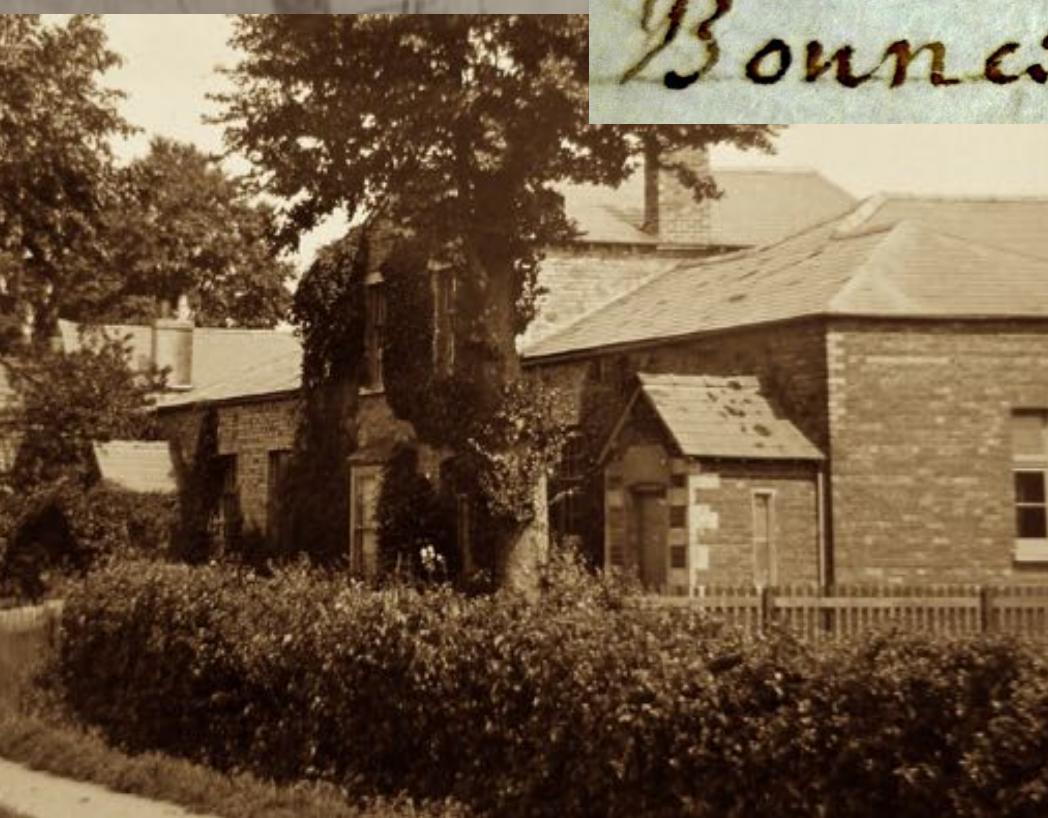


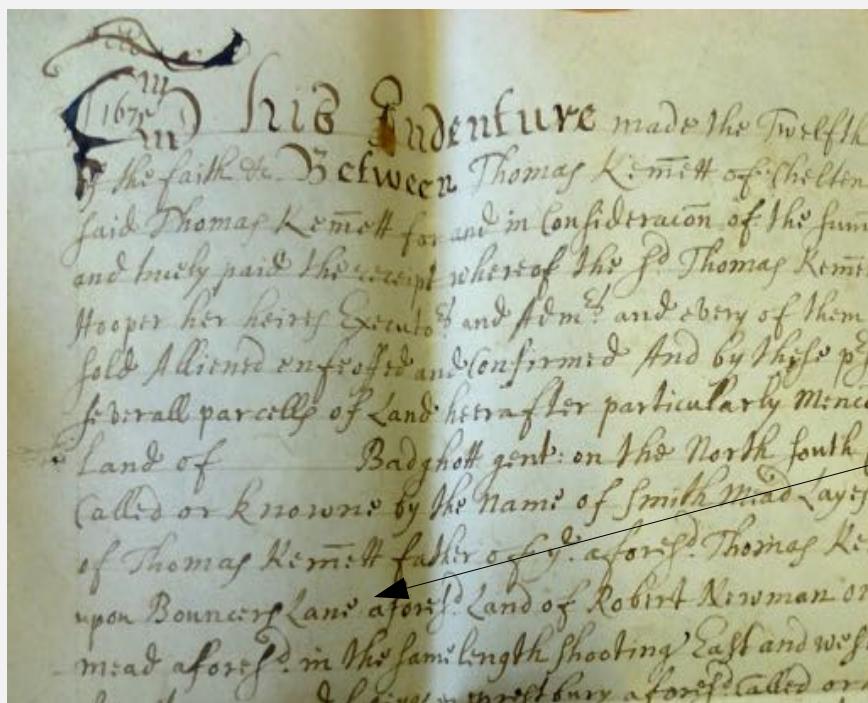


Bonnerville



# 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**?

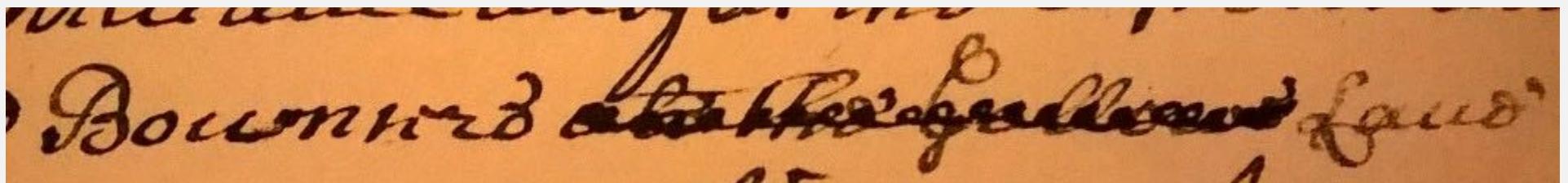


Earliest reference found in  
**1675** land sales document

A close-up of a handwritten section of the document, showing the words 'Bouners of Land' in cursive script. A small black arrow points from the word 'Bouners' in the main text above to this close-up.

