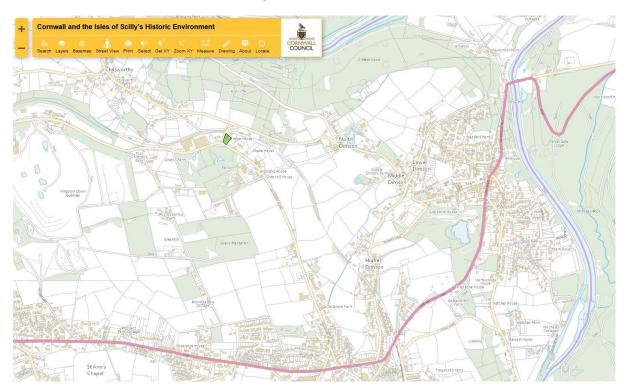
Mine Worker: James Main

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Chilsworthy. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at "Bridge House" on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX41904 71940 (dwelling)



Occupier: James Main (Miner)

Landowner: John Parkhouse

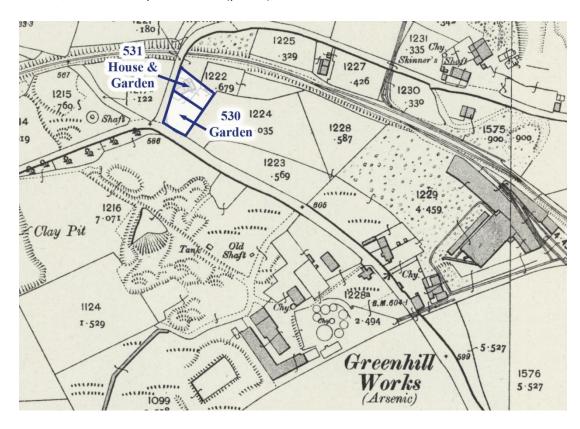
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References: The National Archives, Kew.

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



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

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James Main

James Main appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Chilsworthy. He is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Mary (40), Susanna (15), Rebecca (13), Elizabeth (10), Sampson (6), James (4) and Mary (1), along with John Woolcock (6), all born in Cornwall.¹

The Calstock registers of baptisms record nine children born to the couple between 1826 and 1844. In all instances James was recorded as a miner and the family resided at Chilsworthy.²

James was born in the parish of Calstock, probably in early January 1803 and was baptised in the parish church on 30th January of that year, the son of Sampson Main and Mary (née Thomas) ³ who were married at Calstock on 6th December 1794. ⁴

Although both noted as "of this parish" at the time of their wedding, Sampson Main certainly, and very likely Mary Thomas were both from the parish of St Agnes. Sampson was baptised there on 6th December 1771, son of Sampson and Mary Main (née Nankivell) ⁵, who were married at St Agnes on 13th August 1768. Sampson Main (jnr.) the father of James, died at Chilsworthy in 1815 (aged 43) and was buried at Calstock on 19th March. ⁷

James Main married Mary Woolcock at Calstock on 18th December 1825, rather oddly (as they were both born in the parish of Calstock) they were both were described as "sojourners of this parish". 8

James Main died (aged 46) at Chilsworthy in 1848 and was buried at Calstock on 26th January. Note is surname is recorded in the Burial register as "Meehan".

Mary Woolcock was baptised at Calstock on 28th November 1802, the daughter of Richard and Mary Woolcock ¹⁰ (née Blazeby?). Mary was an elder sister of miner William Blazeby Woolcock, see separate entry for further details.

The 1851 Census, listed the widowed Mary Main and family at Chilsworthy (in the previous Census entry to her brother William Blazeby Woolcock, see above). Mary Main (48) (widow) charwoman, with children Sampson (16) and James (14) both copper miners, Mary (10), Thomas (7) and John (5) all born in Calstock. Also in the household were "lodgers" John Woolcock (16) a mine labourer born Calstock and Mary Woolcock (69) (widow) a pauper born St Peters, Suffolk (Mary's widowed mother). Note that both Woolcocks were incorrectly recorded by the enumerator as "Wilcock".

The John Woolcock aged 16 was the same John who was listed with the family on the 1841 Census, and was evidently Mary's nephew. Mary's sister Dorothy (Dolly) Woolcock, who was baptised at Calstock on 22nd October 1809 ¹², had a child named John (born at Chilsworthy) and baptised at Calstock on 26th July 1835. ¹³ Dorothy died at Chilsworthy less than a year later and was buried at Calstock on 28th April 1836. ¹⁴

By 1861 Mary Main (58) and sons Thomas (18) and John (16) (both miners) had left Chilsworthy and were living with Mary's widowed daughter Susanna Biscumbe (and her four young children) at St Ann's Chapel. Susanna Main had married miner John Biscumbe (or Biscombe) at Calstock on 26th July 1848 for and John Biscombe died (aged 37) in 1860 and was buried at Calstock on 6th June.

Mary Main continued to live at St Ann's Chapel and died there at the age of 84 in 1886, she was buried at Calstock on 11th April. 18

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN12 PN17.
- 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. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials 1741-1788. Ref:KK P2/1/3.
- 6. St Agnes Register of marriages and banns, 1754-1778. Ref: KK P2/1/4.
- 7. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 8. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 10. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
- 11. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN138 PN6.
- 12. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
- 13. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
- 14. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 15. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1461 FN120 PN31.
- 16. Calstock Register of marriages, 1837-1858. Ref: KK P26/1/13.
- 17. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
- 18. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

Mine Workers: William Matthews, Richard Matthews and Joel Matthews, sons of Elizabeth Matthews (Landowner)

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Cold East and Coombe, Harrowbarrow. Three houses and five plots of land owned and occupied by Elizabeth Matthews (and family).

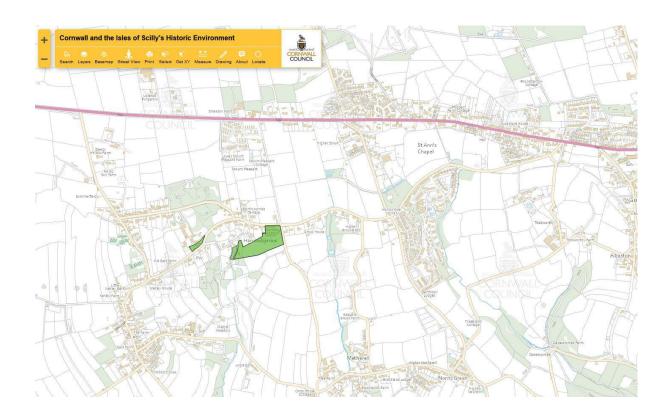
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House (2) on Tithe Map Plan No. 1072 located at Club Cottage (Cold East) on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

House (3) on Tithe Map Plan No. 1073 located at Yew Cottage (Cold East) on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Note that Elizabeth Matthews owned two further houses (with gardens) in the area - Tithe Map Plan No. 1043 and No. 1058, these were occupied by Joseph Lobb and Isaac Perry (both miners) respectively and have been recorded under their own entries.

Grid References: SX40320 70262 (Rose Cottage), SX40122 70313 (Club Cottage) and SX40098 70284 (Yew Cottage).



Occupier: Elizabeth Matthews (with sons Richard and Joel (Miners))

Landowner: Herself

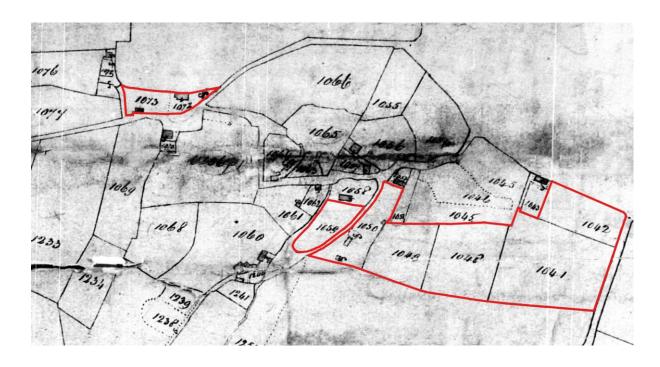
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1048	Middle Field	Arable	1	0	6				
1049	Lower Field	Arable		2	39				
1050	House and Plantation			2	16				
1059	Orchard	Orchard		1	20				
1072	House and Garden				20				
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Occupier: William Matthews (Miner)

Landowner: Elizabeth Matthews

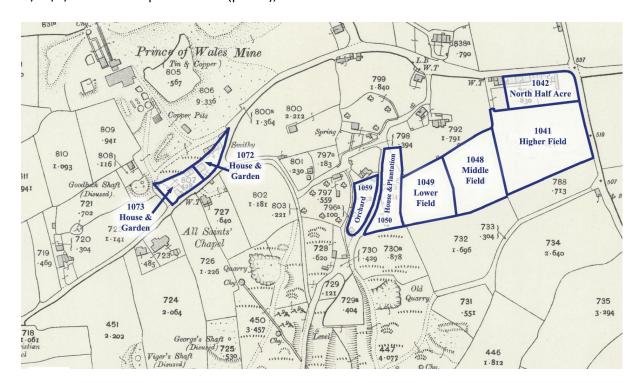
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References: The National Archives, Kew.

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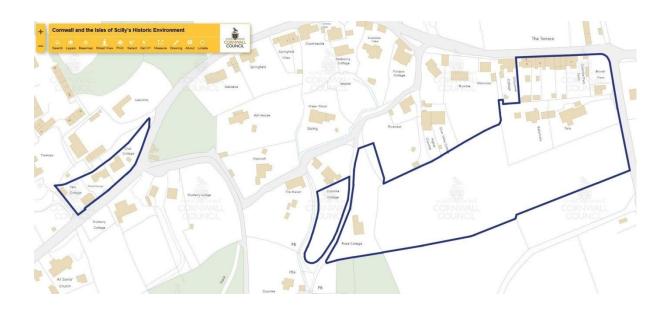
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The Matthews Family

The widowed Elizabeth Matthews (née Taylor) appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Cold East, Harrowbarrow. Elizabeth is 65, in the same household are Richard (30) and Joel (20) both copper miners, Maria (25), Mary (20) and Marianne (10) all born in Cornwall. Neighbours at Cold East are son William Matthews (40) a copper miner, his wife Mary (40) and son William (10).¹

Elizabeth Taylor married William Matthews at Calstock on 30th May 1796, both described at the time as "of this parish", although both were born elsewhere.²

It has not been possible to find a place of birth for Elizabeth, what is certain is that she was not baptised at Calstock. She stated on the 1841 Census that she was born in Cornwall, and she died before the 1851 enumeration, at Cold East in 1846 and was buried at Calstock on 8th November, her age given as 77.³

Elizabeth's husband William Matthews (a miner) died at Cold East in 1836 (aged 58) as was buried at Calstock on 10th February. William was born at St Agnes and baptised in the parish church on 13th March 1776, the son of Philip and Margaret Matthews (née Sandoe). Philip Matthews and Margaret Sandoe were married at Kenwyn in 1763 (Philip of St Agnes and Margaret of Kenwyn).

