

Frogmore –

3 New Cottages

1852 (Tithe Apportionments lot 1004) & 1867 James Weeks owned cottages and gardens on the site of the current cottages, and Eames Cottages, let to Thomas Beames & others.

1885 – 1901 New Cottages were built. Comparing the 1869 and the 1896 Ordnance Survey maps, the new row was closer to the river than the cottages it replaced. No 3 was successively occupied by Arthur & George Kille and Annie Buncher Wilson, William and Annie Neighbour and Henry and Emma Merritt.

1906 William J Neighbour, died 2 July 1908) a grocer, bought the cottage. Married to Annie Elizabeth, died in 1925, in Birkenhead.

23rd February 1926, David Coles had a grocery and confectionery shop next to Glenthorne House. He and his wife Rose bought Nos 3 & 4 New Cottages for £350. On their death, the cottages passed to Eric Alfred Coles, who worked at Ropley Motor Works.

Henry Merritt (b1859) and Emma (b 1857) were tenants from an unknown date until 1944 – they lived to a ripe old age! He was a farm labourer, as were their 4 boys (out of 6 children in all)

1944. The two cottages are bought by George Jones who lived at Glenthorne House and owned Lower House Farm. The cottages were let by Blackman and Mason.

Gwen and Jack Symes

Gwen and Jack Symes rented No 3 from 1950 to 1954 and Rose Symes (Jack's mother) from 1957 – 1965. Gwen Tee had come to East Meon in 1932 at the age of two, though her mother came originally from the village. As a child she had lived in 5 Eames Cottages and walked across the fields to East Meon National School, but had to leave early to help her mother with the housework and look after her 10 brothers and sisters. She would shop at Thomas Adams' shop in the High Street (Family Grocer, Baker, Provision and Coal Merchant) opposite what was then The New Inn (now the Izaak Walton).

The bridge was wooden in those days. She fell into the river once – the level was quite high in those days. What is now a car park behind the cottages was then a piggery. Frogmore Lane was then called Golden Lane.

She met her husband when she was potato picking and he was driving the tractor. Jack had worked at Lower House Farm since leaving school. Gwen and Jack were married in 1950 and moved into No 3 New Cottages. Gwen's sister-in-law May Norris lived in No 2 and her mother-in-law Rose Symes in No 4. (Her in-laws kept telling her what to do, which made Gwen unhappy.)

As recently as the 1950s, their toilet was in a shed at the bottom of the garden. A tanker lorry used to appear once or twice a week to empty the toilet buckets. There were two electric light bulbs but no power points – the iron was plugged into the light socket. Gwen and Jack moved to No 4, swapping with Rose, in 1954 and lived there for 23 years ... Rose eventually moved into the Almshouses, presumably making Gwen's life more bearable.

Research into Eames Cottages by Phil Gorton for Mark Vernon

The five dwellings were converted from a single Tudor timber framed cottage (dating at least as far back as 1563 in the fine books) by William Eames, a bricklayer, between 1815 and 1846. This would have provided him with regular income from rents - a bit of small time property speculation designed to house agricultural labourers after the Napoleonic Wars.

Until 1815 in the fine books the property was described as 'one cottage with a garden thereto adjoining The Cormingers in the tithing of Meon Manor for a rent of 4d which came into the hands of the lord (sic William Eames) on the surrender of Robert Chase'.

It is possible that the name was attached to the houses at the time, though the ownership passed through the family and by the turn of the century they were owned by Joseph Eames.

In the next fine book entry of 1846 the phrase 'which premises now consists of five tenements' was added to the property description

The East Meon parish register reveals that William Eames was buried on 4th January 1845 aged 85 years.

Frogmore Tithe Apportionments



Tithe Apportionment entries

Lot number	Landlord	Tenant	Acreage	Tithe	Rent	Property	Description
970			2a 9p	2s 8d	13s 10d	Malsters Paddock	Arable
970a			3a 2r 22p	3s 8d	£1 4s 7d	Marchants do	do
974	Lillywhite, John	Himself	2r 19p	3s 9d		Part of Mill Mead	Pasture
975			1a 9d	7s 11d		Mill Mead	do
976			2s 4d	9s 3d		Frogmore Mill &c	
977			1r 12d	3s		Orchard	Orchard
997	Pink, George	Himself	1a 17p	1s 4d	9s 10d		Arable

