



***THE
HISTORY OF***

***1-3 BLUNHAM ROAD
MOGGERHANGER***

Also known as

THE OLD POST OFFICE AND SHOP

Chris and Dorothy Bashford

The house particulars were:



LAND & ESTATE AGENTS

7 High Street, Sandy, Beds. SG19 1AG. Telephone: Sandy (0767) 291122

A period timber framed thatched cottage in a small hamlet midway between Bedford and Sandy and backing onto open farmland. Offering charm and character with exposed wall and ceiling beams, inglenook fireplace and low doors. Adjacent to the Cottage is the former village store/Post office that could be re open for business or converted to provide additional accommodation.



DINING HALL, KITCHEN, LOUNGE, UTILITY ROOM, BATHROOM, 3 BEDROOMS, EN-SUITE CLOAKROOM, SOLID FUEL RADIATOR CENTRAL HEATING, GARAGE, COTTAGE GARDENS, VILLAGE STORE WITH SHOP, 2 LARGE STORE ROOMS AND CLOAKROOM.

3, BLUNHAM ROAD
MOGGERHANGER
BEDS

£159,000

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3, BLUNHAM ROAD, MOGGERHANGER, BEDS

PORCH with lattice work panels and two porch seats.

DINING HALL with large open fire place with brick chimney breast exposed wall and timber beams.

KITCHEN AREA 20' x 13' with comprising inset stainless steel double bowl sink unit with mixer tap. Inset four ring electric hob with oven under, extractor hood over in a single base cupboard, Double base cupboards under sink, corner base cupboard. Refrigerator with fitted cupboards, one single base cupboard, four door unit with work top surface with a peninsular breakfast bar. Glazed fronted wall cabinets.

Open tread staircase leading to the first floor. Radiator, wiring for 2 wall lights and spot lighting, GPO point.

LOUNGE 17' x 17' with most attractive deep inglenook fireplace with large beam, Stone fireplace and open grate with back boiler serving domestic hot water and radiator central heating. Display alcoves. Exposed walls, beams and ceiling beams, windows and doors to the side gardens, wiring for three wall lights.

REAR LOBBY with door out to the rear garden.

UTILITY ROOM 9'4 x 8'7 with a stainless steel single drainer sink unit plumbing connections for automatic washing machine. Exposed ceiling beams. Door leading through to.

BATHROOM Bath, pedestal wash basin, low flush W.C. single radiator, tiled shower cubicle with Signet electric shower

Staircase leading from the Dining Hall to :-

LANDING

BEDROOM 1 13'8 x 17' with most attractive ceiling rafters and dormer windows, built in deep storage cupboard to side of the Inglenook chimney breast.

EN-SUITE CLOAKROOM low flush WC, wash basin and Handy electric water heater. Heated linen cupboard with factory sealed copper hot water cylinder, fitted immersion heater.

Very low door to:-

BEDROOM 2 10' 5 x 10'10 Radiator, window overlooking the front elevation, exposed wall and ceiling beams.

Leading to:-

BEDROOM 3 10'2 x 10'10 Radiator and exposed wall and ceiling beams.

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OUTSIDE

To the side of the property there is a **SINGLE GARAGE** with wooden up and over door, electric power and meters.

Concrete yard leads to the rear and a foot path leads to the most attractive cottage gardens, laid to lawn with shrub borders and backing onto farmland.

Adjacent to the property is the old POST OFFICE/GENERAL STORE which could be converted to another dwelling or be reinstated as a Village Store.

SHOP 23' x 13'3 deep bay window, security post office counter.

Door leading to :-

STORE ROOM 12'3 x 9 with stainless steel sink unit with
Sadia water heater over, worktop surfaces, marley tiled
floor.

STORE ROOM 2 13' 9 x 13'3

TOILET with wash basin, low flush WC and Sadia water heater.

ASKING PRICE	£159,000	FREEHOLD
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FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SUIT YOU.

We moved to Moggerhanger in August 1989. Thrilled to be living in such an ancient building, we set out to try to trace some of its history.

Visits to the County Record Office in Bedford revealed some maps and photographs which are displayed here.

We also inspected the Census Returns for the village between 1841 and 1891 to try to identify some of the people who lived here.

We hope you will enjoy our delve into the past. If anyone has more information about our house, please let us know.

***The map on the next page is dated 1799.
"A Plan of Blunham Parish in the County of
Bedford"***

***Surveyed by Thos. Thorpe and J G Maxwell.
Map was drawn to show enclosures.***

***The house is clearly shown on land which
had already been enclosed (shaded areas of
the map).***

***It was drawn on parchment, decorated
around the edge and with a cameo of two
haymakers in an oval.***

***The original is in the
County Record Office Ref: MA10***

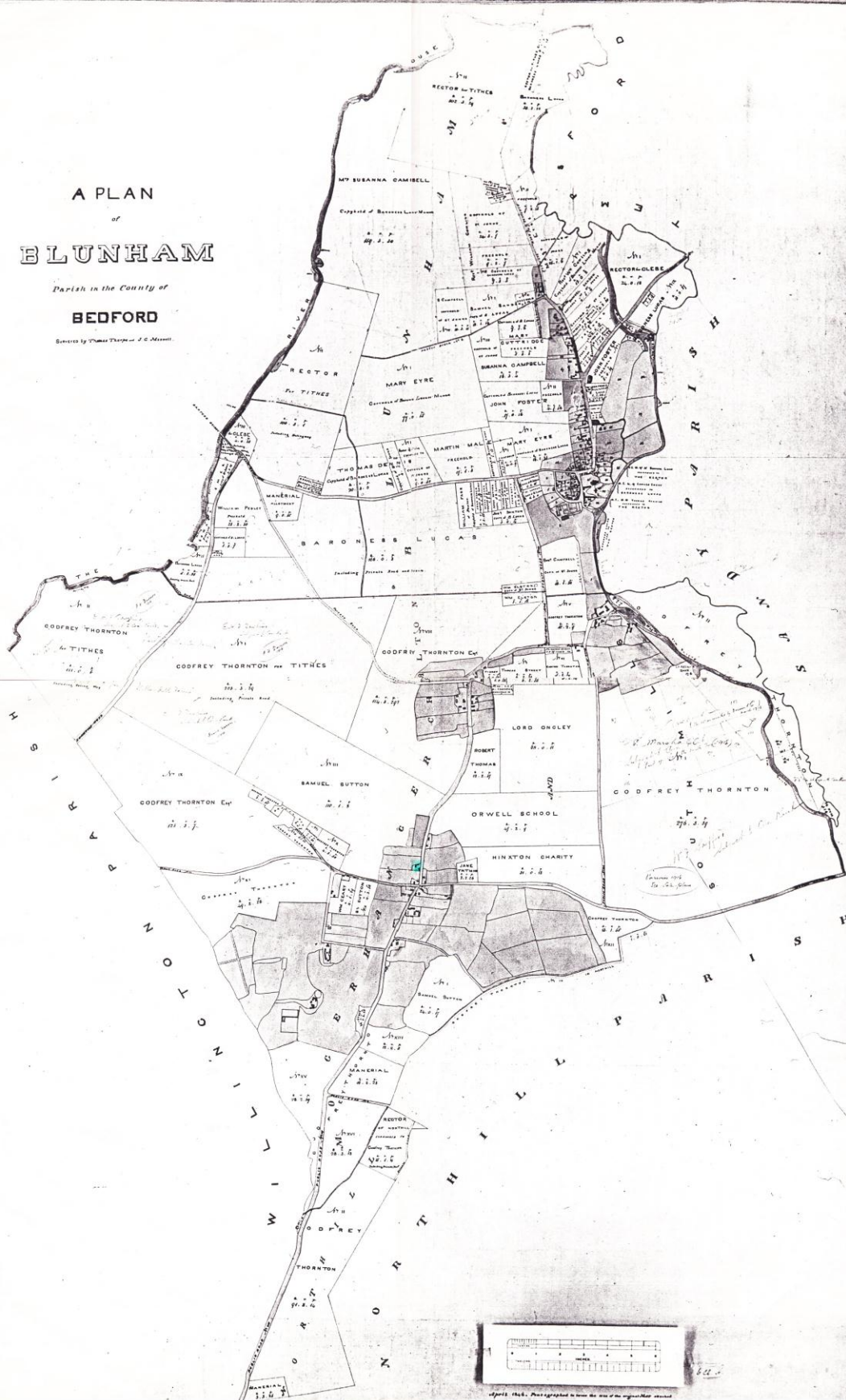
1799 Map

A PLAN of BLUNHAM

Parish in the County of

BEDFORD

Surveyed by Thomas Thorpe in 1799



***The next section comprises extracts from the
Census Returns for
1841 and 1851 in
"Muggerhanger".***

***The highlighted entries are those for families
who we believe lived in the three cottages
which once stood here.***

***It is difficult to pinpoint exactly the
residents of each of the three properties
because there are no house numbers.***

***However, if we take an entry for
"Summerfield" we can follow it through.....***

On page 6 of the 1841 census (see next page) there are entries for:

John Summerfield

Age 40

No profession is mentioned but all other entries on the page are for Agricultural labourers

And

Eliza Summerfield

Age 30

Both were born in Bedfordshire.

