

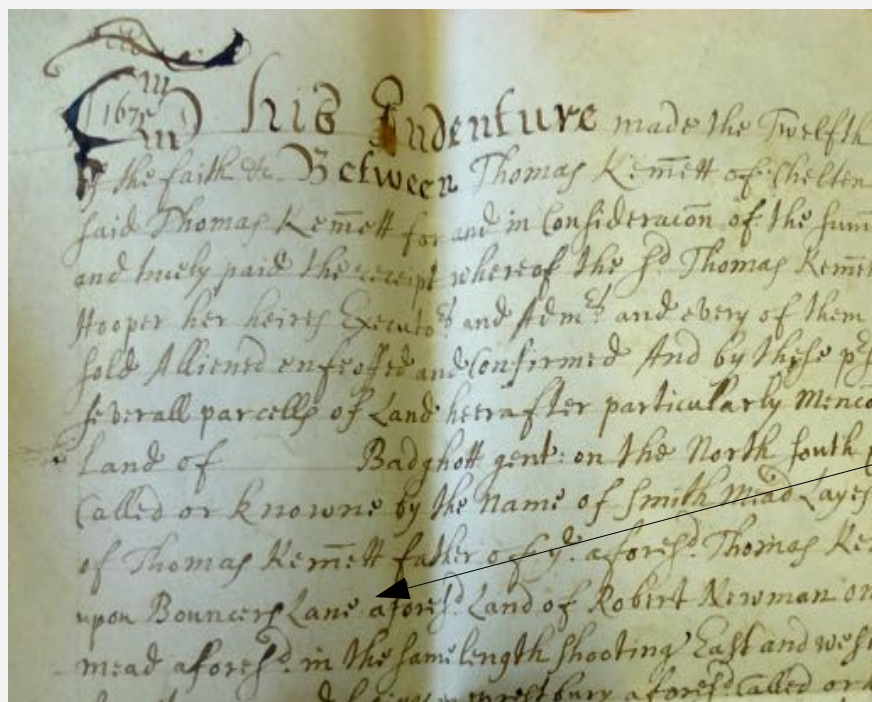


Bonney's Lane



# What's in a name?

- Bouncers or Bounsers
- Probably named after a person or nickname
- Origin possibly french '**Bon Sir**' (Good Sir/Gent)
- Possibly a corruption of **Bunce's**?

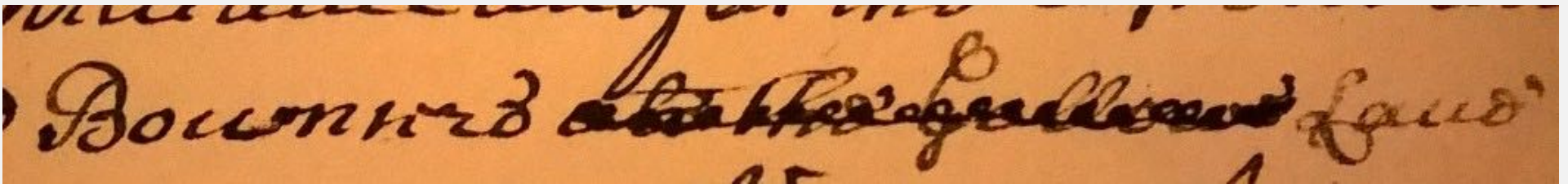


Earliest reference found in  
**1675** land sales document

A close-up of the handwritten text 'Bouners Land' from the 1675 land sales document. The word 'Bouners' is written in a cursive script, and 'Land' is written in a similar style.

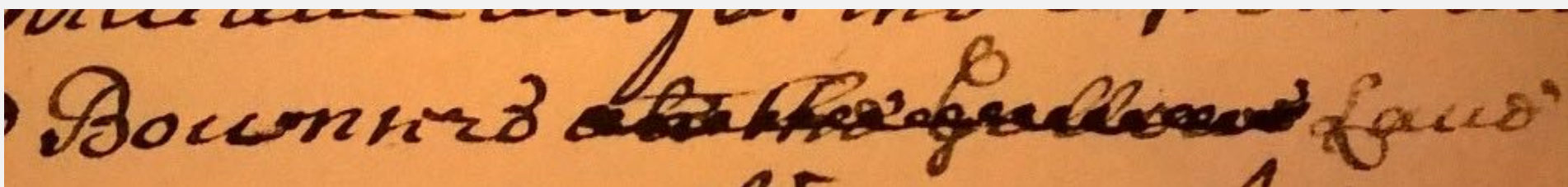
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**Cemetery Road:** After the Cemetery was opened in **1864** it was decided by the Burial Board that Bouncers Lane was *"a very inappropriate name"*

The name 'Bouncers Lane' disappears completely from directories until 1926 but still remains on maps.

# Before Inclosure





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*L i n w o r t h*

- The name Lynworthfield (flax enclosure) appears as early as 1575. Arable field.
- Lynworth Farm, Lynworth Cottages & Lynworth Terrace take their name from it.
- It still lives on in our local place names, through the Lynworth estate.

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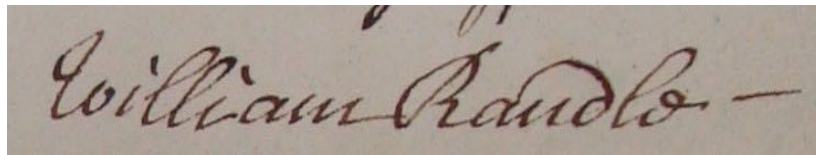
- Earliest surviving building is Randall's Cottage which dates from C17th.
- Does it predate the existence of the Randall family in Prestbury?
- Did the Randalls we know about ever live there?
- Inclosure Act holds some clues although it relies somewhat on conjecture...



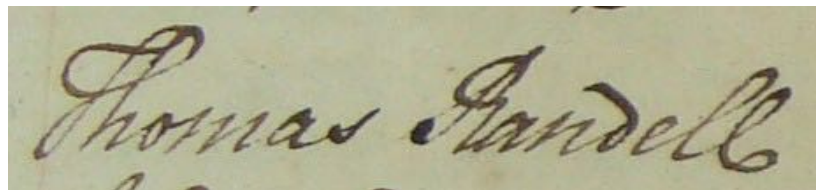
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# Randle? Randall? Randell?

