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At the top of The Street opposite Charmouth House at the junction of Higher Sea Lane is a terrace of houses with a number of doors and windows. It is the first of these which is now called Garden Cottage and 1 and 2 Portland House that I wish to cover in this article. If you could go back in time this would have been one large thatched cottage which had been a village shop for over a hundred years. As with many properties on the north side of the street the plot of land which it stood on would have been one of the half acre burgages created between 1290 and 1297 when the Abbot of Forde at that time created a Borough here. The original stone wall still stands along the northern boundary along much of the length. The plot on which Portland House is today has been subdivided over the years and would have no doubt included the land on which the adjoining Saybrook, Berwick and Bayville Cottages now stand on. The owners of the next property above now known as Granville House have a set of deeds going back to the 17th century. A later deed of 1732 describes the house bounded to the north by lands belonging to Anthony Ellesdon, Lord of the manor who died in that year, and a cottage to the west occupied by Mary New and one to the east by Benjamin Paine. Another indenture dated 1814 again describes the boundaries as lands to the north formerly belonging to Benedicta Durston and afterwards of George Webber being a field called "Little Grange" whereon buildings were some time erected. It goes on to record a dwelling house of Benjamin Paine, deceased and afterwards of William Hudd on the east. Granville House was at that time occupied by Benjamin Diment and John Hunter, his tenant. I found this information very important in tracing back the history of both Bayville cottage and Portland house as by checking the Poor Rates and Land Tax lists which are virtually complete for Charmouth from 1780 until 1832.

Again, I was very fortunate to meet the present owners of Garden Cottage, David & Sheena Mandy, who are the proud possessors of the title deeds that go back to a large indenture in 1836. This was a revelation as within it was the following: "All that messuage dwelling or tenement with the orchard and garden thereunto belonging opposite to a dwelling house or Inn called the Fountain Inn formerly in the possession of John Anning". The record had to be before 1811 when Thomas Gordon

bought the Inn and closed it soon after. It would appear that John Anning was living in Charmouth when he married local girl, Sarah Samson in 1746. An earlier Quarter session describes him as a yeoman in 1741 and as Apprenticing Benjamin Pope in 1758. He was shown to have been a Carpenter and may well with his skills built the original house in the mid 18th century. He died in 1770 and was buried in Charmouth Church. This would be about the time George Webber bought the property that was to be Portland House as he later appeared in the 1780 Land tax List as its owner. The rest of their Deeds helped fill in many of the gaps that eluded me as I only had limited information to go on before 1841 Census and Tithe Map. Both of these are invaluable as you can pinpoint with a degree of accuracy where villagers lived in that year. With censuses appearing every 10 years you get a snapshot which brings you up to 1911 when the last one was made available to the public.

In the case of Portland House the 1841 Tithe Map reveals that it was number 71 and was owned by Sarah Knight and rented by Joseph Cozens. The plot of land behind it contained 22 perches and was bounded by the Monastic Wall. Sarah Knight also owned tithe numbers 76 (house, yard and gardens she rented to Joseph Dirk -18 perches) 77 (a field just over 1/2 acre rented by John Dirk again) and 153 (a house yard and field which was rented by Thomas Gordon) who lived in Charmouth House. She would have been 65 in that year living in a fine house on the Street in Chideock, with three of her six children. It was her late husband Robert who had inherited the properties on the death of George Webber's wife, Sarah in 1816. The Webber's were to have no children and George stipulated in his Will that his estate was to go to Robert Knight on the death of his wife. The family tree for the Knights/Webbers show that the two wives were related. Sarah Knight and her children were to derive an income from Portland House until its sale in 1881.

George Webber would have no doubt lived in Portland House with his wife after the death of John Anning in 1770. He also owned a house and field known as "Little Grange", where Askew House stands and had a long lease on a field at the junction of Higher Sea Lane and the Street where "Knapp cottages" and the Council houses now stand. He operated a Sail Cloth Manufactory from here and would have employed a number of villagers. Flax was grown on fields around which was the staple that he would have used. There was a boom at the end of the 18th century for sail cloth as a result of the wars with America and France and it was centred on Bridport and the surrounding villages. He was born in Charmouth in 1742 and married Hope Palmer in 1772. She was sadly to die young in 1798 and he later remarried Sarah. Both Little Grange and Portland House were originally owned by the Lords of the Manor which was initially Forde Abbey until 1539 and the dissolution. The Webber's had long lived in the village and a Poor Rates list for 1754 has Anthony Edwards Leasing a house described as "Webber's". In 1783 Richard Phipps Henvill commissioned a detailed map of the village by Upjohn of Shaftesbury. Unfortunately, the map has been lost, but the accompanying record book was copied by the famous historian George Pavey and from it we can see that George had a house and orchard with an area of 33 roods in that year and was to increase his holdings by the time of his death in 1810.

On the death of his wife, Sarah six years later the estate passed to his wife's brother in law - Robert Knight who ensured they had a fine stone tomb which still can be seen at the side of St. Andrews church today. He was to rent the various properties and the records of these can be seen in the Land Tax and Poor Rates list. A census carried out of the village in 1813 census shows Mrs. Harriet Edmonds was living there with her two daughters. Another record of a tenant is that to James and Mary Collier whose fine marble memorial can be seen today inside St. Andrews. They were there from 1819 until 1823, when sadly his wife died. It was to be in that year that the building was to be transformed into a shop, when Joseph Cozens, aged just 22 took on the lease. The family had been long established in the village and he was born here and married a local girl, Mary and bring up five children. On the opposite side of the Street was a large farm stretching almost to the beach and as far as Old Lyme Hill called Foxley, which he was also farming when he took on the shop. Records of the time show it to be a Grocers and Drapers. It is astonishing to think that in Pigot's Directory of 1830 there is an advert for a similar shop run by Lydia Bradbeer, which is of course is still operating as Nisa, two centuries on. In the 1841 census he is described as a farmer aged 40 married to Mary with 5 children living in Portland House. He appears regularly on the Jury Lists as a Grocer and a Directory for 1844 describes him as a "Grocer and Tea Dealer". This is the year when he decides to sell the business and fortunately the advert has survived and gives us valuable information about the property. It reads as follows:

To be disposed of in Charmouth, Dorset. A delightful Watering place on the high road from London to Exeter. An Old Established Shop with the business of a Linen Draper and Grocer, connected with a Lodging House, which has a separate entrance, and consists of a Dining and Drawing rooms, a 5 bed rooms, and good Kitchen. A walled Garden adjoins the House. To young beginners this affords a valuable opportunity, as the coming in will be made easy. The purchaser is to take the Shop Goods and Fixtures at a fair valuation. Immediate possession if required. Apply to J. Cozens, Charmouth. 1844 April 6th Taunton Courier.

Edward Lamb answers the advert and takes on the business as both Grocer and Draper. The 1851 census shows him, aged 51, living in the house with his wife Sarah aged 50 and his sister in law Caroline Payne aged 45 who is a shop assistant. An Advert was published in the "Beauties of Lyme Regis and Charmouth" in 1856 which describes him as a Draper, Grocer, and Lodging House Keeper". He was no doubt making good use of the 5 bedrooms that went with the property. Sadly the 1861 Census reveals he is now a Widower living with his sister in law. His own death was to come just four years later, and the business was once more up for sale. We do have an amazing record of Edward that has come down to us in a rare photograph taken of him standing outside his shop before 1865. We can date it from the fact that the earlier building where the Court stands today can be seen lower down the Street and this was demolished in that year.

It is John Stevens aged just 26 from Beaminster who next takes on running the business and again we have a record of how

his shop looked as I recently purchased a beautiful watercolour of the village with his shop at the top which is seen here. His name is emblazoned above the front and no doubt the wagon is delivering supplies to him. The 1871 Census has him and his wife, Elizabeth living with three step children in Portland House. An advert from the time has him running a “Family Boarding and Lodging House, replete with every comfort” from the premises. His was not to be a happy life there for he was to die soon after and leave us this sad epitaph.

As to my worldly goods, I have in store
I leave all to my dear Wife hers for evermore
I freely give, I no limits fix
This is my will & she my Executrix
John Stevens June 7 1878

An Advert appears soon after *“For sale Mahogany atop a counter, Grocers Coffee Mill, set of drawers, will suit a grocers Apply Portland House, Charmouth”*.

Without seeing the Deeds, I would have missed out completely the emergence of George Mortimer’s part in the story of the house. It would appear that he took on the lease of the shop soon after the death of John Stevens. He had already purchased the freehold of its competition – Charmouth Stores (now Nisa) in 1876 and for awhile ran both enterprises. His opportunity arose in 1881 to buy the freehold of Portland House from the Knights. On the death of Sarah Knight in 1851, aged 75, it had been inherited by her son, Matthew who continued to live in their house in Chideock. He died in 1881 and left it to his brother, Edward, who soon after placed it for sale when it was bought by Mortimer for £420. He was there only briefly and sold it to Thomas Tarr for £450, making a small profit and moved from the district to Earls Court in London where he set up a larger Grocery Store.

Thomas Tarr was living in Melbourne House at the time, which is on the opposite side. He had been Valet to Squire Gordon of Middleton Court, Somerset and was afterwards in service with his nieces, Misses Short who inherited Charmouth House. He bought Portland House with the intention of retiring there and employing his two unmarried daughters in the shop as Dress makers. The 1881 Census records that he was aged 66 and living there with his wife, Ann aged 64 and daughters Elizabeth, aged 29 and Jane aged 27. Twenty years later Elizabeth is now living with Miss Alice Enoch, aged 24 an assistant school mistress. We are very lucky as we can see how they looked as a photograph of their time there has come down to us with them standing proudly outside Portland House. You will also see that the Shop front had been reduced by then, no doubt to add a further door to allow access to the back. When her younger sister died Miss Elizabeth Tarr changed the business to Newsagents and Fancy Toy shop. Elizabeth was to spend over 60 years at Portland House and Reginald Pavey mentions that after her death in 1939 he had the job of sorting it out and found stacks of old newspapers piled high there which were never returned.

I always find it difficult to record the more recent history of a building as the people who occupy them are more mobile nowadays and the only way of finding out is through the Electoral Rolls which are very difficult to access. Fortunately, this was not the case with Portland House as David & Sheena Mandy had an almost complete record up until they purchased it in 1982. From these I have been able to bring the story of the house almost up to date.

After Elizabeth Tarr died in 1939, aged 89, in Charmouth, it was the famous historian Reginald Pavey who was the trustee of her estate and sold it to a local builder, Charlie How. He paid £775 for the freehold and a portion of this went to the bank as Elizabeth had a large mortgage on it. The original plans that he submitted to the council have survived and reveal a number of alterations and additions to the house. The most prominent was the reduction of the shop front to incorporate a door to Garden Cottage. He and his wife lived in the Chalet in Lower Sea Lane and rented out the house. He leaves the building to his daughter, Joyce Pincot, who is described as a hairdresser living there. She is divorced and in 1951 remarries Samuel Symes, a farmer from Whitchurch. Soon after the house is put up for sale and bought by Marjorie Denton, Phyllis Sheldon and Claudia Sheldon from Warrington who pay £3500 for it. Tragically Claudia Sheldon, aged 70, is killed when a run away Lorry crushes her in Lyme Regis. No doubt as a result of their loss the others place the building once more up for sale. Andrew and Christine Askwith were to pay £5300 for it and open a highly original shop in the premises selling stock which they had amassed on their annual trips to the continent it was to be called “Mediterranea” and their annual adverts in the village guide explains what they were able to offer as follows:

*“Visit the Mediterranean in Dorset Mediterranean Charmouth Telephone 507. On the hill in Charmouth (A35 road)
Good Parking 50 yards down Higher Sea Lane - opposite Shop.*

Mediterranea specialises in colourful and unusual Mediterranean wear and wares including clothes, hats, leather work, furniture, furnishings, basketry, wrought iron, rugs, pottery, glass, jewellery, musical toys - from all around the Mediterranean, including Greece, Italy, Malta, Morocco and Spain. For the benefit of country lovers and visitors. Mediterranean also include on their premises a country ways display with information, maps, brochures, etc, of Local Walks, Golden Cap Estate, National Trust properties, Country Interests”.

Unfortunately, Andrew was to die in 1968 and Christine carried on for a while before selling it four years later to Walter & Florence Faima who were to pay £14,000 for it. They let the shop as a Hairdressers called “Suzannes” and had two holiday

flats within it.

Finally, in 1982 David & Sheena Mandy buy Portland House and in 1996 sell the two flats off and continue to live in Garden Cottage at the rear of the property.

I wish to thank David and Sheena Mandy and Peter Crowter who live in the house today for their invaluable assistance in supplying information about their house.