Parish of Muggsbay

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or any Foreign Parts
Muggsbay		1	Thomas Emery	45		S. by lab	✓	
			Anne Do	15			✓	
			J. Susan Do	14			✓	
			Michael Gurnsey	20		S. by lab	✓	
			Isaac Do	20			✓	
			William Do	20			✓	
			J. Thomas Do	9			✓	
		1	Samuel Abbott	65		S. by lab	✓	
			Anne Do	65			✓	
			George Do	20			✓	
Do		1	Joseph Cooper	25		S. by lab	✓	
			Charlotte Do	35			✓	
			Joseph Do	3			✓	
			John Do	1			✓	
			William Thomas	40		S. by lab	✓	
			William Do	15			✓	
			Harvey Do	10			✓	
			Elizabeth Brown	60			✓	
		1	John Willis	70			✓	
			John Linscott	40			✓	
Do			Eliza Do	30			✓	
		1	Joseph Sims	56		S. by lab	✓	
			Elizabeth Do	49			✓	
			Samuel Do	22			✓	
			Harvey Do	20			✓	
TOTAL in ?				16	9			
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***In the 1851 census, page 7 shows
(see next page):***

***John Summerfield
Head of family; Married; Age 51
Occupation – Ratcatcher
Born at Ickwell, Beds***

***Eliza Summerfield
Wife; Age 41
Born in Muggerhanger***

***Sarah Summerfield,
Daughter; Age 9***

***George Summerfield
Son, Age 7
Both born in Muggerhanger and
described as being "at home".***

Street, Place, or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	R ⁿ on to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	1851	Where Born	52	Whether Blind Deaf Dumb
				Males	Females					
	Margaret Hells	Daughter	U	11		Adams		Pratt: Meyerkay		
	Thomas Hells	Son		9		D		D		
	Charles D	"		7		D		D		
	Frederick D	"		6		D		D		
	Joseph D	"		4		D		D		
	Emma D	Daughter		1		D		D		
30	Ann Chello	Widow	Widow	25		Pauper		D	Warden	
31	Daniel Aswell	Son		16		Ag. Lab		D. Meyerkay		
	Mary D	Wife		34		Ag. Lab		D		
	Henry D	Daughter		12		"		D		
	Ellen D	"		10		Ag. Lab		D		
	Sarah D	"		8		"		D		
	Marion D	"		5		"		D		
	Eliza D	"		3		"		D		
	John D	Son		1		"		D		
32	John Gammon	Widow	Widow	22		Pauper		Deborah Plimack		
33	John Gammon	Widow	Widow	21		Ag. Lab		Deborah Plimack		
	Eliza D	Wife		41		"		D		
	Sarah D	Daughter		9		Ag. Lab		D		
	George D	Son		4		"		D		
Total of Persons...				8	12					

In 1857 the Moggerhanger Estate was sold by auction in London on 4 August.

As well as Moggerhanger House in its richly-timbered park, two Public Houses (the Guinea and Beeston Cross), and a water corn-mill, the 29 lots included

"numerous laborers' cottages and enclosures of accommodation & market garden land"

Particulars for the auction are shown on the next page.

Our house can be identified as one of these cottages.

SECOND EDITION.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Particulars

OF

HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND IMPORTANT

FREEHOLD ESTATES,

KNOWN AS

MOGGERHANGER AND BEESTON,

SITUATE IN THE PARISHES OF

BLUNHAM, NORTHILL, SANDY, AND GREAT BARFORD,

IN A PICTURESQUE AND FERTILE PART OF THE

COUNTY OF BEDFORD,

About 3 miles from Sandy, 5 miles from Bedford, and within 48 miles of London,

CONSISTING OF A

COMMODIOUS FAMILY MANSION,

CALLED

MOGGERHANGER HOUSE,

SITUATE IN A RICHLY-TIMBERED PARK;

WITH

Offices, Gardens and Pleasure Grounds, Several Capital Farms and Homesteads,

A WATER CORN-MILL,

"THE GUINEA" AND "BEESTON CROSS" PUBLIC HOUSES,

NUMEROUS LABORERS' COTTAGES & ENCLOSURES OF ACCOMMODATION & MARKET GARDEN LAND,

TOGETHER WITH

THE MANORS AND FISHERIES,

THE WHOLE INCLUDING

2065 a. 1 r. 6 p.

OF

MOST FERTILE LAND,

Which will be Sold by Auction, by

MESSRS.

BEADEL AND SONS,

AT THE AUCTION MART, BARTHOLOMEW LANE, LONDON,

On **TUESDAY**, the 4th day of **AUGUST**, 1857,

At Twelve o'Clock, in Twenty-nine Lots.

Particulars, with Lithographic Plan, may be obtained of Messrs. ANDERSON & SHOUBRIDGE, Solicitors, 1, Lincoln's Inn Fields; Messrs. C. J. & H. WHISHAW, Solicitors, 3, Gray's Inn Square; of Mr. STAFFORD, Bedford; at the Auction Mart; and of Messrs. BEADEL & SONS, 25, Gresham Street, London, E.C., of whom alone Orders to View may be obtained.

On the map accompanying the sale particulars (see next page), our house is clearly shown as No 130A (Part of Lot 1).

It is described on the Schedule (see page after map) as:

"Three cottages and Gardens in five Tenements.

The tenants' names were:

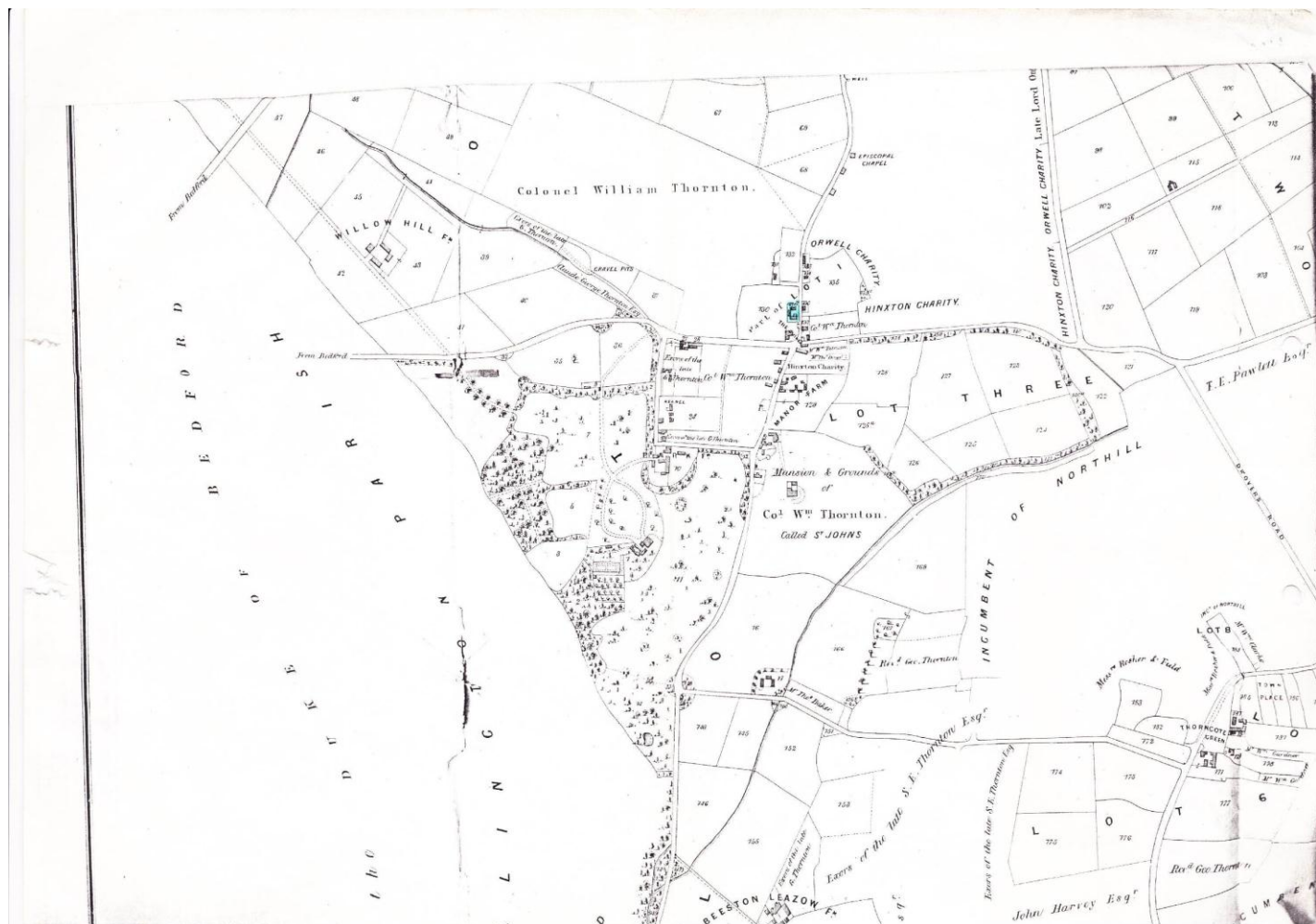
John Simms

Thomas Stanford

J Summerfield*

D Ashwell

W Bywater



A well-accustomed Public House,

Known as "The GUINEA," at Moggerhanger,

With Stable, Coach House, Brew House, Barn, Open Shed, Pigsties and 16 a. 1 r. 24 p. of Rich Grass Land,

Let to Mrs. ANN FISHER, a Yearly Tenant, under Notice to Quit at Old Michaelmas Day (11th of October) next.

A portion of the South Mills Farm,

Consisting of 65 a. 1 r. 33 p. of Productive Arable Land,

Let with other Lands to Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, under a Lease, of which three years will be unexpired on the 11th October, 1857.
The apportioned rent on this portion being £124.

Also numerous Laborers' Cottages,

AND SEVERAL PLOTS OF ACCOMMODATION LAND,

MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING

SCHEDULE.

No. on Plan.	Description.	Cultivation.	Quantity.	Tenants.
IN THE PARISH OF BLUNHAM.				
130	The "Guinea" Inn and Close	Grass	8 1 4	Mrs. Ann Fisher
135	Gray's Close	"	8 0 20	"
130	The "Guinea" Inn and Close	"	1 1 12	Mr. William Brown
135	Gray's Close	"	8 0 20	"
75	Road Close	"	1 1 12	Mr. William Brown
76	East part of Twenty Acres	Arable	10 3 29	"
77	West part of Ditto, with Plantation	"	12 3 2	"
78	Twenty Acres	"	20 3 14	"
79	Lamb Pits	"	19 2 16	"
72	Chalton Close	Grass	1 2 19	Mrs. Sarah Bonest
24	Cottage and Close	"	5 1 36	Elizabeth and George
132	Parren's Close	"	2 2 33	Albone
37	Pound Piece	Arable	4 3 30	Widow Little
68	Allotments at Chalton	"	6 1 0	Various Tenants
27	Cottages and Gardens	—	0 0 32	W. Gammons R. Butcher E. Emery W. Haines D. Freshwater J. Ashwell
28	Ditto	—	0 0 27	T. Seymour John Taylor John Simms Thomas Stanford J. Summerfield D. Ashwell W. Bywater
130A	Three Cottages and Gardens in five Tenements	—	0 1 19	Thomas Emery James Bone John Emery Wm. Tatman Joseph Simms George Ashwell James Bowles Joseph Cooper
131	Cottage and Garden in two Tenements	—	0 2 34	Thomas Simms Thomas Hill Mary Haines Jane Brocket James Emery Wm. Bland Jesse Woods James Watts
133	Ditto ditto	—	0 1 12	James Tatman
134	Cottage and Garden in three Tenements	—	0 1 1	James Tatman
136	Cottage and Yard	—	0 0 4	James Tatman
137	Cottage, Blacksmith's Shop and Garden in two Tenements, including site of Pound	—	0 1 13	James Tatman
71	Cottage and Garden in two tenements	—	0 1 24	James Tatman
73	Cottages and Gardens in four Tenements	—	0 1 29	James Tatman
74	Cottage, Garden and Orchard	—	0 2 26	James Tatman
IN GREAT BARFORD PARISH.				
54	Ozier Bed With right to cut rushes and to fish in the Ouse.	—	0 1 16	William Gurney.
			107 0 12	

The whole of the above Premises are let on Yearly Tenancies (except as to Lands now part of South Mills Farm).

On page 11 of the census for 1861 (see next page), we see:

***John Summerfield
Head of family; Married; Age 60
Occupation: Ratcatcher***

***Eliza Summerfield
Wife: Age 51
Occupation: Lace Maker***

***George Summerfield
Son: unmarried; Age 17
Occupation: Ag Labourer***

We wonder what happened to Sarah (who would have been aged 20). Had she got married perhaps?

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of			
Birmingham		1861							
Muggershaw									
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES In- habited (A.) or Building (B.)	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males Female	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
54	Muggershaw St. John's Church	1	Pyman, John	Head	Mar	29	Ag Labor	Brds, East Beth	
			W. Leland	Wife	=	28	Lace Maker	" Bideley	
			W. Harry	Son	un	5	Scholar	" Muggershaw	
			W. B. H.	Son	=	4	"	"	
			W. M. A.	"	=	1	"	"	
55		1	Tom Jones	Head	Mar	54	Shepherd	" Lanthorn	
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	33	Lace Maker	" Muggershaw	
			George	Son	un	21	Ag Laborer	" St. George	
56		1	Thomas	Head	Mar	40	"	" Bideley	
57		1	Thomas	Head	Mar	27	"	" Muggershaw	
			W. B. H.	Wife	=	25	Lace Maker	"	
			W. Emma	Son	un	2	"	"	
			W. M. A.	"	=	2mo	"	"	
58		1	Thomas	Head	Mar	60	Patentee	" Signal	
			W. B. H.	Wife	=	57	Lace Maker	" Muggershaw	
			W. George	Son	un	14	Ag Laborer	"	
59		1	Thomas	Head	Mar	40	"	"	
			W. M. A.	Wife	=	46	"	"	
			W. A.	Son	un	23	Lace Maker	"	
			W. B. H.	"	=	15	"	"	
			W. B. H.	"	=	13	"	"	
			W. B. H.	Son	=	4	Ag Laborer	"	
			W. B. H.	"	=	0	Scholar	"	
Total of Houses...		5 1/3	Total of Males and Females...			11 1/2			

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the									
1871									
No. of Schedule	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Improvement) Commissioners District of	Electoral District	Remarks	
ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE		HOUSES In- habited (A) or Building (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	1. Not and D 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or 4. Lunatic
	Suffragham		Charles Hargrave	Son	Married	26	Labourer	Suffragham	
			Edwin H.	do	do	16	Labourer	do	
			George H.	son	do	1	do	do	
			Charles H.	Son	do	7	do	do	
51	do	1	John Simmons	Head	Married	44	Plasterer	Peckham Brixton	
			Edith H.	Wife	do	44	do	Suffragham	
52		1	David Oshroff	Head	Married	40	Labourer	Peckham Brixton	
			Mary Ann H.	Wife	do	34	do	Suffragham	
			Catherine H.	daur	Married	24	do	Peckham Brixton	
			Henry H.	do	do	24	do	do	
			Edith H.	do	do	24	do	do	
			Thomas H.	Son	do	10	Labourer	do	
53		1	Henry Symonds	Head	Married	41	Carpenter	Suffragham	
			Edith H.	Wife	do	41	do	Peckham Brixton	
			John H.	Son	Married	14	Labourer	Suffragham	
			Edith H.	do	do	14	do	do	
			Agnes H.	daur	do	9	do	Suffragham	
			Francis H.	Son	do	3	do	do	
			Agnes H.	daur	do	2	do	do	
Total of Houses..		9	Total of Males and Females..			10	8		

* Draw the pen through such of the words as are inappropriate.

