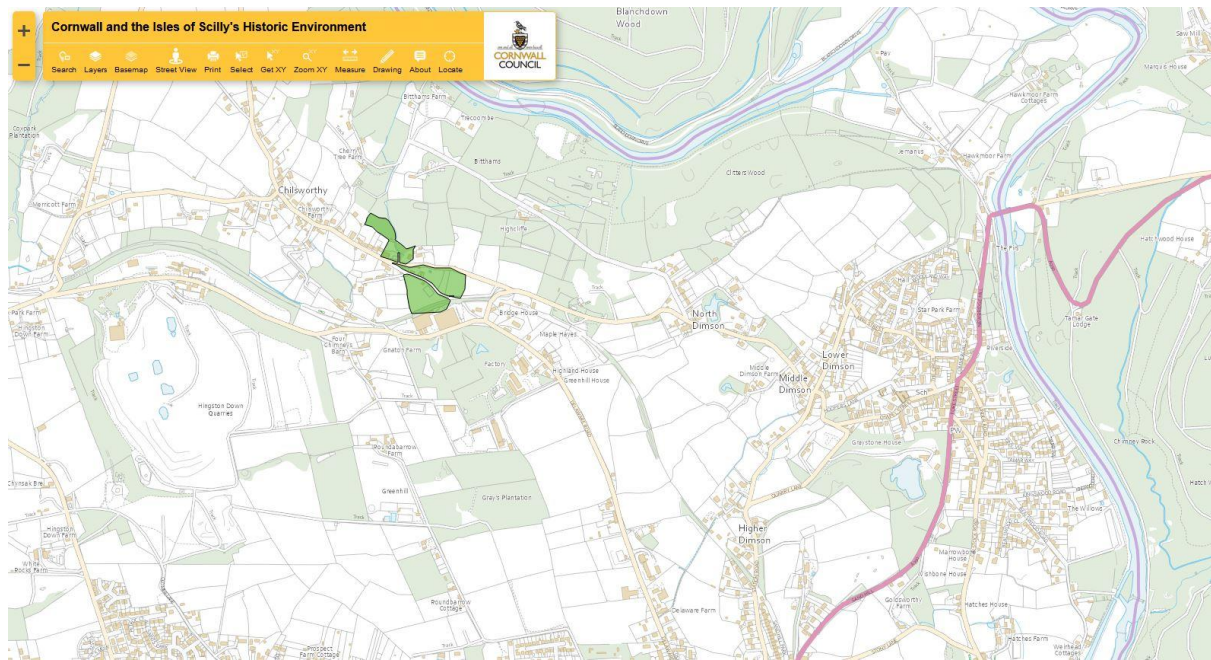


Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Workers: **James Seccombe and Samuel Seccombe**

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

Grid Reference: SX41637 72061 (dwelling)



Occupiers: James Seccombe and Samuel Seccombe (Miners and Mine Agents)

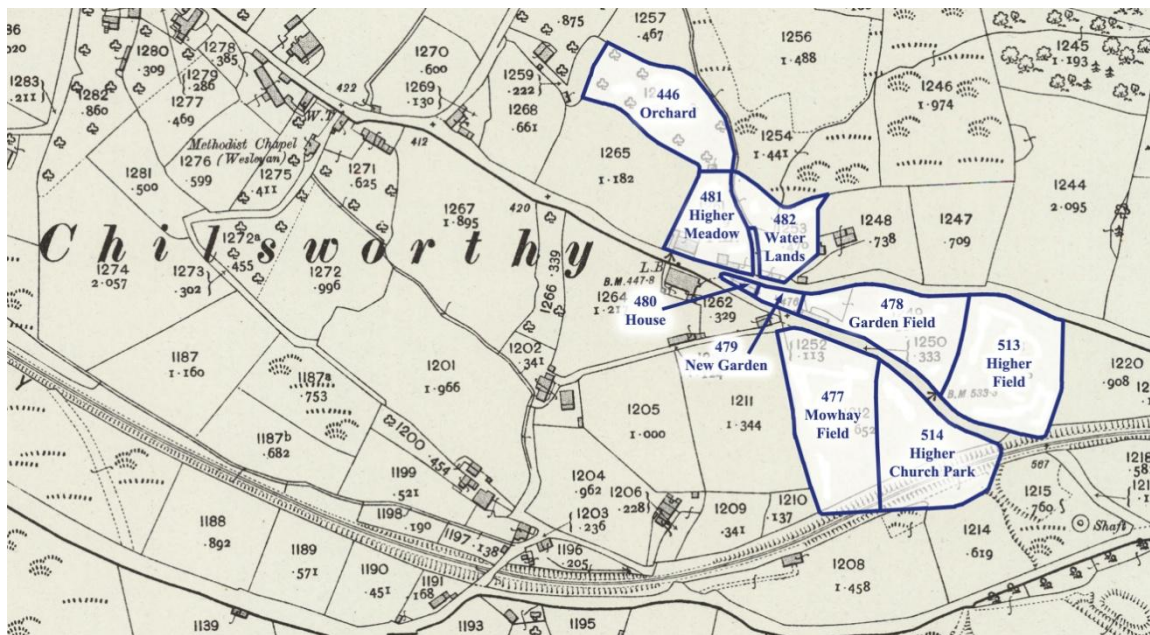
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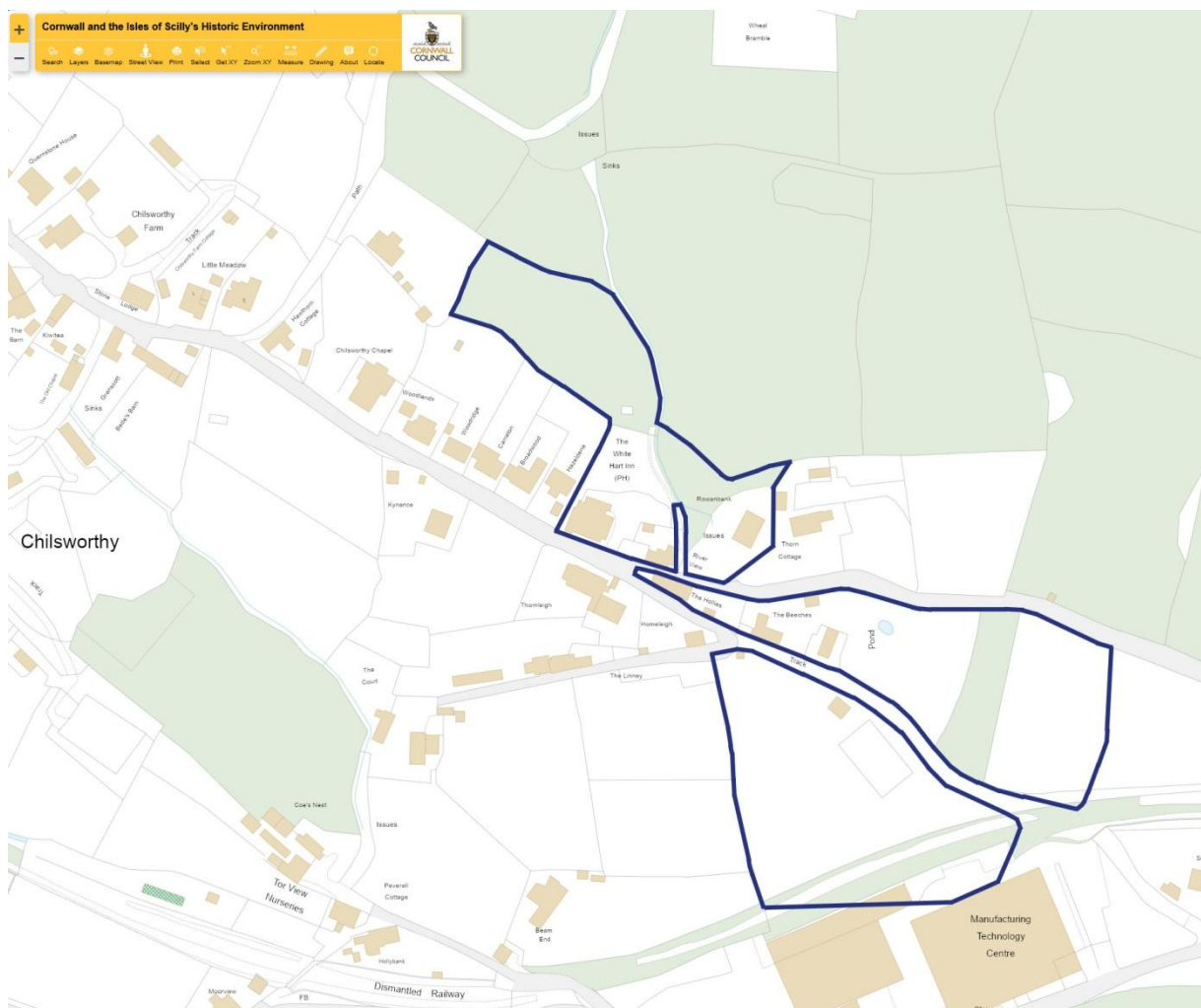
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446	Orchard	Orchard		3	0			
477	Mowhay Field	Arable	1	0	31			
478	Garden Field	Arable		3	14			
479	New Garden	Garden			11			
480	House				3			
481	Higher Meadow	Arable		1	30			
482	Water Lands	Pasture		1	27			
513	Higher Field	Arable	1	0	13			
514	Higher Church Park	Arable		3	34			
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References : The National Archives, Kew.
 IR/29/6/24 - Tithe apportionment of Calstock (parish), Cornwall.
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James Seccombe

James Seccombe appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Chilsworthy, and is listed as an Agent of a Copper Mine aged 30, in the same household is Elizabeth Seccombe aged 65 (his mother), both born in Cornwall.¹

James Seccombe was born in the parish of Calstock in 1807, the son of James and Elizabeth Seccombe (née Lucas), and was baptised in the parish church on 15th February.²

James Seccombe's (snr) first marriage was to Betsy Nettle at Calstock on 22nd April 1797, James was described as of the parish of "Luggan" (Illogan).³ Betsy died at Calstock in 1798⁴, and on 8th August 1801 at South Hill, James Seccombe (described as a widower of Calstock) married Elizabeth Lucas.⁵

James Seccombe (snr) was a miner from the parish of Illogan, baptised there on 20th October 1771, the son of Nicholas and Anne Seccombe.⁶ One of James's brothers, Stephen Seccombe, had also made the move eastwards a few years prior to James, marrying Jenny Thomas at Calstock in 1791.⁷

By 1846 James Seccombe (jnr) (still a mining agent) was living at Trenodden in the parish of Menheniot, and it was here on 6th May 1846 that he married Jane Batten, the daughter of Thomas Batten, a local farmer.⁸ The 1851 Census lists the family at Trenodden, Menheniot, James Seccombe

(43) a general mining agent, born Calstock, Jane (33), and children Alice (4) and Mark (2) all born at Menheniot.⁹

James Seccombe continued his career as a mine agent until his death at Trenodden, Menheniot on 9th April 1866 and was buried at Menheniot on 16th April.¹⁰

Samuel Seccombe

Samuel Seccombe appears on the 1841 Census at Stowes Cottage, in the parish of Linkinhorne, some 10 miles or so west of Chilsworthy. Samuel is listed as a tin miner aged 30, in the same household is Mary Seccombe (35) not born in Cornwall, Mary Susan (6), Ann Ellen (4), James (3) and Samuel (1 week) all born in Cornwall.¹¹

Samuel Seccombe was a younger brother of James Seccombe and was born in the parish of Calstock in 1809, also a son of James and Elizabeth Seccombe (née Lucas), and was baptised in the parish church on 4th June.¹² For details of Samuel's parents see the above entry for James.