Year	Owner	Occupier	Information
1741	John Anning	John Anning	Described as a Carpenter living in Charmouth
1746	John Anning	John Anning	He marries Sarah Sansom in Charmouth
1754	John Anning	John Anning	His name apperas on Porr Rates List for village owning a house.
1770	John Anning	John Anning	John Anning dies
1772	George Webber	George Webber	George marries Hope palmer in Charmouth
1783	George Webber	George Webber	House and Orchard area - 33perches
1784	George Webber	George Webber	traits 5-0 house 1-7
1787	George Webber	George Webber	Self 6-7
1788	George Webber	George Webber	Self and guppy 7-6
1793	George Webber	George Webber	Self 7-6
1795	George Webber	George Webber	For his home lands 7/6 For Little Grange Mead 3/8
1798	George Webber	George Webber	Land Tax Part of Sea lands(9/2d) Home Lands (7/6d) Little Grange (3/8d)
1808	George Webber	George Webber	house now 9/6
1810	George Webber	George Webber	George dies
1811	Mrs Sarah Webber	Mrs Sarah Webber	George Webber 9/6 James Powell Little Grange 3/8
1811	Mrs Sarah Webber	Mrs Sarah Webber	James Powell renting (1/6d)
1813	Mrs Sarah Webber	Mrs Sarah Webber	Mrs Webber house 9/6James Powell - Little Grange 3/8
1813	Robert Knight	Richard Clemoes	Clemoes House and garden (4) Powell (House and field (3 1/2d)
1813	Robert Knight	Harriet Edmonds	1813 census shows Mrs. Harriet Edmonds living there with her two daughters.
1818	Robert Knight	Harriet Edmonds	Powell (3/6d) late Edmonds (4/3d)
1819	Robert Knight	James and Maryanne Collier	mr Knight Collier house 9/6Powell - Little Grange 3/8;
1819	Robert Knight	James and Maryanne Collier	Powell (3/6d) Collier (4/3d)
1823	Robert Knight	James and Maryanne Collier	Daniel Osmond (5 1/2d)Powell (3/6d) Collier (4/3d). Daniel is a school teacher.
1823	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	Joseph Cozens rents house and in this year part of ground floor turned into a shop
1824	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	Joseph Cozens paying 4d poor rates for a house and garden from Robert Knight.
1827	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	Joseph Cozens shown on Jury list
1828	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	Osmond Little Grange House (5 1/2d) Dunn 2 houses (3/6d) CozensHouse (1/0)
1830	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	He is shown as a Grocer and Tea Dealer in Pigots Directory
1831	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	William Smith and Joseph Cozens House and field(5 1/2d) Norman and James - 2 houses (3/6d) CozensHouse (1/0)Thomas Gordon stables (3 1/2d)
1835	Robert Knight	Joseph Cozens	Robert dies at his house in Chideock aged 77
1838	Sarah Knight	Joseph Cozens	shown as a Grocer on Jury List

1841	Sarah Knight	Joseph Cozens	Census described as a farmer aged 40 married to Mary with 5 children
1841	Sarah Knight	Joseph Cozens	Tithe Map shows him renting Foxley Farm from George Darby on the other side of the street
1844	Sarah Knight	Joseph Cozens	Grocer and Tea Dealer in Pigots Directory
1844	Sarah Knight	Joseph Cozens	Joseph puts it up for sale and moves to Finsbury London where he is a Porter
1845	Sarah Knight	Edward Lamb	Jury List as Grocer and Draper.
1847	Sarah Knight	Edward Lamb	renting from Mrs Knight
1851	Sarah Knight	Edward Lamb	census aged 51 wife is sarah aged 50 caroline Payne is sister-in law aged 45 assistant.
1852	Matthew Knight	Edward Lamb	Sarah Knight dies, aged 75 buried with her husband at Symonds bury.
1865	Matthew Knight	Edward Lamb	Edward Dies aged 60
1865	Matthew Knight	John Stevens	John Stevens leases shop
1871	Matthew Knight	John Stevens	1871 Census john Stevens aged 31 Grocer and wine merchant born in Beaminster
1878	Matthew Knight	John Stevens	He dies in this year
1879	Matthew Knight	George Mortimer	George rents shop
1880	Matthew Knight	George Mortimer	George rents shop
1881	Edward Knight	George Mortimer	George rents shop
1881	George Mortimer	George Mortimer	George buys Portland House for £420
1882	George Mortimer	Hayward/Potter	George rents out the shop to Hayward and Potter.
1883	George Mortimer	Hayward/Potter	George Mortimer sells shop to Tarr for £450
1883	Thomas Farr	Elizabeth & Jane Tarr	census Thomas Tarr head aged 66 retired born in Upton Somerset
1883	Thomas Farr	Elizabeth & Jane Tarr	Fire broke out 24th March
1891	Thomas Farr	Elizabeth & Jane Tarr	Census described as living on own means aged 76
1896	Thomas Farr	Elizabeth & Jane Tarr	Jane dies
1897	Thomas Farr	Elizabeth Tarr	Thomas dies
1901	Elizabeth Farr	Elizabeth Tarr	census Elizabeth Tarr aged 49 Alice Enoch 24, Elizabeth Smith
1939	Elizabeth Farr	Elizabeth Tarr	she dies in this year
1939	Reginald Pavey	Charlie How	Reginald Pavey, who is a trustee to Miss Tarr sells Portland House to Charlie How
1939	Charlie How	Charlie How	He pays £775 for Portland House, but Miss Tarr had a large mortgage on it.
1939	Charlie How	Charlie How	Charlie How submits detailed plans for changes in Portland House inside and out.
1948	Charlie How	Joyce Pincott	Charlie How dies and leaves Portland House to Joyce Daphne Pinchot , his daughter
1948	Joyce Daphne Pincot	Joyce Pincott	Joyce was a hairdresser at Portland House
1951	Joyce Daphne Pincot	Joyce Pincott	Joyce was a hairdresser at Portland House and remarried Samuel Symes in this year
1952	Joyce Daphne Symes	Joyce Symes	Marjorie Denton & Phyllis Sheldon and Claudia Sheldon pay £3500 for Portland House
1956	Denton & Sheldons	Denton & Sheldons	Marjorie Denton & Phyllis Sheldon and Claudia Sheldon
1956	Denton & Sheldons	Denton & Sheldons	Marjorie Denton & Phyllis Sheldon and Claudia Sheldon

1960	Denton & Sheldons	Denton & Sheldons	Claudia Sheldon dies in lorry crash at Lyme Regis
1961	Marjorie Denton & Phyllis Sheldon	Askwith's Mediterranea	Askwiths buy Portland House for £5,300 and open Mediterranea
1962	Andrew and Christine Askwith	Askwith's Mediterranea	Mediterranea
1968	Christine Askwith	Christine Askwith - Mediterranea	Andrew Askwith dies.
1972	Christine Askwith	Christine Askwith - Mediterranea	Walter & Florence Faima pay £14,000
1976	Walter & Florence Faima	Susannes hairdresser and flats	Lock up shop hairdressers and living and holiday lets
1979	Walter & Florence Faima	Susannes hairdresser and flats	Lock up shop hairdressers and living and holiday lets
1982	David & Sheena Mandy	David & Sheena Mandy	David & Sheena Mandy buy Portland House
1996	David & Sheena Mandy		House divided into two flats
2019			Portland House now divided into 1, 2 and Garden Cottage

Appeared in Court Anthony Edwards of Charmouth Carver. Ind. Writ. 1741
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 John Anning of Charmouth Carpenter. . . The same

1741

Thomas 1746
 John Anning and Sarah Sanson were married May 4th 1746.
 All full records were married Aug. 2nd 1746.

1746 John Anning marries Sarah Sanson in Charmouth

The Occupiers of Groves
 John Anning 12 20 0 0 1 4
 Elizabeth Mabbott 12 20 0 0 0 0

1754 Poor Rates List showing John Anning paying ½ d for his house.

1758
 1. John Anning of Charmouth Carpenter
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 9. John Anning of Charmouth Carpenter
 10. John Anning of Charmouth Carpenter

1758 Apprentice Book has John Anning of Charmouth as a Carpenter.

procept. de. nona. Ordo. d.
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 On Distringas John Anning of Charmouth Yeoman present in 1764
 (after Earl 1764) in
 view of Lord Burghead

In 1764 the Quarter session book shows John Anning of Charmouth as a Yeoman as a witness.

Betty Owen 1770.
 Jacob Kiff was buried January 5th
 Jacob Kiff was buried March 1st
 John Anning was buried March 2nd
 Elizabeth Anning was buried April 3rd

1770 Parish Records show John Anning buried in 1770. Mary Anning in 1735 and Sarah Anning in 1744.

All that messuage dwelling or tenement with the orchard and garden thereunto belonging opposite to a dwelling house or Inn called the Fountain Inn and formerly in the possession of John Anning to hold

A Deed of 1836 records that the earlier building had been owned by John Anning and that it was opposite The Fountain Inn. The abstract is as follows: "All that messuage dwelling or tenement with the orchard and garden thereunto belonging opposite to a dwelling house or Inn called the Fountain Inn formerly in the possession of John Anning". The record has to be before 1811 when Thomas Gordon bought the Inn and closed the Inn. Various information relating to John Anning is listed here. It would appear that he was living in Charmouth when he married local girl Sarah Samson in 1746. An earlier Quarter session describes him as a yeoman in 1741 and as Apprenticing Benjamin Pope in 1758. He is shown to have been a Carpenter and may well with his skills built the original house in the mid 18th century. He was to die in 1770 and be buried in Charmouth Church. This would be about the time George Webber bought the property that was to be Portland House as he later appears in the 1780 Poor Rates List as the owner.

Eight hundred and nine Between George Webber late of Charmouth in the County of Dorset Sailcloth Maker but now of Chideock in the same County Gentleman of the one part and John Symes of Bridport in the said County of Dorset Gentleman of the other part Witnesseth that the said George doth in consideration of the sum of five shillings of lawful British Money to him in hand paid by the said John Symes the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Grant Bargain and sold And by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John Symes All that Close of Meadow or Pasture commonly called or known by the name of Grange Close containing by Estimation one Acre (more or less) Situate lying and being in the Parish of Charmouth aforesaid heretofore in the Tenure of James Warden afterwards of Elizabeth Newell Warden his widow but now of the said George doth for and from the said Elizabeth Newell Warden together with all the outhouses edifices buildings ways paths ditches water courses easements profits Commodities Advantages Emoluments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Close of Meadow or Pasture belonging or in any wise appertaining And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Heirs and profits of the said Close and premises To have and to hold the said Close of Meadow or Pasture hereby granted Bargain and sold or mentioned or intended so to be with the Appurtenances unto the said John Symes his Executors Administrators and Assigns from the day next before the day of the date hereof for and during and unto the full End and Term of one whole Year thence next ensuing and fully to be compleat and ended With this and paying therefore at the Expiration of the said Year one pepper Corn only if the same be demanded To use Witnesseth that by virtue hereof and by force of the Statute for transferring Uses into possession the said John Symes may be in the actual possession of all and singular the said premises with the Appurtenances and be lawfully enabled to accept and take a Grant and Release of the said Close and Inheritance thereof to him and his Heirs To for and upon such Uses Statutes and purposes as shall be thereto declared In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the day and Year first above written.

George

Webber

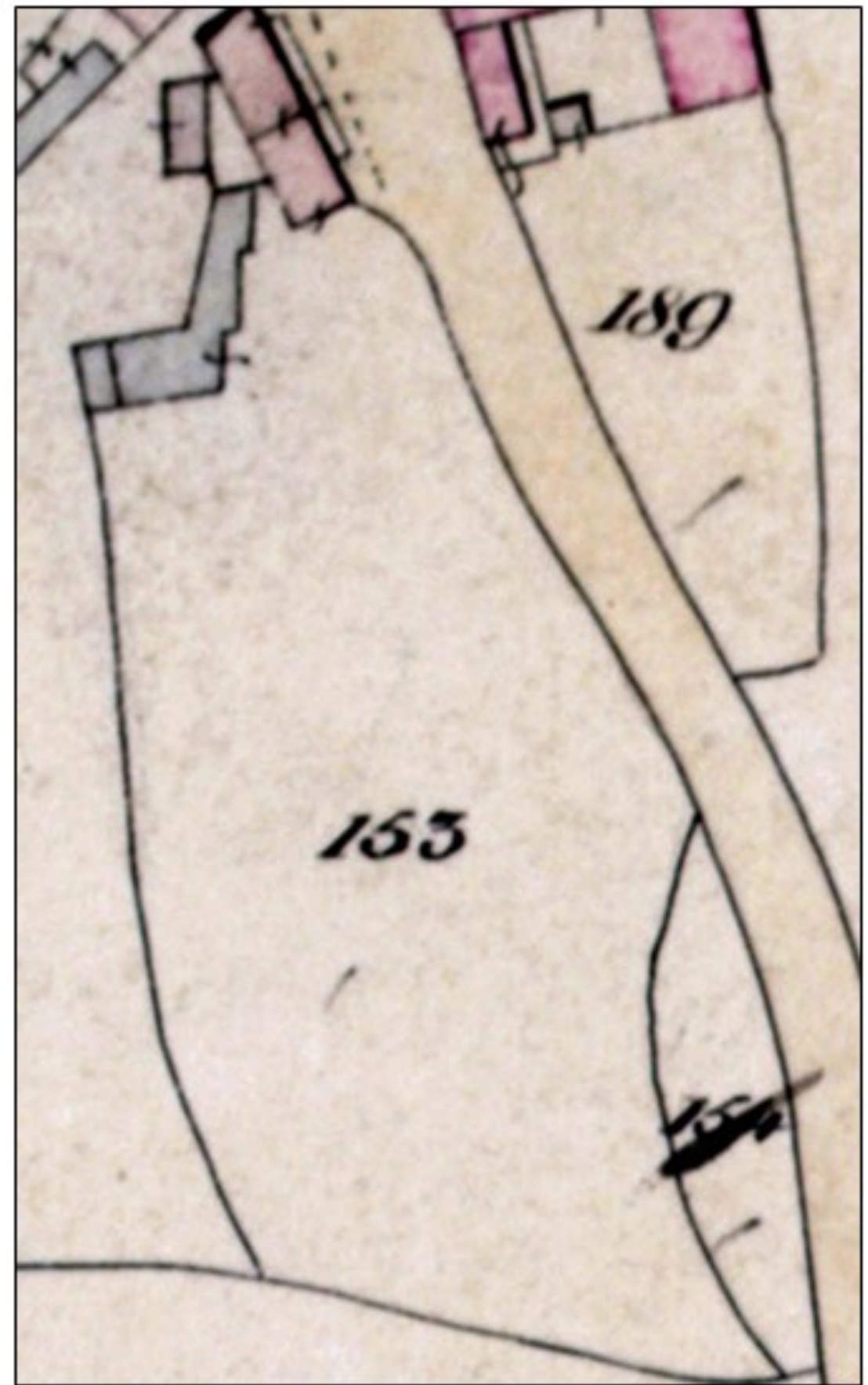
An Indenture for 1809 between George Webber, late of Charmouth in the county of Dorset, sailcloth maker, but now of Chideock. On the one part and John Symes of Bridport on the other part for the consideration of five shillings does sell that close of meadow or pasture known by the name of Grange Close containing one acre more or less in Charmouth in the tenure of James Warden afterwards of Elizabeth Newell Warden, his widow who he purchased it from together with all the outhouses. Signed George Webber.