By the 1871 census (see previous page), both children were no longer living here as the only entries are:

***John Summerfield
Head of family, Married; Age 71
Occupation: Ratcatcher***

***Eliza Summerfield
Wife; Age 59
Occupation: Lacemaker***

By 1881, the census records that Eliza was living here alone as the entry, under Morhanger cottages, (see next page) reads:

**Eliza Summerfield
Head of Family; Widow; Age 71
Born in Morhanger**

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the									
Civil Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of		
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U) or (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
42	Morhanger Cottages	1	William Ashwell	Head	Mar	46	Ag. Lab.	Bedfordshire	
			Emma	Wife		44			
			Frederick	Son	Mar	21	Shining Smith		
			Edward			19	Gardener & Dr. Man		
			Elizabeth Ann	Daughter		17	Gen. & Serv. Girl		
			Emma Amelia			16	Scholar		
			Florence			6			
			James						
			Henry James	Son		4			
			Ellen Maria	Daughter		2			
44		1	John Smith	Head	Mar	70		Morhanger	
			Mary Ann	Wife		73		Farnfield	
45		1	Joseph Brown	Head	Mar	23	Gen. Labour	Morhanger	
			Betty	Wife		23		Rocton	
			James	Son		4			
46		1	Eliza Summerfield	Head	Wid	71	Gen. Lab.	Morhanger	
47		1	David Ashwell	Head	Mar	69			
			Mary Ann	Wife		66			
			Mary	Daughter		42			
			Elizabeth			39			
48		1	Thomas Bennett	Head	Mar	54	Carpenter	Northall	
			Eliza	Wife		50		Rivels	
			Charles	Son	Mar	16	Ag. Labour	Morhanger	
			Frederick			18			
			Agnes Elizabeth	Daughter		10	Scholar		
Total of Houses...			Total of Males and Females...			145			

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

***In the 1891 census (see next page) the entries
were more detailed.***

***Eliza Summerfield
Head of Family; Widow; Age 81
Born in Muggerhanger***

***George Summerfield
Son, Single, Age 45
Occupation: Ag Farmer Laborer***

***We think it likely that the previous four
entries also relate to this group of cottages,
ie***

***John Sims and family; Joseph Brown &
family; Maryanne Ashwell &
daughter; Thomas & Eliza Seymour***

***At the 1901 census the house was occupied by
George Daniels (more information about him
later...)***

1891

1891

Administrative County of Bedford

Civil Parish

Municipal Borough

Municipal Ward

Urban Sanitary District

Town or Village or Hamlet

Rural Sanitary District

Parliamentary Borough or Division

Ecclesiastical Parish or District

of Muggerhanger

of Bedfordshire

of Biggleswade

of Muggerhanger

of Biggleswade

of Bedfordshire

of Muggerhanger

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No. of Schedule

ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE

HOUSES

Inhabited (B)

Number of rooms occupied (If less than five)

