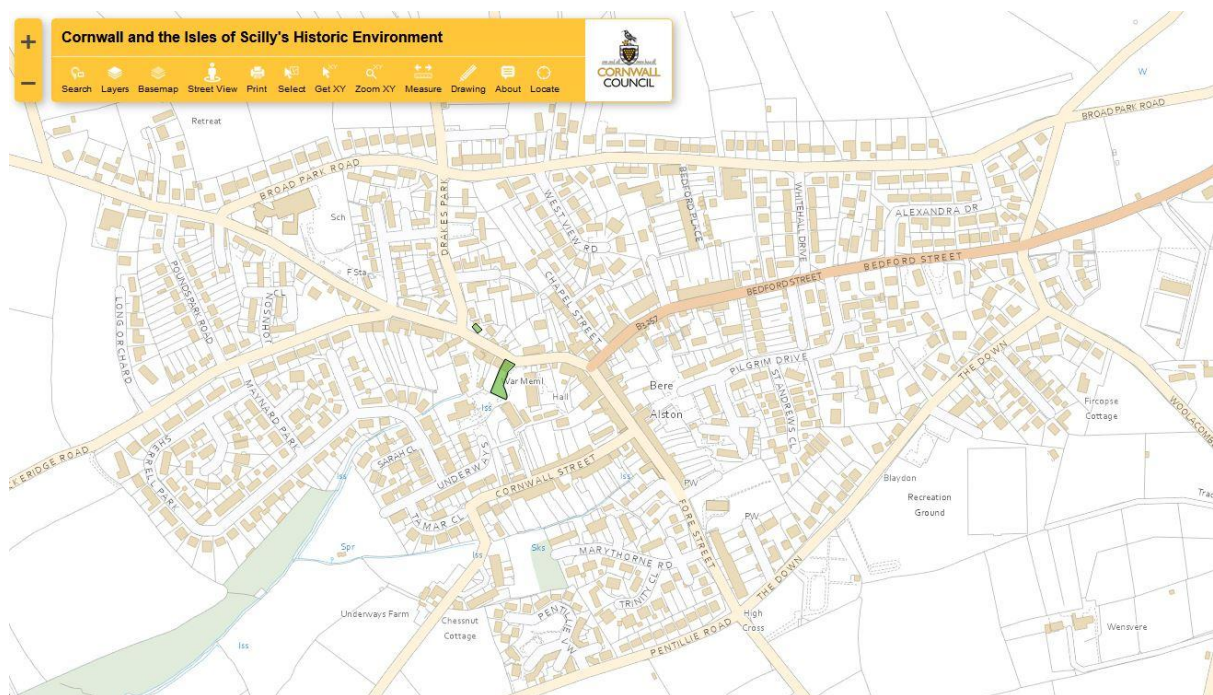


Parish: **Bere Ferrers**

Mine Worker: **Ambrose Barrett**

Plot Locations (1842-44 Tithe): Bere Alston. Ambrose occupied two properties on Frog Street (now Station Road). Plot no. 1911 named “House & Garden” on Tithe Map. Dwelling located at no. 9 Station Road on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022). Plan no. 401 “Houses”. The dwellings were located in what is now the garden of no. 32 Station Road (buildings still extant on the 1892-1914 OS Map) on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX44623 66815 (dwelling at 9 Station Road) & SX44590 66856 (site of dwellings)



Occupiers: Ambrose Barrett (Miner) and others (not named)

Landowner: The Earl of Mount Edgecumbe

Tithe Apportionment Details:

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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
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Occupier: Ambrose Barrett (Miner)

Landowner: James Mankin

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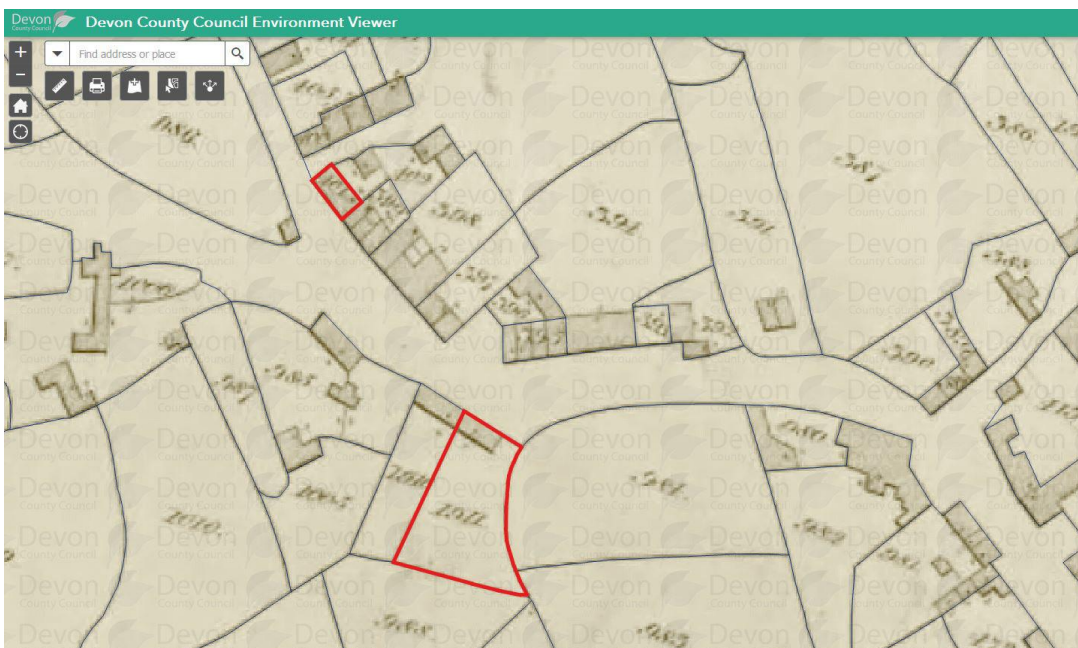
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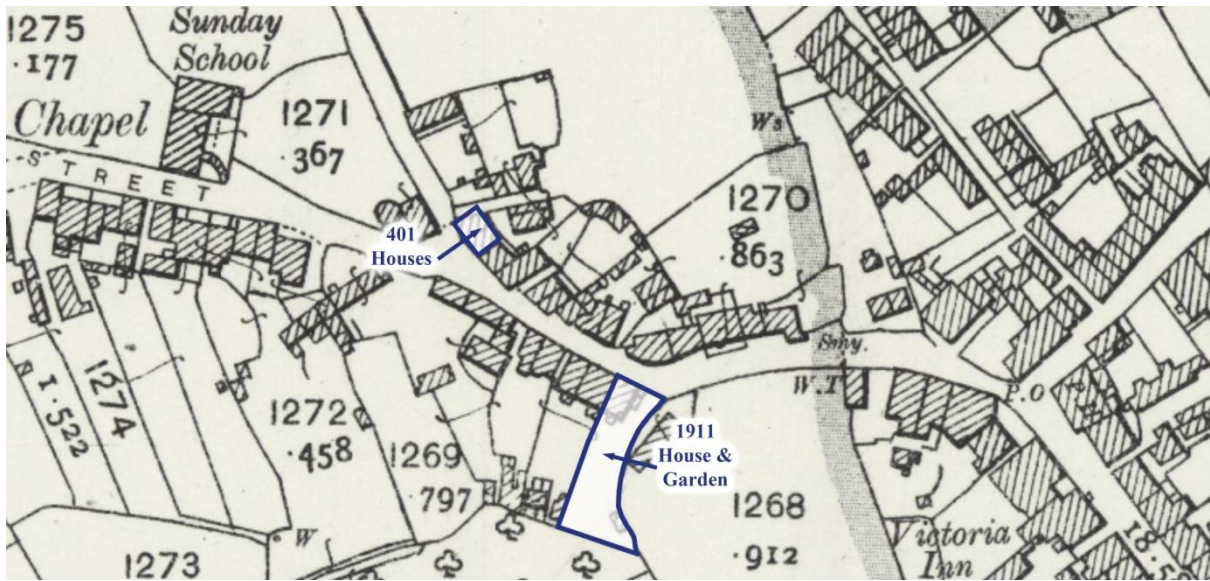


References : The National Archives, Kew.

IR/29/9/31 - Tithe apportionment of Bere Ferrers (parish), Devon.

IR/30/9/31 - Tithe map of Bere Ferrers (parish), Devon.





Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

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Ambrose Barrett

Ambrose Barrett appears on the 1841 Bere Ferrers Census at Frog Street, Bere Alston. He is listed as a miner (silver-lead mine) aged 65, not born in Devon, in the same household are Betsy Barrett (55), Ambrose Barrett (20) and Mary Barrett (15) all born in Devon, also John White (35) a mason, not born in Devon.¹

Ambrose was born in Gwennap in 1776, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Barrett and was baptised on 6th October.²

It appears that Ambrose Barrett married twice. Firstly at Mary Tavy on 10th December 1803 to the appropriately named Mary Davy.³ There was a burial at Bere Ferrers on 23rd August 1818 of a "Mary Barrat" aged 36 of "Beer Alston" which is likely her.⁴

Ambrose "Barratt" married Betsey Dinnis at Bere Ferrers on 23rd April 1822, Ambrose described as a "sojourner of this parish".⁵

Ambrose and Mary Barrett had at least four children - Betsy, baptised at Mary Tavy on 19th August 1804, William, baptised at Mary Tavy on 17th August 1806 (died in 1808, buried at Mary Tavy on 11th May⁶ (the same date his namesake brother was baptised), William baptised at Mary Tavy on 11th May 1808⁷, and Ambrose born 1817 or 1818 (no baptism found).

