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*The following is a transcription of a booklet presented to us as a gift from friends of Roy and Barbara Nuttall. Roy and Barbara began their renovations of Forge Cottage<sup>1</sup>, in Shincliffe village, in the late 1960s. This meticulous record, compiled by Roy, an architect who worked for Durham County Council, provides us with an insight into a time and age when the old was being, perhaps erroneously, demolished, and the attempts of a few people to preserve and enhance properties which may have been overlooked. We encounter some well-known people from the village who re-emerge and interact with the Nuttalls as they attempt to improve their living conditions and enhance the village. All attempts have been made to provide an accurate transcription. Where the writing is illegible, or has not yet been deciphered, we have inserted brackets ( ) or (something) to indicate that more work needs to be done to uncover the word or phrase.*

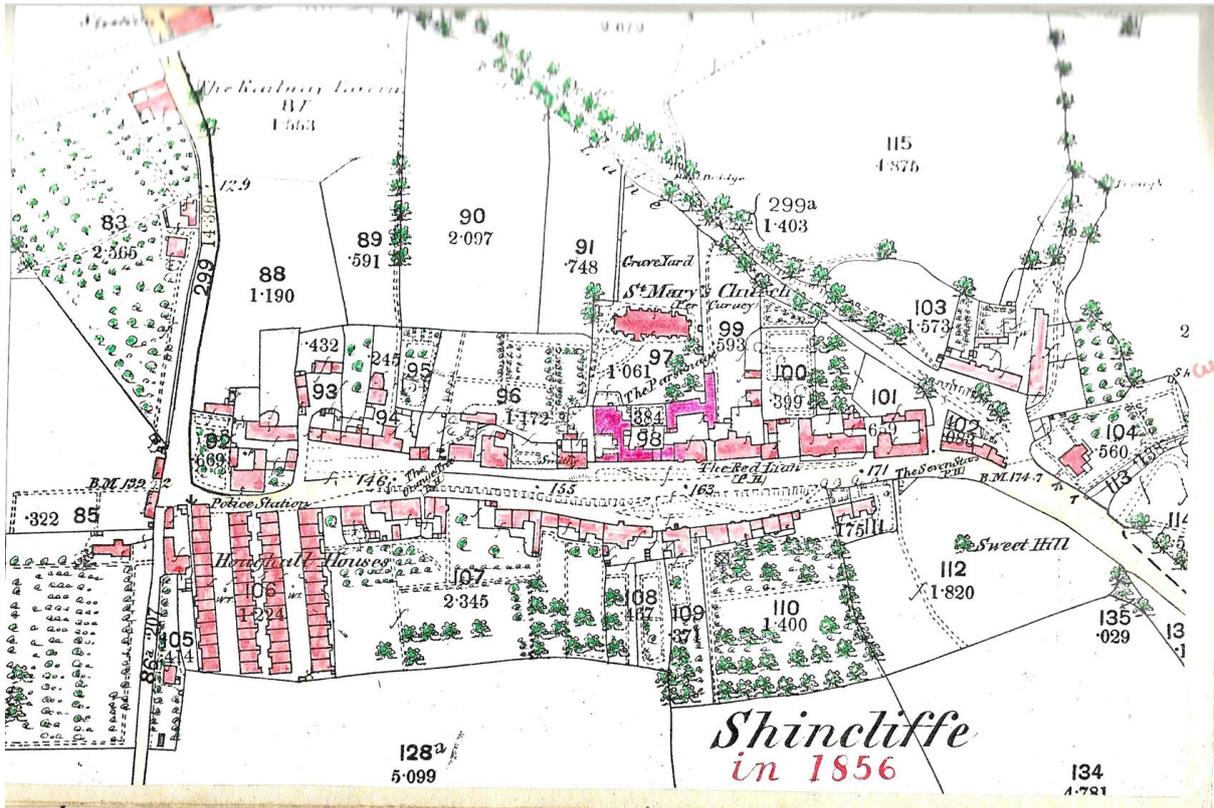
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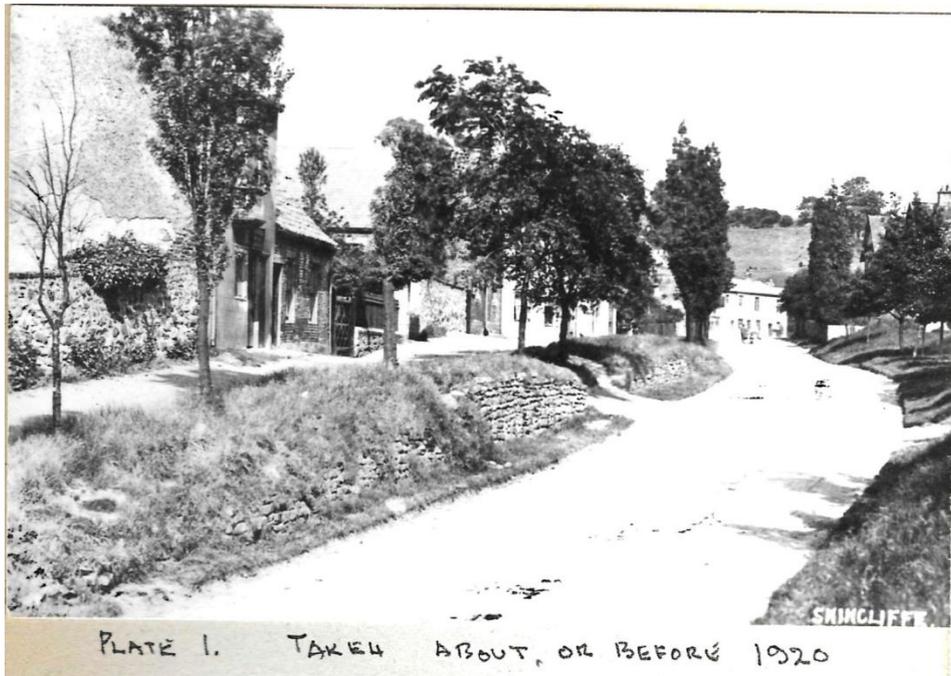
The earliest deed in the “Schedule of Documents” regarding Forge Cottage is an Indenture dated 18th of April 1865 which states that the house was formerly in the possession of Thomas and Elizabeth Pattison, and that it was being leased by the Dean and Chapter of Durham to William French of Shincliffe in the County of Durham, Blacksmith” for 21 years at a down payment of £6.1.0 plus two half yearly payments of 5/6d. This indenture is a parchment some 26” x 19” signed by the Dean, the Rev. George Waddington<sup>2</sup> and bearing the seal of the Dean and Chapter. A small plan shows that the adjacent house to the east is owned by Miss Miller<sup>3</sup>, the Rev. Isaac Todd<sup>4</sup> the land to the rear about the land to west is owned by Mr Johnstone.

