

Some notes on the three houses at Barnards



Freddie Standfield, History of East Meon, p 61: “On the other side of the High Street, the former 1 – 6 Barnards Cottages, now ‘Barnards’, ‘Middle Barnards’, ‘Barnards Corner’, are all 18th century, well maintained and charming; being colour- or white-washed, they avoid uniformity.”

Origin of the building

Apart from Freddie’s description of the cottages as Georgian, we have to establish the likely date of construction and who was responsible.

The name

Buildings were often named after people and there is a possibility that the cottages were named after Eliza Barnard, daughter of John Nathaniel Atkin (draper and postmaster, in 1852 owner of Glenthorne and of much other East Meon property, including TA lot 1072 – cottages and gardens, whose location is definitely Barnards).

There are, however, two James Barnard recorded in this period who, as it happened, died in consecutive years (1848/1849) – accounting for the lack of a husband in the 1851 census. One was a butcher, much older than the farmer who lived at Park Farm.

1841 Census

This is the entry for the butcher, b 1771, who lived on the High Street and whose wife was Martha Maria Kemp, (see below)

	Henry Rhoads	20	Ag Lab ✓	✓
20	James Barnard	65	Butcher	✓
	Maria D ^o	65		✓
	Ann D ^o	30		✓
	Jane D ^o	25		✓
	John D ^o	35	Butcher	✓
	John Cullender	5		✓
	John Hoppie	25	Ag Lab	✓
	Lulia Rhoads	15	Ag Lab	✓

i.e. James Barnard 65 Maria Barnard 65 Ann Barnard 30 Jane Barnard 25 John Barnard 35 John Cullender 5 John Hoppie 25 Lulia Rhoads 15.

It was probably this James whose (first) marriage was recorded in the Parish Registry in 1795:

1795 James Barnard Maria Messam Spinster Butcher East Meon Meon Stoke
 And perhaps his second in 1830

Marriage

28-Oct 1830 James Barnard Martha Maria Kemp With consent of parents Single man Spinster East Meon East Meon Licence Thos. Etheridge, Martha Prettyman? Sarah Cotton? Etheridge, Jane Kemp

The other James Barnard, b 1809, was a farmer at Bordean Farm.

Bordean Farm	Thomas D ^r	45	Blanchester	3
	James Barnard	30	Larnum	7
	James D ^r	9		3
	William D ^r	3		5
TOTAL in Page 12	5	15	10	19

James Barnard 30 James Barnard 9 William Barnard 3 Eliza Ayling 20 Pheobe Smith 20.

Burials

20-Sep	1841	Martha Maria	Barnard	Bordean	29	PR5 2 of 4	1812
4-Nov	1848	James	Barnard	East Meon	77	PR5 2 of 4	1771
18-Oct	1849	James	Barnard	Eastmeon	40	PR5 3 of 4	1809
23-Dec	1886	Eliza	Barnard	East Meon	66	Unnumbered 1 of 3	1820
2 - Mar	1887	Henry	Barnard	Park Farm	72	Unnumbered 1 of 3	1815
24-Feb	1888	Anna Maria	Barnard	Park Farm, East Meon	76	Unnumbered 1 of 3	1812

Note Eliza Barnard. In 1841 she had been living with her father, John Nathaniel Atkins, in what is now Glenthorne House, aged 20 (and has a twin, John).

Both the James Barnards died in consecutive years. The butcher James Barnard's wife Martha Maria had died in 1841 and he died seven years later, in 1848, aged 77. The James Barnard who married Eliza was the farmer, who was 11 years older than her and presumably left two sons. There is no East Meon record of a marriage of James Barnard to Eliza Atkins.

Census 1851

Parish or Township of	Ecclastical District of	City or Borough of	Town of	Tithing & Village of	Enumeration of		
Eastmeon							
Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, Deaf, or Dumb
28 Cross Street	Eliza Barnard	Head	W	31	Proprietor of Houses	North Westmeon	
	John A. A.	Son	W	3	Scholar	North Eastmeon	
	James M. A.	Son	W	6	Scholar	North Eastmeon	
24 The Mill Lane	Peter Luff	Head	W	52	Carbenter & Maker	North Eastmeon	

This shows that in 'Cross Street' – which might well have been the short street between "The Cross" (then "The Square") and the High Street, i.e. where Barnards Corner is now – the Head of the Family was Eliza Barnard, aged 31, Proprietor of Houses, who had been born in West Meon. (There is no record of a marriage to James Barnard in the East Meon register of marriages). She has two sons, John and James, aged 3 & 6, living with her (described as scholars). (note that John A A(tkins?) has been crossed out in the second line). The younger son is named John, presumably after grandfather John Nathaniel. The older one is, confusingly, named James which is the same name as the son by the farmer's previous marriage, who would have been 19 at the time....

