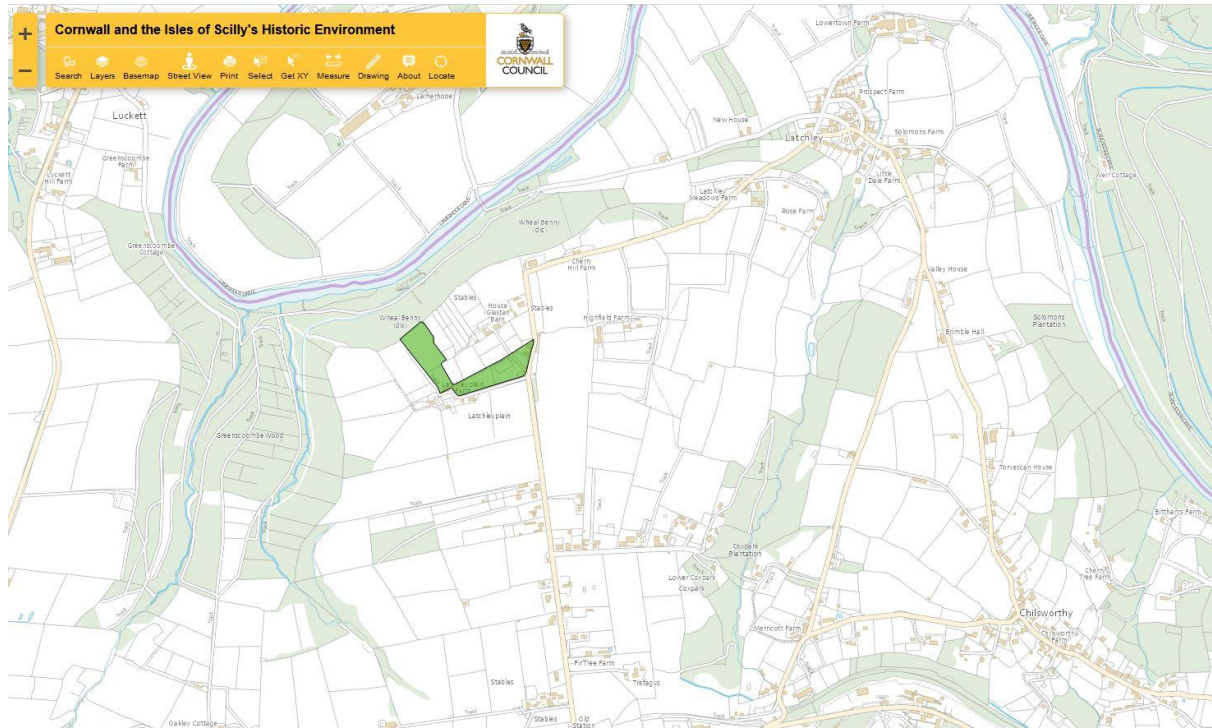


Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Joseph Allen**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Latchley Plain. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at Latchley Plain Farm on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX39851 72847 (dwelling)



Occupier: Joseph Allen (Miner)

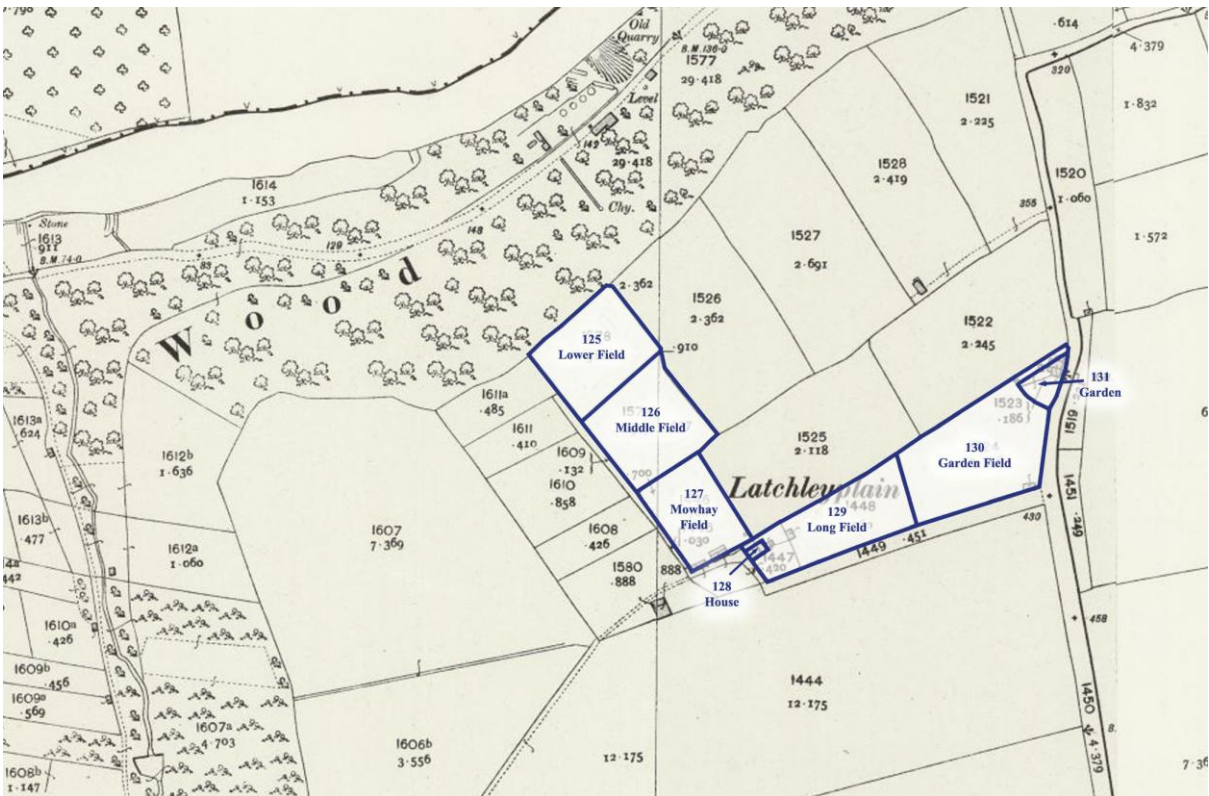
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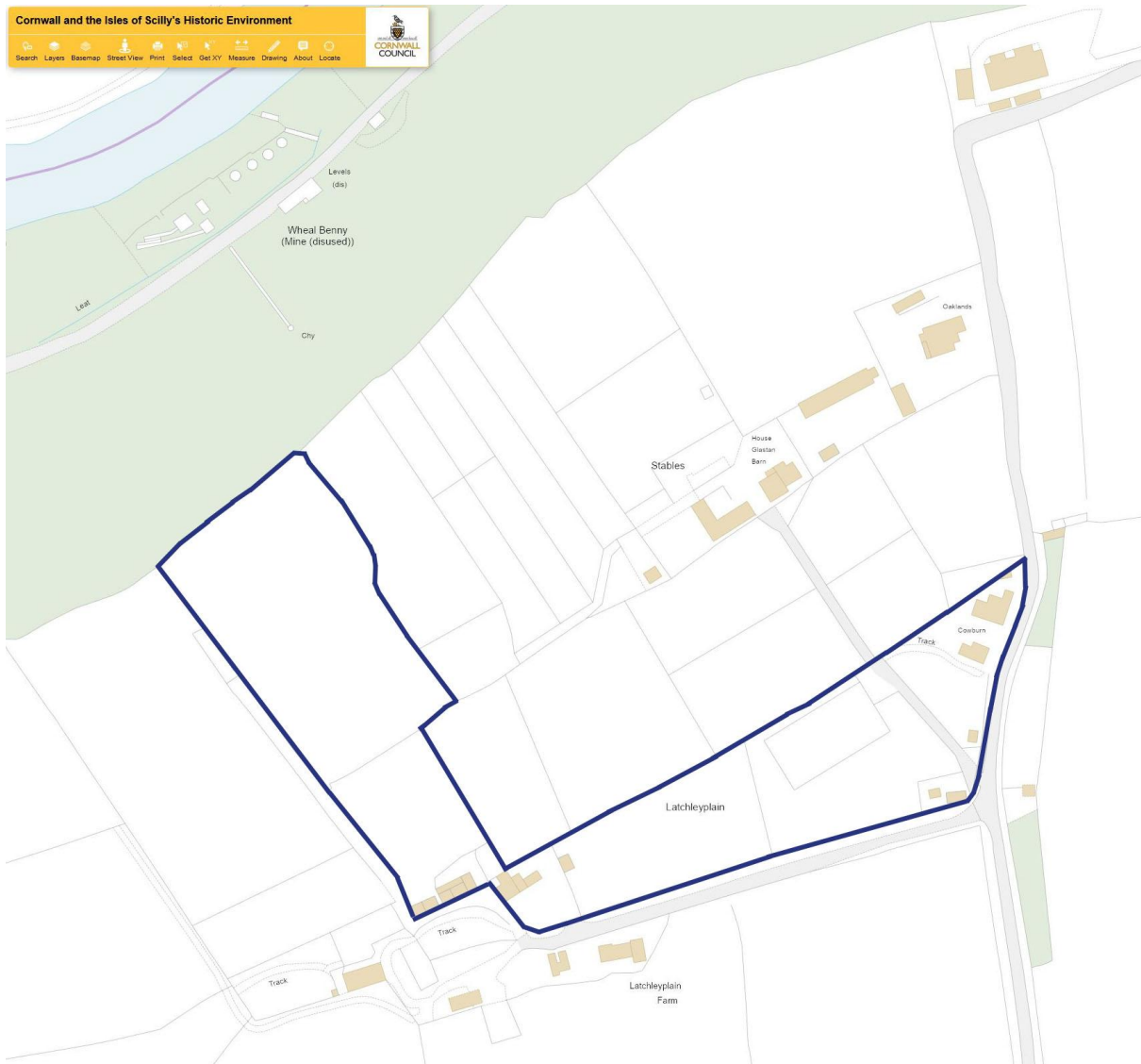
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125	Lower Field	Arable	3	24				
126	Middle Field	Arable	1	0	2			
127	Mowhay Field	Arable	2	37				
128	House				5			
129	Long Field	Arable	3	16				
130	Garden Field	Arable	1	0	30			
131	Garden	Garden			15			
			4	3	9	0	8	0



References : The National Archives, Kew.
 IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.
 IR/30/6/24 - Tithe map of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.



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Joseph Allen

Joseph Allen appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Latchley Plain. Joseph is listed as a copper miner aged 43, in the same household are Fanny (47), Thomas (16) and James (14) both copper miners, Fanny (10), Elizabeth (8), Eliza (6) and Sarah (2) all born in Cornwall.¹

The Calstock registers of baptisms record nine children born to Joseph and Fanny (aka Frances) between 1819 and 1839.²

Joseph was born in the parish of Calstock and baptised on 7th July 1797³, son of John and Jenny Allen (née Daw), who were married at Calstock in 1783.⁴

Joseph Allen married Fanny Couch at Calstock on 24th October 1818, Joseph noted as a miner and both "of this parish".⁵ Fanny was born in the parish of Linkinhorne in 1794, the daughter of James and Sarah Couch.⁶

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family still at Latchley Plain. Interestingly, Joseph gives his occupation as "Miner occupying 3 acres Land", an indication that his smallholding was an important source of income alongside mining. Joseph is 52, Fanny (55) born Linkinhorne, Thomas (26) mine labourer, Elizabeth (18), Sarah (11), Jane (16) and a visitor John Allen (66) a stone mason, all born in Calstock.⁷

Joseph Allen died aged 55, in 1853 and was buried at Calstock on 28th July. Fanny died in 1862, according to the burial register at the age of 65 and was buried at Calstock on 15th March.⁸

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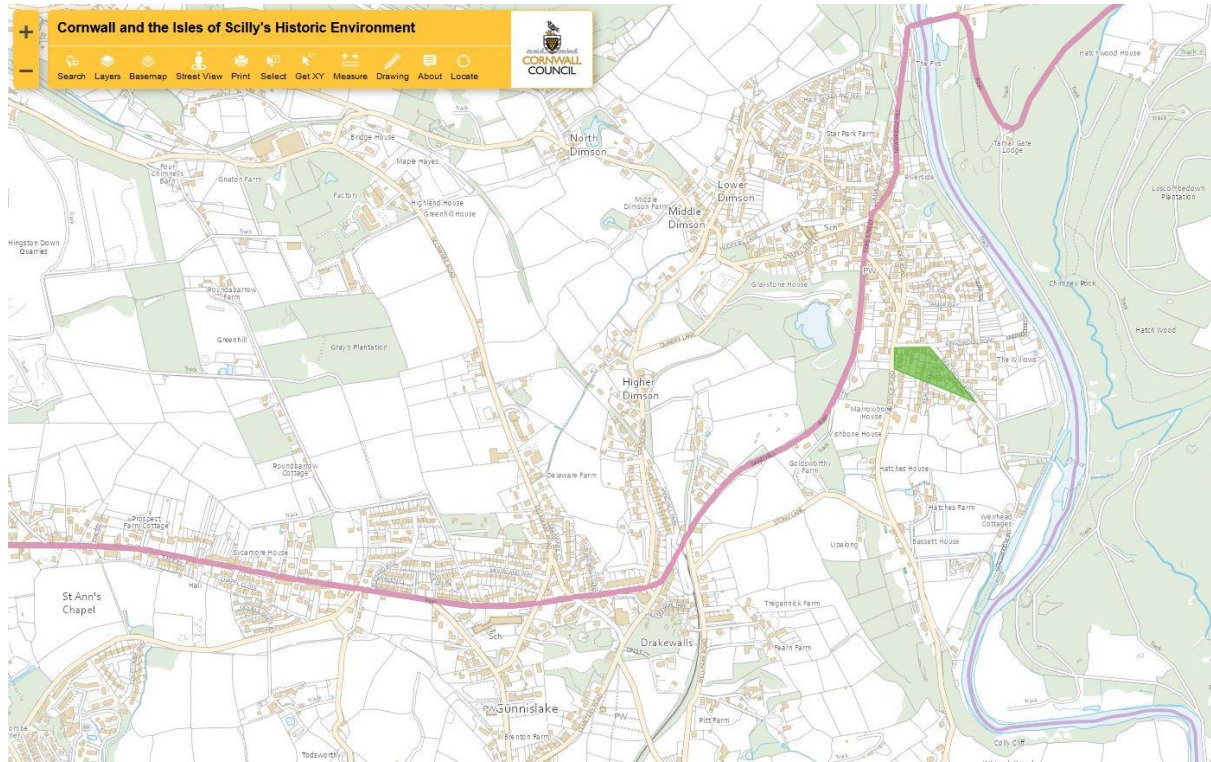
1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN15 PN23.
2. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
3. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
5. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
6. Linkinhorne Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1725-1812. Ref: KK P125/1/3.
7. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN153 PN36.
8. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Charles Bedinner**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake, Kingswood Road. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Tye Cottage” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX43306 71407 (dwelling)



Occupier: Charles Bedinner (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

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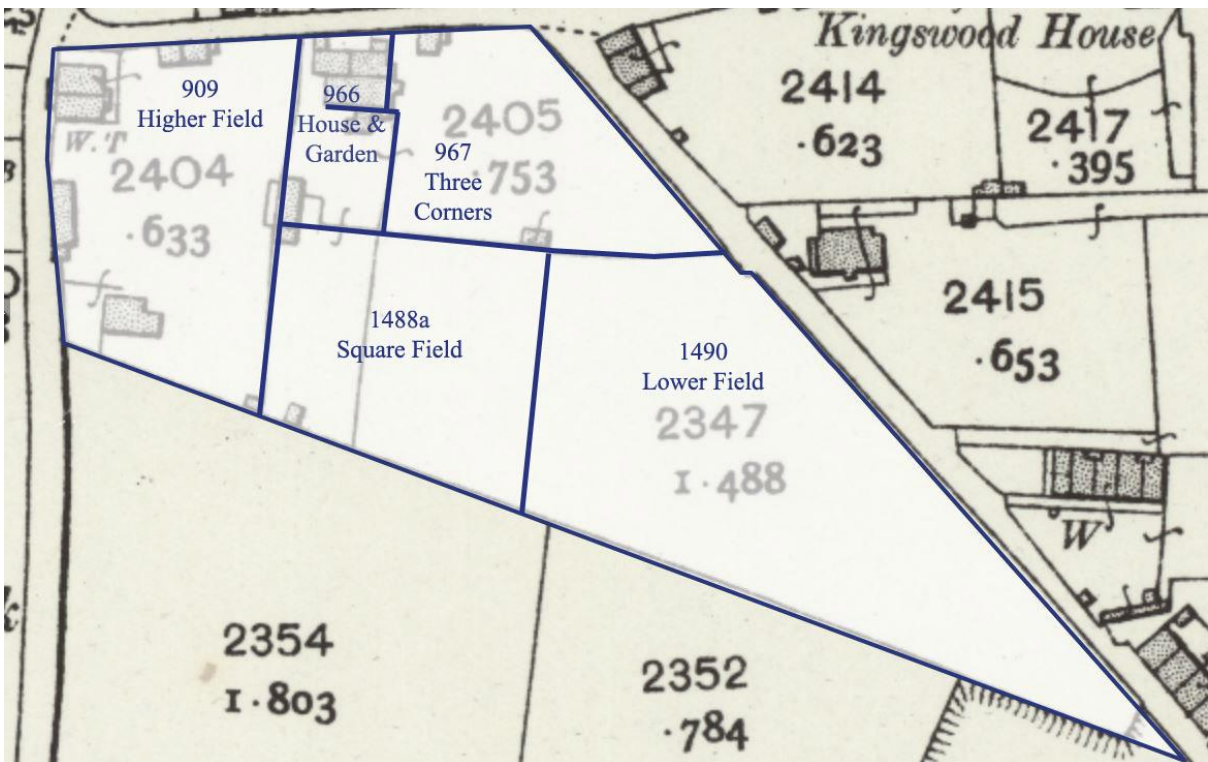
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909	Higher Field	Arable	2	38				
966	House and Garden	Garden			23			
967	Three Corners	Orchard	1	28				
1490	Lower Field	Arable	3	24				
1488A	Square Field	Arable	2	30				
			2	3	23	£0	10	0



References : The National Archives, Kew.

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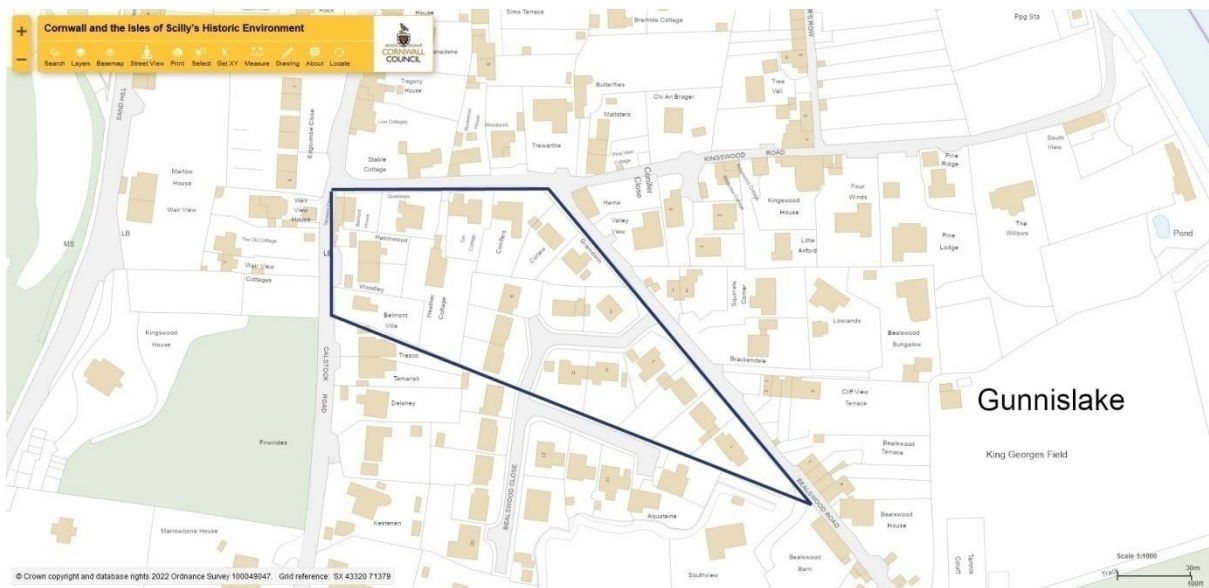
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Charles Bedinner

Charles Bedinner appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. Charles is listed as a miner aged 60, in the same household are what appear to be his children - Eliza (25), Charles (20) a miner and James (15) a shoemaker, all born in Cornwall.¹ The Calstock Register of baptisms confirms this to be the case with Elizabeth (1808), William (1810), John (1814), Charles (1816) and James (1821) appearing in the baptismal records, all born to Charles and Ann Bedinner (variants Bodinner, Bodenner, Bodinar etc.).² Charles and Ann had another daughter Eliza, who was baptised at Redruth in 1806³, she is almost certainly the Elizabeth Bodiner who was buried at Calstock in February 1807.⁴

Charles Bedinner was born in the Bodmin Moor parish of Cardinham likely in early 1781, and was baptised in the parish church on 25th February of that year, one of four children born at Cardinham to William and Jane Bedinner (née Daw)⁵, who were married at Cardinham on 27th October 1772.⁶

Bedinner or Bodinar is a locative surname from the place name Bodinnar in the parish of Sancreed in the far west of Cornwall. Indeed most of the early bearers of this name were located in the neighbouring parish of Paul with a smaller branch (from the early eighteenth century) at Mawgan in Meneage on the Lizard. William Bedinner was very likely from one of these areas and was perhaps a relatively early example of an economic migrant from the west, enticed by the expanding mining and quarrying industries in the east of Cornwall.

What is certain is that the family had arrived in the parish of Calstock by the 1790s. Charles' sister Ann Bedinner married a John Secombe at Calstock in 1794⁷. Charles' father William Bedinner was buried at Calstock in 1798 and mother Jenny (Jane) aged 77 in 1811.⁸

Charles Bedinner married Ann Phillips at Kenwyn Church, Truro on 21st November 1805, he was described as a "sojourner" (i.e. not of this parish).⁹ As noted above, by February 1807 the couple were living in the parish of Calstock.

Ann Bedinner died aged 63 at Gunnislake on 2 January 1841 and Charles died at Gunnislake on 26 April 1844, both were buried at Calstock.¹⁰

The couple's youngest son James Bedinner tragically predeceased his father by less than three months. Recorded as a shoemaker on the 1841 Census, James had evidently turned to mining by 1844 and was killed (aged 22) in an accident at Wheal Bedford on 1st February of that year.¹¹



Accidental Death.—On Saturday, an inquest was held by Mr. G. Hamley in the parish of Calstock, on view of the body of James Bedinner who was killed in Wh. Bedford Mine. It appeared that another miner was filling a kibble, and hearing a noise as if something was falling, made his escape in one of the levels, and on returning again to the spot, found the poor man quite dead, having fallen several fathoms. Verdict, *accidental death.*

James Bedinner's Epitaph is a salutary warning to anyone, especially a Miner.