NAME and Surname of each Person

RELATION to Head of Family

CON-DITION as to Marriage

AGE last Birthday of

Male

Female

PROFESSION or OCCUPATION

Employer

Employed

Number of persons employed

WHERE BORN

(1) Deaf-and-Dumb

(2) Blind

(3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot

8

1

X

Elizabeth Farr

Head

Wid

Beddington

Francis J. Do

Grand Son

Do Muggerhanger

9

1

X

George Melbourne

Head

M

28

Laborer at Lake Mill

X

Do Biggleswade

Eliza Do

Wife

M

Do Muggerhanger

Fanny J. Do

Son

2

Do Do

10

The Garage

1

Edward Mayo

Head

M

49

Vicar of Muggerhanger

Oxford

Mary G. Do

Wife

M

Stamfordshire Brixton

Martha Setchell

Serv

S

Belton maid & domestic Serv

X

Huntingdonshire Mansford

Sarah M. Potter

Do

S

Do Do

X

Hampshire Alton

11

1

X

John Sims

Head

M

54

farmer & also a laborer

Beddington

Mary A. Do

Wife

M

Do Bedford

Emily Abbott

Grand Son

S

Do Bedford

12

1

X

Joseph Brown

Head

M

33

Agricultural Labourer

X

Do Muggerhanger

Betsy Do

Wife

M

Hunts Norton

Emily P. Do

Daughter

Do Do

James W. Do

Son

9

Do Muggerhanger

George Do

Son

6

Scholar

Do Do

13

1

X

Mary Ann Ashwell

Head

Wid

Do Do

Mary Do

Serv

S

Do Do

14

1

Thomas Symonds

Head

M

61

Carpenter

X

Do Northill

Eliza Do

Wife

M

Do Biggleswade

15

1

X

Ediza Sumnerfield

Head

Wid

Do Muggerhanger

George Do

Son

S

45

T. G. Baker Laborer

X

Do Do

8

Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms

8

6

Total of Males and Females

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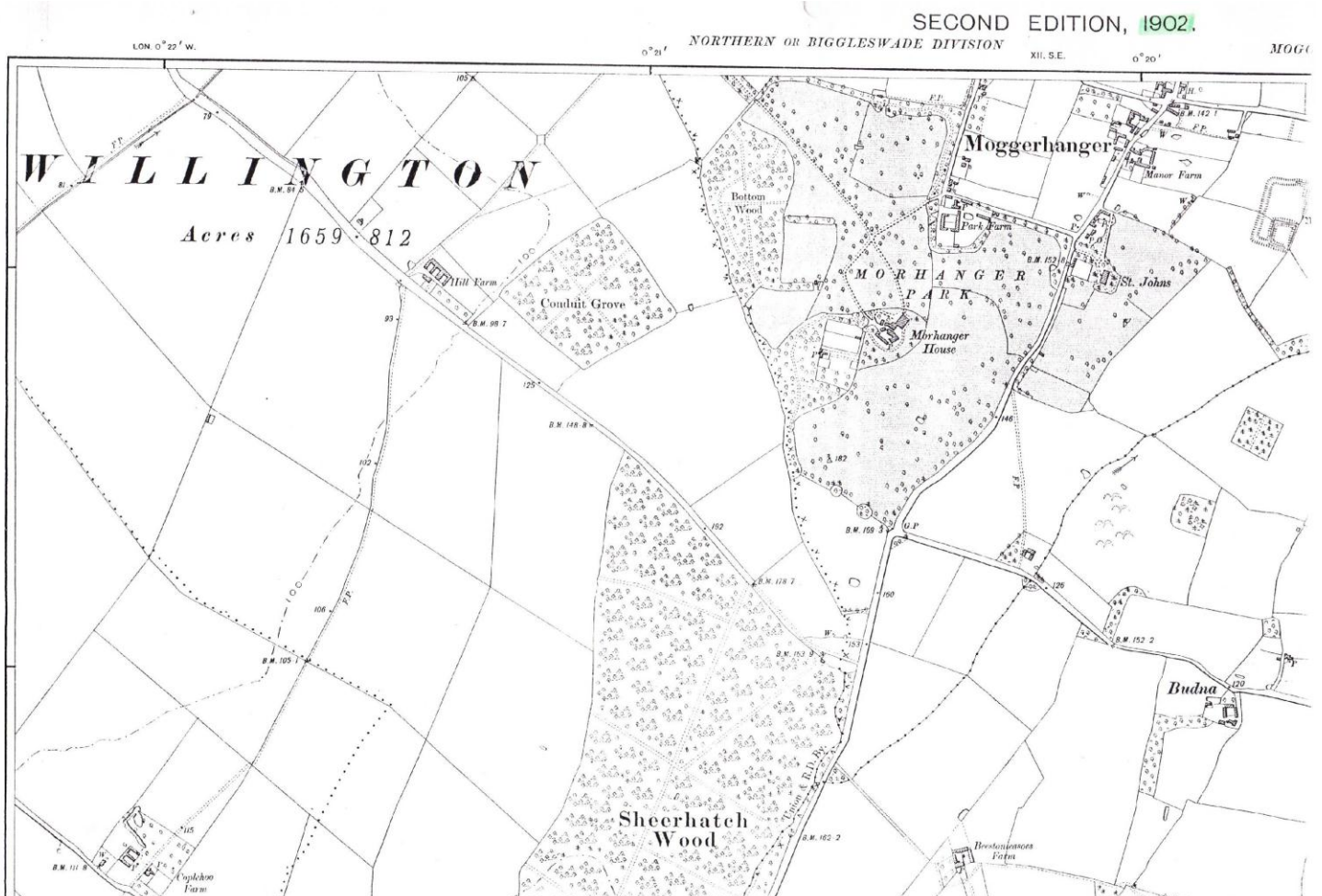
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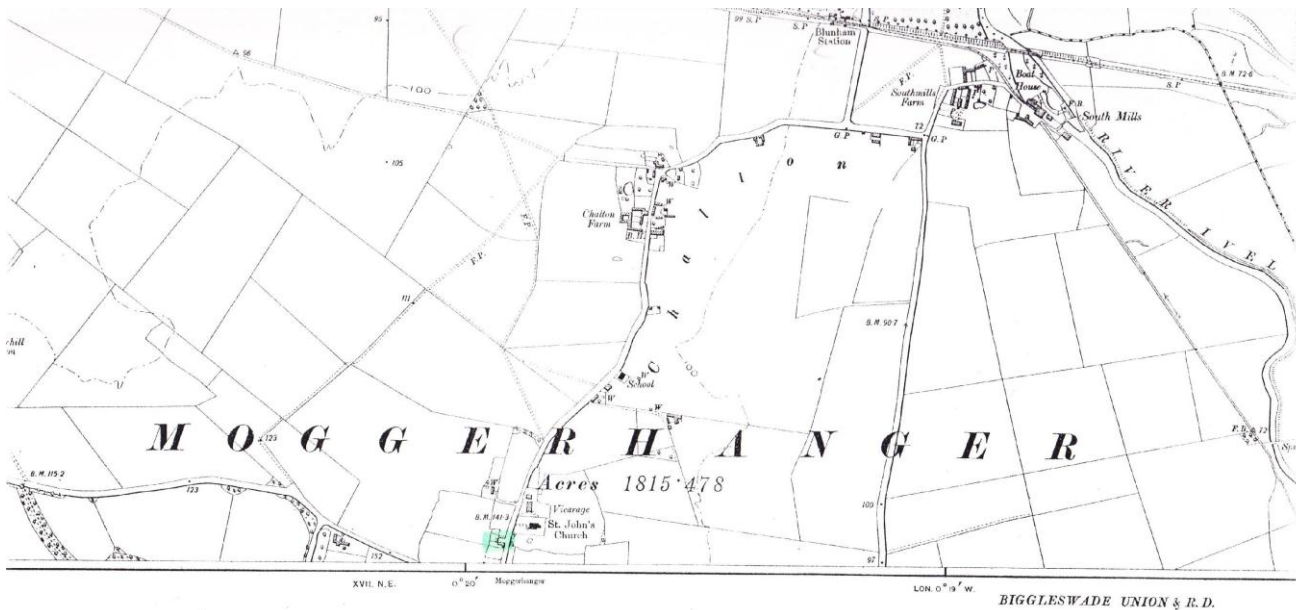
NOTE.—Draw the pen through each of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Eng.—Sheet B.

The following three maps were copied at the County Record Office. The first one of them is dated 1902 but we are not sure about the other two!

Note that the school has changed its site between the first and second maps, the row of houses further down Blunham Road appears in the second but not the first map, and West Way does not appear on either!



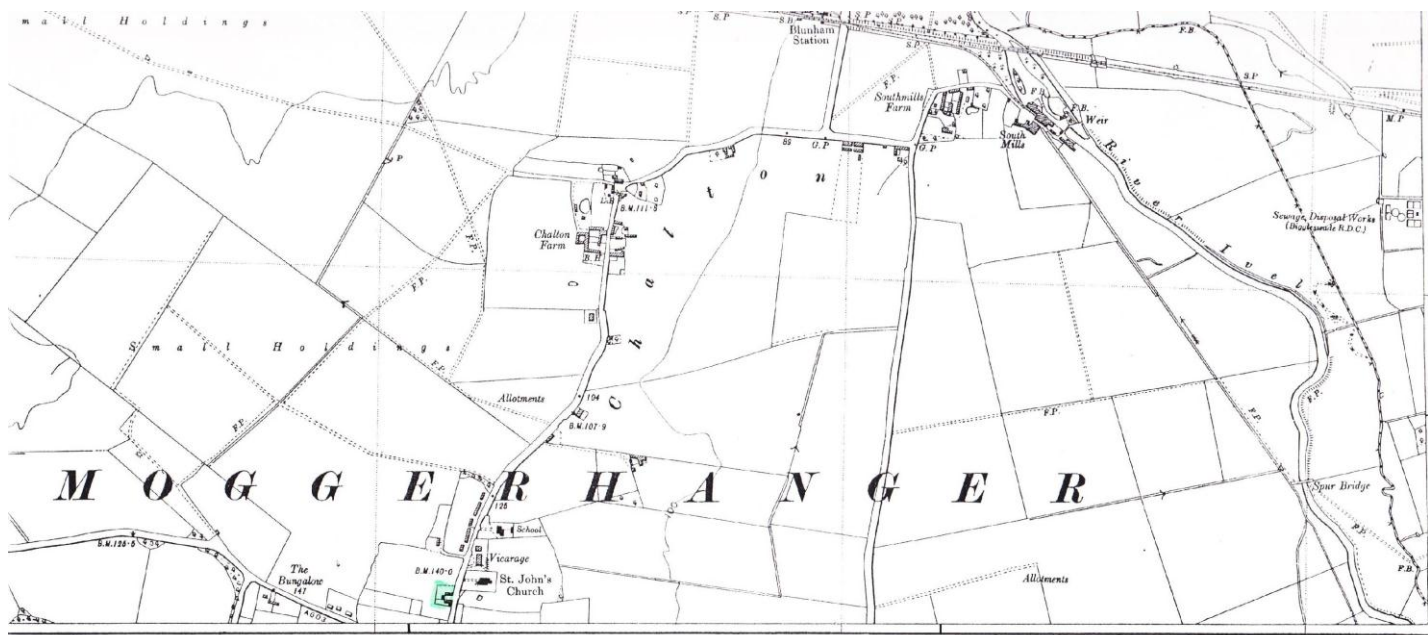


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SHEET	1:11
N.W.	N.E.
S.W.	S.E.



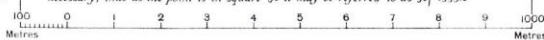
Scale - Six Inches to One Statute Mile or 880 Feet to One Inch = 1:33,600

THE NATIONAL GRID

To refer to a particular point - (1) Read for each half of the reference the double figures printed in large type in the margins, which denote tens of Kilometres and Kilometres. (2) Then, to obtain reading to nearest 100 metres, measure position of point in tenths from the grid lines, which are 1000 metres apart. THUS TO GIVE A NORMAL NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

EXAMPLE	SCHOOL
Take west edge of square in which point lies and read the large figures printed opposite this line on north or south margins.	Take south edge of square in which point lies and read the large figures printed opposite this line on east or west margins.
Measure tenths Eastwards	Measure tenths Northwards
15	51
3	2
153	512
Reference	153312

Similar references occur at intervals of 100 Kilometres i.e. in each of the figured squares in the diagram. The figure indicating the square should be added where necessary; thus as the point is in square 52 it may be referred to as 52 153312



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We found a wonderful "Book of Valuations" in the County Record Office, dated 1910.