Ambrose and Betsy had a daughter, Mary Christiana Barrett, who was born in the parish of Bere Ferrers on 19th February 1826 and baptised at Tavistock Wesleyan Church on 5th March.⁸

By 1851 Ambrose and Betsy had moved west to Hingston Common in the parish of Callington. Ambrose Barrett (75) miner born Gwennap, Elizabeth Barrett (69) born Mary Tavy, also in the household were "Visitors" Josiah Brown (30) miner and John Brown (5), both born Bere Alston.⁹

Ambrose Barrett died (aged 79 or 80) in 1855, his residence recorded as Bere Alston and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 29th January.¹⁰

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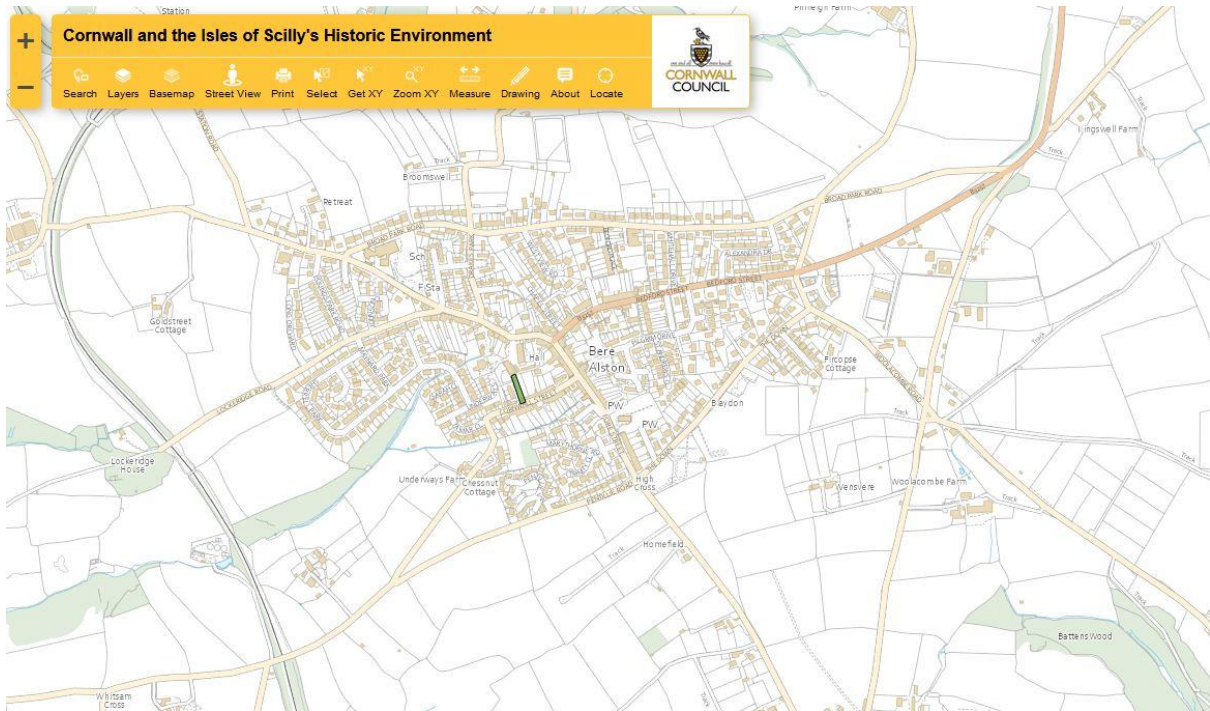
1. 1841 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: HO107 PN240 BN2 FN13 PN20.
2. Gwennap Register of baptisms, marriages & burials, 1744-1786. Ref: KK P79/1/2.
3. Devon Marriages & Banns - Mary Tavy. South West Heritage Trust, DFHS transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
4. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Devon Marriages & Banns - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Devon Burials - Mary Tavy. Ref: 1134A-PR-1-3_0042 - Devon Heritage Centre Exeter, DFHS transcript (findmypast.co.uk).
7. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1134A-PR-1-3 - Devon Heritage Centre Exeter, DFHS transcript (findmypast.co.uk).
8. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock Wesleyan Methodist. Ref: 2276D ADD 15/1, Entry no. 538 - Devon Heritage Centre, DFHS transcript (findmypast.co.uk). Also scanned original page of Register available at England & Wales Non-Conformist Births & Baptisms - DEVON: Tavistock (Wesleyan). Ref: TNA/RG/4/341 - DC Thomson Family History (findmypast.co.uk).
9. 1851 Cornwall Census, Callington. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN223 PN26.
10. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/20 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).

Parish: **Bere Ferrers**

Mine Worker: **James Bennett**

Plot Location (1842-44 Tithe): Bere Alston. Dwellings at Pepper Street (now Cornwall Street) located at nos. 35 & 37 Cornwall Street on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX44657 66689 (dwellings)



Occupier: James Bennett (Miner)

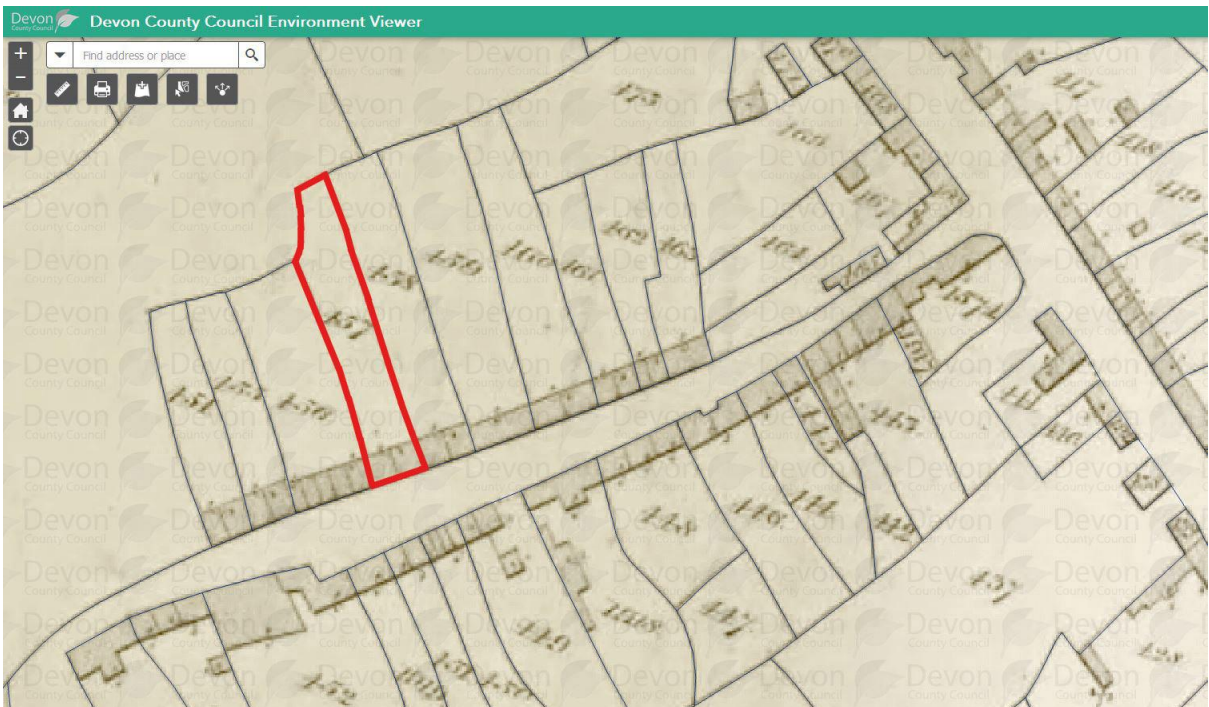
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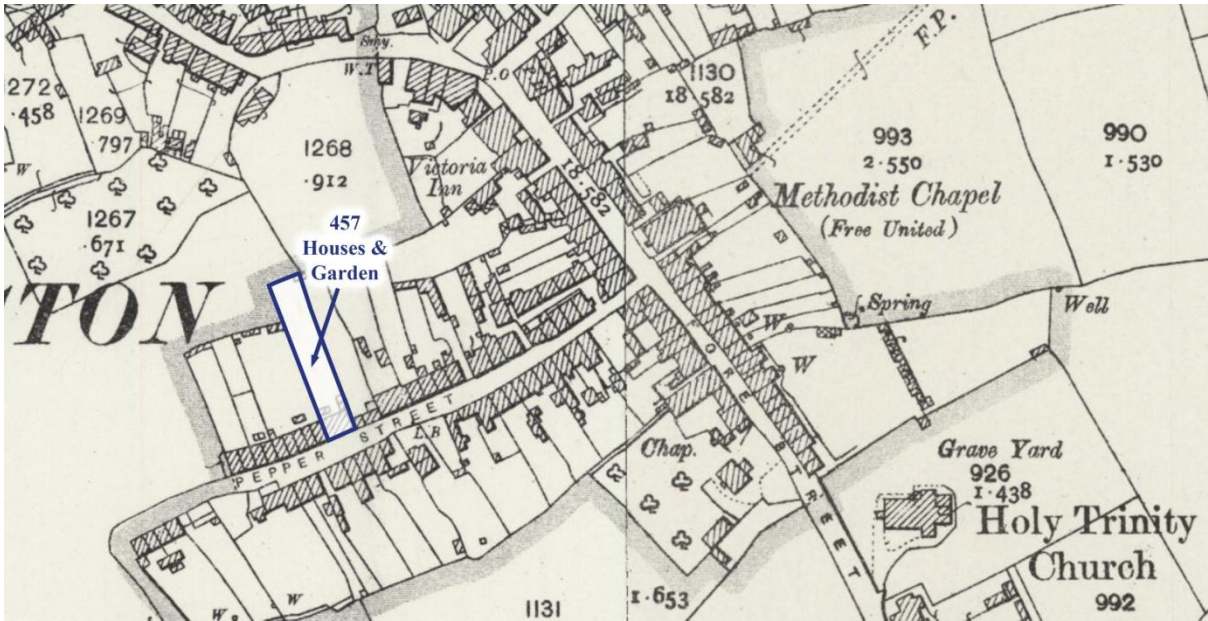
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457	Houses and Garden				24	0	1	0
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References : The National Archives, Kew.
IR/29/9/31 - Tithe apportionment of Bere Ferrers (parish), Devon.
IR/30/9/31 - Tithe map of Bere Ferrers (parish), Devon.