Tithe Apportionments

Dated 1852. First, the row of cottages which are now known collectively as Barnards.

1072 Atkins, John Nathaniel John Appleton and others 35p Cottage & Gardens (perches)

John Appleton, who is down as the tenant, is recorded in the 1851 census:

House No.	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relationship to Head of Family	Condition	Age		Occupation	Dumb
					Male	Female		
48	Frogmore	John Appleton	Head	Man	37	..	Ag Lab	Went. Hoorn & Co.
	"	Martha Appleton	Wife	Man	38	..		Went. Hoorn & Co.
	"	Ann Appleton	Daughter	..	15	..		Do. Do
	"	Eliza Appleton	Daughter	..	13	..	Scholar	Do. Do
	"	Harriot Appleton	Daughter	..	11	..	Scholar	Do. Do
	"	Elizabeth Appleton	Daughter	..	9	..	Scholar	Do. Do
	"	Mary Appleton	Daughter	..	7	..	Scholar	Do. Do
	"	Frances Appleton	Daughter	..	13	..		Do. Do

John Appleton 37 (Agricultural labourer), Martha Appleton 38 Ann Appleton 15 Eliza Appleton 13 Harriot Appleton 11 Elizabeth Appleton 9 Mary Appleton 7 Frances Appleton. Note that his home is Frogmore. There are further entries under the Tithe Apportionments showing properties rented by John Appleton and others from John Nathaniel Atkins:

1003 Atkins, John Nathaniel John Appleton & others 32p Cottage & garden Looks like Bottle Ale Cottages

1017 33p ditto 1903 Almshouses

1041 11p ditto Cross keys

Presumably, John Appleton and family lived in Bottle Ale Cottages. Bearing in mind that the Tithe Apportionments were recorded in 152, a year after the census figures, what is the relationship between John Nathaniel Atkins, landlord, John Appleton, tenant, and Eliza Barnard, Proprietor, of what we assume are Barnard Cottages?

Then, James Barnard. Is he the husband of Eliza Barnard and son in law of John Nathaniel Atkins?

Back to the Tithe Apportionments (drawn up in 1852, one year after the census and four years after the death of Eliza's husband James. The James Barnard listed here must therefore have been one of the sons, presumably the elder (by this time aged 20).

241	Barnard, James	Henry Barnard	9a 3p	4s 10d	£1 17s 7d	Old Down field	Arable
242			9a 3r	5s 7d	£2 5s 10d	Petersfield Lane field	do
243			2a 3r 39p		6d	Row	Wood
244			18a 3r 14d	10s 10d	£4 10s 7d	Underwoods	Arable
245			3r	4s		Little Bordean Homestead	
246			23a 1s 36p	14s 5d	£5 16s	Barn field	Arable
246a			1r 36p			Lane	
247			10a 3r 12p	6s 4d	£2 12s 8d	Halfyard field	Arable
248			8a 3r 16p	5s 1d	£1 19s 10d	10 Acres	do
249			6a 1r 34p	3s 9d	£1 8s 10d	Sawpit field	do
250			1a 14p		6d	Halfyard row	Wood
251			3a 2r 12p	9s 3d	3s 10d	Chalk Dell Mead	Pasture
252			1r 26p	1d		Chalk Pit	
253			1a 2r 30p	6s 4d	1s 6d	Upper Mead	Pasture
254			1a 1r 13p			Upper Bordean Homestead	
255			2r 11p	12s		Buildings & Yard	
255a			1a 10p			Road	
256			6a 20p	8s 4d	17s 8d	Sawpit Mead	Pasture
257			1a 3r 16p	5s 4d	4s 6d	Front do	do
258			3r 6d	2s 8d		Cottages Buildings & Yards	
259			7a 2r 5p	3s 10d	£1 8s 10d	Stable Mead	Arable

260			1a 3r 20p		10d	Coppice & Plantation	Wood
261			10a 3r 9d	5s 4d	£2 1s 6d	Part of Bottom field	Arable
262			1r 12p		1d	Dell	Wood
263			22a 2r 9d	13s	£5 1s 5d	Wood field	Arable
194a	Barnard, James (contd)	Henry Barnard (contd)	2a	1s	10s	Part of Granary Field	
264			14a 1r	8s 4d	£3 5s 6d	Great Congregations	Arabl
265			27p			4 Acres	do
287			4a 1r 32p	2s 3d	17s 2d	Shop field	do
289			22a 1r	12s	£4 13s 11d	Rowlands Hill	do
290			34p			Dell & Wood	Wood
291			28a 1r	12s 10d	£5	Mare Pond Field	Arabl
1268			18p			Rookham Coppice	Wood
			2r 35p		3d		
			19a 2r	8s 1d	£3 3s 4d		
			39p				
			12a 1r		9s 4d		

Note that although James is the head tenant, the land is rented by Henry Barnard, possibly his uncle. The 1851 census return for Henry Barnard shows:

125	Park Farm	Henry Barnard	Head	Mar	76	Farmer of 830 acres including 1000	Wm. Westman
	"	Anna M. Barnard	Wife	Mar	58		Mr. Westman
	"	Ellen	Daughter	"	16	Scholar at home	Mr. Eastman
	"	Henry Barnard	Son	"	11		Mr. M.
	"	Fredrick J. Lunn	Coachman	"	26	Coachman	Super. Westman
	"	William Lunn	Footman	"	16	Footman	Mr. Huntingdon
	"	"	"	"	18	Housemaid	Wm. Eastman

i.e. Park Farm was occupied by Henry Barnard 36, his wife Ann M Barnard 38 and children Ellen Barnard 6 Henry Barnard 1 a governess Lousia J Lunn 21, nursery assistant Miriam Lunn 14 and house maid Mary Bance 18. Henry came from Kilmeston.

We know from Freddie's history that Henry Barnard was one of the biggest farmers in the area, employing 8 men and 8 boys. Young James was receiving the rent paid by Henry. Meanwhile, back at what was probably by now known as Barnards Cottages

Note from David Hopkins

John Nathaniel Atkins' son was also named John Nathaniel Atkins. John Nathaniel Jr is recorded in the 1861 census as living in Bramdean, running a grocery business and he died in 1866 aged only 44. John Nathaniel Snr outlived his son and died in 1879, aged 81.

Turn of the century

Winifred Kate Lambert (nee Micklam). "When I was about two or three years old, my parents moved to what is now "Barnards" in the High Street. The tiny cottage next door (*only part of Middle Barnards*) was occupied by the Nicholsons, who had about 13 children; and in the equally tiny cottage next door but one (*the remainder of Middle Barnards*) Mr and Mrs Albert Luff had seven children. So, at the turn of the century, even allowing for some of the elder children having gone out into the world, there could have been between 15 and 20 human beings squeezed into what is now one house."

Census 1901

1581	do	1		William Micklam	Ha	M	50		Baker	Yorker	Hants Portsmouth
				Kate do	Wife	M	39				do Fareham
				Lodwin do	Son	S	15		Assistant	do	do Eastmeon
				Ada do	Daughter		12				do do
				Ernest do	Son		10				do do
				Minnie do	Daughter		6				do do
				Maury do	do		4				do do
				Albert Mason	Boarder	S	22		Baker	do	Lussie Chichester
				Harry Bird	Boarder	S	31		do	do	Bertie Little Boker
150	do	1		Jack Nicholson	Ha	M	20		do	do	Hants Portsmouth

William Micklam 50 (Baker) Kate Micklam 39 Edwin Micklam (Assistant Gardener) 15 Ada Micklam 12 Ernest Micklam 10 Winnie Micklam 6 Nancy Micklam 4 Albert Mason 22 (Breadmaker) Harry Bird (Grocer). Mr Micklam was born in Portsmouth, his wife in Farnham. The address (ditto) simply echoes the previous house's entry 'The High Street'.



(Left) Nurse Kate Micklam (Winifred Kate's mother) and family outside Barnards – this photo must have been taken before the 1901 census since the children are certainly no older than listed in the census. (Right) the cottages, post WWI, with two doors in each of the other.

Herbie Goddard

In 1924, 16 year-old Herbie, a fatherless boy arrived at Upper House, Oxenbourne, and was employed by farmer Philip Berry. In 1929 he travelled north to join an industrial engineering firm near Manchester. Two years later, he returned to East Meon and worked as chauffeur for the architect, Morley Horder (see Court House). In 1933 he married Nellie Christmas (a long-standing East Meon family), a childhood sweetheart and housemaid at Oxenbourne. .

They moved to Barnards at some time before WWII, during which the house was designated as suitable for lodging 10 and a half people, including two land girls both of whom married local lads Herbie was a member of the auxiliary fire service. He first managed the petrol station and garage business in the coach yard next to Glenthorne and then owned it. Herbie was later helped in running the garage by his son-in-law Chris Pamplin and daughter Hazel. They looked after many of the farm vehicles, in return for which they were often paid in produce such as eggs – which were, in turn, sold in the shop attached to the garage.



Herbie



The auxiliary fire brigard during WWII



Barnards during 1952 flooding – Hazel Goddard, now Pamplin, on the doorstep.

Herbie joined the Parish Council on which he served for 37 years and was Chair for 16. He was also Church Warden, a member of the Horticultural Society and, during the war, a fire warden. He was known as the unofficial Mayor of East Meon and among his achievements was the building of the Village Hall, of which he was Chairman. When Herbie was planning the new Village hall, Hazel remembers fund-raising by creating a mile of pennies – a strip of till-roll stretched along the high street; motorists were stopped and asked to donate pennies.