This Indenture made the 12th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six Between John Clare of Northbury in the County of Dorset Esquire and Robert Graves of Tisbury in the County of Dorset Esquire of the one part and Sarah Knight of Chideock in the County of Dorset Spinster of the other part Whereas Robert Knight late of Chideock aforesaid Yeoman deceased was seized of the Messuages and other Hereditaments hereinafter described with their appurtenances for an Estate of Freehold and Inheritance in fee simple in possession And whereas the said Robert Knight by his last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the seventeenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty six after bequeathing certain pecuniary Legacies therein mentioned and also the Dwellinghouse in which the said Testator then resided at Chideock unto his wife the said Sarah Knight and her Heirs for her life have devised and bequeathed All the rest residue and remainder of his real and personal Estate at Chideock unto the said Sarah Knight and her Heirs as soon as conveniently might be after his decease And the said Testator appointed the said John Clare and Robert Graves his Executors And the said Testator by his said Will now in recital declared that the receipt or receipts in writing of the Trustees or Trustee for the time being acting in the execution of the Trust of that his Will for any sum or sums of Money payable to them or him by virtue of these presents should be a sufficient and effectual discharge or discharges and effectual discharges for the same respectively or for so much thereof respectively as in such receipt or receipts respectively should be expressed or acknowledged to be received And the person or persons to whom the same should be given his or their executors administrators and assigns should not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any loss misapplication or misapplication or be in anywise obliged or concerned to see to the application of the Money therein expressed or acknowledged to be received And whereas the said Testator departed this life in the month of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty five without having revoked or altered his said Will which was duly proved by the said John Clare and Robert Graves in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the sixteenth of November in the year last aforesaid And whereas the said John Clare and Robert Graves have contracted with the said Sarah Knight for the sale to her of the said Messuages and other Hereditaments hereinafter described for the sum of Four hundred and ninety nine pounds nineteen shillings Now this Indenture witnesseth that in consideration of the said sum of four hundred and ninety nine pounds nineteen shillings Sterling to the said John Clare and Robert Graves paid by the said Sarah Knight the receipt whereof they the said John Clare and Robert Graves do hereby acknowledge and from the same do hereby release and for ever discharge the said Sarah Knight her heirs and assigns They the said John Clare and Robert Graves Do and each of them doth Bargain Sell and Release unto the said Sarah Knight in her actual possession now being by virtue of a Bargain and Sell for a Year endorsed on these presents and by force of the Statute made for transferring Uses into possession and to her heirs and assigns All that newly erected Messuage or Dwellinghouse and Shop and Garden in the occupation of Joseph Cozens and Situate at Charmouth in the County of Dorset and which said premises were formerly known as All that Messuage Dwelling or Tenement with the outhouses and garden thereunto belonging appertaining to a Dwellinghouse or Inn called the Swan together with all Buildings Yards Ways Lights Basements Liberties Privileges Profits Commodities Emoluments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rent fines and profits thereof And all the estate right title interest inheritance use trust property claim or demand whatsoever both at Law and in Equity of them the said John Clare and Robert Graves respectively of in and to the said premises and every part thereof To have and to hold the said Messuage or Dwellinghouse and Shop and all and singular the premises hereinbefore released with their appurtenances unto the said Sarah Knight her heirs and assigns And each of them the said John Clare and Robert Graves doth hereby for himself his heirs executors and administrators Covenant with the said Sarah Knight her heirs executors administrators and assigns that they have not at any time heretofore made done committed or executed or knowingly or willingly permitted or suffered or been party or privy to any act deed matter or thing whatsoever whereby or by reason whereof the said premises hereby released are or may be in anywise incumbered In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the day and year first above written.

Robert Graves

John Clare

This indenture made 6th September 1836 between John Clare of Netherbury Esquire and Robert Graves of Sergeants Inn, Fleet Street in the city of London, Barrister at Law one part and Sarah Knight of Chideock widow of the other part. Whereas Robert Knight late of Chideock, yeoman deceased was seized of the freehold estate. In his Will in 1830 he bequeathed his dwelling house in which The testator resided at Chideock unto his wife the said Sarah Knight and the rest of the estate for the use of the said John Clare and Robert Graves on trust that they should sell it. He appointed the said John Clare and Robert Graves as executors. Robert Knight died in 1835. They have contracted to sell to her the said messuage for the sum of £499 to the said John Fell all that newly erected messuage or dwelling house and Shop and garden in the occupation of Joseph Cozens situated in Charmouth. The said premises were formerly known as all that messuage dwelling with the orchard and garden thereafter opposite to a dwelling house or Inn called the Fountain Inn formerly in the possession of John Anning.



1841 Tithe Map Tithe Mao entries for Sarah Knight

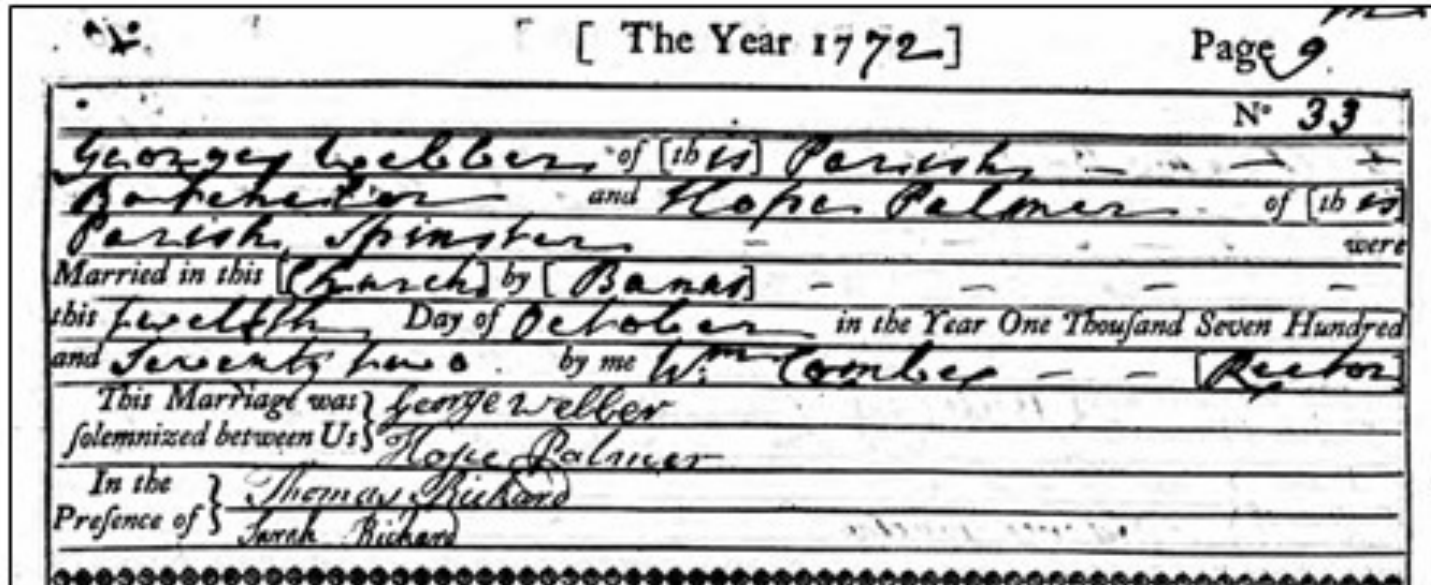
- No. 71 Sarah Knight renting to Joseph Cozens House and Garden - 22 perches
- No.76 Sarah knight renting to Joseph Dirk House, Yard and Garden - 18 perches
- No.77 Sarah knight renting to Joseph Dirk House and Garden - 2 rods 9 perches
- No.153 Sarah knight renting to Thomas Gordon Knapp cottages, yard and field – 1 acre 10 perches

The 1841 Tithe Map shows Portland House as no.71 (22r 71p)with its original burgage plot stretching to the north boundary wall erected by the monks of Forde Abbey. In 1297 The Abbot of Forde who owned the Village of Charmouth decided to create a Borough out of it. The original document has survived and forms part of a Cartulary kept at Forde Abbey. It records " Those wishing to build within these bounds plots measuring 4 perches by 20 perches, by the view of the monks' bailiff, rendering 6d a year for each burgage in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter ". Joseph Cozens is shown renting the plot from Sarah Knight and is described as a Grocer and Tea Dealer in the 1830 and 1844 Directory for Charmouth. He also appears on the 1838 Jury List as a Grocer. He is also renting Foxley Farm which is bounded by Old Lyme Hill and Higher Sea Lane from George Darby.



Granville House Bayville Cottage Berwick Cottage Baybrook Cottage Garden Cottage 2 Portland House 1 Portland House Fountain Cottage





1772 George Webber marries Hope Palmer in Charmouth

M George Webber	Signs	George Webber & others	0 11 39
House & Orchard			0 1 6

1782 Land Tax shows George Webber

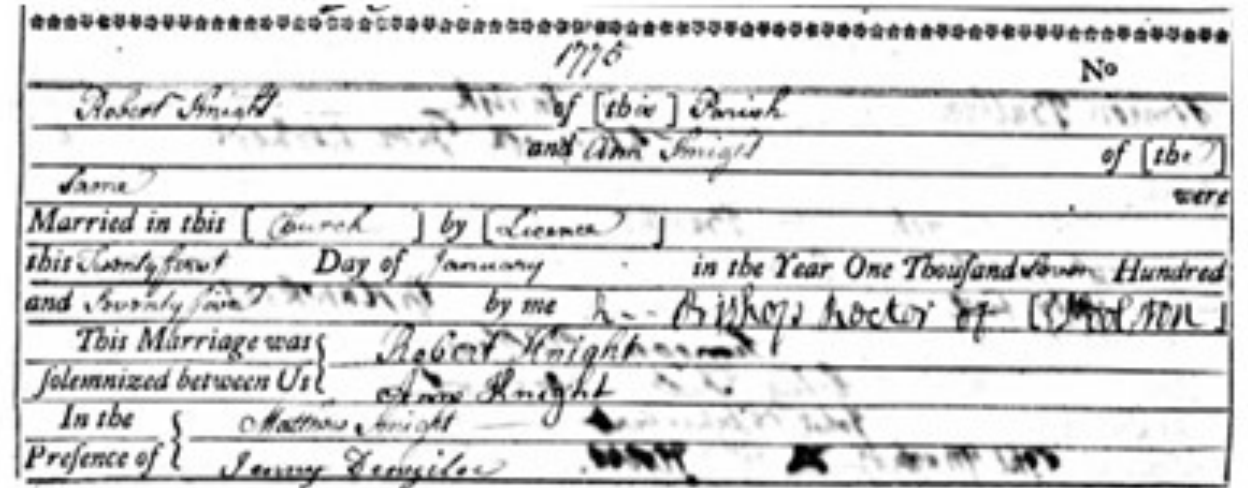
1783 Map reference book shows owning House & Orchard (£3-0-0d) on a site of 33 perches

Geo Webber part Sea Lands	9 2
Home Lands	7 6
Little Grange	3 8

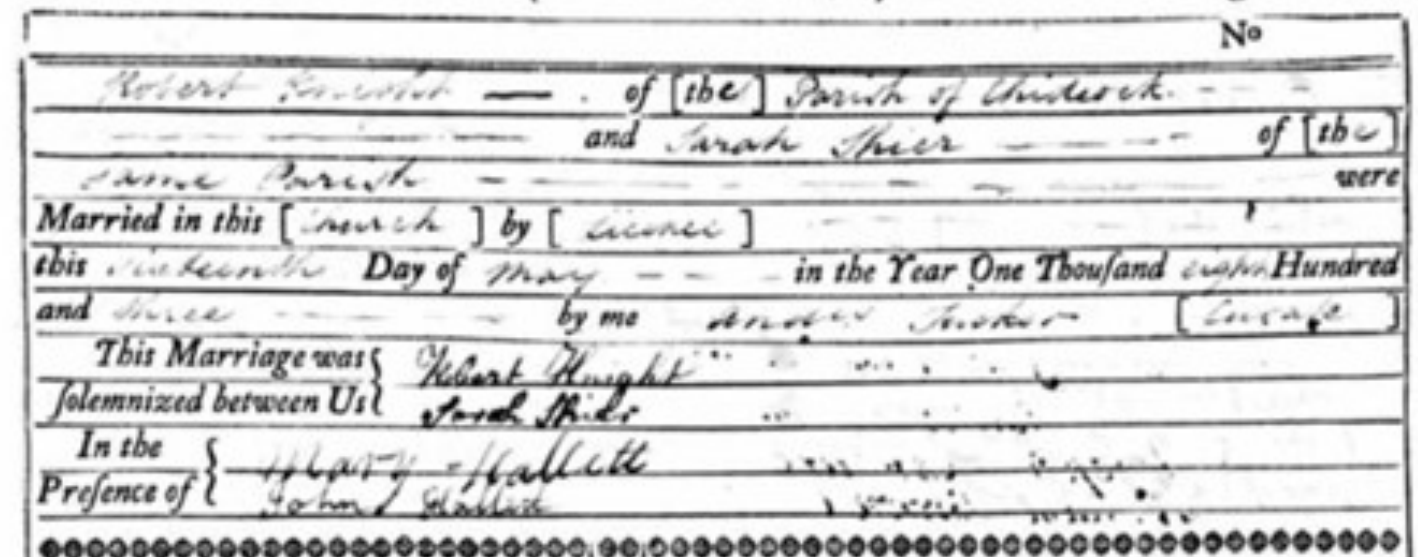
1798 Land Tax shows George Webber part of Sea Lands 9-2 Home lands 7-6d, Little Grange - 3-8d

Webber G: Himself	do	2 1/2	20
do	Little Grange	1 1/2	16
do	Shop & Pile	1 1/2	16

1810 George Webber dies and Little Grange sold to Mr. Robert Knight.



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Dorset, England, Land Tax Returns, 1780-1832 for Robert Knight

1780	1780	Gallep's treatment	13	0	7
1781	1781	Penkey	10	0	0
1782	1782	Little's Lion	10	0	0
1783	1783	Travell's house	1	0	0
1784	1784	330 St. St.	1	0	0

1841 England Census for Robert Knight

Elizabeth do	33		ay
Mary do	36		ay
Sarah Knight	65	wid	ay
Matthew do	55	do	ay
Robert do	35	Agent	ay
Marriott do	30	wid	ay

89. Freehold & Long Leaseholds, George Webber House & Orchard (£3-0-0d) 0a 0p 33r

90. Freehold & Long Leaseholds, William Hudd House & Orchard (£2-10-0d) 0a 2p 28r . 1783 reference book.

Holden's trade directory 1809

William Barnard - sailcloth & twine- manufacturer. Charmouth

J.R. Kitt sailcloth manufacturer, Charmouth

George Webber, sailcloth Manufacturer, Charmouth.

his indenture on 5th March 1854 between George Frean of Plymouth of the first part and Thomas Gordon of Charmouth in the County of Dorset, Esq, of the second part.