Consider well both old and young
 Who by my Grave do pass
 Death soon may come with his keen scythe
 And cut you down like grass!
 Tho some of you, perhaps may think
 From danger to be free
 Yet in a moment, may be sent
 Into the Grave! like me.

In his Will dated 3rd March 1844, Charles Bedinner left his tenement "being about three Acres of Ground" to his third son Charles and £150 (equally divided) to sons William and John and daughter Eliza, to be paid to them by Charles "out of the above named Tenement - within six months after my decease".¹² The size of the Tenement is in accordance with the 1839 Tithe Apportionment where the plot is only seventeen perches short of three acres.

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN26 & 27 PN 9 & 10.
2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
3. Redruth St Euny's Register of baptisms and burials, 1804-1812 . Ref: KK P197/1/11.
4. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
5. Cardinham Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1758-1812. Ref: KK P28/1/2.
6. Cardinham Register of marriages and banns of marriage, 1754-1812. Ref: KK P28/1/3.
7. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
8. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1716-1807 & 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/2 & KK P26/1/3.
9. Kenwyn Register of marriages, 1784-1811. Ref: KK P98/1/7.
10. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
11. *Royal Cornwall Gazette* (Truro), February 9th 1844, Number 4086, pg.3, col.2.
12. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court - Will of Charles Bodinnar the elder, miner of Calstock 1844. Ref: KK AP/B/6185. Note that the Will is incorrectly indexed as "Bodinnar", throughout the document the spelling Bedinner is used.



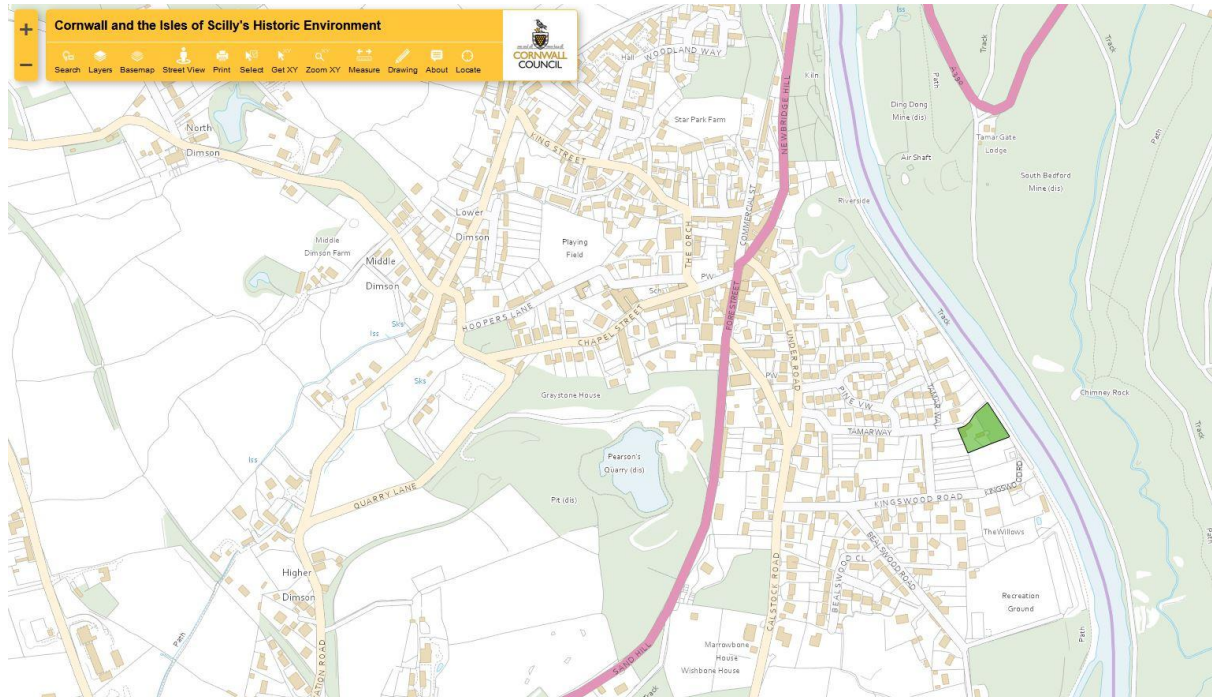
The Headstone of Charles Bedinner in Calstock Churchyard.
(Image: Ainsley Cocks)

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Workers: **Elias Bray and John Bray, sons of Christiana Bray (Occupier)**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Dwelling and gardens on Tithe Map Plan No. 949 located at Hazel Cottage, Tamar Way, Gunnislake on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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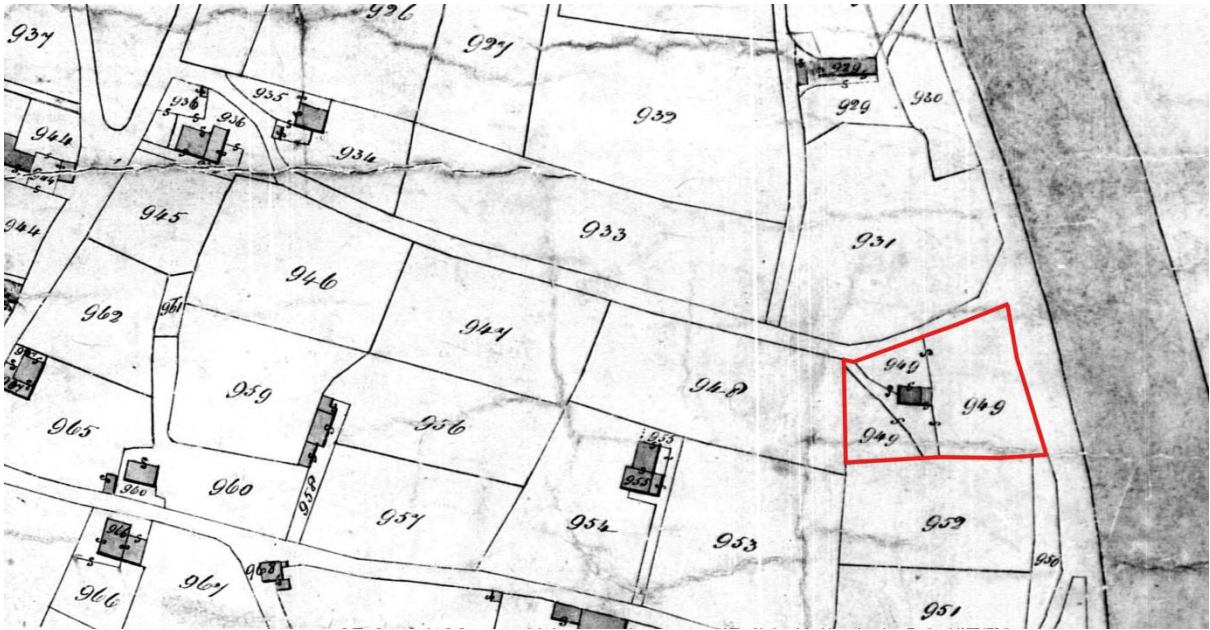


Occupier: Christiana Bray (with sons Elias and John (Miners))

Landowner: Betsey Harris

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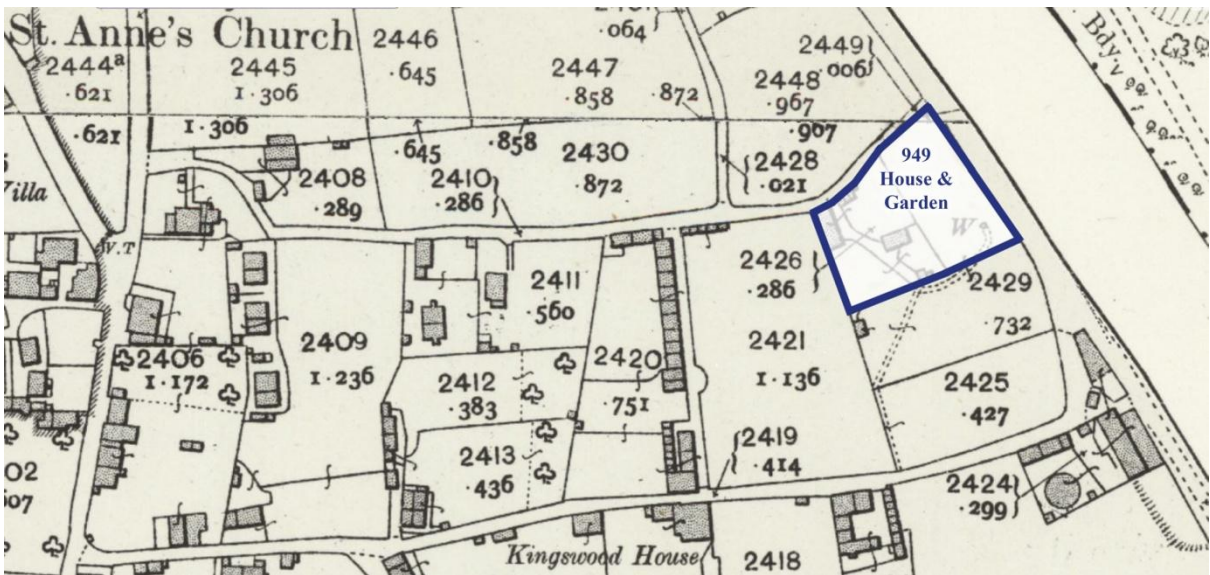
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949	House and Garden			1	29			
				1	29			



References : The National Archives, Kew.

IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.

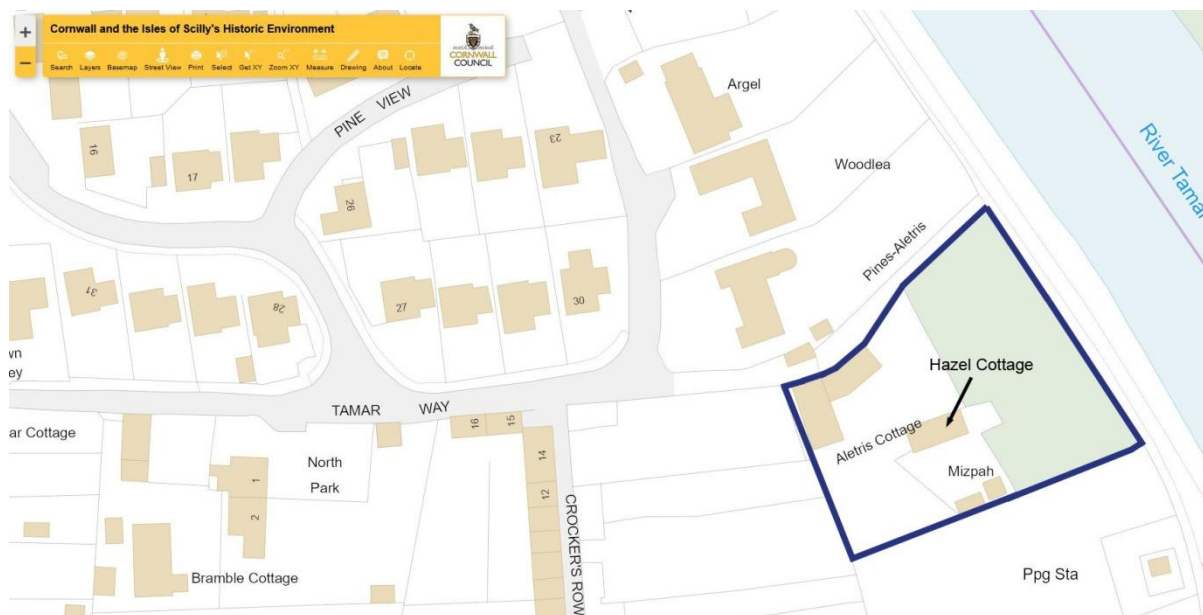
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The Bray Family

The widowed Christian(a) Bray (née Martin) appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. Christiana is 65, in the same household are Elias (30) and John (20) both miners and Elizabeth (25), Christiana and Elias were not born in Cornwall, but the two younger siblings were.¹

Christian(a) Martin married Thomas Bray at Tavistock on 29th March 1793, Thomas noted as of the parish of Lamerton.²

Christian Martin was baptised on 21st February 1775 at Tavistock, the daughter of Christopher and Christian Martin (née Collacott)³ who were married at Tavistock on 26th June 1774.⁴

Christiana's husband Thomas Bray (a miner and quarryman) died at Gunnislake in 1821 (aged 48) as was buried at Calstock on 8th April.⁵

Thomas and Christiana Bray had seven children baptised in the parishes of Tavistock and Lamerton between 1794 and 1806⁶, including Sarah at Lamerton in 1798 (Sarah married miner John Williams at Calstock in 1824 - see section on John Williams for further details). Around 1807 the family settled at Gunnislake and the Calstock registers record a further five children born to the couple between 1808 and 1819.⁷

Christiana died at Dimson, Gunnislake in 1849 and was buried at Calstock on 8th November.⁸

The details of the two sons (listed as miners) at Gunnislake on the 1841 Census as above are:

Elias Bray was baptised at Lamerton on 16th November 1806.⁹ By the time of the 1851 Census, Elias was living at Dimson, Gunnislake, a 45 year old unmarried copper miner, born at Tavistock, also in the household was Elias's sister, Grace Bray (47) housekeeper, also born at Tavistock.¹⁰ In the subsequent decades Elias continued to work as a miner and live with his sister at Dimson. Elias died

(aged 65) at Dimson in 1871 and was buried at Calstock on 17th July¹¹ with Grace passing away (aged 79) at nearby Delaware in 1876, buried at Calstock on 9th June.¹²

John Bray was born in Gunnislake (or Williams Town as it was then sometimes known and recorded as such in the baptismal register) and baptised at Calstock on either 27th July 1817 or 4th July 1819, Thomas and Christiana Bray had a child named "John Bray" baptised on both dates.¹³ Usually when identically named children are baptised it is an indication that the first child may have died, but in this case there is no record of the burial of a John Bray in Calstock at this time. John's ages in subsequent Census Returns would suggest that he was most likely born circa 1817, so perhaps he was simply baptised twice!

John Bray married Mary Reddicliffe at Lamerton on 8th October 1846, John's residence is given as Calstock.¹⁴

The 1851 Census lists John Bray and family at St Ann's Chapel. John Bray (33) copper miner, born Calstock, wife Mary (28) born Lamerton and daughter Grace (1) born Calstock, also in the household is a lodger William Dawe (20) agricultural labourer, born Devon, Milton (Abbot).¹⁵

John Bray was a miner for the rest of his life, he died at St Ann's Chapel in 1871 and was buried at Calstock on 24th July, exactly one week after his elder brother Elias, the Calstock burial register records his age as 55.¹⁶

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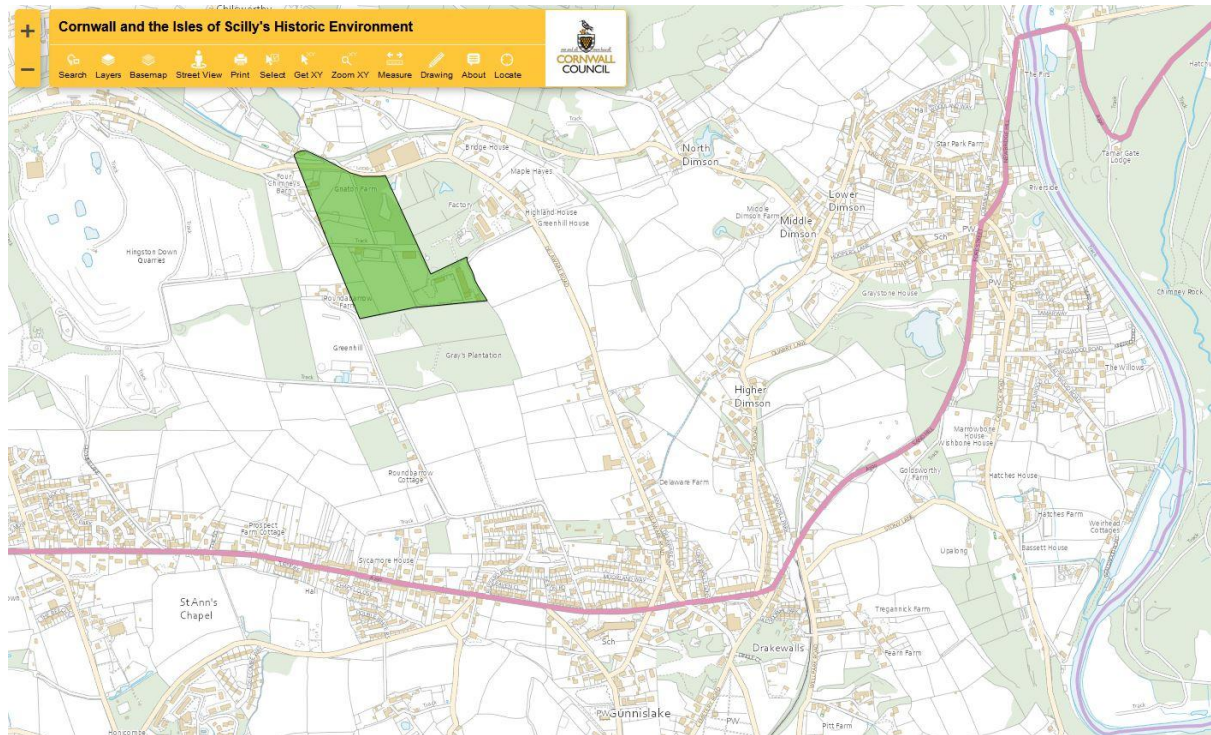
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2. Devon Marriage & Banns - Tavistock. Ref: 482A/PR/1/39 - South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
3. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock. Ref: 482A/PR/1/1 - South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
4. Devon Marriages & Banns - Tavistock. South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
6. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock. Ref: 482A/PR/1/3 - South West Heritage Trust & Lamerton. Ref: 889/3 - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (findmypast.co.uk).
7. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Refs: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
8. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
9. Devon Baptisms - Lamerton. Ref: 889/3 - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (findmypast.co.uk).
10. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN144 PN18.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
12. Ibid.
13. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
14. Devon Marriages & Banns - Lamerton. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (findmypast.co.uk).
15. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN116 PN53.
16. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Workers: **James Buckingham and William Buckingham, sons of Ann Buckingham (Occupier)**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Chilsworthy. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at Chilsworthy Beam Cottages on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX41547 71838 (Chilsworthy Beam Cottages).

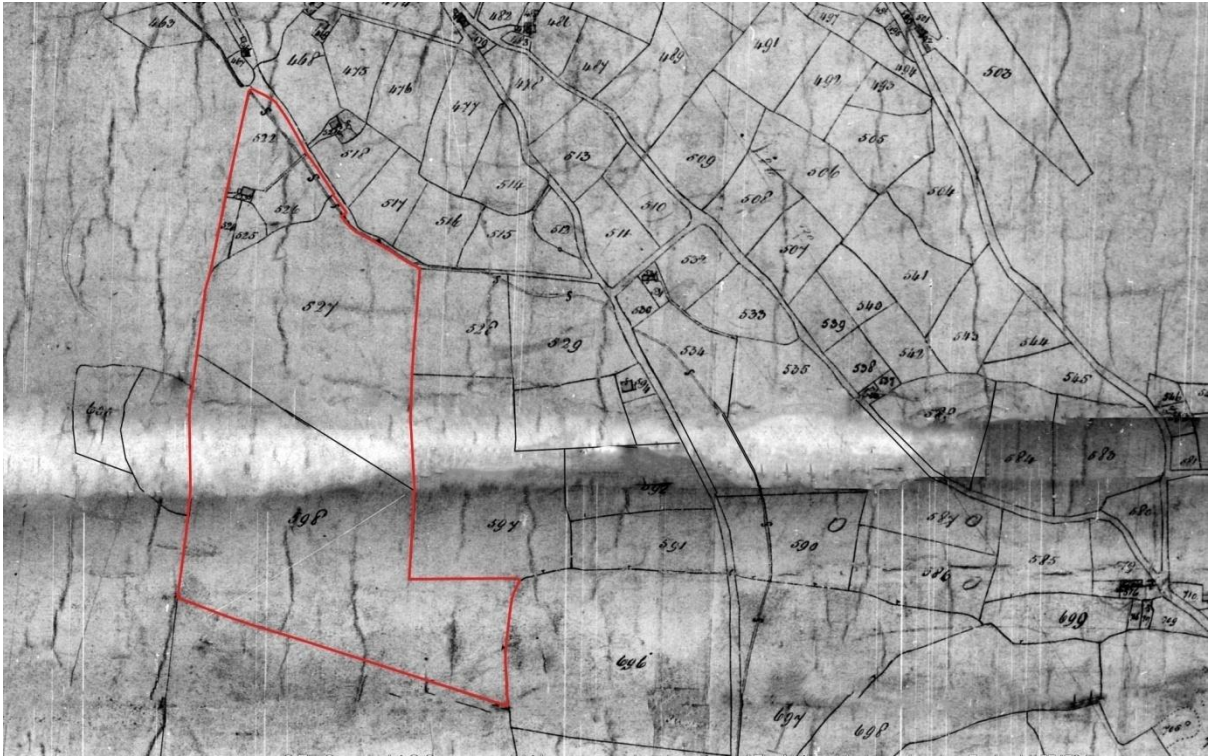


Occupier: Ann Buckingham (with sons James and William (Miners))

Landowners: John Michael Williams, William Williams and Robert Fox

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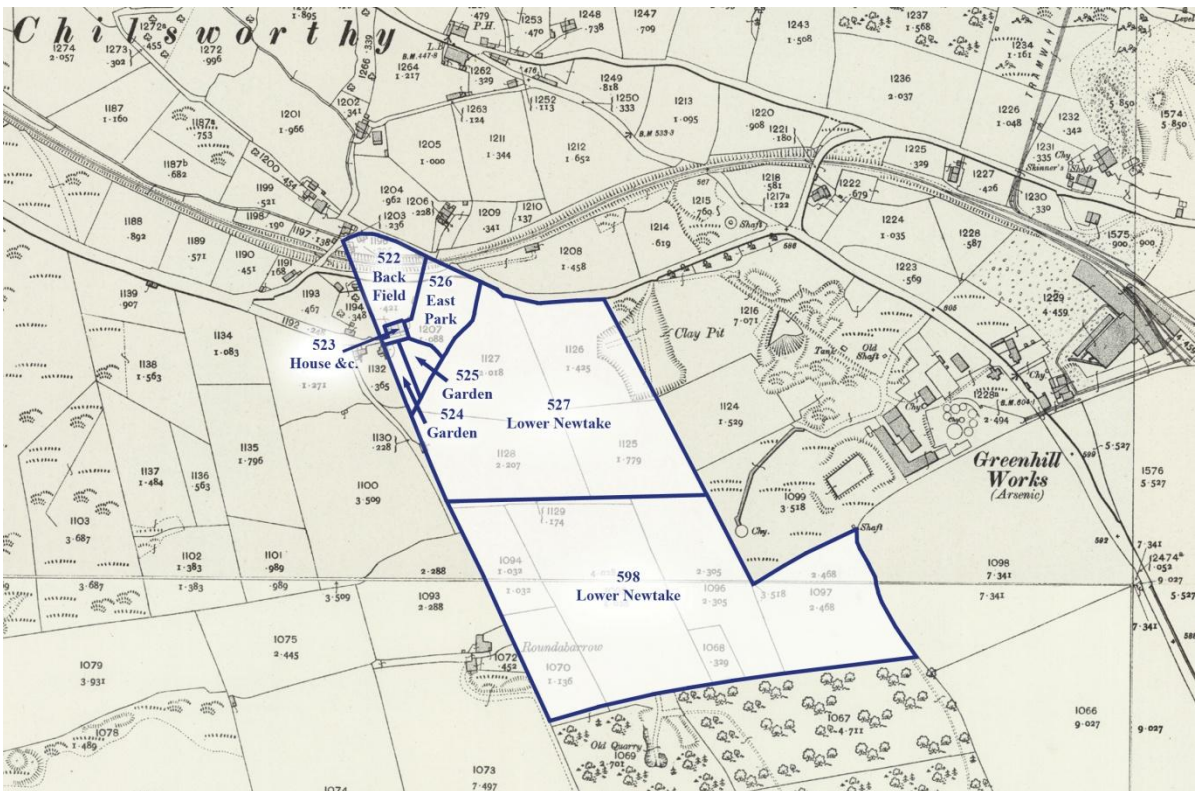
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523	House &c.				11			
524	Garden	Garden			29			
525	Garden	Garden			36			
526	East Park	Arable		2	21			
527	Lower Newtake	Pasture	7	1	21			
598	Lower Newtake	Pasture	11	2	12			
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References : The National Archives, Kew.

IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.

IR/30/6/24 - Tithe map of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.



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Ann Greenslade married Jacob Buckingham at Calstock on 11th October 1817, both were recorded as "sojourner of this parish".³

Unfortunately, no baptism can be located for Jacob Buckingham. Jacob (a miner) died at Chilsworthy in 1837 (aged 47) and was buried at Calstock on 4th May.⁴

Jacob and Ann Buckingham had nine children baptised at Calstock between 1818 and 1837.⁵ The 1851 Census lists the widowed Ann still at Chilsworthy. Ann Buckingham (50) occupying 8 acres, born South Sydenham, John (18) a copper miner and Eliza (14) both born Calstock, and James Greenslade (widower aged 92) described as a lodger with occupation given as pauper, born Devon - Uplummon (sic).⁶ As noted above, James Greenslade was Ann's father and "Uplummon" is Uplowman in the east of Devon near Tiverton. Indeed a "James Grinslade" was baptised at Uplowman on 22nd September 1761, the son of Thomas and Susannah Grinslade.⁷

It is interesting to note that in 1851 Ann Buckingham was described as "occupying 8 acres", down from the 20 or so recorded in the 1839 Tithe Apportionment. Perhaps Plot 598 "Lower Newtake" was given up, this was a pasture of over 11 acres.

One of Ann's sons, Jacob Buckingham, probably became a miner not long after the taking of the 1841 Census. Tragically, he was killed in an accident at Chilsworthy Beam Mine in early September 1844.⁸

The Cornwall <i>FALMOUTH PACKET, AND</i>		Royal Gazette, <i>PLYMOUTH JOURNAL.</i>
<small>NUMBER 4117.</small>	<small>TRURO, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1844.</small>	<small>PRICE FOURPENCE</small>

INQUESTS.— On Saturday last, Mr. Gilbert Hamley held an inquest at Clusworthy, on the body of Jacob Buckingham. The lad was working several fathoms down in Clusworthy Beam Mine, and his duty was to fill the kibble with rubbish &c. A stone weighing 214lbs. being too large to place in the kibble, he tied it to the chain. The stone was drawn almost to the top, when it most unfortunately slipped, and killed him on the spot. The poor young man was quite unconscious of any danger; his brother and some other miners who were working close to him heard him singing after he had attached the stone to the chain. Verdict, *Accidental Death.*

Jacob Buckingham (aged 17) was buried at Calstock on 8th September 1844.⁹

On 3rd May 1853 at Calstock, Ann Buckingham married widower Emanuel Weeks, a miner and neighbour at Chilsworthy.¹⁰ The 1861 Census records Emanuel and Ann Weeks at Chilsworthy, Emanuel was now a farmer of 14 acres.¹¹ Ann lived at Chilsworthy for the rest of her life, and died there in 1886, she was buried on 13th November, the Calstock Burial Register notes her age as 82 (actually 87).¹²

The details of the two sons (listed as miners) at Chilsworthy on the 1841 Census as above are:

James Buckingham was born at Hawkmoor, Gunnislake in 1817 and was baptised at Calstock on 1st January 1818.¹³ James married Mary Bickel at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth on 12 July 1842¹⁴, Mary was the daughter of farmer Thomas Bickel and according to later Census Returns was born in the parish of Tavistock c.1818. By the time of the 1851 Census, James Buckingham and family were living at Westcott in the parish of Linkinhorne - James Buckingham (33) copper miner, born Tavistock (should be Calstock), Mary (33) born Tavistock, Elizabeth (7) born Calstock, Jacob (5), Mary Susan (3) and Ann Maria (1) all born Linkinhorne.¹⁵

In the mid-1850s James and family returned to Chilsworthy, and the 1861 Census shows the family living next-door to Ann (now Weeks). James Buckingham (42) copper miner, born Calstock, Mary (42) born Devon (page damaged and unreadable), Mary Susan (14) and Ann Maria (12) born (page damaged and unreadable), William Thomas Bickle Buckingham (10) born Linkinhorne, Eliza Grace (6), Mary A (4) and Emma (4 mths) all born Calstock.¹⁶

James Buckingham continued to work as a copper miner and live with his family at Chilsworthy, he died at Chilsworthy in 1884 and was buried at Calstock on 24th July.¹⁷

William Buckingham was baptised at Calstock on 14th May 1820.¹⁸

William married Maria Osborne at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth on 23 December 1843.¹⁹ Maria was born at Drakewalls, Gunnislake in 1817 and baptised at Calstock on 22nd June, the daughter of Thomas and Jenny Osborne (née Rowe)²⁰. Thomas Osborne was a miner born at St Dennis in mid Cornwall, for more on this family please see the section on Thomas Osborne.

The 1851 Census lists William and Maria Buckingham and family living at Chilsworthy, next-door to William's widowed mother Ann Buckingham. William Buckingham (29) copper miner, born Calstock, wife Maria (30) born Calstock and children Eliza (8), William James (7), Susanna (5), Ann (3) and Maria Jane (11 mths), all born in the parish of Calstock.²¹

It seems that in the mid-1850s while William's elder brother James was moving back to Chilsworthy after working in the copper mines of Linkinhorne, William and family were moving in the opposite direction. The 1861 Census for the parish of Linkinhorne finds the family living at New Row, Henwood. William Buckingham (40) copper miner, Maria (43), Eliza J (18) copper ore dresser, William J (16) miner, Susanna (14) and Mary A (13) both copper ore dressers, Maria (11), Elizabeth (9), Jacob (6) all born Calstock, May (4), Ellen (2) both born Linkinhorne and Selena (1 week) born Calstock, also in the household was William's brother John Buckingham (22) miner, born Linkinhorne, note that it appears that the Census Enumerator may have transposed the birthplaces of Selena and her uncle John Buckingham.²²

By 1871 and echoing his brother James's move a decade earlier, William and family had returned to Chilsworthy and lived next-door to his mother Ann Weeks. William died (aged 50) at Chilsworthy in February 1871 and was buried at Calstock on 1st March.²³

William's family appears on the 1871 Census next-door to Emanuel and Ann Weeks - Maria Buckingham (54, widow), Jacob (16) miner, Ellen (12) "work to mine" and Selena (10) all born in Calstock (Ellen and Selena were actually born at Linkinhorne).²⁴

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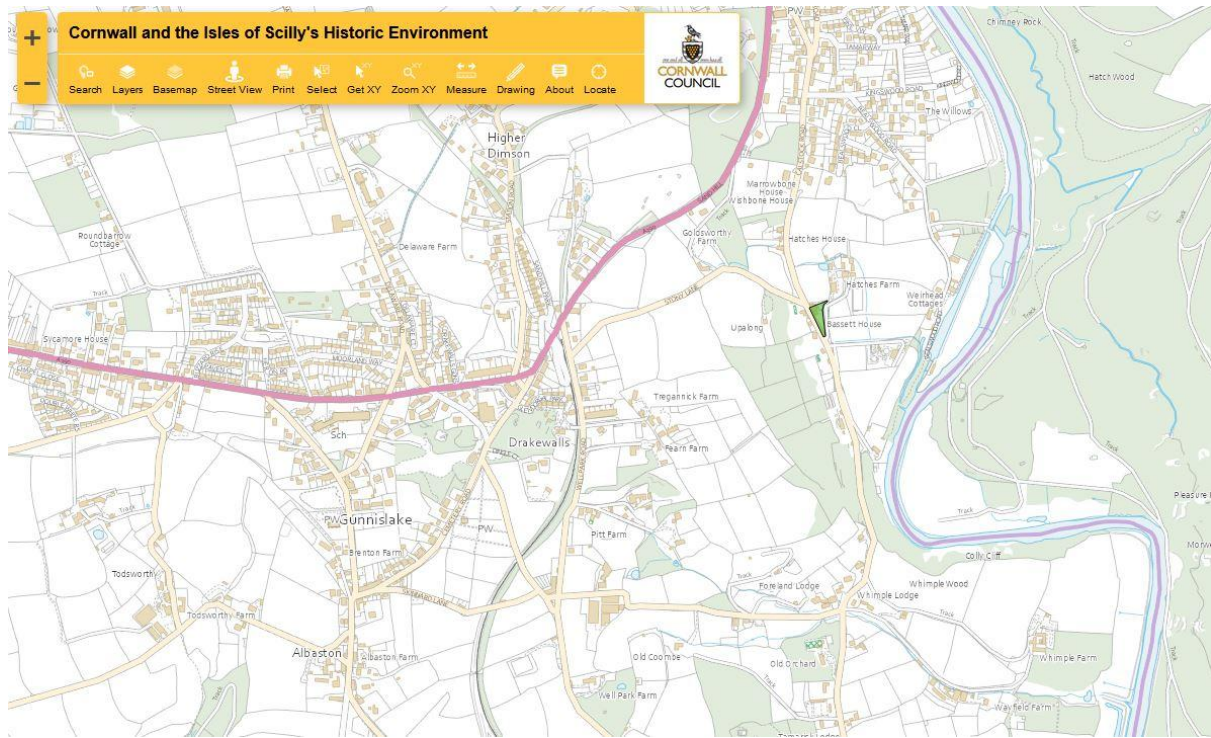
1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN13 PN18.
2. Devon Baptisms - Sydenham Damerel - Ref: 892/3 - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
4. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
5. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
6. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN138 PN7.
7. Devon Baptisms - Uplowman. Ref: 829A/PR/1/1 - South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
8. *Royal Cornwall Gazette* (Truro), September 13th 1844, Number 4117, pg.2, col. 6. Note that "Clusworthy" should read Chilsworthy.
9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
10. Calstock Register of marriages, 1837-1858. Ref: KK P26/1/13.
11. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN93 PN29.
12. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.
13. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
14. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
15. 1851 Cornwall Census, Linkinhorne. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN313 PN44.
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17. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.
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20. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
21. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN138 PN6.
22. 1861 Cornwall Census, Linkinhorne. Ref: RG09 PN1527 FN74 PN28.
23. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
24. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2146 FN6 PN8.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Buckingham**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Hatches Green, Calstock Road. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Wisteria Cottage” immediately north of “Bassett House” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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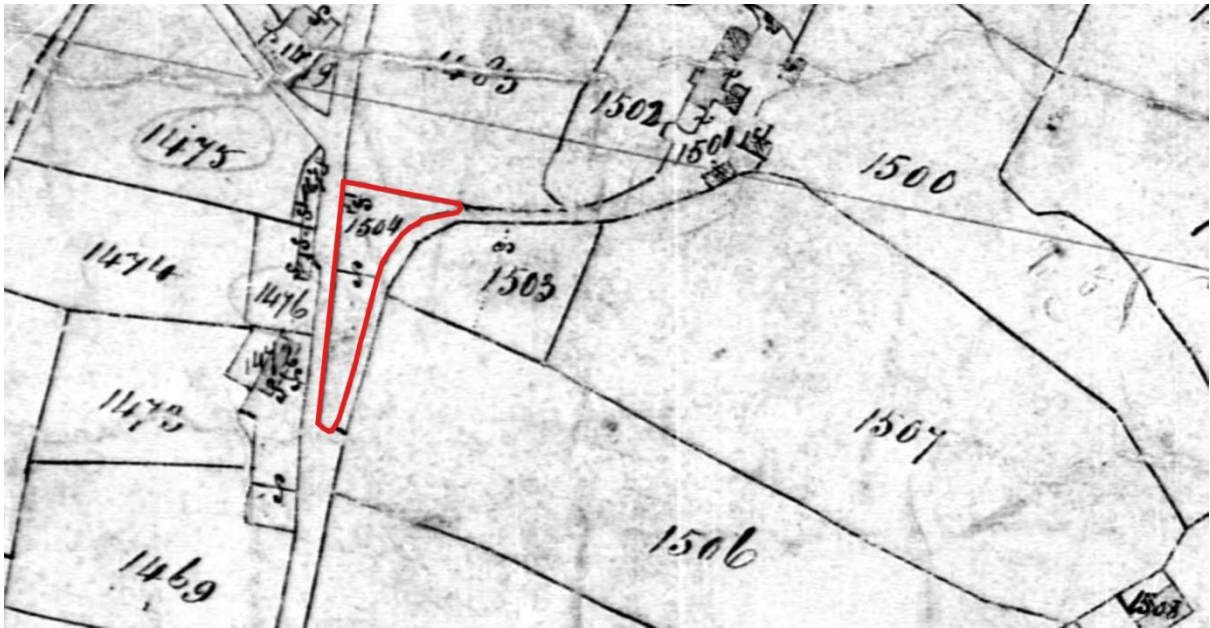


Occupier: John Buckingham (Miner)

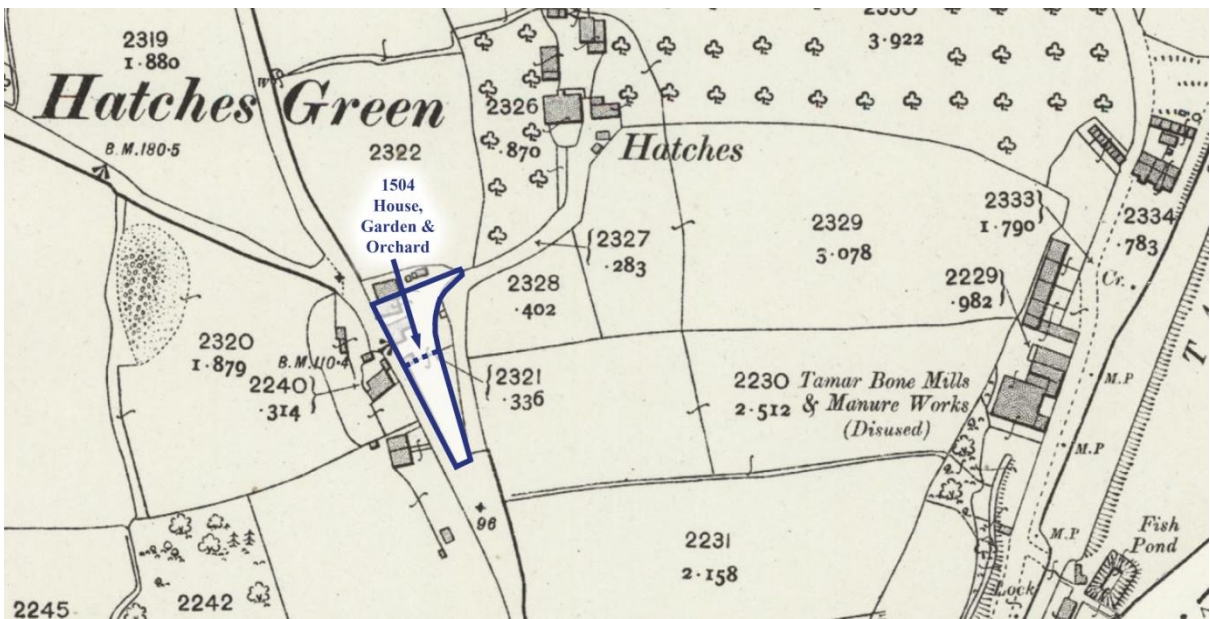
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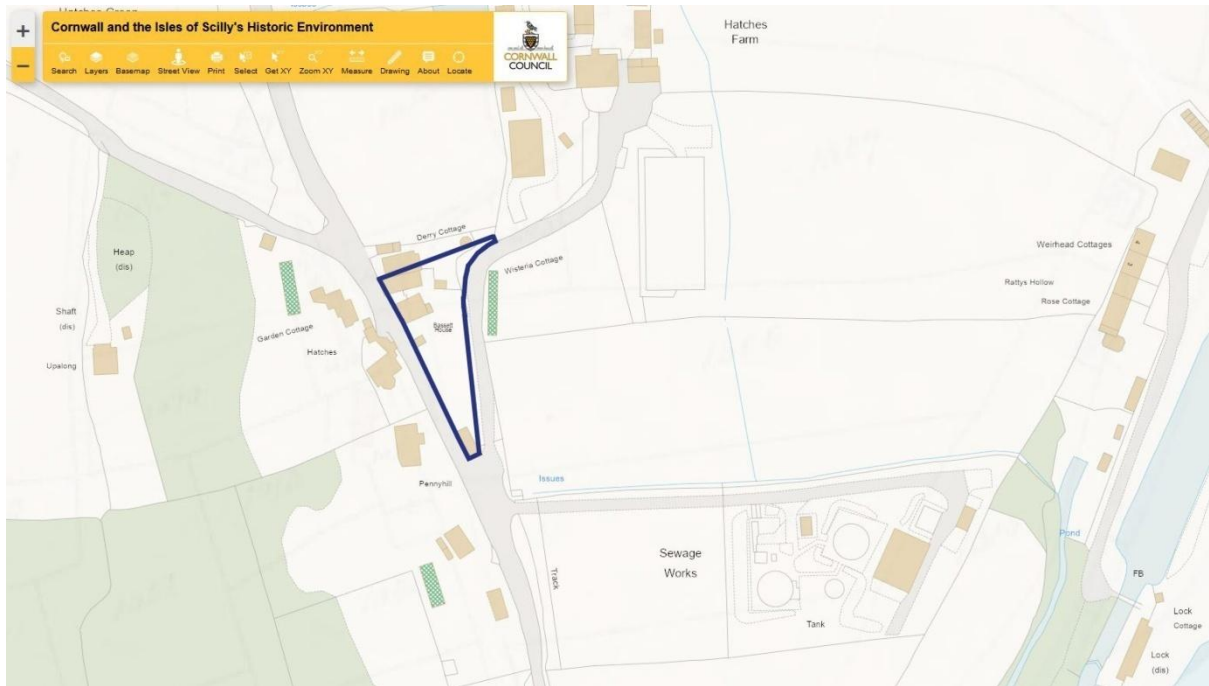
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References : The National Archives, Kew.
 IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.
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John Buckingham

The 1841 Census records the family at Hatches Green. John is listed as a miner aged 42, in the same household are Ann (43), Maria (16), Mary (4) and Ann (1½) all except John noted as born in Cornwall. Also in the household are Maria Cocking (55) and William Runell (16) miner, both born in Cornwall.¹

The 1851 Census shows the family were still at Hatches Green, John Buckingham (51) a copper miner, born in Tavistock his wife Ann (52) born Calstock, and children John (18) copper miner, Mary A (14) and Ann (11) all born in the parish of Calstock, and John's mother-in-law Maria Cocking (78, a widow), a pauper born at Tavistock. Also in the household were lodgers Francis Evans (25), William Evans (23) both Excavators born at Kea (near Truro) and Charles Evans (14) an errand boy born in Truro.²

John Buckingham was baptised at Tavistock on 6th June 1799, the son of William and Mary Buckingham (née Prior), William noted as a labourer.³ William Buckingham and Mary Prior were married at Tavistock on 11th January 1792.⁴

John Buckingham married Ann Colwill on 25th December 1822 at Calstock, both were noted as "of this parish".⁵

Ann Colwill was baptised as Ann Colwill Reynolds at Calstock on 30th September 1798, the daughter of William and Maria Reynolds (née Sampson)⁶ who were married at Calstock on 19th December 1794, both described as "of this parish".⁷ It is not known why Ann Colwill was using her middle name as her surname at the time of her marriage, her mother Maria Sampson was baptised at Tavistock on 14th June 1774, the daughter of Thomas and Joanna Sampson (née Colwill).⁸ Thomas Sampson

and Joan(na) Colwill had married at Calstock on 6th February 1773, Thomas a miner of Calstock and Joan(na) of Tavistock.⁹ So Ann's middle name was her maternal grandmother's surname. William Reynolds died at Calstock in 1804¹⁰, and his widow Maria married Louis (Lewis) Cocking at Calstock on 13th April 1807.¹¹

The 1861 Census again lists John and Ann Buckingham at Hatches Green, John Buckingham (63) copper miner, born Tavistock, Ann (63), Ann (23) "work to copper mine" and (granddaughter) Annmaria (9 mths) all born Calstock.¹²

By 1871 it the family had left the cottage at Hatches Green, and were lodging with the Francis family at 18 Rock View, Calstock Road, Gunnislake. It is not clear exactly where this location was but appears to be north of their old cottage (also on Calstock Road), from the geography of the Census (not always a reliable guide) it was between the Rising Sun Inn and Gunnislake village. Head of Household - Mary Ann Francis (30) miner's wife, Eliza Francis (12) and Joseph James Francis (8) all born Gunnislake, followed by the lodgers: John Buckingham (72) miner, born Tavistock, Ann Buckingham (73), Anna (28), Anna M (10) and William (7) all born Gunnislake.¹³

John Buckingham died at the age of 76 in 1876 and was buried at Calstock on 23rd April.¹⁴ Ann died aged 84 at Gunnislake in 1883 and was buried at Calstock on 3rd April.¹⁵

