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**Grange House built by Peter and Leah Clapcott in the 18th Century.**

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Mrs Lily Bugler with 4 of her 5 Children in 1908 in the doorway of Grange House



The House where the Clapcotts lived is now called "Grange" and the area of garden surrounding it has a number of houses.



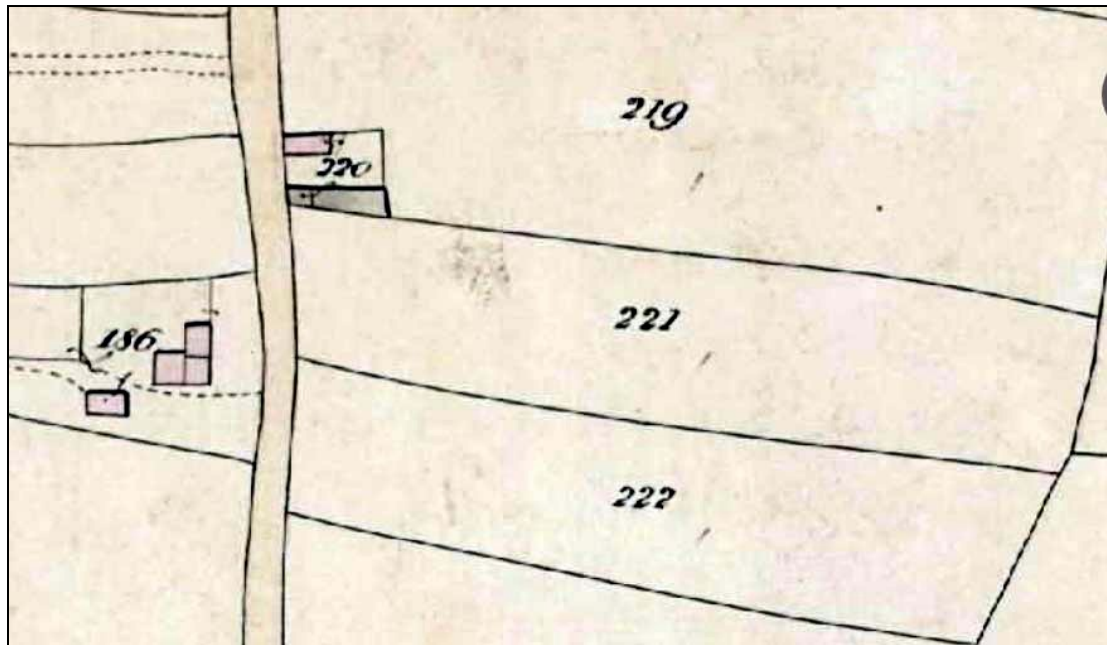
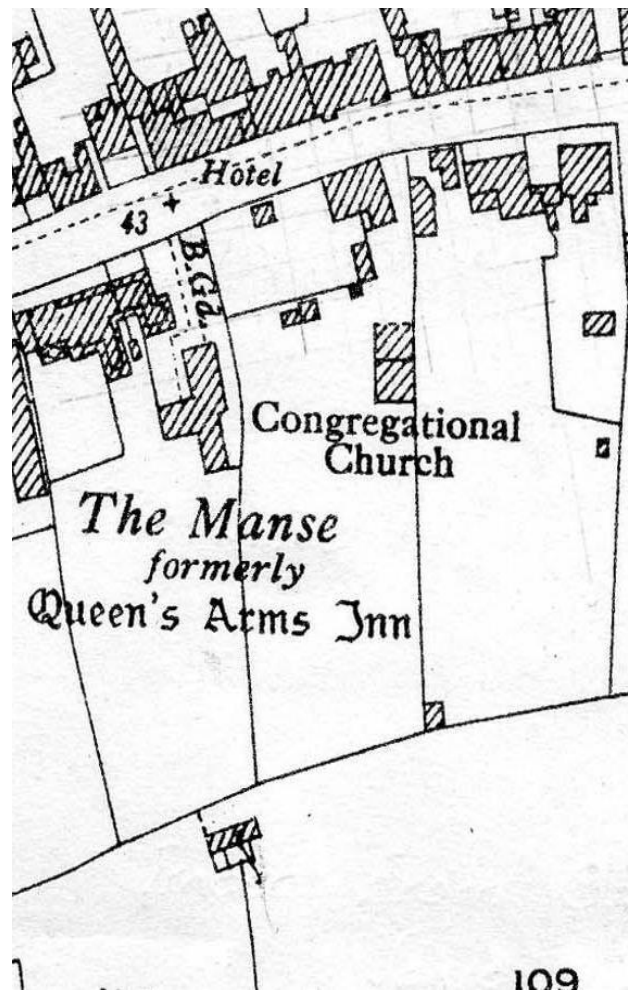
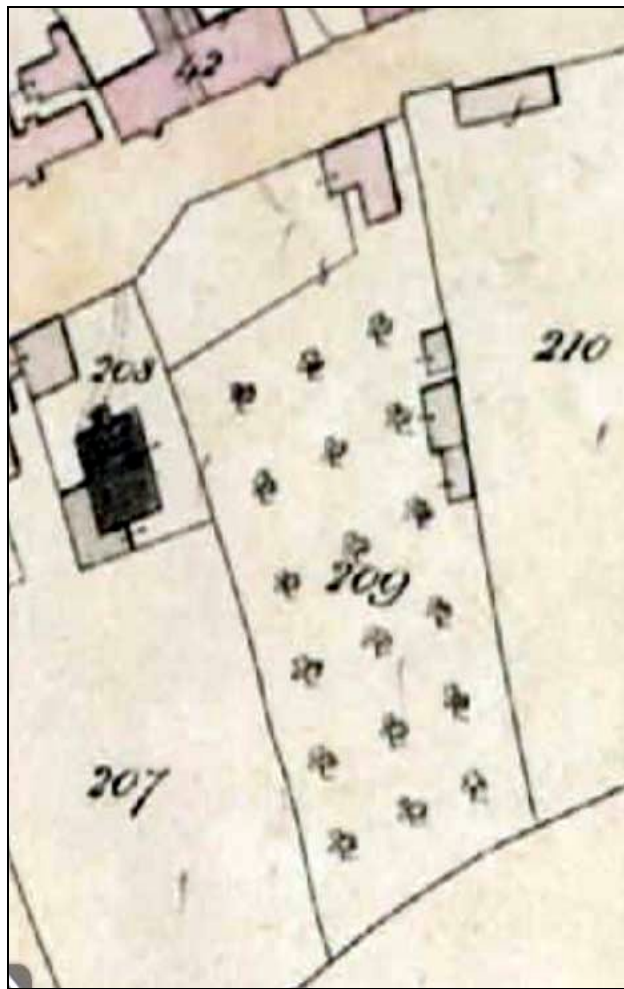
Large Table Tomb.  
North Side This Tomb is erected to the memory of/PETER CLAPCOTT/who departed this life the 22 day of June 1813/aged 84 years. East Side No Inscription.  
South Side (In) memory of LEAH the wife of PETER CLAPCOTT/who died January xx xxxx/aged xx. West Side No Inscription.