A certain lease granted to George Webber for a term of 99 years , if said George Webber, Benjamin Huddison (both deceased) and James Cosins who is now the age of 78 so long should live at the yearly rent of 3 shillings. By an indenture 1st November 1780 at a price of £500 to the said George Frean paid by the said Thomas Gordon all that parcel of meadow with the buildings there upon bound with the road leading from Charmouth Street to the sea on the north east and also that yard adjoining contain 1 acre 10 perches

At the end of the 18th century the government introduced a bounty that growers of Flax would receive. George Webber was one of those who received it on the dates shown:

1784 Foxley and Orchard close George Webber 126 stones Flax.

Jacob Ridley Kitt 129 stones Wood and Yandover, 1791 210 Stonebarrow Stanton St Gabriel 120 stones Wood and Yandover. Samuel Legg Newlands 88 stone

1793 George Webber 126 stones flax Foxley and Orchard close

Indenture made 17th February 1809 between George Webber, late of Charmouth, sailcloth maker, but now of. Chideock to Jane and John Symes, gentleman of the other part. That the said George Webber in consideration of the sum of 5/- of lawful money paid by the John Symes doth sell unto him that close of meadow pasture commonly called or known by the name of Grange, containing by estimate about 1 acre being in the Parish of Charmouth hitherto in the Tenure of James Warden.

1766 Cottage adjoining to the said last mentioned dwelling house with the garden which are bounded with the lands of Anthony Ellesdon Esq on the north and on the west side of Mary New. With the house of Benjamin Payne on the east and on the south with the Kings Highway.

Lands formerly of Benedicta Durston, Widow and heir of Philip Henvill Esq. and afterwards of George Webber and others being then a field called Little Grange wheron Buildings some time since erected on the north, with the Dwelling house of Benjamin Paine, deceased and afterwards of William Hudd on the east and with the Kings Highway on the south



In memory of GEORGE WEBBER/who died July (4*) 1810 aged 68
Also of his wife SARAH WEBBER./who died May 5* 1816 aged 68
Also of his brother JOHN WEBBER/who died Aug. 7* 1806 aged 66

George Webber of Charmouth in the County of Dorset	
Item 1	100
Item 2	30
Item 3	420
Item 4	20
Item 5	7
Item 6	10
Item 7	50
Item 8	10
Item 9	10
Item 10	43
Item 11	100
Item 12	500
Total	
	716
	119

George Webber Will 1809

I give to my wife Sarah Webber all my messuages, closes, lands, etc I am seized of during the term of her life and afterwards these to my friend Robert Knight of Chideock, Gentleman, his assigns and heirs forever.

I give to Sarah, my wife, all that dwelling house with the appurtenances and acre of ground thereto belonging situate and being within and Parcel of the Manir if Charmouth aforesaid and which I hold under lease granted by Benedicta Durston, now or late Lady of the Manor of Charmouth. After her decease I give the said Dwelling House and acre of ground to the said Robert Knight.

I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Shier, the younger, Sophia Shier, Ann, Hannah Shier and Harriet Shier, daughters of Elizabeth Shier of Netherbury in Dorset, widow and nieces of the said Sarah, my wife, the sum of one hundred pounds apiece. Also I give to the said Robert Knight and John Symes of Bridport, Gentleman the sum of three hundred pounds. George Webber.

This is the last Will and Testament of me George Webber late of Charmouth in the County of Dorset but now of Chideock in the same County Gentleman (being of a sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding) made and published the twenty first Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine. First I give and devise unto my dear wife Sarah Webber all my Messuages Closes Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever whereof or wherein I am seized of any Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple To hold to the said Sarah my wife and her Assigns for and during the Term of her natural Life And from and immediately after her decease I give and devise all and singular the same Messuages Closes Lands Tenements and Hereditaments unto my friend Robert Knight of Chideock of our said County of Dorset this Years and Assigns for ever All I give and devise unto the said Sarah my wife All that Dwellinghouse with the Appurtenances and Acre of Ground thereto belonging situate lying and being within and Parcel of the Manir of Charmouth aforesaid and which I hold under Lease granted by Benedicta Durston now or late Lady of the Manor of Charmouth aforesaid To hold unto the said Sarah my wife and her Assigns for and during so much of my Term or Terms for Years Estate and Interest therein as shall run out and expire in her Lifetime And from and immediately after her Decease I give and devise the said Dwellinghouse with the Appurtenances and also the said Acre of Ground unto the said Robert Knight his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during all such Term or Terms for Years Interest and Estate as shall or may come therein All as touching and concerning and singular my Goods Chattels Monies and Securities for Money and also all other any personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever (after Payment of my Debts and Funerall Expences and also the Expence of proving this my will) I give and bequeath the Use Interest and Produce (but not the disposing Power) thereof unto the said Sarah my wife and her Assigns for and during the Term of her natural Life And from and immediately after her Decease I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Shier the younger Sophia Shier Ann Hannah Shier and Harriet Shier Daughters of Elizabeth Shier of Netherbury in the said County of Dorset Widow and Nieces of the said Sarah my wife the sum of one hundred Pounds apiece And I direct the said four several Legacies to be paid to the said Elizabeth Sophia Ann Hannah and Harriet Shier at the End of one Year next after the Death of the said Sarah my wife out of my said Residuary Estate and Effects All I give to the said Robert Knight and to John Symes of Bridport in the said County of Dorset Gentleman the sum of three hundred Pounds which I will shall be paid to them out of my said Residuary Estate and Effects in one Year next after the Death of the said Sarah my wife not for their own Use but In Trust that they the said Robert Knight and John Symes and the Survivors of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall put out and place the said sum of three hundred Pounds at Interest on such Security or Securities as they shall think fit

George Webber

1811 Mr. Robert Knight

1811 Mr. Robert Knight

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate
Do	Clamos	House & Garden	4
Knight Rbt	Powell	House & Field	3 1/2

1813 Mr. Robert Knight

Harriett Edmonds marries in 1818, in 1812 Census appears as Mrs. Edmonds with 3 females living there

Knight Rbt	Powell	House & Field	3 1/2	36
Do	Late Edmond	House & Field	4 1/4	43

1818 Mr. Robert Knight

forl.—Bradsham House, in gravoe.
GRAVES, Robert, Esq., of Charlton, Wilts. Eldest son of the late Robert Graves, Esq., M.D., of Delapre, Bridport, by Maria Bishop, only surviving child of the late Robert Knight, Esq., of Chideock, Dorset; & 1809; & 1819; m. 1st 1837 Mary, only dau. of the late Thomas Knifton, Esq., of Wells, Somerset (she d. 1859); 2nd 1864 Emily Josephine, eldest dau. of the Rev. William H. Turner, Vicar of Banwell, Somerset, and has by the former, with other issue,
 * Albert Reginald, b. 1840.
 Mr. Graves, who was educated at Tiverton and Trinity Coll., Cambridge (B.A. 1821, M.A. 1824), and called to the Bar at the Inner Temple 1828, is a J.P. and D.L. for Wilts, and a Magistrate for Dorset.—Charlton House, Ludwell, Salisbury.

Knight Rbt	Jas Powell	House & Field	3 1/2	36
Do	Collier	House & Field	4 1/4	43

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Charmouth
 in the County of Dorset in the Year 1810

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1810.	Mary	David	Edmond	Charmouth	Schoolmaster	R. Hoyle
May 11	Joseph	Edmond	Charmouth	Charmouth	Schoolmaster	Curate
No. 121.	Elizabeth	Edmond	Charmouth	Charmouth	Schoolmaster	Curate

1823 Mr. Robert Knight

1823 Mr. Robert Knight

Memorial in church: Sacred to the memory of JAMES COLLIER esq./of Dodington, Staffordshire/died 3 October, 1849,/and MARY ANNE his wife,/died 2 Jan. 1823.

Knight Rbt	Edmond	do & plot	5 1/2	18
do	J Cozens	do & garden	10	2
do	Quinn & Co	2 Cottages	3	10

1828 Mr. Robert Knight renting to Joseph Cozens

Knight Rbt	Smith & Cozens	Ho & Field	5 1/2	85
do	do	Stable & do	3 1/2	53
		Total	18	52 16

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate	
Knight Rbt	Jos Cozens	Ho & Garden	10	18
do	Norman & James	2 Cottages	3	10

1831 Mr. Robert Knight

1832 Land Tax

- Knight, Robert, - Dunn and Cozens- House and plot- 5 1/2d £ 0-11-3
- Knight, Robert, - Joseph Cozens- House and garden- 10d £ 0-18-0
- Knight, Robert, - Gordon, Esq,- Stable, etc- 3 d £ 0-5-3
- Knight, Robert, - Norman and James- 2 Cottages- 3d £ 0-4-6

September 20, at Chideock Dorset, Mr. Robert Knight, in the 77th year of his age.

Sherborne Mercury - Monday 05 October 1835

Mr George Webb	Fruits	George Webb & others	0	14	39
do	House &c	do	0	1	5

Land Tax 1782

Geo Webb for part of seaside Lands	himself	0	9	2
Do for his home Lands	Do	0	7	6
Do for Thomas's Orchard	Do	0	1	10
Do little Grange Mead	Do	0	3	8

Land Tax 1795

G: Webb Home Lands	Self	7	6
do little Grange	do	3	8

Land Tax 1805

Webb Geo	Do	Do	2	6
do	do	Little Grange House	1	1
do	do	Shop & Field	1	1

Poor Rates 1805

Webb Sarah	Edmonds House	4	3
do	Gordon House & Field	3	3

Poor Rates 1832

- Knight, Robert, - Dunn and Cozens- House and plot- 5 1/2d £ 0-11-3
- Knight, Robert, - Joseph Cozens- House and garden- 10d £ 0-18-0
- Knight, Robert, - Gordon, Esq,- Stable, etc- 3 d £ 0-5-3
- Knight, Robert, - Norman and James- 2 Cottages- 3d £ 0-4-6

Sarah KNIGHT	Joseph COZENS	House & Garden			22	71
Sarah KNIGHT	Joseph DIRK	House, Yard & Garden			18	76
Sarah KNIGHT	Joseph DIRK	Field	2		9	77
Sarah KNIGHT (Leasehold)	Thomas GORDON & others	House, Yard & Field	1		10	153

Tithe Map 1841

Thomas Croom and Benjamin Diment, junior lease for a year to John Farwell in 1814.
 This Indenture made in 1814 between Thomas Croom in Honiton and Benjamin Diment the younger of Charmouth. Smith of the one part and John Farrell of Chideock, Yeoman that for 10/- money paid by John

Poor Rates 1817

Knights Robt	Drwell House & Field	3/2	-	3	6
Do	Late Edmunds House &	4/4	-	4	3

Poor Rates 1818

Knights Robt	Edmond House & Field	3/2	-	3	6
Do	Joseph Cousins House & Garden	1	-	2	1
Do	Korman & Traute Tournaments	3	-	6	1

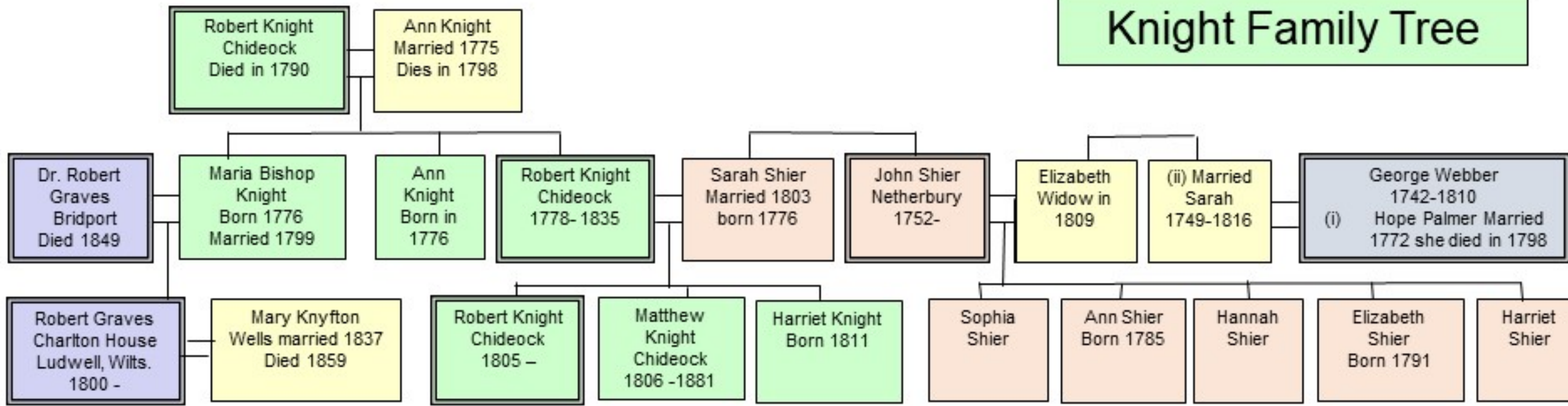
Poor Rates 1825

Knights Robt	Smith & Coopers Ho & Field	2/2	-	5	5
Do	Ed Gordon Stables &	3/2	-	5	5
Knights Robt	St. Georges Ho & Garden	1	-	1	1
Do	Norman & Jones & Coopers	3	-	6	1

Poor Rates 1831

Farwell. The said Croom and Diment have sold unto John Farwell all that dwelling house and garden situated in the higher end of Charmouth on the north side of the road from thence to Lyme Regis and also that Cottage adjoining to the said last mentioned dwelling house with the garden which are bounded with the lands formerly of Benedicta Durston, Widow and heir of Philip Henvill Esq. and afterwards of George Webber and others being then a field called Little Grange wheron Buildings sometime since erected on the north, with the Dwelling house of Benjamin Paine, deceased and afterwards of William Hudd on the east and with the Kings Highway on the south, All which said premises were heretofore in the occupation of Carew Manning and William Roper as Tenants therof and are now in the occupation of the said Benjamin Diment the younger and John Hunter his tenant... Signed with the mark of Thomas Croom and Benjamin Diment junior.