- In 1698 William Randle had one of the *5 biggest landholdings*
- Mostly seem to be fairly prosperous *yeoman farmers*
- *Sheep & arable* with a few cows, pigs and horses
- Had reasonable *status & material wealth* (such as furniture)
- Respected, probably *had influence* locally (jury in court rolls)



William Randle -



Thomas Randell



*...and he shall fence his lot, and have  
his way through Tatchley Lane*

*In Linworth Field 1r 4p  
...next Bliss Orchard Hedge*

*"Randall's Orchard"*

*L i n w o r t h*



# Bouncers Lane Gate

*The Winchcombe Turnpike Trust was established in **1792**.*



**Bouncers Lane Toll Gate**  
was recorded in the  
Gloucester Journal as  
early as **1796**.

*Wooden side bar which  
acted as a 'catch gate' for  
Charlton Park.*

**Weighbridge** - earliest reference found in **1818** for evading the  
toll. *John Hitchins* fined 40s

# Weighbridge Cottages

- Cottage used as a Toll House until mid 1870s
- Shop (built 1860s) and Weighing Machine
- Dwelling House with a Cellar
- Shed and Coal Yard



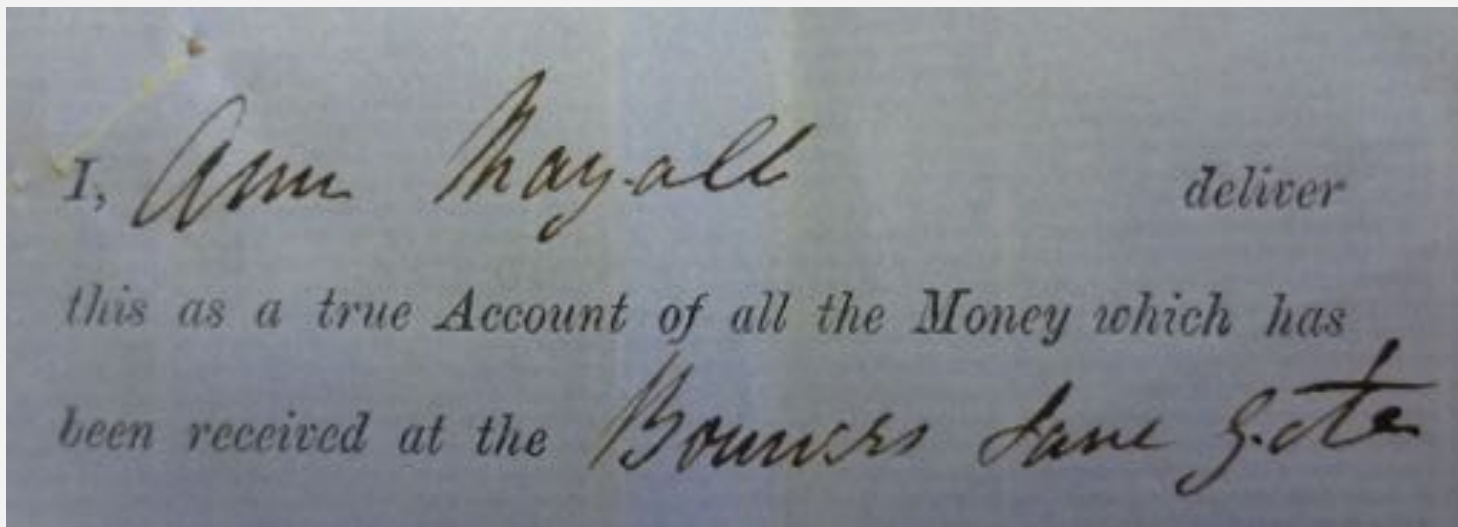
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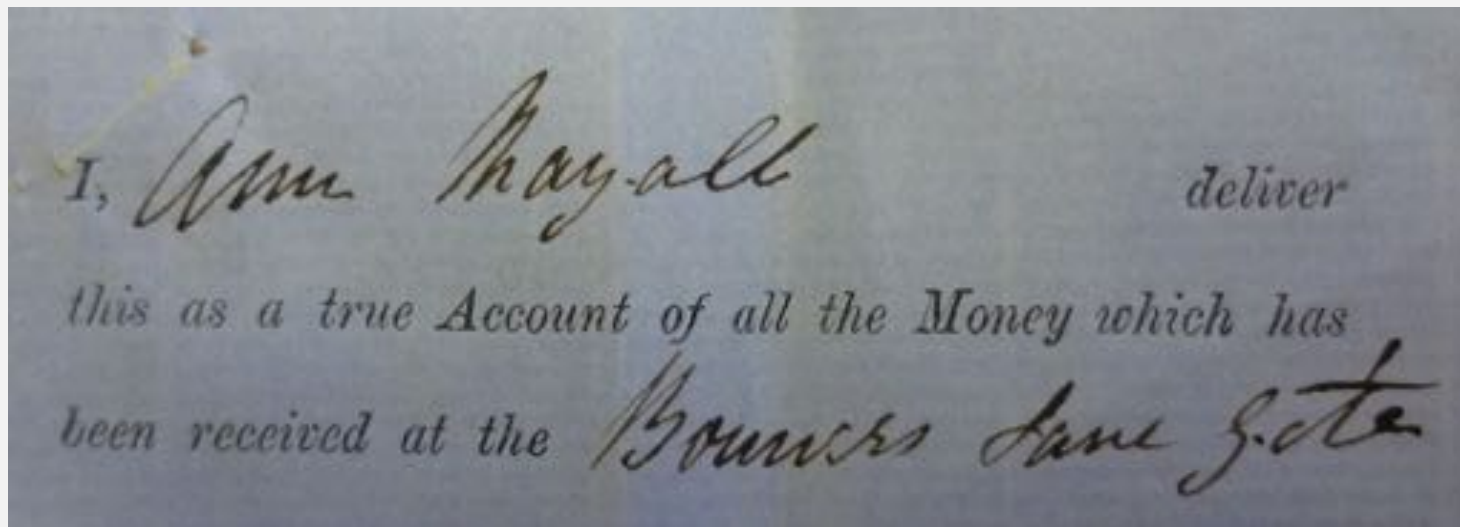
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*From Southam/Cleeve & feature regularly in Bouncers Lane.*  
By 1871 the family occupied at least four houses in the Street

# Prestbury School

- Land given by Thomas Edwards of the Priory in 1826
- Central Schoolhouse and 2 classrooms (girls and boys)
- Education act 1870, poor of the parish, affordable