998		Henry Etheridge & others				Cottages & Garden	
999		William Weeks Jr	1r 8p	1s 7d			
1000		William Kille	22p	7s		House &c	
1001	Atkins, Thomas	William Crockford & another	25p			Cottage & garden	
1002	Chase, Mrs Thomas	James Leach	8p			Cottage & garden	
1003	Atkins, John Nathaniel	John Appleton & others	32p			Cottage & garden	
1004	Weeks, James	Thomas Beames & Others	1r 10p			Cottages & Garden	
1005	Samuel Kille	Henry Pink & Others	26p			Cottage & Gardens	
1006	John Nathaniel Atkins	William Beames & Others	2r 12p			Cottages & Garden	
970			2a 9p	2s 8d	13s 10d	Malsters Paddock	Arable
970a			3a 2r 22p	3s 8d	£1 4s 7d	Marchants do	do

Frogmore in the 1851 Census (Pink family highlighted)

Frogmore	William	Silk	55	Ag Lab	East Meon	30
Hamptons	George	Pollard	36	Ag Lab	East Meon	30
Hamptons	William	Beams	63	Ag Lab	East Meon	31
Frogmore	William	Wilks	34	Ag Lab	East Meon	31
Frogmore	Henry	Pink	36	Ag Lab	East Meon	31
	Charlotte	Pink	32		East Meon	31
	Emma	Pink	6		East Meon	31
	Ellen	Pink	3		East Meon	31
	Henry	Pink	8mo		East Meon	31
Frogmore	James	Chives	47	Ag Lab	Preston Candover, Hants	31

Frogmore 1861 census

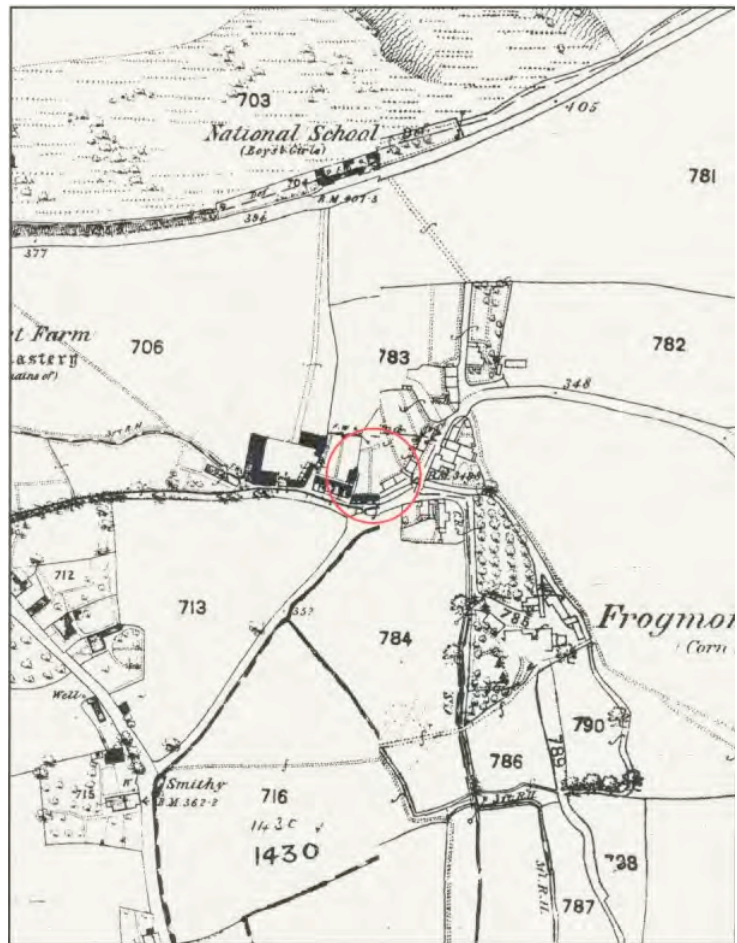
	Frogmore	Henry	Shayer	38	Ag Lab	East Meon	31
	Frogmore	William	Sitheridge	47	Ag Lab	East Meon	32
	Frogmore	William	Smith	25	Ag Lab	East Meon	32
	Frogmore	William	Leach	61	Ag Lab	Nether Avon, Wiltshire	32
	Frogmore	William	Brucknell	68	Pauper (Ag Lab)	East Tisted, Hants	33
	Frogmore	Thomas	Beams	31	Bricklayer's labourer	East Meon	33
	Frogmore	Jeremiah	Pollard	41	Ag Lab	East Meon	33
	Frogmore	Jonathan	Pink	82	Pauper (Ag Lab)	East Meon	33
		Lucy	Pink	78		East Meon	33
	Frogmore	John	Appleton	37	Ag Lab	Horndean, Hants	34
	Frogmore	James	Leach	21	Ag Lab	East Meon	34
	Frogmore	Ann	Merrett	41	Pauper (Ag Lab)	Clanfield, Hants	34
	One house uninhabited						35
	Hoghole Barn	William	Harris	58	Chair bottomer	Borham, Sussex	35
	Gaston Hovel	Abraham	Ayling	64	Travelling Tinker	Arundle, Sussex	35
	One house uninhabited						35