Knights Family Tree



Memorial in St. Andrews Church to James and Maryanne Collier who rented Portland House from Robert Knight from 1819 until 1823, when it was bought by Joseph Cozens and the ground floor turned into a Grocers Shop.

This is to Certify that this is the last Will and Testament of me Sarah Knight of Chideock Widow who hath that all her children will be satisfied by the following disposal of what little she had to divide among them in her own right and to which she appoints her three sons executors {I have} hereby give and bequeath unto my son Matthew Knight all that

The Will of Sarah Knight of Chideock, Widow. Who died in 1851. She appoints her three sons as executors. I hereby give to my son, Matthew Knight all that house, lands and premises (which I bought after the decease of my husband) situate at Charmouth and now in the occupation of Mr. Edward Lamb as yearly tenant. She

I also request my son Matthew Knight to pay to his Aunt Shier and to his Aunt five pounds each for a ring in remembrance of me Sarah Knight

Some land and premises (which I bought after the decease of my late husband) which I bought after the decease of my late husband and now in the occupation of Mr. St. Lamb as yearly tenant thereof charitable to the said Matthew Knight to pay unto my son Edward Sackville Knight the sum of One hundred pounds and also unto my daughter Agnes Maria Scoble the sum of One hundred pounds for her own sole and particular use and for her child or children after her decease should she have issue if not and her sister Harriett should be then living the one hundred pounds to be returned to her and should Harriett die before Agnes it is then to return to those of my sons or daughters that may be living both of these legacies of £100 each to be paid a twelve months after my decease. I give and bequeath unto my son Robert John Knight all and belonging to me of leasehold property (situate at Charmouth) cottage and field now in the occupation of J. Gordon Esq. which I also bought after the decease of my late husband and with the policy of Insurance thereon for the life of James Cozens now living at Charmouth and whose life is insured for it in the West of England Office for £300 and I also give unto my son Robt. J. Knight the sum of Fifty Sovereigns he the said Robert J. Knight taking it as a part of his share for paying unto his sister Harriett Jane Knight one hundred pounds either by yearly interest or in any way he think best to promote her comfort expecting he will always interest himself for her should she need it and which if she should not and die before him without leaving any legal issue if any remaining or all of it he is to keep My gold watch I give unto my daughter Mary Anne Wife of P. Risdon Esq. as a family relic and remembrance of me

Sarah Knight

gives £100 each to her children. I give and bequeath unto my son Robert John Knight my leasehold property situated at Charmouth cottage and field now in the occupation of J. Gordon, esq., which I also bought after the decease of my late husband and with the policy of insurance Theron for the life of James Cozens whose life is insured for £300. I also request my son Matthew Knight to pay to his aunt Shier and to aunt Harriet Shier £5 each for a ring in remembrance of me. Sarah Knight.

Elizabeth of John and Sarah Denning July 20 1804
 Nichels of James and Ann Cousins June 30 1804
 James of Joseph and Mary Browne June 4 1804
 Mary of Joseph and Mary Browne June 4 1804
 Ann of William and Jane Cousins June 10 1801
 born April the 2nd 1796
 Joseph of William and Jane Cousins June 10 1801
 born the 9th of March 1799
 and Dorothy Cousins June 10 1801

Married, at Childeock, by the Rev. G. Simpson, Philip Risdon, Esq., of Lodge Hall, near Taunton, to Mary Anne, eldest daughter of the late Robert Knight, Esq., of Childeock.
 Married July 1st at Baze Regis, Dorset by the Rev.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 06 July 1840

Joseph Cozens. Charmouth. 25 Dec. 1791. Geo. Abbott off. Minister.

Joseph Cozens 1834

1	Joe Cozens	40	Fanner	7
	Mary Do	40		7
	Chr Do	15		7
	Ellen Do	13		7
	Chas Do	11		7
	Michael Do	9		7
	Robert Do	2		7
	Elizabeth Do	44	Jnd	12
	Elizabeth Do	20		12
	Caroline Do	19		12
	Mertie Do	17		12
	Caroline Miller	17	Fr. S +	12

Dated Taunton, April 6th 1844.

TO BE DISPOSED OF,
IN CHARMOUTH, DORSET,
 A delightful Watering-place, on the high-road from London to Exeter,
AN OLD-ESTABLISHED SHOP, with the Business of a **LINEN DRAPER** and **GROCER**, connected with a Lodging House, which has a separate entrance, and consists of Dining and Drawing-rooms, 5 Bed-rooms, and good Kitchen. A walled Garden, adjoins the House.
 To young beginners this affords a valuable opportunity, as the coming-in will be made easy.
 The Purchaser is to take the Shop Goods and Fixtures at a fair valuation. Immediate possession if required.
 Apply to **J. COZENS, Charmouth.**

Taunton Courier, and Western Advertiser - Wednesday 10 April 1844

Name of Child	Sex	Age	Profession	When Born
Elizabeth	F	40	Fanner	1804
Mary	F	40		1804
Chr	M	15		1804
Ellen	F	13		1801
Chas	M	11		1801
Michael	M	9		1801
Robert	M	2		1801
Elizabeth	F	44	Jnd	1801
Elizabeth	F	20		1801
Caroline	F	19		1801
Mertie	F	17		1801
Caroline Miller	F	17	Fr. S +	1801

ED	Edward Lamb	Head	54	64	years in England	Widow
	Sarah	Wife	41	64	In Wife	Widow
	Caroline Payne	Subordinate	11	11	Apprentice	Widow

Census 1851 with Edward and Sarah Lamb at Portland House.

Edward Lamb	Head	Widow	60	60	Shopkeeper (General)	Widow
						Widow

Census 1861 with Edward Lamb, now a widower.

August 10, at Charmouth, aged 54 years, Sarah, the beloved wife of Edward Lamb, grocer and draper of that place.

Announcement of Sarah Lamb's death in 1855

years.
May 21, at Charmouth, much respected by a large circle of friends, Mr Edward Lamb, grocer and draper.

Announcement of Edward Lamb's death in 1865

John Stevens	Head	Man	41	41	Grocer and Wine Merchant	Dorset Beaminster
Elizabeth Stevens	Wife	Woman	38	38		Dorset Whitechurch
Jade Snell	Top Son	Man	15	15	Scholar	Dorset
Elizabeth Snell	Top Daughter	Woman	18	18	Scholar	Dorset
Residual	Top Son	Man	11	11	Scholar	Dorset
Mary A. White	Bottom Daughter	Woman	39	39		Dorset
Benjamin Stevens	Bottom Son	Man	15	15	Grocers Apprentice	Dorset Beaminster
Elizabeth Drake	Bottom Daughter	Woman	15	15	General Servant (Domestic)	Dorset Churchstow

Census for 1871 with John and Elizabeth Stevens and 3 children.

STEVENS Elizabeth Anne.
Effects under £200.
27 May. Administration of the effects of Elizabeth Anne Stevens (Wife of John Stevens) late of Charmouth in the County of Dorset who died 16 March 1875 at Charmouth was granted at the Principal Registry to the said John Stevens of Charmouth Gentleman.

STEVENS John.
Personal Estate under £300.
19 August. Administration (with the Will) of the Personal Estate of John Stevens late of Charmouth in the County of Dorset Lodging-house Keeper a Widower who died 30 July 1878 at Charmouth was granted at Blandford to Charles Stevens of Sherborne in the said County Beer-house Keeper the Father and Next of Kin.

**EDWARD LAMB,
DRAPER, GROCER,
LODGING-HOUSE KEEPER, ETC.
CHARMOUTH.**

CHARMOUTH, DORSET.
JOHN STEVENS,
Family Boarding and Lodging
House,
CHARMOUTH.
Replete with every Comfort.

As to all my worldly goods, I have in store
I leave all to my dear wife and heirs for evermore.
I freely give, I no limits fix
this is my Will and she Executrix
John Stevens, June 7th 1870
He died July 30 1878, was a lodging house keeper at Charmouth. His wife died before him in 1875 and his Will was proved by his father Charles Stevens on August 19 1878

Bowdidge, Stoke water, near Beaminster.
For sale, Mahogany Top Counter, Grocer's Coffee Mill; set of Drawers; will suit a grocer.—
Apply, **Portland House, Charmouth**

Bridport News - Friday 29 November 1878





Thomas Croom and Benjamin Diment, junior lease for a year to John Farwell in 1814. This Indenture made in 1814 between Thomas Croom in Honiton and Benjamin Diment the younger of Charmouth. Smith of the one part and John Farwell of Chideock, Yeoman that for 10/- money paid by John Farwell. The said Croom and Diment have sold unto John Farwell all that dwelling house and garden situated in the higher end of Charmouth on the north side of the road from thence to Lyme Regis and also that Cottage adjoining to the said last mentioned dwelling house with the garden which are bounded with the lands formerly of Benedicta Durston, Widow and heir of Philip Henvill Esq. and afterwards of George Webber and others being then a field called Little Grange wheron Buildings some time since erected on the north, with the Dwelling house of Benjamin Paine, deceased and afterwards of William Hudd on the east and with the Kings Highway on the south, All which said premises were heretofore in the occupation of Carew Manning and William Roper as Tenants therof and are now in the occupation of the said Benjamin Diment the younger and John Hunter his tenant...
Signed with the mark of Thomas Croom and Benjamin Diment junior.

The House to the right, where John Hunter lived from 1815 until 1832. It was rebuilt after a disastrous fire in 1880 and renamed Granville House. It was first owned by John Potter in 1814 and then his son William Potter a cordswainer (Shoe Maker). The old house occupied a space at least 8 feet further away from the pavement.

The gentleman in a white apron outside his provision shop is Mr. Wilson, c. 1870. He afterwards went to live at Luttrell House and started the Axminster bus, which he subsequently sold to Mr. Holly. When Mr. Tarr, who had been Steward to Squire Gordon and Miss Short, bought the shop, his two daughters were dress makers and on his death Miss Jane Tarr, her sister carried on a Stationery and Fancy Goods shop, where she was so well known until her death in 1939

CHARMOUTH, DORSET.

JOHN STEVENS,
Family Boarding and Lodging
House,
CHARMOUTH.
Replete with every Comfort.

Stevens, Jno. grocer, ale merchant, & agent for Gilbey's
wines and spirits, the Weemouth soda water co.
and Sun fire & life office, & at Lyme Regis,
Stevens Jno. private hotel & boarding establishment,
Charmouth house (see advt.)
Tarr Miss Elzth. dressmaker, Axminster rd.
Trott Geo. Ht. master of the mill

John Potter	Shoemaker	5	3
John Hunter	Labourer	2	4
Benj. Diment	Blacksmith	4	2

A Census was taken in the Village in 1813 and it is interesting as it shows John Potter Snr., living at "Granville House" with 5 Males and 3 Females in his household. He was renting the adjoining building to John Hunter Jnr, described as a Labourer, with 2 Males and 4 Females. Their neighbour was Benjamin Diment, the Village Blacksmith in what is the Fossil Centre on The Street today.

He also appears on the 1838 Jury List as a Grocer. He is also renting Foxley Farm which is bounded by Old Lyme Hill and Higher Sea Lane from George Darby.





A section of the painting by Lucy Rossetti of Charmouth showing Portland House with a thatched roof on the left in 1879. She obviously used artistic license as the building represented is in fact Baybrook Cottage next to it, which was indeed thatched.