## *Facilities*

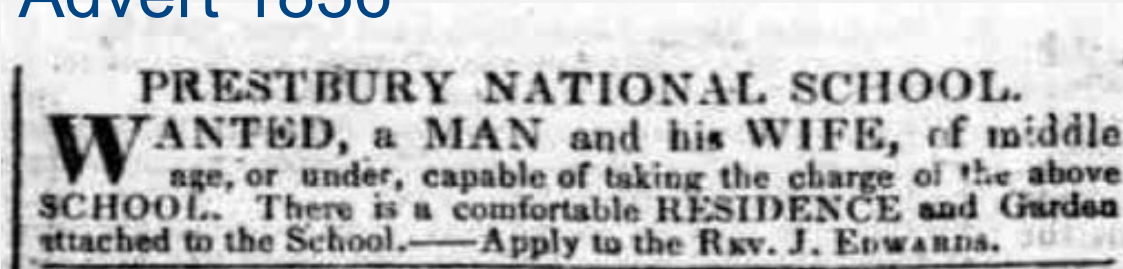
Only heating was a fire,  
no gas light until 1860s.

Limited resources and  
teaching staff.

Up too 100 pupils walked  
from miles around.

# Early Schoolmasters

Advert 1836



*"In very low condition..."*  
*Inspector's Report 1863*

## Edwin Bradfield

- Schoolmaster for 35 years
- Very young (19 or 20)
- Sister Ellen and wife Emma

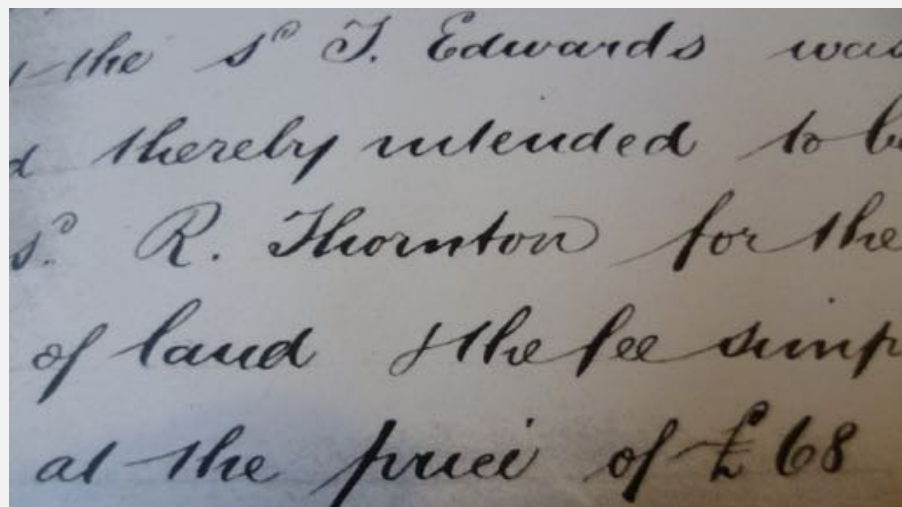
### Attendance and Discipline

Bad weather, harvest, ploughing, childminding, wheeling coal, holding horses, weddings, funerals and the races. School treat, entertainment.

Also a rates collector, secretary of the C of E Working Men's Society and clerk to the Parish Council.

1847 *steeple chase*

# Richard Thornton



the s<sup>r</sup> J. Edwards was  
thereby intended to be  
s<sup>r</sup> R. Thornton for the  
of land & the fee simple  
at the price of £68

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In 1836 A plot of land, in Randall's Orchard, was purchased by a gardener named Richard Thornton.



**1842 map shows:** Six terraced cottages and a larger house, which later became the Beehive Inn.

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# Lynworth Cottages



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# Architecture



Plain chimney

Large bricks showing it  
predates 1850s (brick tax)

Shallow brick arches  
instead of solid lintels



# Daily Life



# Early Tenants

- Developing area with jobs for **tradesmen** in Cheltenham
- The new **cemetery** bought work for stonemasons
- Market gardens and strong **farming** community
- **Coach trade** for blacksmiths, inn keepers, shops, tolls & coachmen
- **Service** jobs laundress, sewing, dress makers, grooms, teacher

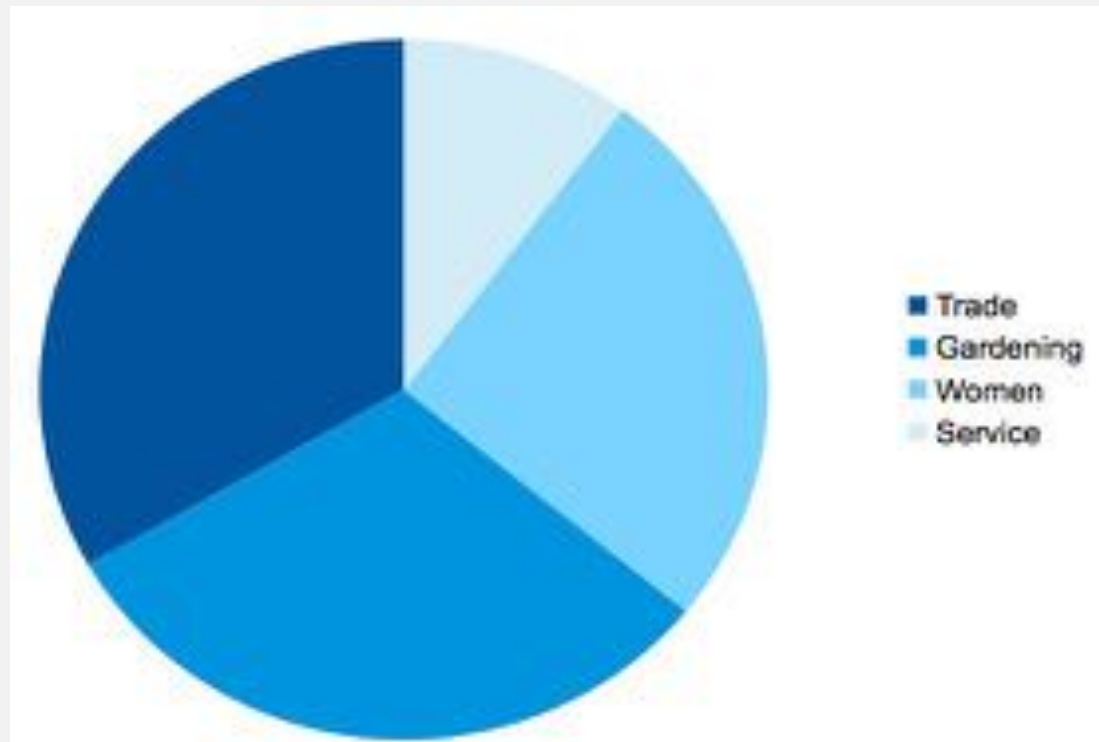
1861

17 houses

38 women

39 men

9 in largest family



# Jones Family

## George & Emilia

- Young market gardener and wife from Evesham area
- 10 acres, 3 young children and Emilia not working
- Emilia died in 1861 (age 36)
- Winchcombe street, dairyman