Samuel Seccombe married Mary Mellow at Calstock on 23rd December 1833.¹³ Mary was a widow, as Mary Pitts she had married John Mellow in her home parish of Crediton on 18th February 1822.¹⁴

The 1851 Census also lists the family at Stowes, Linkinhorne. Samuel Seccombe (40) a mine agent, born Calstock, Mary (45) born Crediton, Ann Ellen (15) and James (13) both born at Stoke Climsland and Elizabeth Emily (5) born Linkinhorne.¹⁵

Samuel Seccombe was for many years the Captain of the Phoenix Mines and died at Stowe, Linkinhorne on the 4th August 1858.¹⁶

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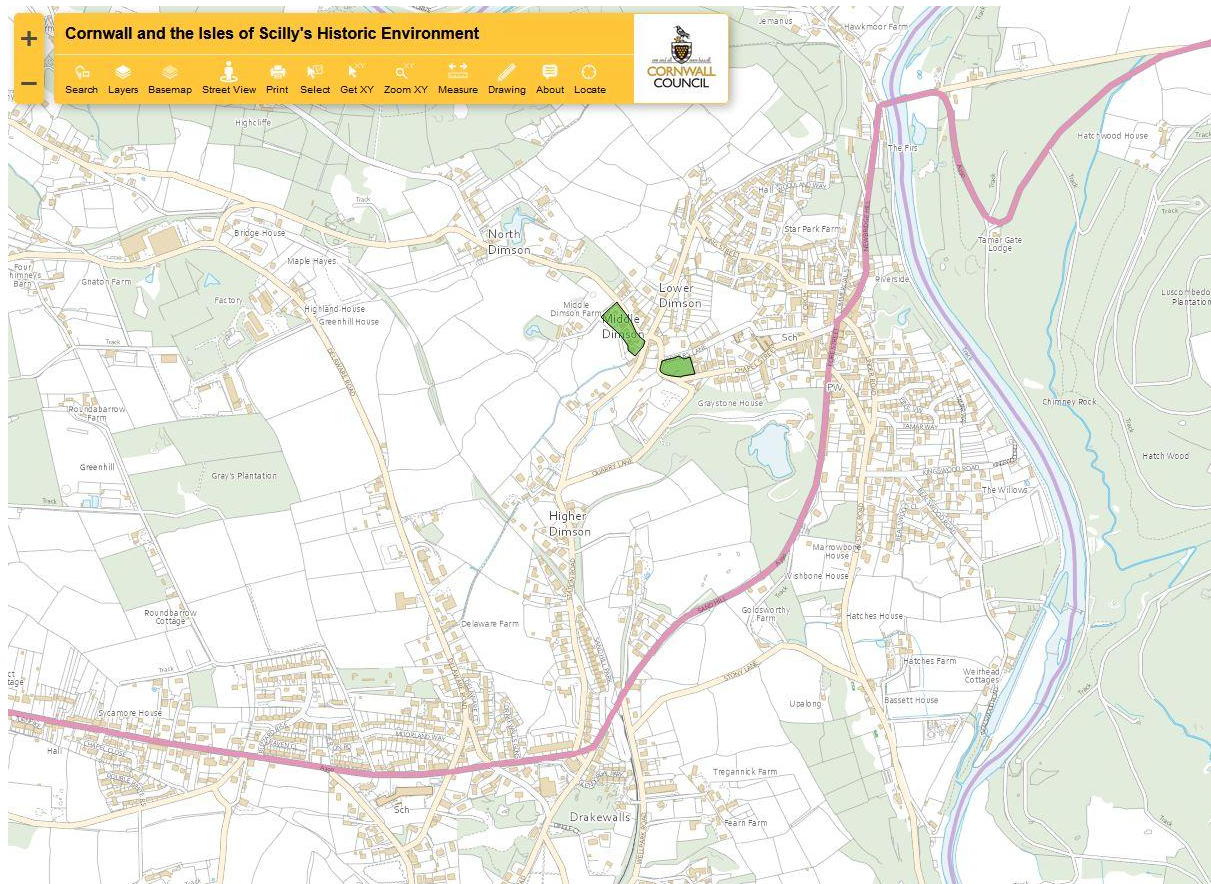
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6. Cornwall Baptisms - Illogan. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
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14. Devon Marriages and Banns - Crediton - South West Heritage Trust (original image on findmypast.co.uk).
15. 1851 Cornwall Census, Linkinhorne. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN272 PN28.
16. *Royal Cornwall Gazette* (Truro), August 13th 1858, Number 2877, pg.5, col. 6.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Seccombe**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Middle Dimson, Gunnislake. Dwelling on Tithe Map located immediately north of Meadow View on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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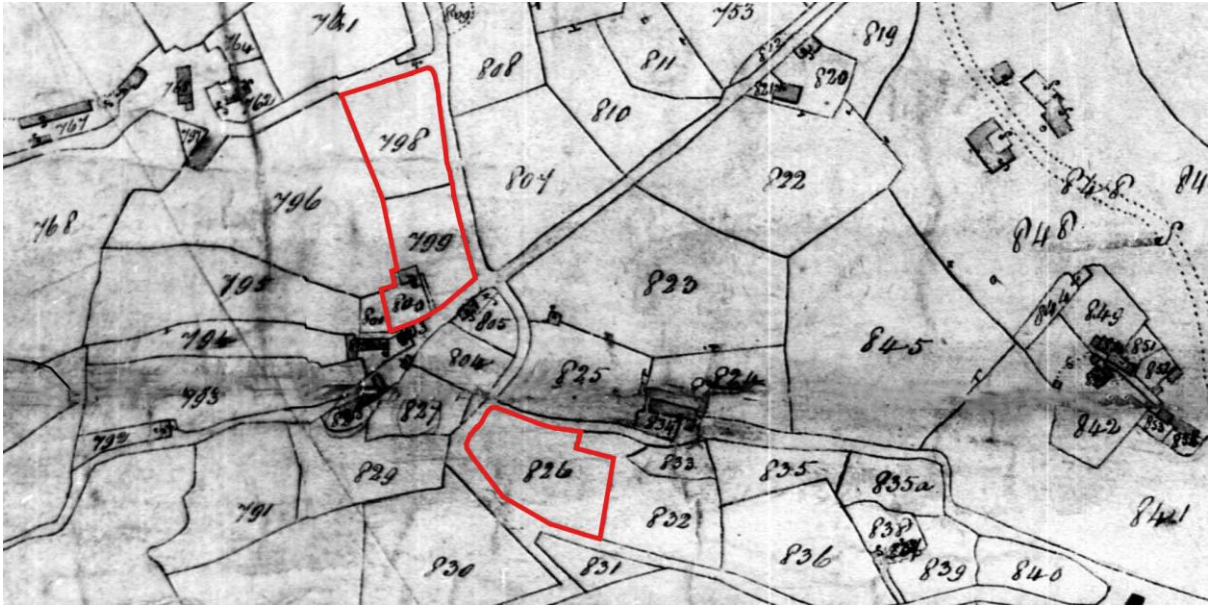


Occupier: John Seccombe (Miner)

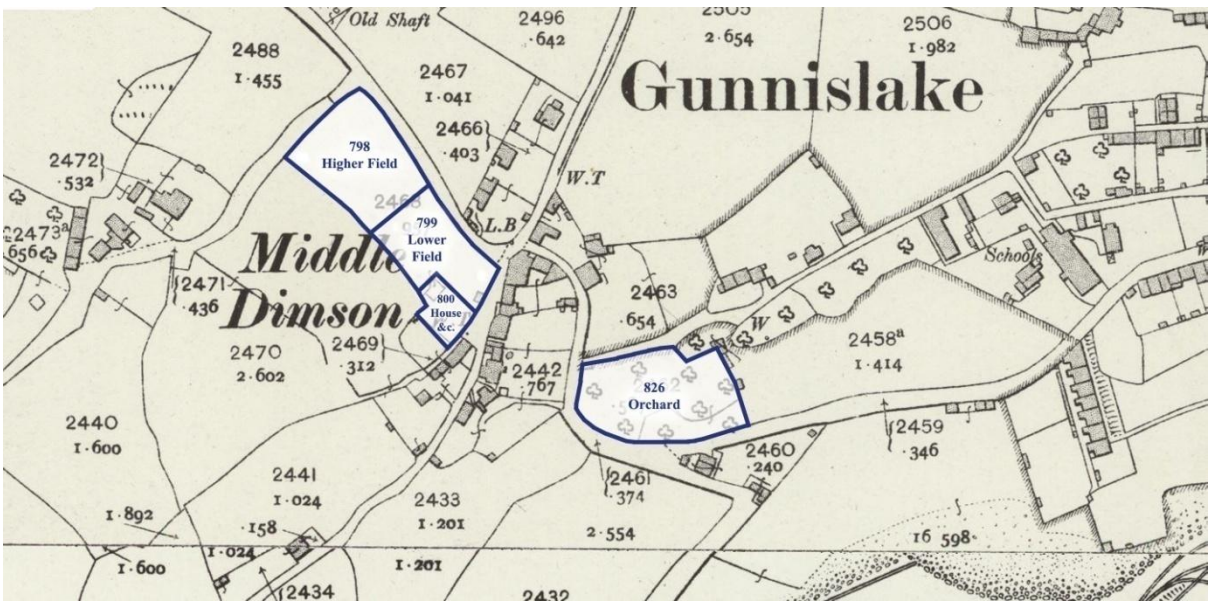
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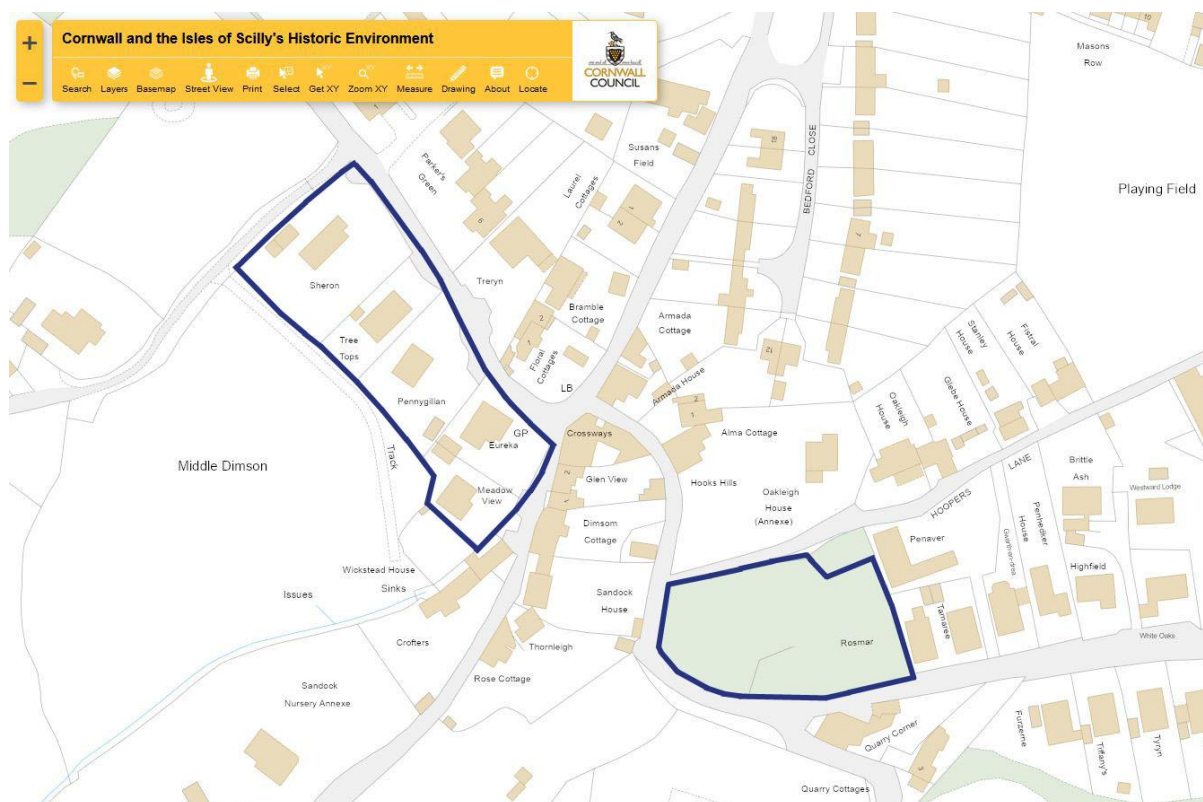
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798	Higher Field	Arable	1	36				
799	Lower Field	Pasture	1	16				
800	House &c.				14			
826	Orchard	Orchard	2	15				
			1	2	1	0	6	10