This Indenture

made the 30th day of Nov^r One thousand eight hundred and eighty one Between
 Edward Nicholls Knight of Northdale in the County of Lincoln Gentleman
 of the one part and George Merton of Charmouth in the County of Dorset
 of the other part Whereas Matthew Knight being seized of or entitled
 to the hereditaments intended to be hereby granted for an estate of inheritance
 to the said Edward Nicholls Knight his heirs and assigns at law And whereas the said Edward
 Nicholls Knight hath agreed with the said George Merton for the absolute sale to him of the said hereditaments and the
 appurtenances thereto in fee simple or possession free from incumbrances at the price of Four hundred and twenty pounds Now
 this Indenture witnesseth that in pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred
 and twenty pounds to the said Edward Nicholls Knight now paid by the said George Merton the receipt whereof
 is hereunto in full discharge of all claims and demands that the said Edward Nicholls Knight should have made against the said George Merton
 or his heirs or assigns in respect of the said hereditaments intended to be hereby granted unto the said George Merton and his heirs and assigns
 a dwellinghouse shop and garden now in the occupation of the said George Merton situated in the North side of Charmouth
 that in Charmouth aforesaid and called or known as Portland House which said premises were formerly known as Old
 Mill

that mortgage dwelling or tenement with the Orchard and Garden thereunto belonging together with all buildings yards courts
 Inn called the Fountain Inn and premises in the possession of John Anning together with all buildings yards courts
 areas sewers drains watercourses lights liberties easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said mortgage and premises
 belonging or in anywise appertaining or usually held or occupied therewith or reputed to belong or be appurtenant thereto and upon
 all the estate right title interest claim and demand whatsoever of the said Edward Sackville Knight into and upon
 the said premises and every part thereof **To have and to hold** the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or expressed
 to be unto and to the use of the said George Mortimer his heirs and assigns for ever **And it is hereby declared** by the said
 George Mortimer that if he shall leave a Widow such Widow shall not be entitled to dower out of the said
 premises **And** the said Edward Sackville Knight doth hereby covenant with the said George Mortimer his
 heirs and assigns that notwithstanding any act deed or thing by the said Edward Sackville Knight or any
 of his ancestors done or omitted or knowingly suffered to the contrary he the said Edward Sackville Knight now
 hath good right to grant the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or expressed to be unto and to the use
 of the said George Mortimer his heirs and assigns in manner aforesaid **And** that the said George Mortimer his
 heirs and assigns shall and may at all times hereafter peaceably possess and enjoy the said hereditaments
 and premises and receive the rents and profits thereof without any lawful interruption claim or demand
 whatsoever from or by the said Edward Sackville Knight or any person or persons lawfully or equitably claiming
 from under or in trust for him or from or under any of his ancestors or any person or persons lawfully or equitably
 made or suffered by the said Edward Sackville Knight or any of his ancestors or any person or persons lawfully or equitably
 claiming as aforesaid **And** that he the said Edward Sackville Knight and all persons having or
 lawfully or equitably claiming any estate or interest in the said hereditaments or premises or any part thereof
 from under or in trust for the said Edward Sackville Knight or from or under any of his ancestors shall
 and will from time to time and at all times hereafter at the request and cost of the said George
 Mortimer his heirs or assigns do and execute or cause to be done and executed all such acts
 deeds and things whatsoever for further and more perfectly assuring the said hereditaments and
 premises and every part thereof unto and to the use of the said George Mortimer his heirs and assigns
 in manner aforesaid as shall or may be reasonably required **In witness** whereof the said parties to these presents
 have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

E. Sackville Knight

George Mortimer

This Indenture made 30th November 1881 between Edward Sackville Knight of Rochdale, Lancs gentleman on one part and George Mortimer of Charmouth, Postmaster of the other part. Whereas Matthew Knight seized of the estate died in 1880 left it to his brother Edward Sackville Knight. He sells it to George Mortimer for £420. Sells all that dwelling house, Shop and garden now in the occupation of the said George Mortimer situated on north side known as Portland House formerly in possession of John Anning



George Mortimer is seen here in the doorway of his other Grocers which is now Nisa with his staff. He rented and later owned Portland House as well from 1879 until 1883, when he moved to London and opened a shop in Earls Court

This Indenture made the sixth day of October One thousand eight hundred and eighty three between George Mortimer of 8 College Road College Park Exeter in the County of Devon gentleman - of the one part and Thomas Tarr of Charmouth in the County of Dorset Gentleman of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Four hundred and fifty pounds as purchase money to the said George Mortimer paid by the said Thomas Tarr on or before the execution of these presents (the receipt whereof the said George Mortimer hereby acknowledges) the said George Mortimer or his special power hereby conveys unto the said Thomas Tarr All that messuage or dwellinghouse shop and garden late in the occupation of the said George Mortimer but now partly of the said Mr. Potter situate on the north side of Charmouth Street in Charmouth aforesaid and called or known as Portland House which said premises were formerly known as All that messuage dwelling or tenement with the orchard and garden thereunto belonging opposite to a dwellinghouse or Inn called the Fountain Inn and formerly in the possession of John Anning to hold the same unto and to the use of the said Thomas Tarr in fee simple In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

George Mortimer

Signed sealed and delivered by the before-named George Mortimer in the presence of

Wm. Hayward
Richard Potter
John Anning

This Indenture made 6th October 1883 between George Mortimer of 8 College Road Exeter of the one part and Thomas Tarr of Charmouth of the other part. In consideration of the sum of £450 paid to George Mortimer. All that dwelling house, Shop and garden late in the occupation of said George Mortimer, but now partly of Mr. Hayward and partly of Mr. Potter situated on the north side of Charmouth Street and called Portland House which said premises were formerly known as "All that messuage, dwelling or tenement with the orchard and garden thereunto belonging opposite to a dwelling house or Inn called the Fountain Inn and is formerly in the possession of John Anning. Signed Georg Mortimer.

Thomas Gordon	Head	M	44	Magistrate	Quaker Station
Jane G.	Wife	M	70	Wife	Quaker Station
Thomas Tarr	Butler	M	29	Butler	Quaker Station
Robert Besley	Servant	M	18	Coachman	Quaker Station
Harriet Cusker	Servant	F	11	Housekeeper	Quaker Station

Census 1851 showing Thomas Tar as a Butler for Thomas Gordon at Charmouth House.

1	Jane Tarr	Wife	M	43	Wife	Quaker Station
	Elizabeth Tarr	Daughter	F	9	Daughter	Quaker Station
	Jane Tarr	Daughter	F	7	Daughter	Quaker Station

Census 1861

1	Thomas Tarr	Head	M	64	Magistrate	Quaker Station
	Elizabeth	Wife	F	29	Wife	Quaker Station
	Jane	Daughter	F	27	Daughter	Quaker Station

Census 1881

1	Thomas Tarr	Head	M	76	Living on his own means	Quaker Station
	Jane	Wife	F	78	Wife	Quaker Station
	Elizabeth	Daughter	F	40	Wife	Quaker Station
	Jane	Daughter	F	38	Wife	Quaker Station

Census 1891

Elizabeth Tarr	Head	59	Single	Wife	Quaker Station
Ellie Tarr	Wife	34	Wife	Wife	Quaker Station
Edith Tarr	Servant	17	Servant	Servant	Quaker Station

Census 1911

Dorset, England, Electoral Registers, 1839-1922 for Thomas Tarr

Number	Names of Electors in full, Surname being first.	Place of Abode	Nature of Qualification.	Description of Qualifying
109	*Tarr, Thomas	Charmouth	Dwelling-house	Portland house

Thomas Tarr came to Charmouth as valet to Squire Gordon of Middleton Court, Somerset and was afterwards in service with his nieces - the misses Shorts. Thomas and his two daughters Elizabeth (born in 1852) and Jane (born in 1854) came from Lyme Regis and lived for a time at Melbourne House and afterwards they bought Portland House for £250. Miss Tarr and her sister were dressmakers and when her younger sister died, Elizabeth started a newsagent and toy shop. Miss Tarr died on January 24th 1939 Her companion was Miss V. Martin who died on 21st January 1947 aged 96. In 1883 a fire broke out on Saturday 24th March at a Portland House owned by Thomas Tarr. The roof and chimney were damaged. Repairs by William Hoare cost £2-4-6d.

At the COACH AND HORSES INN, CHARMOUTH,
On MONDAY, the 3rd of MARCH next,
At One for Two o'clock in the Afternoon,
IN THE FOLLOWING LOTS, -

Lot 1.—All that very convenient FAMILY HOUSE called "CHARMOUTH HOUSE," late the Residence of the Messrs. SHORT, and containing Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Drawing Room with Conservatory attached, Breakfast Room, a best Bed-room and Dressing Room, a Servants' Bed-rooms, Kitchen, Wine Cellar, and all other necessary Domestic Offices, and Coach House. There are good Gardens attached, and about Five Acres of rich Pasture Land.

Lot 2.—All that PASTURE FIELD containing about one acre, with Two Cottages standing thereon, and now in the occupation of Mr. R. Wyld and Mr. Tarr, with the Island of Portland in the distance. The Field comprised in Lot 2 is contiguous to Lot 1, and is only separated from it by a road leading to the Sea, and offers one of the best Building Sites to be obtained in this charming neighbourhood.

For Viewing the Property application may be made to Mrs. TARR, at the House; and copies of these Particulars and Conditions can be obtained from the AUCTIONEER, at Exmouth; or from

MR. CHARLES J. FOLLETT,
SOLICITOR, EXETER.

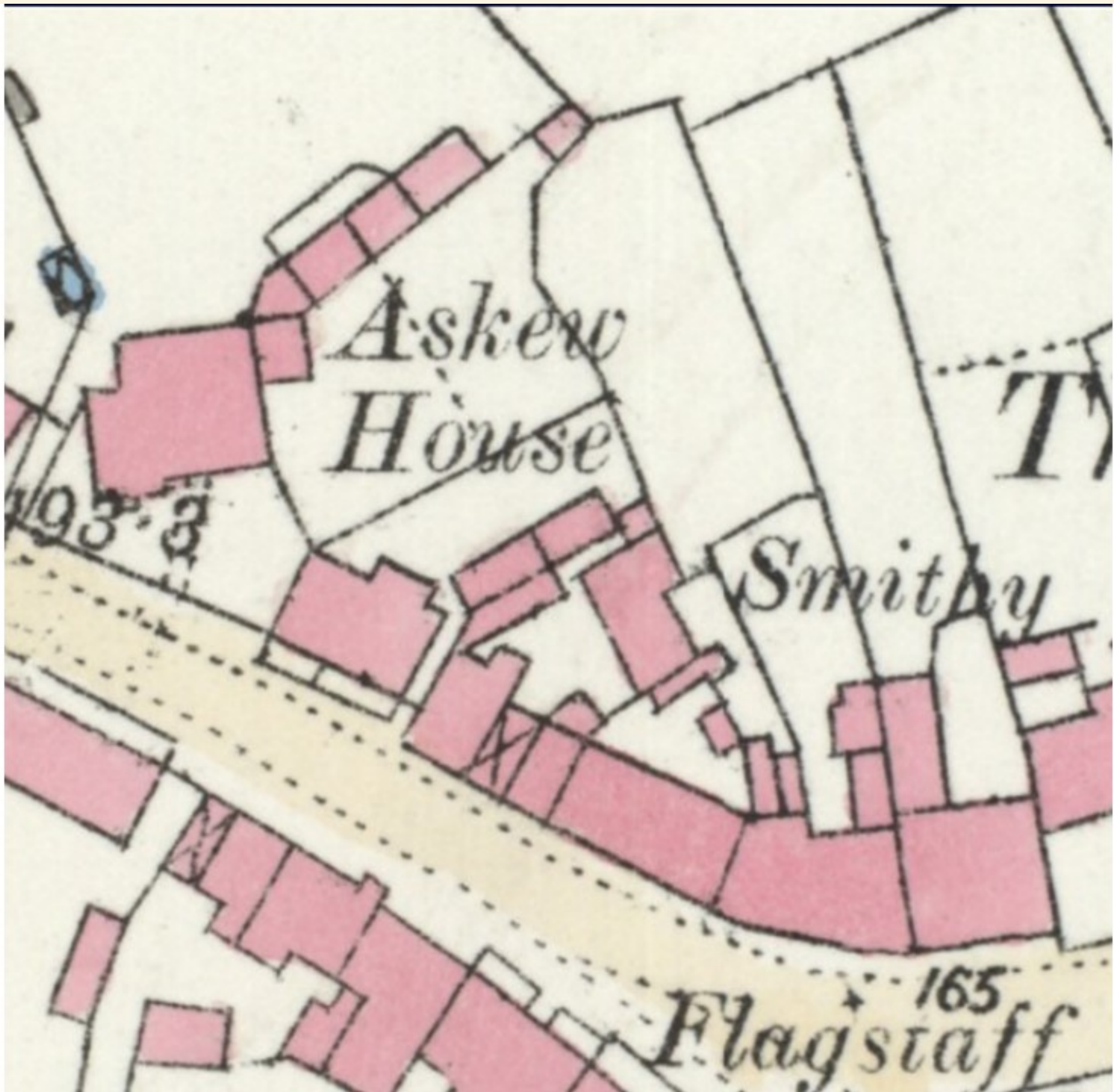
Printed 27th February, 1877.

Electoral Roll for 1889 showing Thomas Tarr at Portland House

TARR Thomas of Charmouth Dorsetshire gentleman died 21 February 1897 Probate **Blandford** 17 April to Elizabeth Tarr spinster Effects £113 10s. 3d.

Will of Thomas Tarr 1897

Advert for sale of Charmouth House including field that was on a lng lease with George Webber until sold to Gordon. Knapp Cottages and council houses now stand on it.



Ordnance Survey Map from 1887





Portland House on the left with its name emblazoned above the shop front. It would seem that the crowd are posing for the photographer when this was taken c.1900.



W. Barnes Bread and Cake shop on the left with Miss Tarr's shop to the right of it about 1900.



The Whittington sisters who lived in The Limes (Charmouth Lodge) are seen here inspecting a map, which they may well have bought from Miss Tarr in the Stanioners shop run by her for nearly 60 years.





This photograph from victorian times shows Miss Tarr on the right in black and her companion, Miss Enoch in the white blouse in the centre, who was a school teacher.



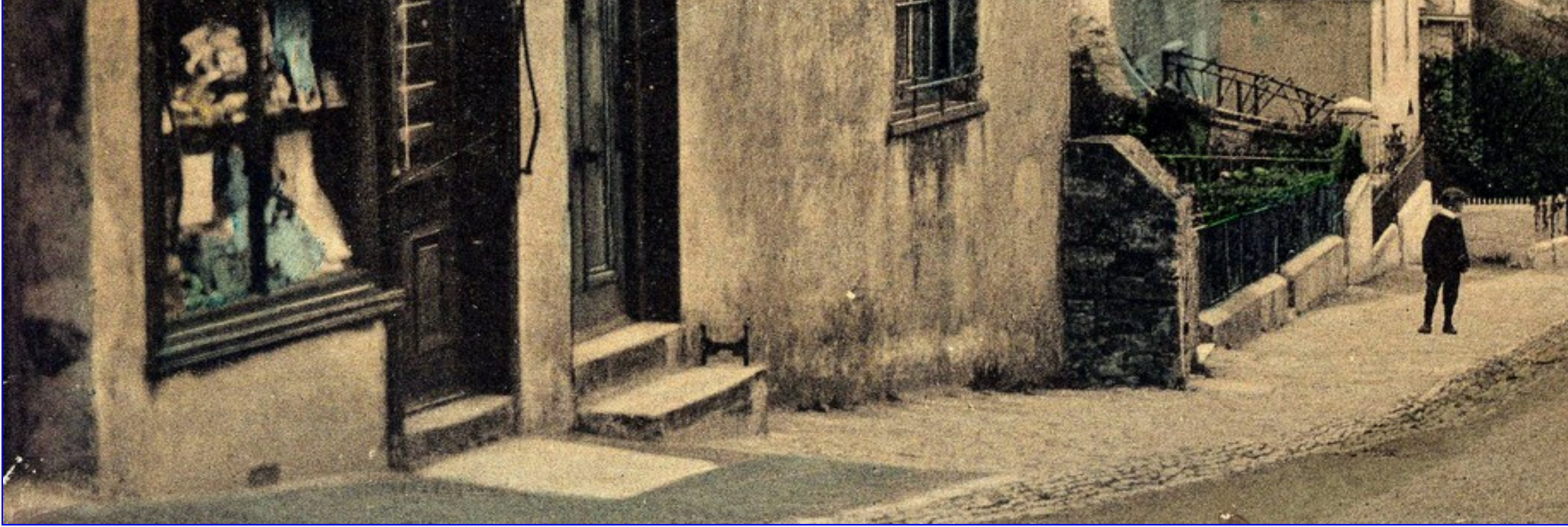
The shop known is Portland House, where the Sailors are standing outside was a Stationers run by Miss Tarr for many years. Mr Smith and his wife stand in the doorways of Bayville House. The two sailors are Ted Hunter and Charles Larcombe. Captain and Mrs Dixon who lived in the Elms are seen in the Wagonette on the right.