The Calstock registers of baptisms record ten children born to William and Elizabeth Matthews between 1797 and 1817. The details of the three sons (listed as copper miners) at Cold East on the 1841 Census as above are:

Eldest son William Matthews was baptised on 19th August 1798 and married Mary Painter at Calstock on 27th November 1819. The 1851 Census lists the family at Coombe - William Matthews (51) a copper miner, Mary (50), William's brother-in-law Simon Painter (56) a blind pauper, all born Calstock. Also in the household was William's widowed aunt Sidwell Mitchell (74) a pauper, born at Kenwyn (Sidwell Matthews (his father's sister) was baptised at St Agnes in 1773). 9 10

Richard Avery Matthews was baptised on 20th March 1808. Unlike his elder brother William, by 1851 Richard was no longer a miner. The Census lists Richard (43) as an Innkeeper at Coombe, with wife Lavinia (27) born Devonport. Richard Matthews (Innkeeper) died "at an advanced age" on 20th August 1878 at Cold East. On 1st August 1878 at Callington Petty Sessions the Magistrates had granted the transfer of the licence of the Inn at Harrowbarrow from Richard Matthews to Samuel Dawe. Richard was buried at Calstock on 22nd August 1878.

Joel Matthews was baptised on 15th June 1817 and married Susan Mann Perry at East Stonehouse in the spring of 1846. ¹⁵ In August of that year Joel and Susan emigrated to South Australia on the "Lady Bruce", arriving at Port Adelaide on 11th November. ¹⁶

William Matthews, the last of the siblings to work in the mines of Calstock, died at Cold East (aged 61) in 1860 and was buried at Calstock on 26th June.¹⁷



Yew Cottage (Image: Ainsley Cocks)



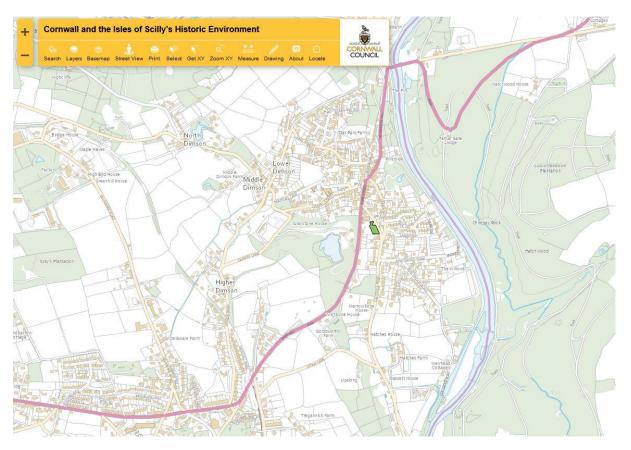
Club Cottage (Image: Stephen Colwill)

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN45 PN14.
- 2. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 3. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 4. Ibid.
- 5. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1741-1788. Ref: KK P2/1/3.
- 6. Kenwyn Register of marriages, 1754-1772. Ref: KK P98/1/3.
- 7. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2 and Registers of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Refs: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
- 8. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 9. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN123 PN67.
- 10. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1741-1788. Ref: KK P2/1/3.
- 11. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN123 PN66.
- 12. Royal Cornwall Gazette (Truro), August 30th 1878, Number 3918, pg.8, col.2.
- 13. Cornish & Devon Post (Callington Edition), August 3rd 1878, No. 1,075 Vol. 20 New Series, pg.5, col.4.
- 14. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.
- 15. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 Name: Joel Mathews Registration Year: 1846 Registration Quarter: Apr-May-Jun Registration District: East Stonehouse Volume: 9 Page: 405 (Ancestry.co.uk).
- 16. https://bound-for-south-australia.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/1846LadyBruce.htm
- 17. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Mine Worker: Robert Merrett

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake, Calstock Road. Dwelling (site of) on Tithe Map located at rear of Crocketts on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

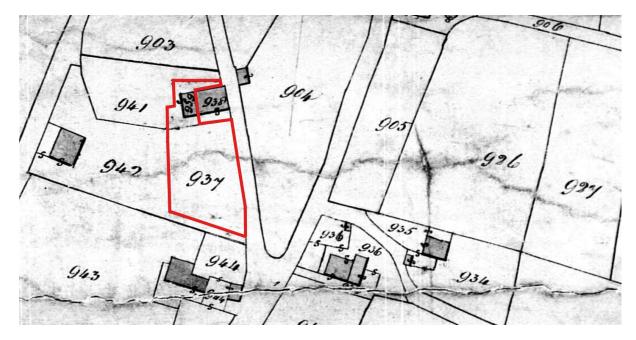
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Occupier: Robert Merrett (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

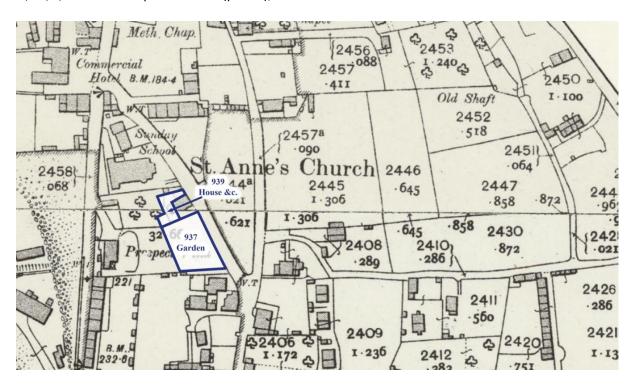
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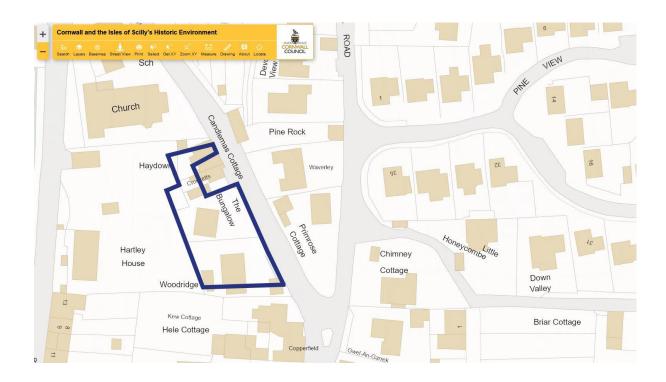
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Robert Merrett

Robert Merrett married Sophia Williams at Calstock on 29th April 1820, both were noted as "sojourners of this parish". 1

Robert and Sophia Merrett had six children baptised at Calstock between 1820 and 1835 - Henry Williams Merrett (1820), Prudence (1822), Elizabeth (1825), Mary (1831), Eliza (1834) and Robert (1835). All in cases Robert was recorded as a miner and the family resided at Dimson, Gunnislake.²

It is evident that between the Tithe Apportionment and the 1841 Census the family left the parish.

At the time of the 1841 Census Robert Merrett was living (temporarily) back in his home parish of St Austell. Robert Merrett (40) a miner, is recorded at East Turnpike, staying with his widowed Aunt Mary Keam (née Richards, his mother's sister), (65) and her daughter Prudence Keam (38) a mine labourer.³

Robert Merrett was baptised at St Austell on 11th June 1797, the son of Robert Merrett and Prudence (née Richards) ⁴, who were married at St Austell on 19th November 1785. ⁵

At least one of Robert's siblings also made the move eastwards to Calstock. One of his sisters, Prudence Merrett (baptised at St Austell on 14th June 1789) ⁶, married John Barbary (a miner) on 22nd October 1808 at Calstock. ⁷

The 1841 Census shows Robert's wife Sophia and children living at Stamp(s) Cottage, Challacombe in the parish of Manaton, Dartmoor, at the centre of the Dartmoor tin mining district. Sophia Merritt (35) Ind. (i.e. of independent means), Elizabeth (15), Jane (13), Mary (9), Robert (6) and Eliza (2).8

Robert Merrett died at the age of 44 in January 1842. He was buried in his adopted parish of Calstock on 29th January, the burial register recorded his residence as Challacombe, parish of Manaton, Devon.⁹

Sophia Williams was born on 24th April 1802 at Redruth and was baptised on 17th October of that year, the daughter of Richard and Jane Williams (née Gray) 10 who were married at Redruth on 8th July 1786. 11

The 1851 Census lists the widowed Sophia and family at Kilworthy Lane, Tavistock. Sophia Merrett (48) widow, a laundress born Redruth, Robert (16) miner born Dimson, Eliza (12) born Lydford and John (9) born Lydford.¹²

- 1. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 2. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
- 3. 1841 Cornwall Census, St Austell. Ref: HO107 PN146 BN1 FN39 PN25.
- 4. St Austell Register of baptisms and burials, 1767-1813. Ref: KK P8/1/5.
- 5. St Austell Register of marriages and banns, 1773-1797. Ref: KK P8/1/8.
- 6. St Austell Register of baptisms and burials, 1767-1813. Ref: KK P8/1/5.
- 7. Calstock Register of marriages, 1805-1813. Ref: KK P26/1/5.
- 8. 1841 Devon Census, Manaton. Ref: HO107 PN254 BN1 FN5 PN5.
- 9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 10. Cornwall Baptisms Redruth St Uny. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions.
- 11. Cornwall Marriages Redruth St Uny. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions.
- 12. 1851 Devon Census, Tavistock. Ref: HO107 PN1883 FN461 PN21.

Mine Worker: James Milford

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Middle Dimson, Gunnislake. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at Middle Dimson Farm, Gunnislake, Calstock on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX42651 71731 (dwelling).



Occupier: James Milford (Miner)

Landowner: Reverend Henry Walter Beauford

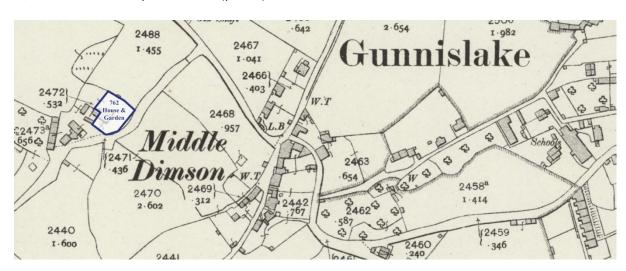
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References: The National Archives, Kew.

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James Milford

James Milford appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. He is listed as a copper miner aged 41, in the same household is Elizabeth Milford (40), neither were born in Cornwall.¹

James was baptised at Tavistock on 25th January 1800, the son of Robert and Sarah Milford (née Down).² Robert Milford and Sarah (Sally) Down were married at Tavistock in 1797.³

By 1802, Robert and Sarah Milford were living in the parish of Calstock, where a further seven children were baptised between 1802 and 1818. See separate entry for one of James Milford's brothers, Sampson Milford.

James Milford married Betsy Piercy Merrifield at Tavistock on 27th March 1829, James noted as a miner of Calstock and Betsy of Tavistock.⁵

The couple do not appear to have had any children and sadly James died at Dimson just two years after the Census, he was buried at Calstock on 21st June 1843.⁶

On 13th November 1845 at Tavistock, Betsy (as Elizabeth Milford, widow) married widower Richard Prior, Elizabeth noted as residing in Tavistock and the daughter of George Merrifield, and Richard Prior described as a miner of Calstock.⁷

The 1851 Calstock Census finds Richard Prior (a mine labourer), wife Elizabeth and three children (from Richard's first marriage) living at Lower Dimson, Gunnislake. Elizabeth was widowed for a second time when Richard died aged 47 in 1853 9.

