

# PIGEON SHOOTING.

**OPEN TO ALL ENGLAND. NO MAN BARRED.**

**TO BE SHOT FOR**, at the house of Mr. H. WIGGIN, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, MOOR LANE, on **MONDAY, MAY 16th, 1859, a £10 SWEEPSTAKE** will be contended for by Twenty Members at 10s. each.

**CONDITIONS:**—To shoot at three birds each; gun three-quarter bore,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. shot, 21 yards rise; double gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. shot, 19 yards rise, 61 yards boundary. Tickets unlimited. Mr. Wiggan will supply the best Blue Rocks from Manchester.

Parties coming by Rail will book to Brierley-Hill or Brettell Lane Station, on the Oxford and Worcester Line, five minutes walk to the Bottle and Glass Inn, and three miles from Dudley. No outside shooting will be allowed within 30 yards of the boundary.

Shooting to take place at one o'clock. Dinner after.

Choice Wines and Spirits Good Stabling.

Adverts 1859

**VALUABLE Opportunity to Parties requiring an Old-Licensed Public House.**—To be **LET**, with immediate possession, that Old-Licensed **PUBLIC HOUSE** and **PREMISES**, the "**BOTTLE AND GLASS**," Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, which has been doing a good Trade for several years, and is being let in consequence of the death of the Tenant. Coming-in for Stock, Fixtures, and Furniture, about £300. Preference given to a Party who can take the whole. Apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer and Valuer, Brierley Hill.

# SALE AT THE BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, MOOR LANE.

**MR. HAWKINS** has received instructions from the Trustees of the late Mrs. Mary Stanley, to **SELL by AUCTION**, upon the Premises as above, on **MONDAY, the 6th day of MARCH, 1865**, the whole of the clean and neat **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**, Feather and Flock Beds, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bed Linen, Mahogany Chests of Drawers, Washing Stands, Dressing Tables, Eight-day Clocks, Sofa, Chairs, Tables, and other Effects, which will appear in catalogues, to be had at the place of Sale; Mr. McEwen, Lays Works; or the Auctioneer, Town Arms Spirit Vaults, High-street, Brierley-Hill.

**TO be LET**, with immediate possession, (in consequence of the proprietor, Mr. John Cook, having taken to the Bottle and Glass Inn,) that well-known good Business House, the **HAPPY RETURN INN**, Moor Lane, Brierley-Hill. Stock, Fixtures, and Effects to be taken to at a fair valuation.—Apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Town Arms Spirit Vaults, High-street, Brierley-Hill.

**WANTED**, a single Young Man, as **BREWER**, to make himself generally useful, and to live in the house. Good character required.—Apply to Mr. John Cook, Bottle and Glass, Moor-lane, Brierley-Hill.

Adverts 1865

**A TEA PARTY and BALL** will be held at the house of Mr. William Mullett, Bottle and Glass Inn, Moor Lane, on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1868.**

Tickets, **ONE SHILLING** Each.

Tea on the table at Five o'clock. A Quadrille Band is engaged. Dancing to commence at Seven o'clock.

Advert 1868

# IN CHANCERY.

**BANKS V. CARTWRIGHT.**

**TO BE SOLD by AUCTION**, by **MESSRS. OATES, PERRENS, and WOOLDRIDGE**, at the **TALBOT HOTEL, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE**, on **FRIDAY, 16th JULY, 1875**, at Six (for Seven) o'clock p.m.

**LOT 1.**—One equal undivided 3rd part of the **BOTTLE and GLASS INN**, and **PREMISES** thereto, at or near Buckpool, in the parish of Kingwinford, in the County of Stafford, and of the Surface Clay (but not any other mines or minerals) in and under the site thereof.

Advert 1875

**A PUBLIC DANCE every MONDAY NIGHT**, at the **BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, MOOR-STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL**, commencing at Seven p.m.