## Rosa & Fanny – Moved to Yorkshire Schoolmistress & Governess

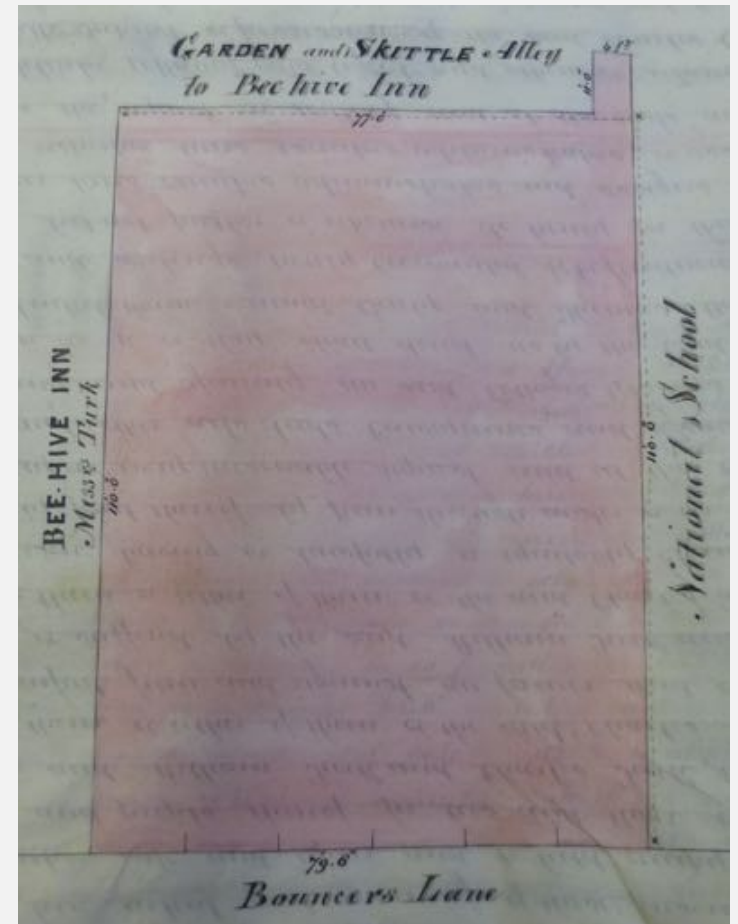
## Alfred – Pharmacist, London & Eastbourne

*A chemist's friend is the di-ar-ee,  
Its edition to hand is the perfect key,  
The pages can "a tale unfold,"  
Telling where and how to cure our cold;  
And one and all we do agree,  
'Tis a priceless boon to chem-is-tree.*



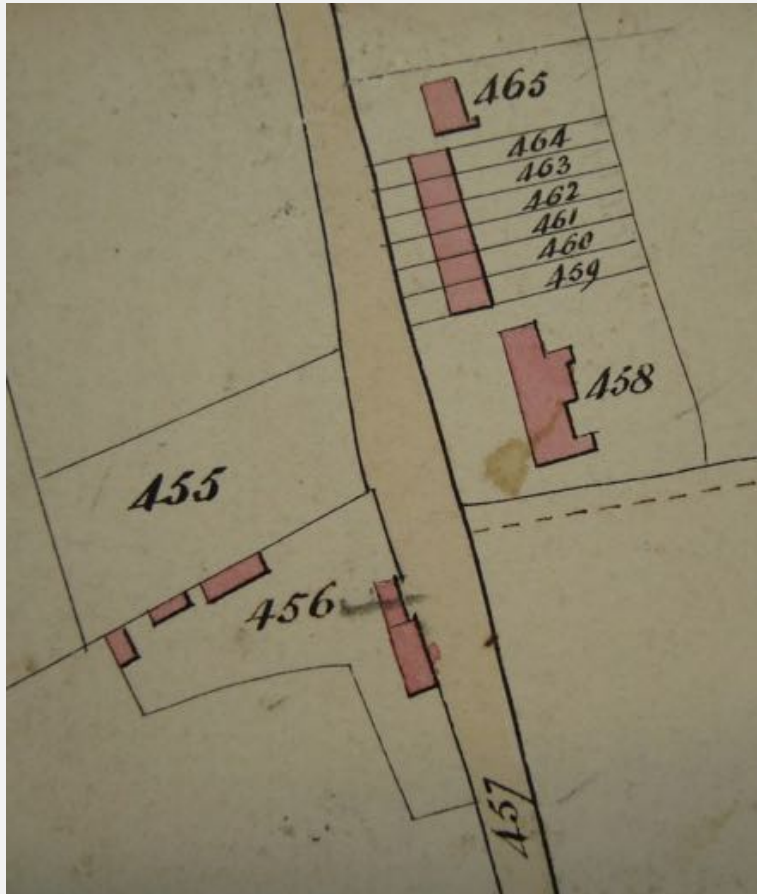
# Beehive Inn

Country Inn catering for passing carriage trade, held functions like balls or picnics and provided hospitality for local societies.