Elizabeth Prior died aged 65 at Gunnislake in 1866, and was buried at Calstock on 3rd July. 10

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN10 PN12.
- 2. Devon Baptisms Tavistock. Ref: 482A-PR/1/4 South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
- 3. Devon Marriages and Banns Tavistock. South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk). Note that Robert's surname has been incorrectly recorded as "Milward" by the clerk, and consequently indexed as such.
- 4. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2, Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3 and Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
- 5. Devon Marriages & Banns Tavistock. South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
- 6. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 7. Devon Marriages & Banns Tavistock. Ref: 482A-PR/1/27 South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
- 8. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN151 PN33.
- 9. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19. Richard Prior buried 27th July 1853. 10. Ibid.

Mine Worker: Sampson Milford

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Drakewalls, Gunnislake. Dwelling on Tithe Map located (approximately) at 2 Drakewalls Place on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Two arable fields immediately north of the dwelling, where Moorland Way is located on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX42265 70805 (dwelling at Drakewalls Place) and SX42290 70868 (fields) (nominal centre).



Occupier: Sampson Milford (Miner)

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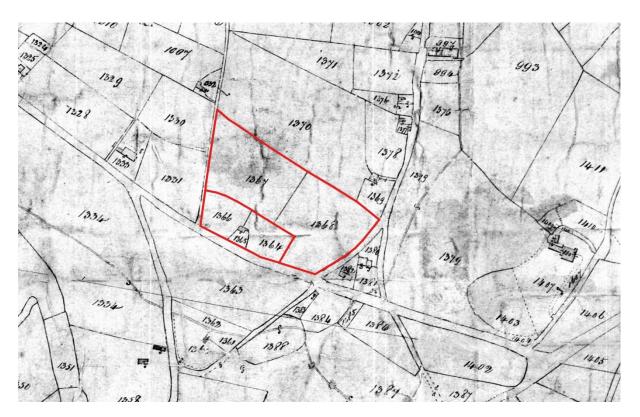
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Occupier: Sampson Milford (Miner)

Landowner: John Michael Williams and William Williams

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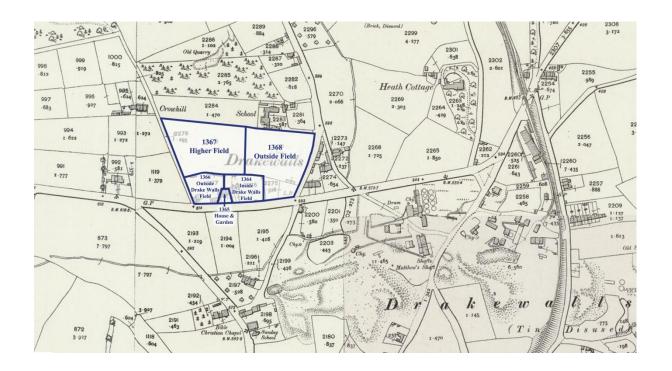
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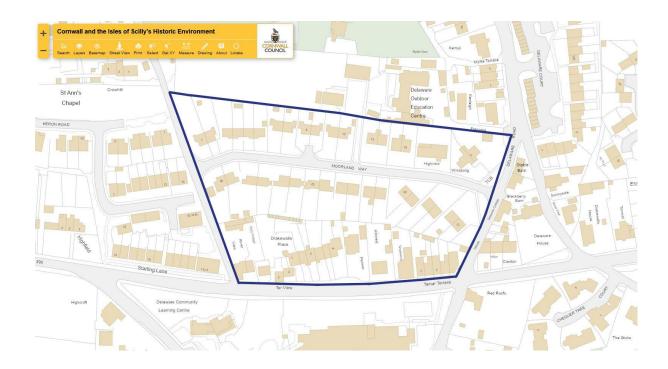
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Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

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Sampson Milford

Sampson Milford appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Drakewalls. Sampson is listed as a copper miner aged 25, in the same household are Elizabeth (20) and Absalom (11 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹

Sampson was born in the parish of Calstock in 1814, and baptised on 11th September, the son of Robert and Sarah Milford (née Down).² Robert Milford and Sarah (Sally) Down were married at Tavistock in 1797.³ See separate entry for one of Sampson's brothers - James Milford.

Sampson Milford married Elizabeth Burley in the Tavistock Registration District, the marriage registered in the second quarter of 1839. Despite the indication in the 1841 Census that Elizabeth was born in Cornwall, and the 1851 Census noting Calstock, subsequent Census Returns show that she was actually born in Tavistock. She was baptised there on 1st August 1818, the daughter of William and Jenny Burley.

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at St Ann's Chapel. Sampson (35) is an "engineer" (engine driver at mine), Elizabeth (33), Absalom (10) "work to mine" indicating that he was already working at a mine (at surface), Sampson (8) and Joseph (5) all born at Calstock (although as above, this was incorrect for Elizabeth it was also incorrect for Absalom).⁶

Sampson and Elizabeth evidently moved east of the Tamar for a short time circa 1840, eldest son Absalom was baptised at Lamerton on 16th August 1840, Sampson described as a miner, the family were residing at Millhill in the parish.⁷

By the time of the 1841 Census (6th June), the family were back in the parish of Calstock and their subsequent three children - Sampson (1843), Joseph James (1845) and Elizabeth Ann (1848) were all born and baptised in the parish.⁸

Elizabeth Milford died at Gunnislake in 1884 and was buried at Calstock on 12 October, Sampson followed in 1886, and was also buried at Calstock, on 28th March.⁹

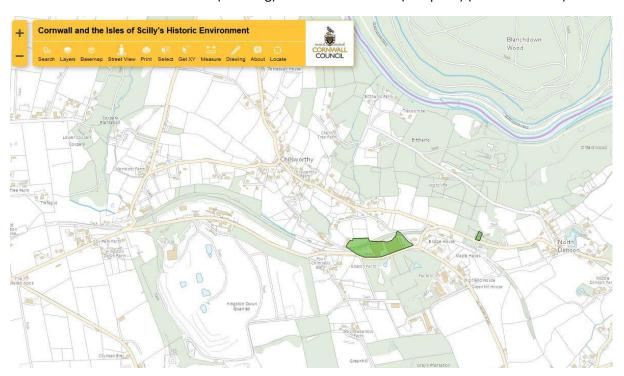
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- 2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
- 3. Devon Marriages and Banns Tavistock South West Heritage Trust (original image on findmypast.co.uk). Note that Robert's surname has been incorrectly recorded as "Milward" by the clerk, and consequently indexed as such.
- 4. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 Name: Sampson Milford Registration Year: 1839 Registration Quarter: Apr-May-Jun Registration District: Tavistock Volume: 9 Page: 519 (Ancestry.co.uk).
- 5. Devon Baptisms Tavistock (original image on findmypast.co.uk) South West Heritage Trust.
- 6. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN112 PN44.
- 7. Devon Baptisms Lamerton (findmypast.co.uk) Archive 889/4 Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (original image).
- 8. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
- 9. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

Mine Worker: Thomas Osborne

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake Clitters Mine. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at ruined building, to the south of the engine house at Skinner's Shaft on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Five arable fields south east of Chilsworthy. Nominal centre of plots just to the west of the old Chilsworthy Brick Kilns buildings and "Manufacturing Technology Centre" on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX42128 71942 (dwelling) and SX41738 71900 (five plots) (nominal centre)



Occupier: Thomas Osborne (Miner)

Landowner: John Michael Williams and William Williams

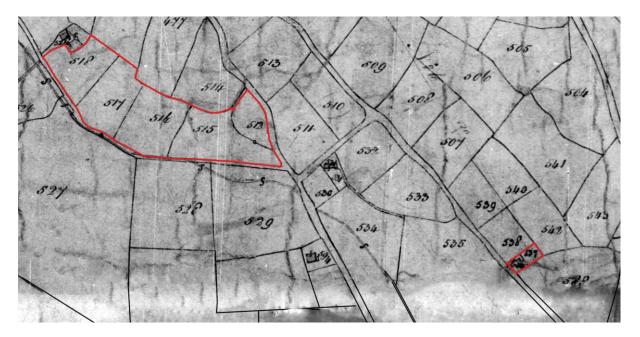
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537	Garden	Garden		10			
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Occupier: Thomas Osborne (Miner)

Landowner: Elizabeth Honicombe

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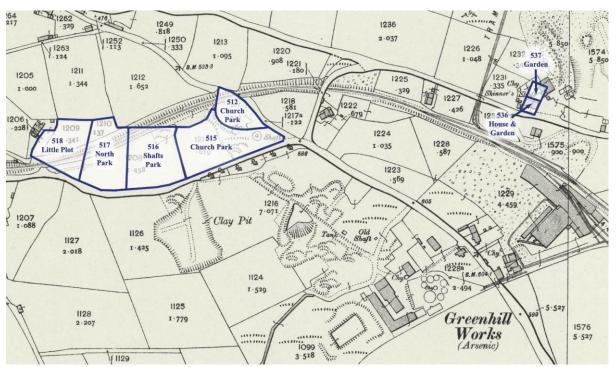
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515	Church Park	Arable	1	0	6				
516	Shafts Park	Arable		3	27				
517	North Park	Arable		3	14			•	
518	Little Plot	Arable		2	33				
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References: The National Archives, Kew.

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Thomas Osborne

Thomas Osborne appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Chilsworthy, Gunnislake. Thomas is listed as a copper miner aged 59, in the same household are Jane (56), William (29) a copper miner, Thomas (23) and Richard (20) both copper miners, Elizabeth Johns (15) and William Osborne (7), all born in Cornwall. Seven year old William was Thomas Osborne's grandson, the son of William Osborne (a widower) and his late wife Ann, and was baptised at Calstock in 1833.

The Calstock registers of baptisms record eleven children born to Thomas and Jane (aka Jenny) Osborne (née Rowe) between 1802 and 1827.³

Thomas was born at St Dennis, likely in the second half of the 1770s, unfortunately a baptism cannot be found for him. From the ages noted for him 1841 (59), 1851 (74) and 1856 (81) he was born between 1775 and 1782.