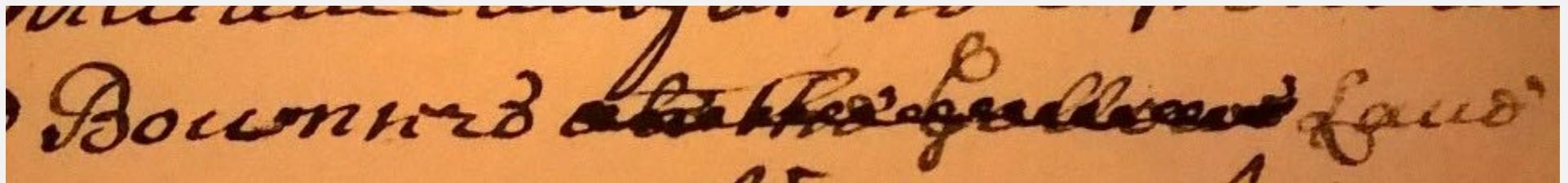
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**Cemetery Road:** After the Cemetery was opened in **1864** it was decided by the Burial Board that Bouncers Lane was "*a very inappropriate name*"

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

# Before Inclosure





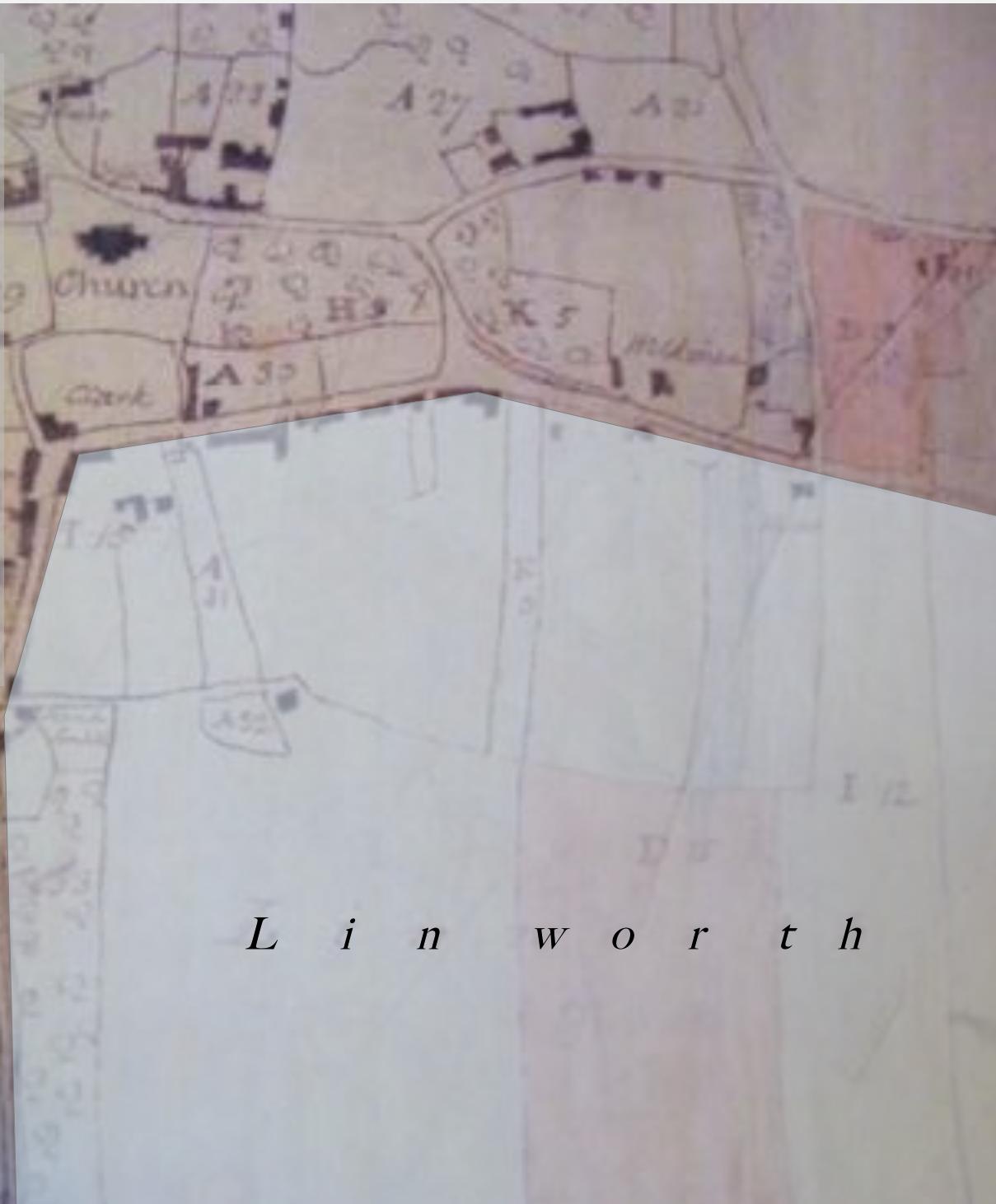
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*L i n w o r t h*

- 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.



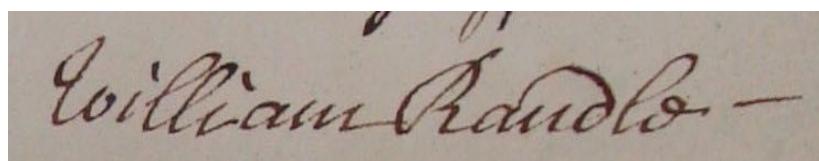
- Earliest surviving building is Randall's Cottage which dates from C17th.
- Does it predate the existence of the Randall family in Prestbury?
- Did the Randalls we know about ever live there?
- Inclosure Act holds some clues although it relies somewhat on conjecture...