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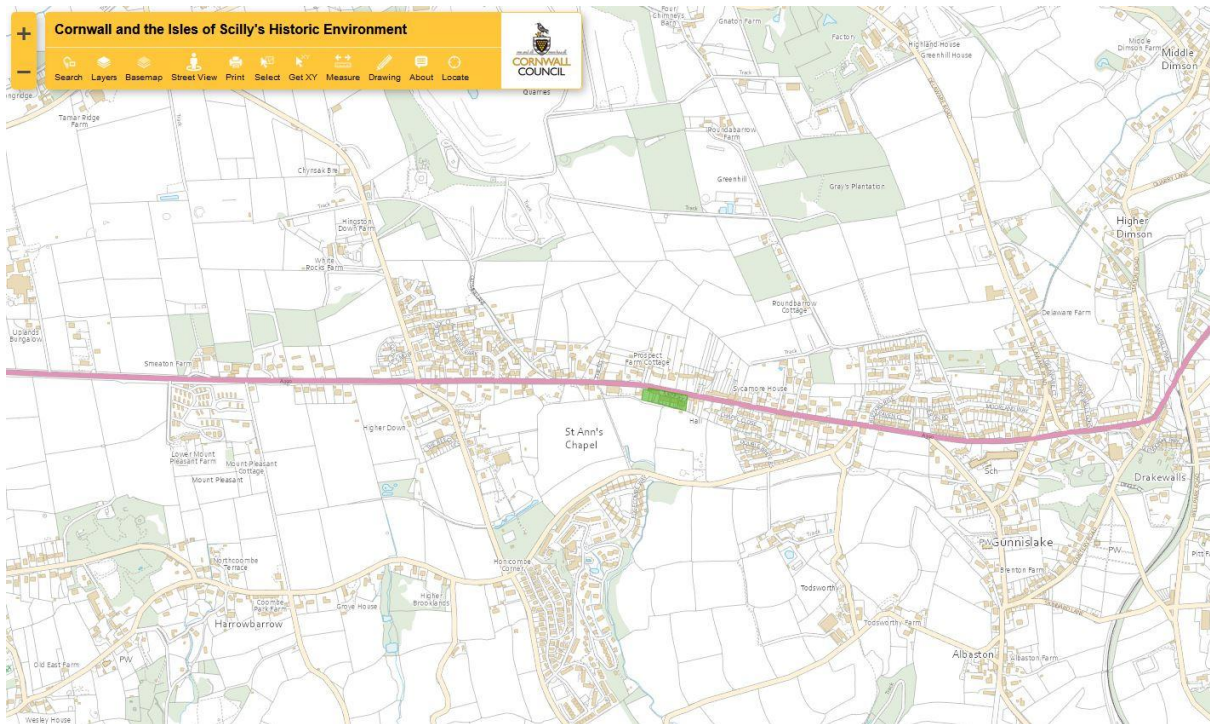
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3. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock. Ref: 482A/PR/1/3 - South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
4. Devon Marriages & Banns - Tavistock. South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
6. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
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11. Calstock Register of marriages, 1805-1813. Ref: KK P26/1/5.
12. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN26 PN45.
13. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2145 FN91 PN14.
14. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
15. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Richard Chynoweth**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): St Ann’s Chapel. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Ruin”, immediately west of “Henwoods Cottages” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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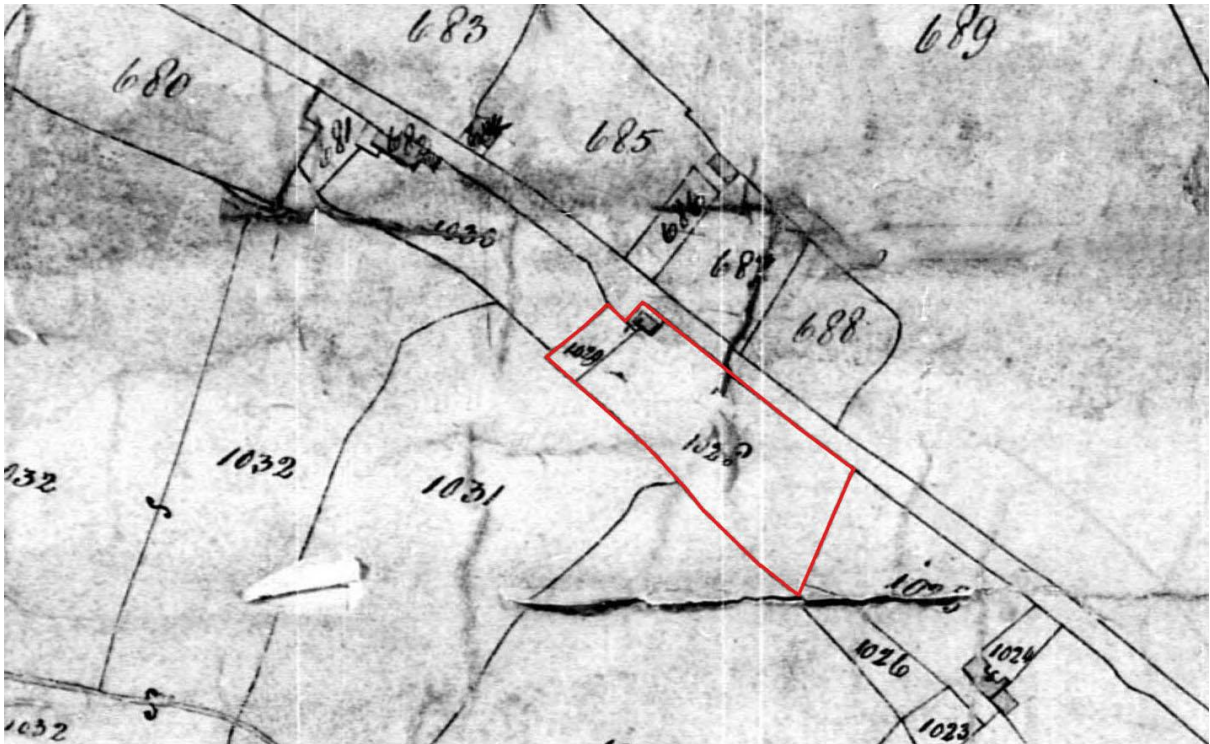


Occupier: Richard Chynoweth (Miner)

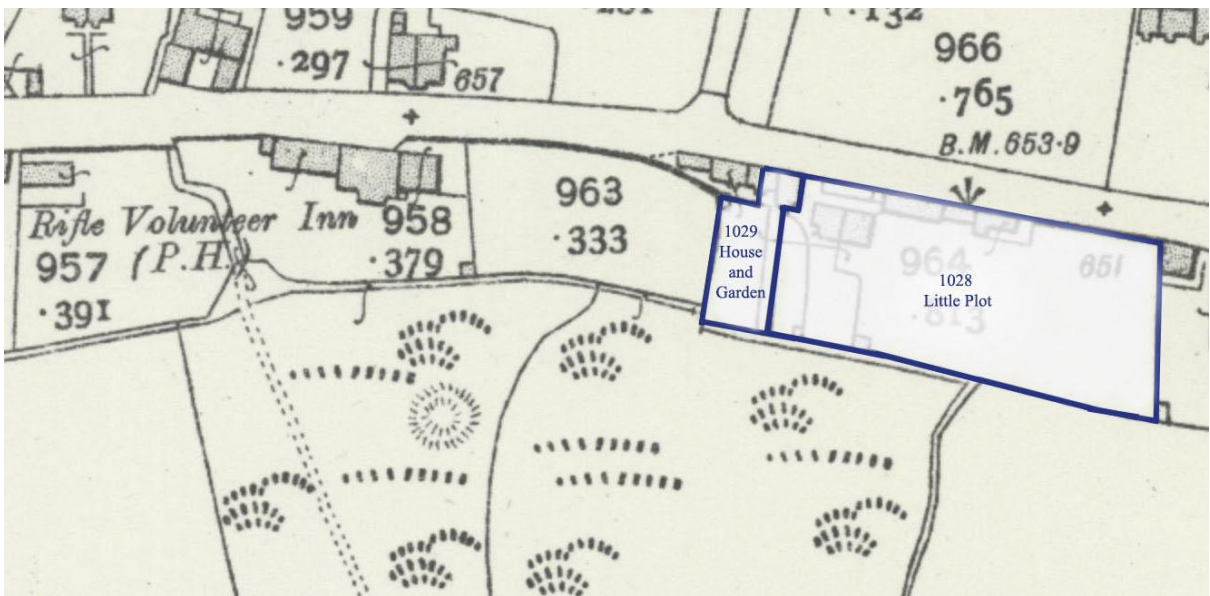
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1028	Little Plot	Arable	3	21				
1029	House and Garden	Garden		14				
			3	35	£0	1	2	



References : The National Archives, Kew.
 IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.
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Richard Chynoweth

Richard Chynoweth appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at St. Ann's Chapel. Richard is listed as a mine labourer aged 55, in the same household are Elizabeth (50), James (17) and Joseph (12), only Richard and James were born in Cornwall.¹

The Calstock Registers of baptisms record seven children born to the couple between 1807 and 1824. In the entries for the first two children Grace (1807) and John (1810) the surname is given as "Shinoweth", a correct phonetic rendering of this west Cornish surname. The baptismal entry for son James Chynoweth on 10th February 1824 states that the family were living at St Ann's Chapel, Richard's occupation was miner.²

Richard Chynoweth married Elizabeth Dingle at Calstock on 17th February 1806, both were described as "sojourners of this parish", meaning that both were living in the parish but Calstock was not their parish of origin.³

The 1851 Census again lists the family at St Ann's Chapel. Elizabeth Chynoweth (67) is now a widow, her place of birth is given as Tavistock. Also in the household is unmarried son James (27) a copper miner. Living next-door is younger son Joseph Chynoweth (22) copper miner, born Calstock (contrary to the 1841 Census where he is listed as not born in Cornwall), with his wife Elizabeth (21) born St Blazey and daughter Mary (1) born Calstock.⁴

The Calstock burial register lists the burial of Richard Chynoweth (aged 69) of St Ann's Chapel, on 14th January 1849.⁵

It is difficult to be absolutely certain concerning the origins of Richard Chynoweth. His age in the 1841 Census was given as 55, but of course this census requires that the ages of those over 15 are rounded down to the nearest multiple of five, so was likely older. His age at the time of his burial in 1849 was recorded as 69. Together these figures would perhaps give a date of birth somewhere between 1780 and 1786.

There are two likely candidates, both at St Agnes -

Richard Chenoweth baptised on 2nd September 1781, son of Thomas and Ann.

Richard Chenoweth baptised on 9th November 1783, son of John and Elizabeth.

Considering the names that Richard gave to his children (John & Elizabeth but no Thomas or Ann) it is most likely that he was the Richard born at St Agnes in 1783.⁶



Remains of Richard Chynoweth's Cottage at St Ann's Chapel.
(Image: Stephen Colwill)

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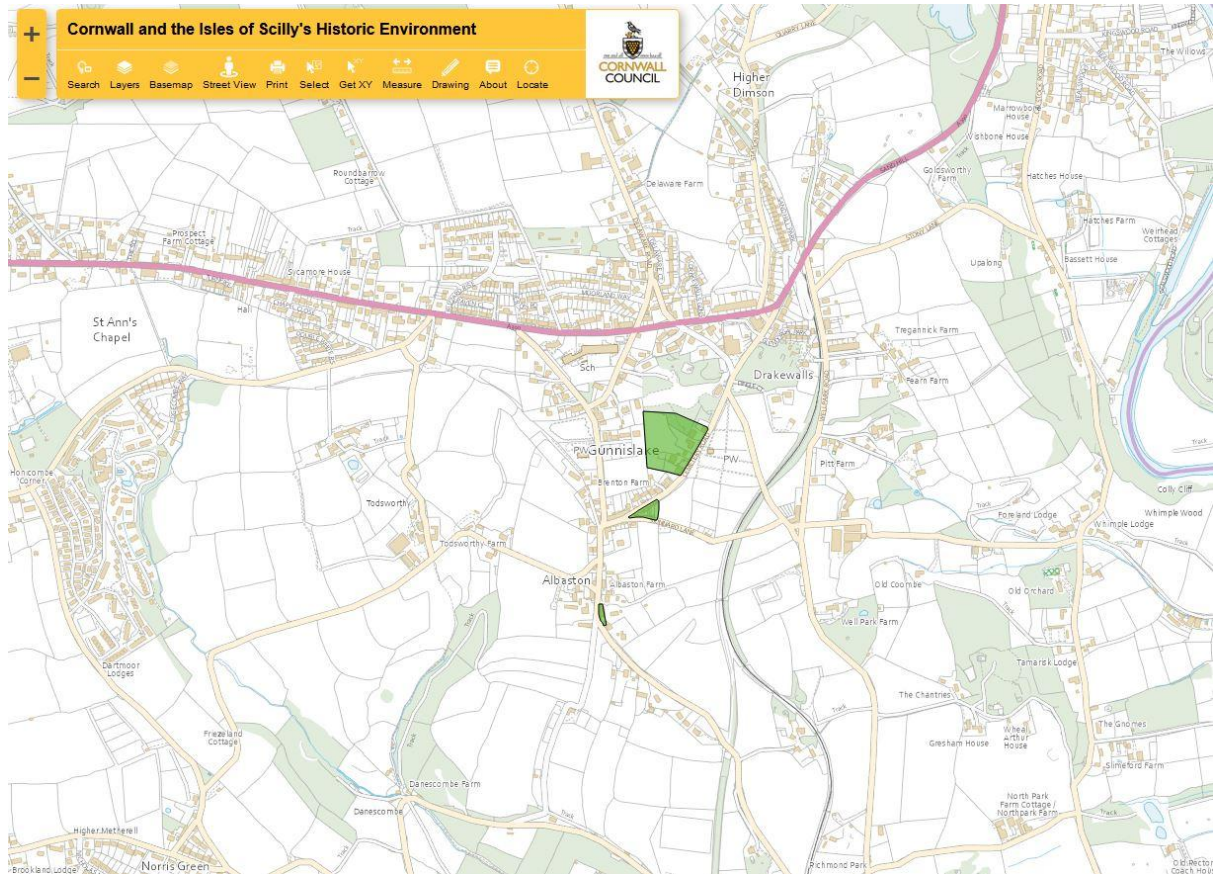
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3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1805-1813. Ref: KK P26/1/5.
4. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN115 PN51.
5. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
6. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials 1741-1788. Ref: KK P2/1/3.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **David Cock, son-in-law of Epiphany Moon (Landowner)**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Albaston. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “The Terrace” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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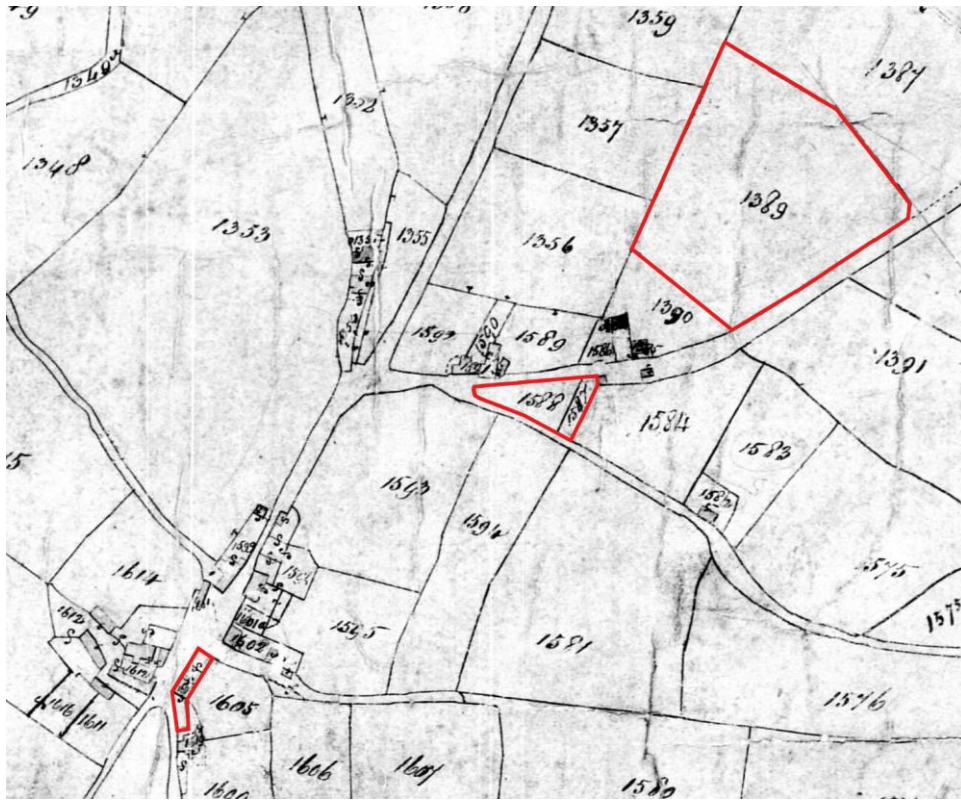


Occupier: Epiphany Moon (with son-in-law David Cock (miner) & family)

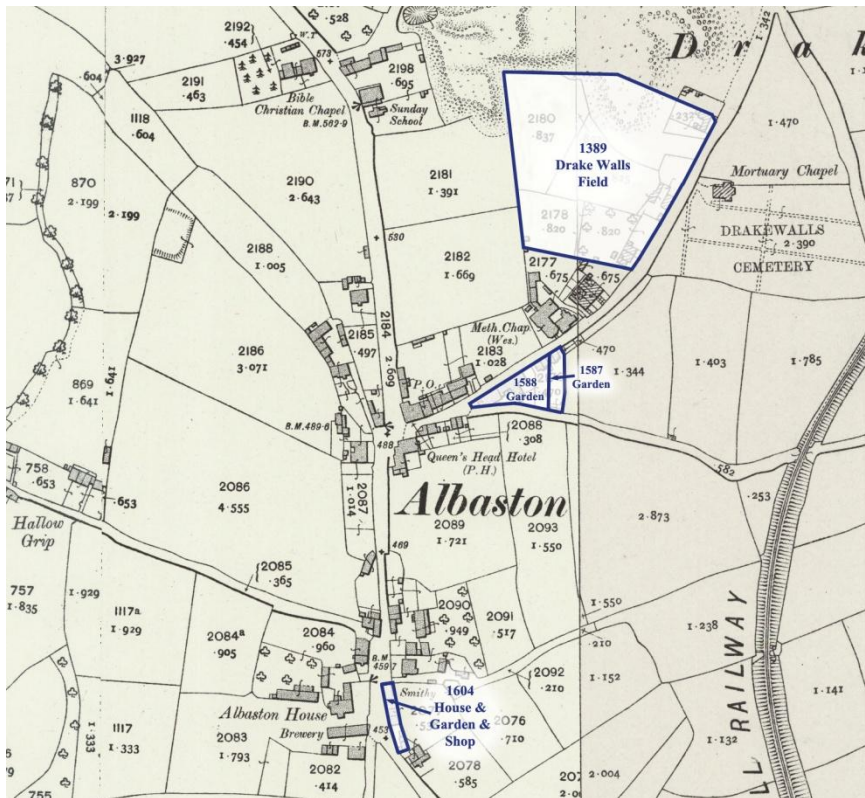
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1604	House and Garden and Shop				11			
1389	Drake Walls Field	Arable	3	1	3			
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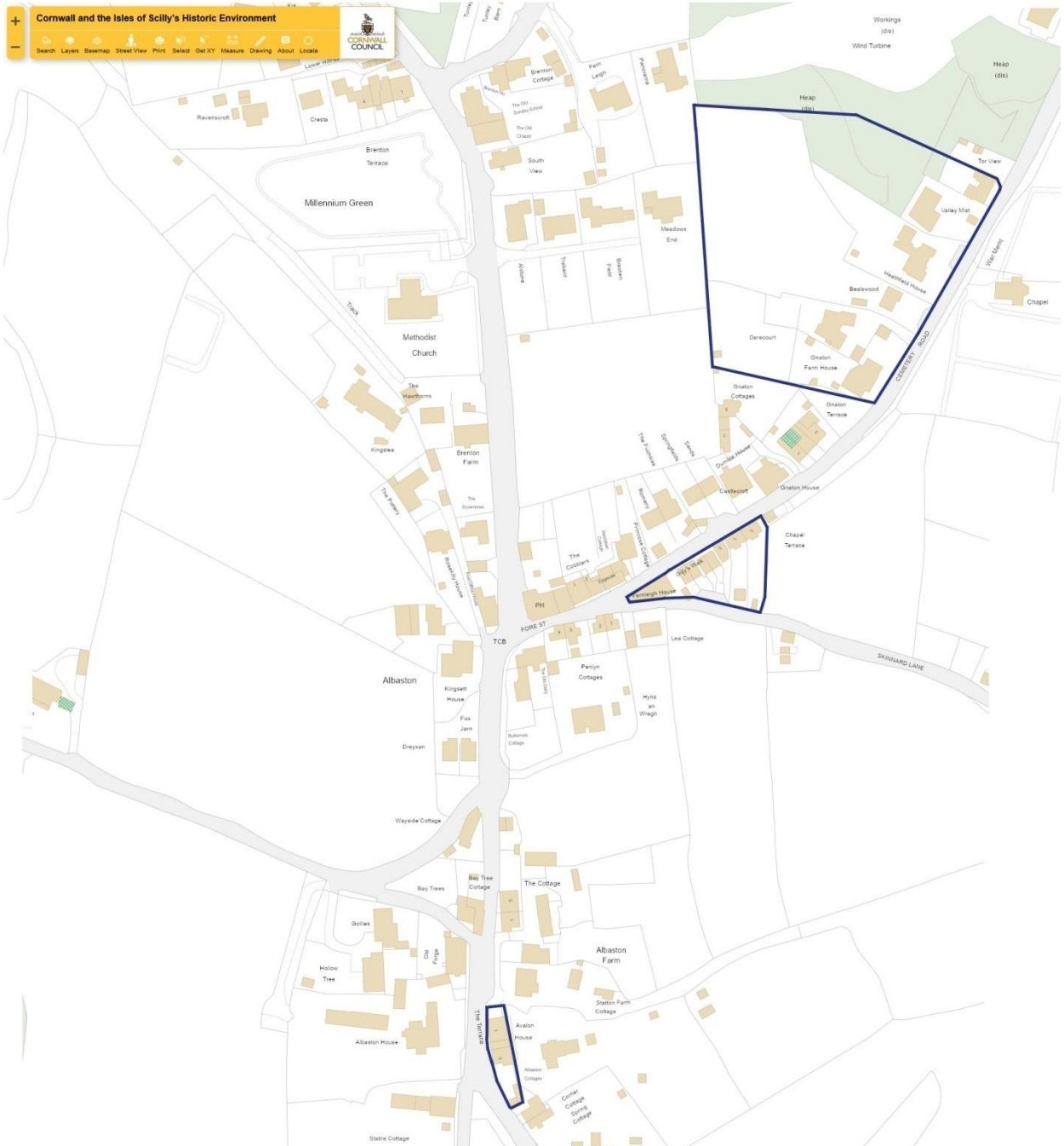
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David Cock & Epiphany Moon

David Cock appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Albaston. He is listed as a tin miner aged 25, in the same household are Grace (25) and Phillippa (2), and also Epiphany Moon (77) and Mary Moon (53) all born in Cornwall.¹

Epiphany Moon (née Stephens) was born in the parish of Calstock in 1764 and baptised on 31st August, the daughter of William (a yeoman farmer) and Mary Stephens (née Williams)² who were married at Calstock in 1763.³

Epiphany married Richard Moon (a blacksmith) at Calstock on 29th August 1785, both described as “of this parish”.⁴ The shop referred to as part of Tithe plan no. 1604 in 1839 was a blacksmith’s shop, probably occupied in 1841 by William Baker, a 25 year old blacksmith who was a close neighbour in the Census of that year.

Richard and Epiphany Moon had ten children baptised at Calstock between 1786 and 1812, including Mary in December 1805 (Mary Moon married Albaston miner James Hooper in 1835 - see separate entry for James Hooper) and Grace on 21st January 1812.