Thomas Osborne married Jenny Rowe at Calstock on 26th June 1798. Thomas noted as of the parish of St Dennis and Jenny as "of the parish of Tavistock, sojourner here". Despite describing Jenny as a "sojourner" it appears that she was likely born in the parish of Calstock, there are no baptisms for a Jenny or Jane Rowe for the period in Tavistock or surrounding west Devon parishes, however, there is a baptism of a Jenny Rowe at Calstock on 15th September 1782, the daughter of William and Jane Rowe. S

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at Dimson, Gunnislake. Note that the address given as Dimson, probably still refers to the dwelling from the 1839 Tithe, the location of which is approximately halfway between Chilsworthy and Dimson. Thomas (74) is listed as a pauper, born at St Dennis, Jane (69) and son Thomas (37) a copper miner, both born at Calstock.⁶

Jane Osborne died later that year and was buried at Calstock on 26th November 1851. Thomas died in 1856, according to the burial register at the age of 81 and of Calstock, he was buried at Calstock on 17th February.⁷

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN12 PN16.
- 2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
- 3. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2, Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
- 4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 5. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
- 6. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN142 PN14.
- 7. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Mine Worker: James Paul

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): St Ann's Chapel. Dwelling on Tithe Map located immediately north of Drakes View on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

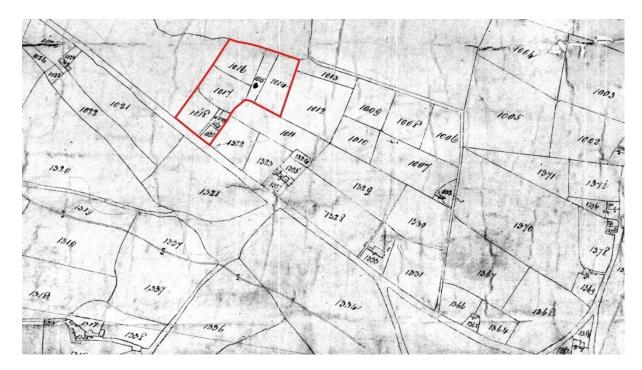
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Occupier: James Paul (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

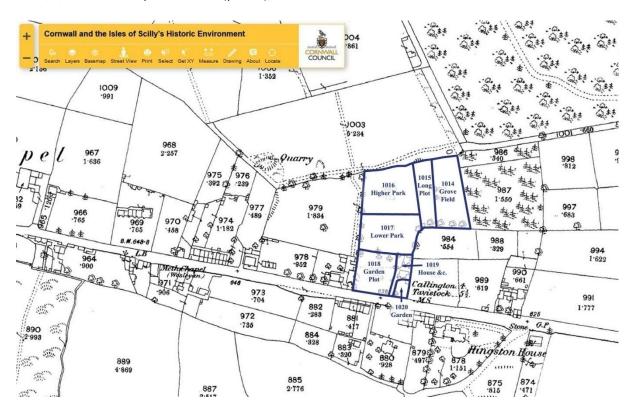
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1019	House &c.				20				
1020	Garden	Garden			11				
1014	Grove Field	Arable		2	26				
1015	Long Plot	Arable		1	3				
1016	Higher Park	Arable		2	28				
1017	Lower Park	Arable		2	24				
1018	Garden Plot	Garden		1	37				
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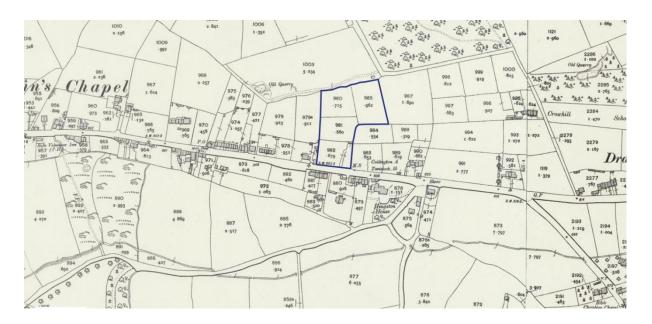
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Cornwall Council Historical Mapping - Ordnance Survey "Epoch 1" (1875-1901). This map shows a dwelling at position of the house on 1839 Tithe Map (Plot 1019). This building does not appear on the OS 25 Inch Map (see below).



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

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James Paul

James Paul appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at St Ann's Chapel. James is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Eleanor (40), James (15), Joseph (10), John (9), Solomon (8), Abel (5) and Ann(3) all born in Cornwall.¹

The Calstock registers of baptisms record seven children born to James and Eleanor between 1824 and $1838.^2$

James Paul and Elinor Nichols (sic) were married at Calstock on 24th July 1823, both were noted as "sojourners, of this parish".³

It is difficult to be certain about James Paul's parish of origin, but it is probable that he was from a St Agnes family - a James Paul was born in St Agnes on 13th December 1795, the son of William and Mary and was baptised in the parish church on 15th May 1796. James died on 17th January 1850 at the age of 54 and was buried at Calstock on 20th January.

James Paul's Will (Proved 1st August 1850) mentions his house, garden plot, Lower Park, Higher Park and Grove Hill and the distribution of such to his widow and children.⁶

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the Paul(I) family at St Ann's Chapel. Eleanor (51) (widow) is noted as a "householder with 6 acres land" born Kenwyn, James (27) an engineer, Joseph (21), Solomon (17) and Abel (15) all copper miners, and Ann (13) all born in Calstock.⁷

Eleanor Paul (née Nicholls) was baptised at Kenwyn on 30th June 1799, the daughter of John and Charity Nicholls (née Robins) 8, who were married at Kenwyn in 1775. 9

Eleanor died (aged 82) at St Ann's Chapel in 1882, and was buried on 18th January. 10



The Headstone of James and Eleanor Paul in Calstock Churchyard. (Image: Ainsley Cocks)

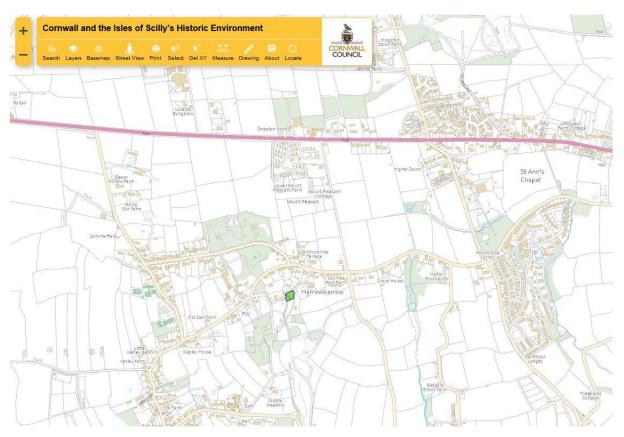
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- 2. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
- 3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 4. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1791-1812. Ref: KK P2/1/7.
- 5. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
- 6. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court Will of James Paul, miner of Calstock, 1850. Ref: KK AP/P/5187.
- 7. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN113 PN47.
- 8. Kenwyn Register of baptisms, 1774-1804. Ref: KK P98/1/4.
- 9. Kenwyn Register of marriages, 1772-1784. Ref: KK P98/1/6.
- 10. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

Mine Worker: Isaac Perry

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Coombe, Harrowbarrow. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at

Coombe Cottage on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

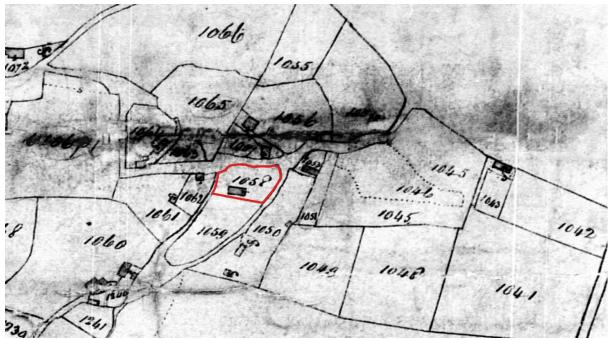
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Occupier: Isaac Perry (Miner)

Landowner: Elizabeth Matthews

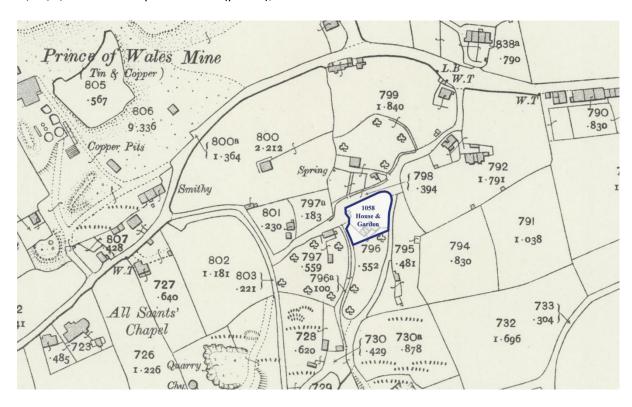
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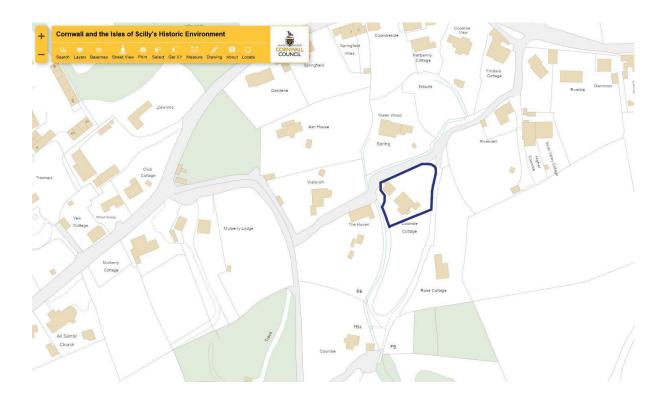
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Isaac Perry

Isaac Perry appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Coombe, and is listed as a copper miner aged 30, in the same household are Jane (25), Joseph (10), Isaac (7), Simon (2) and John (8 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹

Isaac was born in the parish of Calstock and baptised on 24th February 1811 ², son of Abraham and Anne Perry (née Best), who were married at Calstock in 1799. ³ Isaac's elder sister Sarah Perry was married to Harrowbarrow miner William Cole, see separate entry for further details.

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 1772,⁴ the son of Simon and Elizabeth Perry (née James) who were married at St Agnes in 1765.⁵

By contrast, Isaac Perry had moved west to mid-Cornwall (before August 1831), at the time of his marriage to Jane Cocking at St Austell on 6th August 1831, Joseph was noted (as indeed was Jane) "of this parish". 6

The couple's eldest son, Joseph Cocking Perry, was born at Mount Charles, St Austell in 1832, Isaac described as a miner. Evidently the family had fallen on hard times - the Court of the Cornwall Quarter Sessions on 8th April 1834 granted an Appeal by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Calstock against an order for the removal of "Jane Perry wife of Isaac Perry and Joseph Cocking Perry, her child aged about two years", from the parish of Saint Austell to the parish of Calstock. Effectively they were regarded as St Austell parishioners and St Austell was therefore responsible for the payment of poor relief. Jane Cocking was actually born in St Agnes in 1812, but brought up in the parish of St Austell where her siblings John, Catherine and Joseph were baptised between 1815 and 1823.

By early 1836 their position must have improved, as the family are living in the neighbouring parish of St Blazey. On 21st February 1836 a daughter, Jane Perry, was baptised at "her father's house" in St Blazey, this was a Bible Christian (Luxulyan Circuit) baptism, where children were often baptised at home. Isaac again recorded as a miner and wife Jane's parents noted as Joseph and Elizabeth Cocking.¹¹

Between 1836 and 1839 the family returned to Isaac's home parish and were living at Coombe Cottage, Harrowbarrow. Isaac, Jane and family were still there in 1842 when their son John Cocking Perry died aged just 16 months. 12

The family again moved, this time a short distance north to Higher Land, Stoke Climsland, where sadly both Jane (Jenny) Perry died (aged 32) in July 1844, and son Simon (aged 6) in December of the same year. Both were buried at Stoke Climsland.¹³

It appears that Isaac Perry returned to the mines of mid-Cornwall, there was a burial of an Isaac Perry (aged 46, of Par) at Par (St Mary's Church) on 23rd May 1857. ¹⁴ There was no other Isaac Perry of a suitable age for this to have been anyone else.