1871 Census

Frogmore	George	Pollard	54	Ag Lab	East Meon	3
Frogmore	William	Beams	83	Ag Lab	East Meon	3
Frogmore	George	Rustell	76	Ag Lab	East Meon	4
Frogmore	Robert	Adams	42	Ag Lab	Halsholm in the Willow, Suffolk	4
Frogmore	Maria	Read	34		East Meon	4
Frogmore	Henry	Merritt	23	Ag Lab	East Meon	4
Frogmore	Thomas	Leach	38	Ag Lab	East Meon	4
Frogmore	William	Leach	77	Ag Lab	Netheravon, Wilts	4
Frogmore	George	Blackman	39	Ag Lab	East Meon	5
Frogmore	George C	Newton	23	Ag Lab	Petersfield, Hants	5
Frogmore	Albert	Merritt	23	Farm Labour	East Meon	5
Frogmore	Henry	Merritt	33	Ag Lab	Clanfield, Hants	5
Frogmore	Edward	Russell	60	Farm Labour	East Meon	6
Frogmore	Jane	White	59		East Meon	6
Frogmore	Mary	Eldridge	67		East Meon	6
Frogmore	Stephen	Silk	33	Ag Lab	East Meon	6
Frogmore	Mary	Richardson	29	Laundress	East Meon	6
Frogmore	Sarah	Merritt	58	Nurse	Chalton, Hants	7
Frogmore	George	Cooper	43	Farm Labour	East Meon	7

Ordnance Survey Map 1869

This is the earliest Ordnance Survey map. It shows substantially the same layout as the Tithe Apportionment map 17 years earlier.



Frogmore buildings listed in Hampshire Treasures

Building C.18 Mill House, Frogmore. 2 storeys. Brick structure covered with scribed and colour- washed plaster. Rear of property constructed of flint and brick. Windows have plaster mullioned surround. Sash windows. Regency porch. At boundary of garden to south there is a cast iron railing and a gate, both of regency period.

Cottage C.17 Mill Cottage, Frogmore. 2 storeys. Timber- framed with brick infill. Tiled roof with four dormers. Hipped gable end to road. Recent porches. Sash windows on ground floor, casements above.

Cottage C.18 Bridge Cottage, Frogmore. Coloured-washed brick structure. Thatched roof with barn ends. Central chimney. Casement windows

Cottages (2) C.18/19 Bottle Ale Cottages, Frogmore. Flint with brick dressings. Middle section projects, thatched roof. Casement windows, some with leaded panes. New verandah, and brick southern elevation.

The tithe apportionments for 1852/53, supplied by the History Group, show that George Pink owned land and property in East Meon and Frogmore, including the substantial house in which he lived, now known as “Brooklyn”, next to Glenthorne House on the High Street.



Bridge Cottage, probably known in the 19th century as Bridge House



Bottle Ale Cottages, probably then a single dwelling, Bottle Ale House

The tithe apportionments show that George Pink let a cottage in Frogmore to William Weeks Jr, who was an executor of William Pink’s will in 1813, and that he let Bridge House in Frogmore to William Kille. The tithe apportionments also list Samuel Kille as letting a cottage to “Henry Pink and others”.

There were other Pinks of East Meon, such as Richard Pink the miller, Robert Pink from the Isle of Wight, or Henry Pink and his family in Frogmore

Questions

Why are Bottle Cottages called that?

Between 1005 & 1006 (between Eames Cottages and the Allotments are farm buildings which are listed as Tithe Free were part of the Court Farm property. Henry Pink occupied what look like substantial buildings at 1005 (described as cottages) and owned the field behind – was he a farmer and/or did he employ people in the hamlet? And why/when was the house/cottages demolished?

Why/when was the house next to Mill Cottage demolished?