Advert 1876

**L**OST, on Friday night, October 26th, either in the Town Hall, Brierley Hill, or between there and the Bottle and Glass Inn, Moor Lane, part of a **GOLD EAR-RING**, with Pearl set in centre. The finder will be suitably rewarded on returning same to Mrs. Joseph Skelding, 22, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill. 6678

Advert 1888

**MONDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 18TH.**  
**SALE of SURPLUS HOUSEHOLD and PUBLIC-HOUSE FURNITURE, BREWING COPPERS and UTENSILS, WOOD ERECTIONS, and Other EFFECTS, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, BUCKPOOL, BRIERLEY HILL.**

**R** G. ROWLEY has received instructions from Mr. William Norris, whose Tenancy expires, to **SELL by AUCTION**, upon the Premises, on **MONDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 18th, 1901.** Surplus **HOUSEHOLD and PUBLIC HOUSE FURNITURE, BREWING PLANT, Copper and Iron Furnaces**, with the Settings; Twelve-bushel Mash Tun, strong Ale Coolers, Lead Wort Pipe and Spouts, Ale Casks, &c. Also Wood Erections, with Sheet Iron Roof, forming Stables, Cart Shed, and Pigeon Pen; Wood Fencing on canal side of yard, Coal Scales and Weights, and other Effects.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.  
 Auctioneer's Offices:—16, Park-street, Stour-bridge.

Advert 1901



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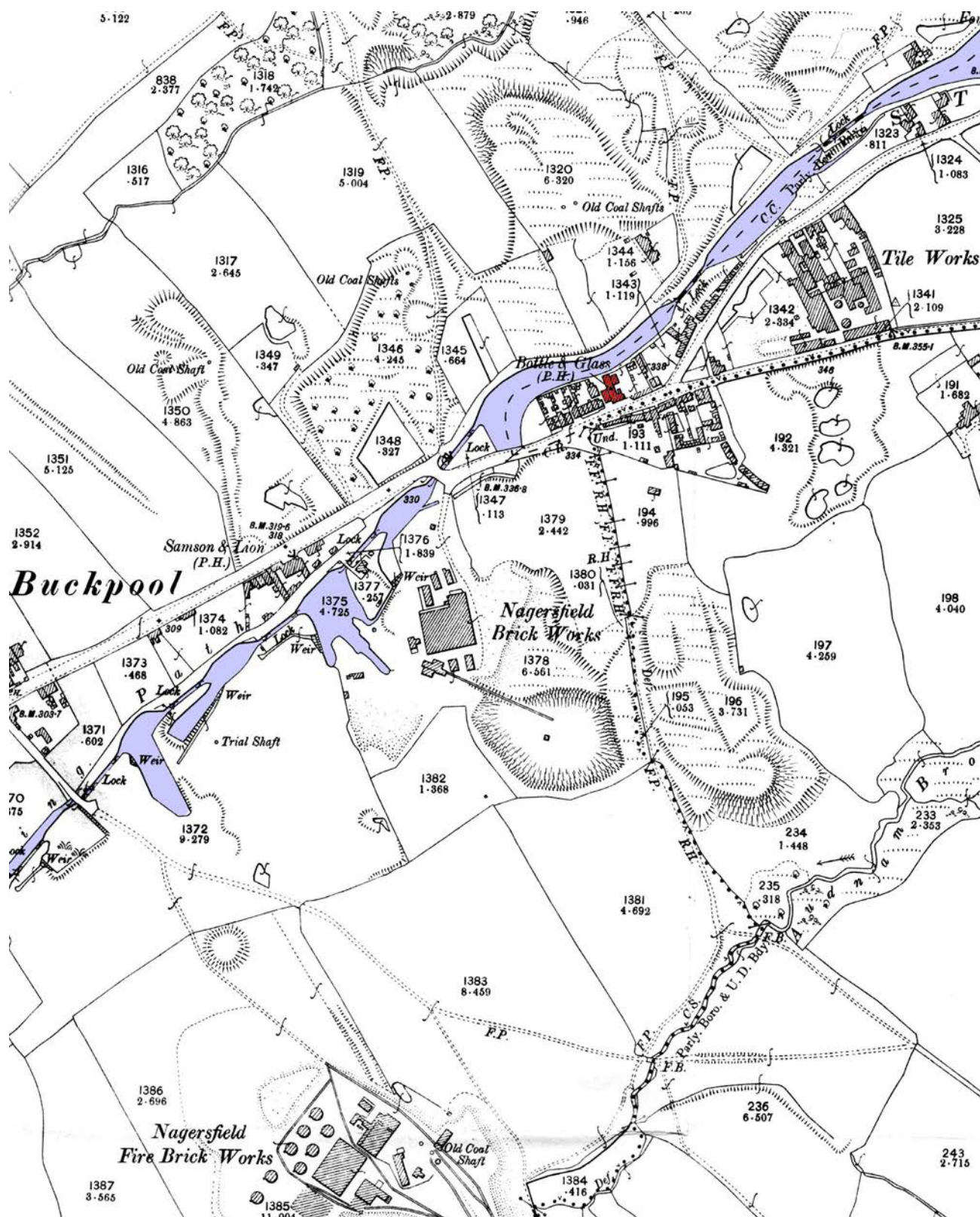
**BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM**