References : The National Archives, Kew.
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John Seccombe

John Seccombe appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Dimson. John is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Jane (40), Kitty (20) and Stephen (18), John (14) and Nicholas (12) all copper miners, Elizabeth (8), William (5), Dolly (3) and James (11 mths) all born in Cornwall.¹

The Calstock registers of baptisms record nine children born to John and Jane between 1821 and 1840.²

John Seccombe was born in the parish of Calstock in 1799, the son of Stephen and Jenny/Jane Seccombe (née Thomas), and was baptised in the parish church on 2nd June.³ Stephen Seccombe and Jenny Thomas were married at Calstock on 21st January 1791.⁴ Stephen Seccombe was a miner from the parish of Illogan, baptised there on 1st January 1766, the son of Nicholas and Anne Seccombe.⁵ One of Stephen's brothers, James Seccombe, also made the move eastwards, marrying Betsy Nettle at Calstock in 1797.⁶

John Seccombe married Jane Lintern at Calstock on 22nd December 1820, both described as "of this parish".⁷ Whilst correct in the case of John Seccombe, Jane or Jenepher Lintern was actually born in the parish of St Ewe in mid-Cornwall and baptised in the neighbouring parish of St Mewan on 24th February 1799, the daughter of William and Joanna Lintern⁸ (née Testick), who were married at St Ewe on 25th September 1798.⁹ The Lintern/Lintern/Lenten family had a mining background and had arrived in Calstock circa 1807, three of Jane's siblings were born in the parish between 1808 and 1813.¹⁰ Jane's brother John was also a miner at Dimson, see separate entry for John Lintern for further information.

John Seccombe died on 23rd May 1850 and was buried at Calstock on 26th May.¹¹ In his Will (Proved 13th June 1850) he mentions his house, meadow and garden at Middle Dimson and also an "orchard near the same".¹²

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at Middle Dimson. Jane Seccombe (51) (widow) born St Ewe, sons Nicholas (21), William (15) and James (11) all copper miners, and Dolly (13) all born in Calstock, and also in the household were son-in-law William Lenten (22) a copper miner born St Austell and daughter Elizabeth Lenten (18) born Calstock.¹³

Jane Seccombe died (aged 73) at Middle Dimson in 1872, and was buried at Calstock on 19th March.¹⁴

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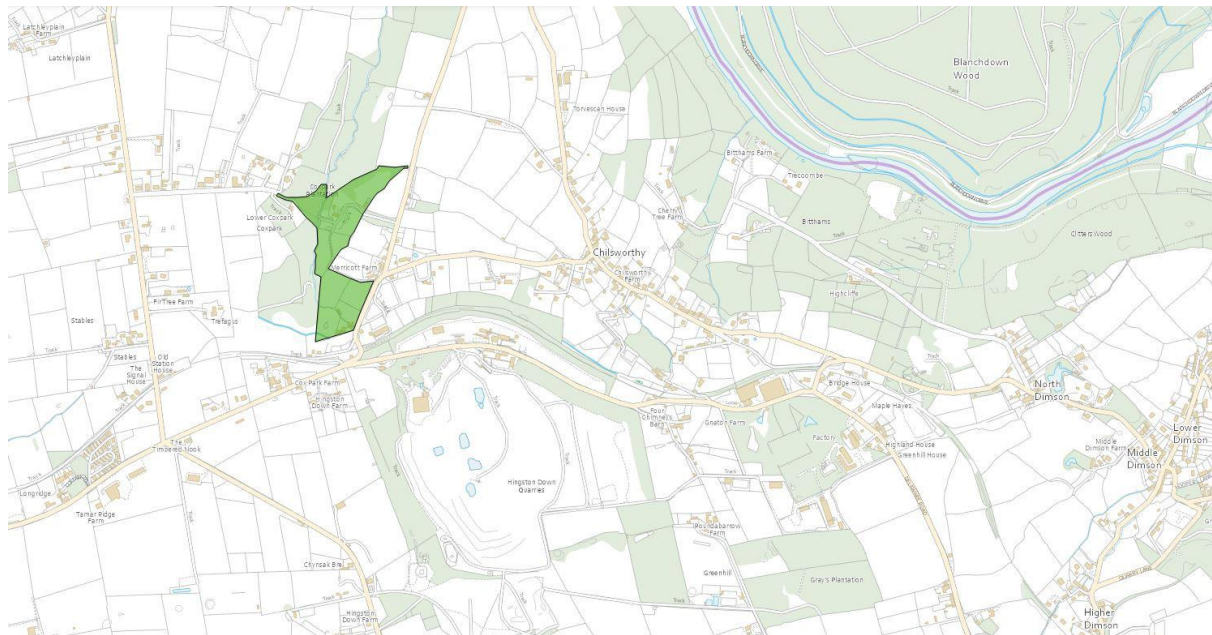
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3. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
5. Cornwall Baptisms - Illogan. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
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9. St Ewe Register of marriages and banns, 1754-1812. Ref: KK P62/1/5.
10. Calstock Registers of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812 & 1813-1830. Refs: KK P26/1/3. & KK P26/1/6.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
12. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court - Will of John Seccombe, miner of Calstock, 1850. Ref: KK AP/S/5058.
13. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN145 PN20.
14. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Stephen Seccombe**

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

Grid Reference: SX40631 72369 (dwelling (site of))



Occupier: Stephen Seccombe (Copper Miner)

Landowner: Himself

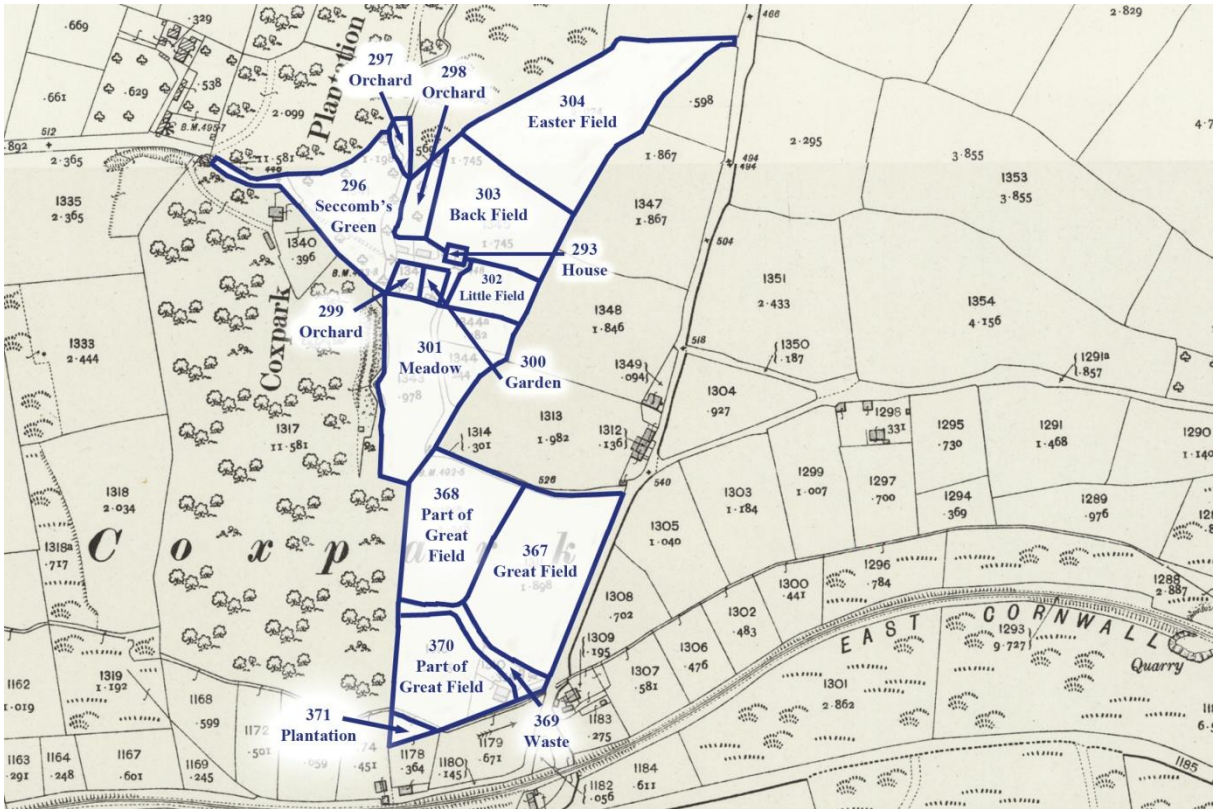
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293	House				4			
296	Seccomb’s Green	Pasture	1	1	0			
297	Orchard	Orchard			11			
298	Orchard	Orchard			39			
299	Orchard	Orchard			17			
300	Garden	Orchard			11			
301	Meadow	Pasture	1	1	17			
302	Little Field	Arable		2	0			
303	Back Field	Arable	1	0	32			

304	Easter Field	Arable	2	0	38	
367	Great Field	Arable	1	3	2	
369	Waste	Waste			38	
370	Part of Great Field	Arable	1	0	31	
368	Part of Great Field	Arable	1	1	16	
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References : The National Archives, Kew.
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Stephen Seccombe (snr) and Jenny Thomas were married at Calstock on 21st January 1791.³ Stephen Seccombe was a miner from the parish of Illogan, baptised there on 1st January 1766, the son of Nicholas and Anne Seccombe.⁴ One of Stephen's (snr) brothers, James Seccombe, also made the move eastwards, marrying Betsy Nettle at Calstock in 1797.⁵

Stephen Seccombe married Betty Trubody at Linkinhorne on 12th January 1815, Stephen was described as "sojourner of this parish" indicating that although not originating from the parish he was living and working there.⁶ Betty was born at Linkinhorne and baptised in the parish church on 5th June 1789, the daughter of Edward and Mary Trubody⁷ (née Symons), who were married at St Ives on 22nd May 1787.⁸

The couple continued to reside in the parish of Linkinhorne after their marriage. At the time of the baptism of their first child, John Seccombe, at Linkinhorne on 7th May 1815, Stephen was noted as a tinner living at Rilla Mill.⁹ However, by 1818 the family had relocated to Stephen's home parish, the Calstock registers of baptisms record a further six children born to Stephen and Betty between 1818 and 1833.¹⁰

Stephen Seccombe died on 12th June 1843 and was buried at Calstock on 15th June.¹¹ In his Will (Proved 20th October 1843) he left his Coxpark Tenement to his wife Betty, stipulating that when his youngest son Nicholas (who was 13 at the time) reaches the age of 21 then the property would pass jointly to Nicholas and his (Stephen's) two older sons John and Stephen. The brothers would have to provide £2 per annum for their mother, as she would no longer be directly benefitting from the income generated from the tenement.¹²

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at Coxpark. Betty Seccombe (63) (widow) "Occupying 3 acres land", born Linkinhorne, and sons Stephen (25) mine labourer, and Nicholas (20) agricultural labourer, both born Calstock.¹³ It is interesting to note that between the 1839 Tithe and the 1851 Census, the Coxpark tenement had shrunk from over eleven acres to just three.