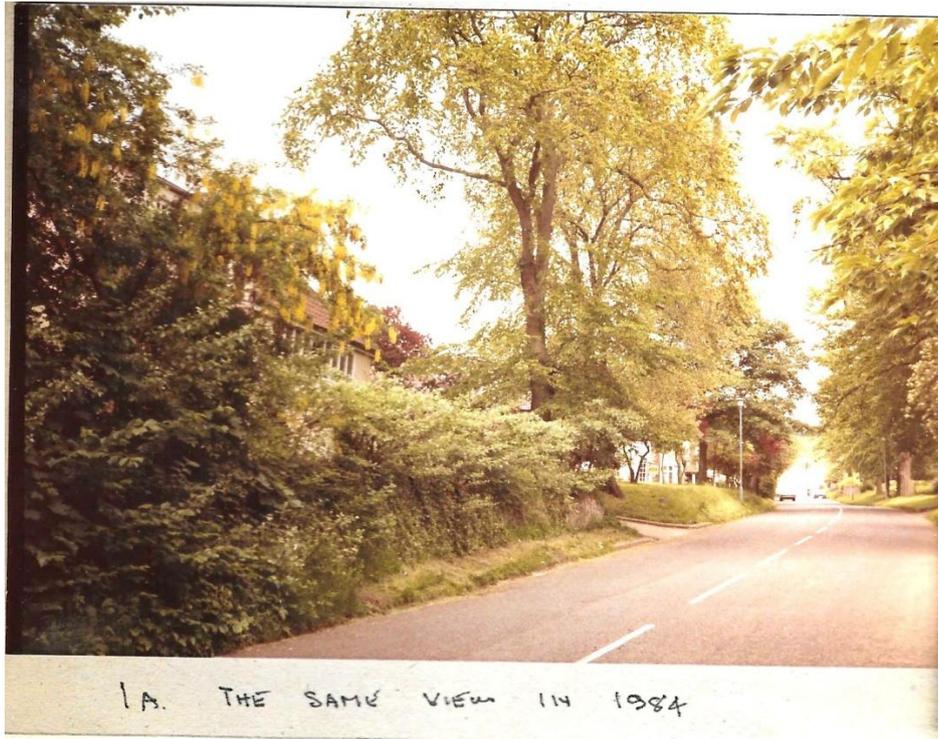
In 1868 Parliament passed a second ecclesiastical Act<sup>5</sup> complementing the Act of 1843 for “the better provision for the spiritual care of populous families”. This enabled an Order in Council to be made on the 27 of November 1872 notifying a scheme of the Ecc. Comm. in reference to the estate of the Dean and Chapter of Durham, in which was particularly mentioned the land in the above lease, allowing the Dean and Chapter to sell it to William French.

This was done by a conveyance dated the 6th of April 1876 for the sum of £85, and it states that “the Dwelling house now used as a blacksmiths shop”. The Conveyance has now been increased to three sheets of parchment each 28” x 20”, most of which is concerned with the extraction of minerals. It is signed by William French and the Joint Treasurer to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and has their seal at the bottom.



The ground floor external walls of the cottage are between 18" and 24" thick, whilst the first floor walls are only 12" thick. From this it would seem that it was originally a single story building similar to the adjoining house shown in Plate 1.



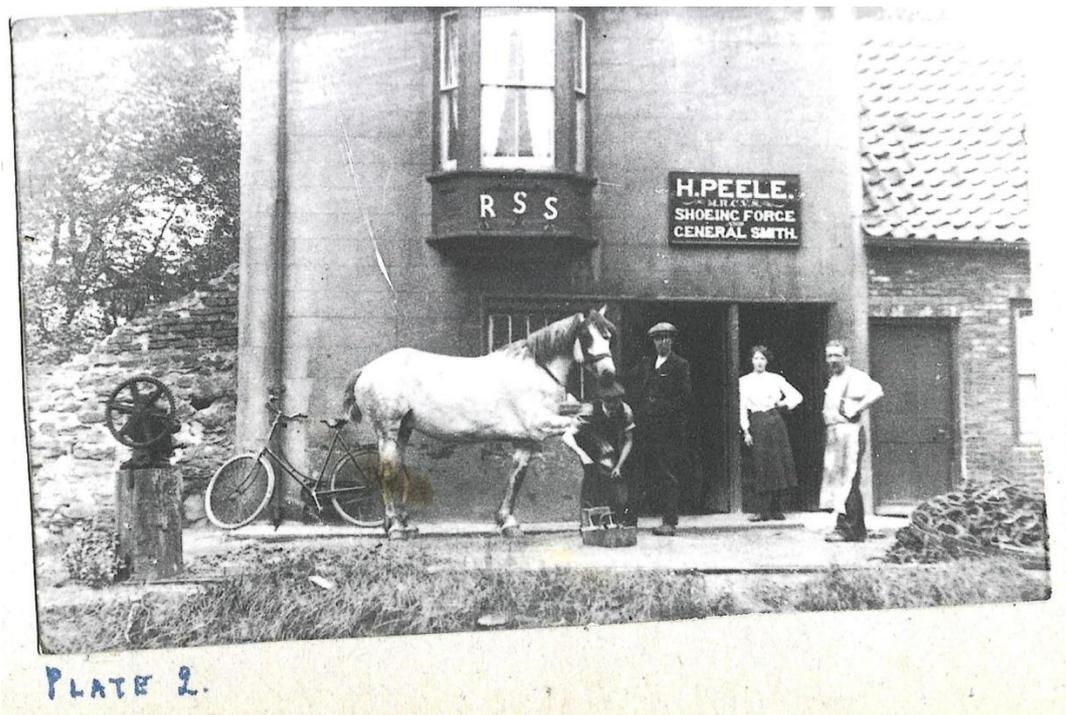


On the 11th May 1883, William French<sup>6</sup> (now called “the Elder”) sold the property to Thomas Gutherie a law clerk for £125. The land on the South now belongs to the Reverend George R. Bulman, as does Miss Millers land to the East, whilst the land to the West belongs to Richard Hopps<sup>7</sup>.

On the 18th of September 1883 Thomas Gutherie sold the property to William French the lawyer for £137. The adjoining owners remain the same.

The next change came on the 30th of August 1894 when William French<sup>8</sup> living at 54 Elswick Row Newcastle sold the property to John Moody<sup>9</sup>, Butcher, of Shincliffe for £80, the adjoining owners again remaining unchanged.

Sometime between 1894 and before 1913 the first floor was added, and a separate doorway made to a flat, as shown in the photograph of Plate 2 (taken in about 1913). The man holding the horse was Ralph Kellett aged 18 when the photograph was taken and at present (1967) living at White House Farm, Slaley, Hexham. The man in the apron is the grandfather of Mrs Milner of Shincliffe Mill, and the man filing the horse’s hoof is the eldest brother of Miss Smurthwaite<sup>10</sup> now living at “Nancyville” two doors below the cottage. This brother died aged 27. The young girl in the doorway is Mrs Milner’s mother, who in 1973 was 76 years old and living in Croxdale. Mrs Milner was born here, and she says that at another time her husband's parents apparently also lived here.