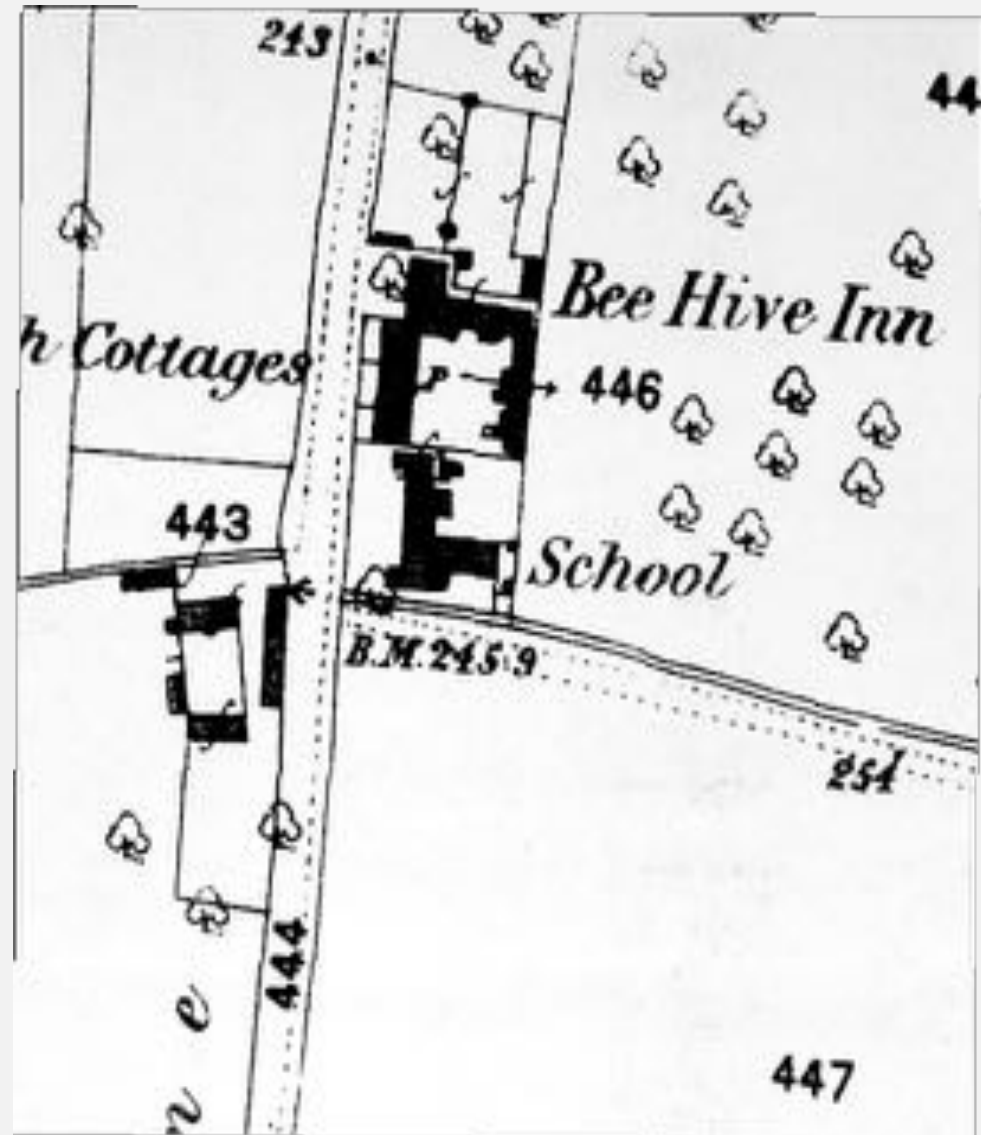


***Lynworth Cottages were also owned by the Inn***

# Beehive Inn



*Original 'house' extended  
and Skittle Alley added.*



1899

Valuation,  
— at the —  
Bee Hive Inn

In Bar Parlour

In Larder  
House

Club Room

In Cellar

In Smoke Room.

In Kettle Alley

On Lawn.

In Brewery

# Landlords

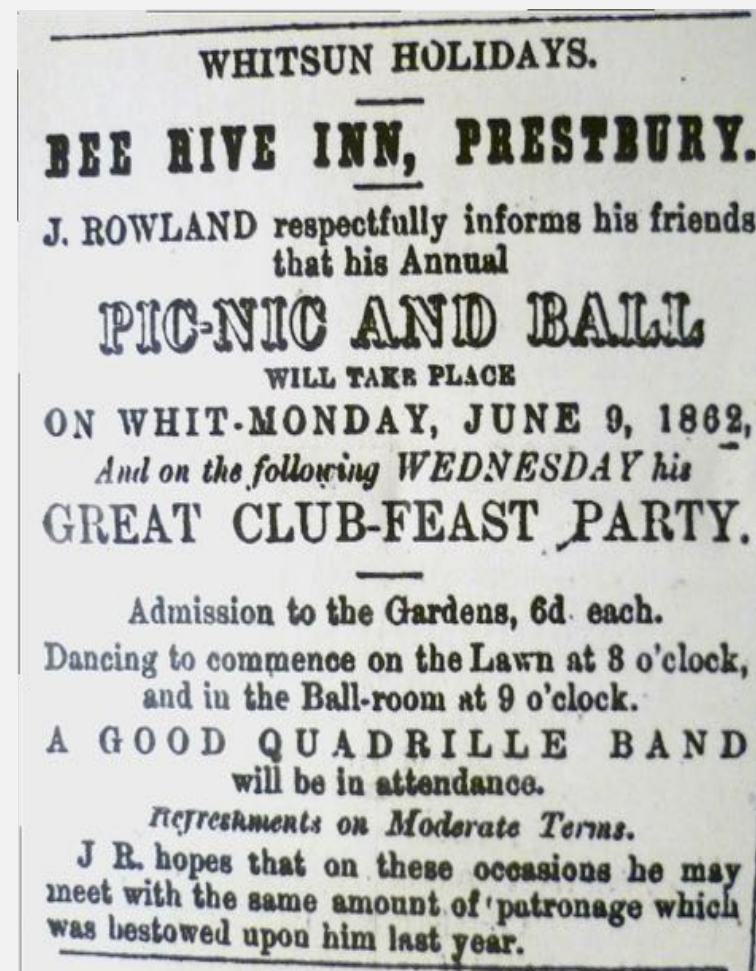
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*Born in London*  
*Market Gardener of 10*  
*acres, employed 3 labourers*

PRESTBURY.  
**To Market Gardeners and Others.**  
 TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,  
 By Mr. BENJAMIN LEACH,  
 On SATURDAY next, December 4th, 1852, on the Land  
 and Premises in the occupation of Mr. Richard Thornton,  
 Market Gardener, &c.,  
**T**HE whole of the GROWING CROPS,  
 IMPLEMENTS of TRADE, &c., consisting of 19  
 Asparagus Beds, 220 Apple, Pear, and Plum Trees, 1,270  
 Gooseberry and Currant ditto, 160 Rhubarb Roots of the  
 best sort, Raspberry Canes, 1½ acres of Savoy and Winter  
 Greens, 1 acre of Turnips, 4,000 of transplanted Cabbage  
 Plants, one chain Parsnips, two chains Strawberry Roots, bed  
 of Winter Onions, 60 dozen Celery, about 20 sacks of  
 Potatoes (sound).  
 Also, a Winnowing Machine, Plough, pair Harrows,  
 Scuffle, Garden Tools, Hand Glasses, Quantity of Manure,  
 &c.  
 Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock precisely.  
 Residence of the Auctioneer—156, High Street, Chelten-  
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*Barber from Winchcombe  
35 years as Landlord  
'Heyday' picnics & balls*