At Calstock on 15th January 1836, Epiphany’s daughter Grace Moon married David Cock.⁶ David was born in the mid Cornwall parish of Roche in 1811 and was baptised in the parish church on 12th April, the son of John and Sarah Cock (née Brokenshire)⁷, who were married at Roche on 6th June 1796.⁸

By July 1838 David and Grace Cock were living some 40 miles or so to the west at Polsue in the parish of Philleigh on the Roseland Peninsula, where on 27th July their daughter Phillippa was baptised, David’s occupation noted as a labourer.⁹

Epiphany Moon died (aged 77) in 1841 at Albaston (less than three months after the taking of the 1841 Census) and was buried at Calstock on 29th August.¹⁰

Between 1841 and 1844 David Cock had a very unusual and quite possibly unique career change for a Cornish miner. On 3rd November 1844 the baptismal register for the parish of Lezant (seven miles north of Albaston) records the baptism of David, the son of David and Grace Cocks (sic) of Landue Bridge, David’s occupation is noted as “Butler to T.J. Phillipps Esqr”.¹¹

The 1851 Lezant Census lists the family at Landue Lodge, Grace Cock (39) “Gentlemans Servants Wife” born Calstock, daughter Philippi (sic) (12) born Philleigh and son David (6) born Lezant. David (40) a “General Servant” born Roche, was actually recorded living at Landue House with Thomas John Phillipps and family and three other servants.¹² Thomas John Phillipps was a Landed Proprietor and Justice of the Peace born at Tiverton, Devon.

This was a career that would continue until David Cock’s retirement. In 1861 David Cox (sic) (47) born “Cornwall Roche nr Bodmin”, was a butler at Lambourn Place, Lambourn, Berkshire for Henry Hippisley, Magistrate and Dep^{ty}. Lieut.^t.¹³ 1871 finds David Cox (53) a coachman & domestic servant, born Roche, Cornwall and Grace Cox (52) a cook, born Calstock, Cornwall, in the household of Rush Marten Cripps a “Land owner” at Novington House, Westmeston, Sussex.¹⁴ The couple were still at Novington House in 1881, David Cox (64) a Butler and domestic servant and Grace (63) a cook and domestic servant.¹⁵

By the late 1880s the couple were living back in Cornwall, in David's home parish of Roche. Grace died in 1889 and was buried at Roche on 27th November.¹⁶ The 1891 Census records David Cock at Hallelw, Roche, a widower aged 80 and described as a retired butler, also in the household were his son David Cock (46) a carpenter born Lezant and his wife Ann (47) born Farnham, Surrey.¹⁷

David Cock died in 1894 aged 83 and was buried at Roche on 27th August.¹⁸

Notes:

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6. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
7. Roche Register of baptisms and burials, 1806-1812. Ref: KK P198/1/6.
8. Roche Register of marriages and banns, 1754-1819. Ref: KK P198/1/7.
9. Philleigh Register of baptisms, 1813-1903. Ref: KK P187/1/2.
10. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
11. Lezant Register of baptisms, 1813-1847. Ref: KK P124/1/6.
12. 1851 Cornwall Census, Lezant. Ref: HO107 PN1899 FN485 PN25 & FN486 PN26.
13. 1861 Berkshire Census, Lambourn. Ref: RG09 PN726 FN82 PN43.
14. 1871 Sussex Census, Westmeston. Ref: RG10 PN1065 FN43 PN10.
15. 1881 Sussex Census, Westmeston. Ref: RG11 PN1067 FN41 PN4.
16. Roche Register of burials, 1862-1933. Ref: KK P198/1/14.
17. 1891 Cornwall Census, Roche. Ref: RG12 PN1823 FN122 PN9.
18. Roche Register of burials, 1862-1933. Ref: KK P198/1/14.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Richard Cock**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Calstock. Garden on Tithe Map Plan no. 2349, located approximately 100 metres north of Lantern House, Calstock on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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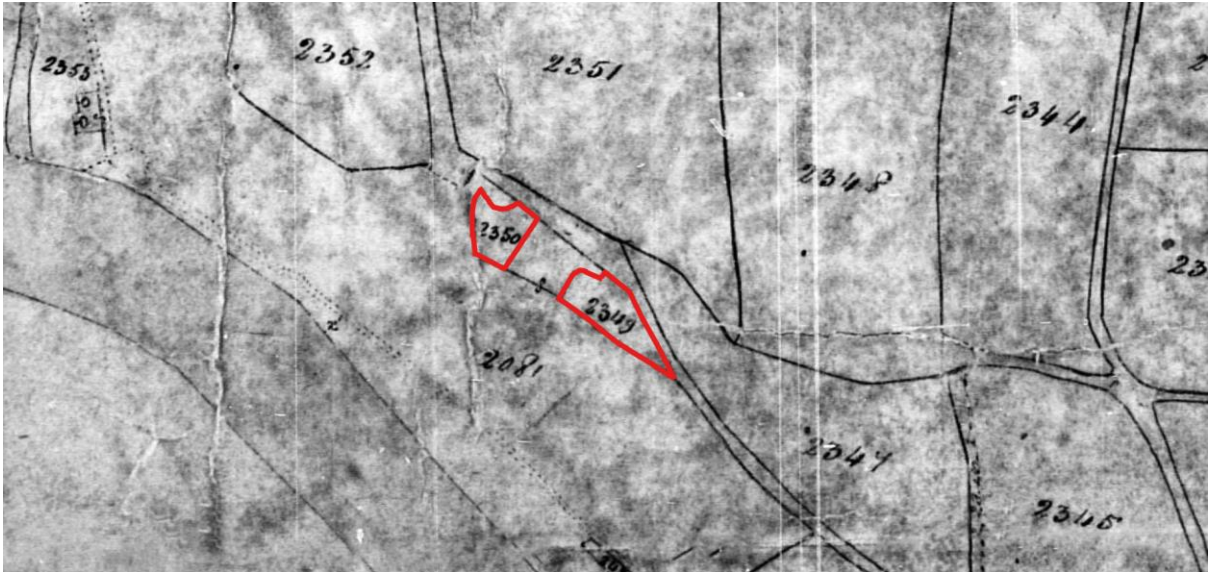


Occupier: Richard Cock (Mine Labourer)

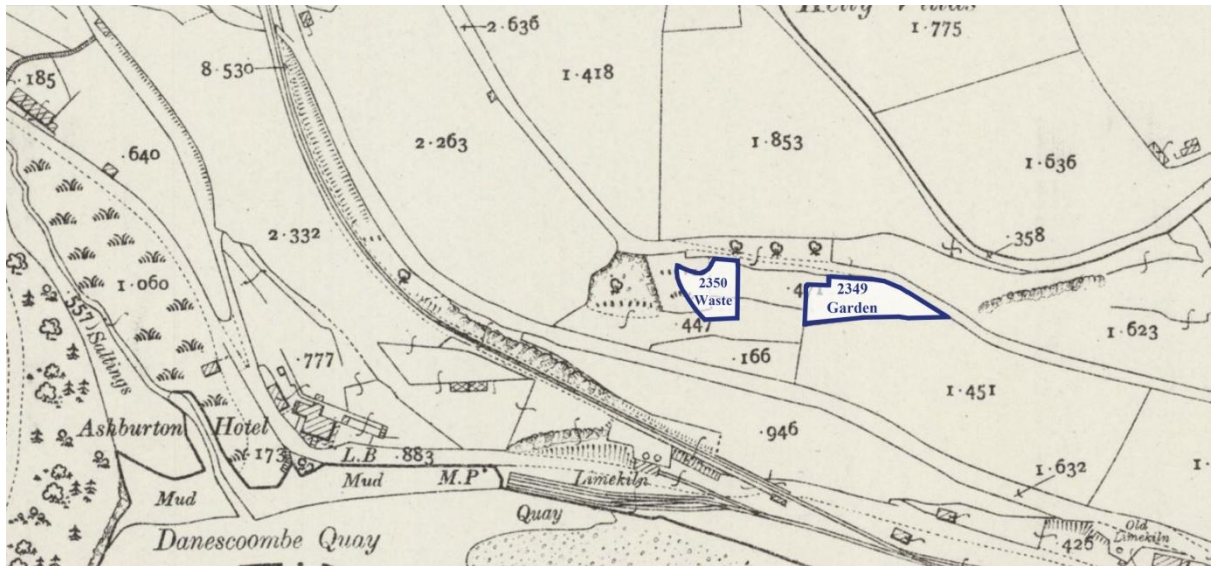
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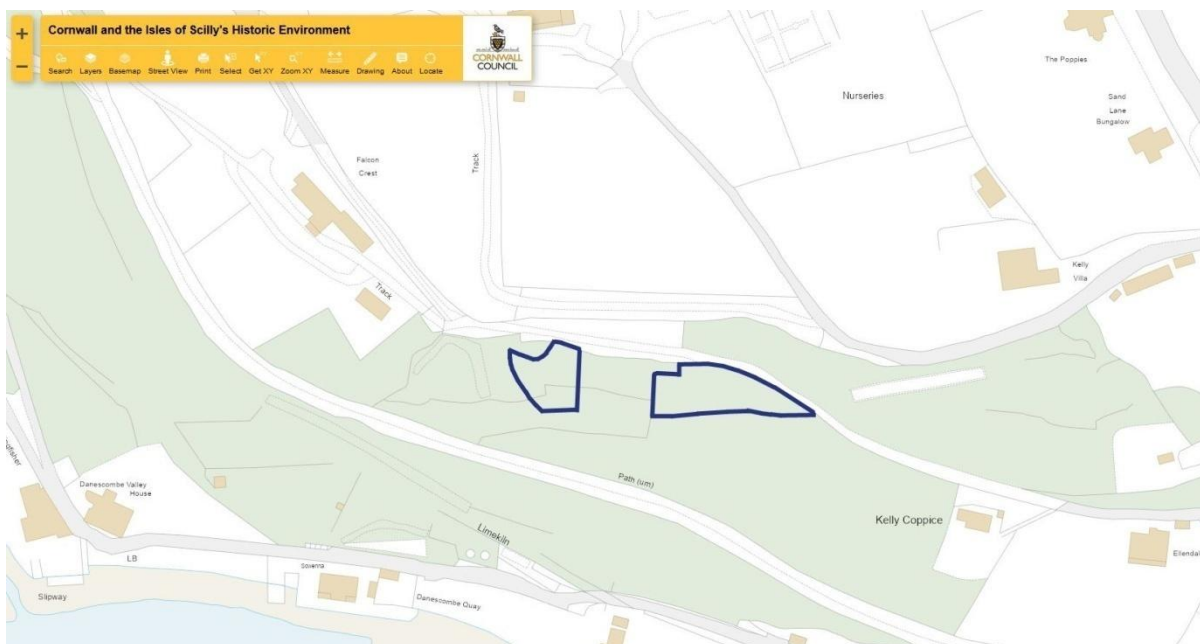
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2350	Waste	Waste			19			
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References : The National Archives, Kew.
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Richard Cock

Richard Cock appears on the 1841 Calstock Census in Calstock village. He is listed as a Mine labourer aged 50, not born in Cornwall, in the same household are Mary (45), James (15), William (10) and Mary (8) all born in Cornwall.¹

Richard and Mary Cock had four children baptised at Calstock between 1818 and 1832, George Cock in 1818, James Pollard Cock in 1824, William Rullands(?) Cock in 1830 and Mary Cock in 1832, in all of these baptisms Richard is noted as a miner of "Calstock Town".²

The 1851 Census at Calstock lists Mary Cock as a widow and pauper aged 62, born St Agnes, with son William Cock (20) a copper miner and daughter Mary Cock (18) an ore dresser, both born Calstock.³

Richard Cock died (according to the Burial Register, aged 63) in Calstock in 1848 (buried at Calstock 15th Feb)⁴, so unfortunately we do not have his parish of birth, which the 1851 Census would have provided.

However, it is clear that Richard was the Richard Cock baptised at Bere Ferrers on 6th April 1788, the son of John and Grace Cock (née Pollard)⁵, who were married at Bere Ferrers on 27th October 1787, John noted as of the parish of Calstock and Grace of the parish of Redruth St Uny.⁶ From about 1796, John and Grace Cock had returned to John's home parish, and the couple had six children baptised at Calstock between 1796 and 1809.⁷

Further evidence that this is the correct Richard Cock is found through his marriage (although confusingly Richard's occupation is recorded as mariner rather miner, perhaps misheard by the Clerk or a career change, there were certainly no shortage of mariners living in Calstock Town). On 12th August 1816 Richard Cock married Mary Sandwo (sic) at Plymouth (St Andrew), one of the witnesses being Stephen Sandwo (sic).⁸ Mary and Stephen's surname was actually Sandoe (sometimes spelled Sandow), Mary and Stephen were siblings born at St Agnes in 1792 and 1788 respectively, the

children of George and Margaret Sandoe (née Pollard).⁹ George Sandoe and Margaret Pollard had married at St Agnes on 13th July 1783, Margaret noted as of Redruth.¹⁰

This information shows that Richard Cock and Mary Sandoe were actually first cousins. Their mothers - Grace Pollard and Margaret Pollard were sisters from Redruth, baptised in 1765 and 1763 respectively, both daughters of William and Jane Pollard.¹¹

The 1861 Census in Calstock lists Mary Cock (70), widow, occupation given as "Receives Parish Pay", born St Ann's (as St Agnes was often formerly known), living in the household headed by her son-in-law John Burley (33) copper miner, born Saltash, Mary Burley (28), Richard Burley (6), Maryann Burley (4), Selena Burley (2) and William J Burley (4 mths) all born Calstock.¹² Daughter Mary Cock had married John Burley at Stoke Damerel on 11th December 1852.¹³

Mary Cock died in Calstock in 1867 and was buried on 22nd January.¹⁴

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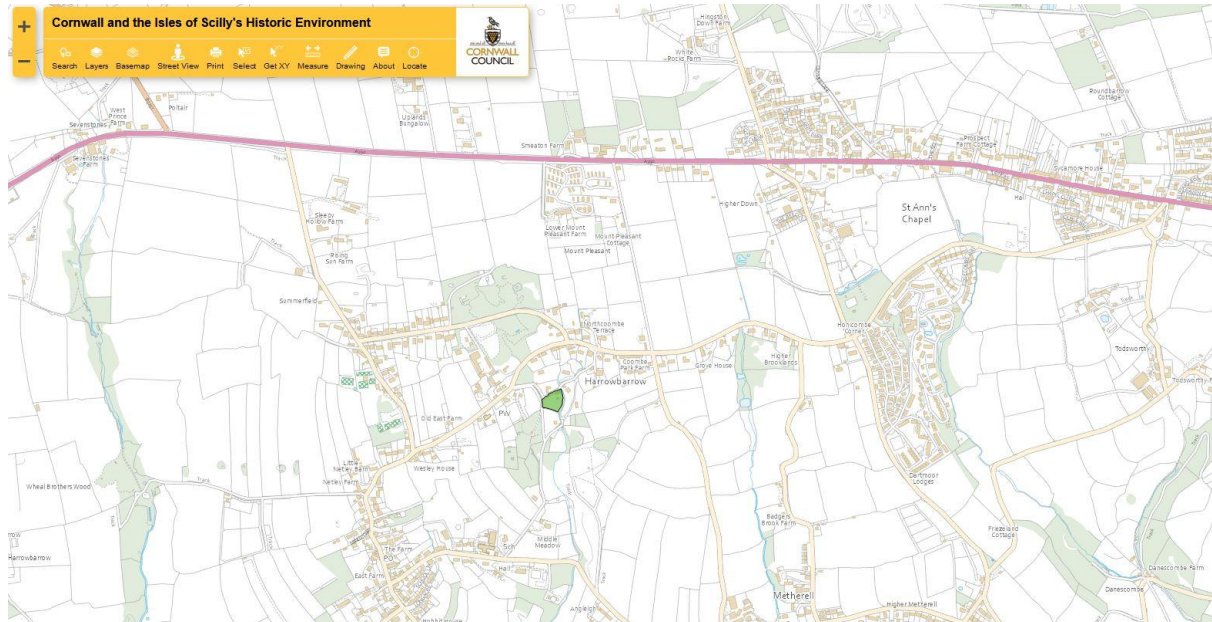
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3. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN53 PN39.
4. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
5. Devon Baptisms - Bere Ferrers. Ref: 1237A/PR/1/2 - South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Devon Marriages & Banns - Bere Ferrers. South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
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8. Devon Marriages & Banns - Plymouth, St Andrew. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
9. Cornwall Baptisms - St Agnes. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions.
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12. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1461 FN87 PN30.
13. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
14. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Thomas Cole**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Coombe, Harrowbarrow. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “The Haven” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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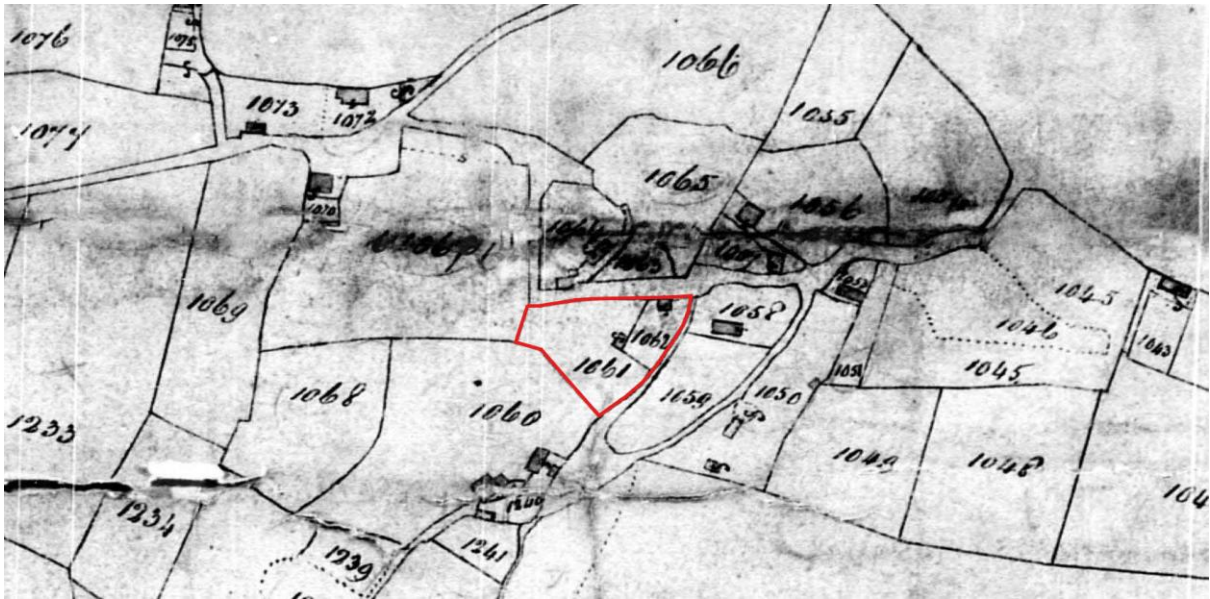


Occupier: Thomas Cole (Miner)

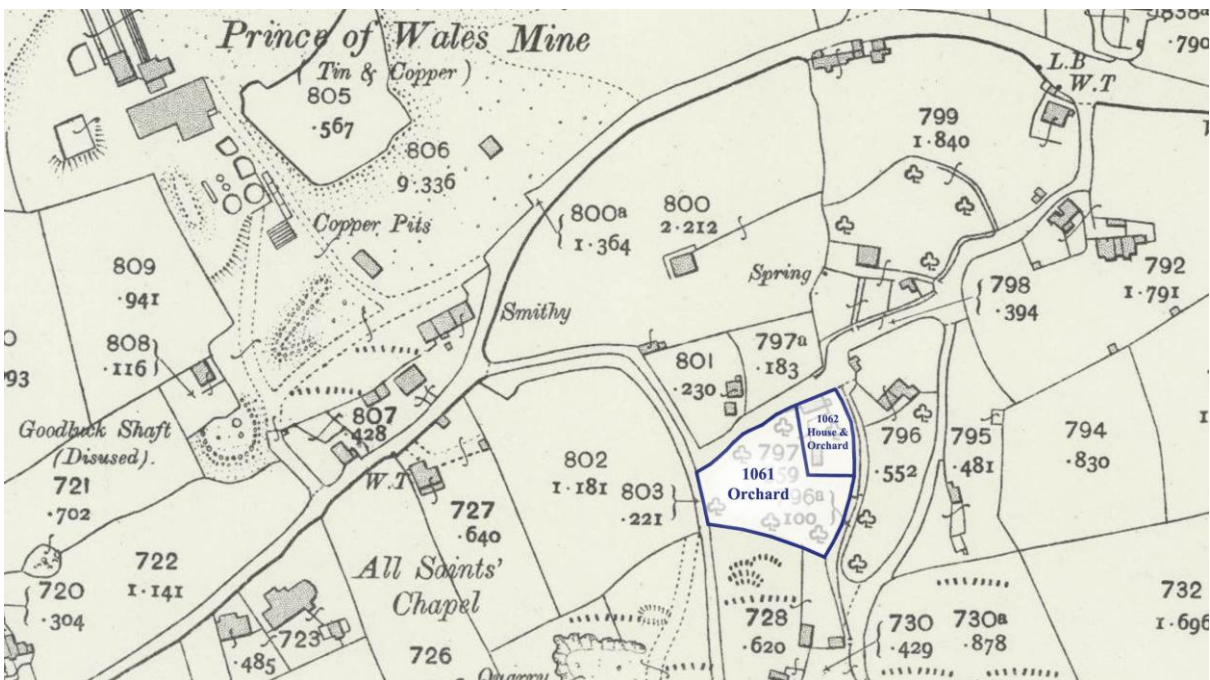
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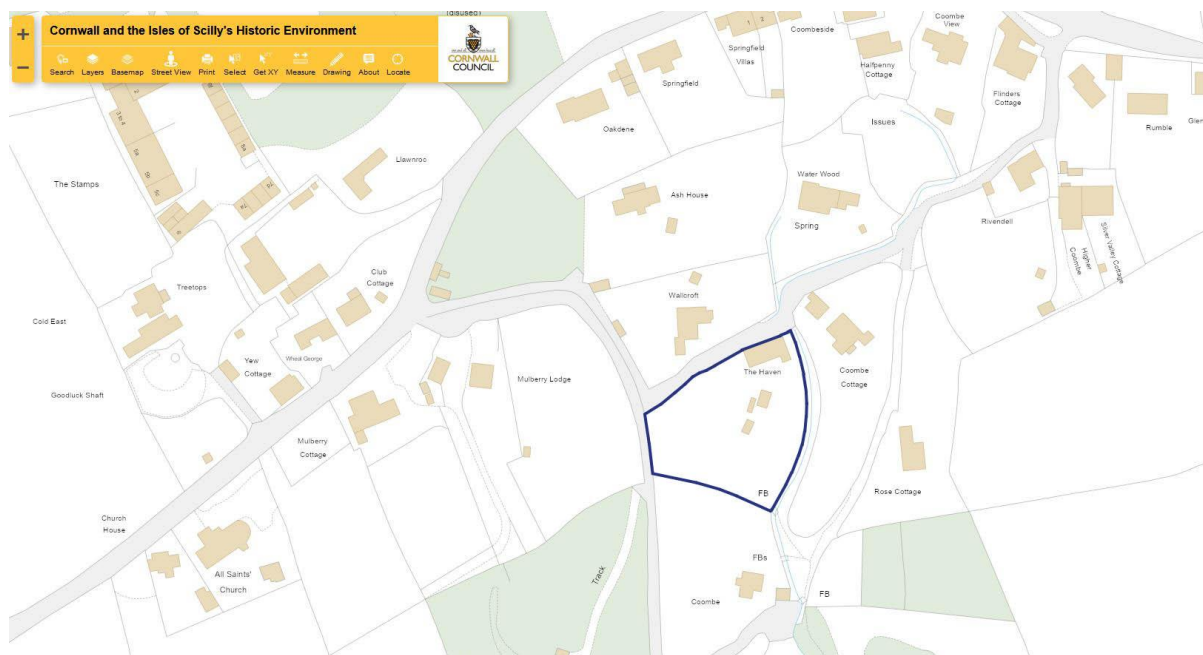
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1061	Orchard	Orchard		1	15			
1062	House & Orchard	Orchard			19			
				1	34	£0	3	0



References : The National Archives, Kew.
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Thomas Cole

The 1841 Census records the family at Coombe, Harrowbarrow. Thomas is listed as a copper miner aged 35, in the same household are Jane (25), Grace (9), Mary (8), Eliza (7), John (5), Thomas (3) and William (1) all except Jane noted as born in Cornwall.¹

The Census Enumerator in 1841 evidently transposed Thomas and Jane's birth locations as it was Jane who was born west of the Tamar.