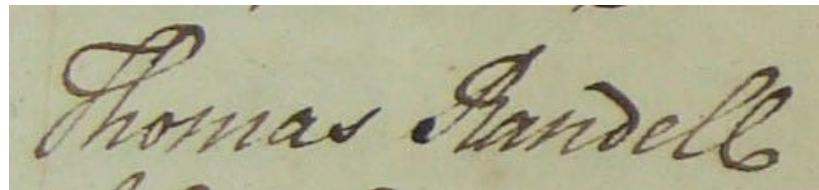
*L i n w o r t h*

# 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)

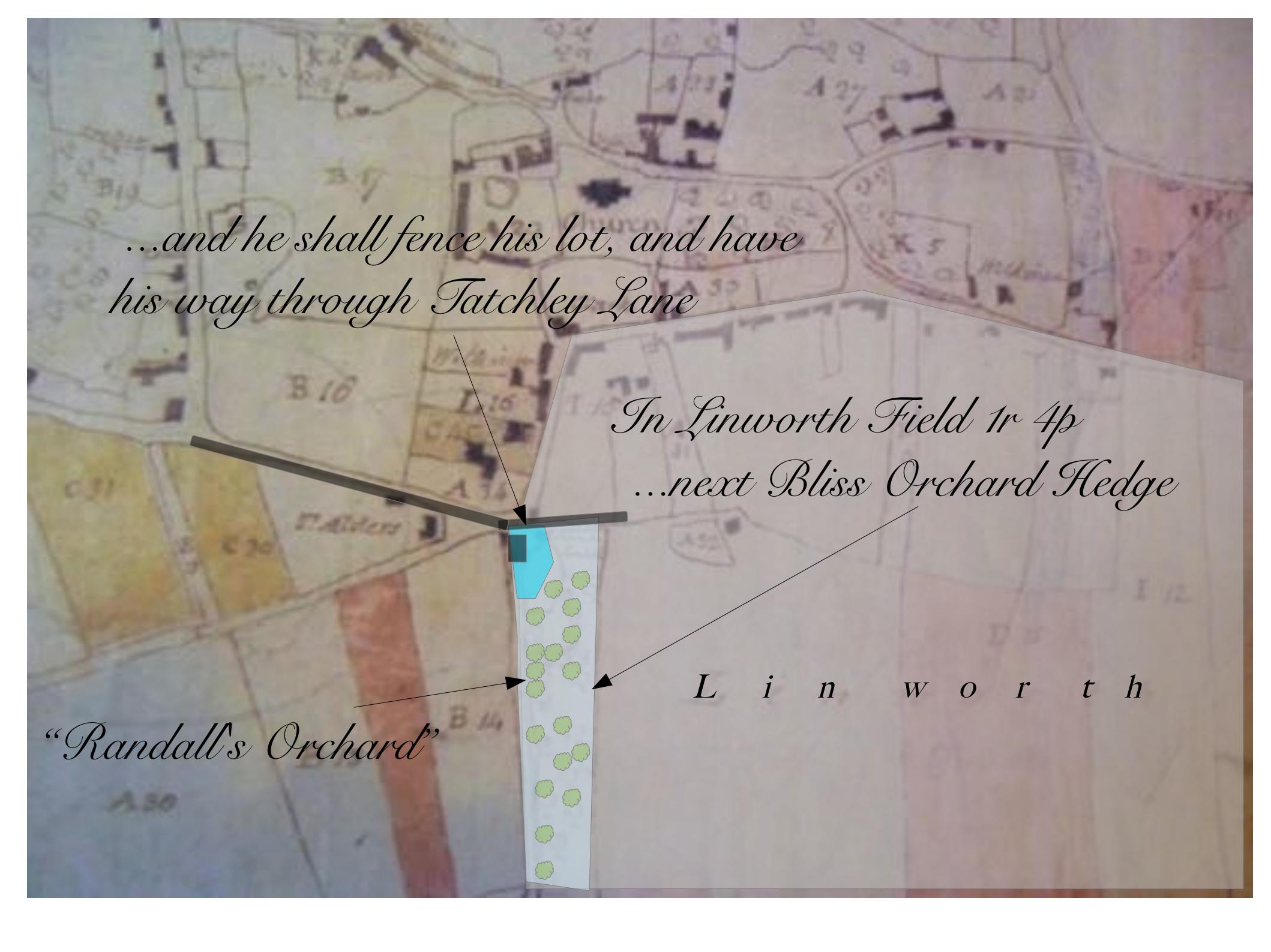


William Randle -



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



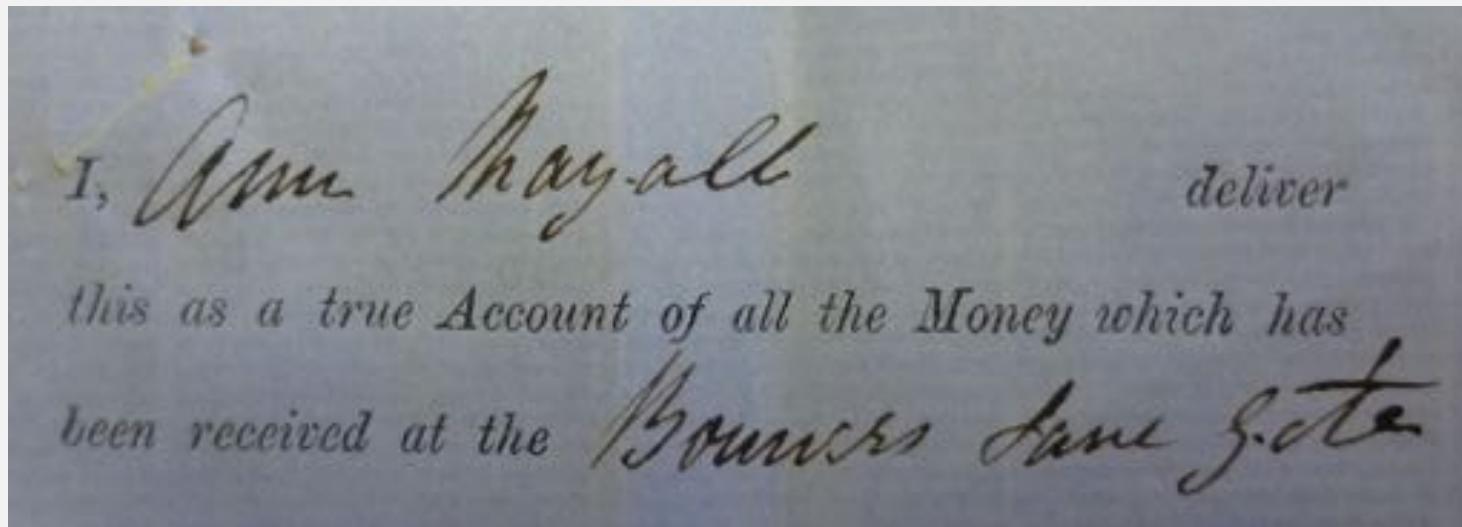
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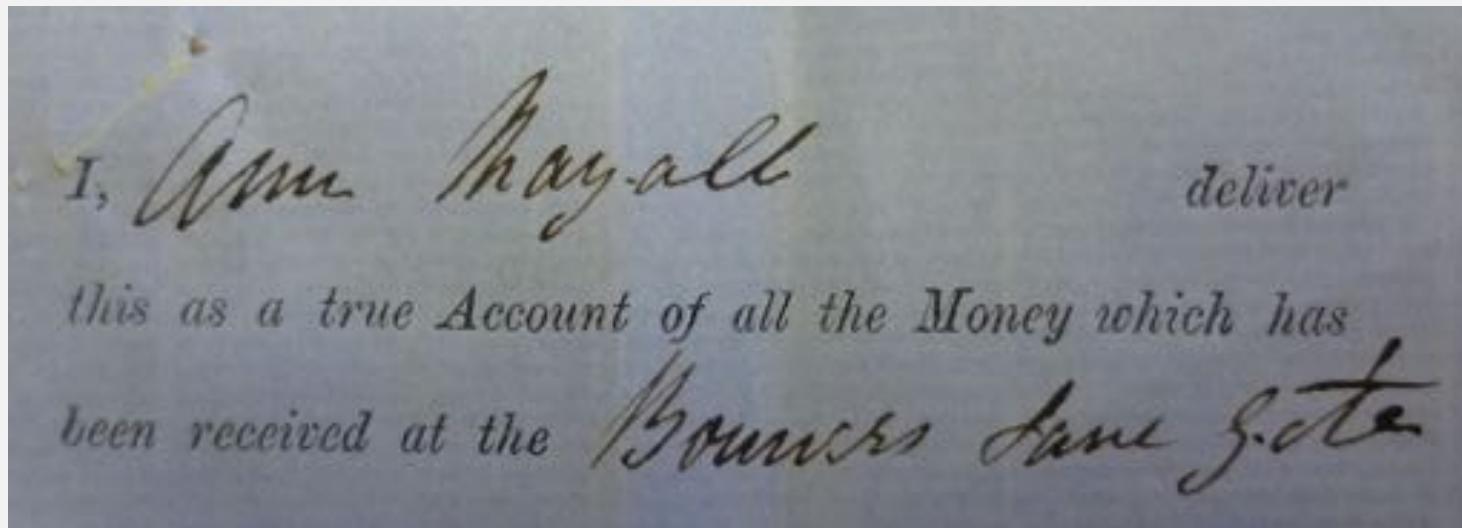


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*From Southam/Cleeve & feature regularly in Bouncers Lane.*

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 to 100 pupils walked from miles around.

# Early Schoolmasters

## Advert 1836

**PRESTBURY NATIONAL SCHOOL.**  
**WANTED**, a **MAN** and his **WIFE**, of middle  
age, or under, capable of taking the charge of the above  
**SCHOOL**. There is a comfortable **RESIDENCE** and **Garden**  
attached to the School.—Apply to the **Rkv. J. Edwards.**

## Edwin Bradfield

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

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

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

### Attendance and Discipline

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

**1847 steeple chase**

# Richard Thornton

the s<sup>o</sup> J. Edwards was  
d thereby intended to be  
s<sup>o</sup> R. Thornton for the  
of land & the sum  
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