Betty Seccombe died on 12th November 1858, and was buried at Calstock on the 16th.¹⁴

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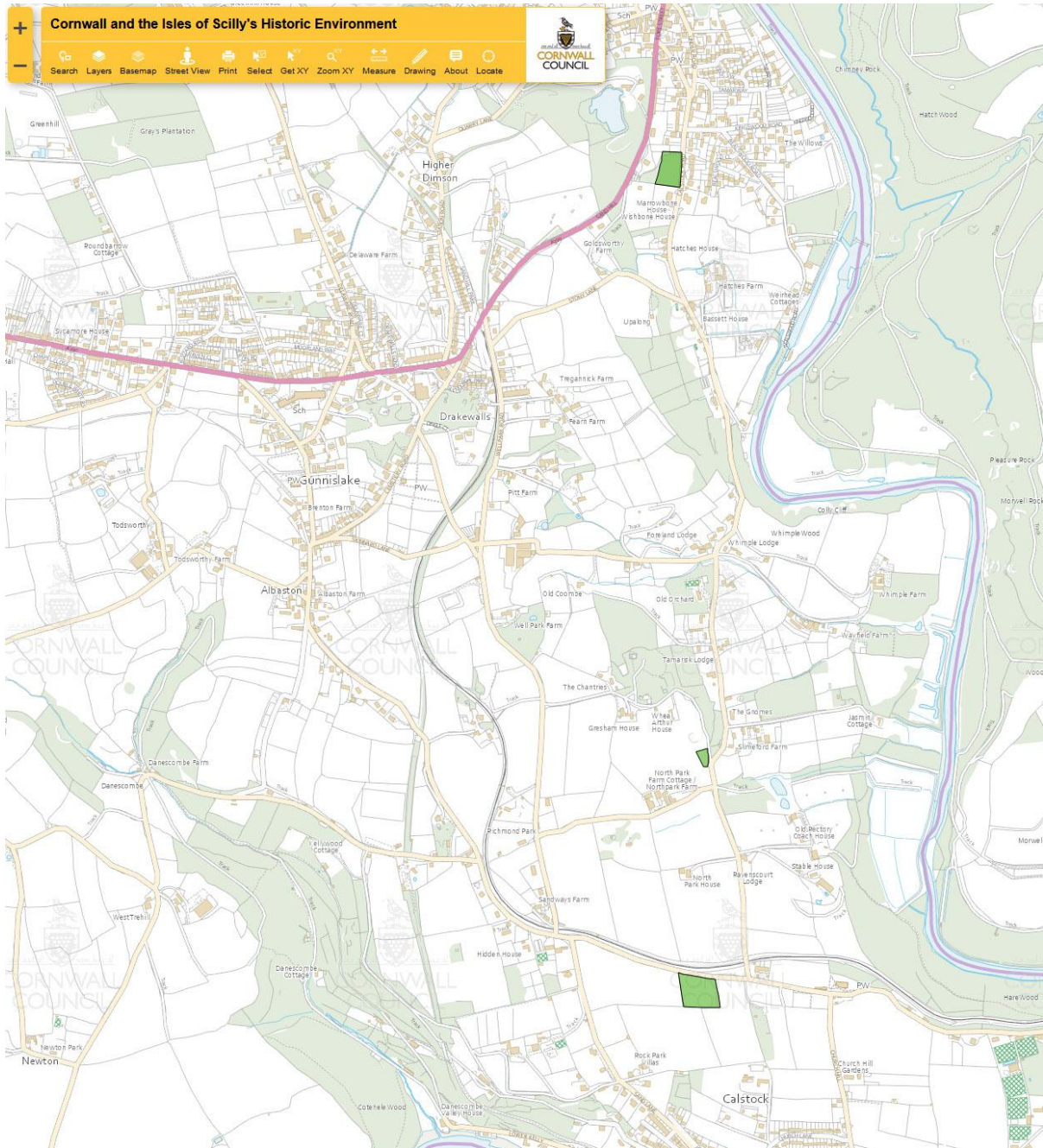
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6. Linkinhorne Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P125/1/8.
7. Linkinhorne Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1725-1812. Ref: KK P125/1/3.
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10. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
12. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court - Will of Stephen Seccombe, miner of Calstock, 1843. Ref: KK AP/S/4899.
13. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN160 PN50 & 51.
14. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Sims**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Oakenhayes, Calstock Road, Gunnislake. "Plantation Field" Plan no. 1449 on Tithe Map located at "Firwindes" and "Garden" Plan no. 2059 on Tithe Map located approximately 95 metres south west of Slimeford Farm on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX43214 71322 (Plantation Field) and SX43298 69838 (Garden)



Occupier: John Sims (Mine Agent)

Landowner: John Michael and William Williams

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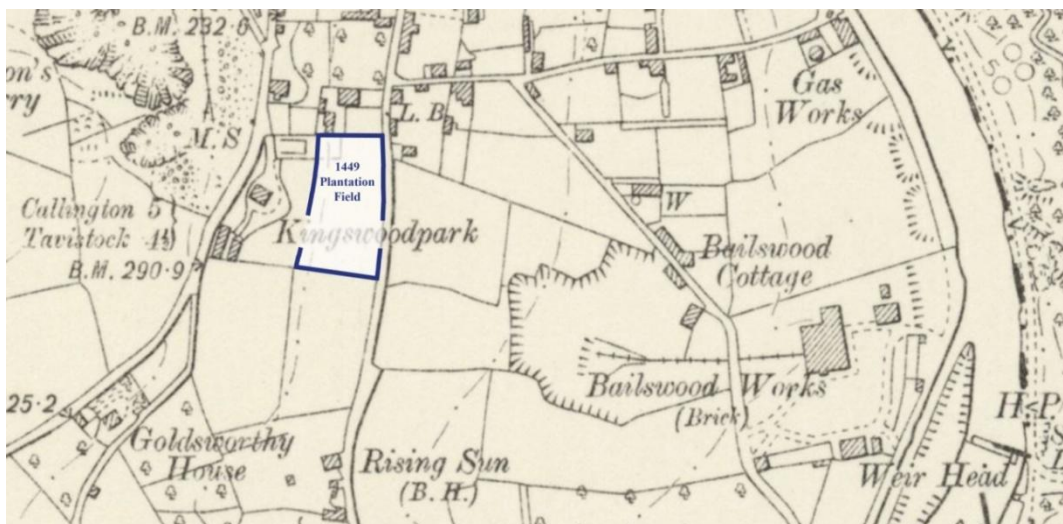
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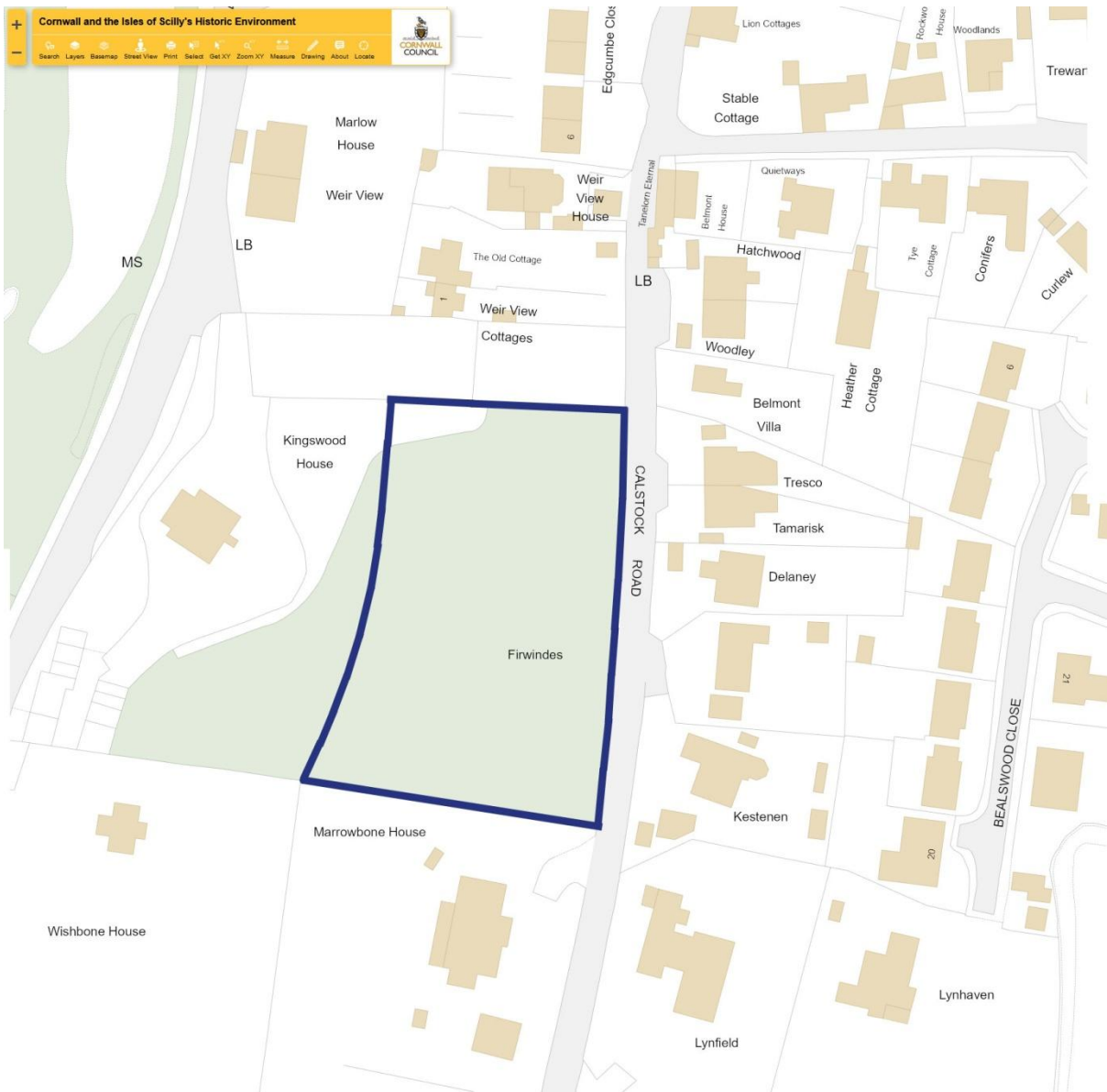
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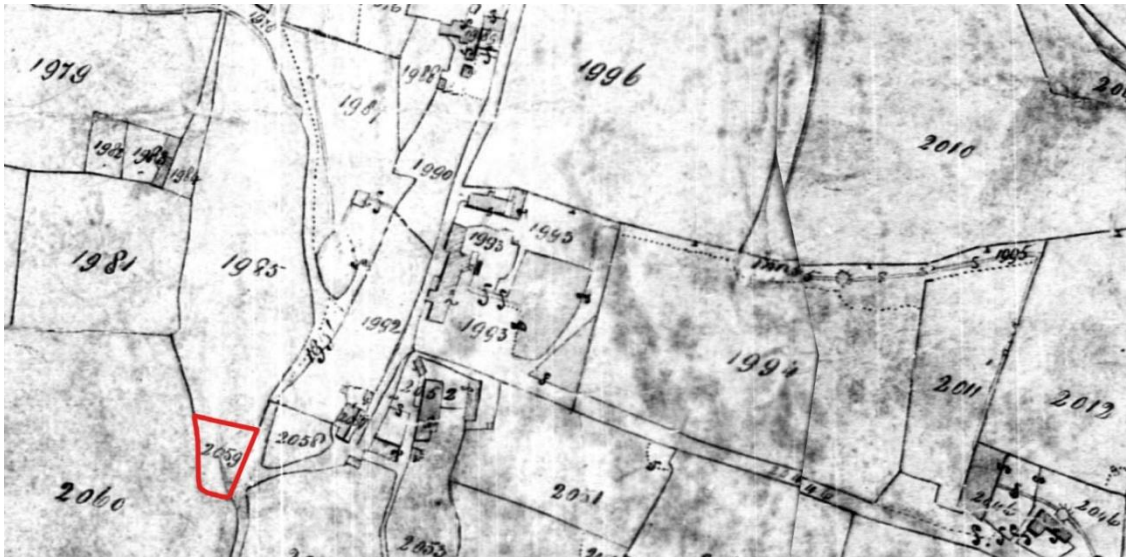