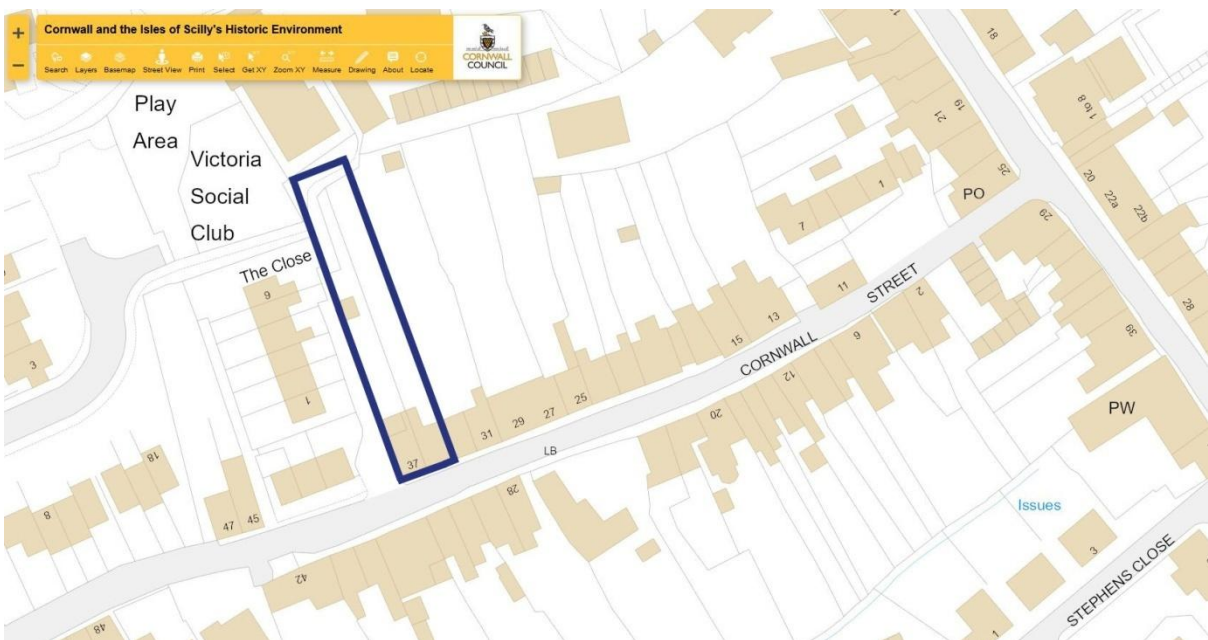




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James Bennett

Note that this family's surname was routinely recorded as both Bennett and Bennetts.

James Bennett appears on the 1841 Bere Ferrers Census at Pepper Street, Bere Alston. The first person noted in the household was his mother-in-law Maria Richards (45), not born in Devon (incorrect). James is listed as a miner aged 25, in the same household are Susanna (25), Nancy (3) and James (1), all born in Devon.¹

James was born in Bere Alston in 1813, son of James (a miner) and Betty Bennet, and was baptised at Bere Ferrers on 20th June. The baptismal register notes their abode as "Camborne, Cornwall", this does not appear to mean that James jnr. was born in Camborne, but seems to indicate that the family were from there originally, perhaps to record their origin in the event of a later claim for parish poor relief etc.² In both 1851 and 1861 James Bennett(s) gives his birthplace as Bere Alston.

Confusingly there appears to be another couple named James and Elizabeth Bennett(s) in the parish at the same time. Just 14 days after James Bennett's baptism at Bere Ferrers there was a Francis Bennets recorded in the register, baptised on 4th July 1813, son of James (a miner) and Elizabeth Bennets, their abode noted as "St Mewan, Cornwall".³ Of course, this may be the same couple, it is certainly sometimes the case that a child is baptised late (by the standards of the time) and a new born sibling quickly follows. The abode given as St Mewan (rather than Camborne) throws considerable doubt on this, however there may be a connection, as James Bennett's father-in-law's (Thomas Richards) abode was also noted as St Mewan.

James Bennetts married Susanna Richards at Plymouth, St Andrew on 28th January 1837.⁴

Susannah Richards was born in Bere Alston in 1815, daughter of Thomas (a miner) and Maria Richards, and was baptised at Bere Ferrers on 22nd October. The baptismal register notes their abode as "St Mewan, Cornwall"⁵, as in the case of James Bennett (see above) this does not appear to mean that she was born in St Mewan, but seems to indicate that the family (or perhaps just the husband) came from there. As further evidence of this, Susannah had a sibling named Thomas Richards born in the parish, and baptised at Bere Ferrers on 17th May 1818, and again the Bere Ferrers register notes the abode as "St Mewan, Cornwall".⁶

Somewhat surprisingly (given the abodes noted above), Thomas and Maria Richards were actually married in the parish. Thomas Richards and Maria Ball (both sojourners) married at Bere Ferrers on 24th December 1814.⁷

Thomas Richards died aged 49 at Bere Alston in 1841, and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 5th September.⁸ Thomas Richards' origins remain a mystery as there is no one of that name baptised at St Mewan in the early to mid 1790s, it should be noted however that Richards is the third most common Cornish surname (after Williams and Thomas) and there are a great many candidates from other parishes.

Maria Ball was born at Sydenham Damerel (then known as South Sydenham) in 1791, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Ball (née Sargent) and was baptised there on 1st November.⁹ Thomas Ball and Dorothy Sargent were from Lezant, (approximately five miles to the north west of Sydenham, across the Tamar), and were married at Lezant on 14th October 1789.¹⁰

James and Susanna Bennett(s) had at least six children born at Bere Alston - Nancy (1837), James (1840), Thomas Richards (1844), Maria (1847), Hannah Jane (1851) and Mary (c.1855).

The 1851 Bere Ferrers Census records the family again at Pepper Street, Bere Alston, unusually an exact address is given, no. 37. James Bennetts (39) lead miner, Susanna (35), Nancy (14) and James (11) both labourers at lead mine, Thomas (7) all born Bere Alston and Maria R(ichards) Bennetts (4) born Bere Ferrers. Also in the household was James' mother-in-law Maria Richards (widow) (62) pauper, born South Sydenham.¹¹

The family were still residents of Pepper Street in 1861. James Bennetts (48) lead miner, Susanna (46), Thomas (16) lead miner, Maria (14), Hannah J (9) and Mary (6), all born Bere Ferrers.¹²

Susannah Bennetts died (aged 51) at Bere Alston in 1867, and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 20th January.¹³ James Bennett died just three years later (aged 57) at Bere Alston, and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 1st May 1870.¹⁴

Notes:

1. 1841 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: HO107 PN240 BN3 FN15 PN24.
2. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
3. Ibid.
4. Devon Marriages & Banns - Plymouth, St Andrew. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Ibid.
7. Devon Marriages & Banns - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
8. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/19 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
9. Devon Baptisms - Sydenham Damerel. Ref:892/3 - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
10. Lezant Register of marriages, 1754-1813. Ref: KK P124/1/4.
11. 1851 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: HO107 PN1883 FN21 PN34.
12. 1861 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: RG09 PN1457 FN16 PN26.
13. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/20 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
14. Ibid.