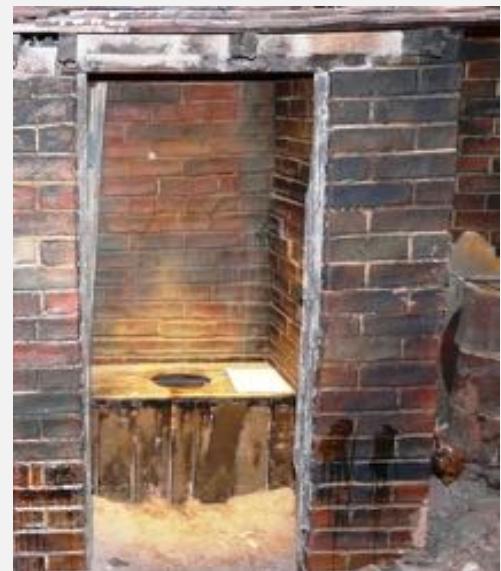
Plain chimney

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

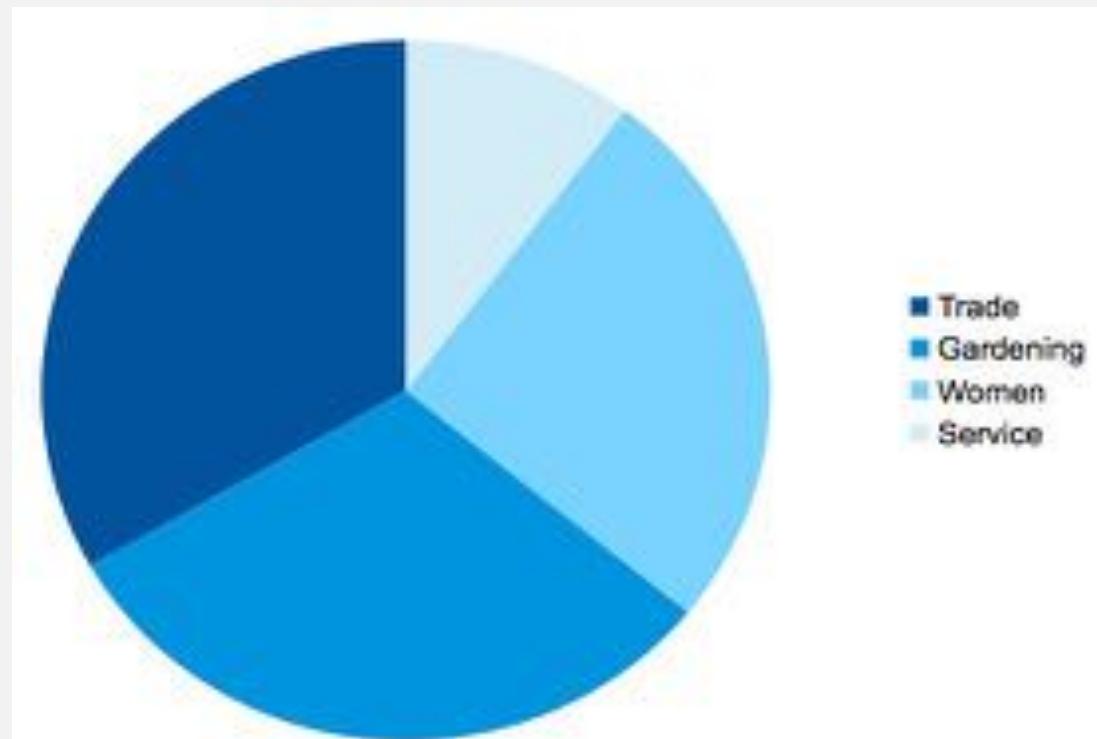
1861

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

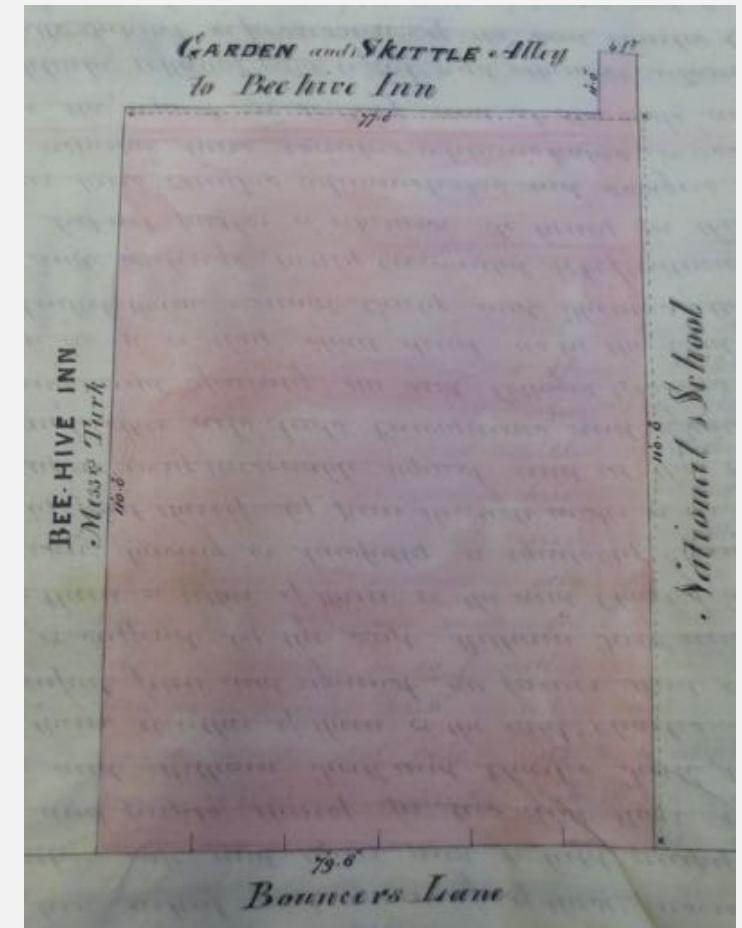
**Alfred** – Pharmacist, London & Eastbourne

*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.



~ Valuation ~  
at the ~  
Bee Hive Inn

1899

In Bar Parlour

In Cider House

Club Room

In Cellar

In Smoke Room.

In Kettle Alley

In Lawn.

In Brewery

# Landlords

1840-41

**1841-47**

1852

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Mr Robert Turner  
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Alfred Hackford

John Thomas Marston

Samuel Francis Williams

Henry Davis

*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.,

THE 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 Rootz, 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, Cheltenham.

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WHITSUN HOLIDAYS.

**BEE HIVE INN, PRESTBURY.**

J. ROWLAND respectfully informs his friends that his Annual

**PIG-NIC AND BALL**  
WILL TAKE PLACE

ON WHIT-MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1862,  
*And on the following WEDNESDAY* his

**GREAT CLUB-FEAST PARTY.**

Admission to the Gardens, 6d. each.  
Dancing to commence on the Lawn at 8 o'clock,  
and in the Ball-room at 9 o'clock.