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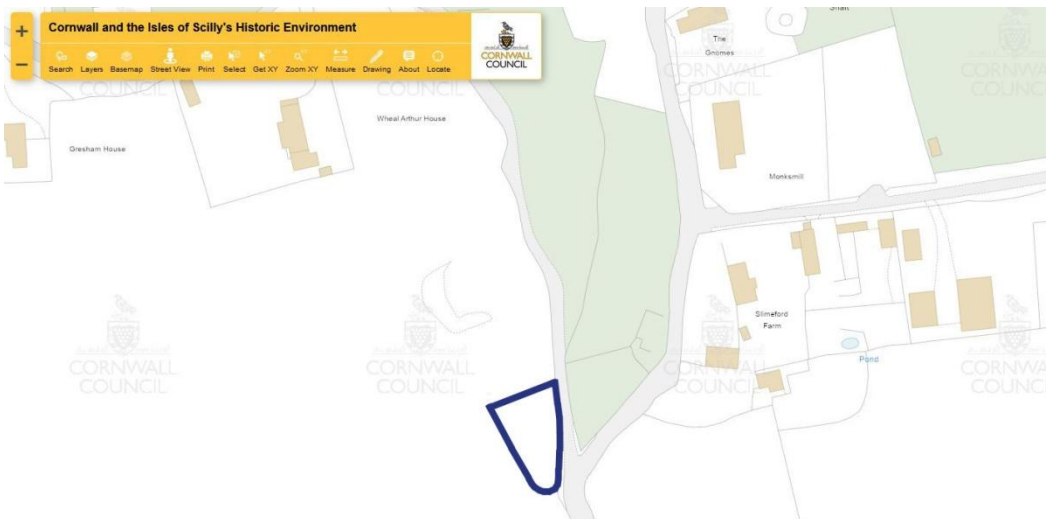
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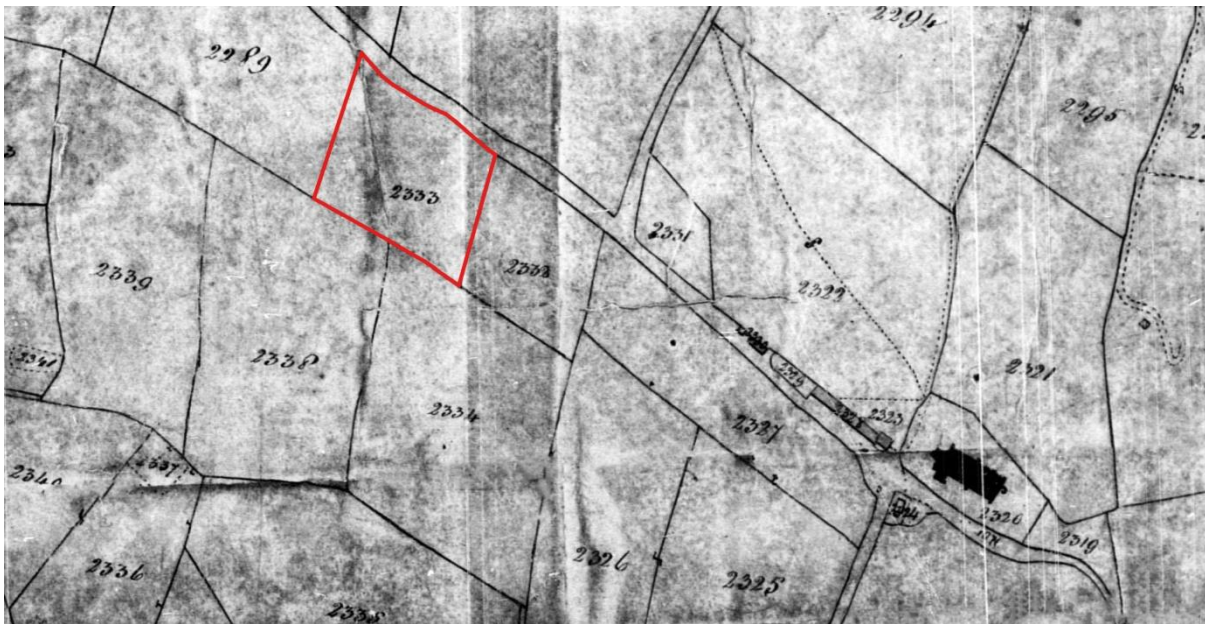


Occupier: John Sims (Mine Agent)

Landowner: Richard Rowland

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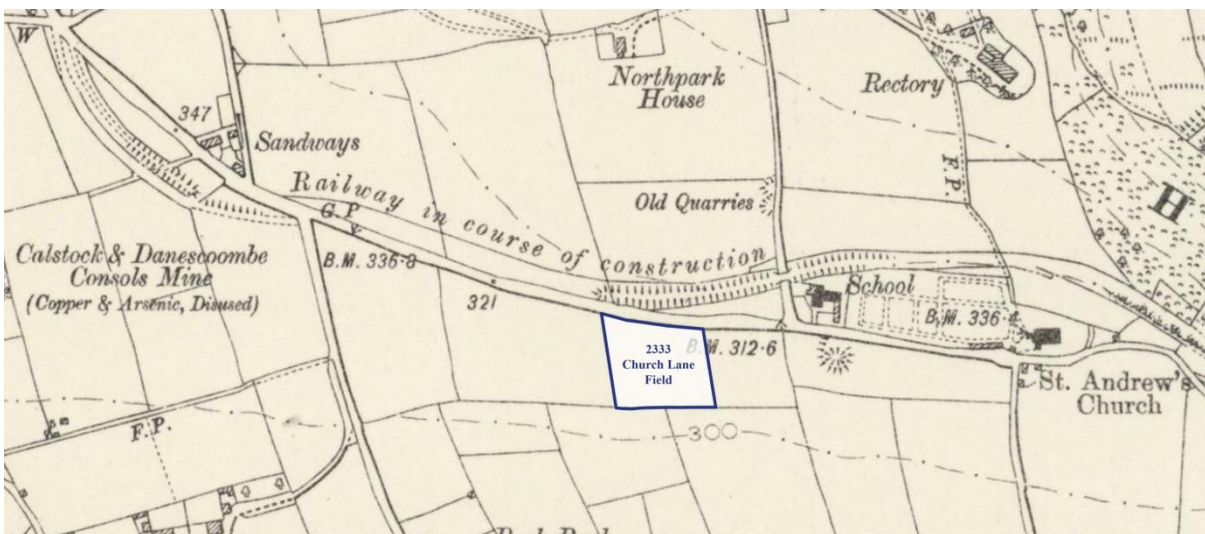
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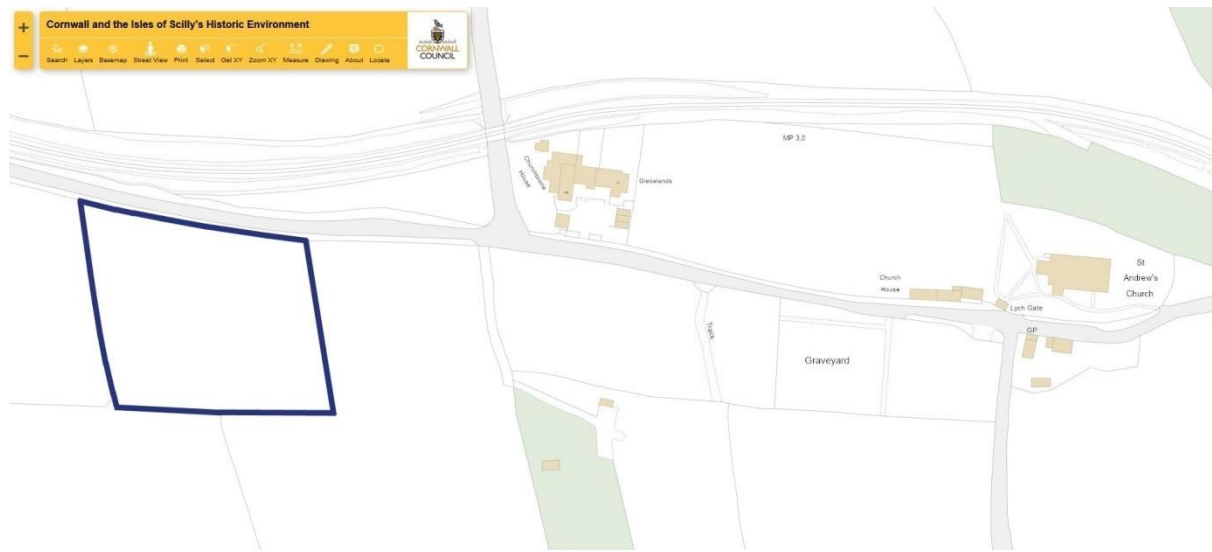
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John Sims

John Sims appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Oakenhayes, Slimeford. John is listed as a mine agent aged 45, in the same household are Elizabeth (32), Nicholas (6), William (4), Edwin (2) and Mary (6 mths) all born in Cornwall. Also in the household was Mary Williams (20) servant, also born in Cornwall.¹

John was born in Redruth and baptised in the parish church on 30th August 1795, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Sims.²

John married Elizabeth Drew Spettigue at Stoke Damerel on 25th February 1834, John described as a miner.³ Elizabeth was born in 1810 in the parish of Calstock and baptised on 14th October, the daughter of Stephen and Mary Spettigue (née Drewe)⁴, who were married at Sydenham Damerel in August 1801, Mary noted as of the parish of Stratton in Cornwall.⁵

John Sims and family had lived at Oakenhayes since at least 1836 when at the baptism of his son William on 12th October, he was described as Mine Agent of Oakenhayes and two years later when son Edwin Josiah Sims was baptised on 23rd August 1838, John was noted as "Captain of Mines" of Oakenhayes.⁶

The 1851 Census shows the family were still at Oakenhayes, John Sims (55) mine agent, born in Redruth, his wife Elizabeth D (40) born Calstock, and children Nicholas (16) mine clerk, William (14), Edwin J (12), Elizabeth (10), Charles J (8), Emma S (5), Frederick (2) and Henry (2) (twins) all born in the parish of Calstock. Also in the household was Mary A Williams (33) house servant, born Calstock.⁷

In the 1861 Census the specific house address is not given (the family were still at Oakenhayes) the entry for the Sims family is listed under Slimeford, John Sims was evidently connected with the Manganese Works at Slimeford. John Sims (65) manganese miner, born Redruth, Elizabeth D (50),

Charles J (18) mine agent, Frederick (12) and Henry (12) all born Calstock. Also in the household were niece Jane Spettigue (21) servant, born Calstock and Ann Durden? (21) servant, born Lifton.⁸

Captain John Sims died aged 73 at Oakenhayes on 13th April 1868⁹, and was buried at Calstock on 18th April.¹⁰

John's sons continued with the business of manganese mining following their father's death, and there is a very interesting story concerning them at the Slimeford Manganese Works, told by A.K. Hamilton Jenkin in "Mines and Miners of Cornwall - Volume XV" published in 1976.¹¹

"At Lower Slimeford on the eastern boundary of the Wheal Arthur sett, traces may be seen of a former manganese works.

During the years 1860-80 the works were owned by three brothers Charles, John and Frederick Sims of Calstock, who, in addition to operating mines on their own account (in 1870 they were acting as pursers and managers of the very productive Chillaton and Hogstor mines in Milton Abbot) made extensive purchases of manganese ore from other companies throughout East Cornwall and West Devon. Although their business might have been expected to show a reasonable profit, their opulence, as measured by local standards, had long been a subject of curiosity to their neighbours. How this wealth was obtained is suggested in a letter by Alfred Jenkin, 20th April 1854, wherein he remarked of a recent copper ore sale, "What the Great Wheal Sheba ores contain to have made Sims, Wilyams & Co: (of Llanelly) so anxious for them I know not, but I think it is likely they contain pretty much *Gold*." If a Welsh firm of smelters were aware of this by-product in certain Cornish ores, the Sims brothers, with their local knowledge can hardly have been ignorant of the fact.