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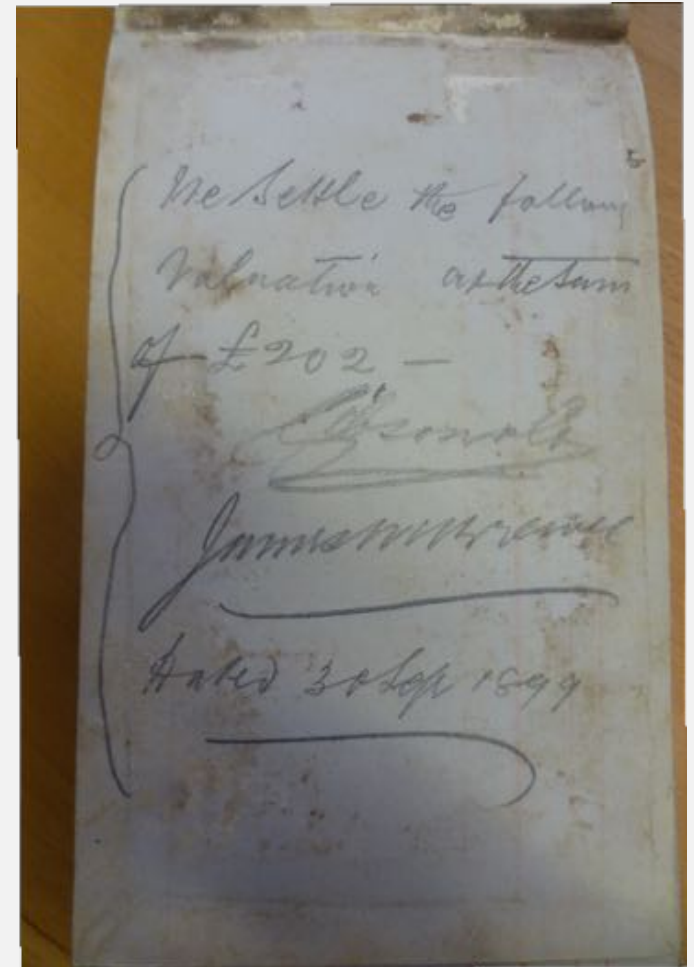
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*1883 "too ill to attend court"*

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*Parish Councillor and travelling nurseryman (wife and 3 children)  
'Borrowed' £12 to pay the deposit on the Beehive  
Sent to prison for 4 months' hard labour*

# Crime & Punishment

**Beehive Inn keeping prohibited hours** - *“plenty of beer about but no soap and no indication of shaving”*



**Petty Crimes** – *Fights, drunkenness, stray cows, poaching & trespass, boundary disputes, petty theft (apples/bikes), evading tolls*

**Events** – *Street race drawing a crowd of 'hundreds' to bet on the race. Assaults on policemen, egg throwing at preachers.*

# Poverty & The Workhouse

**Begging** *10 days in prison, asking for coppers at the Beehive*

**Vagrancy** *living in out buildings and fields*



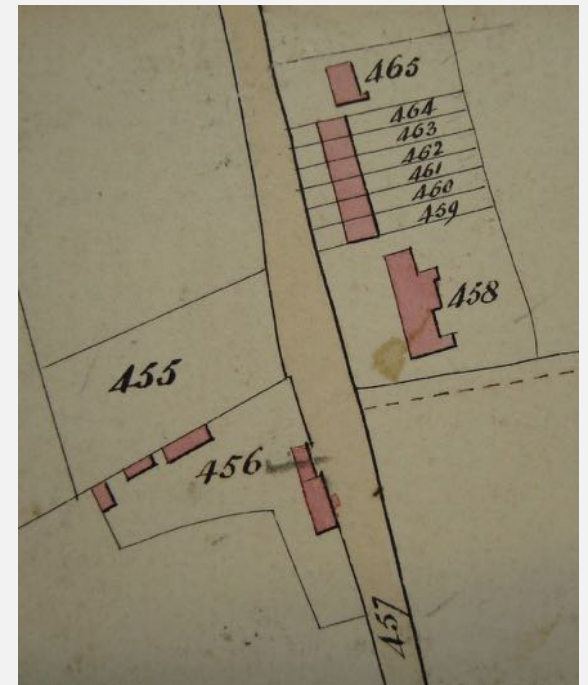
**Bankruptcy** *named in the local papers and London Gazette.*

**Attempted suicide** *to avoid the workhouse.*

*Several residents of BL died in the Workhouse*

# Lynworth Farm

- Shown on the 1842 map
- Run by Joseph Tillion in 1861
- Run by Edward Minett in 1890s
- In 1909 it was rented from Parish Council



## Runaway Apprentice

*Not been paid so stole from the house and was found in Newport with other suspicious goods.  
"Forgiving farmer"*

TB in pigs

# 'Birt's' Farm

- The Birt family took over running the farm in about 1911.
- John Birt (from Dymock) who ran it as a dairy farm.
- Hockey matches and flower shows held in the fields.