Parish: **Bere Ferrers**

Mine Worker: **Hugh Eva**

Plot Location (1842-44 Tithe): Bere Alston. Dwellings at Pepper Street (now Cornwall Street) located south of letter box on south side of Cornwall Street on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022). There were at least two dwellings shown on Tithe (only buildings in the west of the plot were still extant on the 1892-1914 OS Map), the building(s) on the road are no longer there but there is a dwelling covering the original footprint of the building on the western boundary of the plot (plan no. 1918).

Grid Reference: SX44698 66663 (nominal centre of plan no. 1918)



Occupier: Hugh Eva (Miner) and others (not named)

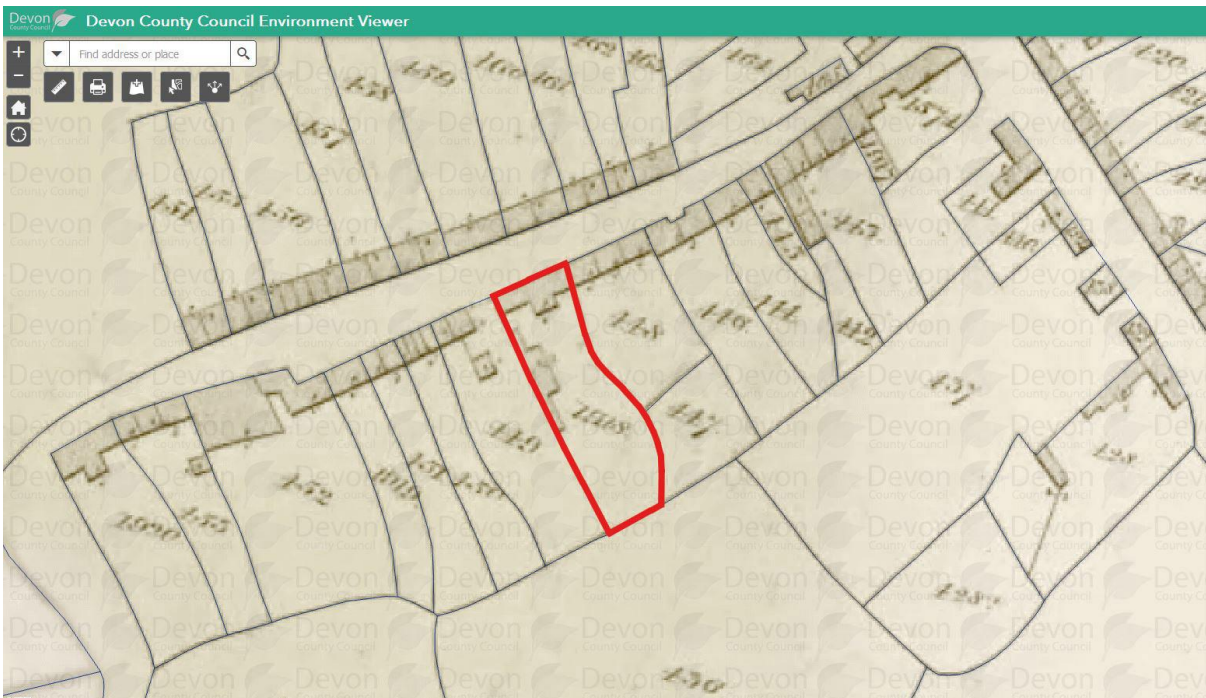
Landowner: The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe

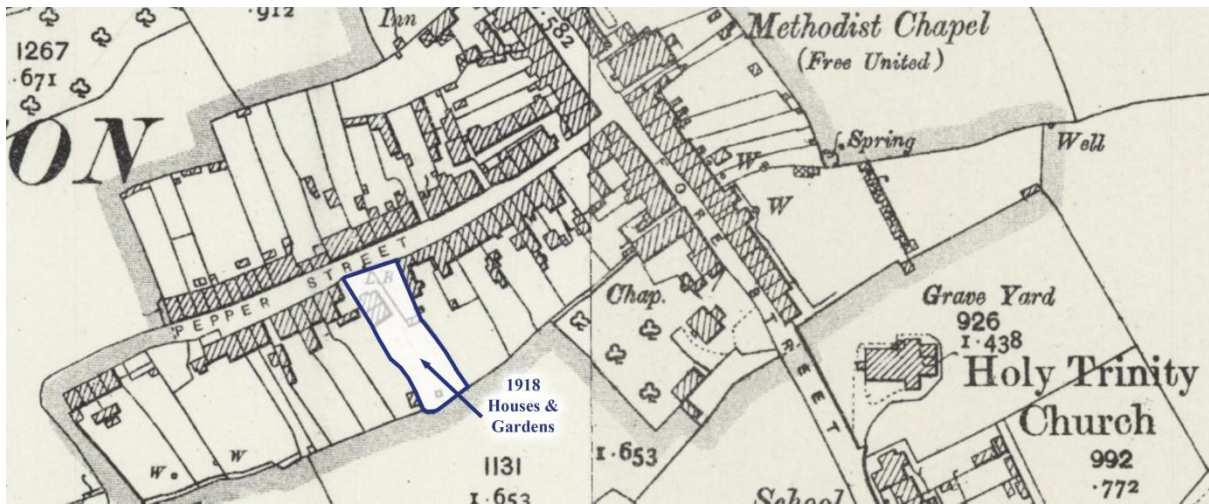
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1918	Houses and Gardens				29			
					29			



References : The National Archives, Kew.
IR/29/9/31 - Tithe apportionment of Bere Ferrers (parish), Devon.
IR/30/9/31 - Tithe map of Bere Ferrers (parish), Devon.

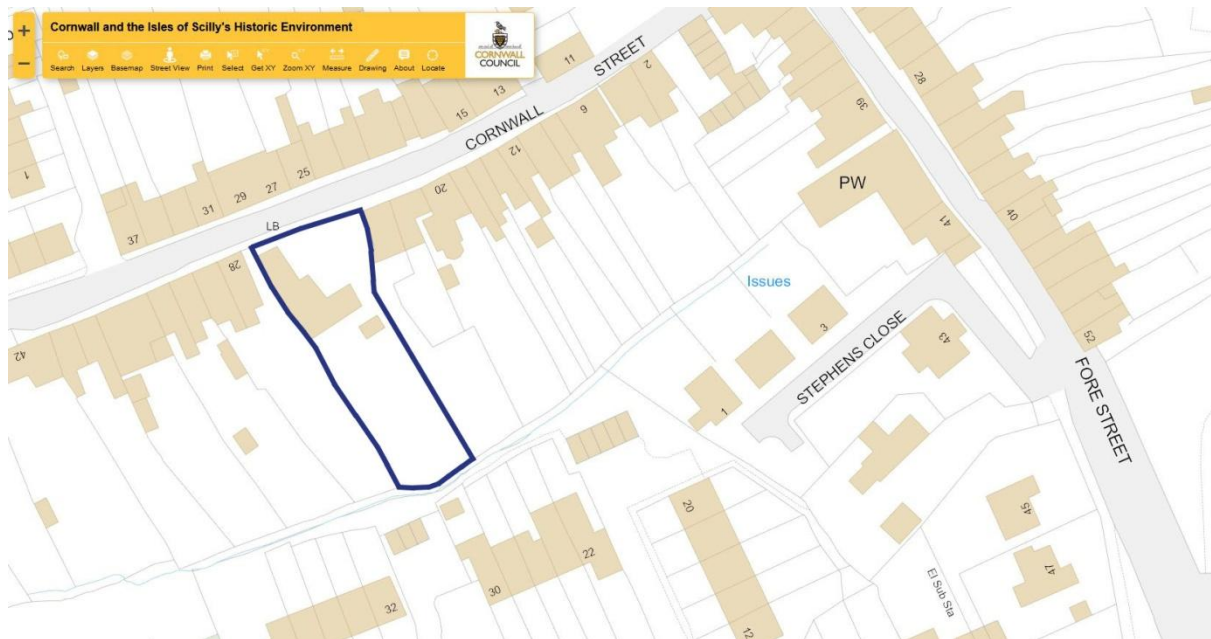




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Hugh Eva

Hugh Eva appears on the 1841 Bere Ferrers Census at Pepper Street, Bere Alston. He is listed as a miner (silver-lead) aged 30, in the same household are Sarah (25), Amelia (14), William (5) and Daniel (2), all born in Devon.¹

The 1851 Bere Ferrers Census recorded that the family had moved to no.6 Johnson's Square, Bere Alston. Johnson's Square (now The Square) was at the western end of Pepper (Cornwall) Street (round the corner). Hugh Eva (46) lead miner, born Craftwest (sic), Cornwall, Sarah (46), Amelia (22) dressmaker, William (15) labourer at smelting works, Daniel (13) labourer at lead mine and Sarah A (9), all born Bere Alston.²

“Craftwest” is Croft West at Langarth, just north of Threemilestone in the parish of Kenwyn. Indeed, Hugh Eva was baptised at Kenwyn on Christmas Day 1805, the son of William and Ann Eva (née Datson)³, who were married at Kenwyn (both of Kenwyn) on 7th November 1793.⁴