In confirmation of this, in 1954 the late Captain A.E. Doidge who had then resided for fifty years on the site of the Slimeford Works, showed the writer a convex stone which had been used for grinding manganese and, nearby, a small but strongly-constructed building with massive padlock hasps still attached to its door. On examining the "sanctum" when he first took possession of the property, Captain Doidge had found a number of mercury flasks, the contents of which could only have been required for extracting gold. If, as seems likely, this was the true source of the Sims brother's wealth, it implies a remarkable ignorance on the part of the mines from whom they purchased the ores."

The John Sims referred to above as one of the brothers was likely John Sims senior (their father), although John and Elizabeth Drew Sims did have a son named John, he died in infancy in 1847.¹²

The brothers involved in mining were Nicholas, William, Charles John, Frederick and Henry. There is certainly some very good evidence that perhaps they were better off than most in similar professions.

In 1871 Frederick Sims (aged 22) was staying in a lodging house at 10 Saltram Place, Plymouth (on the Hoe), his occupation given as "Manganese Merchant, Copper Mine Proprietor, Ship and Land owner".¹³

In the same year brothers William Sims (35) and Charles Sims (27) were living at the adjoining 6 and 7 Park Cottage, Harewood Road, Calstock, both were manganese merchants and both employed servants.¹⁴

Henry Sims (22) also a manganese merchant, was still living at Oakenhayes with his widowed mother Elizabeth Drew Sims. Elizabeth (60) occupation was given as "Income from Rents, Dividends and Landowner".¹⁵

Eldest brother Nicholas Sims (36) was a mining agent, living at 13 Church Street, Calstock, with his wife Susan (21) born Ilsington (Devon), son John Denley Sims (1 month) and employing both a nurse and a general domestic servant.¹⁶

To further illustrate the apparent relative wealth of the Sims brothers, on the 1881 Census Nicholas Sims (47) and family are living at Alma Cottage, Gunnislake - Nicholas is described as a "Retired Copper Miner".¹⁷

Henry Sims (32) and family (with servants) are living just over the border at East Wonwood in the parish of Sydenham Damerel. Henry's occupation is Merchant & Manganese Mine Proprietor (employing 87 Labourers) and Farmer of 130 acres (employing 8 Labourers).¹⁸

Meanwhile, Charles John Sims (38) Mining Agent, and family (with servants) are living at Clarendon House, Lewisham, London.¹⁹

It seems that perhaps the mercury flasks in the very secure "sanctum" building at Slimeford did indeed produce a substantial amount of gold from the Sims family's purchased ore!

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN29 PN14.
2. Cornwall Baptisms - Redruth St Uny. (findmypast.co.uk) CFHS Transcriptions.
3. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
4. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
5. Devon Marriages & Banns - Sydenham Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
7. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN40 PN1.
8. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1461 FN123 PN37.
9. *The Tavistock Gazette* (Tavistock), April 17th 1868, Number 555, pg.5, col.3.
10. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
11. *Mines and Miners of Cornwall XV. Calstock, Callington and Launceston*, A.K. Hamilton Jenkin, Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, 1969, pgs. 18 & 19.
12. Calstock Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms - John Sims, son of John & Elizabeth Drew Sims of Slimeford, 7th November 1847 - Note states "died soon after". Cornwall Online Parish Clerk Database - <https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/baptisms/>
13. 1871 Devon Census, Plymouth St Andrew. Ref: RG10 PN2121 FN79 PN4.
14. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2145 FN32 PN1.
15. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2145 FN79 PN40.
16. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2145 FN88 PN8.
17. 1881 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG11 PN2216 FN60 PN62.
18. 1881 Devon Census, Sydenham Damerel. Ref: RG11 PN2220 FN106 PN6.
19. 1881 London - Kent Census, Lewisham. Ref: RG11 PN734 FN6 PN6.

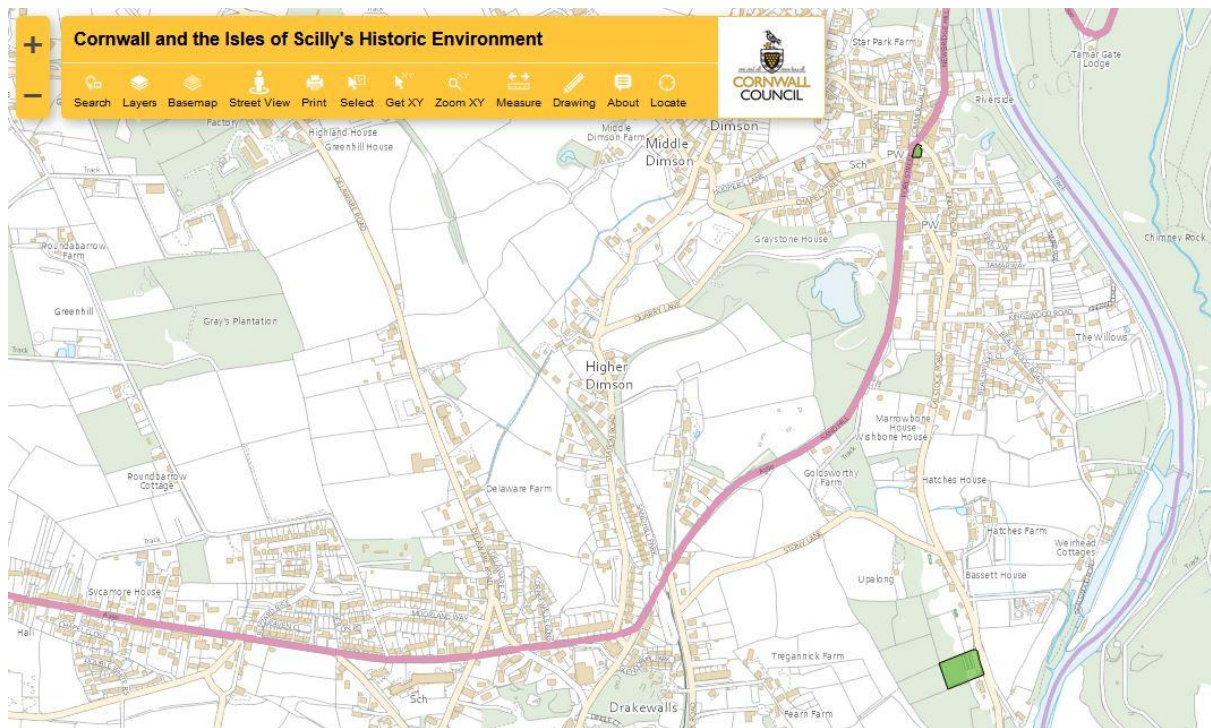
Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Snell**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake. House and garden on Tithe Map located at the building marked as “The Tavistock Arms”, Fore Street on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Morwell View: Orchard (1467 on Tithe) located immediately north of Morwell View on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX43207 71734 (nominal centre of house & garden) & SX43292 70766 (Orchard)



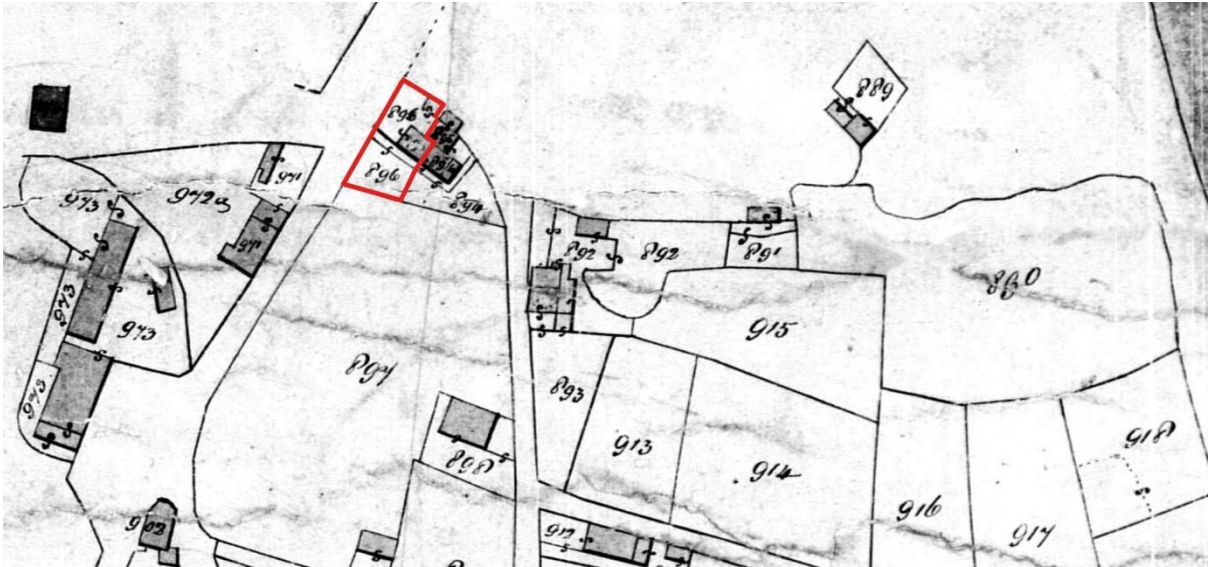
Occupier: John Snell (Miner)

