



***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

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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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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.

***This 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***

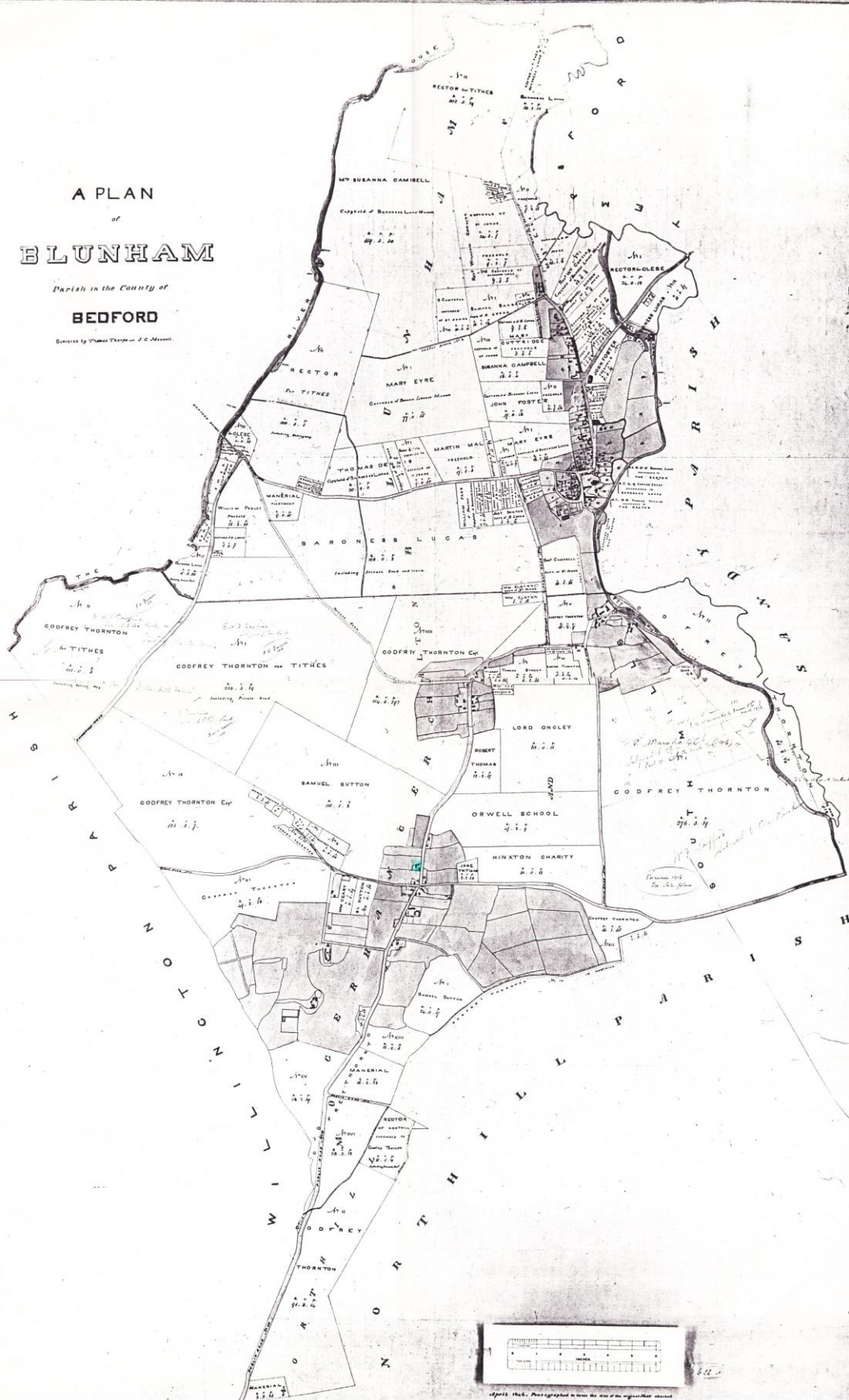
1799 Map

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				
			James 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	Rank or Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether blind, deaf, or lame
				Males	Females			
30	Margaret Kelly	Wife	W	11		Wife	Wife	
	John Kelly	Wife	W	9		Wife	Wife	
	Charles Kelly	Wife	W	2		Wife	Wife	
	William Kelly	Wife	W	2		Wife	Wife	
	Joseph Kelly	Wife	W	4		Wife	Wife	
31	Emma Kelly	Wife	W	1		Wife	Wife	
	John Kelly	Wife	W	25		Wife	Wife	
	David Kelly	Wife	W	10		Wife	Wife	
	William Kelly	Wife	W	3		Wife	Wife	
	Edmund Kelly	Wife	W	12		Wife	Wife	
	Ellen Kelly	Wife	W	10		Wife	Wife	
	William Kelly	Wife	W	8		Wife	Wife	
	William Kelly	Wife	W	5		Wife	Wife	
	Elizabeth Kelly	Wife	W	3		Wife	Wife	
	John Kelly	Wife	W	1		Wife	Wife	
32	John Kelly	Wife	W	22		Wife	Wife	
	John Kelly	Wife	W	21		Wife	Wife	
	Elizabeth Kelly	Wife	W	11		Wife	Wife	
	John Kelly	Wife	W	9		Wife	Wife	
	George Kelly	Wife	W	8		Wife	Wife	
33	John Kelly	Wife	W	12		Wife	Wife	
	John Kelly	Wife	W	12		Wife	Wife	

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:

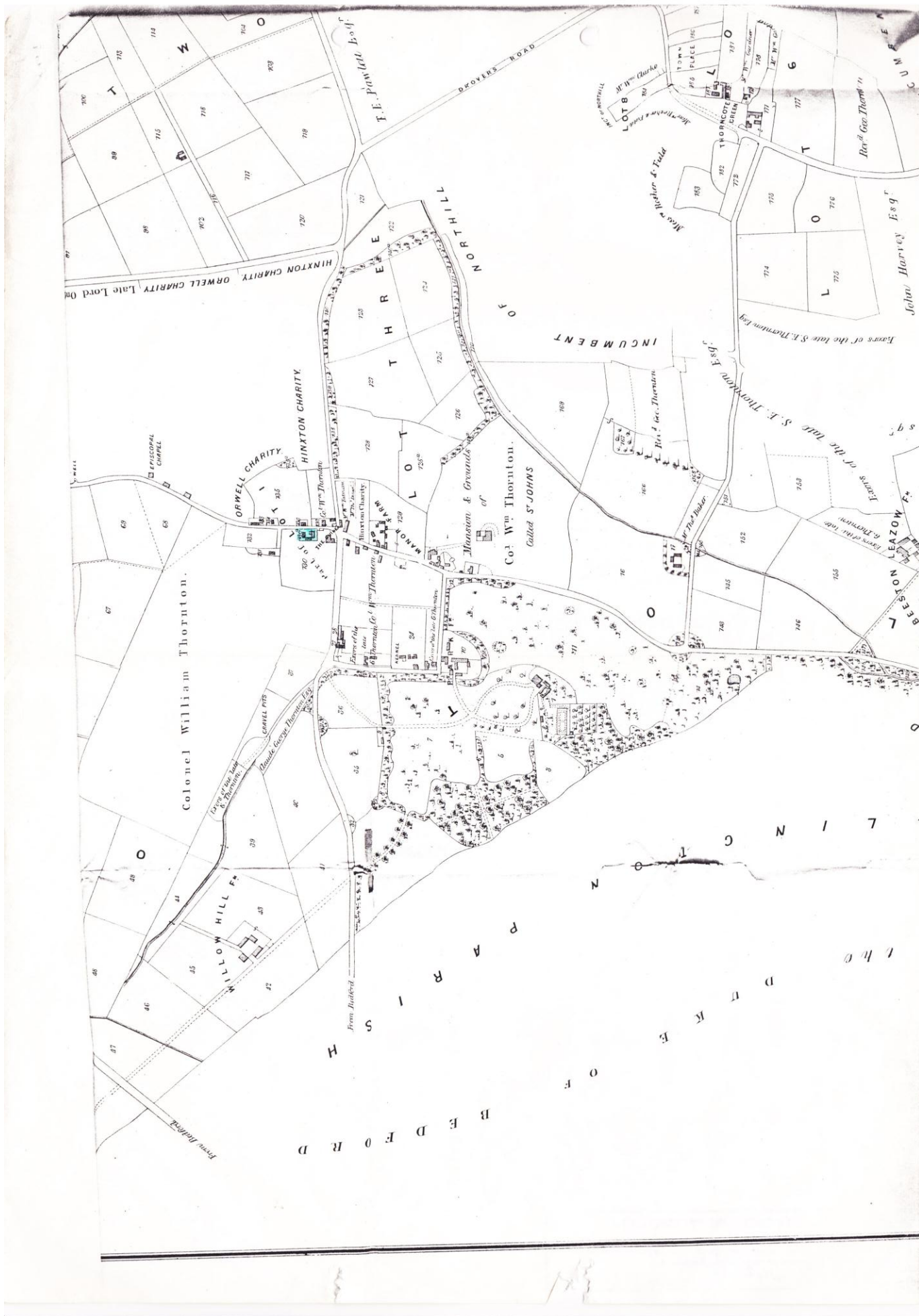
John Simms

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	Grav's Close	"	8 0 20	"
130	The "Guinea" Inn and Close	"	1 1 12	Mr. William Brown
135	Grav'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?

Parish (or Township) of Chesham		City or Municipal Borough of Chesham		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Municipal Ward of St. Peter's		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Parliamentary Borough of Chesham		Towns of Chesham		Hamlet or Tything, &c., of Chesham		Electoral District of Chesham	
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb		
		In- habited	Un- inhabited				Males	Females					
54	Chesham House	1		James John	Head	Married	29		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Wife	Married		29	Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	5		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	4		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	1		Ag Labor	Bradford			
55	Chesham House	1		Wm. John	Head	Married	54		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Wife	Married		23	Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	21		Ag Labor	Bradford			
56	Chesham House	1		Wm. John	Head	Married	40		Ag Labor	Bradford			
57	Chesham House	1		Wm. John	Head	Married	24		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Wife	Married		25	Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	2		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	2		Ag Labor	Bradford			
58	Chesham House	1		Wm. John	Head	Married	60		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Wife	Married		51	Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	14		Ag Labor	Bradford			