A GOOD QUADRILLE BAND  
will be in attendance.

*Refreshments on Moderate Terms.*

J. R. hopes that on these occasions he may  
meet with the same amount of patronage which  
was bestowed upon him last year.

*Barber from Winchcombe  
35 years as Landlord  
'Heyday' picnics & balls*

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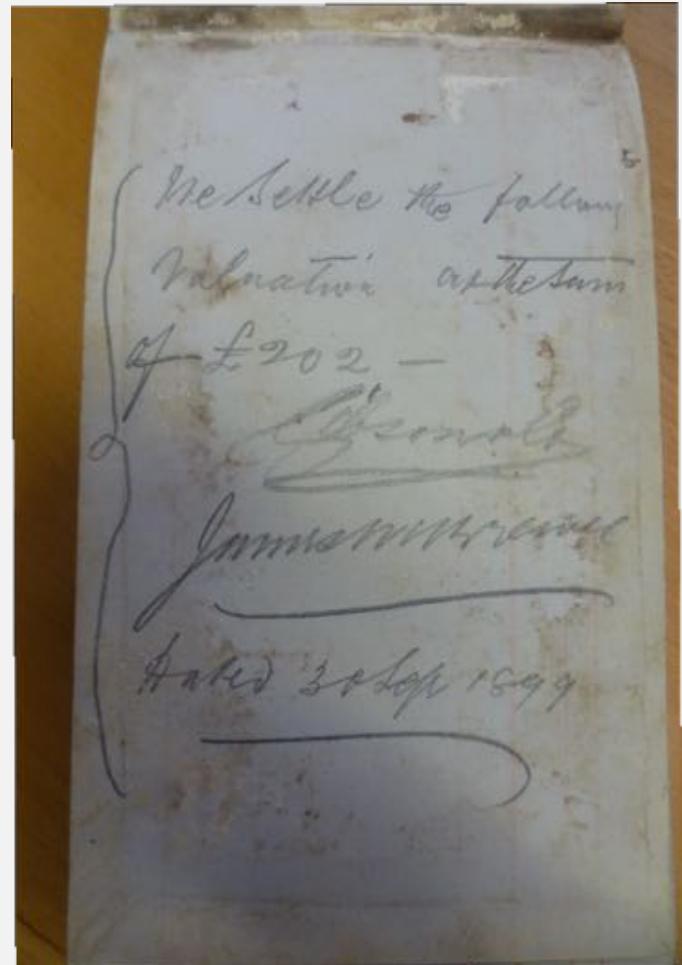
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1883 “too ill to attend court”

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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*

*Image Courtesy of Gloucestershire Archives*

# 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



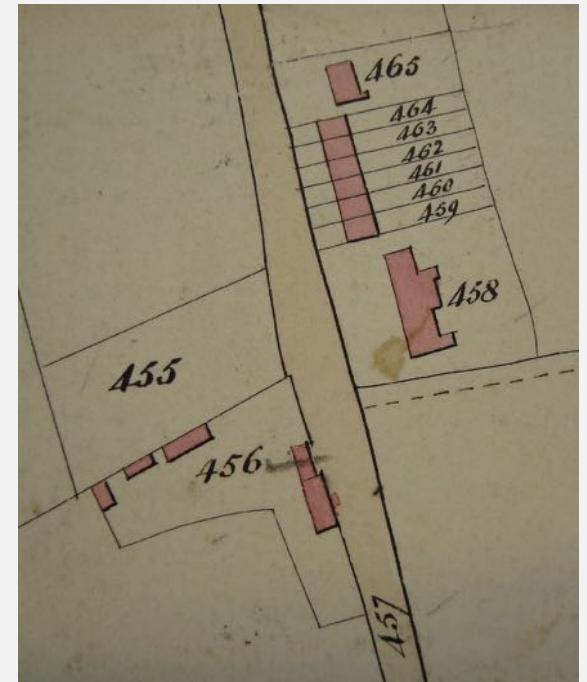
**Bankruptcy** named in the local papers and London Gazette.