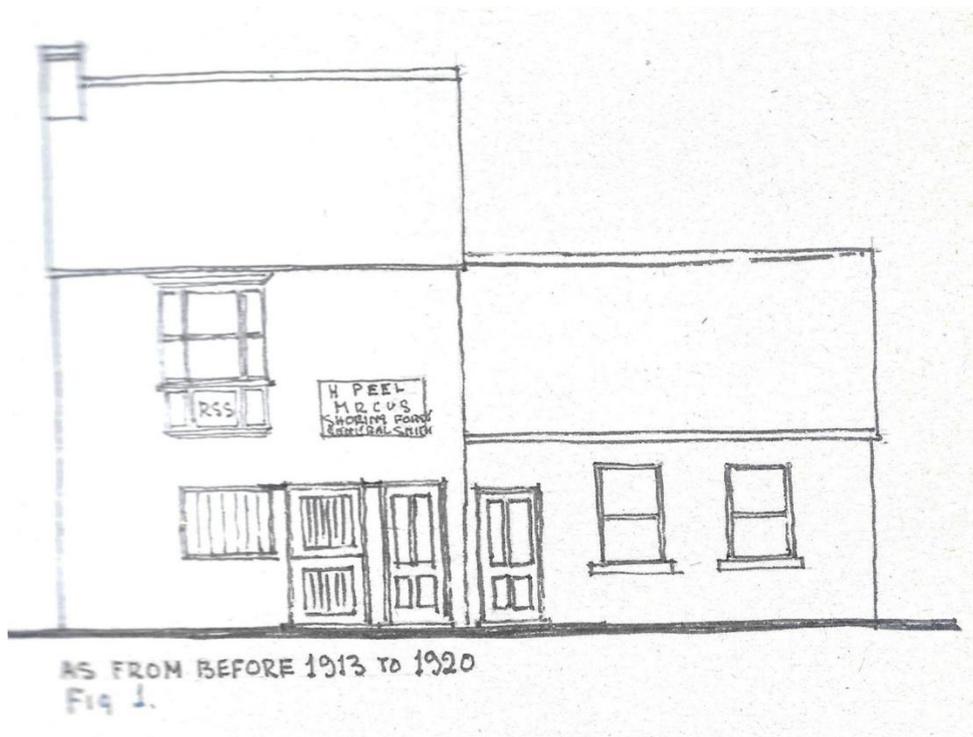
On the 12th of January 1906 JE Peele<sup>11</sup>, JP, Vet Surgeon and having stable properties died, aged 74. He qualified in 1855 and went into partnership with the Mr Hubbick<sup>12</sup>. He left a widow and four sons and two daughters. One son H Peele succeeded to his father's business. In the 1907 Durham Directory and Almanac he is listed as living in Shincliffe<sup>13</sup>, and it would seem that he leased the house and blacksmith's shop as part of his business, hence the sign over the door shown in the previous photograph and in Photo 3 taken about the same time.



*The man in the middle has been identified as Reginald "Reg" Smurthwaite. The man to Reg's right is Charles Wesley Featherstone and the young lady on his left is Lily, Charles' daughter – Ed.*

In 1920 the Parochial Church Council decided to build a Church Hall, and since the adjoining cottage was in Church ownership, had it pulled down and the present building erected.

The Forge was closed down and the building altered into a two storey house in *(left blank -Ed)*, the change to the front elevation being shown in Figures 1 and 2. At same time the staircase was moved from the front door to the middle of the house, a range put in what had been the Forge and the old earth closet in the yard at the back converted into a WC. The first floor bay window was removed and what had been the living room converted into two bedrooms, with a large borrowed light over the staircase as shown in Figure 3 *(actually Fig. 4 – Ed.)*.



John Moody died on the 15th of January 1928 and in his will left the house to Ethel Maud Jarvis, Ann Elizabeth Moody and James Moody as trustees for his wife Hannah Jane, who was to receive any income from the property until her death, when it was to revert to the Trustees and be equally divided amongst them.

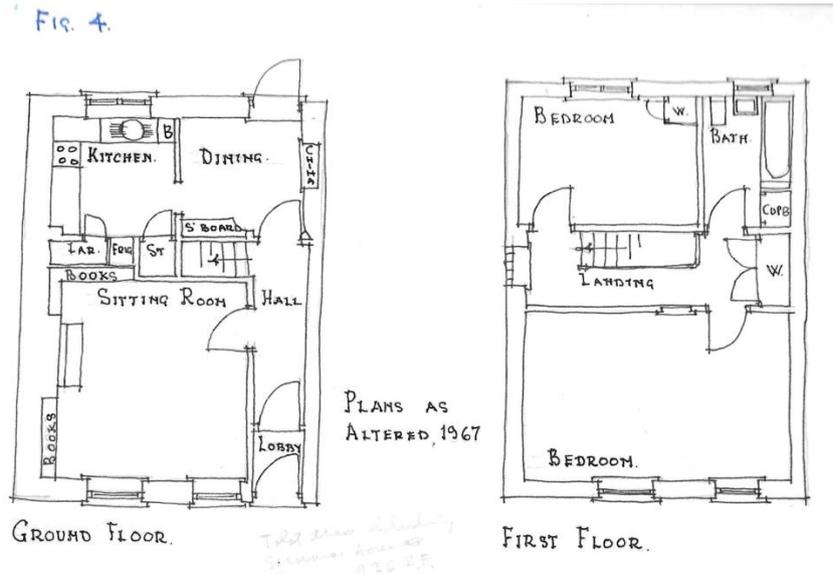


Fig. 3

Hannah Jane Moody died on the 14th of February 1941 when the Trustees took possession till the 9th of May 1949 when they made a Deed of Gift of the property to their brother, Benjamin Moody<sup>14</sup>. He died on the 3rd of November 1961 and in his will left the cottage to his wife Ethel Isabel Moody and their son, Frank Charlton Moody (born July 1922). They decided to sell it, and it was bought by Alice and Richard Addison for £1400.

They removed the old range and installed a fire and back boiler to heat radiators, and replaced the old earthenware sink with a stainless steel one, and fixed a new bath.

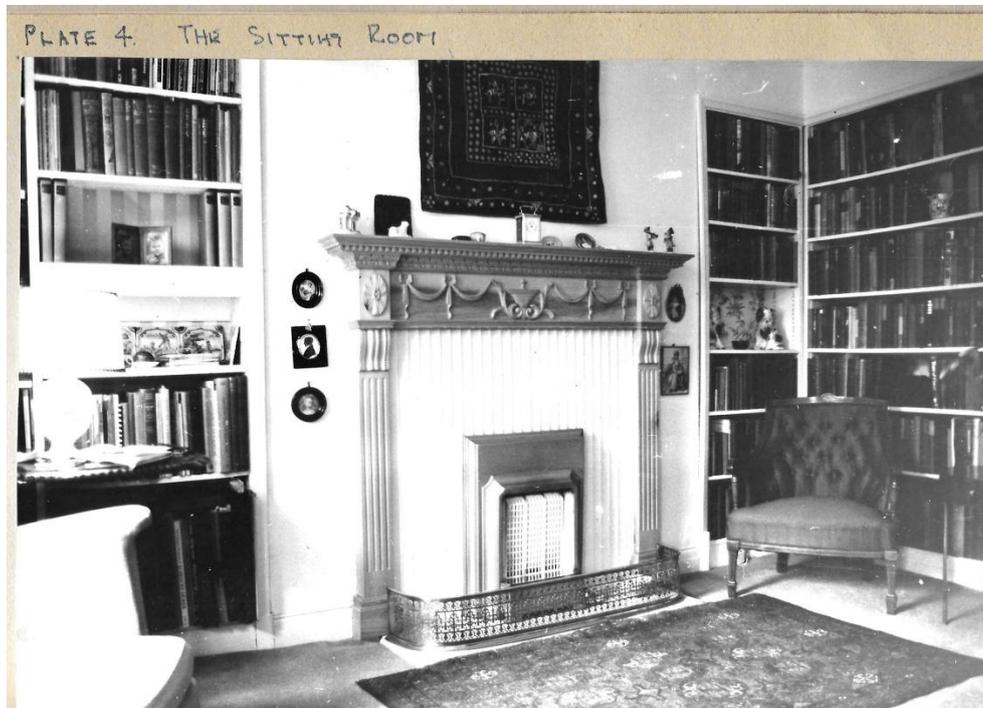
Five years later in November 1966 the house was sold again, this time to us, Barbara and Roy Nuttall for £2,200.