Landowner: (896) Thomas Williams

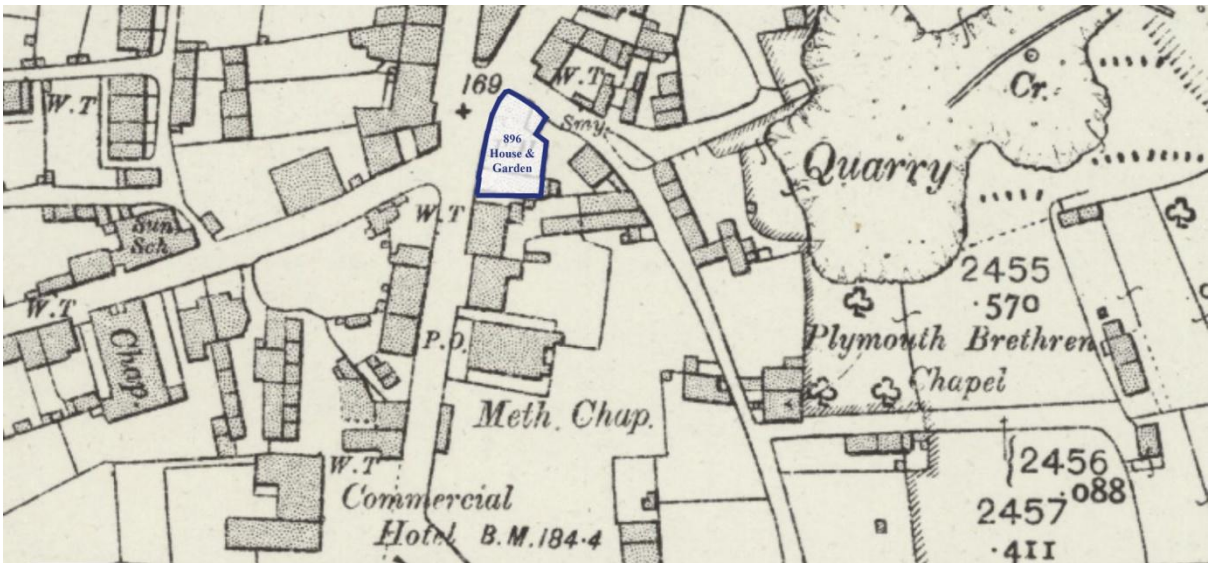
Landowner: (1467) Joseph Strick

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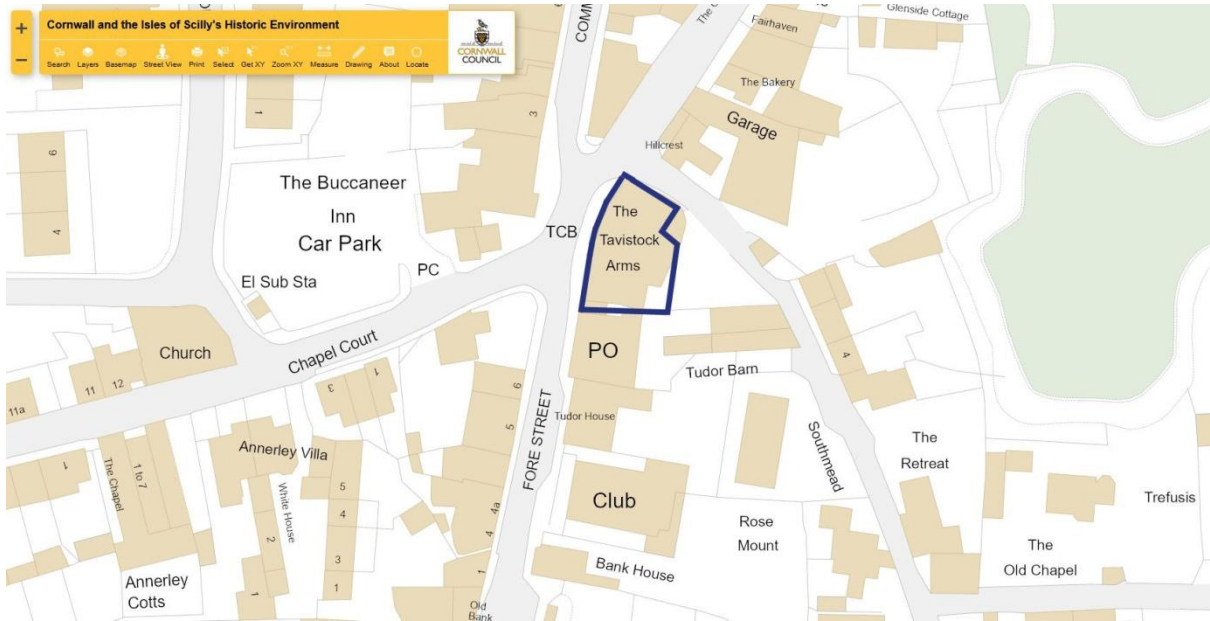
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896	House and Garden				13			
					13			



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.



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914
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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
1467	Orchard	Orchard		3	17			
				3	17	0	3	6



John Snell

John Snell appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. He is listed as a miner aged 28, in the same household are Fanny (28), Ruth (5), Ann (3) and John (1), all born in Cornwall.¹

John Snell was born in the parish of Calstock in 1812, and was baptised in the parish church on 27th December of that year, the son of William and Ann Snell (née Reynolds)², who were married at Calstock on 16th March 1801. William and Ann were both described as sojourners.³

John married Fanny Boundy at Calstock on 18th April 1835, both were noted as “sojourners of this parish”⁴, not correct in John’s case as he was born in the parish. However, Fanny (Frances) Boundy was a native of Illogan and was baptised there on 31st July 1813, the daughter of William (a miner) and Jennifer/Jane Boundy (née Webb)⁵, who were married at St Agnes on 30th January 1792.⁶

The 1851 Census again lists the family at Gunnislake. John Snell (38) copper miner, born Calstock, Fanny (38) born Illogan, Ruth (15) and Ann (13) both copper dressers, John (11) and William (9) both copper miners, Francis (6), Fanny (3) and Joseph (1), all the children were born in Gunnislake.⁷

Ten years later and the Census again records the family at Gunnislake. John Snell (48) copper miner, born Calstock, Fanny (48) born St Agnes (Fanny was born at Illogan, although her parents were from St Agnes), Ruth (25) work at mine, John (21) and William (19) both copper miners, Fanny (13), Joseph (11) copper miner and Francis (8), all the children were born in the parish of Calstock.⁸

The Calstock registers record the burial of John Bate Snell (evidently his full name), aged 54, of Gunnislake, on 19th July 1867.⁹

Following the death of John, and no doubt as a consequence of the severe slump in Cornish tin and copper mining in the 1860s, in 1868 the entire family left for the mining districts of Victoria, Australia. Leaving Plymouth on the “Southern Empire” on 31st October 1868 and arriving at Melbourne on 28th January 1869.¹⁰

Fanny Boundy died at the age of 83 at Eaglehawk, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia in March 1896, and was buried at Eaglehawk Cemetery.¹¹

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN25 PN6.
2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
3. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
5. Cornwall Baptisms - Illogan. CFHS Transcriptions (findmypast.co.uk).
6. St Agnes Register of marriages, 1788-1799. Ref: KK P2/1/8.
7. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN68 PN68.
8. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN17 PN27.
9. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
10. Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923. (ancestry.co.uk)
11. *Find a Grave*, database and images - <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/80463260/fanny-boundy-snell>

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **James Stanning**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithes): Chilsworthy. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at Beam End on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX41582 71923 (dwelling)



Occupier: James Stanning (Miner)

Landowner: Elizabeth Honicombe

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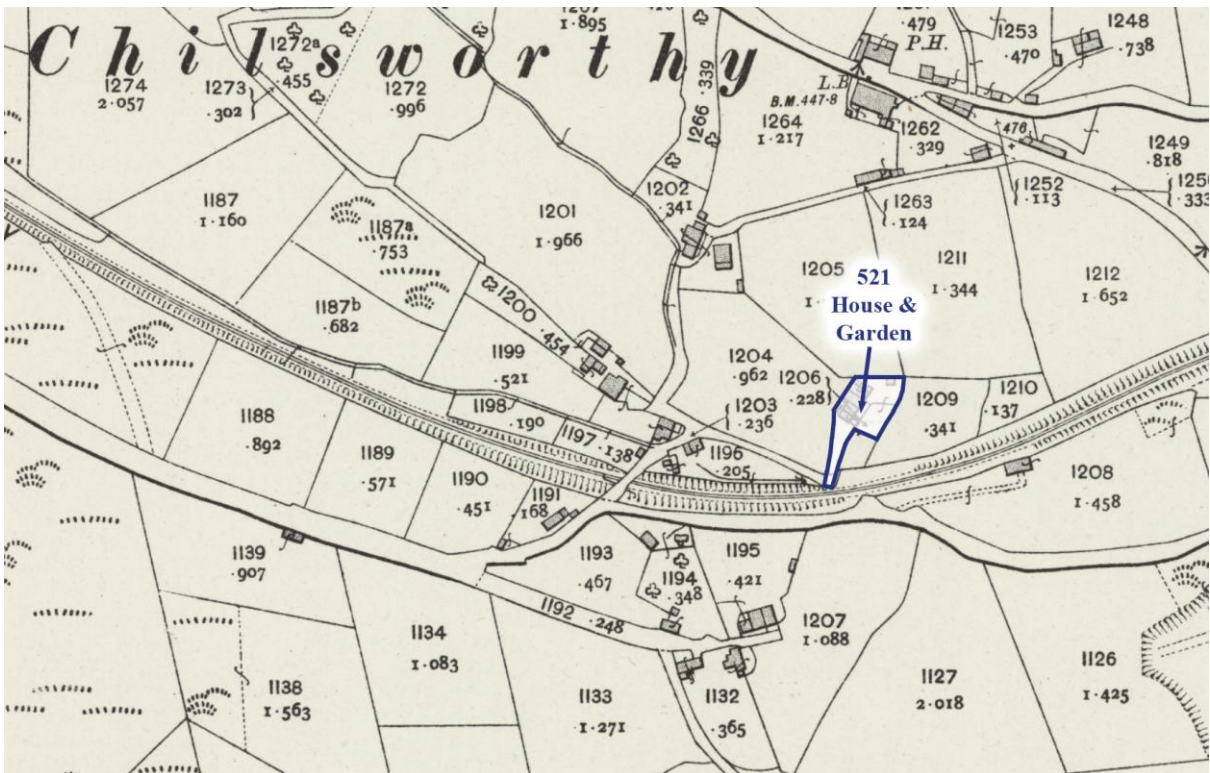
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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
521	House and Garden	Garden			30			
					30			



References : The National Archives, Kew.

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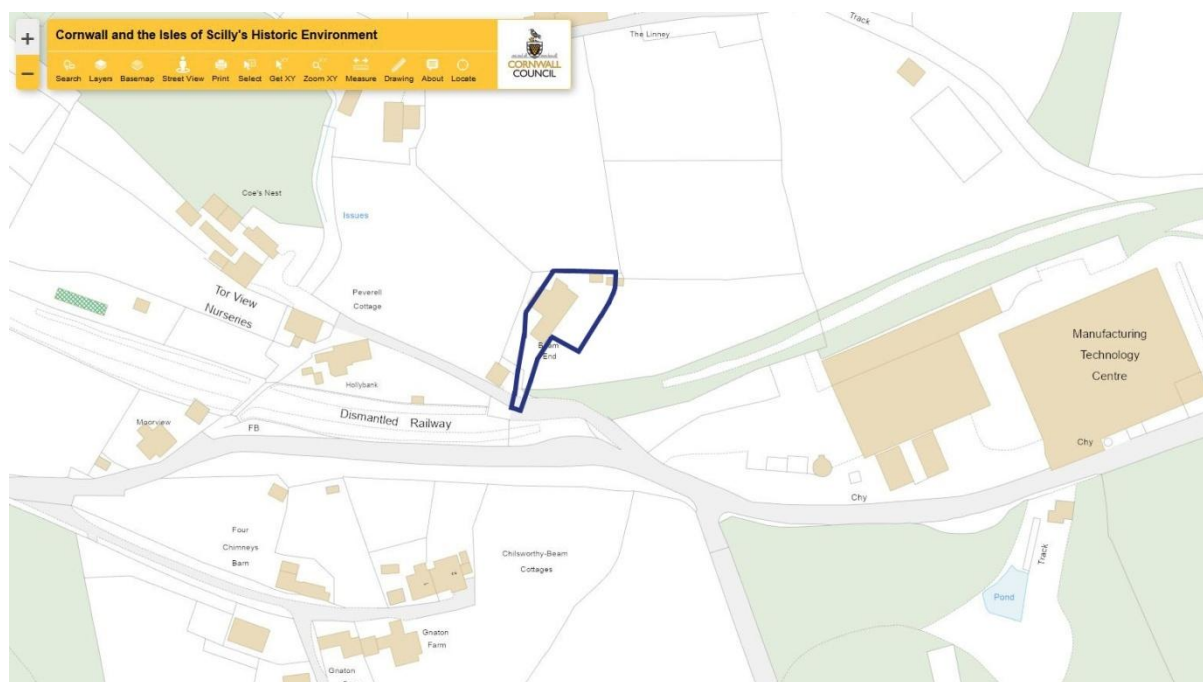
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James Stanning

James Stanning appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Chilsworthy. He is listed as a copper miner aged 30, in the same household are Charlotte (30), John (11), William (9), Mary A (6) and Thomas (4), all born in Cornwall.¹

James was born in the parish of Linkinhorne and baptised on 6th March 1810, the son of Thomas and Susanna Stanning (née Williams)², who were married at Linkinhorne on 26th March 1786, both described as "of this parish".³

James Stanning married Charlotte Coumbe(s) at Linkinhorne on 14th September 1828, both were noted as "of this parish".⁴ Charlotte was born in the parish of Linkinhorne in 1806, and baptised there on 4th April, the daughter of John and Ann Combe.⁵

The Linkinhorne register of baptisms record three children born to James and Charlotte - John born at Rilla Mill in 1829, with William and Mary Anne both born at Sutton in 1832 and 1835 respectively.⁶ The family relocated to the parish of Calstock where two further children were born - Thomas at Delaware in 1837 and Eliza Jane at Chilsworthy in 1842.⁷

Tragically, James Stanning died in an accident in 1848. Perhaps surprisingly, given his often dangerous occupation, he did not die in a mining accident but drowned in the Tamar after a boat capsized near the head weir at Latchley.⁸



— On Thursday, the 4th inst., Gilbert Hamley, Esq., deputy coroner, held an inquest at Calstock, on the body of James Stanning. Deceased, who was a miner, was crossing the river Tamar, on the 10th of April, with two young men, in a boat at Latchley, near the Head Weir. They had but one paddle, which, it appears, neither of the party knew how to use properly. The consequence was that they went so near the Weir Head that the boat, with the three men, went over, and deceased was drowned. His body was picked up on Wednesday morning, and was identified by means of his clothes and watch. Verdict, “Accidental death.”