59	Chesham House	1		Wm. John	Head	Married	40		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Wife	Married		36	Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	23		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	13		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	11		Ag Labor	Bradford			
				Wm. John	Son	Single	8		Ag Labor	Bradford			
Total of Houses...		5	13	Total of Males and Females...			11	12					

By the 1871 census (see next 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

Eng-Sheets

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

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

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish [or Township] of			City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of		Urban Sanitary District of		Rural Sanitary District of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of	
Kilburn			Municipal Borough of		Kilburn		Kilburn		Kilburn		Kilburn		Kilburn	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	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					
43	1	1	William Ashwell	Head	Mar	46	Ug- Labr.	Bedfordshire						
			Emma	Wife	Mar	44								
			Frederick	Son	Mar	21								
			Edward	Son	Mar	19								
			Elizabeth Ann	Son	Mar	17								
			Emma Amelia	Son	Mar	16								
			Helen	Son	Mar	11								
			Henry James	Son	Mar	4								
44	1	1	Ellen Julia	Son	Mar	26								
			John James	Head	Mar	73								
45	1	1	Mary Ann	Wife	Mar	23								
			Joseph Brown	Head	Mar	23								
			Betty	Wife	Mar	23								
			James	Son	Mar	4								
46	1	1	John James	Head	Mar	49								
47	1	1	David Ashwell	Wife	Mar	66								
			Mary Ann	Son	Mar	42								
			James	Son	Mar	39								
48	1	1	John James	Head	Mar	54								
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	50								
			Charles	Son	Mar	18								
			James	Son	Mar	18								
			David Elizabeth	Son	Mar	10								
Total of Houses...			Total of Males and Females...						Eng- Sheet C.					