We think we have identified our Property, on the Record of Valuation on the next sheet, as one of five listed as belonging to Jarvis & Co (the Brewers who owned The Guinea and the fields adjoining).

It is frustrating to see reference to a map – because no map is to be found now...

We believe that George Daniels was the tenant of our house (see following entries).

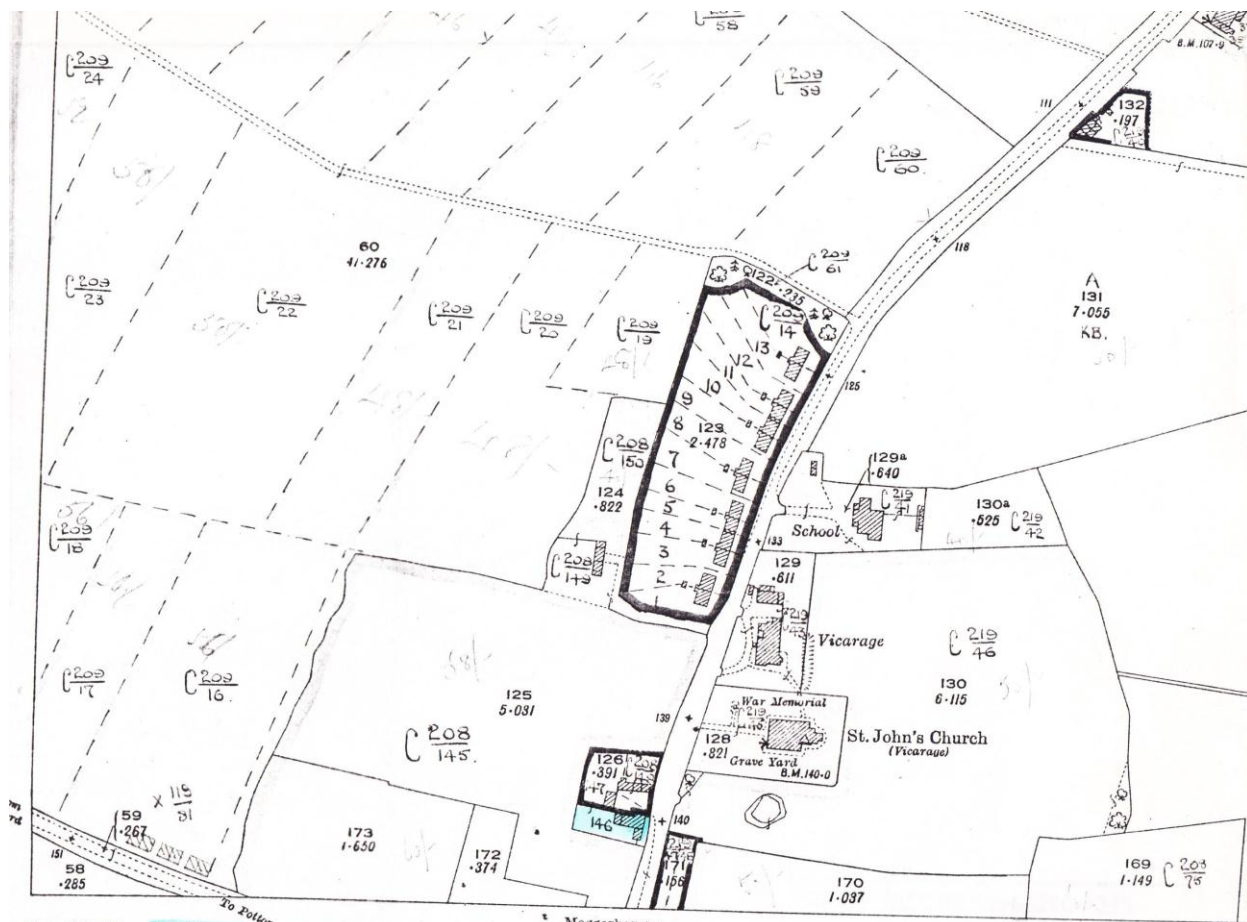
1910 Record of Valuations																		
No. of Assessment.	No. of Poor Rate.	Christian Names and Surnames of Occupiers.	Christian Names and Surnames of Owners, with their Residences.	Description of Property—If an Inn, &c., the name or sign by which known.	Street, Place, Name, and Precise Situation of Property.	Poor Rate.				Reference to Map.	Extent as determined by Valuer.				Determination			
						Estimated Extent.	Gross Annual Value.		Rateable Value.		Acres.	R.	P.	Y.	Original Gross Value.	Deductions for		
							£	s.								£	s.	Buildings and other Structures, including Machinery.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
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492	124	Seymour Mrs.	Lewis & Co.	Cottage	Muggerhogg		5	0	5	0	XII.16.B		1	12	140	115		
493	125	Daniels George	do	do	do		3	0	3	0								
494	126	Brown Joseph	do	do	do		2	0	2	0								
495	127	do	do	do	do		2	0	2	0								
496	128	Stuart Arthur	do	do	do		2	0	2	0								
497	129	Rakher William	Creasy Esq.	Cottage & garden	do	1	2	5	2	10	XII.16.B		2		140	38		
498	130	Smith Samuel	do	do	do	1	2	5	2	10	XII.16.B		2		140	38		
499	131	Balke George	do	do	do	1	2	5	2	10	XII.16.B		2		140	38		
500	132	Stanton John	do	do	do	1	2	5	2	10	XII.16.B		2		140	38		
501	133	Cornie A.S.	do	do	do	1	2	5	2	10	XII.16.B		2		140	38		
502	134	Sains	Reeson Mrs.	Cottage & garden	Chilton	26	5	0	4	10	XII.16.H		25		120	108		
503	135	Barker John Wm.	do	do	do	26	5	0	4	10	XII.16.H		25		120	108		
504	136	Pelto William	do	do	do	26	5	0	4	10	XII.16.H		25		120	108		
505	137	Buckle Alfred	do	do	do	26	5	0	4	10	XII.16.H		25		120	108		
506	138	Breed Lance	do	do	do	26	5	0	4	10	XII.16.H		25		120	108		
507	139	Balke William	do	do	do	26	5	0	4	10	XII.16.H		25		120	108		
Total						2	3	57	15	55			1	1	1060	069		

***Another rich source of information was
from a Rating Assessment
carried out in 1925. This time there is a
map too...***

***Our house is clearly entry No 146. By
that time George Daniels owned the
house (two cottages knocked into one)
and it is described as a House, Shop
and Post Office. The description is
fascinating.***

***We are sorry that when we bought the
house the wash-house and barn were
gone, but we are glad that the water
closet is no longer a 2-bay shed in the
garden!***

***We have also copied the details of the
other two cottages, Nos 147 and 148.***



Surveyed in 1882. Revised in 1924. Re-Levelled 1924.

CHARACTERISTICS AND SYMBOLS FOR BOUNDARIES, &c.

County	C	Municipal Wards	W	Change of Boundary, indicating the point at which the character of a Boundary changes	W.P.
Boroughs { County	E	Urban Districts	D	Antiquities (Site of)	Fort
Parliamentary	P	Civil Parishes	P	Trigonometrical Station	Δ
Municipal	M	Rural Districts	R	Poor Law Unions	11

Asst. No.	Plan	O.N.	Area.	O.N.	Area.
60.	L14.	126ft.	123.		146
Occupier	Daniels. G.				
Owner	D.T.O.				
Description	H. Shop + P				
Situation	In the Village.				
Area	123 Gr.	12	N.A.V.	-	R.V. 8.
Rent (Pre-War)			(Present)	-	Rates
Tenure			Repairs		
Longcast. Thatch.			Flrs	Front	Depth
Shop (11 x 10.)			2	20	30.
L. Bath-room.			1	8½	17.
H. 4 Beds					
Out Wash-house					
Barn					
W.C. 2 Bay Shed in Garden					
Garden					
Shop & converted Parlour.					
Sale of Groceries & Tobacco.					
V. Poor at Back					
2 Cottages knocked into one					
Water laid on to Wash-house					
GP 113					
Reduced Covered Area.					
Total					1234
@ 1d. x 5-					3-0 ✓
@ 2					10-6
+ Shop 110 @.					2
X184					
H6 Gr 12					
Present Assessment			No	Area.	Gross.
b2.					£8
R.V. (Land).					£7
R.V. (Buildings).					11