Whilst waiting for the solicitors to draw up the contract, the house was surveyed, measured and drawn out. Application was made to the Durham RDC<sup>15</sup> for both the mortgage and an Improvement Grant to cover the cost of putting in a damp proof course, a new concrete ground floor, new staircase and a window on the landing. Harry Elliott, a local builder was asked to quote for doing various bits of the alterations, and the Gas Board were asked to give a price for central heating.

On the 6th of December 1966 Building Bye Law and Planning approval were given for the alterations, but it was not until the 8th March 1967 that the Improvement Grant was passed. The total cost of the work qualifying for the grant came to £275.12.0 the grant given being half this figure.

A start on the alterations was made in the middle of March, and work so progressed that we were able to ask Fowler and Son to remove our books and bookcases on the 28th of November so that I could build them into the walls as shown in Plate 4, and Fowlers moved the rest of our furniture - and ourselves on the 4th of December 1967.

Since the staircase had no window an agreement had to be reached with Mrs. Smith, our next door neighbour, regarding a window in the gable wall overlooking her garden. This was finally done with a two page legal document, plus a plan, drawn up by her solicitors. In it she agreed to a window of glass bricks, with an annual fee of 1/-. After the first year the shilling was converted into a bunch of flowers which, in February, cost far more than 1/-.



The total costs of the alterations, spread over the Spring Summer and Autumn of 1967 are given in some detail below. It does not include such things as sandpaper, nails bought during a lunch hour or the £ or 20 paid to the dustman at odd times for the removal of rubbish. Neither does it include anything for my time and labour!

Harry Elliot's building work	£189		
Jopling Bros, new staircase	32	15	0
Vestibule, Front and			
French doors	29	12	
Dennison, Own water supply	13	9	8
Rentokil DPC	155	0	0
R Blackhall and Sons Frame and windows	58	4	2
Kitchen cupboards with	38	9	6
F. Hill and Son 5 internal door	17	12	1
T Purves for Balusters	12	10	0
Adamsez Ltd. for WC	19	10	5
Rope Handrail from British Ropers	2	1	0
Bronze rope brackets	3	18	0

Bottle of Whisky for two rope knots	1	15	0
E Gladstone Ltd. Carved	40	0	0
Carved piglet	4	0	0
Handrail to landing	9	0	0
Nameplate	1	5	0
Ferens and Sons Legal charges for window in landing	3	3	0
G. Blakey Repairs to slate roof	18	10	6
M.F. Ramsey Indented door hinges	1	10	0
Gas Board Gas pipes to cooker and fire	9	0	0
C/F	£661	15	4

B/F    £661        15        4

Roger Car. Electric wiring	102	5	0
Milburn and Ellis Glazing	9	3	7
Glass Bullion	3	9	9
Glass for doors	2	16	0
Gas Board Central heating	280	0	0
Gas Fire radiator	1	1	7
Asbestos sheet to mantelpiece	3	12	10
Ian Franks Tile for Kitchen	11	5	10
Craigs Concrete flags for garden	21	12	0
Ramsey and Co Wardrobe door ( )		8	0
Window ( )		19	0
Nelson Sanding Hall floor	12	6	0
Ian Francis Tiles for Bathroom	3	4	1
Dennison Repair to WC leak!!	6	1	1
Cole and Son Vestibule wallpaper	5	0	0
Comyn Ching Door Knocker	4	12	3
Ramsey and Co. 3 Door locks and Yale lock	16	19	0
Master key for 5 locks		15	0
plate	2	14	
Archibalds: Cement, sand, nails	43	10	9
Plasterboard, cove etc.			
Elgey            Timber	32	17	9
British Paints: Paint	28	12	6

C.F.    £1245.        3        10

B/F    £1245        3        10

M Fowler Victorian washstand			
Marble top for hearth and			
Drawers for side-board	2	10	0
Joiners helping fix doors	8	5	0
Plumber helping with water service	11	10	0
Plasterers and plastering	11	15	0
Sanderson's Carvedex moulding		19	0
Gas cooker	43	0	0
Milburn and Ellis: Glass Bricks	9	0	0

Timber for French door stop	1	0	9
Beardsmore: Escutcheons and wardrobe knobs	2	18	0
Five sets of antique brass door knobs and 3 sets escutcheons from building site. Old locks free	1	0	0
	1336	18	7

Deduct

Sale of old copper	£9.15.0	
Housing Grant	135.6.0	
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		£1191.17.7
M Fowler Removal costs		17. 0. 0
		£1208.17.7
	B/F	£1208. 17. 7
Pattinson and Co: Altering carpets and curtains and supplying under-felt and additional pink bedroom carpet		£59. 12. 3
Total cost of alterations		£1268.10.10
House purchase price		2200. 0. 0
Mortgage Cost		14. 0. 0
Legal charges		50.18. 0
Interest charges on Mortgage		980. 13. 2
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<b>4514. 2. 0</b>

Plate 5 shows the house as it appeared soon after moving in, but before the first colour coat had been applied. This could not be done until the new rendering had dried. Plate 6 shows the view from the front of the house looking up the street, whilst next to it plate 7, is shown Judge's postcard view of the village in the Spring. Next to it is a photograph of the recessed shelves of Copenhagen pottery animals.



PLATE 5. THE ALTERED FRONT, 1968.