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN46 PN16.
- 2. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
- 3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 4. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1741-1788. Ref: KK P2/1/3.
- 5. St Agnes Register of marriages and banns, 1754-1778. Ref: KK P2/1/4.
- 6. St Austell Register of marriages, 1830-1837. Ref: KK P8/1/15.
- 7. St Austell Register of baptisms, 1826-1839. Ref: KK P8/1/14.
- 8. Cornwall Online Parish Clerks Calstock, Parish Settlement Records. Removal Order Appeal (Cornwall Quarter Sessions transcribed by John Evans from LDS film 1596469, image 202). https://www.opc-cornwall.org/settlement/calstock_settlement_perry_jane_1834.pdf
- 9. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1788-1812. Ref: KK P2/1/5.
- 10. St Austell Register of baptisms, 1813-1826. John Cocking in 1815 and Joseph Cocking in 1823. Ref: KK P8/1/10. Catherine Cocking in 1821 at St Austell Wesleyan Church Cornwall Baptisms St Austell Wesleyan. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions.
- 11. Cornwall Baptisms Luxulyan Circuit Bible Christian. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions, and Cornwall OPC Database.
- 12. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 13. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1813-1864. Ref: KK P215/1/7.
- 14. Par Register of burials, 1857-1887. Ref: KK P171/1/11.

Mine Worker: Richard Prior

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at 7 Star Park, Gunnislake, Calstock on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

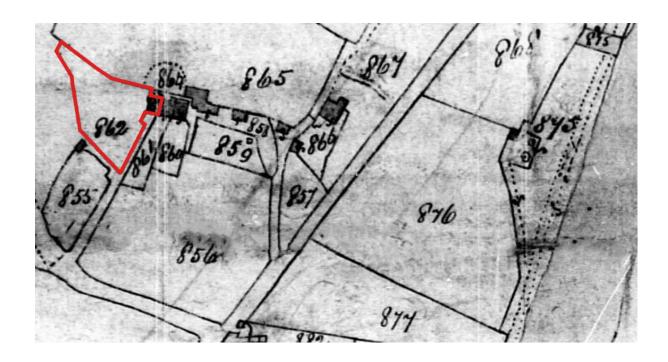
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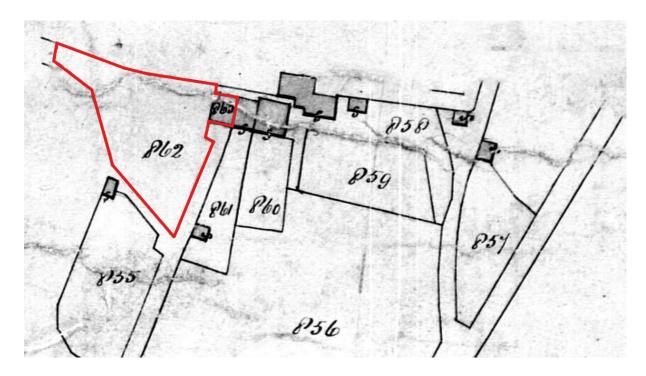


Occupier: Richard Prior (Miner)

Landowner: James Spargo

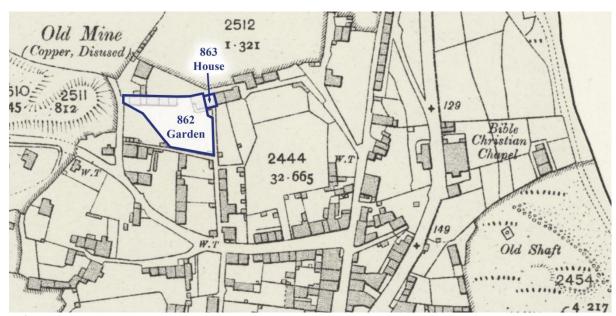
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863	House			•	2				
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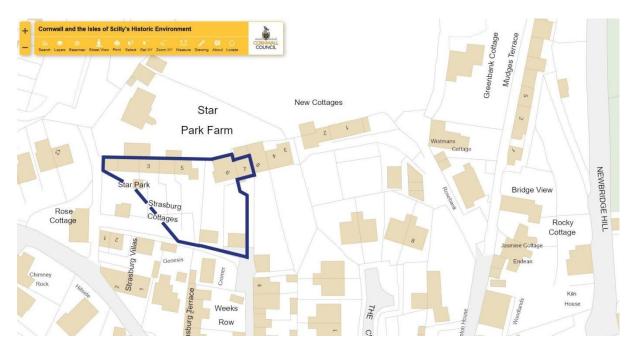
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Richard Prior

Richard Prior appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. He is listed as a copper miner aged 35, in the same household are Jane Prior (35), Elizabeth J (13), Edward (11), Richard (9), John (6) and Ann (2), all born in Cornwall.¹

Despite the indication that he was born in Cornwall, Richard Prior was baptised at Tavistock on 19th January 1805, the son of Edward (a miner) and Elizabeth Prior (née Doidge) ², who were married at Tavistock in 1792. ³ The Prior family were found both at Calstock and Tavistock in this period,

Richard's sister Martha Prior married miner William Knight Statton at Calstock in 1827, see separate entry for William Knight Statton.

Richard Prior married Jane Seccombe at Calstock on 24th February 1827, Richard a "sojourner of this parish" and Jane "of this parish".⁴

The couple had four children baptised at Calstock - Elizabeth Jane (1829), Edward (1831), Richard (1833) and John (1836), the family resided at Gunnislake and in all records Richard was noted as a miner. ⁵ There does not appear to be a baptism for Ann, her birth does appear in the Civil Registration Birth Index - Liskeard Reg. District - Ann Prier, 3rd Quarter of 1839, mother's maiden name Seecombe. ⁶

Jane Seccombe was born in the parish of Calstock in 1807, the daughter of Stephen and Jenny/Jane Seccombe (née Thomas), and was baptised in the parish church on 25th October.⁷

Stephen Seccombe and Jenny Thomas were married at Calstock on 21st January 1791. Stephen Seccombe was a miner from the parish of Illogan, baptised there on 1st January 1766, the son of Nicholas and Anne Seccombe. One of Stephen's brothers, James Seccombe, also made the move eastwards, marrying Betsy Nettle at Calstock in 1797.

Jane's brother Stephen Seccombe was a miner/smallholder at Coxpark, see separate entry for further information.

Jane Prior died at the age of 35 in 1843, and was buried at Calstock on 23rd April. 11

On 13th November 1845 at Tavistock, Richard Prior married Elizabeth (Betsy) Milford, Elizabeth noted as residing in Tavistock and the daughter of George Merrifield, labourer and Richard Prior described as a miner of Calstock, son of Edward Prior, miner.¹²

Betsy was the widow of Calstock miner James Milford (who died in 1843), originally marrying him (as Betsy Piercy Merrifield) at Tavistock in 1829, see separate entry for James Milford for further details.

The 1851 Calstock Census finds the family at Lower Dimson, Gunnislake - Richard Prior (45) mine labourer, wife Elizabeth (48), Richard (18) and John (15) both mine labourers and Ann (12), all born Calstock. However, as noted above, it was only the three children who were born in the parish of Calstock, both Richard and Betsy/ Elizabeth were from Tavistock.

Richard Prior died aged 47 at Gunnislake on 24th July 1853, and was buried at Calstock on the 27th. 14

Richard's Will (Proven 19th October 1853) reveals that he owned or held the leases on a surprising amount of property. As well as financial legacies mainly derived from rents of houses and gardens he left:

1. Wife, Betsy and daughter, Ann - ".....the house we now and for many years past have lived in with all the goods and chattels it contains to live in with Ann my youngest child until she is twenty one years old and then she Ann is to have the House now occupied by James Reynolds and my beloved Wife to live with her in the same House if so disposed as long as she may live and that the sum of Four pounds sterling every three calendar months be kept out of the rents of the houses and Gardens for their support until Ann is 21 years old."

- 2. Daughter, Elizabeth Jane Evans "to Elizabeth Jane Evans my eldest Daughter the House now occupied by her husband and family for ever."
- 3. Son, Edward Prior "I give and bequeath to Edward Prior my eldest Son the House now occupied by Steven Seccombe and the House that Thomas Paull lives in for ever."
- 4. Son, Richard Prior "I give and bequeath unto my second Son Richard Prior the House we now live in after Ann is 21 and the House occupied by Henry Wooldridge for ever."
- 5. Son, John Prior "I give and bequeath to John Prior my youngest Son the House now occupied by John Seccombe and the house occupied by Richard Redicliffe for ever." ¹⁵

In total eight houses and an unspecified number of gardens, in modern parlance an impressive Property Portfolio!

The 1851 Census lists all of the above (with the exception of daughter Elizabeth Evans, who lived with her husband William and children Jane Ann and Richard at Middle Dimson ¹⁶) in consecutive order at Lower Dimson, strongly suggesting a terrace of houses. Note that the number is the Enumerator's Schedule number, not an actual house address number. Personal names are spelled as they appear in the Census.¹⁷

111	Henry Woolridge (46)	(and 4 others)	copper miner	born	Tavistock
112	Stephen Sercombe (29)	(and 2 others)	copper miner	born	Calstock
113	John Seccombe (24)	(and 1 other)	copper miner	born	Calstock
114	James Rennolds (28)	(and 2 others)	copper miner	born	Calstock
115	Thomas Paul (25)	(and 3 others)	working engineer	born	Perranzabuloe
116	Richard Reddicliffe (50)	(and 5 others)	ag. labourer	born	Mary Tavy
117	Richard Prior (45)	(and 4 others)	mine labourer	born	Calstock

Elizabeth (Betsey) Prior died aged 65 at Gunnislake in 1866, and was buried at Calstock on 3rd July. 18

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN8 PN9.
- 2. Devon Baptisms Tavistock. Ref: 482A-PR/1/3 South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
- 3. Devon Marriages & Banns Tavistock (findmypast.co.uk) South West Heritage Trust.
- 4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 5. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
- 6. England & Wales Births 1837-2006 Ann Prier Mother's Maiden Name Seecombe 3rd Q of 1839, Liskeard Registration District Volume 9 Page 135. (findmypast.co.uk).
- 7. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.