Samuel Bartlett Jerrard (1787-1847), husband of Polly, daughter of Peter and Leah Clapcott

In the name of God Amen I Peter Clapcott of Charnmouth  
in the County of Dorset Gentleman do make this my last Will and Testament -  
in manner and form following (that is to say) I give and devise unto the  
Reverend Brian Combe of Charnmouth aforesaid his heirs and assigns All that  
my messuage or dwelling house situate in Charnmouth aforesaid, wherein I now  
dwell together with the garden orchard and appurtenances thereto adjoining  
and belonging and also all that close of meadow ground situate in the lane  
1 leading to the sea from the village of Charnmouth and commonly called or known  
by the name of Goldings Common otherwise Clapcotts Common, and now in the  
occupation of William Edwards Butcher as tenant thereof together with the appur-  
tenances to the same belonging To hold unto the s<sup>d</sup> Brian Combe his heirs and  
assigns for ever Upon trust nevertheless to permit and suffer my wife Leah  
Clapcott to dwell in the s<sup>d</sup> House and occupy the said lands and premises or  
2 otherwise to receive and enjoy the rents and profits thereof during the term of  
her natural life, And from and after her decease then to set and let the whole  
of the said premises and receive the rents of the same and pay the same rents into  
the proper hands of my daughter Polly the wife of Samuel Bartlett Gerrard  
or to such other person or persons as she shall by writing under her hand direct  
or appoint, and my will is that the receipts of my said daughter or of such other  
person or persons as aforesaid shall alone be good and effectual discharges to my  
said trustee, in order that the premises may not be liable or subject to the debts  
or contract of her present or my future husband, and from and after the decease  
of my said daughter Polly, to the use of John Clapcott Gerrard ~~son~~ of the  
said Polly Gerrard and the heirs of his body, and for default of such issue  
then to the use and behoof of Samuel Gerrard another son of my said daughter  
4 Polly his heirs and assigns for ever, and to for and upon no other use trust  
intent or purpose whatsoever. And as to for and concerning all and singular  
my household goods and implements of household plate linen china monies and  
securities for money and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever  
and wheresoever, and of what nature kind or description the same may be  
I give and bequeath the same unto my said wife Leah Clapcott her executors  
administrators and assigns, for her own use and benefit. And my request is  
5 that as soon as conveniently may be after my decease a decent tomb be erected  
over my grave to my memory. And I do hereby appoint my said wife  
whole and sole executrix of my said will, and hereby revoking all other  
wills

Peter Clapcott





Grange House can be seen on the left in this photograph from 1888



George Bugler lived at Grange House at the bottom of the Street with his six children, and is here shown with his workmen and friends with his traction engine at work in the neighbouring fields of Charmouth. He kept the engine behind The Grange where the old Fire Station is now. The engine would have been a familiar sight with a man in front carrying a red flag. If you look carefully you will see Samuel Hansford's wife and three of their children on the left. Reg. Pavey supplied a key to who is shown from left to right as follows: Joan Hansford, Mrs. Hansford, Mabel Hansford, Barnard Hansford, Nurse Rose, W. Parsons, David Hansford, George Bugler, Simeon Powell, Simeon Rowe.



Francis and Mable Bugler in the garden of Grange House in 1912.



Area behind the House, which was originally a garden, now has a number of houses built on it.



The acre of land in Lower Sea Lane now has a lane of houses built along it.

Peter Clapcott of [the] Parish		and Leah Goring - - - of [the]	
same		were	
Married in this [Church] by [Licent]		in the Year One Thousand <del>one</del> Hundred	
this <del>fourteenth</del> Day of March		and sixth nine	
by me		Henry Massey [Rector]	
This Marriage was		solemnized between Us	
In the		Presence of	
Mary Jymes		William Smith	

Marriage License for Peter Clapcott and Leah Goring in 1769

1773	Baptized	(66)	June
June 27	Susanna D. of Benj: & Mary Sandford		
July 4	James S. of Jm <sup>s</sup> & Ann Kelech		
	Sarah D. of Job & Sarah Hounsell		
14	Susanna D. of Tho: <sup>s</sup> & Mary Patch		
	Elizabeth D. of Peter & Leah Clapcot		