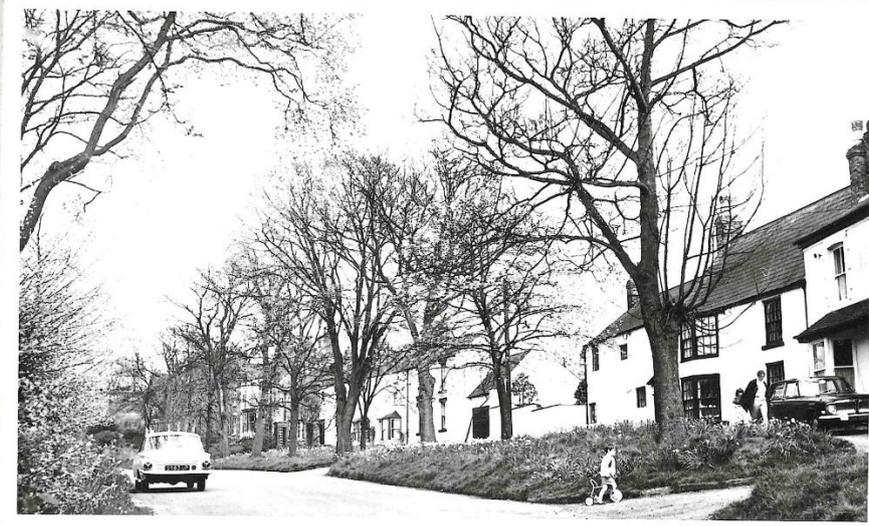


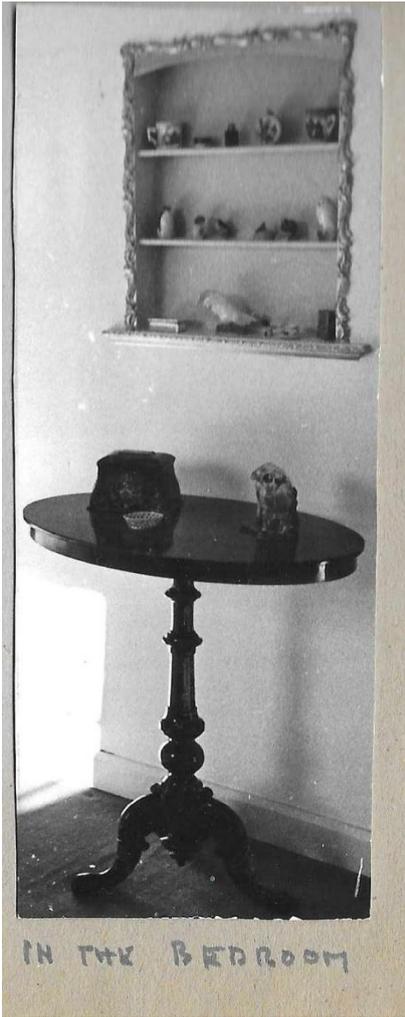
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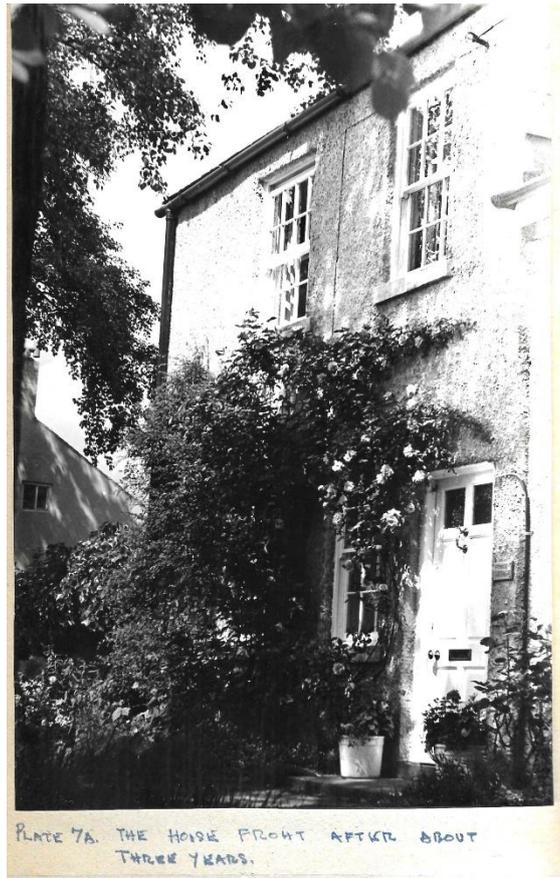
SHINCLIFFE VILLAGE IN THE SPRING

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PLATE 7



IN THE BEDROOM



Previous to moving in, nearly all the concrete covering the garden had been removed and replaced with good soil, but owing to the area being surrounded by walls on two sides and a large elm to the West with an even larger beech to the North it was found that few plants would grow in the shade, as if they did grow so tall as to look silly. Flags were therefore laid over the central portion and large flowers pots bought and this allowed planting up to be done three times a year.

The old earth closet, later WC, was then pulled down and the spoil thrown over the wall for later removal. Fortunately, the Addison's at this time had bought the old school and were busy making a new approach road, so Dick took it all as fill for the embankment. When this space was paved over it provided an excellent place for an old pub table and two chairs, so that breakfast and lunch can be had in the garden during a few days in summer.

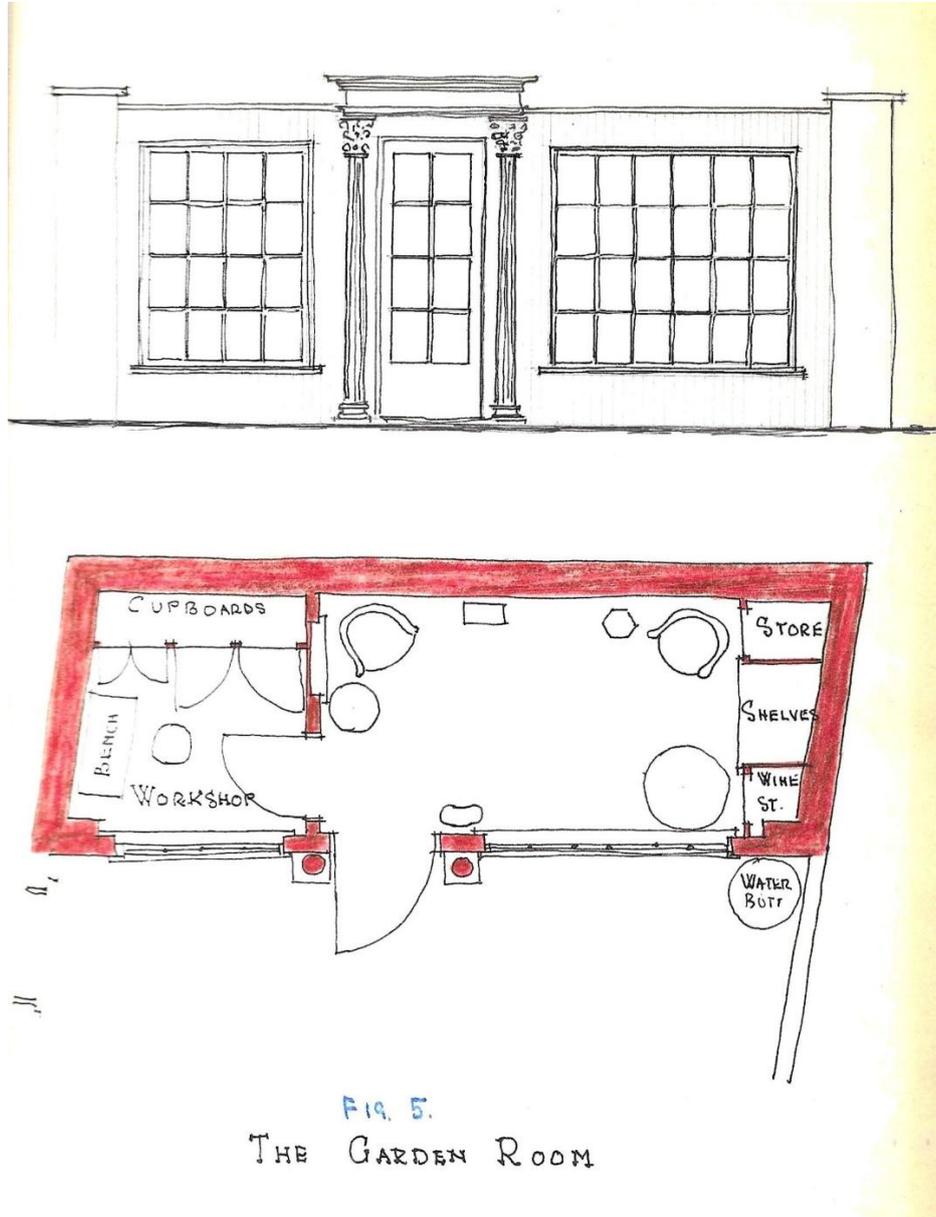
After a year or so it was realised that it that if extra land could be bought extending the garden to the north, a great deal of additional sunshine could be obtained, which as it was was just over the wall.