- 8. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 9. Cornwall Baptisms Illogan. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
- 10. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 11. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 12. Devon Marriages & Banns Tavistock. Ref: 482A-PR/1/27 South West Heritage Trust (findmypast.co.uk).
- 13. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN151 PN33.
- 14. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
- 15. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court Will of Richard Prior, miner, of Calstock, 1853. Ref: KK AP/P/5260.
- 16. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN145 PN21.
- 17. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN151 PN32 & 33.
- 18. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

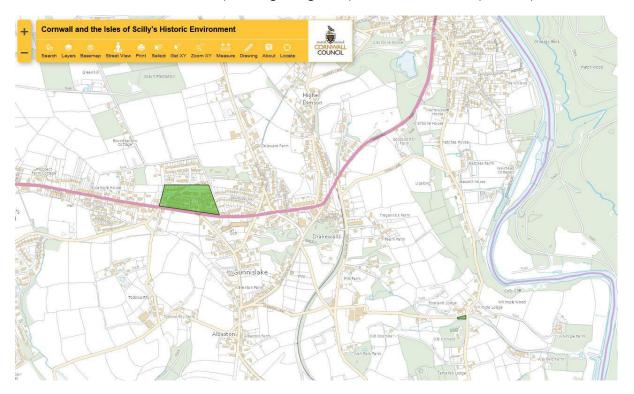
Parish: Calstock

Mine Worker: William Ralph

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): North Prospect, St Ann's Chapel. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at "Highfield" on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Plot noted as Orchard on Tithe. Nominal centre of plot immediately to the north of Old Orchard at the corner of Bakers Lane on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX42102 70828 (dwelling at Highfield) and SX43307 70325 (Orchard).

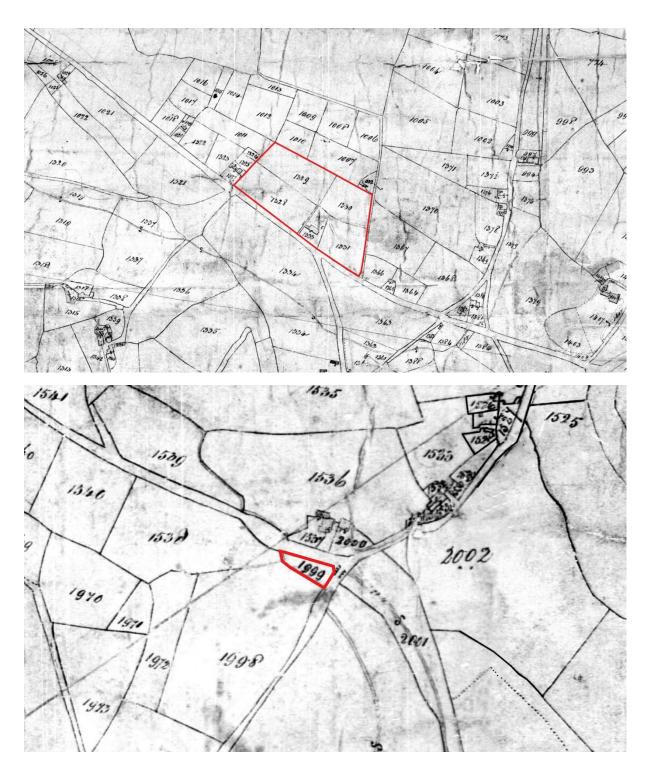


Occupier: William Ralph (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

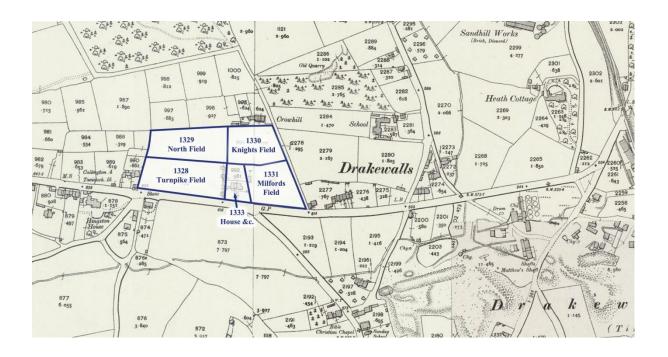
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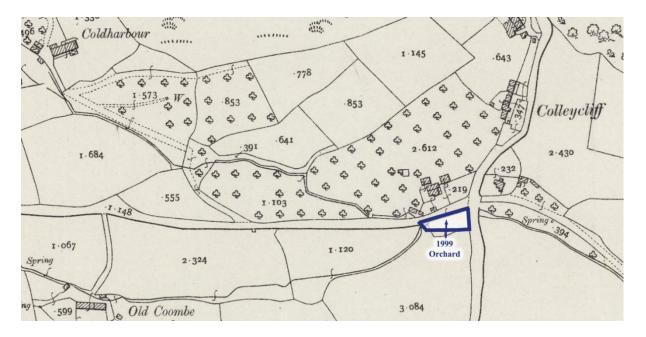
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1330	Knights Field	Arable	1	0	37			
1331	Milfords Field	Arable	1	1	19			
1328	Turnpike Field	Arable	1	3	24			
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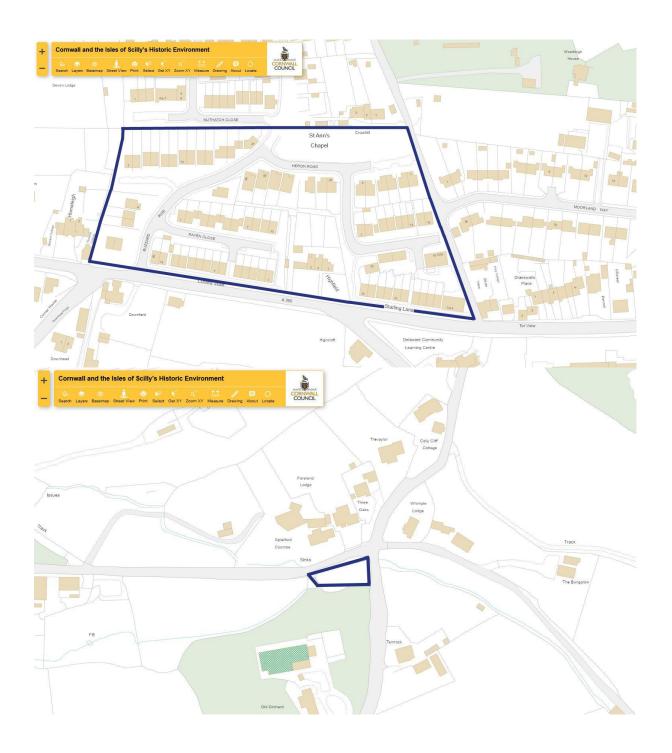




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William Ralph

William Ralph appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at "North Prospect", St Ann's Chapel, and is listed as a copper miner aged 56, in the same household are Henry Ralph (20) and Eliza Ralph (25), also in the same household are Samuel Bescumbe (35) a stone mason, Ann Bescumbe (25) together with William Bescumbe (4) and John Bescumbe (2), all born in Cornwall.¹

William was born in the parish of Calstock in 1785, and baptised on 10th July, the son of Peter and Jane Ralph (née Eudey).² William Ralph and Jane Eudey were married at Calstock on 6th May 1784, William described as "sojourner of this parish".³

William Ralph married Elizabeth Eudey at Stoke Damerel on 12th February 1810, William was noted as a stone mason.⁴ William and Elizabeth's first child Eliza Wyatt Ralph was born in St Stephen by Saltash and baptised in the parish church on 2nd December 1810.⁵

The family returned to the parish of Calstock, where three further children were born to the couple - Ann in 1812, William in 1816 and Henry in 1818, the baptisms of William and Henry record William's occupation as miner. Elizabeth Ralph died in 1839, at the age of 66 (according to the burial register), and was buried at Calstock on 19th August. 1

Ann Ralph had married Samuel Bescumbe in 1836 at Calstock,⁸ and they were the couple (with their two children) living with her father and two of her siblings at North Prospect, St Ann's Chapel in 1841.

William Ralph died on 27th March 1843 and was buried at Calstock on 30th March. His Will is of particular interest as he left three houses to his three surviving children (second son Henry had died aged 24, in an accident at Holmbush Mine (approximately four miles to the west in the neighbouring parish of Stoke Climsland) on 4th January 1843). The houses do seem to be the terrace now known as Highfield, called "North Prospect" in the 1841 Census and described in the Will as at Hingston Down, which is an accurate description of the land to the north of the road at St Ann's Chapel clearly only recently enclosed, farmed and developed from the downs -

"I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Eliza one of my houses situate on Hingston Down, being the westernmost of my three houses....." - "I give and bequeath to my second daughter Ann, one of my said three houses on Hingston Down, being the middle house." - "I give and bequeath to my only son William, one of my said three houses on Hingston Down being the easternmost house".

William left all his fields, gardens and outhouses equally between his three children, with the proviso that should daughter Eliza and son William die without lawful issue then their portion of the houses and lands would go to his grandson Samuel Biscombe junr. (sic).¹¹

In 1840 son William Ralph had married Jane Clarke¹² of Lydford, Dartmoor and in 1841 the couple were living with Jane's family at Bryland, Hexworthy, in the parish of Lydford, where he was working as a tin miner.¹³ By 1843 William Ralph jun. (and Jane) had moved back to the house at St Ann's Chapel, they had five daughters all baptised at Calstock between 1843 and 1855.¹⁴

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at St Ann's Chapel. William (35) is a copper miner, Jane (28) born Lidford, Elizabeth (7), Mary Jane (4) and Emma (1) all born at Calstock. 15

William's sister Ann Bescumbe is living next-door, described as a widow aged 36 (her husband Samuel Bescumbe died at the age of 40 in August 1844)¹⁶, with sons William (15) a mine labourer and Samuel (10). Also in the household were lodgers - Thomas Verran (27) an engineer born Perran(arworthal), John Addams (23) an engineer born Breage and Thomas Dawe (22) a copper miner born South Sydenham.¹⁷

Tragically, William Ralph (junr.) also died in a mining accident. He was killed at Wheal Arthur on 2nd August 1855, aged 39, and was buried at Calstock on 5th August. 18



The Headstone of brothers Henry and William Ralph, in Calstock Churchyard. (Image: Stephen Colwill)

In Memory of

HENRY RALPH

of this parish

who was unfortunately Killed

at Holmbush Mine

January 4 1843

aged 24years

Also WILLIAM RALPH

brother of the above

who by accident was killed at Wheal Arthur Mine

in this parish

02 Aug 1855

aged 38

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN5 PN2.
- 2. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
- 3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 4. Devon Marriages & Banns Stoke Damerel Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (original image) (findmypast.co.uk).
- 5. Cornwall Baptisms St Stephens by Saltash. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
- 6. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/3 & KK P26/1/6.
- 7. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 8. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 10. Ibid.
- 11. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court Will of William Ralph, miner of Calstock, 1843. Ref: KK AP/R/4473.
- 12. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 Name: William Ralph Registration Year: 1840 Registration Quarter: Oct-Nov-Dec Registration District: Tavistock Volume: 9 Page: 555 (Ancestry.co.uk).
- 13. 1841 Devon Census, Lidford. Ref: HO107 PN232 BN7 FN6 PN6.
- 14. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1830-1851 & 1851-1865. Refs: KK P26/1/7 & KK P26/1/8.
- 15. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN112 PN45.
- 16. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 17. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN112 PN45.
- 18. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: Calstock

Mine Worker: William Reynolds, son of Ann Reynolds (Occupier)

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Dwelling and garden on Tithe Map Plan No. 1479. The building is depicted on the Tithe Map, but does not appear on the OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914 or on modern mapping. From the 1841 Census it appears that the settlement was named "Vagwell" at Hatches Green, seemingly a "lost" parish placename and residence.