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***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

Administrative County of Bedford										The undenoticed Houses are situated within the Boundaries of the										Page 2									
Municipal District of Bedfordshire										Municipal Ward of Bedford										Urban Sanitary District of Biggleswade									
Civil Parish of Muggersham										Municipal Ward of Muggersham										Parliamentary Borough or Division of Bedford North of Muggersham									
of Bedfordshire										of Bedfordshire										of Bedfordshire									
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16														
No. of ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	Religious Instruction	WHERE BORN																				
8	Elizabeth Parr	Head	Wid	28	Laborer at Oak Mill				Beddington																				
	Francis Do	Grandson		2					Do Muggersham																				
9	George Melkome	Head	M	28		X			Do Biggleswade																				
	Eliza Do	Wife	M	2					Do Muggersham																				
	Henry Do	Son							Do Do																				
10	Edward Mayo	Head	M	49	Director of Muggersham				Oxford																				
	Mary G Do	Wife	M	28					Bedfordshire																				
	Martha Setchell	Serv	S	28		X			Bedfordshire																				
	Sarah M Potter	Serv	S	28		X			Hampshire																				
11	John Sims	Head	M	84					Beddington																				
	Mary A Do	Wife	M	28					Do Bedford																				
	Emily Abbott	Grandson	S	28					Do Bedford																				
12	Joseph Brown	Head	M	33		X			Do Muggersham																				
	Betsy Do	Wife	M	28					Do Muggersham																				
	Emily Do	Serv		28					Do Muggersham																				
	James M Do	Serv		9					Do Muggersham																				
	George Do	Serv		6	Scholar				Do Muggersham																				
13	Mary Anne Ashwell	Head	Wid	77					Do Muggersham																				
	Mary Do	Serv	S	28					Do Muggersham																				
14	Thomas Symonds	Head	M	61		X			Do Muggersham																				
	Eliza Do	Wife	M	28					Do Muggersham																				
15	Eliza Samuels	Head	Wid	45					Do Muggersham																				
	George Do	Son	S	28		X			Do Muggersham																				
8	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	8	6	9	14																								