The Bottle and Glass Inn is the latest building to be moved to the Museum. See the Chemist shop, The Chapel, Canal Boat, Dock and Chainmakers. Take a trip on a Tram or into Dudley Tunnel. On the Tipton Road in Dudley

**Open every day except Saturday  
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Tel: 021 557 9643**

Advert 1982



Map 1901

## HOW TO USE THE INFORMATION

### PUB NAME

This is generally the name by which the pub was officially known. Other names, either changes or nicknames, are to be found in the notes section.

Names marked with + are, at present, not specifically identified as being any of those listed before them, and have not been attributed yet because of the lack of data available.

Pubs are not listed necessarily under their current name.

A number of beerhouses were never given a name, and these appear at the end of the pub lists as Beerhouse – Unnamed. Only those that I am pretty sure had 'on' licences are included.

This is sometimes the case with alehouses too.

Can't find the pub you want?

It's probably had its name changed. Try using the search facility to locate the pub name, or nickname, that you know.

### ADDRESS

Eg. 52, (79), Haden Street, (Haden Lane) / Cox Alley, Kates Hill, DUDLEY

Numbers and street names in brackets denote earlier addresses. These are usually detailed in the notes section. Buildings were renumbered with development and demolition, or the renaming of the street etc.

/ = on the corner with.....

Sometimes districts are also included, such as Kates Hill above. These are often historical and are now obsolete, but can be located on early maps.

### OWNERS

These are listed where known.

They include companies and individuals, and occasionally the dates acquired and prices paid.

### LICENSEES

Often the owner was the licensee, and even when they employed managers their names would appear in directories.

Where known, names are appended with (manager, non-resident, tenant etc.).

## Dates

These are differentiated by the use of brackets and/or italics.

[1862] = This was the case in 1862. Where the date appears on its own it refers to the earliest or latest reference found.

This also applies where a pub has its name changed, eg.

[2001] followed by "Its name was changed to XXXXX. [2003]"

This means that in 2001 it still had its previous name, but by 2003 its name had been changed to XXXXX.

[1862] = Information from a directory dated 1862, so may have been out of date when it was published. As much as five years in some cases!

[c. 1862] = About 1862, but exact date not known.

[1860's] = Some time in this decade.

[ ] = No date available, but the detail is inserted in roughly the right chronological place.

**(1862 – [1863] = Started** in 1862 and was still the case in 1863.

[1862] – **1863)** = It was the case in 1862 and **ended** in 1863.

**(1862 – 1863) = Started** in 1862 and **ended** in 1863.

**(1862 – 1863);** the ; signifies that the licensee was immediately followed by the next person in the list. Sometimes the licence transfer came months after a person's death, but the transfer date is the one used, if date of death is not known.

Sometimes the licensing registers contradict findings from other sources such as directories. Where this occurs the ; is still used, the anomalous name is given a question mark and is placed in a suitable chronological place, and the next person is the one that follows the ;

Eg.