Grid Reference: SX43224 71009 (approximate site of dwelling).



Occupier: Ann Reynolds (with son William Reynolds (Miner))

Landowner: Thomas Knight

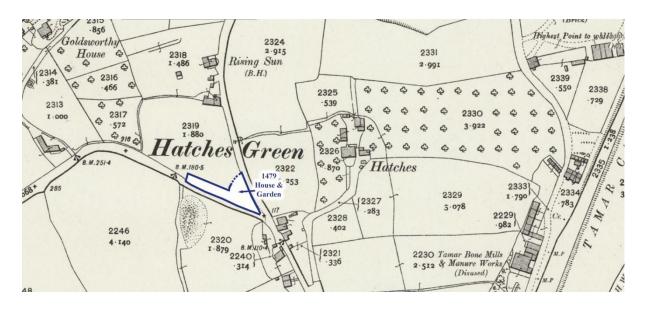
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Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

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The Reynolds Family

The widowed Ann Reynolds appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Vagwell, Hatches Green. Ann is 45 and not born in Cornwall, in the same household are William Reynolds (21) a miner and Ann Reynolds (15), both born in Cornwall, together with what appears to be a lodger, a miner named John Kessell (25), also born in Cornwall.¹

Ann was born in Newent, Gloucestershire in 1796 and was baptised there on 28th September, the daughter of Michael and Jemima Kent. Michael Kent was a miner from Gwennap (very likely the Michael baptised there on 19th July 1760, son of Michael Kent and Margaret (née Berriman) and was one of the early Cornish copper miners at Amlwch on Anglesey - a daughter Margaret was baptised at Amlwch on 23rd September 1792. Before the turn of the century the family were back in Cornwall, son Hugh Kent was baptised at Callington on 20th October 1799.

Michael Kent died in 1813 and was buried at Calstock on 28th April of that year, aged 52 and described as of Tavistock. Jemima's origins are not known and she died at "Williams Town" (Gunnislake) in 1817 aged 47 and was buried at Calstock on 28th May.

Ann Kent married James Reynolds at Calstock on 21st April 1818, both were described as "of this parish".⁸

James and Ann had five children baptised at Calstock between 1818 and 1826, including William in 1820 and Ann in 1826.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to determine the exact origins of James Reynolds. There were two men of that name (both miners) married in Calstock within two years, the second James Reynolds married a Jane Lee on 6th November 1820. This second James Reynolds died (aged 27) in 1824 and was buried at Calstock on 21st August. There is only one baptism of a James Reynolds at Calstock of a suitable age - James, son of William and Maria Reynolds on 16th January 1797. This is almost certainly the "second" James and makes him a brother-in-law of miner John Buckingham also of Hatches Green, see separate entry for further details.

It does seem likely that Ann Reynolds was a widow by the time of the 1841 Census, but it does not appear that her husband James died in the parish, there are no further burials of any James Reynolds (or variants) at Calstock. Most likely he died in a distant mining district, quite possibly even abroad.





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PRICE FOUR

CALSTOCK.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Tuesday, 12th of May next, by Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Cornish Inn, at Gunnislake, in the Parish of Calstock, kept by Mr. Joseph Strick.

Lot 1.—The Fee-Simple and Inheritance of and in all that BARN, STABLE, and about half an Acre of CHERRY GARDEN, situate at Vagwell, in the said Parish of Calstock, and now in the occupation of Mr. Richard Doidge.

Lot 2.—The Customary Fee of and in all that excellent DWELLING HOUSE, together with about three quarters of an Acre of Walled Garden, stocked with choice fruit Trees, situate at Vagwell, aforesaid, and now in the occupation of the said Mr. Richard Doidge.

Lot 3.—For the remainder of a Term of 99 Years determinable upon the death of one healthy life, aged about 32 years, all those Three COTTAGES, GARDENS, and PIGS' HOUSES, thereto belonging, situate at Vagwell, aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Ann Reynalds, Wm. Rowe, and George Mylor; together with about two Acres of excellent Meadow and Orchard Land, now in the occupation of the said Mr. Richard Doidge.

The above will be Sold either together or in separate Lots to suit the convenience of Purchasers.

The Premises are in a high state of cultivation, and produce a great quantity of fruit every year, and are pleasantly situated near Gunnislake, adjoining the banks of the River Tamar, where there is a daily communication to Plymouth and Devonport Markets.

For viewing the same apply to the Tenants in possession, and for any further information to Mr. Nathaniel Smith, Mary-tavy, near Tavistock, Mr. Henry Couch, Trebartha, North-hill; or to

Mr. G. W. SNELL, Attorney-at-Law, Callington.

Dated 10th April. 1840.

Royal Cornwall Gazette advert from 1840, showing Ann Reynalds (sic) as a tenant at Vagwell. 13

The 1851 Census shows the family still living at Hatches Green. Head of Household Ann Reynolds (52) a widow, born N(ot) K(nown) Gloucestershire, daughter Ann Treweek (24) born Calstock, son-in-law Isaac Treweek (27) copper miner born Gwennap (Ann Reynolds married Isaac Treweek at Stoke Damerel on 16th November 1850 ¹⁴), Elizabeth Treweek (4 mths) granddaughter born Calstock, William Reynolds (8) grandson born Linkinhorne, Jane Jenkin (21) niece, Count House maid born Lanlivery, and lodgers - Mary J Rowe (13) copper dresser born Calstock, John Penalurick (19) copper miner born Gwennap and George Wonnacott (21) agricultural labourer born N(ot) K(nown).¹⁵

1861 again finds the family at Hatches Green, although now headed by Ann's brother Hugh. Hugh Kent (62) copper miner born Gwennap, Ann Reynolds (64) sister (widow) born Gwennap (as we have seen above both these places of birth are incorrect, although the Kent family do have their origins at Gwennap), together with lodgers - Elizabeth Sennett (18) "work at mine" born St Blazey and Edward Branch (19) copper miner born Gwinear.¹⁶

In 1866, veteran miner Hugh Kent was evidently working at the East Tamar Silver Lead Mine, across the river in the parish of Bere Ferrers. In July of that year he (along with fellow miner Nathaniel Robins of Bere Alston) took one of the Mine's Shareholders (Thomas Vosper) to Court for non-payment of £9 1s. 5d. (unpaid wages). See entry for Nathaniel Robins in the Bere Ferrers section, for newspaper reports of the case.

The 1871 Census list the family at Hatches. Hugh Kent (71) retired miner born Callington, Ann Rawlings (sic) (73) sister (widow) born N(ot) K(nown) Gloucestershire and Celia Rowe (10) domestic servant born Lawhitton.¹⁷

Ann Reynolds died at Hatches Green in 1876 and was buried at Calstock on 8th May. ¹⁸ Hugh Kent was buried at Calstock on 8th November 1886, his place of residence (and death) was recorded as Union Workhouse, this would have been Tavistock (rather than Liskeard) at this time. ¹⁹

Ann and James Reynolds' son William Reynolds was baptised at Calstock on 6th February 1820, James noted as a miner with the residence recorded as Gunnislake.²⁰

Tracing William Reynolds in subsequent years is difficult as the "second" James Reynolds (& Jane, see above) also had a son named William, who was baptised at Calstock on 25th November 1821, with James a miner and the family's residence noted as Hatches.²¹

Given the usual age discrepancies in the Census Returns and in nineteenth century records generally, it is not certain which of the two Calstock born William Reynolds, appearing in the 1851 Census is which. What is clear however, is that they were both still miners.

One of the William Reynolds remained in the parish and married a Rebecca Main at Calstock on 8th November 1845, William noted as son of James Reynolds (miner) and Rebecca daughter of James Main (miner). This family appear on the 1851 census at Lower Dimson - William Reynolds (29) copper miner, wife Rebecka (22) and son James (2) all born Calstock. Rebecca Main was born at Chilsworthy in 1828, and was the daughter of another featured miner James Main, see separate entry.

The other William Reynolds was still single and on the 1851 Census was living 15 miles or so to the north west at Lewannick, lodging (with a fellow Calstock miner) at the Inn kept by Josias Colwill and his wife Elizabeth. Lewannick village (Inn) - Lodgers - William Reynolds (28) miner and Thomas Phillipps (22) miner, both born Calstock.²⁴

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN27 PN11.
- 2. England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975 Gloucestershire, Newent. Index Family Search Intl. (findmypast.co.uk).
- 3. Gwennap Register of baptisms, marriages & burials, 1744-1786. Ref: KK P79/1/2.
- 4. National Library of Wales, Baptisms & Burials, 1779-1801 Anglesey, Amlwch Anglesey Baptisms, page 60. Welsh Archive Services / Gwasanaethau Archifau Cymru. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
- 5. Cornwall Baptisms Callington. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions.
- 6. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 7. Ibid.
- 8. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 9. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
- 10. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
- 11. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 12. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
- 13. Royal Cornwall Gazette (Truro), May 1st 1840, Number 3909, pg.3, col.7.
- 14. Devon Marriages & Banns Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
- 15. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN36 PN3.
- 16. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN26 PN46.
- 17. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2145 FN93 PN17.
- 18. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
- 19. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.
- 20. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
- 21. Ibid.
- 22. Calstock Register of marriages, 1837-1858. Ref: KK P26/1/13.
- 23. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN150 PN31.
- 24. 1851 Cornwall Census, Lewannick. Ref: HO107 PN1899 FN100 PN10. A small coincidence and as an aside, the Lewannick Innkeeper Josias Colwill was my (Stephen Colwill) 3x great uncle. In fact, his nephew and namesake Josias Colwill (born at Treneglos in 1849 (my great great grandfather)) and family relocated to the Tamar Valley (from the St Clether/Laneast area) in the early 1880s, living first at St Dominick and from the late 1890s at Sheepridge and Morwellham. Josias and several of his children and grandchildren were market gardeners and smallholders in the area. It certainly illustrates the fact that even after the mining boom was over, the district was still attracting economic migrants.