Hugh Eva married Sarah Williams at Plymouth, St Andrew on 20th February 1826.⁵ As a matter of interest the previous entry at St Andrew’s Plymouth records (on the same day) the marriage of Hugh’s brother Paul Eva to a Bridgett Menhenitt, Sarah Williams (the only one of the four able to write) was one of the witnesses to this marriage. Both Hugh and Paul’s surnames were noted as “Eva”.⁶

Sarah Williams was baptised as “Sally Williams” at Bere Ferrers on 25th August 1805, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Williams (née Thomas)⁷, who were married at Bere Ferrers on 1st November 1792.⁸

Subsequent to their 1826 marriage it appears that Hugh and Sarah Eva may have continued to live in Plymouth for a few years, at least according to the residences noted in their children’s baptismal entries:

Sarah Ann Eva (born 21st December 1832) baptised at the Ebenezer Wesleyan Chapel, Plymouth on 13th January 1833. Hugh noted as a labourer of the parish of St Andrews.⁹ Sarah Ann Eva died aged 5 at Bere Alston and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 11th December 1837.¹⁰

Emily Eva (she was the “Amelia” Eva recorded in the 1841 and 1851 Censuses) (born 22nd August 1834) baptised at the Ebenezer Wesleyan Chapel, Plymouth on 2nd November 1834. Hugh again noted as a labourer of the parish of St Andrews.¹¹

By May 1836 the family were living in the parish of Bere Ferrers:

William Henry Eva (born 27th April 1836) baptised at Tavistock Wesleyan Methodist Church on 15th May 1836. Hugh noted as a miner of the parish of “Beerferris”.¹²

Daniel Eva (born 31st October 1838) baptised at Tavistock Wesleyan Methodist Church on 20th November 1838. Hugh Eva noted as a miner, and residence recorded as “Beeralstone”.¹³

Sarah Ann Eva (born 28th November 1841) baptised at Tavistock Wesleyan Methodist Church on 20th December 1841. Hugh Eva noted as a miner, and residence recorded as “Beeralstone”.¹⁴

Hugh Eva died (aged 48) at Bere Alston in 1854, and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 8th November.¹⁵

By 1861 the widowed Sarah had returned to the Plymouth area and was living in Pym Street, Devonport (Stoke Damerel). Sarah Eva (51) (widow) milliner and Sarah A Eva (19) (daughter), both born Bere Alston.¹⁶

Sarah Eva died in 1864 and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 31st January, her residence was noted as “Pym St. Moricetown Devonport”.¹⁷

Notes:

1. 1841 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: HO107 PN240 BN3 FN12 PN18.
2. 1851 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: HO107 PN1883 FN14 PN21.
3. Kenwyn Register of baptisms and burials, 1805-1812. Ref: KK P98/1/5.
4. Kenwyn Register of marriages, 1784-1811. Ref: KK P98/1/7.
5. Devon Marriages & Banns - Plymouth, St Andrew. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Ibid.
7. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/2 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
8. Devon Marriages & Banns - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
9. England & Wales Non-Conformist Births & Baptisms - DEVON: Plymouth, Ebenezer Chapel (Wesleyan) (original document scan). Ref: TNA/RG/4/1325 - DC Thomson Family History (findmypast.co.uk).
10. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
11. England & Wales Non-Conformist Births & Baptisms - DEVON: Plymouth, Ebenezer Chapel (Wesleyan) (original document scan). Ref: TNA/RG/4/1325 - DC Thomson Family History (findmypast.co.uk).
12. England & Wales Non-Conformist Births & Baptisms - DEVON: Tavistock (Wesleyan). Ref: TNA/RG/4/341 - DC Thomson Family History (findmypast.co.uk).
13. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock Wesleyan Methodist. Ref: 2276D ADD 15/1, Entry no. 1264 - Devon Heritage Centre, DFHS transcript (findmypast.co.uk).
14. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock Wesleyan Methodist. Ref: 2276D ADD 15/1, Entry no. 1420 - Devon Heritage Centre, DFHS transcript (findmypast.co.uk).
15. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/20 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
16. 1861 Devon Census, Stoke Damerel. Ref: RG09 PN1456 FN96 PN20.
15. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/20 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).

Parish: **Bere Ferrers**

Mine Worker: **John Gregory**

Plot Location (1842-44 Tithe): Bere Alston. Dwellings at Pepper Street (now Cornwall Street), appears to be three terraced cottages on the Tithe Map. The dwellings were located in what is now the front garden (paved) of no.46 Cornwall Street (the buildings were evidently demolished before the 1892-1914 OS Map) on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX44606 66659 (dwellings (site of))



Occupier: John Gregory (Miner) and others (not named)

Landowner: Lord Beverley

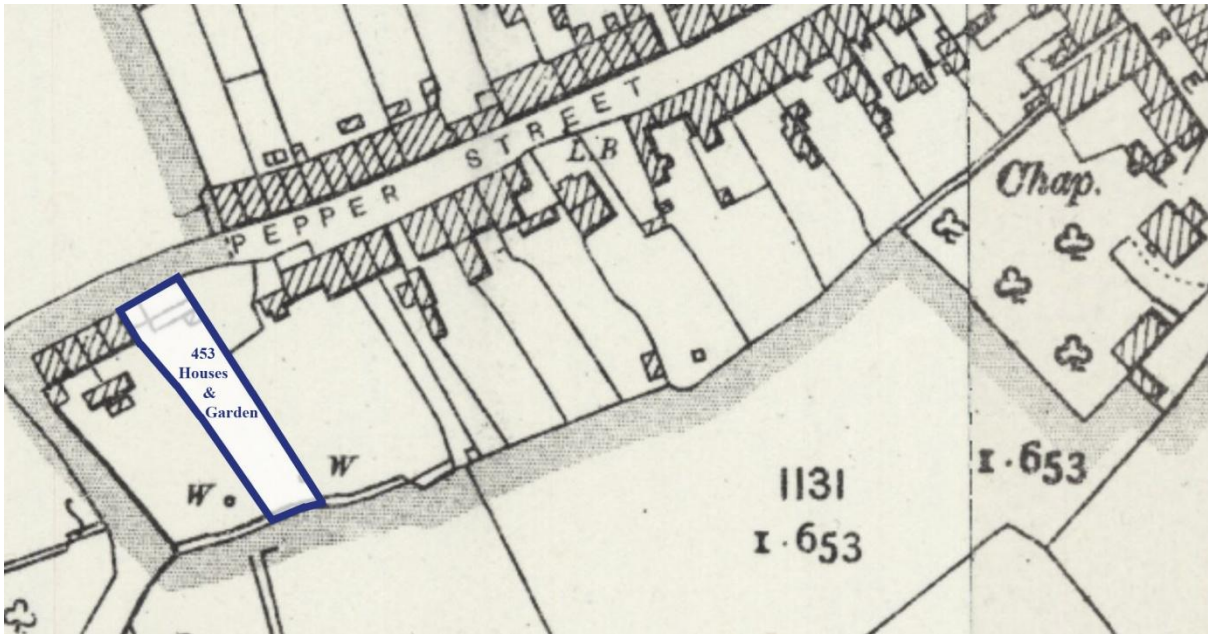
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References : The National Archives, Kew.
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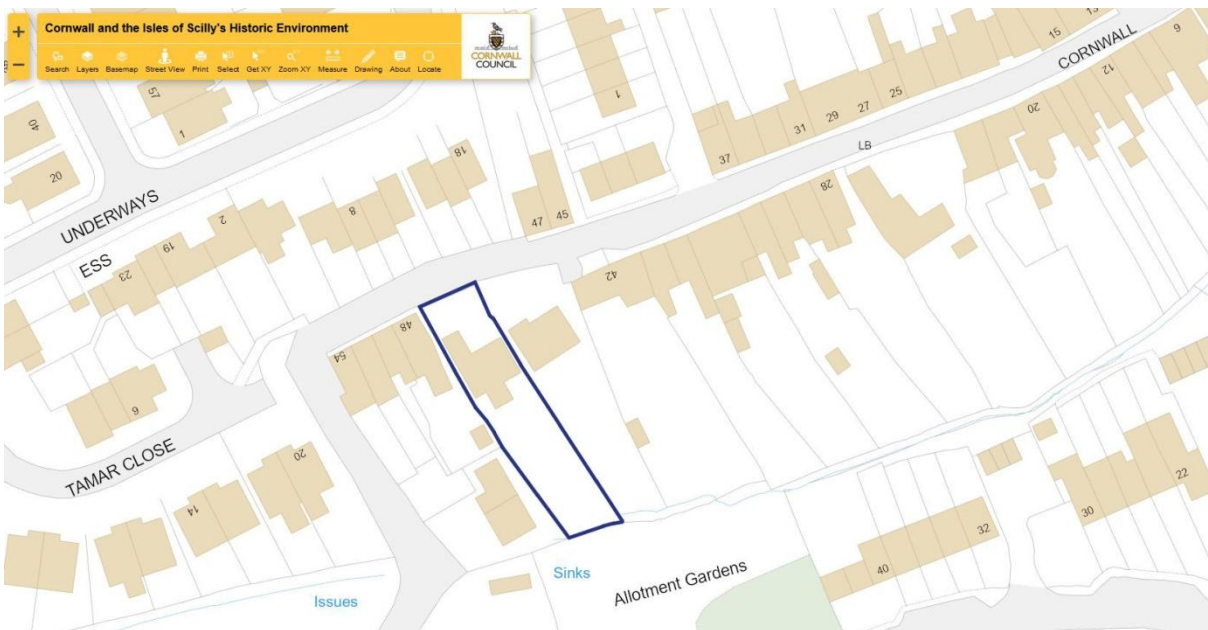