The 1851 Census shows the family were still at Coombe, Thomas (48) a copper miner, born in Tavistock, Jane (37) born Stoke Climsland, and children Grace (19), Mary (18), Eliza (17), John (15), Thomas (13), William (11), Richard (8), Jane Ann (6), Elizabeth (4) and George (2). Six of the children, from 19 year old Grace to 11 year old William were employed in mining - their occupations given as "work to mine". All of the children were born in the parish of Calstock² (at Coombe).

Thomas was probably the Thomas Cole baptised at Tavistock on 27th March 1805, the son of Thomas and Alice Cole.³ A Thomas and Alice Cole were the parents of five children baptised at Calstock between 1812 and 1827 - John, Richard, George, Mary and Elizabeth, all names that Thomas Cole jnr. also gave to his children.⁴ Thomas had an elder brother - William Cole, born at Exbourne (near Okehampton) in 1803, and also a miner at Harrowbarrow, see separate entry for further details on William Cole.

Thomas Cole married Jane Taylor on 9th October 1830 at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, his occupation given as miner.⁵

Jane Taylor was baptised at Stoke Climsland on 23rd October 1814, the daughter of John and Christiana Taylor (née Bennett)⁶ who were married at Stoke Damerel in 1814, John was a farmer from the parish of St Dominick.⁷

Thomas Cole died at the age of 52 in 1857 and was buried at Calstock on 10th April, sadly within nine months Jane Cole had also died, and was buried at Calstock on 17 January 1858.⁸

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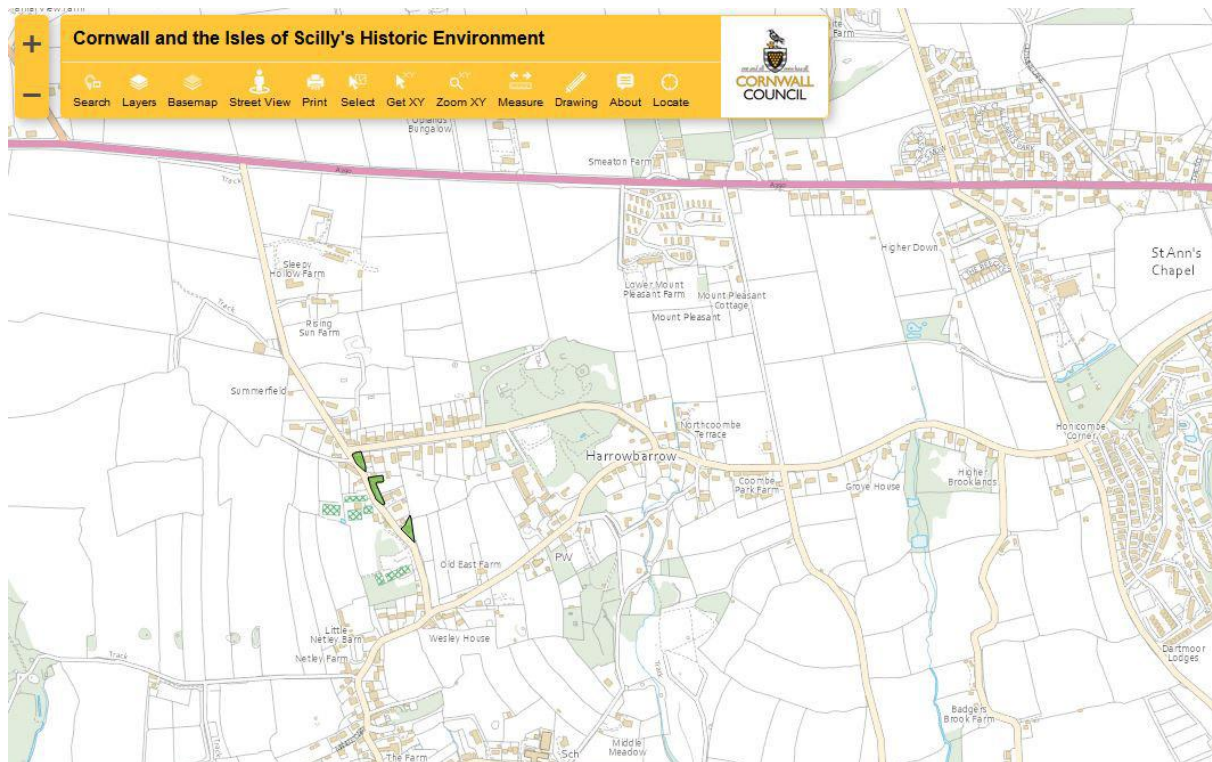
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4. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
5. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Stoke Climsland Register of baptisms, 1813-1844. Ref: KK P215/1/8.
7. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
8. Calstock Register of burials, 1830-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **William Cole**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Harrowbarrow. There are dwellings on Tithe Map located at “Stanley House” and “Rising Sun Cottages” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022), both are situated on Plan no. 652.

Grid Reference: SX39769 70372 (Stanley House)

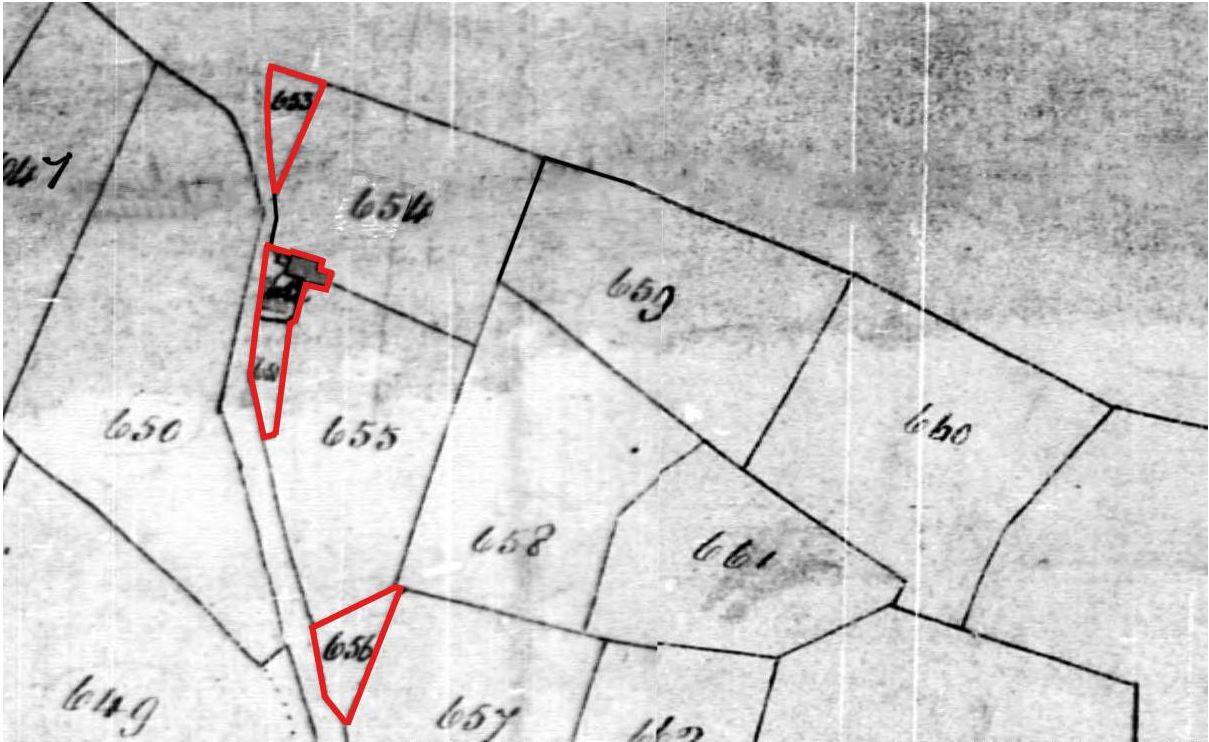


Occupier: William Cole (Miner)

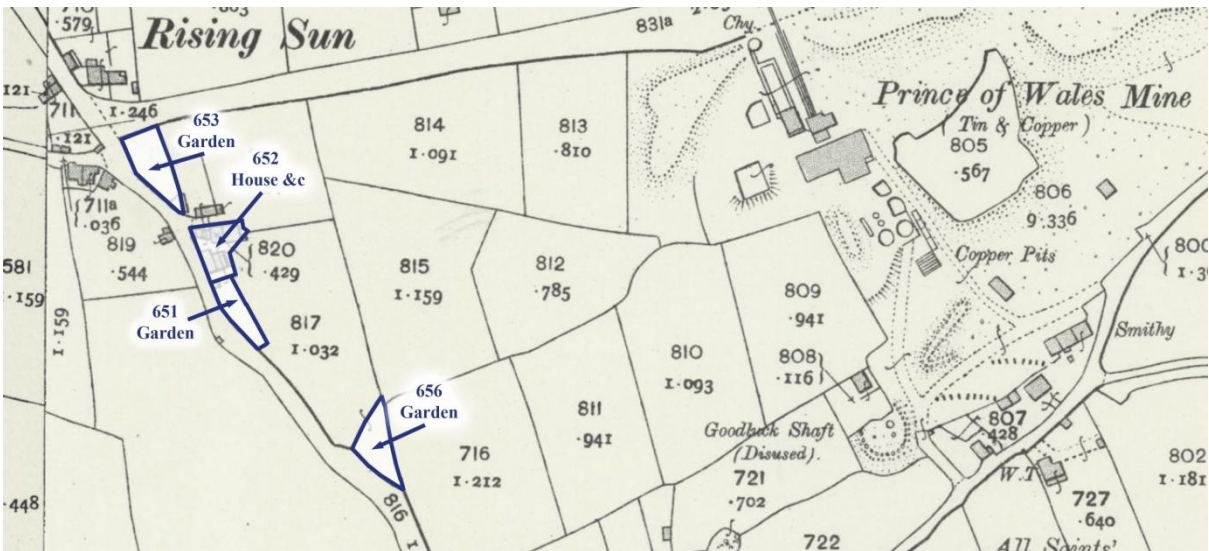
Landowner: Daniel Halls

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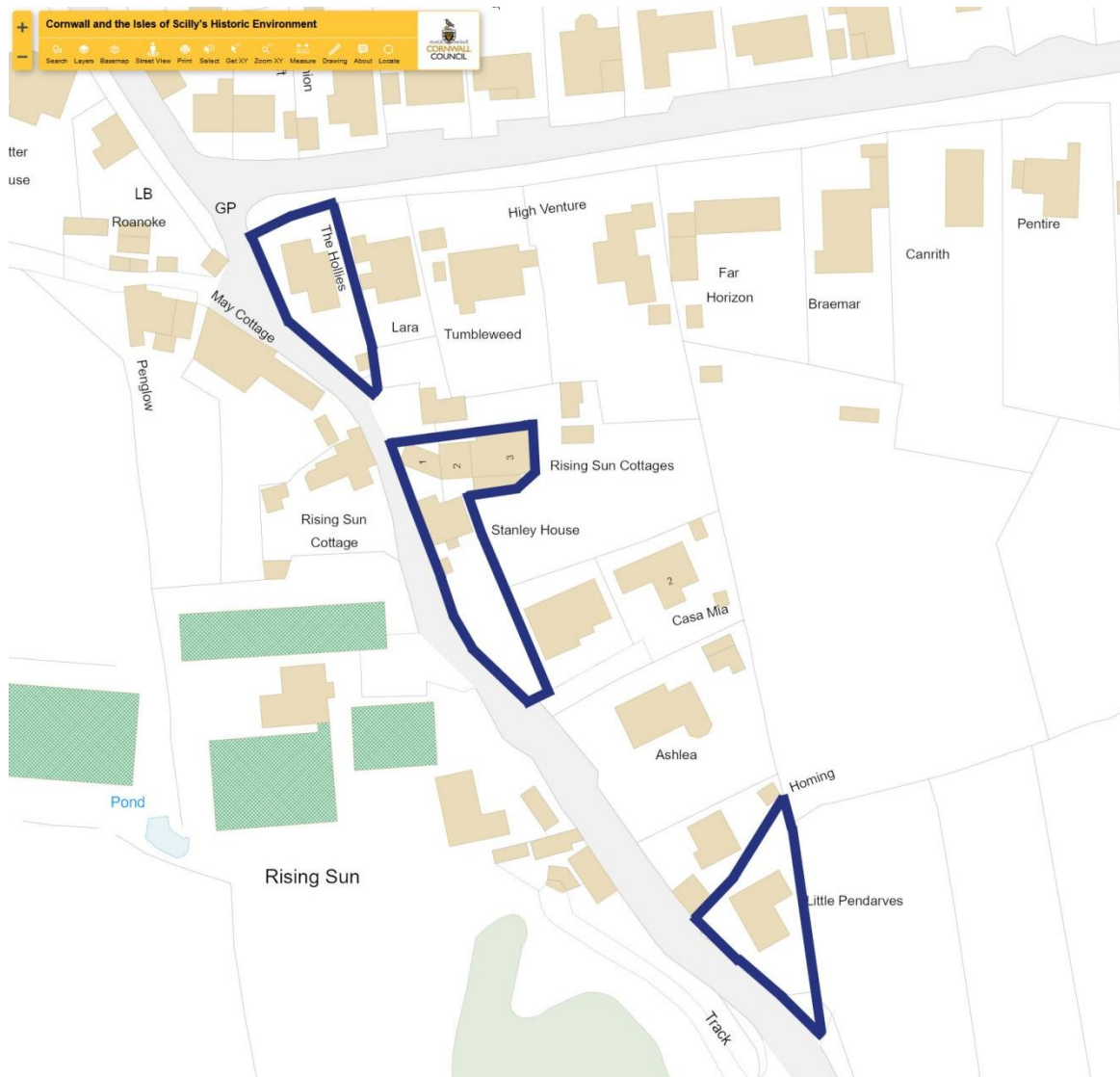
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651	Garden	Garden			9			
652	House &c.				9			
653	Garden	Garden			9			
656	Garden	Garden			16			
					1	3		



References : The National Archives, Kew.
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William Cole

The 1841 Census records William Cole and family at Mount Pleasant, Harrowbarrow. William is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Sarah (35), Mary (15), Sarah (10), Ann (10), William (7), Richard (3) and George (6 mths) all noted as born in Cornwall.¹

The 1851 Census shows the family were still at Harrowbarrow, William (48) a copper miner, wife Sarah (46) born Stoke Climsland, and children Ann (20) a dressmaker, William (19) a mine labourer, Richard (13) a waggoner, George (10), Abraham (7) and Mary Jane (4), all were recorded as born in the parish of Calstock.²

By 1861 William and Sarah Cole had moved six or so miles to the west, and were living at another "Mount Pleasant" at Rilla Mill in the parish of Linkinhorne. William (61) was a miner and Local Preacher and his place of birth was noted as "Devonshire, Exburn", this is Exbourne 5 miles north of Okehampton.³

The Exbourne registers record the baptism of William Cole on 13th March 1803, the son of Thomas and Alice Cole.⁴ Thomas and Alice Cole were the parents of five children baptised at Calstock between 1812 and 1827 - John, Richard, George, Mary and Elizabeth⁵, as well as Thomas Cole born in Tavistock in 1805 (also a copper miner at Harrowbarrow), see separate entry for Thomas Cole for further details.

William Cole married Sarah Perry on 25th December 1824 at Calstock, both "of this parish" but William also noted as a "sojourner".⁶

Sarah Perry was baptised at Calstock on 12th August 1804, the daughter of Abraham and Ann Perry (née Best)⁷ who were married at Calstock on 19th August 1799.⁸ Abraham Perry was another example of an mine worker from the western half of Cornwall moving east to the Tamar Valley, he was baptised at St Agnes on 6th August 1772⁹, the son of Simon and Elizabeth Perry (née James) who were married at St Agnes in 1765.¹⁰

Sarah's younger brother Isaac was also a miner at Harrowbarrow, see entry for Isaac Perry for further details.

William and Sarah were at Leymill, Upton Cross, Linkinhorne in 1871, William working as a copper miner¹¹, and by 1881 the couple were living just a mile or so to the south at Pensilva in the neighbouring parish of St Ive, William noted as a lead miner.¹² There is a death recorded of a William Cole in the first quarter of 1882 in the Liskeard Registration District (this includes the parish of St Ive).¹³

After William's death Sarah Cole evidently returned to the Gunnislake area. Sarah Cole aged 84 of Delaware was buried at Calstock on 2nd November 1888.¹⁴

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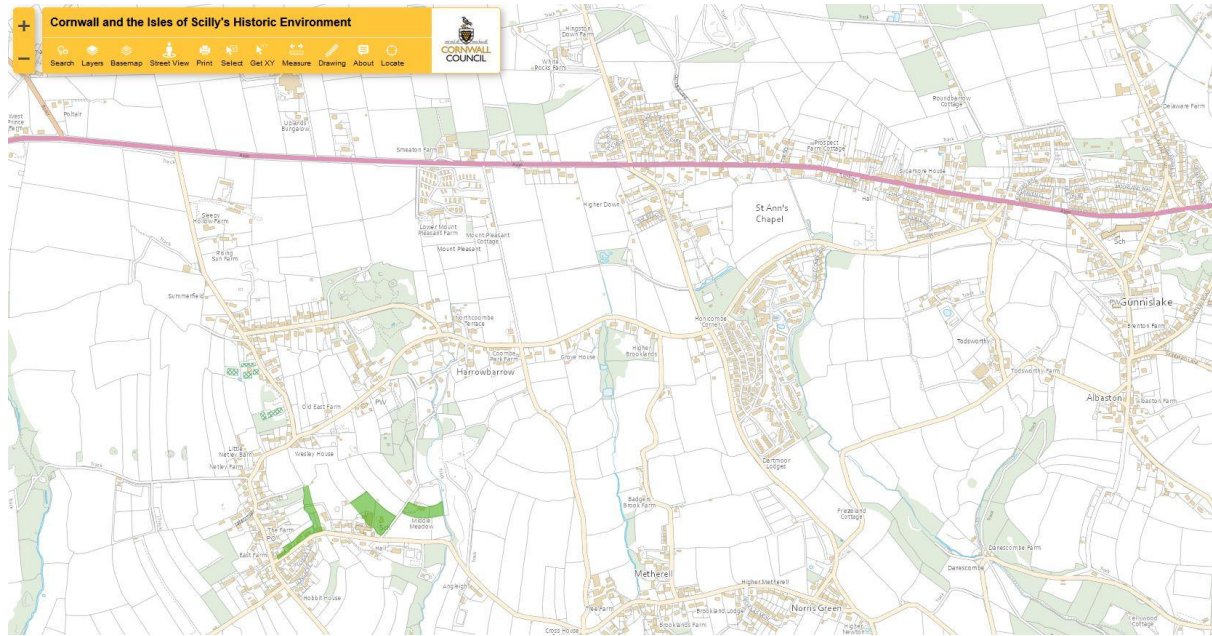
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4. Devon Baptisms - Exbourne - Ref: 3326A/PR/1/4 - South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
6. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
7. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
8. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
9. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1741-1788. Ref: KK P2/1/3.
10. St Agnes Register of marriages and banns, 1754-1778. Ref: KK P2/1/4.
11. 1871 Cornwall Census, Linkinhorne. Ref: RG10 PN2235 FN57 PN6.
12. 1881 Cornwall Census, St Ive. Ref: RG11 PN2283 FN86 PN26.
13. England & Wales Deaths 1837-2007 - William Cole age 85 - 1st Q of 1882 - Liskeard Registration District - Volume 5C - Page 41. (findmypast.co.uk).
14. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Benjamin Cooke**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Harrowbarrow. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Kings Gardens” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX39835 69793 (dwelling)

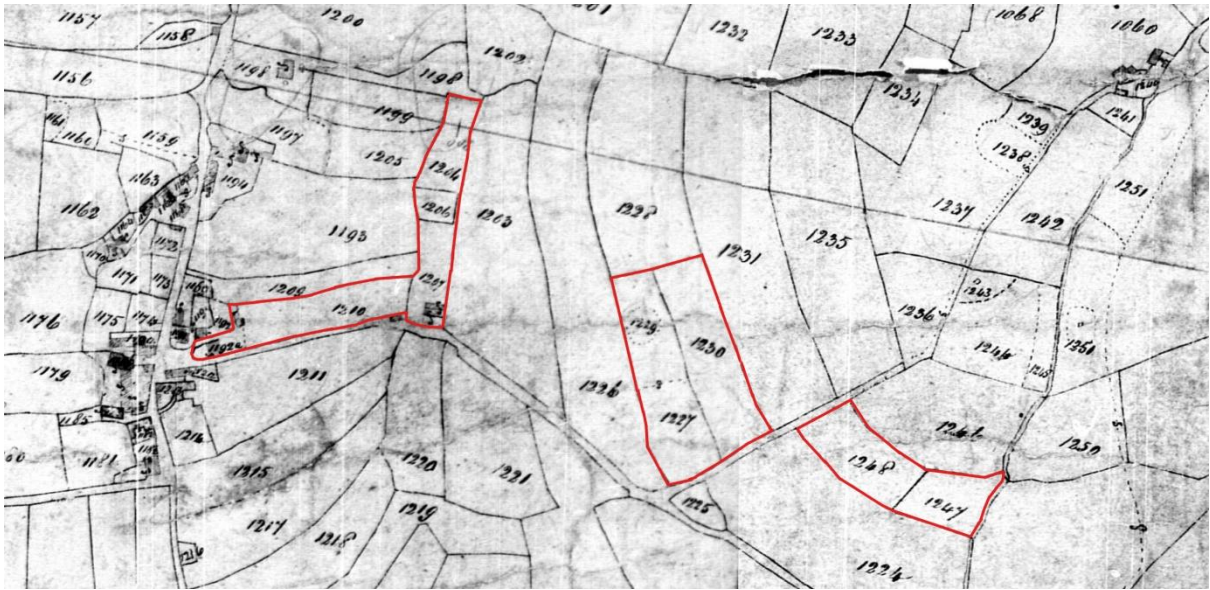


Occupier: Benjamin Cooke (Miner & Mine Agent)