*Passed to one of his 4 sons*

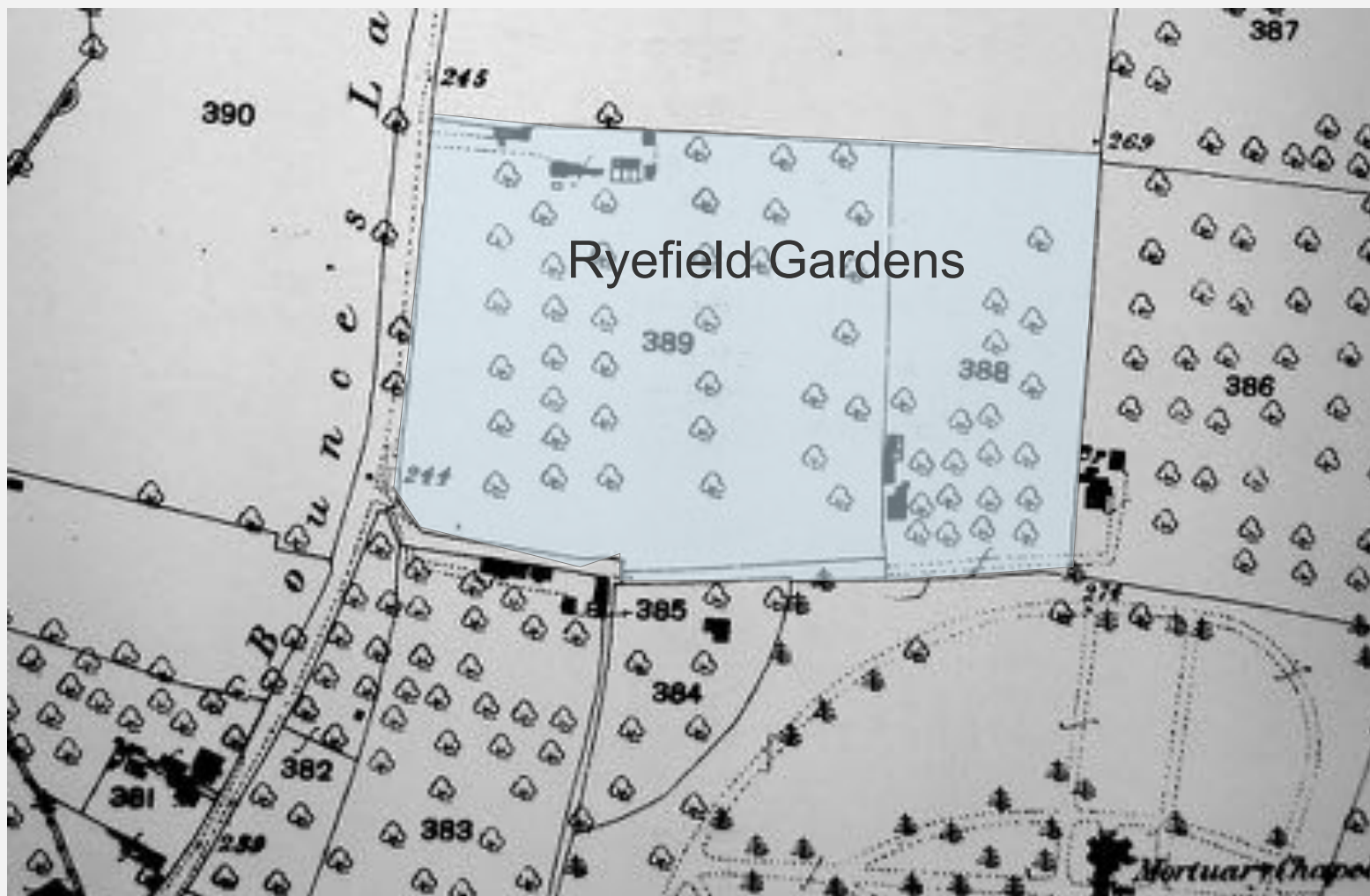
*Milking parlour (developed into the garage) also a farm equipment company.*

*Italian POWs worked on the farm during WWII and it was compulsorily purchased 1943 for development.*