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John Gregory

John Gregory appears on the 1841 Bere Ferrers Census at Pepper Street, Bere Alston. He is listed as a miner (silver-lead) aged 20, in the same household are Maria (20), Selena (3), Joseph (8 mths), Elizabeth (8) and Sarah Hopy (3), all born in Devon.¹

John was born in 1817 in the parish of Bere Ferrers and was baptised on 9th February, son of Joseph (a miner) and Kitty (Catherine) Gregory (née Thomas).² Joseph Gregory and Kitty Thomas were

married at Bere Ferrers on 8th October 1814, Joseph "of this parish" and Kitty "sojourner, of this parish".³ There is no baptism for Joseph Gregory at Bere Ferrers in the Register, but his burial was recorded in 1838. Joseph Gregory died aged 45 at Bere Alston, and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 28th January 1838.⁴ Joseph was possibly the Joseph Gregory baptised at Mary Tavy on 29th April 1792, son of John and Jane Gregory.⁵

Catherine (Kitty) Thomas was born in Redruth in 1795, and baptised on 12th October, the daughter of James and Catherine Thomas (née Paule)⁶, who were married at Redruth on 22nd October 1794.⁷

Maria Gregory's maiden name was Foot(e), she was born at Bere Alston and baptised at Bere Ferrers on 12th February 1820, the daughter of Thomas (a carpenter) and Maria Foote (née Richards)⁸, who were married at Bere Ferrers on 30th September 1815.⁹

John Gregory and Maria Foot were married at Antony (South East Cornwall) on 1st July 1837, both were described as "of Torpoint in this parish", presumably a temporary residence.¹⁰

John and Maria had at least twelve children born at Bere Alston - Selina (1838), Joseph (1839), John (1843), Maria (1845), James (1847), Henry Foot 1850), Thomas (1851), Charles Edwin (1854), Chevelita (1857), Frederick (1858), Clara Jane* (1861) and Joseph (1864).¹¹ *All births registered in the Tavistock Registration District, with the exception of Clara Jane Gregory whose birth does not seem to have been registered.

The 1851 Bere Ferrers Census records the family again at Pepper Street, Bere Alston. John Gregory (33) lead miner, Maria (31), Selina (13) and Joseph (10) both labourers at lead mine", John (7), Maria (5), James (4) and Henry (10 mths), all born Bere Ferrers.¹²

Likewise in 1861 at Pepper street - John Gregory (44) lead miner, Maria (41), Maria (16) lead ore dresser, James (14) and Henry (11) both lead mine labourers, Thomas (9), Charles (7), Cheifeleita (sic) (4), Frederick (2) and Clara J (1 wk), all born Bere Ferrers.¹³

Sometime between 1867 and 1870 most of the Gregory family emigrated to the USA. In the 1870 US Census John was a Quarryman at Rondout Village, Ulster County, New York:- John Gregory (54) quarryman, Maria (50), keeping house, Henry (20) and Thomas (18) both quarrymen, Maria (25) "at home", Charles E (16) quarryman, Chiflita (sic) (13) "at home", Frederick (11), Joseph (5), Clara Jane (9) and Bessie (3).¹⁴ Bessie Gregory was the daughter of Maria Gregory (jnr.), she was born at Bere Alston and baptised at Bere Ferrers on 19th February 1867.¹⁵

John Gregory died (aged 70) at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, on 26th January 1887, and was buried at Montrepose Cemetery, Kingston.¹⁶

Maria Gregory died (aged 67) just five months after John, also at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, on 8th June 1887, and was buried at Montrepose Cemetery, Kingston.¹⁷

Notes:

1. 1841 Devon Census, Beer Ferris (Bere Ferrers). Ref: HO107 PN240 BN3 FN15 PN24.
2. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
3. Devon Marriages & Banns - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).

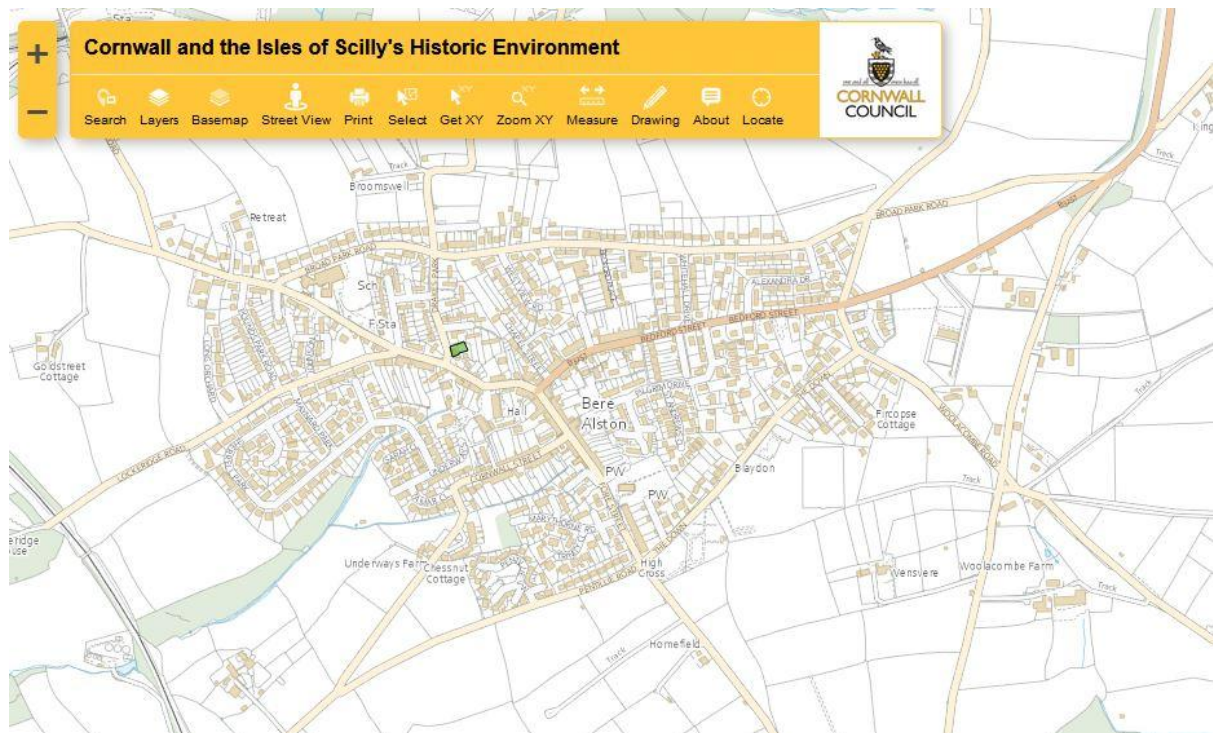
4. Devon Burials - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/19 - South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Devon Baptisms - Mary Tavy. Ref: 1134A-PR/1/3, Entry no. 0017 - Devon Heritage Centre Exeter, DFHS transcript (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Cornwall Baptisms - Redruth, St Uny. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
7. Cornwall Marriages - Redruth, St Uny. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
8. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (original scan) (findmypast.co.uk).
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Parish: **Bere Ferrers**

Mine Worker: **James Mankin**

Plot Location (1842-44 Tithe): Bere Alston. Dwellings at Frog Street (now Station Road). Plan No. 405 “Houses & Gardens” on Tithe, unclear on both Tithe Map and 1892-1914 OS Map where the houses were, the plot as marked does not appear to show any buildings (see Tithe map below). The site of no. 405 is today the location of dwelling named “Sunnybank” on Drakes Park Road, close to the junction with Station Road.