**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*

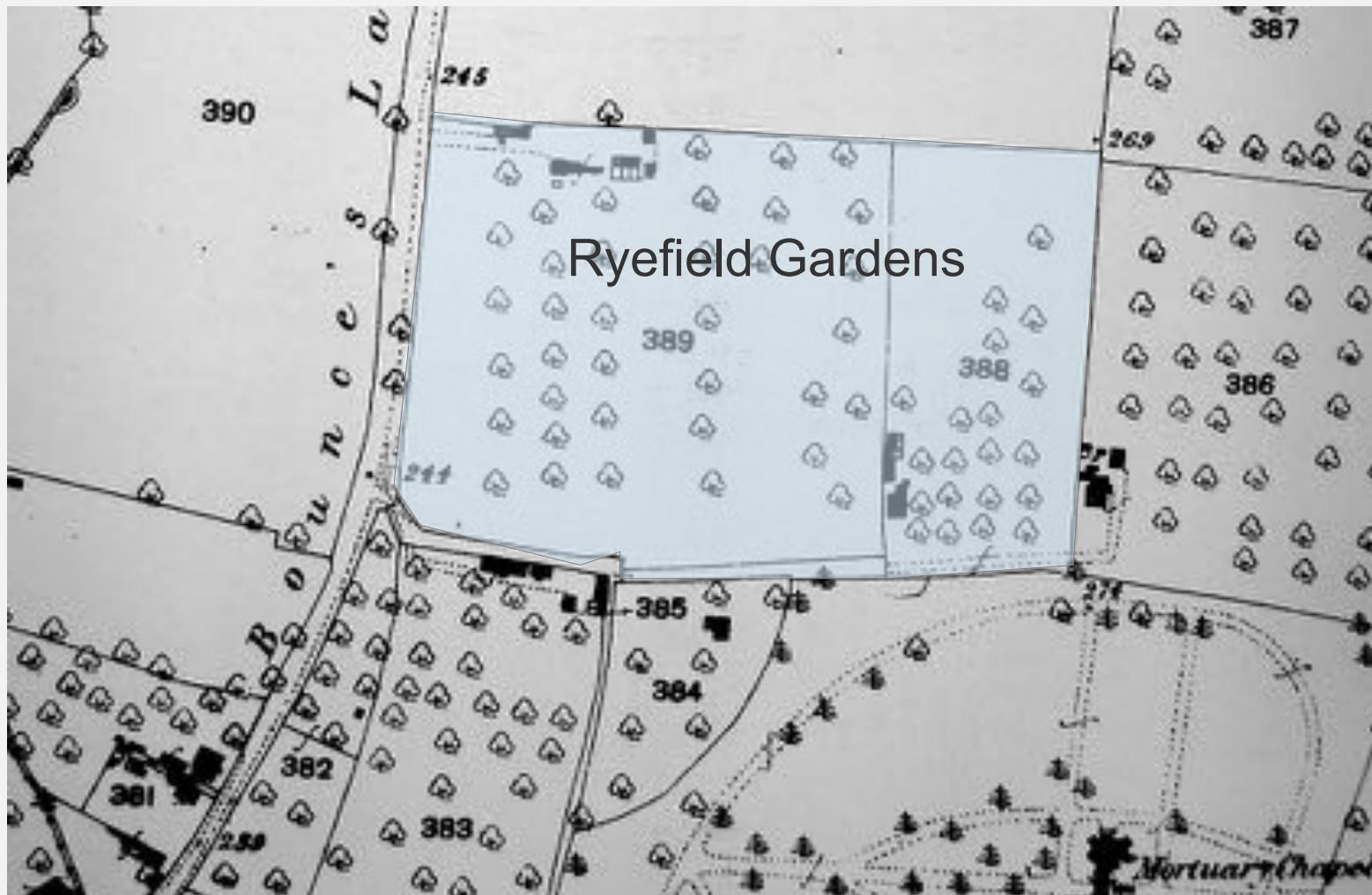


*Milking parlour (developed into the garage) also a farm equipment company.*

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

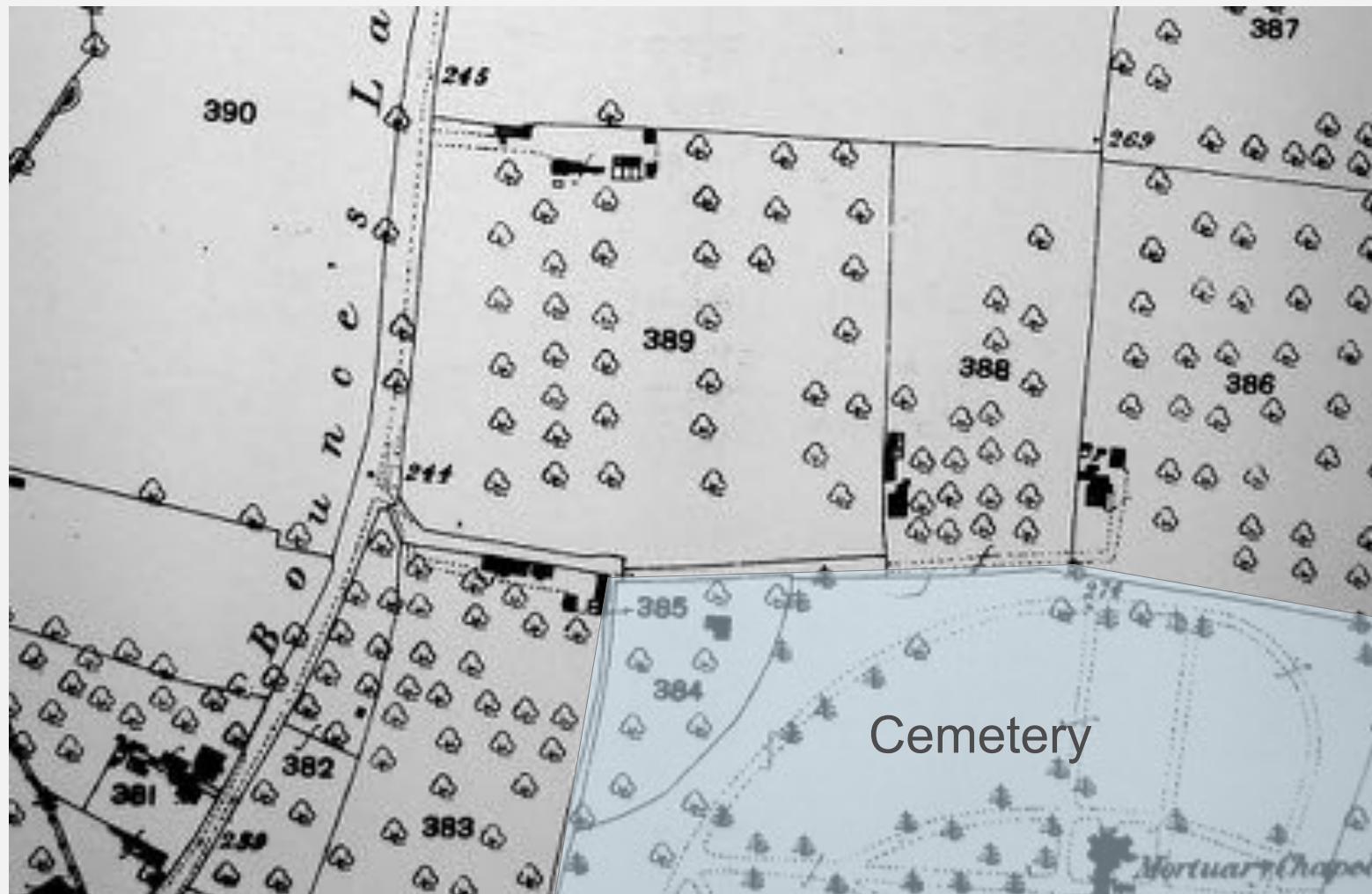
**Lynworth Farm  
struck by lightning twice!**