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Envoy—Sheet B

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

***The following maps were copied at the
County Record Office***

***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!***

SECOND EDITION, 1902,

NORTHERN OR BIGGLESWADE DIVISION

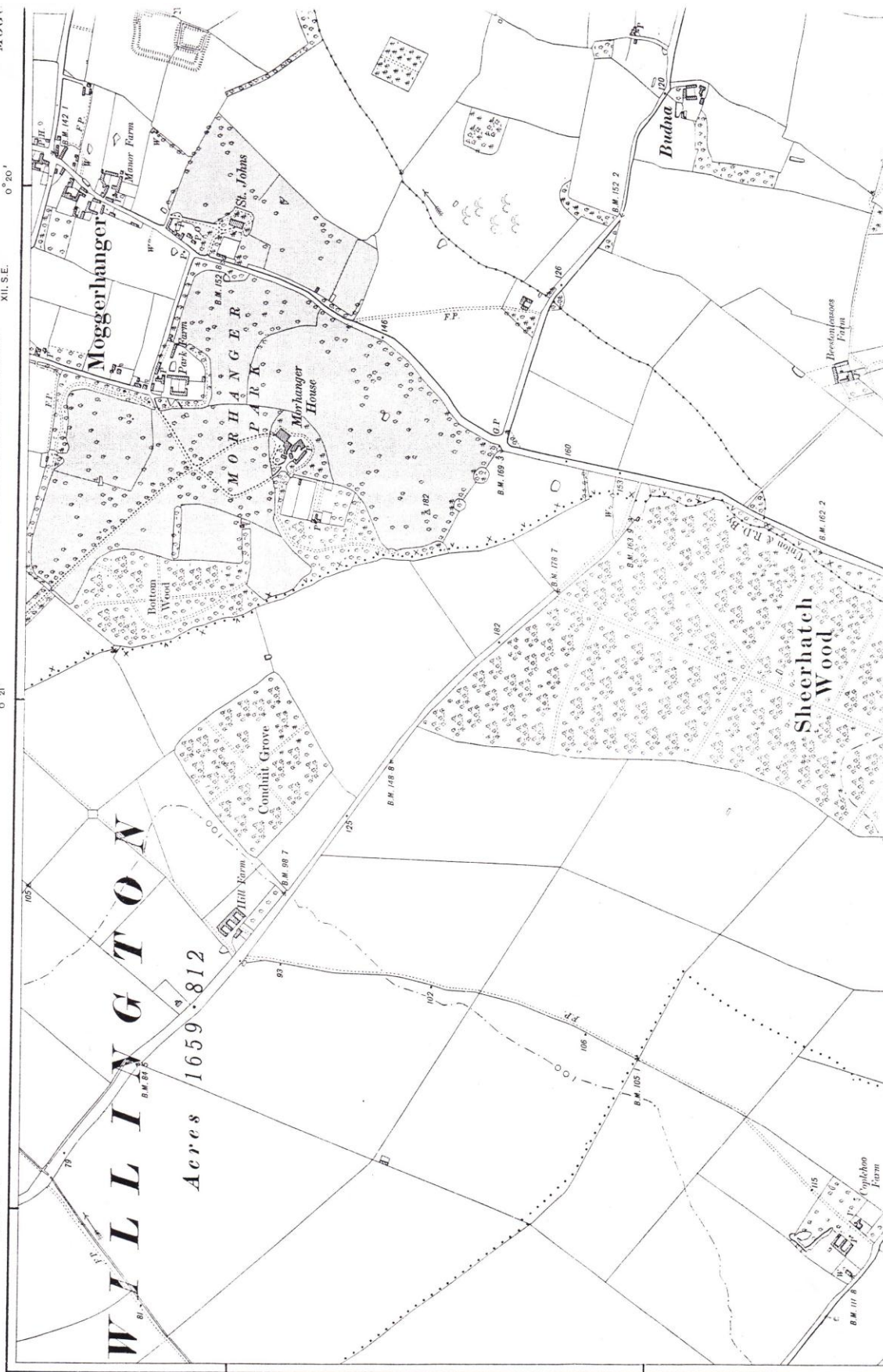
M.O.G.C.

LON. 0° 22' 1" W.

0° 21'

XII. S.E.

0° 20'



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

We think we have identified our property 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).