**Lynworth Farm  
struck by lightning twice!**

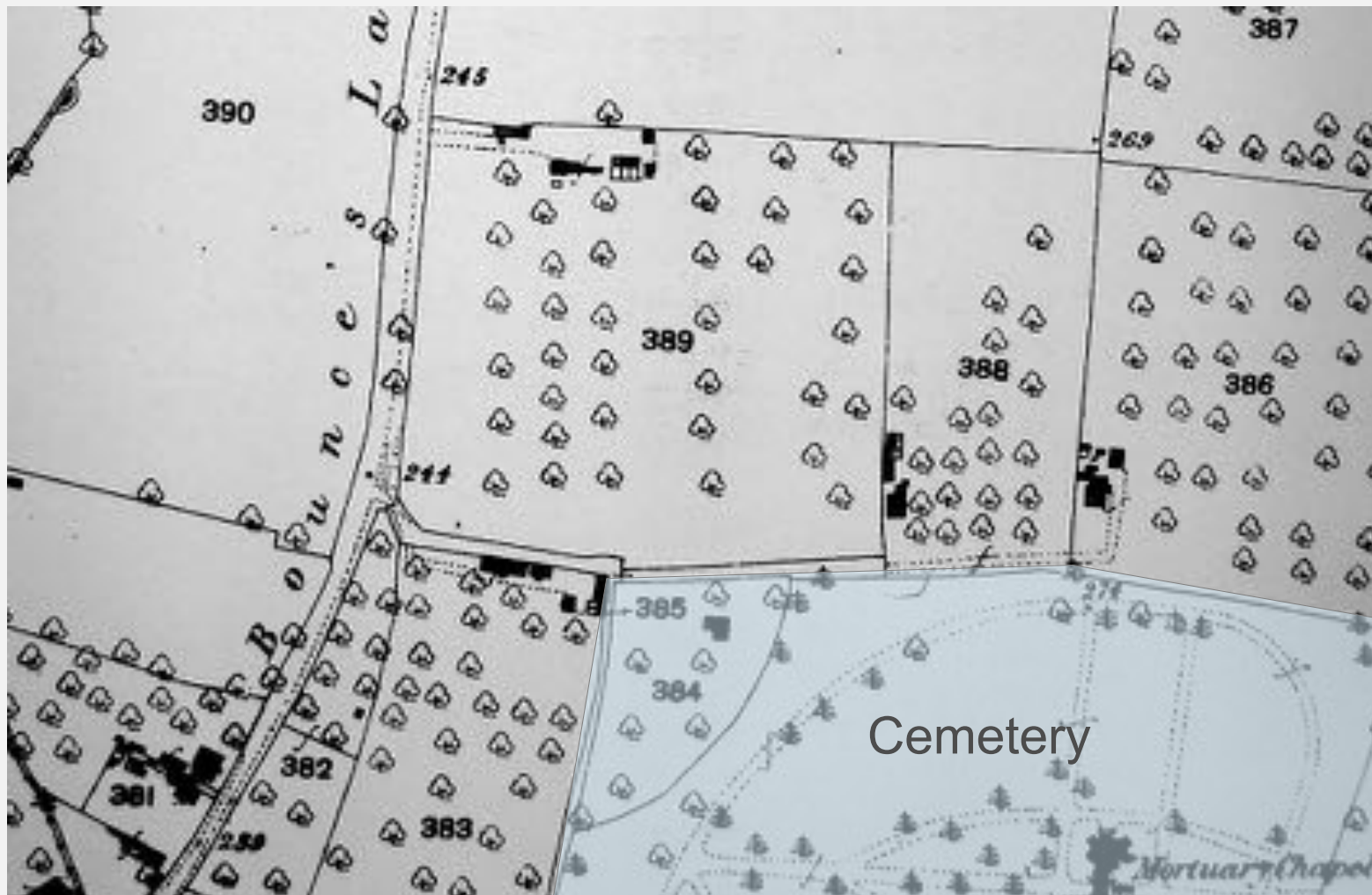


# Ryefield Gardens



*Market garden land and fruit plantation, cottage dwelling*

# The 'New' Cemetery



*Gate and lodge c1864 by WH Knight of Cheltenham*

# Beehive Cottages?



Built in 1840s  
Stone cottages

*Mr & Mrs Parker  
and family lived  
at No. 2 Beehive  
Cottages.*



Mr D. Parker, service at Delholme  
9 children ad 10 grandchildren

1932 Golden wedding in Echo

- *George died in WWI*
- *Rosa married 1917 (left)*
- *Albert, Cricket Club*

# WWI

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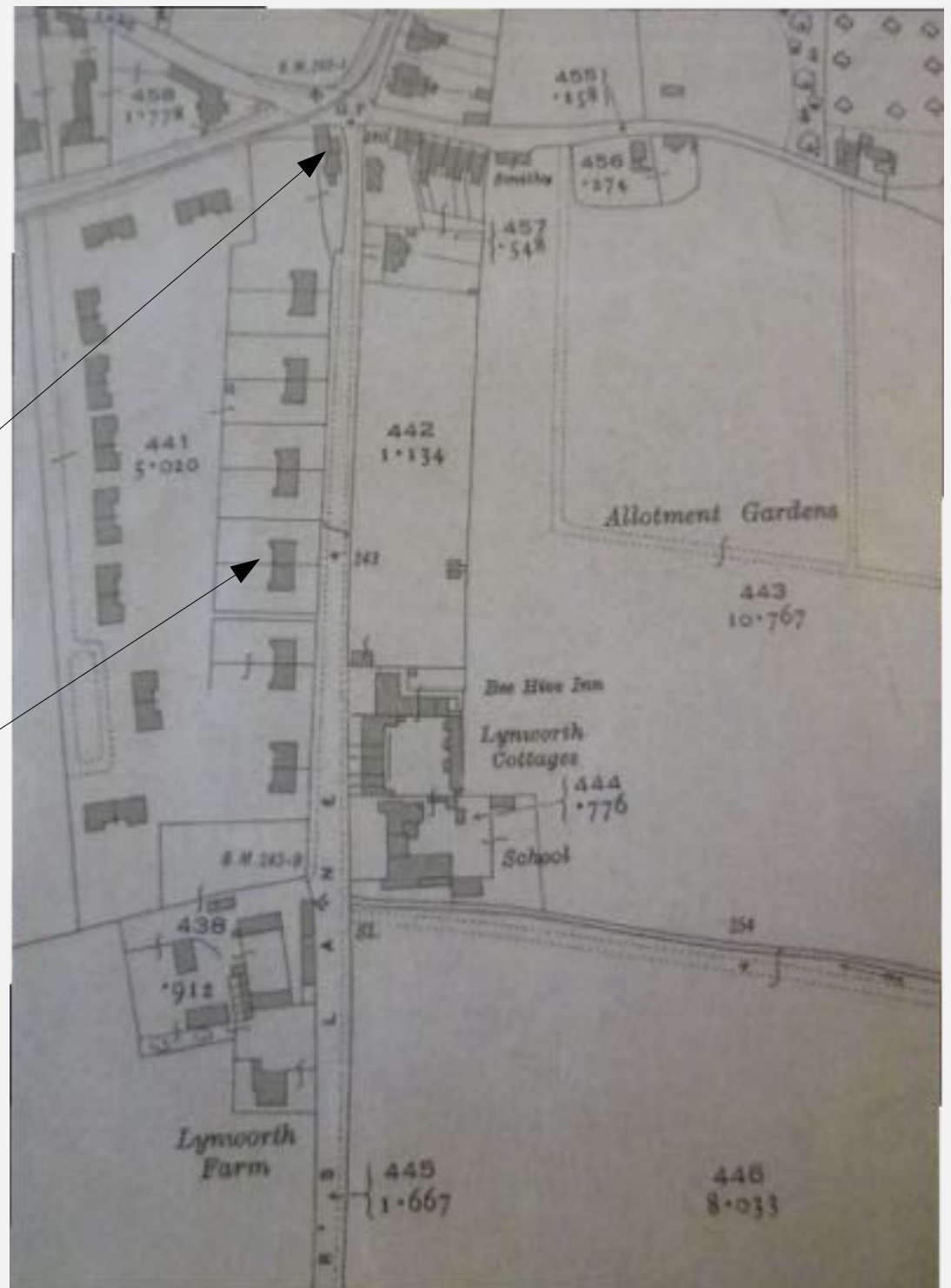
# 1920s

WI Hall was opened in 1925



First of the new houses

Henry Davies landlord  
& smithy in Blacksmith's Ln



# 1930s: Development

Cheltenham RDC purchase  
Randall's Orchard in 1929

Part of Ryefield Gardens  
was developed in 1934



**HOUSES LIKE THESE—**  
(built by GODDARD & HUNT)  
**COST FROM £585**

**Modern Built  
RESIDENCES**

CONTAINING  
Dining Room  
Sitting Room  
Kitchenette  
3 Bedrooms  
Bathroom  
Usual Offices

Electricity (light and power) and Gas.  
Modern fireplace.  
Hot water by hand or battery boiler.  
Half-tiled kitchenette and bathroom walls.  
Side entrance for car. Freehold.

**GODDARD & HUNT**  
Builders,  
HARP HILL, CHELTENHAM

"Broom" and "Wendell," Broom's Lane, Country Road.

(Photo by Johnstone, Langdon & Co.)

# The story continues...

1947 aerial photograph showing the development

1950s renumbering loss of house names & terrace names

Appeal for memories, photographs & reminiscence



Prestbury School c1940s



Garden at No. 83 c1950s



Bonney's Lane