# 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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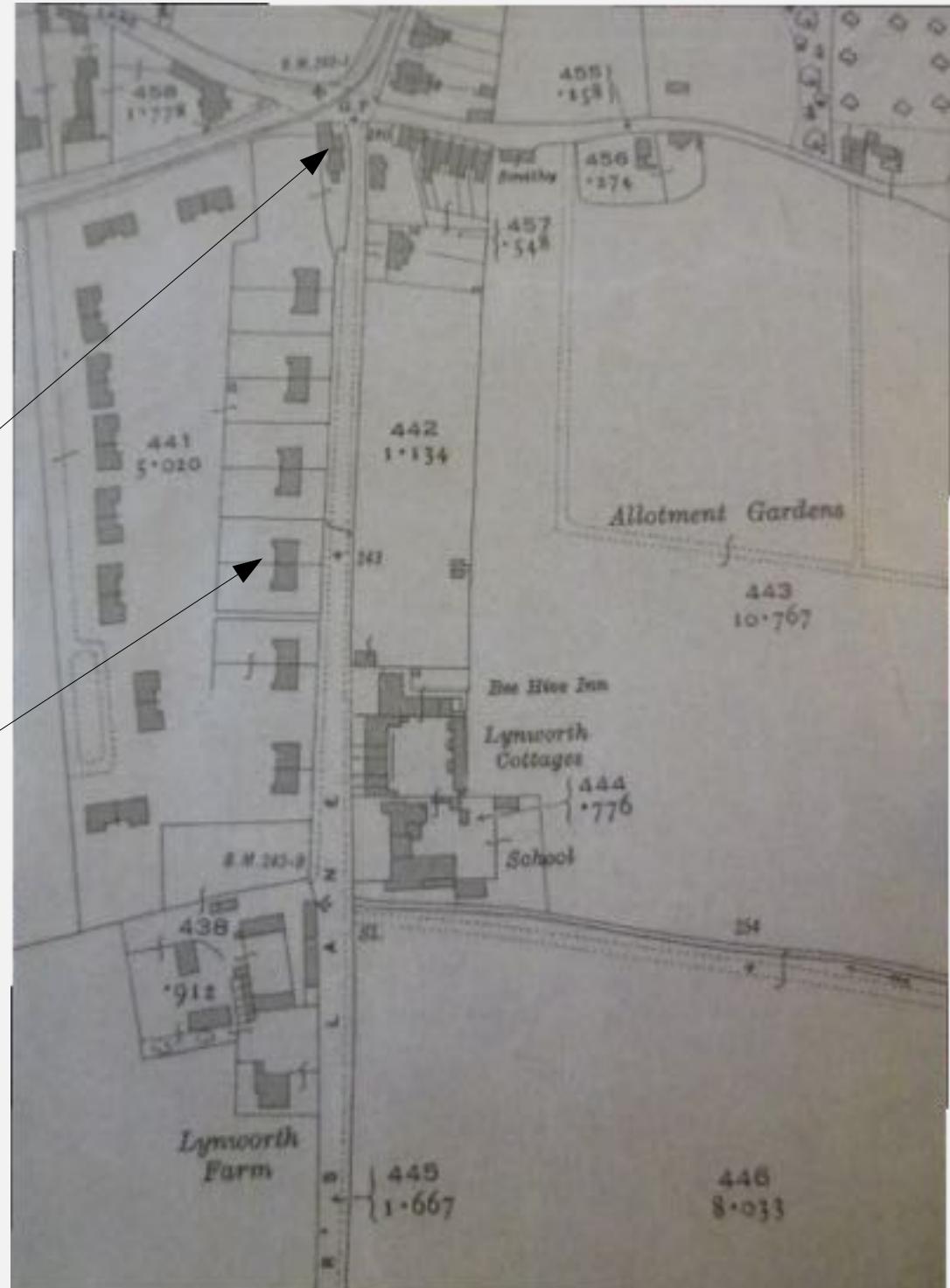
# 1920s

WI Hall was opened in 1925



First of the new houses

Henry Davies landlord  
& smithy in Blacksmith's Ln

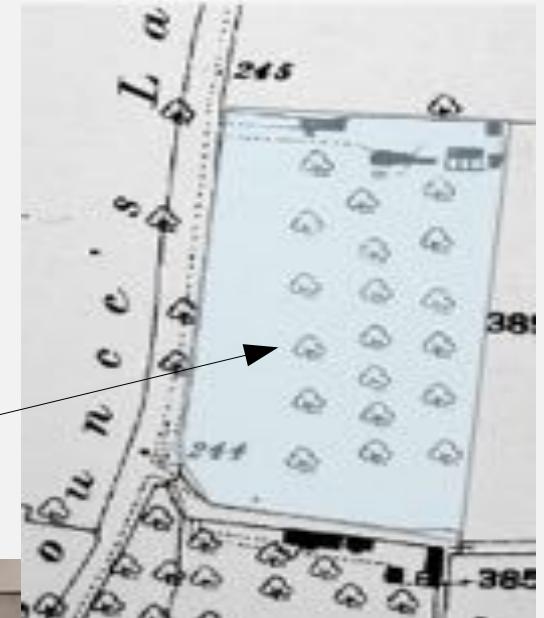


# 1930s: Development



Cheltenham RDC purchase  
Randall's Orchard in 1929

Part of Ryefield Gardens  
was developed in 1934



# 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



Bonnerville