A close up of Portland House





The sign details that Tarr's was an Agent for Pullars Dye Works in Perth.



Tarrs Stationers shop in the 1920's



This view of Portland House was taken in 1923 by Claud Hider from the upstairs window of Claremont.

to the payment of principal money and interest shall pay to the lenders one half years interest on the said sum of four hundred pounds at the rate of six pounds per centum per annum the lenders will accept such payment in satisfaction of a payment of interest at the higher rate hereinbefore appointed.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the said Elizabeth Tarr in the presence of

Elizabeth Tarr

Steger Howard
Bridport
Solicitor

WE, Thomas Alfred Colfox of Coneygar Bridport in the County of Dorset a Lieutenant Colonel Retired in the Queens own Dorset Yeomanry Charles Edmunds of Bridport aforesaid Turner and Charles Alexander Rennie Thomas of Bridport aforesaid Solicitor the Trustees for the time being of the Loyal Victoria Lodge Number 6546 of the Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that we have this Eighteenth day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine received the sum of Four Hundred Pounds representing the principal money secured by the within written Mortgage together with all interest and costs the payment having been made by Reginald William Juxon Pevey and John Tona as personal representatives of the within named Elizabeth Tarr out of a fund applicable to the discharge of the said Mortgage.

AS WITNESS our hands this Eighteenth day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine.

J. A. Colfox
Charles Edmunds
C. A. R. Thomas
John T. Fry

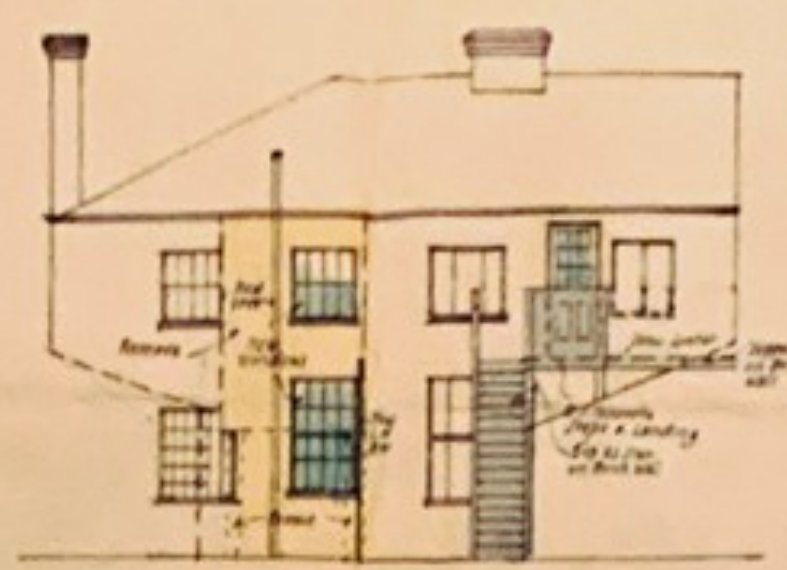
This Conveyance is made the Thirty first day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine Between Reginald William Juxon Pevey of The Well Head Charmouth in the County of Dorset Gentleman and John Tompkins of Charmouth aforesaid Gentleman (hereinafter called the Lenders) of the one part and Charles How of Brooklands Poplar Grove New Malden in the County of Surrey Gentleman (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the other part

Whereas Elizabeth Tarr late of Portland House Charmouth in the County of Dorset Spinster (hereinafter called the Testatrix) died on the Twenty fifth day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine having by her Will dated the Twenty first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine appointed the Lenders to be the Executors thereof who proved the same on the Sixth day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine in the Blandford District Probate Registry

And whereas the Testatrix was at the date of her death seized of the property hereinafter described for an estate in fee simple in possession subject only to the Mortgage and Legal Charge hereinafter recited

And whereas by a Mortgage dated the

FOR MAIN USE



REAR ELEVATION



BLOCK PLAN
Scale 1/6000



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

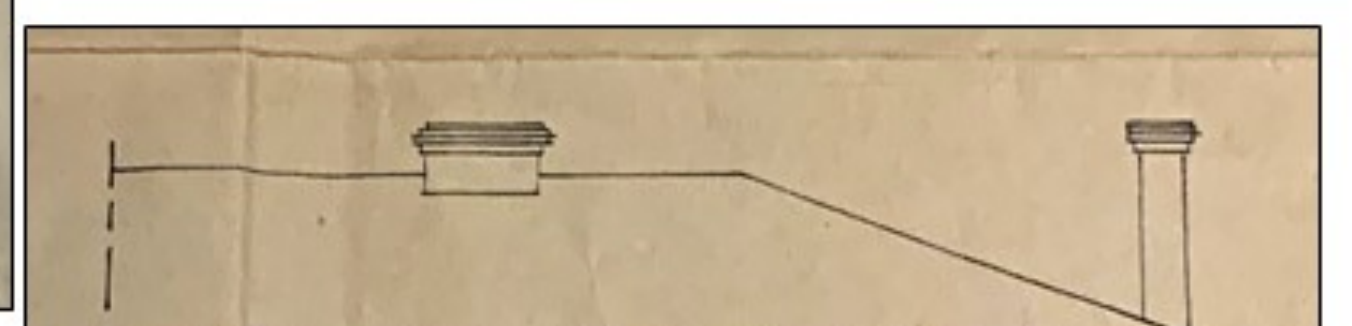
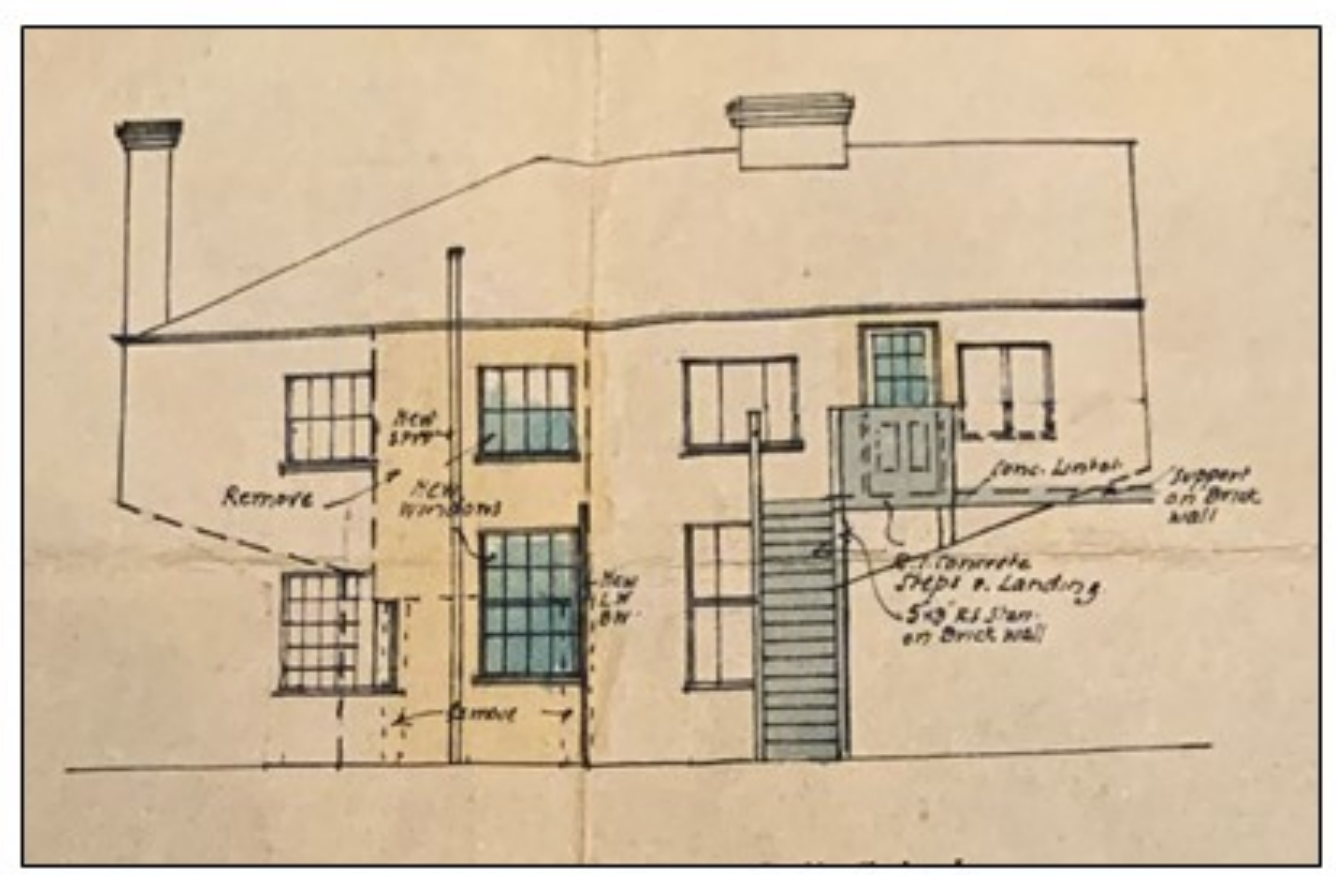
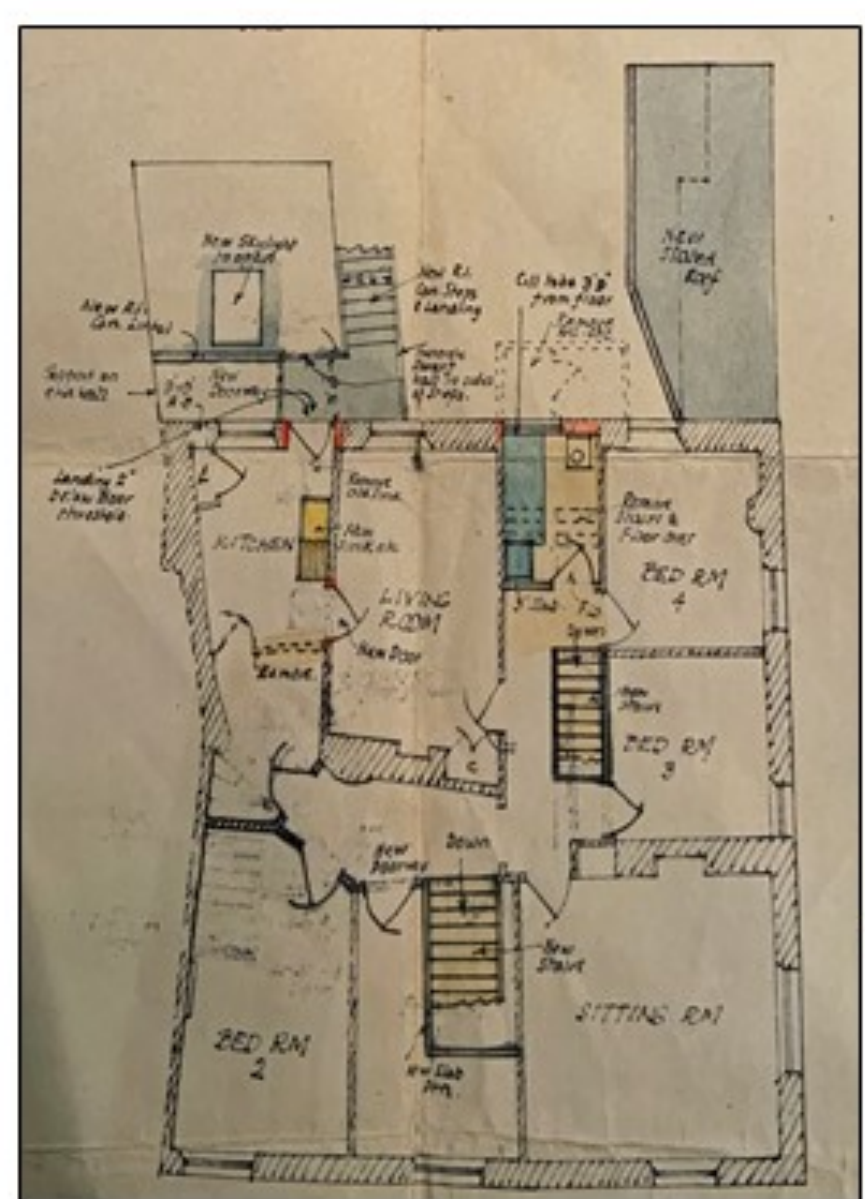
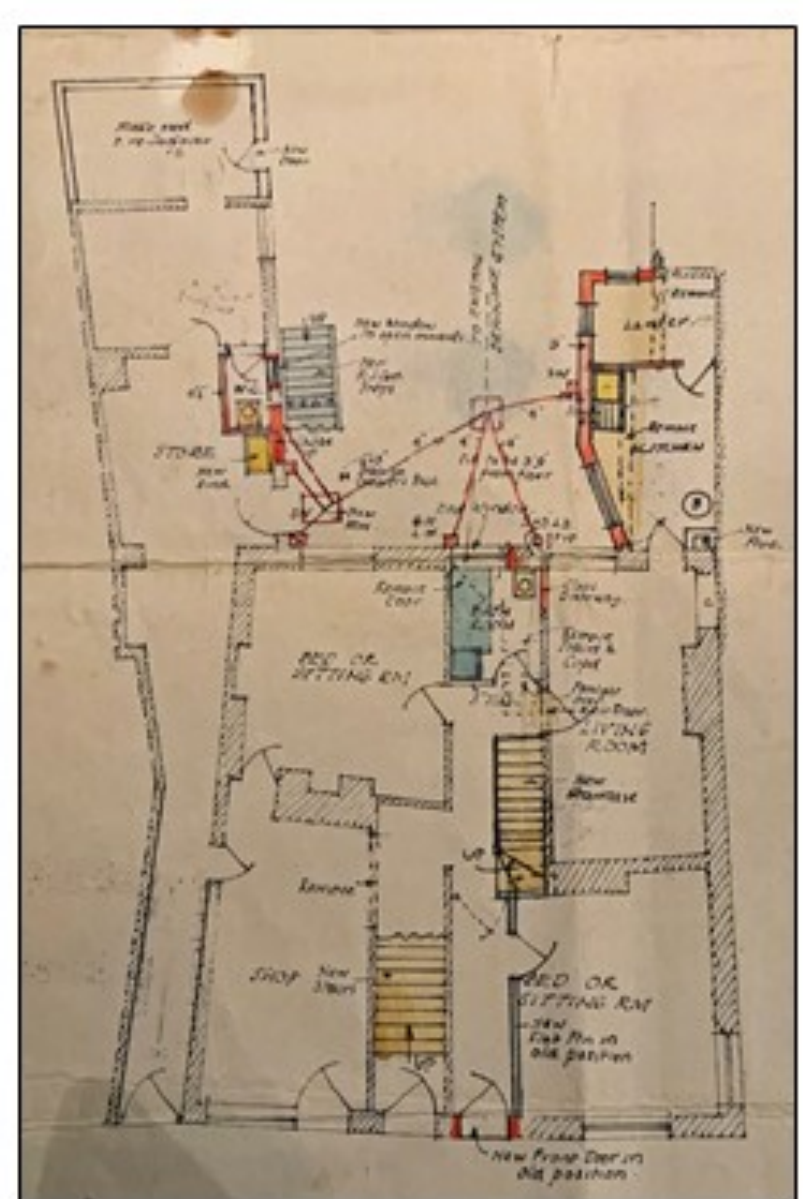