Fred Smith [1916] – **1927);**

Joseph Bloggs [1921] ?

George Jones **(1927 – 1932)**

In the register George Jones follows on from Fred Smith, but Joseph Bloggs was mentioned in another source in 1921. He is left in for completeness.

When using original documents, such as licensing registers, which are sometimes damaged, it is impossible to read some material (including dates). Where this has occurred, and only the decade or century is decipherable, I have used underscoring to replace the missing digits in an effort to keep the licensees in the correct order.

Eg. Fred Smith **(188\_ – 18\_);**

John Jones **(18\_\_ – 189\_):**

If the date is followed with a : this signifies the last person to hold the licence.

## NOTES

These start with locations, and are followed by previous names or nicknames of the pub. These are then followed by other details, often where dates are unknown.

Historical details then follow chronologically where possible.

Some pubs listed are the same as others, but so far I have been unable to connect them. This is especially true when directories only list the pub name and licensee, and more than one pub of that name existed at the time. These are often identified by:-  
Check OTHER PUB NAME.

Licensees are often associated with more than one pub, and pubs are sometimes rebuilt on different sites to their original one. These are identified by:-  
See OTHER PUB NAME

Titles – only Miss and Mrs are used here (when known).  
No other titles are used.  
ie. Major George Cox was not a major. Major was his first name.

Often names were spelt differently in the sources used. This is identified where possible, and one spelling is used for consistency.

Where I have decided that different spellings are the same person I have identified this  
eg. *Smith* = Smithe = Smyth

Where I am unsure about this I have identified it thus

\* possibly the same person

or

\* probably the same person

Where sources are quoted these appear in **colour**, followed by the quote in black in a different typeface from the remainder of the information. Sometimes I have paraphrased a quotation, and some have had additions entered by myself.

Information which has been transcribed by me from handwritten sources, such as censuses, parish records, licensing minutes etc., should be correctly spelt, but the reader is advised to check the original for themselves. In cases where I have been unable to transcribe individual names, only those letters that are clear are given.  
eg, Osbal\_\_on ? The underscore does not indicate the number of missing letters, as this is often as unclear as the name itself.

Where I am not 100% sure that I have deciphered a name correctly this is indicated by a question mark in parentheses ie. (?)

Census records are presented in a different form than the original.

[1] = position in the household.

This is followed by the name and (age).

Relationship to [1] follows, and then occupation (if any is listed).

Finally comes the place of birth. Where these places are local to the Black Country, or are larger towns and cities, no county name is given.

Where birthplaces are given in the Black Country it has to be remembered:-

(a) Harborne once included Smethwick

(b) Kingswinford once covered places such as Brierley Hill, Pensnett, Quarry Bank and Wall Heath

(c) Sedgley once included Coseley and the Gornals

(d) West Bromwich once included Great Bridge (now in the Tipton file), Great Barr and Hamstead (not considered by me as part of the Black Country).

Most local newspapers were weekly and appeared on a Saturday.  
This does not apply to the Express & Star, Midland Counties Evening Express, or Evening News / Star.

Newspaper articles sometimes spell the same thing (eg. Surname) differently in a single report. Where the proper spelling is known this is altered by me, but when I am unsure they are left as they appear.

A gazeteer is provided to give approximate locations of place names in relation to larger towns and cities in Britain.

Where a licensee changes her name by marriage, her former surname appears in brackets ie. Jane (maiden or previous married name) Smith.

Where names of spouses are known, they are listed in the past tense, even though many may be still husband and wife. This is merely a convention used by me for convenience.

[text] Where square brackets occur, with text in a different typeface inside, this signifies comments of my own.

Some entries, in all sections, are followed by a number of question marks (without parentheses). These show the extent of doubt that I have over that entry.

The historical nature of the contents has meant that the old currency of pounds shillings and pence is used frequently. A pound (£) was divided into 20 shillings (s) and a shilling was divided into 12 pence (d). Halfpennies and farthings (1/4d) were also in use.

This is also the case where other measures, length, weight etc., are used. See glossary for details.