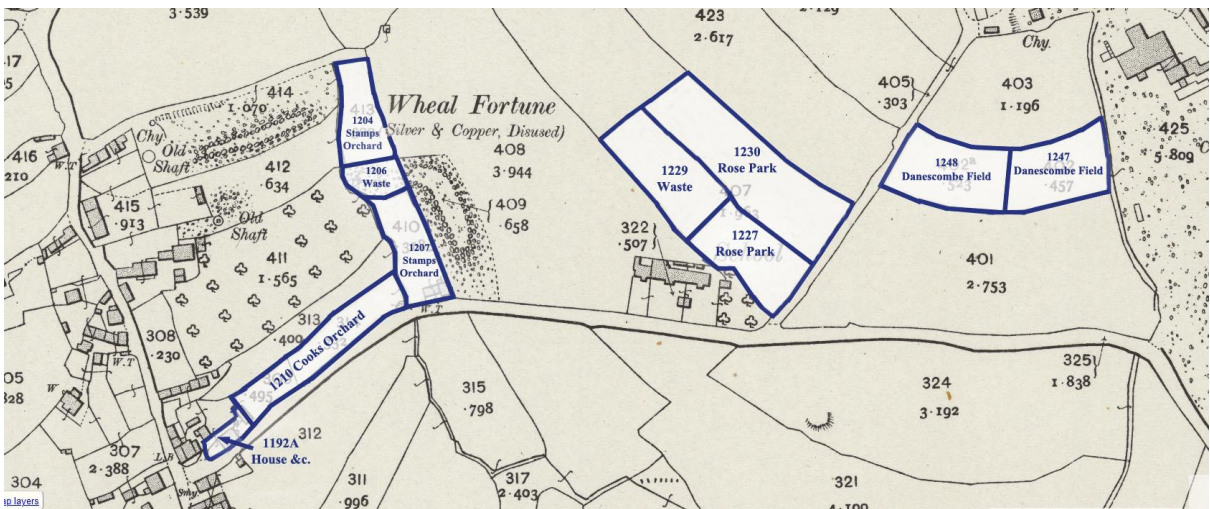
Landowner: Himself

Tithe Apportionment Details:

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1204	Stamps Orchard	Orchard		1	16			
1206	Waste	Waste			17			
1210	Cooks Orchard	Orchard		2	22			
1227	Rose Park	Arable		3	32			
1229	Waste	Waste			12			
1230	Rose Park	Arable	1	0	1			
1247	Danescombe Field	Arable		1	24			
1248	Danescombe Field	Arable		2	14			
1207	Stamps Orchard	Orchard		1	13			
			4	2	8	£0	15	0



References : The National Archives, Kew.
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Benjamin Cooke

Benjamin Cooke appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Harrowbarrow. Benjamin is listed as an (mine) agent aged 30, in the same household are Elizabeth (30), George (6), Elizabeth (4), Mary Ann (2) and Eliza (2 mo) all born in Cornwall.¹

The 1851 Census again lists the family at Harrowbarrow. Benjamin (41) a mine agent, wife Elizabeth (40), son John (18) a mine clerk, and further children - Elizabeth (15), Mary Ann (13), Eliza (10), Ben (9), William (6), Emma (3) and Jane (1). The last entry details a visitor - son George (16) a tailor's apprentice, the entire family were born in the parish of Calstock.²

Benjamin Cooke was baptised at Calstock church on 6th November 1808, the son of John and Mary Cooke (née Chynoweth)³, who were married at Calstock in 1805 (both noted as sojourners).⁴

The Harrowbarrow property (at least in part) had been in the family for a number of years, in his Will dated 28th September 1829, John Cooke (also a miner and Captain) left his son Benjamin "a field or close of Land known by the name of Rose Park, and a field or close of Land called Danycombe near the Village of Harrowbeer in the Parish of Calstock".⁵

Benjamin Cooke married Elizabeth Lander Warne at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth on 9th April 1833.⁶ Elizabeth Lander Warne was also from Calstock, baptised there on 8th October 1809, the daughter of Digory and Grace Warne (née Launder) who were married at Calstock in 1801.⁷

Benjamin Cooke was mentioned as Captain of Wheal Brewer (East Harrowbarrow) in 1836⁸, Old Harrowbarrow Mine in 1846⁹ and at the time of his death in 1852, Calstock United Mines.¹⁰

DIED,—At Harrowbarrow, near Calstock, on the 18th May, Capt. Benjamin Cooke, aged 42 years, leaving a widow and nine children to lament the loss of an affectionate husband and a kind parent. Captain Cooke has been for some years past the resident agent of the Calstock United Mines, and was much esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

Obituary in the Mining Journal, 5th June, 1852.

The Calstock burial register lists the burial of Benjamin Cooke (aged 42) of Harrowbarrow, on 24th May 1852.¹¹

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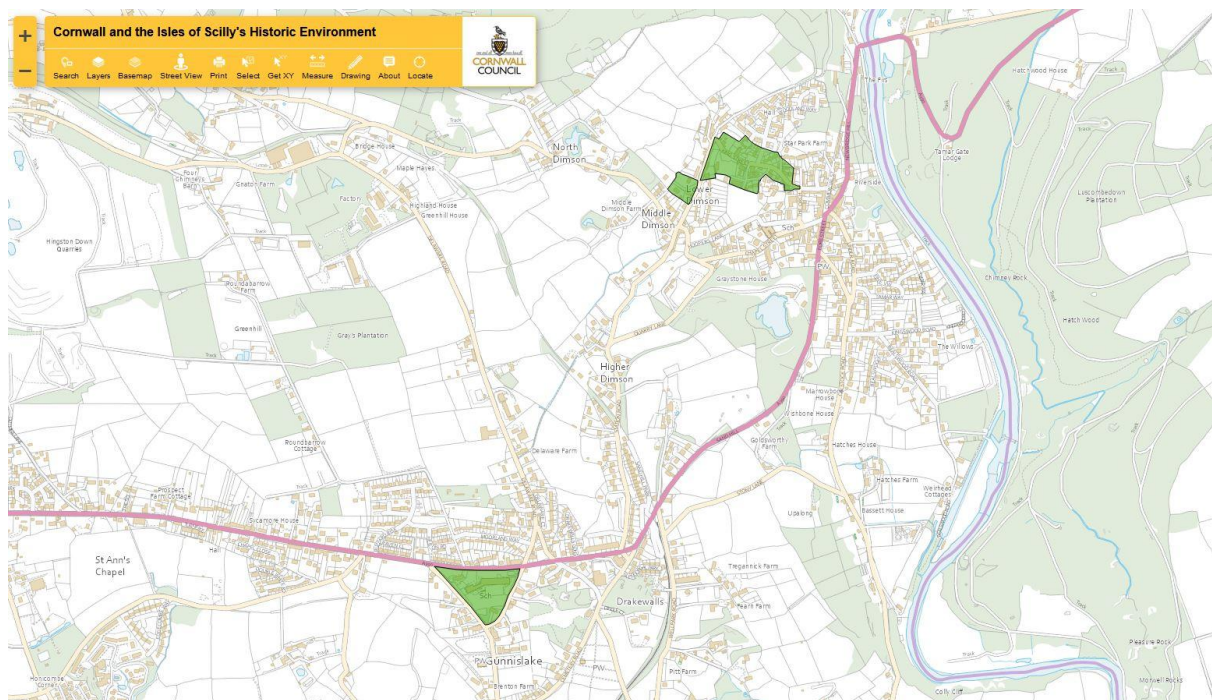
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2. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN127 PN74.
3. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
5. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court - Will of John Cooke, miner of Calstock 1829. Ref: KK AP/C/4903.
6. Devon Marriages & Banns - East Stonehouse - (findmypast.co.uk) - Archive - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (original image).
7. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
8. *Mines and Miners of Cornwall XV. Calstock, Callington and Launceston*, A.K. Hamilton Jenkin, Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, 1969, p. 28.
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10. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 876 Vol.XXII, 5 June 1852, pg. 270, col.1.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Noah Coward**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tith): Lower Dimson, Gunnislake. Dwelling on Tithe Map (Plan No: 821) located at “Ivy Cottage” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022). Triangular plot at Drakewalls, Tithe Map (Plan Nos: 1360-63) located at Delaware Community Primary School, Learning Centre, Tunley and Tunley Barn on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX42873 71850 (dwelling - Ivy Cottage) and SX42272 70716 (nominal centre of triangluar plot at Drakewalls (now Delaware School).



Occupier: Noah Coward (Miner, Purser, Mining Engineer, Mine Agent, Mine Adventurer, Gentleman)
Landowner: Himself

Tithe Apportionment Details:

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810	Susans Field	Arable	2	23				
811	Waste	Waste	1	24				
819	Little Meadow	Pasture	1	18				
820	House and Garden	Garden		33				
821	House and Garden	Garden		9				
1360	Lower Drakewalls Field	Pasture	2	10				
1362	Plantation	Fir	1	7				
1363	Higher Drakewalls Field	Arable	3	0	31			
			5	2	35	£0	8	0

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Lower Dimson, Gunnislake. Site of Gunnislake Mine, Tithe Map (Plan No: 848) nominal centre located at green at junction of King Street and Woodland Way on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX42995 71894 (nominal centre)

Occupier: Gunnislake Mining Company

Landowner: Noah Coward (Miner, Purser, Mining Engineer, Mine Agent, Mine Adventurer, Gentleman)

Tithe Apportionment Details:

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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
848	Mine and Buildings		8	1	7			

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Dwelling at Drakewalls, Tithe Map (Plan No: 1361), located at Tunley on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

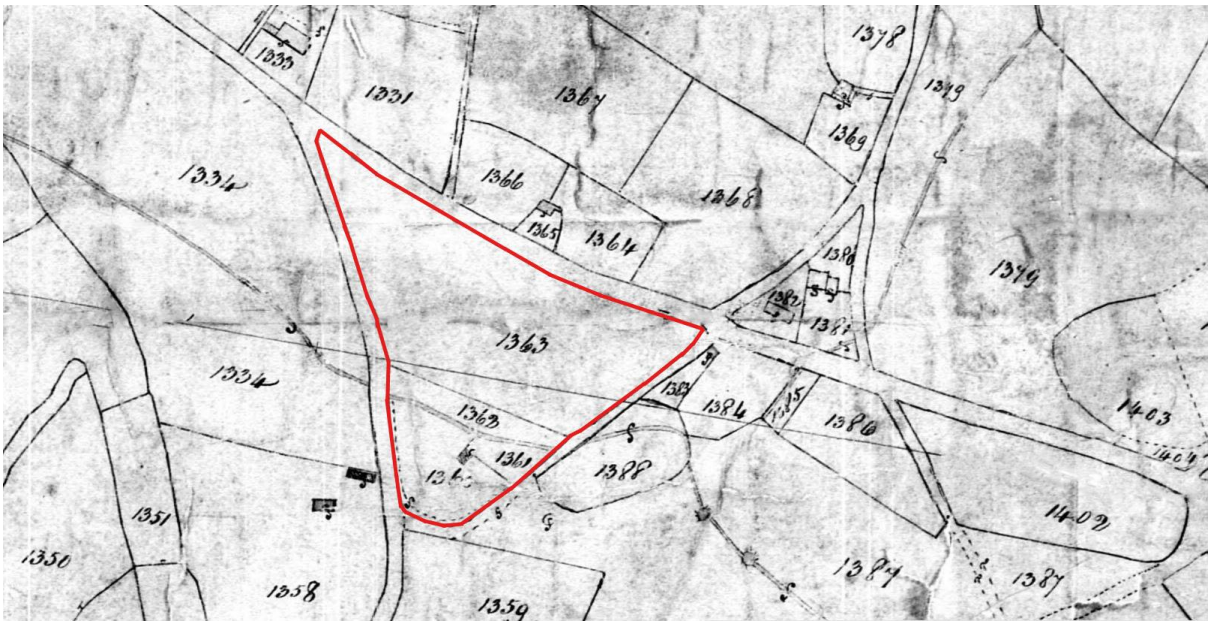
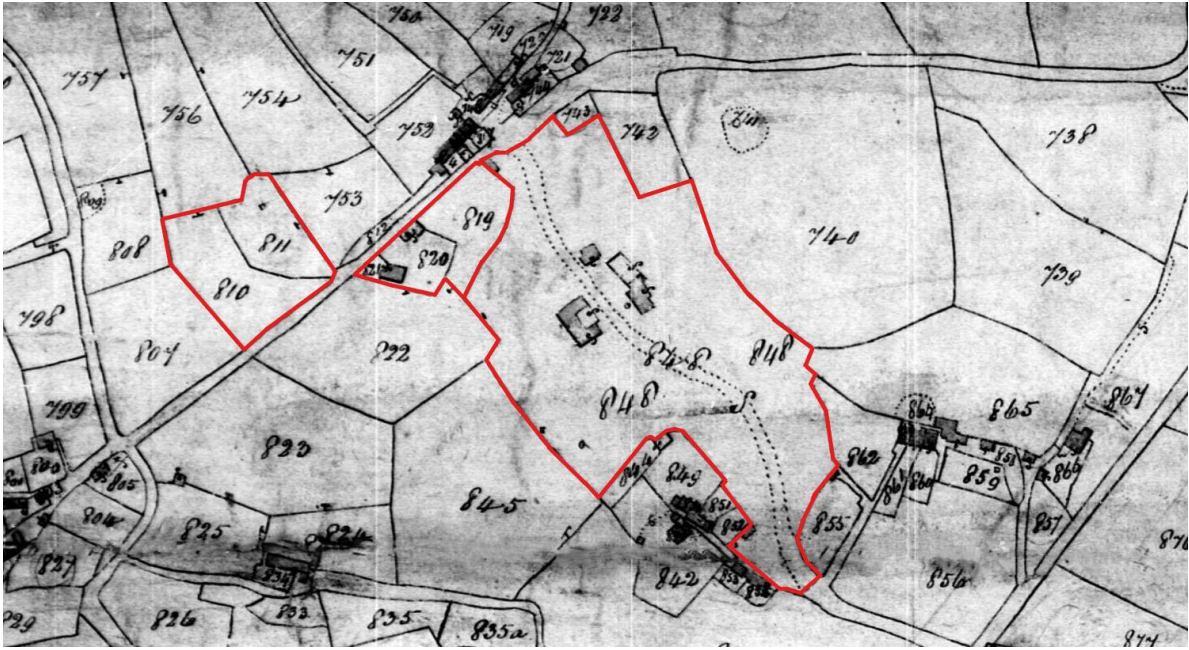
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Occupier: Nicholas Baker

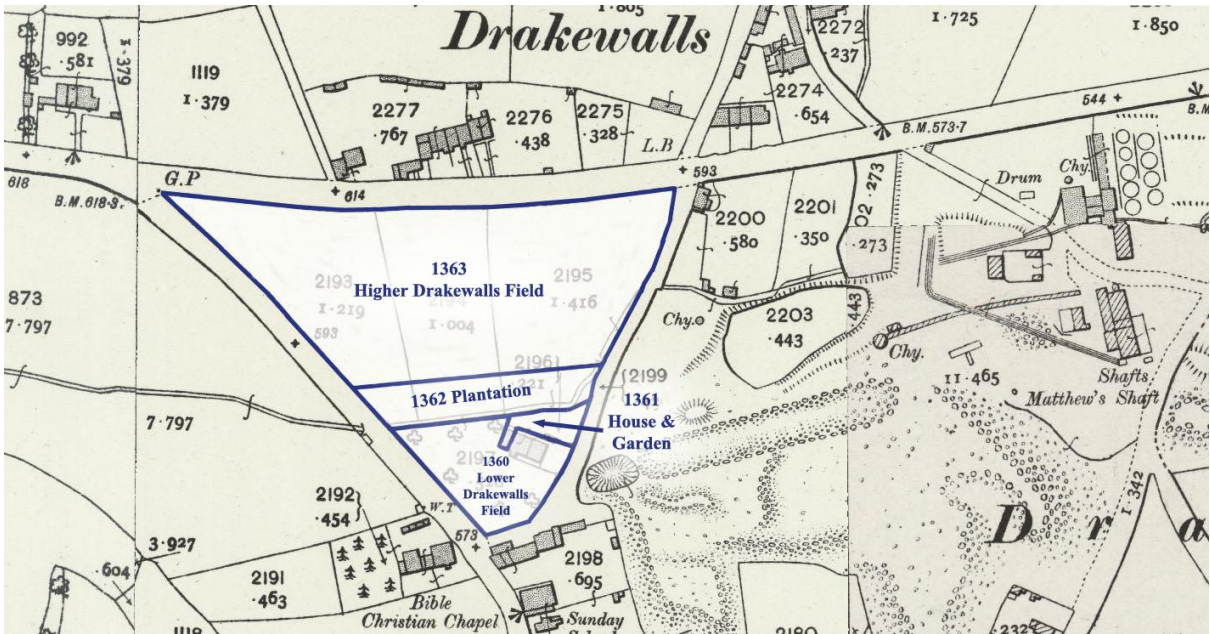
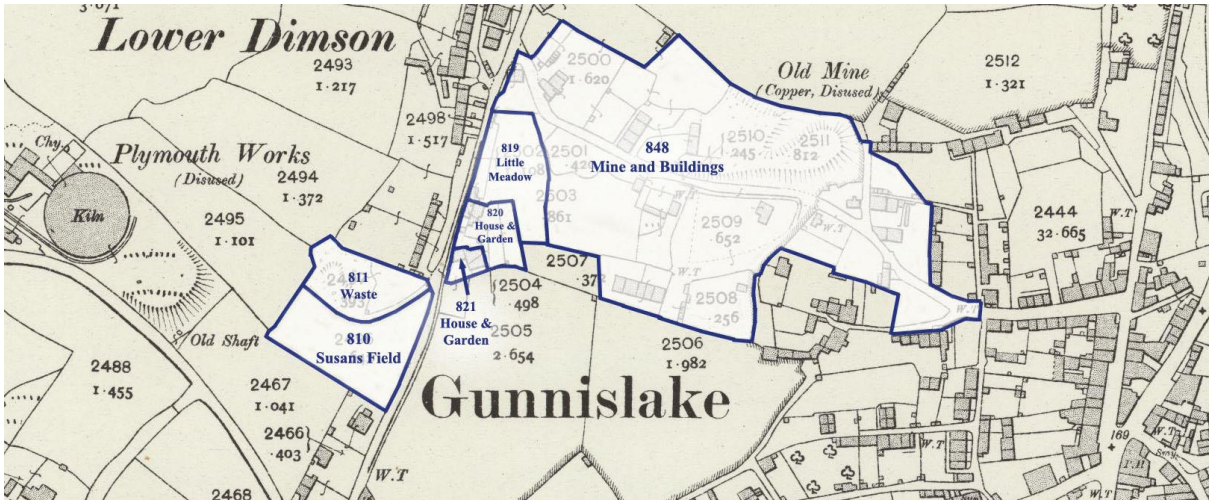
Landowner: Noah Coward (Miner, Purser, Mining Engineer, Mine Agent, Mine Adventurer, Gentleman)

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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
1361	House and Garden	Garden			20			



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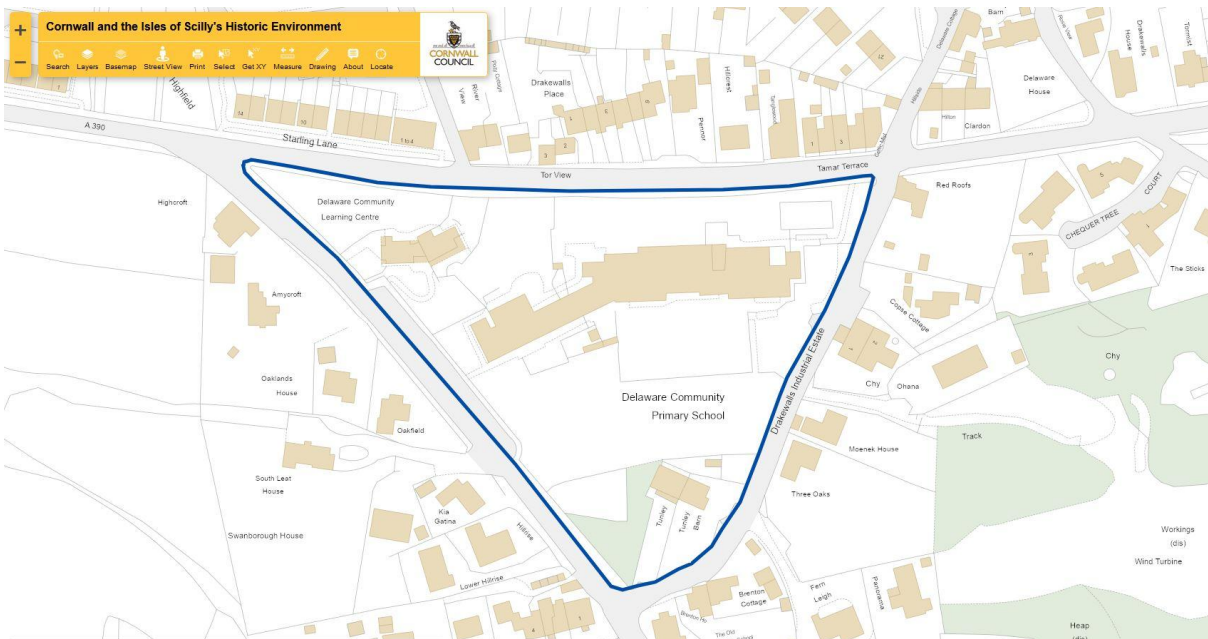
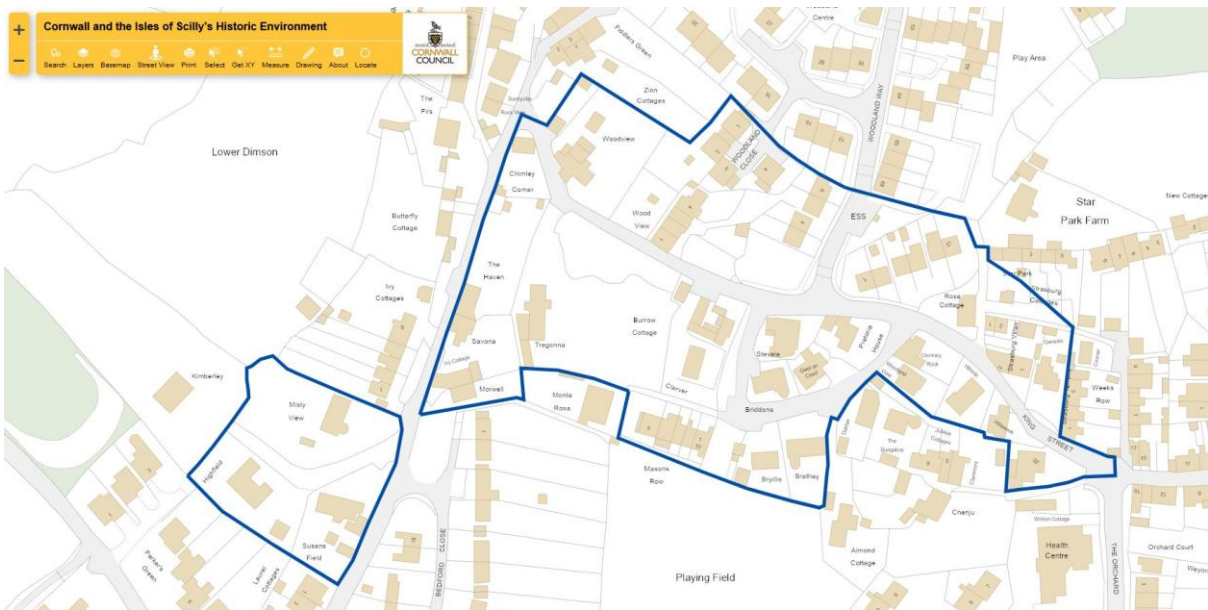


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Noah Coward

Noah Coward appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake, and is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Jane (21) and Noah A (1), Jane and Noah A were born in Cornwall.¹

It is evident from the 1839 Tithing Apportionment that Noah was (at that time) not the typical miner/smallholder, owning two houses and about an acre and a half of land where he resided at

Lower Dimson, the adjacent mining sett which was occupied by the "Gunnis Lake Mining Company" (over eight acres), a further four acres at Drakewalls which was in his use and a house on the adjacent plot which he rented out.