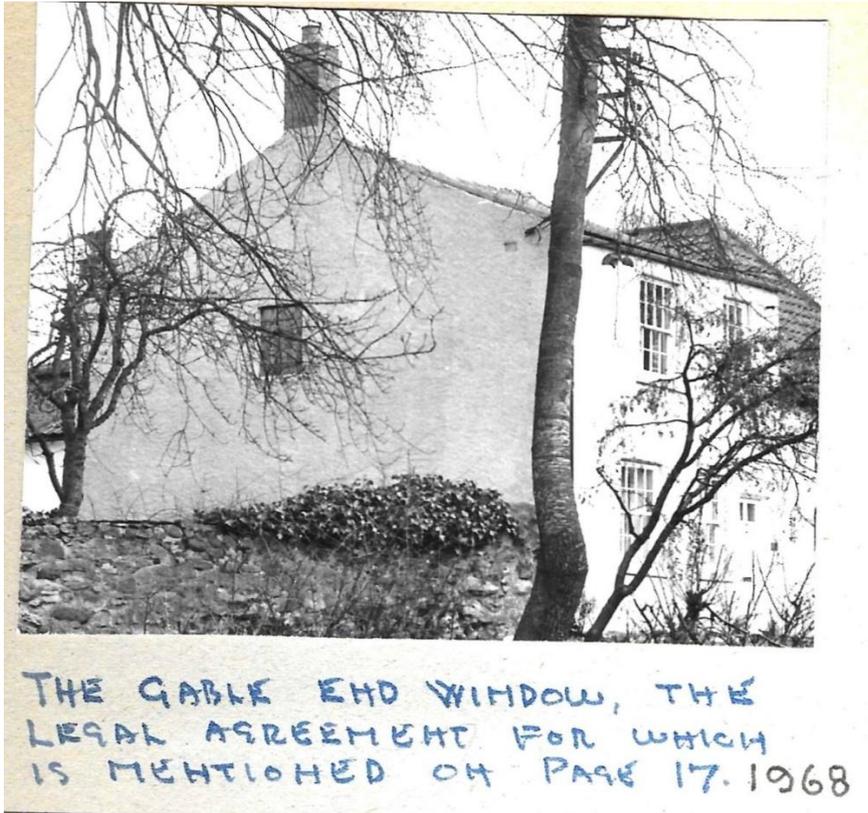
Accordingly, talks were started with Canon Lathen and progressing favourably, eventually involved the Parochial Church Council, the Dean and the Church Deacon and Wood and Co the estate agents.

Although finally much less land was offered than had been anticipated, after two years 40 sq. yards of land was bought on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1971 at a cost of £2 a yard. Although one clause in the Deed stipulates that buildings may not be erected on the land it was pointed out to us by Mr Ferens that if any garden room built was of a temporary nature so that should we leave and wish

to take it with us this would be possible, he would have no objection to such a building, we felt free to proceed.

Plans were drawn showing a two room building and sent off for Byelaw Approval, the finished drawing being shown in Figure 5. Soon, excavation began, trenches were dug and contracts for the foundations delivered. Bricks arrived and Mr Glew<sup>16</sup> and Mr. Hughes built the boundary wall which was also to the rear and side walls of the Garden Room.





Timber for the front and the roof were obtained from the contractor demolishing the Waterloo Hotel<sup>17</sup> in Durham, whilst windows and doors were specials made at Esh Winning. These were fixed and glazed on the roof filled by a supposedly good roofing contractor, but which in fact allowed water to leak into the wine cupboard. Although they came back three times for repairs it was not until we forced thick bitumen into the gutter that it was cured.

At this time Newcastle Town Hall<sup>18</sup> was being demolished and we obtained from the Contractors two Corinthian columns in white painted timbers for fixing each side of the door. Originally these columns were 14' 0" long!

The Room was completed, and over the next year or so decorated and furnished, the new garden planted and with climbing shrubs over the new wall it was soon possible to take the photograph shown in Plate 7 and 8.

Detailed costs for this work are:-

Land costs	£80	
Legal fees	20.14	
Concrete founds and floor	15.00	
4000 bricks	59.00	
Two bricklayers for walls	90.00	
Timber	18.63	
Plywood roof	10.60	
Roof felting	21.18	
Windows and Door	46.37	
Electric cable from House	5.00	
Electrical work	42.00	
Light fittings	7.00	
Slate	1.04	
Glazing	21.19	
Plaster board and cove	15.91	
Coping stones		3.21
Nails	1.10	

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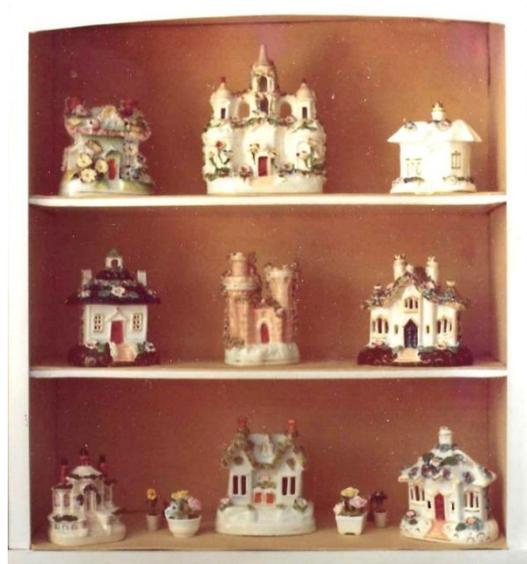
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PLATE 7. THE GARDEN ROOM.