FRONT ELEVATION

Scale 1/250 = 1 inch
July 19, 1926

Proposed Alterations to Portland House, High St. Gt. Harmondsworth
for G. Low Esq.

Jett & Spier-Hale, L.L.B.S.
Chartered Architects
Redford Row, Gt. Harmondsworth
Thames Valley Road, London, W.1.
1926



Submitted by :Fitt and Prior Hale On behalf of :C
 Howe Building Description :Proposed alterations to
 Portland House at Charmouth. [DC-BTR/BC/1939/101](#)



Dated 31st May 1939

R. W. J. Pavy Esq. &
 Sna. to
 Charlie How Esq.

Conveyance

Freehold property situate and known as Portland House Charmouth in the County of Dorset

This Conveyance is made the Thirty first day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine Between Reginald William Jaxon Pavy of The Mill Mead Charmouth in the County of Dorset Gentleman and John Knapp of Charmouth aforesaid Gentleman (hereinafter called the Vendors) of the one part and Charlie How of Broomlands Poplar Grove New Malden in the County of Surrey Gentleman (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the other part

Whereas Elizabeth Farr late of Portland House Charmouth in the County of Dorset Spinster (hereinafter called the Testatrix) died on the Twenty fifth day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine having by her Will dated the Twenty first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine appointed the Vendors to be the Executors thereof who proved the same on the Sixth day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine in the Blandford District Probate Registry

And whereas the Testatrix was at the date of her death seized of the property hereinafter described for an estate in fee simple in possession subject only to the Mortgage and Legal Charge hereinafter recited

And whereas by a Mortgage dated the

At some period during, or after the 1914-18 war, all these cottages were owned by Charles How and three of them were burnt down in about 1921 and had to be ...

WE, FLORENCE LOUISE HOW of "The Chalet" Lower Sea Lane Charmouth in the County of Dorset Widow, JOHN JAMES HOW formerly of "Edenholme" Winnersh near Reading in the County of Berkshire but now of Axminster Nursery West Street Axminster in the County of Devon Market Gardener, DANIEL SCOTT ROWE of Chard Street Axminster aforesaid Solicitor and CLARENCE HENRY THOMAS of 10 South Street Bridport in the County of Dorset Chartered Accountant, as the Personal Representatives of CHARLIE HOW late of "The Chalet" Lower Sea Lane Charmouth aforesaid who died on the Thirty First day of December One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight and Probate of whose Will (dated the Seventh day of December One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight) was on the Fifth day of August One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Nine granted out of the Exeter District Probate Registry to us the Executrix and Executors in the said Will named, HEREBY as such Personal Representatives ASSENT to the vesting in JOYCE DAPHNE PINCOTT of "Portland House" Charmouth in the County of Dorset Married Woman of ALL THAT messuage or dwellinghouse shop and garden situate on the North side of Charmouth Street in Charmouth in the County of Dorset and called or known as "Portland House" Charmouth aforesaid in fee simple

WE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE the right of the said Joyce Daphne Pincott to the production of the before mentioned

Submitted by;A Pincitt and sons On behalf of: Mrs C How
 Building Description WC at "Way a long" Lower Sea lane
 Charmouth. [DC-BTR/BC/1939/21](#)

Submitted by :Mr Pincott On behalf of :R Forsey Building
 Description :Alterations at No 2 Manor House Charmouth.

Florence Louise How of the Chalet, Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth, widow. Her husband , Charlie How of the same address died in 1948. He left to Joyce Daphne Pinchot of Portland House, married woman all that dwelling house, Shop and garden known as Portland House in Charmouth

Registration District Bridport

1951. Marriage solemnized at The Register Office
in the District of Bridport in the County of Dorset

No.	(1) When married	(2) Name and surname	(3) Age	(4) Condition	(5) Rank or profession	(6) Residence at the time of marriage	(7) Father's name and surname	Rank
52	Twenty eighth September 1951	Samuel George Symes	48 Years	Bachelor	Farmer	Cardshill Farm Whitchurch Canonichorum	George Thomas Symes (deceased)	Farmer
		Joyce Daphne Pincott formerly How	34 Years	Formerly the wife of Arthur Pincott from whom she has obtained a divorce	Hairdresser	Portland House Charmouth	Charlie How (deceased)	Farmer

Married in the Register Office according to the of the By Licence before
 This marriage was solemnized between us, S. G. Symes in the presence of us, E. Scott William R. Randall
J. D. Pincott Leslie G. Scadden P. J. Roger Deputy Superintendent

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.
 Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 24th day of July 1961.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Act 12 & 13 Geo. 6, c. 76 (Marriage Act, 1949). Section 65 (3) provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

MA 601260

DATED 2nd June 1952

MRS. J. D. SYMES.
 -to-
 MRS. M. DENTON & OTHERS.

Conveyance

-of-
 "Portland House" Charmouth in the
 County of Dorset.

This conveyance made 2nd June 1952 between Joyce Daphne Symes formerly of Portland House of the one part and Marjorie Denton of 15 Bedford Road, Macclesfield, widow Kenneth Sheldon of Finders, The Warren Gasworth, Macclesfield and Claudia Sheldon also of Finders, Macclesfield spinster. They pay £3500 for the house.

This Conveyance is made the second day of June. One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty Two B E T W E E N JOYCE DAPHNE SYMES formerly of Portland House Charmouth in the County of Dorset but now of Middle Piccadilly Farm Holwell near Sherborne in the said County of Dorset Married Woman (hereinafter called "the Vendor") of the one part and MARJORIE DENTON of 15 Bedford Road Macclesfield in the County of Cheshire Widow KENNETH SHELDON of Finders The Warren Gawsorth Macclesfield aforesaid Gentleman and CLAUDIA SHELDON of Finders The Warren Gawsorth aforesaid Spinster (hereinafter called "the Purchasers") of the other part W H E R E A S :-

1. The Vendor is seized of the property hereinafter described in unincumbered fee simple in possession and has agreed to sell the same to the Purchasers at the price of Three thousand Five hundred Pounds.
2. The Purchasers have provided the said purchase price in equal shares and have requested that the said property shall be conveyed to them in the manner and upon the trust hereinafter appearing

N O W THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows:-

IN consideration of the sum of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS paid by the Purchasers in equal shares (the receipt whereof the Vendor hereby acknowledges) the Vendor as Beneficial Owner hereby conveys unto the Purchasers ALL THAT messuage or dwellinghouse shop and garden situate on the North side of Charmouth Street in Charmouth in the County of Dorset and called or known as Portland House Charmouth aforesaid TOGETHER with the benefit and SUBJECT to the provisions of a Deed of Grant dated the Fifth day of October One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty Nine made between Sebastian Moreton White of the one part and Charlie How of the other part regarding the laying and maintenance of a pipe to connect with the public sewer at the rear of the property hereby conveyed TO HOLD the same unto the Purchasers in fee simple as joint tenants Upon Trust to sell the same with power to postpone the sale thereof.

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED as follows:-

- (a) The net proceeds of sale of and other monies applicable as capital arising from the said property and the net income therefrom until sale shall be held upon trust by the Purchasers as tenants in common in equal shares.
- (b) The trustees for the time being of this deed shall have full power until the expiration of twenty one years from the death of the last survivor of the Purchasers to mortgage charge lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the said property with all the powers in that behalf of an absolute owner.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals

To Close the Estate of the late Miss Elizabeth Tarr.

CHARMOUTH, DORSET.

THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1939.

SALE of FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES and LIVING ACCOMMODATION and Large Walled-in Garden known as

PORTLAND HOUSE,

Substantially-built of Stone and Brick with Slate Roof, and situate on the North side of the main street, opposite Higher Sea Lane

Frontage to main road 37ft. Total depth 225ft.

The Premises occupy a commanding position with extensive views of this popular Seaside Resort, and are suitable for private occupation or business purposes. The late Miss Elizabeth Tarr had been in occupation of the premises for over half a century, during which period she carried on the business of a Newsagent and Stationer. Main Water, Electric Light and Drainage.

VACANT POSSESSION.

WM. MOREY & SONS beg to announce that they have been favoured with instructions to offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, on the above-named date, at 4 p.m., at the

Coach and Horses Hotel, Charmouth, subject to the Conditions of Sale of the Dorset Law Society and such Special Conditions as will then be read.

Further Particulars and Orders to View may be obtained from the Auctioneers, 50, East Street, Bridport; or the Solicitors, MESSRS. NANTES, MAUNSELL, & HOWARD, Bridport.

N.B.—The ANTIQUE FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including OLD ENGLISH GLASS, CHINA, SILVER, and MINIATURES will be Sold on the Premises on the same day, commencing at 11 a.m. [42340]

RE ESTATE OF MISS ELIZABETH TARR DECEASED.

THE whole of the Stationer's Stock-in-Trade belonging to the late Miss Elizabeth Tarr, of Portland House, Charmouth will be Sold on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 16th, 17th, and 18th February next from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. [41508]

Western Gazette - Friday 10 February 1939

Aimed Runaway Lorry at Lamp Post, Coroner Told

Mr. Ronald Harper, a lorry driver, said at an inquest yesterday that after his vehicle, with 30 Scouts on board, became out of control on a steep hill at Lyme Regis on August 13, he deliberately hit a lamp-post to try to stop but the post broke "just like a carrot."

Replying to Mr. R. J. McGahey, who appeared for him, Mr. Harper, aged 36, of Loughborough Road, London, said: "It was the only way, I knew if the lamp-post held the engine would have been pushed back into the cab and my passengers in the front and I would probably have been killed."

Mr. McGahey: So you chose almost certain death for yourself? — Yes, there was no alternative. There were 30 Scouts in the back and all those people on the road.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death" on Elizabeth Jane Cozens, aged three, of Woodmead Road, Lyme Regis, and Miss Claudia Sheldon, 70, of Portland House, Charmouth.

Elizabeth by the hand with her back to Broad Street.

"I heard someone shout 'Look out' and I felt something brush my leg. I was knocked forward and Elizabeth was snatched from my grasp," she said.

She next saw her daughter lying head down in the street. She had been knocked down by a car which had been hit by the lorry.

New Line Chief for Midland Region

The London Midland regi

The inquest on Elizabeth J. Cozens, aged 3, of Woodmead Road, Lyme Regis, and Miss Claudia Sheldon (70), of Portland House, Charmouth, Dorset, who were killed when a lorry ran out of control down a hill in Lyme Regis on Saturday, was adjourned at 17 August 1960 - Birmingham Daily Post

Sheldon, Kathleen, The Old Rectory
Sheldon, Claudia (Miss), Portland House, High Street
Sheldon, Kenneth, Lower Flat, Portland View
Sheldon, Phyllis, Portland House
Shore, Henry T., Star Inn
Shore, Violet

THIS CONVEYANCE is made the thirty-first day of July 1961
One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one BETWEEN MARJORIE DENTON
Widow and PHYLLIS SHELDON Spinster both of Portland House
Charmouth in the County of Dorset (hereinafter called "the
Vendors") of the one part and ANDREW MARCUS ASKWITH of 75
Brown Street Salisbury in the County of Wiltshire a Lieutenant
Colonel in Her Majesty's Army Retired (hereinafter called "the
Purchaser") of the other part
WHEREAS the Vendors are seized of the hereditaments hereinafter

This conveyance made on 31st July 1961 between Marjorie Denton widow and Phyllis Sheldon, spinster both of Portland House, Charmouth of the one part and Andrew Marcus Askwith of 75 Brown Street, Salisbury Wilts, a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, retired. Refers to. Conveyance made the 2nd June, 1952 between