Research on his background and mining career reveal his relative wealth, seemingly punctuated by periods of severe financial hardship. His occupation has variously been given as Gentleman, Mine Adventurer, Mine Speculator, Mining Engineer, Purser, Miner and Mine Agent.

Noah Clayton Coward was born in 1792 in Bath, Somerset and baptised at St Michaels Church on 16 December of that year, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Coward.², the Cowards were established linen drapers in the city.

Noah was evidently in partnership with his brothers (Thomas Blanchard Coward and Henry Coward) in the drapery business at Bath until 1828, when there was an acrimonious split. This would subsequently lead to Noah instigating Chancery proceedings and to years of litigation.³

Noah clearly decided that he could make his fortune in mining and headed west, he appears to have originally settled at Redruth. In the above case (when someone testified that they saw him at the Bath Drapers) - he stated that he was in fact nearly 200 miles away in Redruth, and on the day in question (the 10th of April 1834) he was at a meeting of the "North Roscrea Mining Company" which is "five miles further from Bath than Redruth". North "Roscrea" as quoted in the Evening Mail report, should be North Roskear.

By January 1837, in his application to join the Institute of Civil Engineers, Noah described himself as a Mining Engineer of "Tresevean mine Redruth" (Tresavean Mine, Lanner). There is a handwritten note on the application form stating "Elected April 18".⁴

On 18th November 1839, Noah married Jane Truscott at St Cleer. Noah was described as a Gentleman of Calstock, son of Thomas Coward (Gentleman), Jane was the daughter of Thomas Truscott (no occupation given).⁵ Jane was born at Chilsworthy, Gunnislake and was baptised at Calstock church on 12th March 1820, the daughter of Thomas (a miner) and Jane Truscott.⁶ There was an announcement of Noah's marriage in his home city paper "The Bath Chronicle" the recorded date incorrectly given as 25th November instead of the 18th, it was also stated that Jane was the daughter (actually step-daughter) of Mr Cocking of Latchley⁷, this would be Joseph Cocking, Mine Agent (Captain of Gunnislake Mine and Wheal Sisters) and latterly farmer of Latchley, who had married Jane Truscott's widowed mother, also Jane. See separate entry for William Treloar for more details of Joseph Cocking.

In January 1840, Noah Coward was granted an Injunction by the Court of the Vice-Warden of the Stannaries of Cornwall to prevent his two fellow adventurers in the Gunnislake Mine from selling any steam engines, mining machinery and materials belonging to the mine.⁸

GUNNIS LAKE MINE.—Take notice, that an **INJUNCTION** was, on the 20th day of January inst., granted under the seal of the court of the **VICE-WARDEN** of the Stannaries of Cornwall, on the petition of Noah Coward, of Gunnis Lake, whereby it is ordered that William Richards, of Rospeath, Cornwall, and John Smith, of Devonport, their agents, captains, workmen, and labourers, be restrained and strictly prohibited from selling or removing or proceeding to sell or remove the steam engines, mining machinery, and materials, upon and belonging to **GUNNIS LAKE MINE**, in the parish of Calstock, in the said Stannaries.

And notice is hereby given, that all persons who sha'l attempt to sell or remove the said steam-engines, mining machinery, and materials, will be forthwith prosecuted.

H. S. STOKES, Solicitor, Truro.

Dated January 20, 1840.

In 1843, again at the Vice-Warden's Court, he petitioned his former co-adventurers in the Gunnislake Mine for non-payment of his salary. This according to Coward, amounted to £900 for six years as managing agent of the mine. It was noted that Coward owned $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the mine.⁹

Noah Coward also appears in the Bodmin Gaol Records in 1850. The entry for him states that he is 51, was born in Bath, Somerset, is a Mine Agent late of Gunnislake and was admitted in June 1849 and discharged in February 1850. His crime recorded as Contempt of Court.¹⁰

There was also a notice in the Royal Cornwall Gazette on 25th January 1850 announcing that Noah Coward was summoned to appear at the County Court in Bodmin on 6th February, as an Insolvent Debtor.¹¹

INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

TO be heard before **GEORGE GRANVILLE KEKEWICH**, Esquire, Judge of the County Court of Cornwall, at Bodmin, in the said County, on **WEDNESDAY**, the sixth day of February next, at Ten o'clock in the Morning precisely.

NOAH COWARD, late of Gunnis Lake, in the parish of Calstock, in the county of Cornwall, Speculator in Mines, previously of Redruth, in the said county, Speculator in Mines, and formerly of the city of Bath, Linen Draper.

JOHN ROWE, late of the borough of Penzance, in the county of Cornwall, Adventurer in Mines, previously of the borough of Truro, in the said county, out of business, and formerly of the said borough of Truro, out of business.

NICHOLLS & DOYLE, 48, Bedford Row, London, for **THOMAS COMMINS, JUN.**, Bodmin.

JNO. BASSET COLLINS, Clerk.

The 1851 Census listed the family as still at Lower Dimson. Noah is listed as a Mine Agent aged 50, with wife Jane (30) and children Noah (10), Jane (8), Elizabeth (5), Mary (4) and Fanny (1), Jane and all the children born in Calstock parish.¹²

Noah seemingly made a swift recovery from his financial difficulties. The Mining Journal of 19th July 1851 reported that Noah Coward had been appointed as Superintending Agent at West Phoenix, Trethevy, Great Sheba and Wheal Gill each at a monthly salary of £2 18s and 4d.¹³

The 1861 Census lists the family at Middle Dimson. Noah is recorded as a copper miner aged 60, with Jane (40) and children Noah (20) now a copper miner, Jane (18), Elizabeth (16) and Mary (14) all working as draper's assistants, and Fanny (11), Nelly (9), Ellen (8) and Thomas (5) all born in Calstock parish.¹⁴

Less than three weeks before his death, The Mining Journal of 7th January 1865 published a letter from Coward severely criticising a prospectus laying out plans to reopen the Old Gunnislake Mine, and openly questioning the honesty of those proposing the venture.¹⁵ It appears that from three subsequent responses (one especially vitriolic) that Coward's opinions were not generally shared and had perhaps more to do with his own failure to make a success of the mine.

Mine Manager William G Gard replying in the edition dated 14th January states -

"Mr Noah Coward is a lamentable example of an old man whose experience has not taught him wisdom, and on whom the stern lessons of vicissitude have been wasted. He has all through life been "running his head against stone walls;" and I trust, for his own sake, has now made his final butt."

Gard, clearly referring to Coward's apparent lack of mining acumen and perhaps his litigious nature and subsequent bankruptcy. He goes on, in a very articulate and detailed response (nearly half a column) to utterly refute Coward's criticisms.

This is followed by a letter from Capt. John Snell, describing the lodes in detail and likewise extolling the mine's future prospects.¹⁶

The next edition of The Mining Journal dated 21st January, has another very detailed letter this time from an old tributer named John Truscott, who had worked at the mine for twelve years under Mr Coward. Truscott agrees with the Prospectus and states *"there is a most valuable mine to be made by a proper and vigorous working"*. He goes on to say - *"Mr Coward says that he and Capt. Teague lost £10,000, but Mr Coward forgets how much of this sum was wasted on useless work, not only in the old mine, but also in various parts of the sett."*¹⁷

Unfortunately altogether, the Mining Journal letters are quite a damning indictment of Noah Coward's mining endeavours at Gunnislake, although it must be remembered that Noah Coward was no longer around to possibly formulate a response.

Noah Coward died at Gunnislake on 24th January 1865. The Mining Journal publishing a brief obituary.¹⁸

Died,—on January 24, at Gunnislake, Mr. NOAH COWARD, aged 70. Mr. Coward, who was formerly partner with Mr. Thomas Teague in the working of the Old Gunnislake Mine, was well-known as an energetic miner, and highly respected by an extensive circle of friends for his urbanity and readiness to assist all who were engaged in mining pursuits.

The Calstock burial register lists the burial of Noah Coward (aged 70)* of Gunnislake, on 28th January 1865.¹⁹ *(actually 72).

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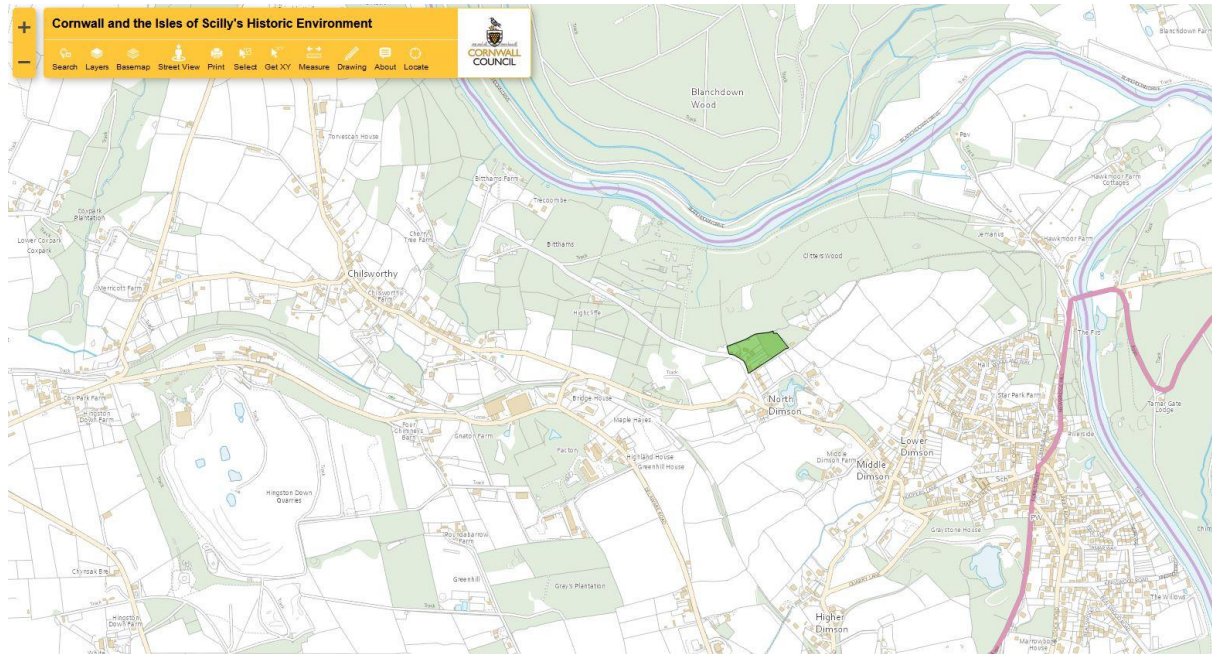
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Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Bunt Dyer**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): North Dimson. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Hillside View” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX42383 72056 (dwelling)

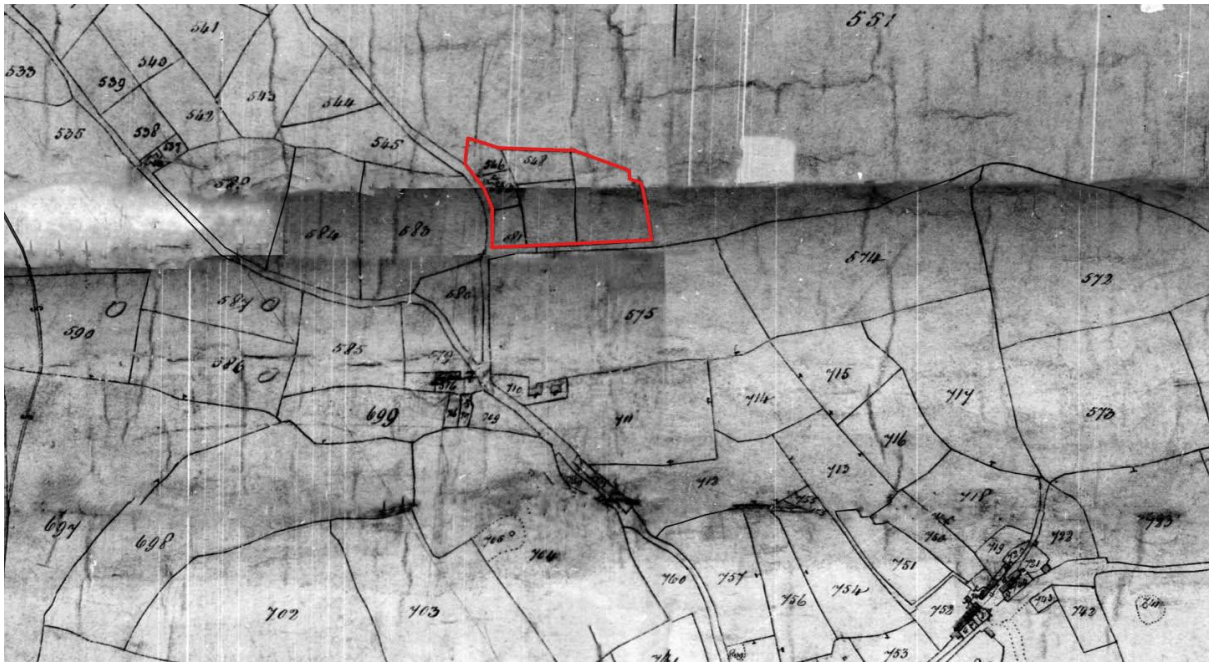


Occupier: John Bunt Dyer (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

Tithe Apportionment Details:

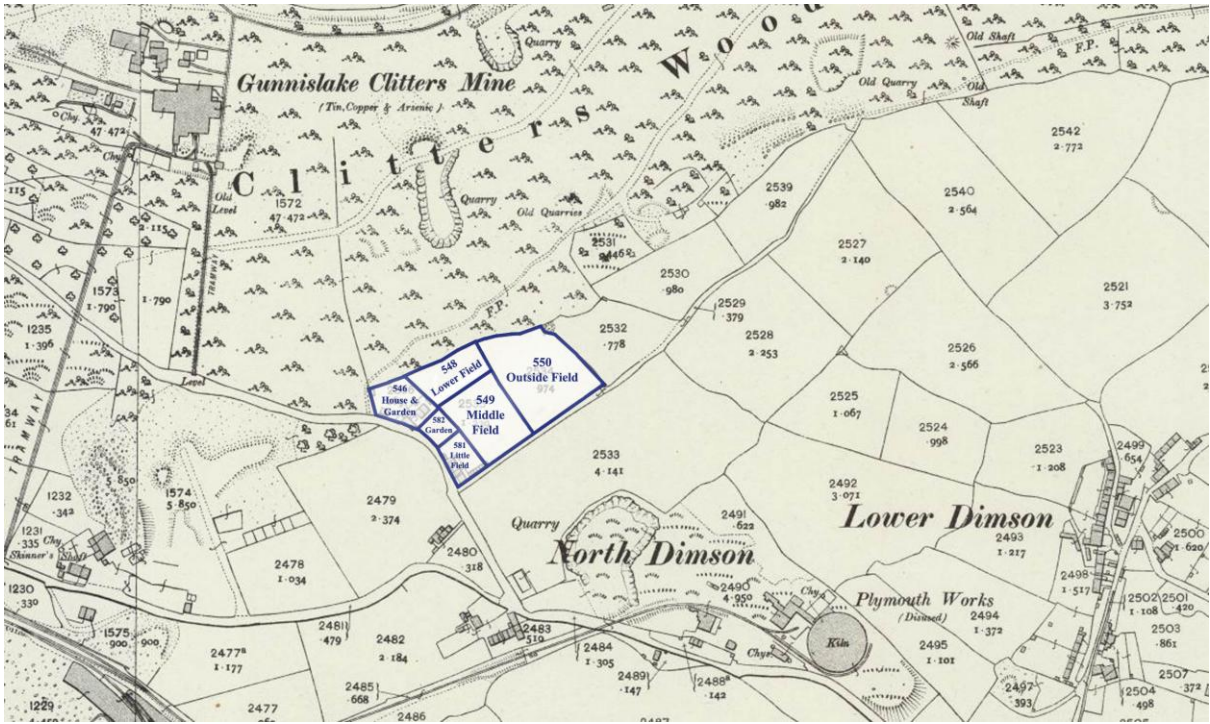
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548	Lower Field	Arable		1	6			
549	Middle Field	Arable		2	16			
550	Outside Field	Arable		3	35			
581	Little Field	Arable			30			
582	Garden	Garden			20			
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IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.
IR/30/6/24 - Tithe map of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.



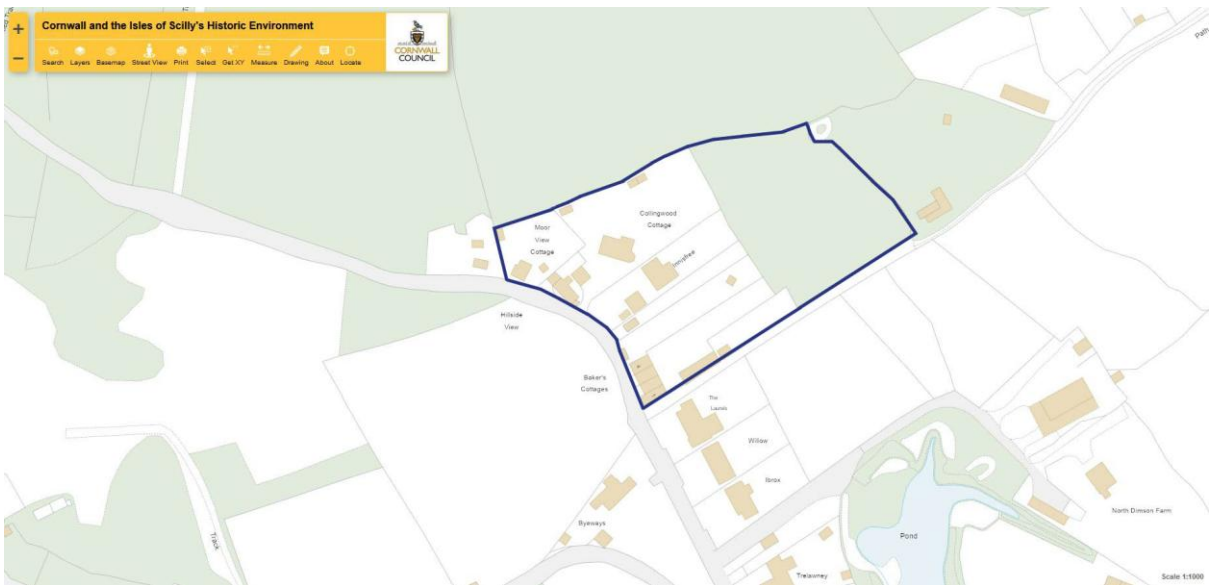
Note that the on National Archives copy of the Calstock Tithe Map two of the fields are not numbered. However, a digital link to the Apportionment Book notes that the fields are nos. 549 and 500, this is also confirmed on Kresen Kernow's copy above (KK TM/26) from Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022). The house is also much clearer on KK's copy.



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=17&lat=50.52759&lon=-4.22364&layers=168&b=1>



John Bunt Dyer

The 1841 Census records the family at "Clitters Lodge", this is very likely the house that John Dyer owned and occupied in the 1839 Tithe Apportionment. Clitters Mine adjoins to the north and west and the next property on the 1841 Census schedule is "Woodcliff", as is still the case today - "Woodcliff" is less than a quarter of a mile north west of "Hillside View".

John is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Mary A (30), Eliza (13), Jane (10), Sarah (7), Emmy (7), William (5) and Ann (2) all listed as born in Cornwall.¹

Although both were of Cornish parentage and despite the 1841 Census entries, neither John or Mary Ann were born in Cornwall.

John Bunt Dyer was born at Horrabridge and baptised at Sampford Spiney on 11th February 1798, the son of John and Elizabeth Dyer (née Bunt).² John Dyer (snr) and Elizabeth Bunt were married at Liskeard on 19th August 1793, John was described as of Roach (Roche).³

John was from an established mining family, his father a tin miner working in the mines of Dartmoor. John Bunt Dyer's brother, Charles Bunt Dyer, was born c.1801 in another west Devon mining parish - Buckland Monachorum.

By 1806 the family were living at Gunnislake, and another son, William Bunt Dyer, was baptised at Calstock on 13th July. After a decade or so as a Mine Captain at Drakewalls, Charles would go on to become Captain and Manager of the famous Parys Mountain Copper Mine on Anglesey⁴, where he lived from 1835 until his death in 1879.⁵ William would do likewise, working as a Mine Captain in the lead mines of Mold, Flintshire.⁶

It appears that John Bunt Dyer married three times. Firstly, Mary Sweet at Tavistock on 26th May 1821⁷. John and Mary had two children together, both of whom died in infancy, Mary died in Gunnislake at the age of 26 in May 1825⁸ On 17th April 1826 John married Mary Ann Cock at Calstock, John and Mary Ann would have seven children baptised at Calstock between 1826 and 1836.⁹ Mary Ann died in January 1838 and is buried at Calstock.¹⁰

A widower for the second time, on 30th October 1838 John Bunt Dyer married Mary Ann Robins (of Dimson) at Calstock.¹¹ Mary Ann Robins was born in 1810 in the Dartmoor parish of Moretonhampstead¹², the daughter of stonemason Nicholas Robins and Catherine (née Arthur) who were married at Ladock in 1805, the clerk noted that Nicholas was of Cardinham.¹³ John and Mary Ann had two children baptised at Calstock in 1839 and 1841¹⁴, and a further three born at Liskeard from c.1844 to 1850.

Perhaps surprisingly, by the mid 1840s John had given up mining and was now a farmer, residing in his mother's home parish of Liskeard. The 1851 Census lists the family at Looe Mills. John (52) a farmer of 28 acres employing one man and a boy, wife Mary Ann (41) born "Oakhampton" (actually Moretonhampstead), Sarah (18), William (16), Ann (12) all born Calstock, John (9) born Liskeard (actually Calstock), Charles (6), Catherine (4) and Fanny (1) all born Liskeard. Also in the household is John's widowed mother-in-law Catherine Robins (née Arthur) (73) Annuitant, born St Stephens (in Brannel).¹⁵

John Bunt Dyer died at Looe Mills in the summer of 1860 and was buried at Liskeard on the 11th July.¹⁶

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