***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.***

***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, 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.***

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..***

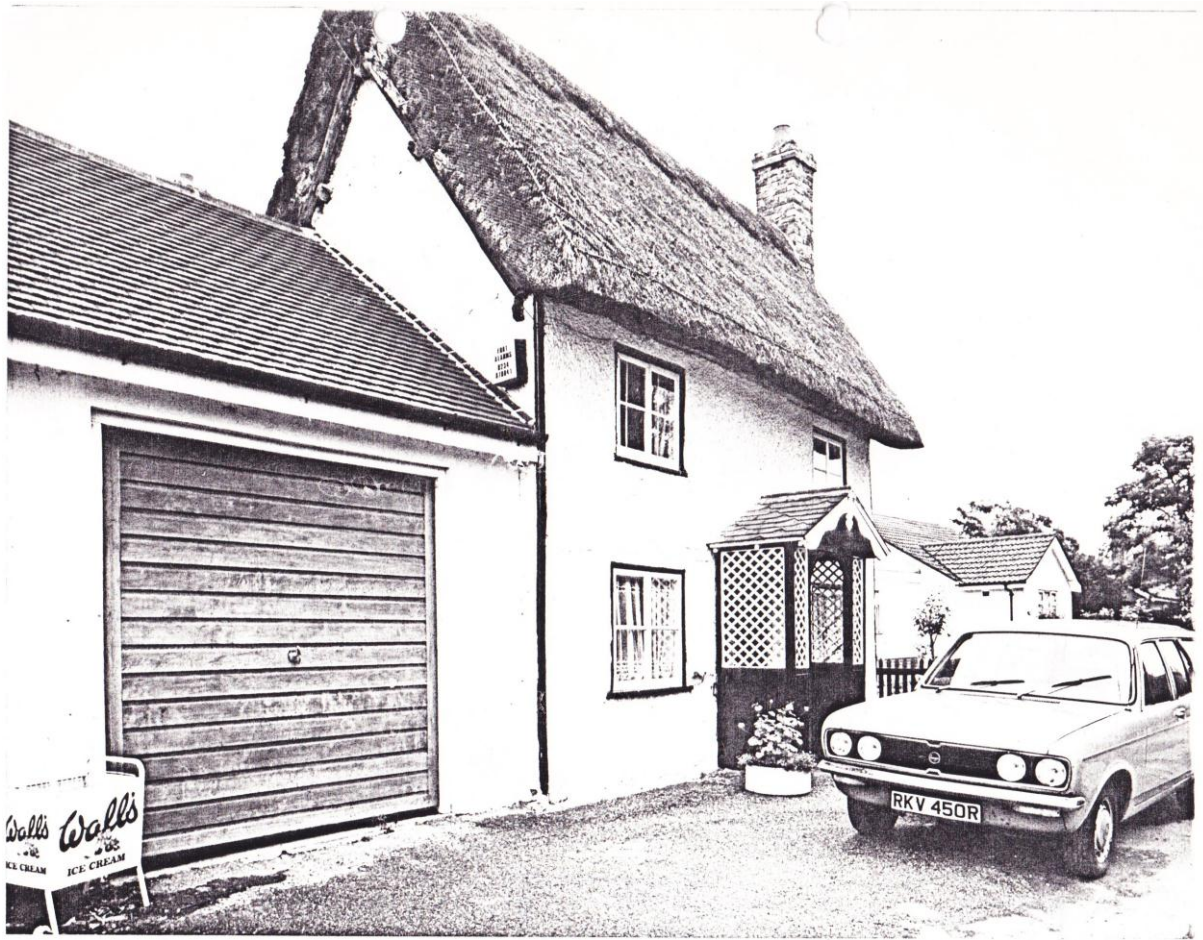


***What year was this? The Mini might
give us a clue!***



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.

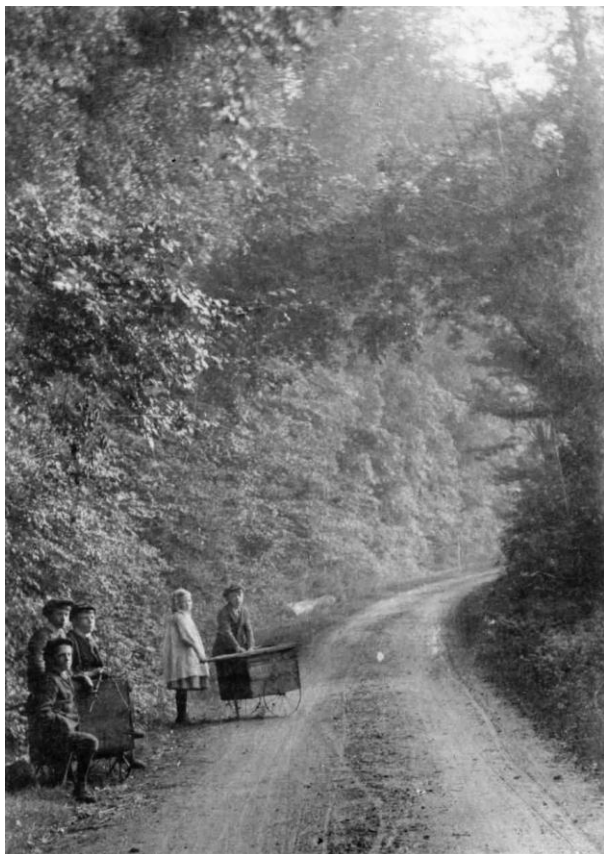


Mogerhanger Church.



Moggerhanger





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??