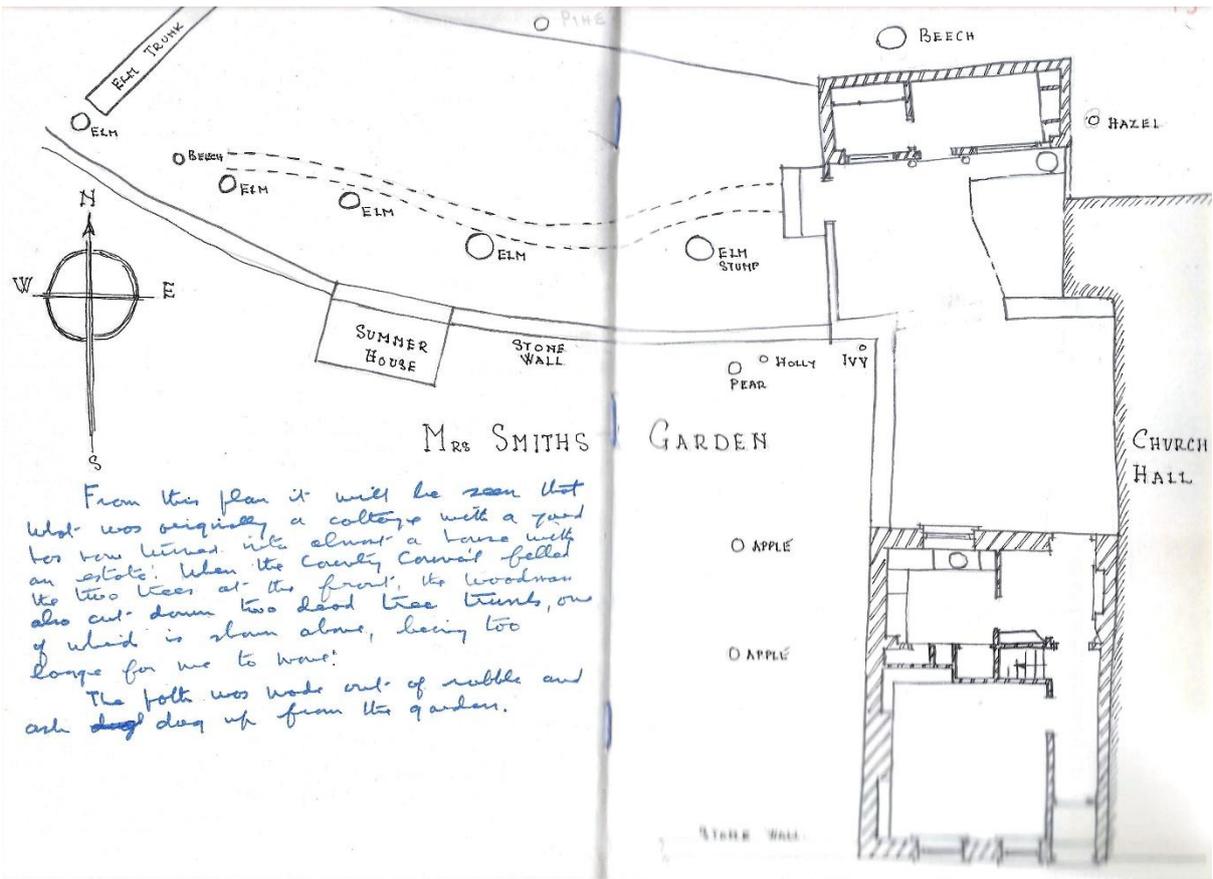
PLATE 8. THE GARDEN ROOM



All the other things like pictures and ornaments came from items that we already had in the house. Also used during the winter is an old Malayer rug put over the carpet for extra warmth.

Ever since he arrived Canon Lathaen<sup>19</sup> had found it impossible to cultivate the Rectory garden because of its size, and he soon allowed neighbours to cultivate plots for themselves. When he retired and the new Rector, Reg Brown<sup>20</sup>, came in 1977 we decided to ask if we could have the pieces of ground to the West of our garden Room and also put a door in the boundary wall for direct access.

After consulting the Archdeacon it was agreed that we could have the land for three years at least, when, said the Archdeacon, it may be required. Given the only reason the Church could require it would be for housing development, we feel safe for a number of years at least!



We had some trouble in getting the Rector to accept £5 a year for allowing us to put in the door, but he would not accept anything for rent for the actual garden. The costs of the door were: -

A second hand door	30p
Timber for new frame	£4.50
Lock	1.85
Electrical work	24.75
Ring door handle	2.60
Screw	12
Nails	10
Cement	1.70
Sand	30
Paint	1.50
Wine netting	1.33
Staples	12
	_____
	£39.32
	_____

The cost of the electrical work is excessive for a stand of wine and two waterproof junction boxes; but the work was done without getting a quotation: so!

From the plan it will be seen that what was originally a cottage with a yard has now turned into almost a house with an estate! When the County Council felled the two trees at the front, the woodman also cut down two dead tree trunks, one of which is shown above being too large for me to move!

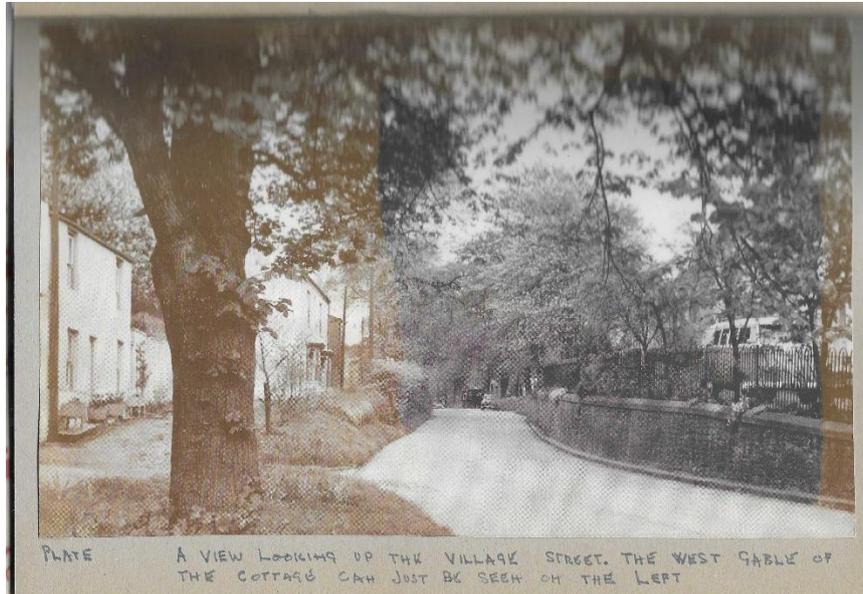
The path was made out of rubble and ash dug up from the garden.

Ever since moving into the house we had been apprehensive about an elm tree at the back and an elder tree at the front of the house. After a gale had blown down a tree on the village green we approached the Rector who, after consulting the Parsonage Committee, agreed to the felling of the Elm if we paid half the costs. It was felled in 1967, and cost £70! The site is marked "Elm Stump" on the garden plan.



Another gale brought down a large branch from the tree next to Mrs. Smith. She complained, and the next thing we knew was when the County Council, on the 26th of July 1978, not only cut down her tree but the one next to us also, since both were rotten and in a dangerous condition.

These two photographs show that before and after condition, the “after” one being taken three months afterwards!



## ADDENDUM

### FROM CHURCH REGISTERS

#### BURIALS IN SHINCLIFFE CHURCHYARD

ROBERT FRENCH	DIED	27.3.1885	AGED	68
WILLIAM FRENCH (OF NEWCASTLE)	DIED	31.5.1887	AGED	74
MARY FRENCH	DIED	16.5.1888	AGED	74
THOMAS LOVE	DIED	18.9.1889	AGED	71
GEORGE KELLET	DIED	7.9.1895	AGED	81
ANN FRENCH	DIED	7.9.1904	AGED	87

GEORGE JAMES JARVIS, PARSON, MARRIED ETHEL MAUD MOODY ON 13.5.1913, AGED 27 AND 29 RESP.