Grid Reference: SX44590 66877 (nominal centre of plan no. 405)



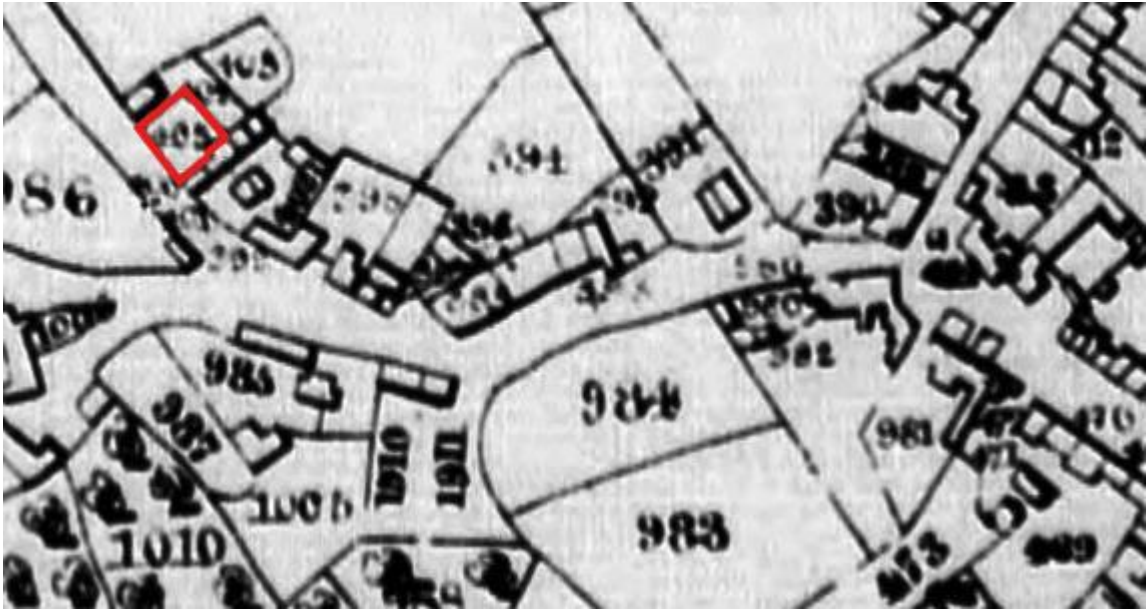
Occupier: Thomas Mankin

Landowner: James Mankin (Miner)

Tithe Apportionment Details:

Plan Number	Name and Description of Lands & Premises	State of Cultivation	Quantities in Statute Measure			Amount of Rent Charge apportioned on the several Lands, & payable to the Rector.		
			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
405	Houses and Garden				10			
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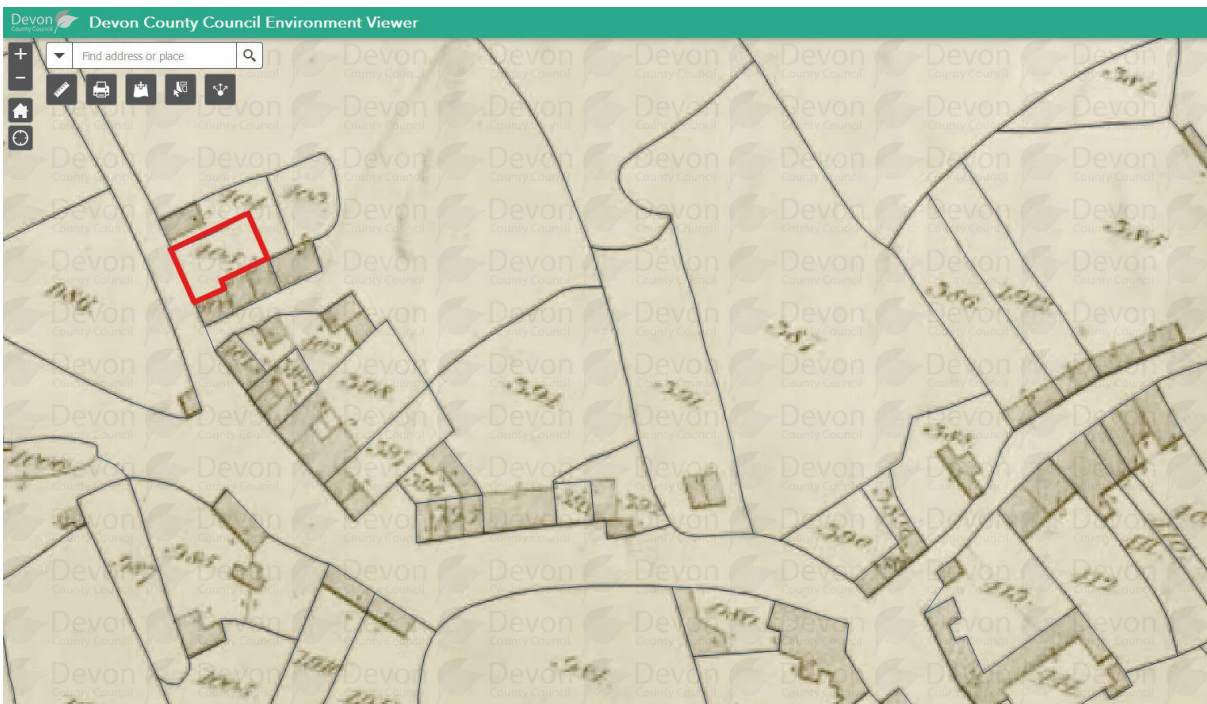
Note that James Mankin also owned houses, at Tithe Plot 401, occupied by Ambrose Barrett, see separate section on Ambrose Barrett for further details.

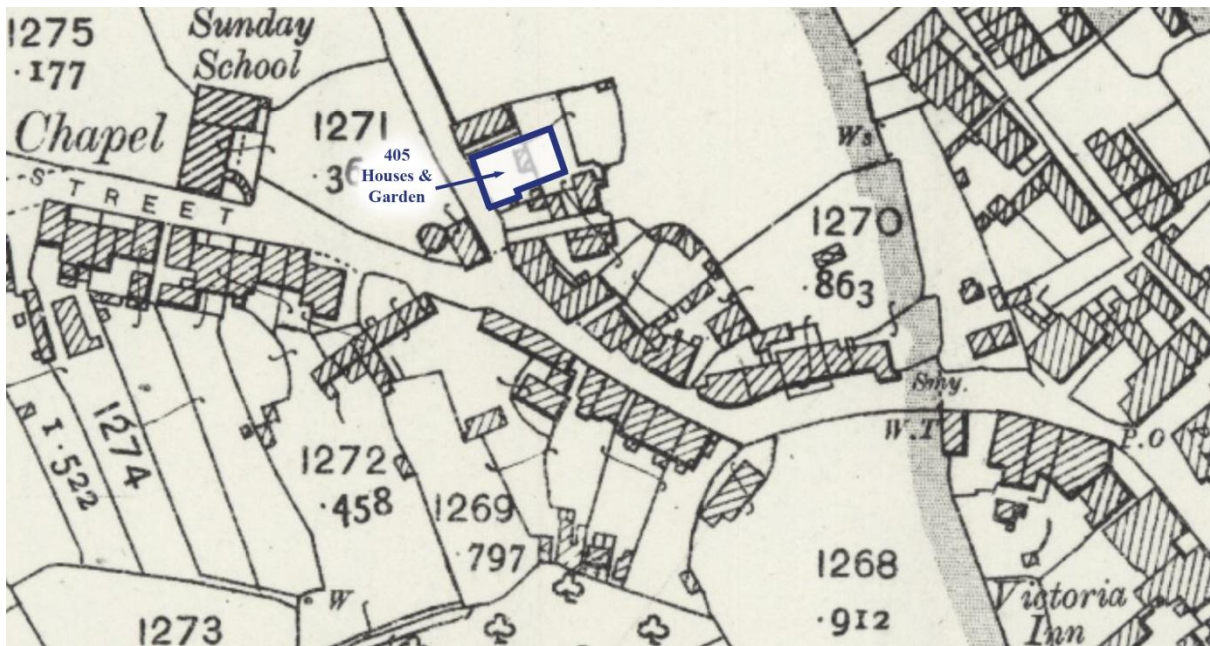


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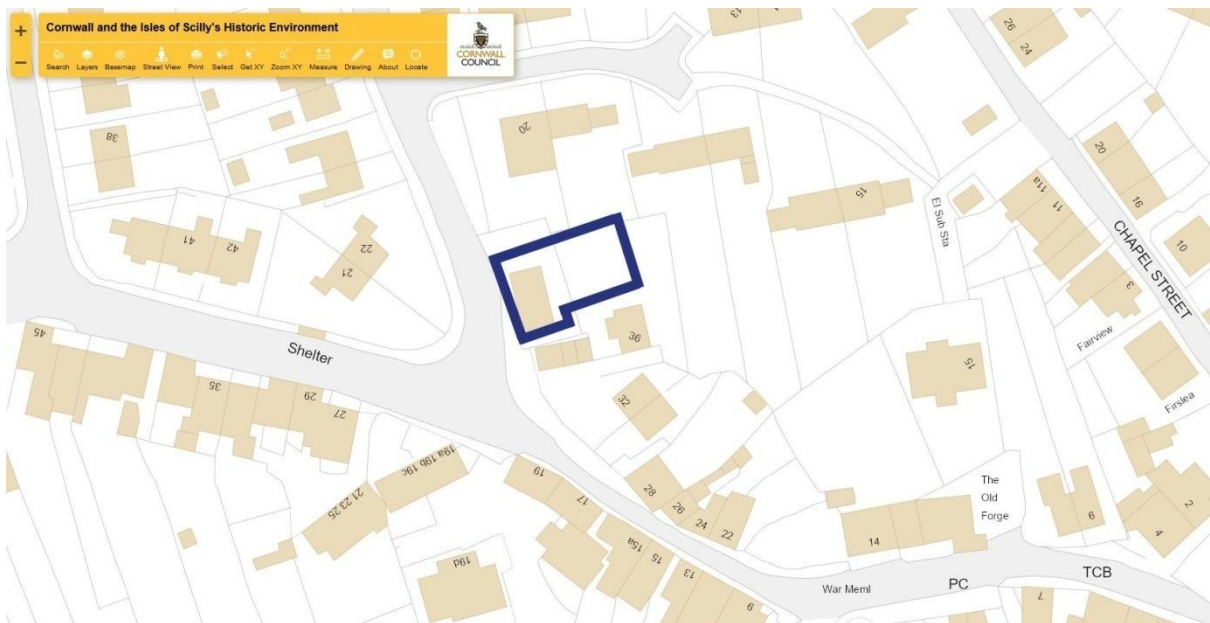




Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=18.4&lat=50.48089&lon=-4.19134&layers=168&b=1>



James Mankin

James Mankin appears on the 1841 Bere Ferrers Census at Frog Street, Bere Alston. He is listed as a miner aged 60, not born in Devon, in the same household is Susanna Mankin (65), born in Devon.¹

It is not certain (but perhaps likely) that the house James and Susanna were recorded living in on the Census is the same property (Plan no. 405) from the Tithe. James Mankin was listed as Landowner, the "houses and garden" were occupied by a Thomas Mankin, who does not appear in the Bere

Ferrers Census of 1841, which predates the Tithe Map and Apportionment by a couple of years or so. Thomas Mankin is something of a mystery, James and Susanna did have a son named Thomas, but he died in infancy. It may be a mistake in the Apportionment Book, and they actually meant James Mankin himself, such errors certainly do occur - and there does not appear to be any likely Thomas Mankin in the 1841 Census.

James Mankin (according to the 1851 Census) was born in Mylor (near Falmouth) c.1775, unfortunately there was no baptism found for him in the records, but the surname is certainly found in the district. Indeed in 1771 a James Mankin was apprenticed to a Blacksmith named Bennet Jane at Mylor.² This was probably the James Mankin baptised at Falmouth on 24th September 1756, son of Archibald and Elizabeth Mankin,³ and quite possibly the father of our James Mankin.

James Mankin married Susanna Channon at Bere Ferrers on 13th February 1798, James "sojourner of this parish" and Susanna "of this parish".⁴

Susanna was baptised at Bere Ferrers on 14th October 1770, the daughter of Benjamin and Grace Channon (née Matthews)⁵, who were married at Bere Ferrers on 21st February 1767.⁶

James and Susanna Mankin had at least eight children born in the parish:

Benjamin Mankin and James Mankin both baptised 20th January 1799 (possibly twins given the marriage date)⁷, James appears to have died in infancy as there is burial of a James Mankin at Bere Ferrers on 7th Sep 1799).⁸ James Malkin (sic) baptised on 5th April 1801⁹, Susanna, no baptism found but there was a burial of a Susanna Mankin on 11th November 1802¹⁰, Thomas Malkin (sic) baptised on 30th March 1806¹¹, died in infancy and buried on 1st July 1807¹², Susanna Malkin (sic) baptised on 12th June 1808¹³, died aged 22 and buried on 17th November 1830¹⁴, George Mankin baptised 19th August 1810¹⁵, died in infancy and buried on 28th November 1810¹⁶, and Grace Channon Mankin baptised on 29th May 1814.¹⁷

Susanna Mankin died (aged 75) at Bere Alston in 1844 and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 13th November.¹⁸

The 1851 Bere Ferrers Census finds the widowed James Mankin still at Frog Street, Bere Alston but now a quarryman, lodging with miner Edward Gribbin (incorrectly recorded as Gribbing) and family: Edward Gribbin (45) (widower) miner, born Cornwall, St Agnes, Mary Gribbin (15) and Elizabeth Gribbin (11) both mine girls born St Agnes, Kezia Gribbin (7) born Calstock and Patience Gribbin (4) born Bere Ferrers, and visitors - James Mankin (76) quarry man born Cornwall, Milor (sic) and John Gribbin (20) miner born St Agnes.¹⁹

James Mankin died (aged 78) at No. 2 Higher Street, Plymouth in 1853 (the home of his son Benjamin)²⁰, and was buried at Bere Ferrers on 26th February.²¹

Before leaving the story of James Mankin it is worth detailing his harrowing experience with the British Justice system, suffered between 1832 and 1836.

In March 1832 he was convicted of stealing a piece of timber (a section of wooden pump rod) valued at 1s 6d from Wheal Charlotte Mine in the neighbouring parish of Buckland Monachorum. Wheal Charlotte is not shown on any OS map, but according to an advertisement from 11 February 1832, it was situated near Denham Bridge (approximately two miles NE of Bere Alston). From the above it appears that the mine was in the process of closing or had already shut down, with a huge amount of equipment on the site up for auction, just six days before James Mankin's offence.

Mining Materials for Sale.

Wheal Charlotte Mine, near Denham's Bridge,
Buckland Monachorum, Devon.

MR. JOHN CROSSMAN will submit for SALE by
PUBLIC AUCTION, on the said Mine, on TUESDAY,
the 21st day of February instant, the following

MINING MATERIALS, &c.

Consisting of a Water Wheel, 30 feet high, 3 feet breast, 13 fathoms of 12-inch Pumps, 7 fathoms 7-inch do., with Bobs, Rod Bearers and Stay belonging to the same, Capstan and Capstan-Rope, Whim and Whim-Rope, Shears, Whim and Winz Kibbals, about 30 fathom of Ladders, Smiths' and Miners' Tools, Dressing Materials, Wheel and Hand-Barrows; an Oak Tree, sundry useful Lots of Timber, Iron, &c. &c.

The Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely, and the whole to be Sold without reserve.

For a view of the same apply on the Mine, and for further particulars to

Capt. D. Roberts,
37, Union-street, Stonehouse.

Stonehouse, Feb. 7, 1832.

The Royal Devonport Telegraph and Plymouth Chronicle, 11th February 1832.²²

DEVON LENT ASSIZES.

James Mankin, 58, was charged with having, on the 27th of February last, stolen from Wheal Charlotte Mine, in Buckland Monachorum, one piece of rod timber, value 1s 6d, the property of W Babb.—The case occupied a considerable time, and Hayman Jones, a miner, was brought to prove that the prisoner found the piece of timber on the road. The discrepancies, however, between his testimony and the account the prisoner had given when the witness was not in hearing, were of the most glaring description, and the Jury returned a verdict of Guilty. The Judge told the prisoner his was a very bad offence, and had been considerably aggravated by calling a witness to depose that on oath which it was now evident could not be true; he, however, would not then pass sentence, but order his being taken back while he made some enquiries concerning him.

The Royal Devonport Telegraph and Plymouth Chronicle, 24th March 1832.²³

The Judge evidently took umbrage at what he considered to be the pointless and time-wasting contribution of a defence witness, and quite incredibly sentenced James Mankin to seven years transportation.

THE TELEGRAPH.

DEVONPORT.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

On Monday last, Wm. Quick, James Dale, F. Curtis, J. Northcott, G. Manning, and J. Mankin, the two former under the sentence of transportation for 14 years, and the four latter for 7 years, were removed from the Devon County Gaol on board the captivity, at this port.

The Royal Devonport Telegraph and Plymouth Chronicle, 7th April 1832.²⁴

There was a Petition asking for clemency from James' family, friends and many of the great and good of the parish of Bere Ferrers. It transpired that James was drunk and injured, and on the way home from a drinking establishment "found" the timber in the road and decided to bring it home.

He had never before been convicted (or even accused) of any crime, and the testimonials to his character and honesty are most interesting. Needless to say, the approaches to the Courts were summarily dismissed.

James Mankin spent much of his incarceration in the notorious Prison Convict Hulk "Leviathan" in Portsmouth Harbour.

More solicitations followed in 1834 - *"We the undersigned Gentlemen, Yeomanry and others, do hereby certify that we have known the within named James Mankin for many years past; that his habits have ever been industrious and his honesty unimpeachable; and that never, until charged with having stolen this trifling piece of timber (of the supposed value of nine pence), have we ever known him guilty of any dishonesty. We therefore, under the above circumstances, and of his having obeyed the penalty of the Law two years and upwards, recommend him as a fit object for having the remainder of the sentence remitted."*

There was even a note from the original wronged party William Babb (the owner of the stolen timber at Wheal Charlotte) - *"I the undersigned William Babb, as the prosecutor in this case, being fully satisfied that the said James Mankin hath sufficiently suffered for the crime alleged to have been committed by him, respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner may be heard and granted."*²⁵

However, it would take another two and half years before the authorities relented, James Mankin was pardoned on 11th November 1836 and released from "The Leviathan".²⁶

The National Archives hold the original records and have made detailed scans of all the documents available through findmypast.co.uk. The papers make fascinating reading, especially for anyone with an interest in the history of the parish of Bere Ferrers or students of nineteenth century social history.

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