Asst. No.	Plan.	O.N.	Area.	O.N.	Arch.
61.	L14	126 ft.	153.		147
Occupier	Burnidge S.				
Owner	Kenny G.				
Description	H.P.				
Situation	East View.				
Area	153	Gr.	5	N.A.V.	R.V. 3
Rent (Pre-War)	-		(Present)	6/- w	
Tenure	Y.		Man: 1927.		Repairs L
Kougeast + Thatch.			Reduced Covered Area.		
			Firs.	Front	Depth
			1	29	15
					Area
					435
P L Se.					
16 2 Bed.			Total 435		
Out Barn good			@ 1d. £ 1-16-0		
End of p 148			@ 2 3-12		
			+ 2 Beds 1-10		
			4-12		
Garden			5-2		
Y. Poor Law					
BASE			Gr 4 1/2 5		
Water from tap outside.			✓		
Present Assessment	No.	Area.	Gross.	R.V. (Land).	R.V. (Buildings)
}	63.		£ 2.		£ 2.
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Asst. No.	Plan	O.N.	Area.	O.N.	Area.																																								
62.	L.14.	126 Pr. 127 Pr.	.034. .060.		148																																								
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Owner	Emery. Mrs.																																												
Description	H.P.																																												
Situation	In the Village.																																												
Area	Gr.	3	N.A.V.	-	R.V. 2																																								
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Threshanger

Daniels No 1

of

H 5 11

1 Blunkan Road

g 12 R 17.

Add

B

X

38

Daniels No 1

of

H 5 11

1 Blunkan Road

all as before
plus

BK. Con. iron

Passage

conc. floor

12 x 16

12

+
16

115

g 16

R 10

***In 1921 the house (actually
two cottages in the occupation of
Mr Daniels and Mrs Dora Agnes
Street) was sold by Mrs Olive Melton
to
George Daniels for One Hundred
Pounds.***

***On the Indenture on the following
pages, there is reference to a previous
transaction on 4 September 1917
between Mary Jarvis and Henry Young
on the one part and the Vendor
(presumably Mrs Melton) on the
other...***

***We assume that this was when the
property was sold by the Brewery.***

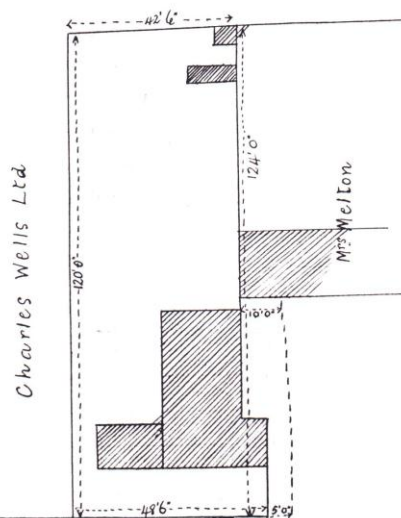


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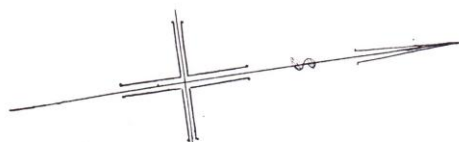
This Indenture made the First day of February

~~Between~~ One thousand nine hundred and twenty one ~~Between~~ **Oliver Molton** of 132 Warwick Street Finsbury in the County of London (late of **Albert Molton**) (hereinafter called "the Vendor") of the one part and **George Daniels** of Mogerhanger in the County of Bedford Small Holders (hereinafter called "the Purchaser") of the other part **Whereas** the Vendor is seized in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances of the hereditaments hereinafter described and has agreed to sell the same to the Purchaser at the price of One hundred pounds **Now** this Indenture **witnesseth** that in pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the sum of One hundred pounds paid to the Vendor by the Purchaser on or before the execution of these presents (the receipt whereof the Vendor hereby acknowledges) the Vendor as beneficial owner hereby grants and conveys unto the Purchaser and his heirs **All** those two cottages or tenements with the outbuildings yards gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being at Mogerhanger in the County of Bedford (near the Public House there known as The Quince) and now in the occupation of the Purchaser and **M^{rs} Street** bounded on or towards the East by the Road leading from Mogerhanger to Blunham On or towards the South and West by land and buildings forming part of the premises of the said Quince Public House and On or towards the North by other property of the Vendor contracted to be sold to **M^{rs} Dorcas Agnes** house which said hereditaments intended to be hereby granted and conveyed are for the purposes of assisting identification and not

Charles Wells Ltd



To Blunham



by way of limitation or warranty delineated on the
on these presents and thereon coloured Pink Together
right of foot and harbour way for the Purchaser his
assigns or other the owner or owners for the time to
hereditaments intended to be hereby granted and annu-
ties and their tenants servants agents and workmen
other persons authorized by him or them at all times and for
all purposes over and along the strip of land coloured yellow
on the said plan to and from the said hereditaments intended
to be hereby granted and conveyed from us to the Road leading
from Mogerhanger to Blunham To hold the same unto and
to the use of the Purchaser in fee simple And the Vendor hereby
acknowledges the right of the Purchaser to production of the Document
of Title specified in the Schedule hereunder written and to delivery
of copies thereof and hereby undertakes for the safe custody thereof
And it is hereby declared that the transaction effected by these
presents does not form part of a larger transaction or of a series
of transactions in respect of which the amount or value or the
aggregate amount or value of the consideration exceeds five
hundred pounds In witness whereof the said parties to these
presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and
year first before written.

The Schedule hereinbefore referred to:

4th Sept 1897. Indenture of conveyance of this date made between Mary Jarvis
and Henry Young of the one part and the Vendor of the other part

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Olive Nelson in the
presence of

Olive Nelson.

Lido Stone Piskay
19 Tennyson St. Lambeth SE1
Paper Merchant

1931 – George Daniels died and the property passed into the ownership of Jane Ann Daniels who died in 1940 Leaving it to her daughters Alice Martha Daniels and Ann Emma Lilburn. Alice Daniels purchased the title in 1941.

The House and Shop then changed hands quite frequently:

1953 – J M Bennett

1956 – J M Jackson

1956 – E G & H A Eldridge

1960 – D W Green

1964 – Mr & Mrs D E Hammond

1965 – F J Sutton

1971 – Mr & Mrs A F Flack

1976 – Mr & Mrs D A Green

1984 – Mr & Mrs C E Mason

1989 – Chris & Dorothy Bashford

PHOTOGRAPHS

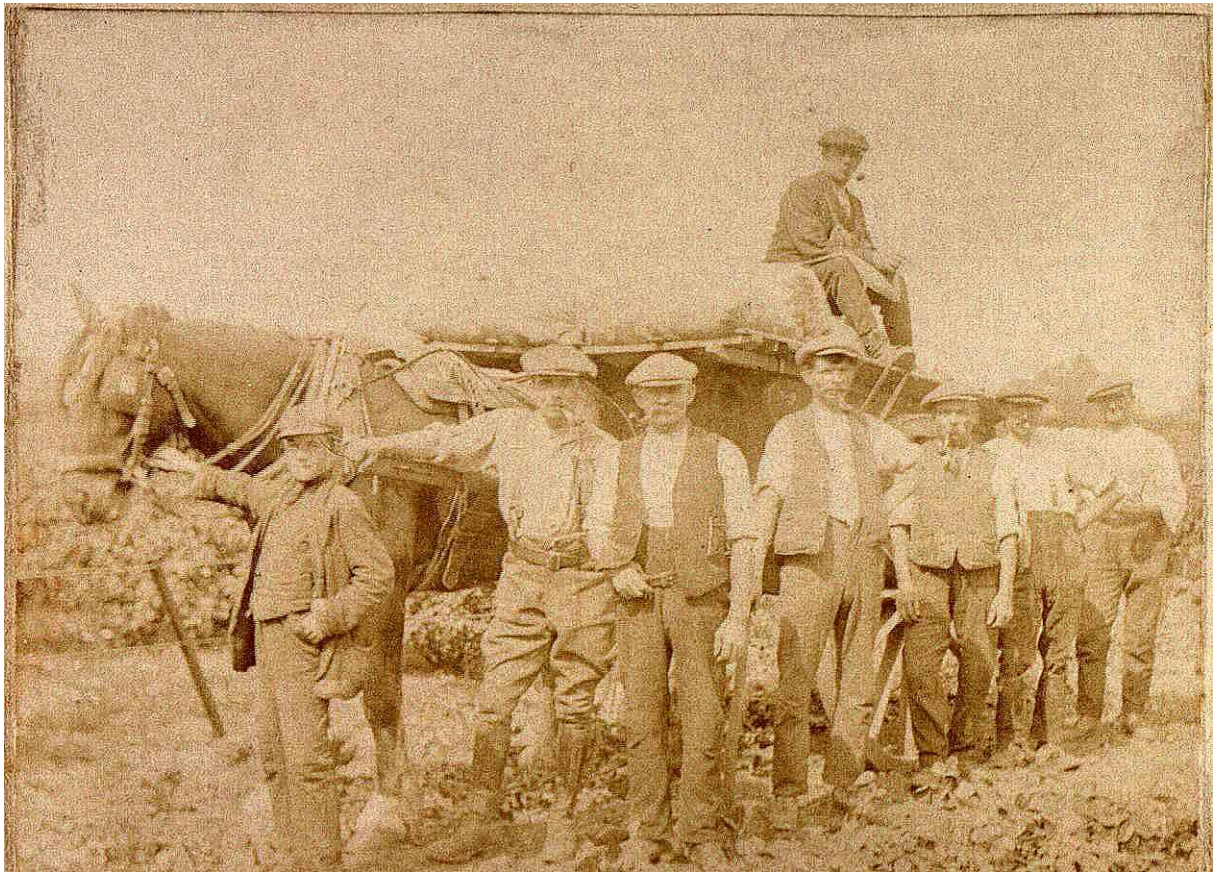


We know this photograph was taken before the fire in December 1954 which destroyed the other cottages..



What year was this? The Mini might give us a clue!

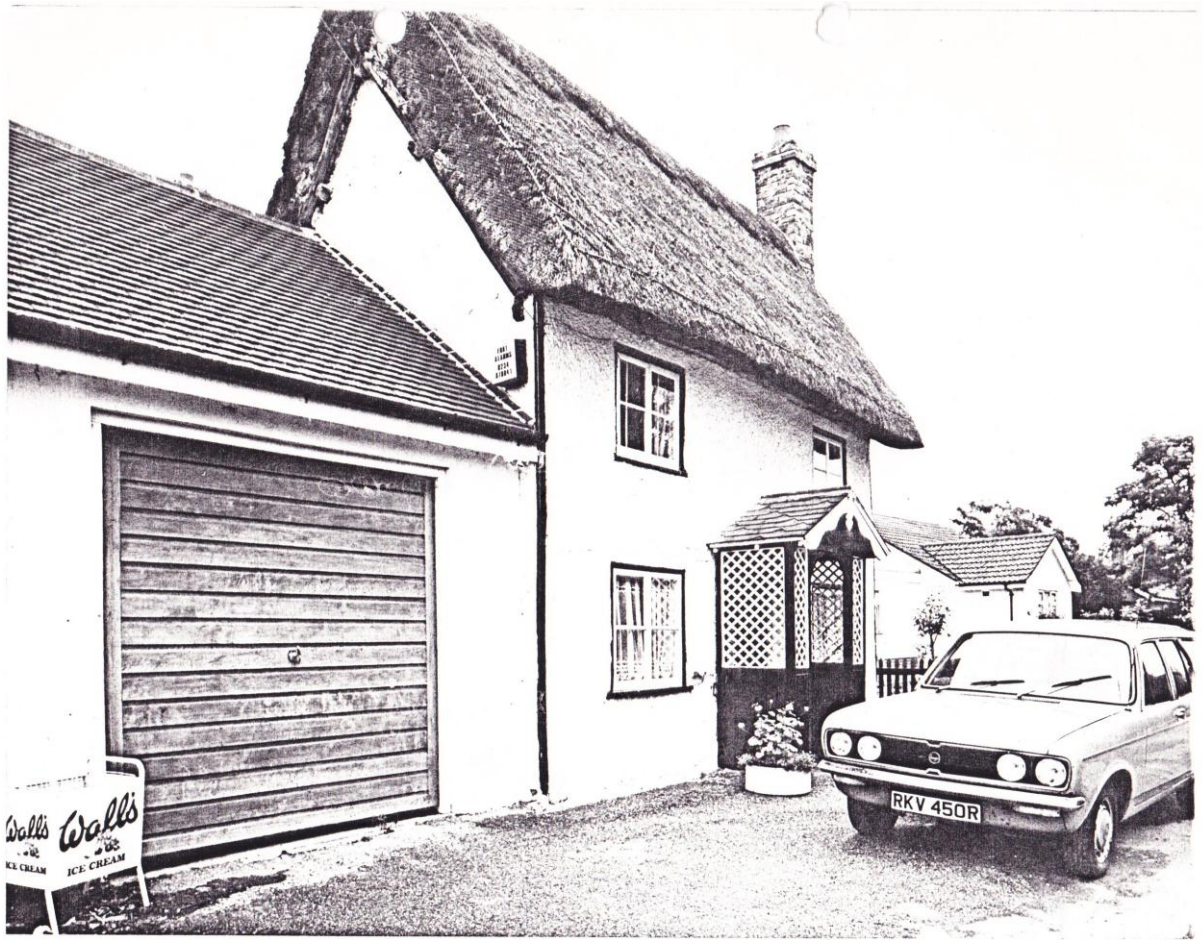






The house was re-thatched in 1987.

***The following photographs were taken
by the Beds CC Photographic Unit (we
believe in 1979)***





When we removed the shower from the bathroom we found what appears to be the remains of a bread oven.



(There is a large inglenook fireplace on the other side of the wall)







In Mogerhanger Village.



THE CHAPEL, MUGERHANGER.

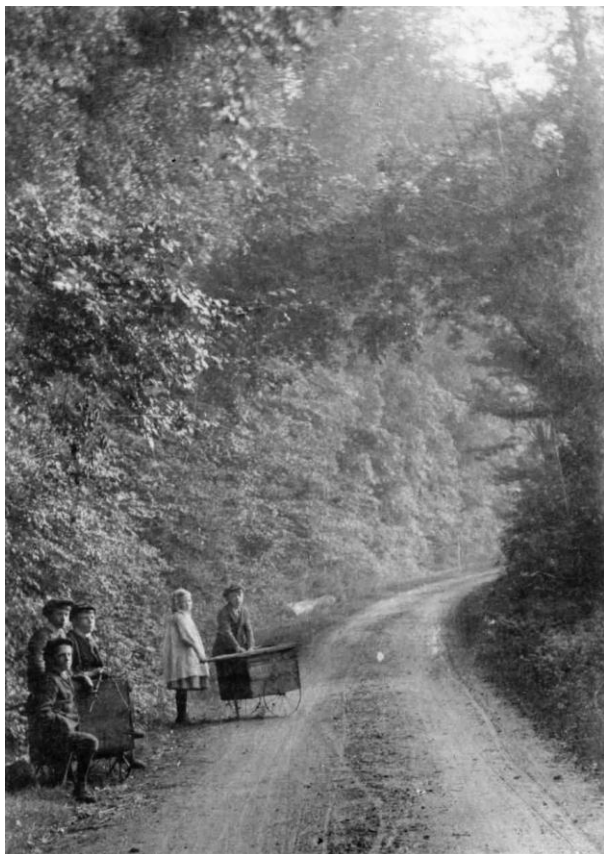


In Mogerhanger Village.



Mogerhanger Church.





FINALLY : A PUZZLE

One of the County Archivists came to visit us in 1991 after we had paid several visits to the County Record Office. We still wanted to know how old our house was.

He drew us a plan of how the house might have looked when it was built (in 1563 or thereabouts). He thinks it could have been a "hall house" with one floor up to the roof with the first floor being created in the 17th Century. The need for stairs to the first floor would explain the odd position of the outside door in our sitting room. The front of the house would have been a more modern addition (18th or 19th Century!)

What do you think??