No 659 born 24.4.1884 of HANNAH AND JOHN MOODY, Butcher

HENRY GEORGE SEXTON AND EDITH MITCHEL WERE MARRIED ON 26.9.1906 BUT AFTER THE LEGAL HOURS FOR SO DOING, AND WERE REMARRIED ON 30.10.1906

DAISY PRAGNELL (24) OF 3 LOVE STREET SHINCLIFFE MARRIED CHARLES W ROBINSON (27) ON 12.7.1933. HER FATHER CALLED CHARLES WAS A BLACKSMITH. EDITH IRENE PRAGNELL, HER SISTER, MARRIED 15.12.39 FROM SAME ADDRESS.

No 1428 IN REGISTER

FORGE COTTAGE WAS OCCUPIED AT LEAST ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPT 1928 BY JOHN AND MARGARET HEWISON, A FITTER, WHOSE SON RICHARD HEWISON WAS CHRISTENED IN THE CHURCH ON THAT DAY.

Also living in the cottage were

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*This information has been redacted as the children mentioned (having been born in the 1950s) may still be alive – Ed.*

## Notes

- The records for this cottage go back at least to 1767, when Thomas Pattison takes a lease from the Dean & Chapter as recorded in Lease Book 4:

Lease Book	To Whom	What	Rent	Yearly Value	About	Fines
					Muckliff	200
	Pattison, Thomas	Cottage	Lo: 2: 6	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug <sup>r</sup> 1767	N: 142	0: 0: 0
	He & Elizabeth his wife			26 Jan <sup>r</sup> 1782	GN	0: 10: 0
	They			28 Jan <sup>r</sup> 1796	GN	0: 10: 0

He renews with his wife, Elizabeth, in 1782 and again in 1796.

Name		Dates (Note that dates below align with years starting on 1st January. From 1562 until sometime after the transcription ends in 1751, the St Oswald's parish register followed the prevailing convention of years starting on March 25th. Adjustments have been made accordingly in this record.)					Great Book ref.	Links	Comments
Surname	Forename(s)	Birth	Marriage	Death	Probate	Lease(s) or residence			
Pattison	Thomas & Elizabeth					1767, 1782, 1796	<a href="#">England, Durham Cathedral estates, church commission deposit (familysearch.org)</a>	Conceivable this is the Thomas Pattison who married an Elizabeth Trufoot at St Oswald's in 1767. Lease relates to a cottage in the village. That for 1767 is solely in Thomas's name, the subsequent 2 are jointly with Elizabeth. Lease subsequently R French. Elizabeth died 1801 (St Oswald's register), Thomas being still alive at that point and said to be born near Morpeth. A comment opposite this lease record in the D&C Lease Book 4 records 'Fine 26 Jan 1796 10s - remitted on account of Blindness by accident & Poverty GW'.	

The lease record is then taken up in Notitia Book 2:

TERM, 21 YEARS.	Leffee.	Date.	Commencement.	Years expired.	R. Rent.	Clear Value.	Fines.
	Thos. Pattison a Cottage		26 <sup>th</sup> Jan <sup>r</sup> 1767	14	2.6		10.0
	R. French		26 <sup>th</sup> Jan <sup>r</sup> 1810	14	2.6		1.17.6
	Wm. Chas. Chaytor & son	18 April 1837	18 April 1837	18 3/4	2.6		10.6.6
	William Green and others	18 April 1844		7	2.6	£52-17s 3. 11. 10	
	Wm. Chas. Chaytor & son	18 April 1851	18 April 1851	7	2.6	£40.3. --	1. 10. --
	He	<del>18 April 1858</del>	<del>18 April 1858</del>	<del>7</del>			<del>6. 1. 10</del>
	He	<del>18 April 1865</del>	<del>18 April 1865</del>	<del>7</del>	2/6		6. 1. 10

It appears it went through the hands of the French family twice, with an intervening period in the hands of William Charles Chaytor and then William Green (& others).

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Chaytor	W C	1801		1858		1837		William Charles Chaytor, solicitor and University Treasurer, buried in Durham Cathedral churchyard. Wife Mary, former Robert French [1] house. Unclear if the house lease was being held in a professional or personal capacity. Chaytor family have associations with Butterby in C16-18 and also associations with St Oswald's running into C20. See Surtees for Butterby associations. House later passes to William Green and another.	

It's possible Chaytor's involvement was in a professional capacity, as he was a solicitor and there are occasional instances in the C18 & C19 record of lawyers renewing a lease while probate of a deceased leaseholder is resolved. From there it went to William Green, of whom nothing further is known at this point, before reverting to the French family in the person of William French.

The narrative then continues from 1865 as recounted from the house record. Information provided by Steve Bryan, SLHS Secretary at the time of writing.

2. The Reverend George Waddington was Dean of Durham Cathedral as well as Warden of Durham University at this time. Waddington Street in Durham is named in his honour.
3. This is possibly Ann Miller who inherited the estate of her sister, Mary Elizabeth Miller, who had died in February 1861. The Millers were firmly established in Shincliffe and the family inhabited what is now known as Corner House in the village.
4. Isaac Todd was the first incumbent of St. Mary's Church when it was opened in the 1850s.
5. The Ecclesiastical Act of 1868 reorganised the administration of the Church of England's property and finances by replacing the old Ecclesiastical Commission with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.
6. William French would have been approximately 72 years old at this time, having been born in 1813.
7. Richard Hopps was a farmer based in Old Durham Farm in Bent House Lane. At the time of writing, much of the land was sold for housing development in the 2020s.
8. This was in fact Thomas French, a valuer, an estate agent as well as being secretary of Northumberland and Durham Brewers' Association.
9. The Moodys lived in Park House Farm in Shincliffe.
10. This is a reference to Reginald John Smurthwaite who died in 1927. Reginald was a Signaller in the British Army in The Great War. There was a younger brother, Royston Carss Smurthwaite. His sister, Irene, who never married, was, indeed, living in "Nancyville" at this time. Miss Smurthwaite and her mother, Elizabeth, were living in Nancyville from at least 1939. She would have been aged around 70 in 1967. Miss Smurthwaite's father, John, was a railway signaller and they lived in Shincliffe Grange.
11. John Edward Peele lived in New Elvet and died in 1906.
12. Mr Peele Sr.'s business partner was Cuthbert Joseph Hubbick, also a vet, who lived in New Elvet.
13. Harry Peele was living in Shincliffe Hall at this time (1900s).
14. Benjamin Moody took on the running of Park House Farm. His son, Frank, became a vet.
15. Durham Rural District Council was a local government body that existed in County Durham, England, from 1894 to 1974. It was created under the Local Government Act 1894 to govern the rural areas surrounding the City of Durham, which was a separate municipal borough. The council was abolished in 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972 and its functions were absorbed into the new [City of Durham district](#).
16. Albert Glew was a stonemason at Durham Cathedral. He lived in Sparks Cottage, opposite Shincliffe Garden Centre. The original cottage was demolished and a modern house replaced it in the 2000s.

17. The Waterloo Hotel stood next to the Royal County. It was demolished to make way for the road improvements in Durham. Ironically, Harry Peele, owner of Shincliffe Forge in the 1900s, had stables at the back of the hotel.
18. The Old Newcastle Town Hall was located in St Nicholas Square, between the Bigg Market and the Cloth Market. It was demolished in 1973 and the current Civic Centre, situated just off Haymarket, replaced it as the administrative centre.
19. Canon William Alan Lathaen was Rector of St. Mary's from 1968-1977.
20. Reginald Brown was Rector of St. Mary's from 1977-1987.

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