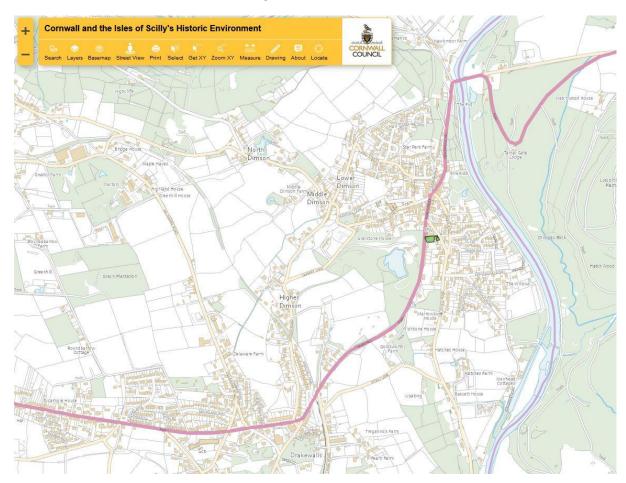
Parish: Calstock

Mine Worker: James Richards (senior)

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake, Calstock Road. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at

"Haydown" on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX43227 71571 (dwelling)

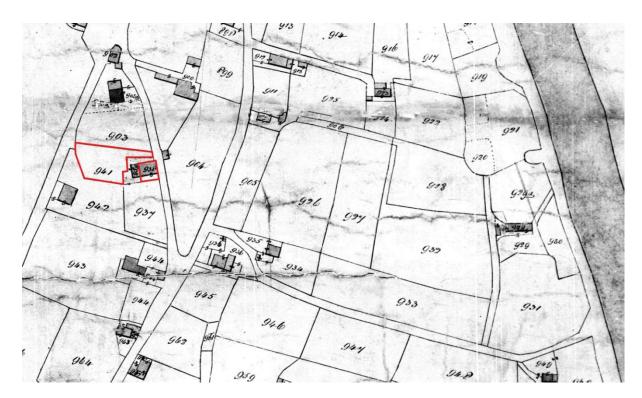


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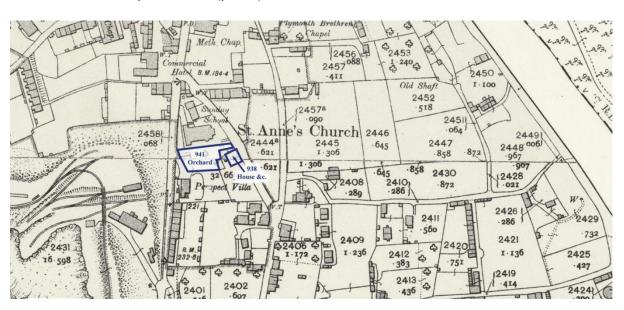
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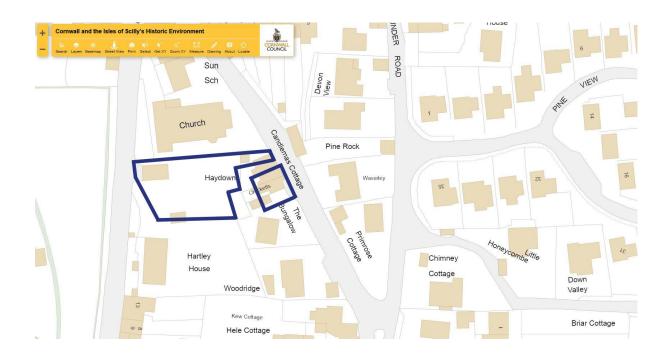
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James Richards

James Richards appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. James is listed as a miner aged 55, in the same household are Hannah (70), Hannah (25), Selina (4) and Mary (4 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹ Selina and Mary Richards were the daughters of James and Hannah's daughter Hannah (a spinster), and were baptised at Calstock in 1836 and 1841 respectively.²

Living at nearby Kingswood Cottage are James and Hannah's son James (born in the parish of Calstock in 1809) and family, see separate entry for details of James Richards (junior).

James Richards married Hannah Honeycombe (a widow, née Jope) at Calstock on 7th March 1809, James described as "sojourner" and Hannah "of this parish". At the time of his death in December 1844, the Calstock burial register noted his age as 62 , so he would have been born circa 1782. Unfortunately, the surname Richards is the third most common Cornish surname (after Williams and Thomas), and despite having a relatively less common first name such as James, there are over twenty possible candidates and without further information it is not possible to determine which James Richards lived at Gunnislake. However, given the distribution of his surname, James is most likely to have arrived in the area from the western half of Cornwall.

Hannah was born in 1767 in the neighbouring parish of St Dominick, the daughter of James and Hannah Jope, and was baptised in the parish church on 2nd February 1767. She married William Honeycombe (a fisherman) at Calstock on 22nd October 1793, the couple had five children baptised at Calstock between 1794 and 1805. For further information on William and Hannah's son William Honeycombe (born 1798), see separate entry for William Honeycombe (jnr. of Dimson). William Honeycombe died in 1806 and was buried at Calstock on 19th April. Hannah Richards (née Jope) died aged 82, in 1848, and was buried at Calstock on 5th January.

James and Hannah Richards' daughter, Hannah, was baptised at Calstock on 4th July 1813. ¹⁰ The 1851 Census lists Hannah Richards (39) a charwoman, living with her half-brother (noted as brother-in-law) John Honeycombe a copper miner, also in the household are Hannah's daughters Selina Richards (14) and Mary Richards (10) both working as copper dressers, all born in Calstock, as well as son Hugh Richards (2) born Liskeard. ¹¹

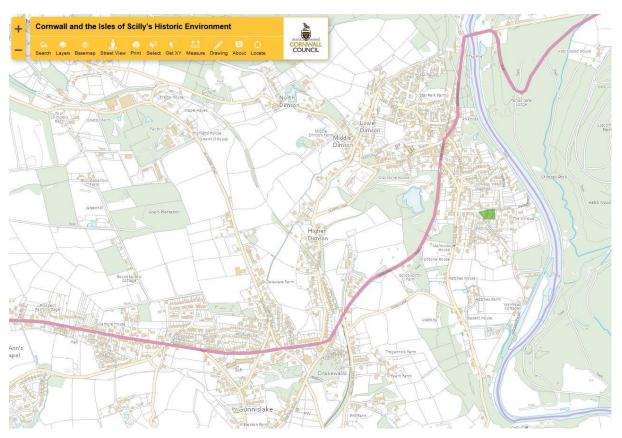
- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN27 PN10.
- 2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
- 3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1805-1813. Ref: KK P26/1/5.
- 4. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 5. St Dominick Register of baptisms, 1712-1813. Ref: KK P50/1/2.
- 6. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
- 7. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
- 8. Ibid.
- 9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
- 10. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
- 11. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN73 PN78.

Parish: Calstock

Mine Worker: James Richards (junior)

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake, Kingswood Road. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at "Hame" on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022). James Richards' residence in 1839 (Calstock baptismal register) and in 1841 Census is given as "Kingswood Cottage". The building shown as "Kingswood House" on the OS map 1892-1914 and as "Kingswood Cottage" on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022) is in the north east corner of Tithe plan no: 969.

Grid Reference: SX43356 71410 (dwelling)

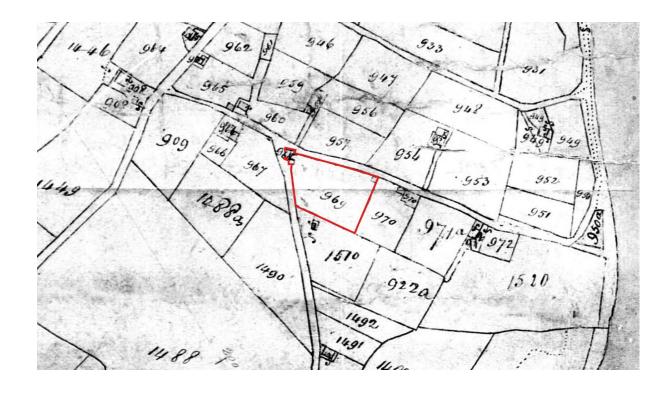


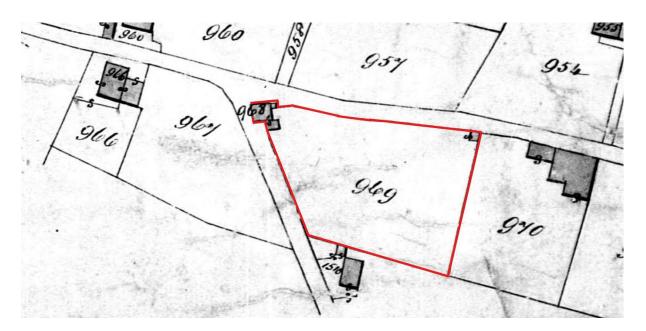
Occupier: James Richards (Miner)

Landowner: John Chowing (probably Chowen)

Tithe Apportionment Details:

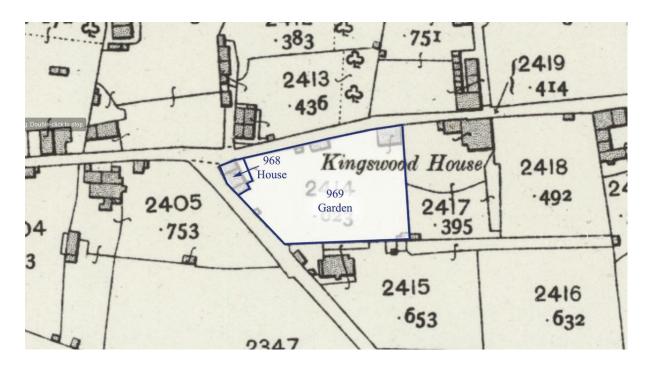
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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
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IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.

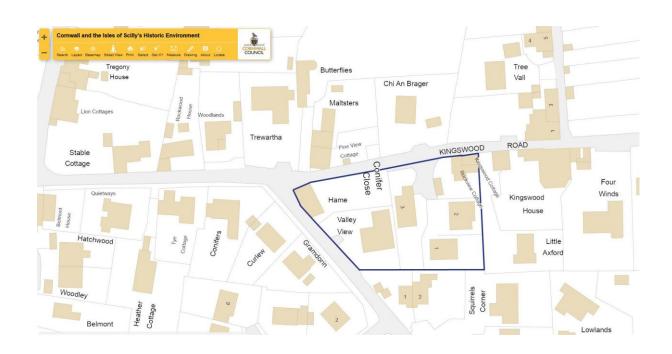
IR/30/6/24 - Tithe map of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=18&lat=50.52161&lon=-4.20994&layers=168&b=100.52161&lon=-4.20994&layers=168&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.2094&lon=-4.209



James Richards

James Richards appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Kingswood Cottage, Gunnislake. James is listed as a miner aged 30, in the same household are Betsey (21), Samuel (4) and James (2), all born in Cornwall with the exception of Betsey. The Calstock Registers of baptisms record nine children born to the couple between 1836 and 1858, the baptismal entry for second son James Jope Richards on 24th February 1839 mentions that the family's residence was Kingswood Cottage. 2

Living nearby are James' parents James and Hannah Richards, see separate entry for details of James Richards (senior).

James Richards was born in the parish of Calstock in 1809, and was baptised in the parish church on 7th May of that year, the son of James and Hannah Richards (née Honycombe) ³, who were married at Calstock on 7th March 1809. ⁴

James Richards married Betsey Northey at Tavistock on 24th May 1836.⁵

The 1851 Census lists the family at Gunnislake, James (41) is now a Mine Agent, Betsey's place of birth is given as Tavistock, Samuel (14) and James (11) are both now working as "Mine Boys", also in the household are sons Edward J (3) and Richard J (9 mo) and a visitor - Elizabeth Northey (19), a dressmaker born in Tavistock, perhaps a cousin to Betsey.⁶

- 1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN27 PN10.
- 2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851 & 1851-1865. Ref: KK P26/1/7 & KK P26/1/8.
- 3. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
- 4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1805-1813. Ref: KK P26/1/5.
- 5. Devon Marriages & Banns Tavistock (findmypast.co.uk) South West Heritage Trust.
- 6. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN65 PN63.