Elizabeth baptised at Bridport to Peter & Leah Clapcott in 1773

In the Name of God Amen William Clapcott of Bridport in the County of Dorset Gentleman being in good Health of Body and of sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding prais'd be God for the same do now make my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following (that is to say) First in case I dye before my new beloved Wife Mary Clapcott my Mind and Will is and I hereby request my son John Clapcott or any one of my next in Title to my Estate which I now possess situate in Devon in the said County of Dorset to pay her there out the Clear yearly Rent or Annuity of Twenty pounds by half yearly Payments for and during the term of her Natural Life And from and immediately after her Decease I likewise request my said Son John or those next in Title to the Devon Estate aforesaid to pay him such yearly Annuity of Twenty pounds to my said Son John Clapcott for and during the term of his Natural Life by such half yearly Payments as aforesaid And Whereas I apprehend and have been credibly informed I am indebted to a Mortgage or Encumbrance in Devon in the County of Dorset late in the Occupation of Thomas Venes a former Brewer there Deceased on the Death of my Sister Sarah Clapcott now my Widow and Will is And I hereby give one Moiety or half part thereof to my son Robert Clapcott to my son Robert Clapcott for and during the term of his Natural Life And from and immediately after his Decease then I give the said Moiety or half part thereof unto Stephen Robinson of Bridport aforesaid Gentleman and his Heirs Executors Trustees and assigns for my Grandson Robert Clapcott until he arrives at the Age of one and twenty years And I request the aforesaid Stephen Robinson to take care of him and see him maintained and Educated in Case his Father should depart this Life in his Minority And when he arrives at the Age of one and twenty years as aforesaid then I give the said Moiety or half part thereof unto my said Grandson Robert Clapcott and to his Heirs and assigns for ever I also give and Bequeath all that Mortgage or Encumbrance and Premiums with the Appurtenances which I lately Purchas'd of Dutebella Kent and others and lying and being in the South street of Bridport aforesaid and next door to that Inn called the Blackgrayhound there and now in the Occupation of the Wife of John Jacobs of Bridport Mariner unto my said son Peter Clapcott To hold the said Mortgage or Encumbrance and Premiums with the Appurtenances unto my said son John Clapcott his Heirs and assigns for ever And Lastly I hereby firm make constitute and appoint my said son Peter Clapcott to be my ordinary Legatee of all my Goods and Chattels of what nature or kind soever whomeof I dye possessed of and also Executor of this my last Will and Testament And do hereby declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Eighth day of December one thousand seven hundred and fifty five

Will of William, (father of Peter Clapcott) who died in Bridport in 1761



*CHARMOUTH, DORSET.*

**TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT,**

**A**LL that DWELLING-HOUSE, most pleasantly situated at the western end of the much admired village of *Charmouth* aforesaid, in the occupation of Mr. Garrard, together with the Courtlage, Stable, Outbuildings, and very productive Garden thereto adjoining, and containing by estimation 1 acre.

The Premises are held for the residue of a term of one thousand years, and stand on a dry and most salubrious situation, about five minutes' walk from the sea, and form a very desirable residence for a small genteel family, consisting of two parlours, kitchen, scullery, five bed-rooms, &c.

Mail and other Coaches pass daily through *Charmouth*, which is distant five miles from Axminster, six from Bridport, and about one mile from Lyme.

For viewing the Premises, apply at the House; and for further particulars, to Mr. MALLOCK, Attorney, Axminster, Devon; who has several SUMS of MONEY to ADVANCE, on Mortgage of Freehold Lands.

*Dated 10th November, 1834.* [One concern.]

Grange House was placed up for sale in 1834 by Mr. Garrard

[Vol 3 p35] (1685) Dated 27 November Collins 519/151

**Clapcott v Roberts**

Sarah Clapcott of Winterborne Steepleton spinster, daughter of Sarah Clapcott of the same widow, who owned lands & at fee simple in Winterborne Steepleton & Winterborne Abbas, sues her sisters & their husbands in connection with her share of her mother's estate. The mother's will dated 1682 is copied in full & mentions the following relations of testatrix viz : her daughters Sarah, Alice, Barbara, Ann, Mary Roberts & Honour Ellesdon of Lyme; her grandchildren Sarah Roberts of Winterborne Abbas & Henry & William Ellesdon of Lyme.

Honour CLAPCOTT, d. Between 4 Nov 1724 and 20 Aug 1725. Married, Est 1680. Some Chancery Court docs (not yet seen) refer to John *Ellesdon* and his wife Honour, and the dates are appropriate for this John and his wife. A widow Honour of *Lydd* left a will (1725), mentioning sons Thomas and Anthony ..

C 8/112/83

Short title: Hallett v Ellesdon.

Plaintiffs: Hugh Hallett.

**Description:** Defendants: Anthony Ellesdon.

Subject: money, Dorset.

Document type: bill and plea

**Date:** 1652

C 8/506/5

Short title: Clapcott v Roberts.

Plaintiffs: Sarah Clapcott.

**Description:** Defendants: Robert Roberts and Mary Roberts his wife, Hannah Clapcott, Barbara Clapcott, Alice Clapcott, John Ellesdon and Honor Ellesdon his wife.

Subject: personal estate of Sarah Clapcott, Steepleton, Dorset.

Document type: answer only.

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**Date:** 1685