James Stanning (aged 38) was buried at Calstock on 7th May 1848.⁹

The widowed Charlotte Stanning married copper miner William Knight c.1849, and the couple had a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Knight, born at Chilsworthy Beam in 1850 and baptised at Calstock on 7th April.¹⁰

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at Chilsworthy. William Knight (27) copper miner, born St Germans, Charlotte Knight (43) born Calstock (actually Linkinhorne), daughter Elizabeth Ann Knight (1) born Calstock. Also listed were three of Charlotte’s children from her first marriage, their relationship to the “Head of Family” William Knight given as daughters-in-law and son-in-law, terms often used in the nineteenth century instead of the more familiar (to us) step-daughter and step-son - Mary A Stanning (16) servant, born Linkinhorne, Thomas Stanning (13) mine labourer, and Eliza Stanning (9) both born Calstock. There were also three mine labourers lodging with the family - John Bennett (22) born Devon, Wellington, and brothers William Philp (22) and Henry Philp (19) both born at Stoke Climsland.¹¹

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN13 PN18.
2. Linkinhorne Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1725-1812. Ref: KK P125/1/3.
3. Linkinhorne Register of marriages and banns, 1754-1823. Ref: KK P125/1/4.
4. Linkinhorne Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P125/1/8.
5. Linkinhorne Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1725-1812. Ref: KK P125/1/3.
6. Linkinhorne Register of baptisms, 1813-1836. Ref: KK P125/1/5.
7. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
8. *Royal Cornwall Gazette* (Truro), May 12th 1848, Number 2342, pg.3, col.1. Report of Coroner’s Inquest.
9. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
10. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
11. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN138 PN7.

Parish: **Calstock**

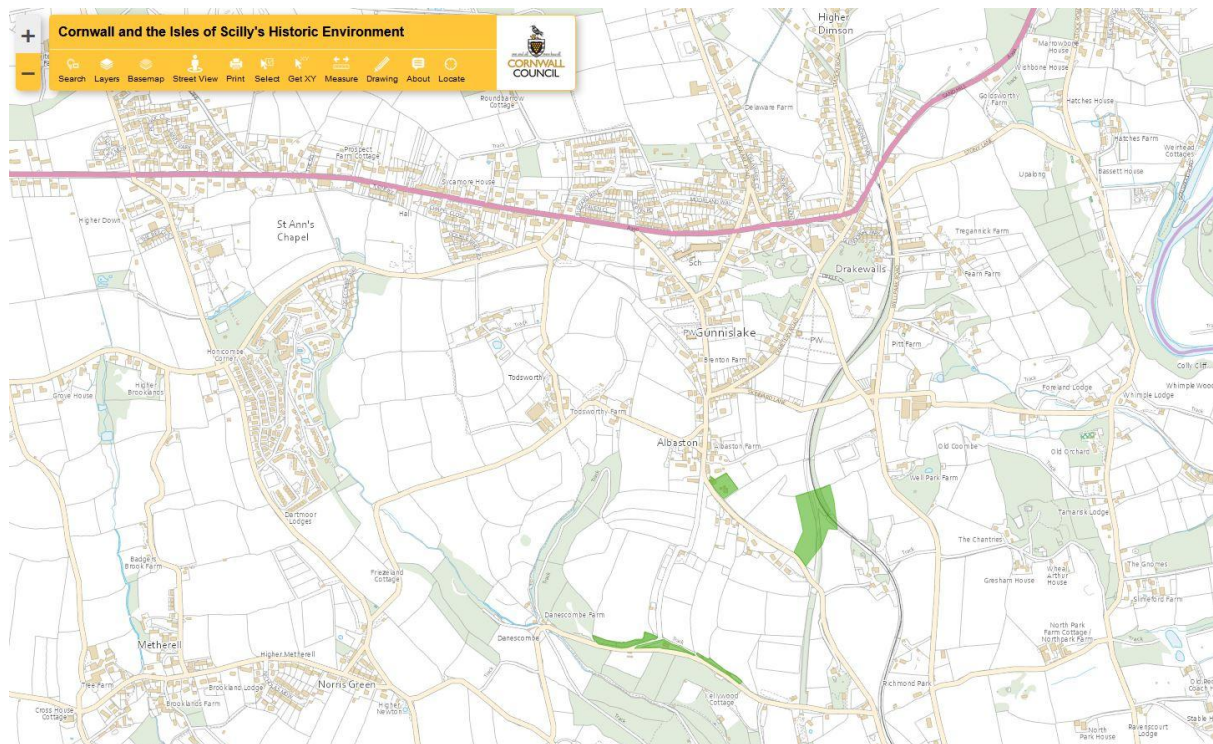
Mine Worker: **William Knight Statton**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithes): Albaston, house on Tithe Map located at “Spring Cottage & Corner Cottage” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Note that the house just 60 metres to the north (Plan No: 1602 on the Tithe Map, & Grid Ref: SX42316 70213) was owned and occupied by William’s brother Thomas Statton (a farmer) and is today known as “Statton Farm Cottage”.

Calstock village, house on Tithe Map located at 3 Church Street on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX42319 70150 (Albaston) & SX43700 68631 (Calstock)



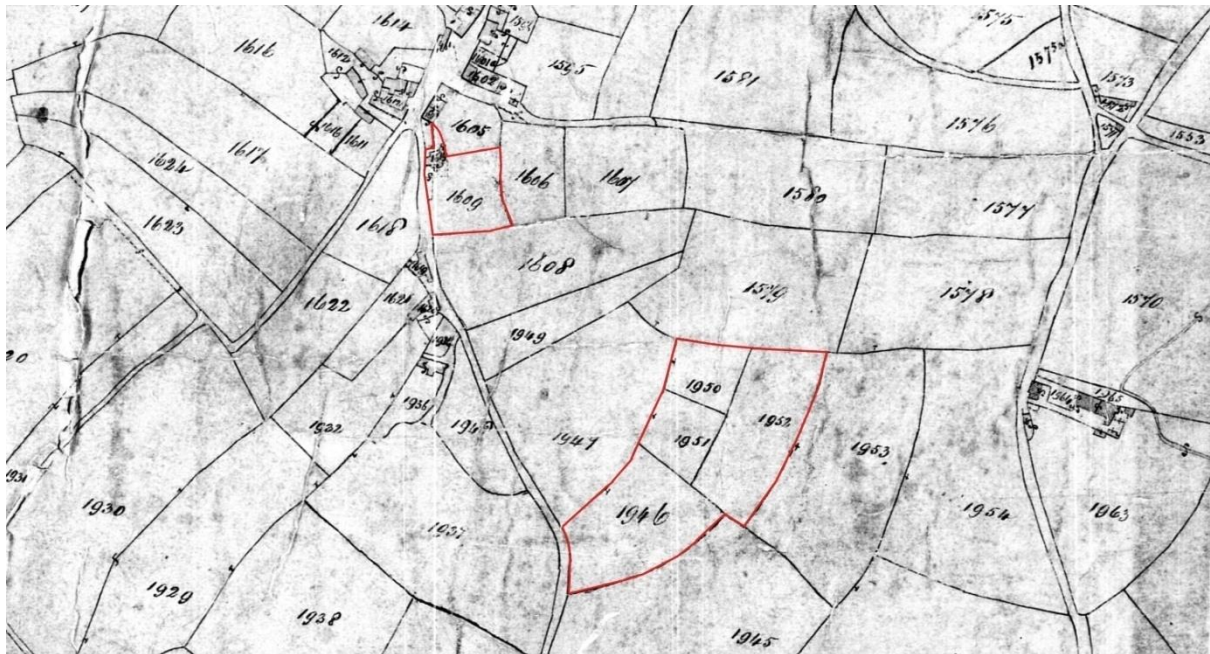
Occupier: William Knight Statton (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

Title Apportionment Details:

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1610	House, &c.				22			
1609	Garden	Orchard		2	25			
1946	Higher New Park	Arable	1	1	35			
1950	Orchard	Orchard		1	36			
1951	Middle New Park	Arable		1	36			
1952	Lower New Park	Arable	1	1	20			
2622 *	House, &c.				3			
			4	2	17	£0	17	10

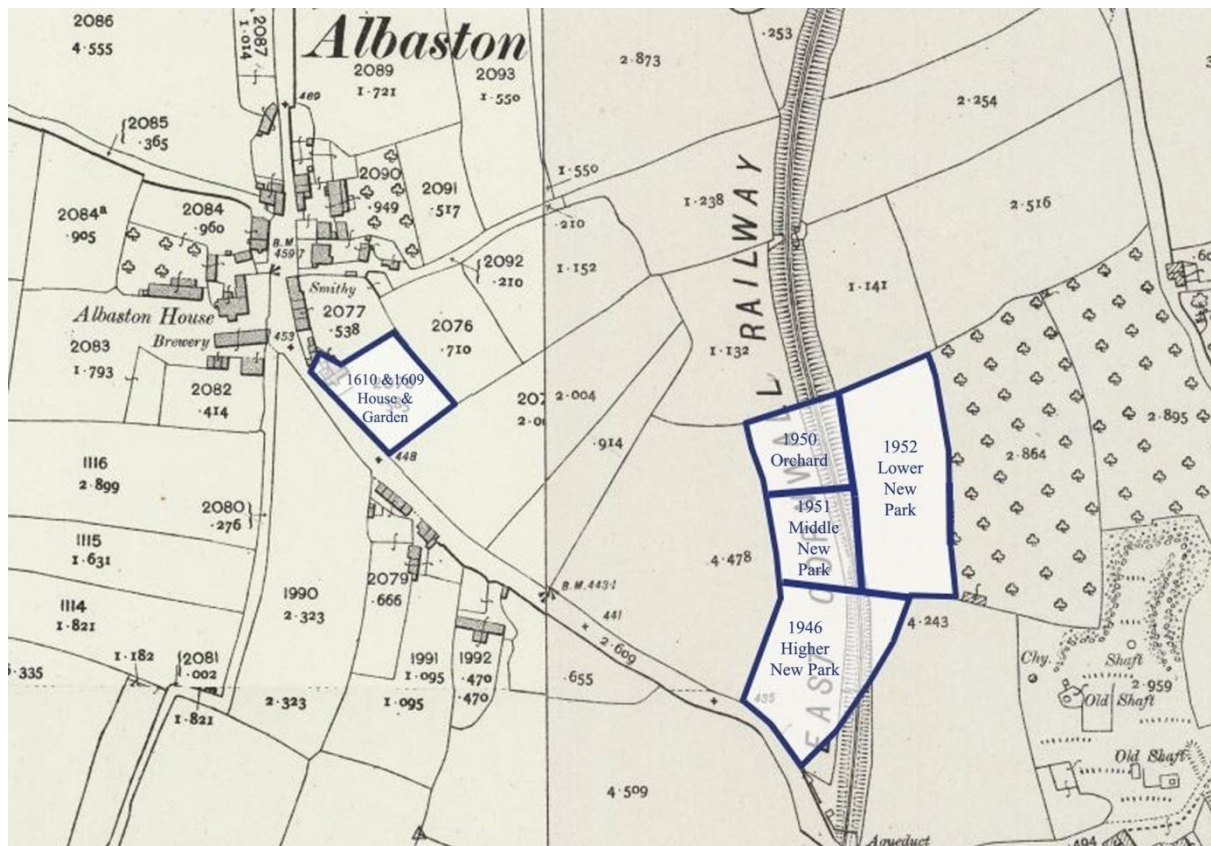
* Plan no: 2622 House in Calstock village.



References : The National Archives, Kew.

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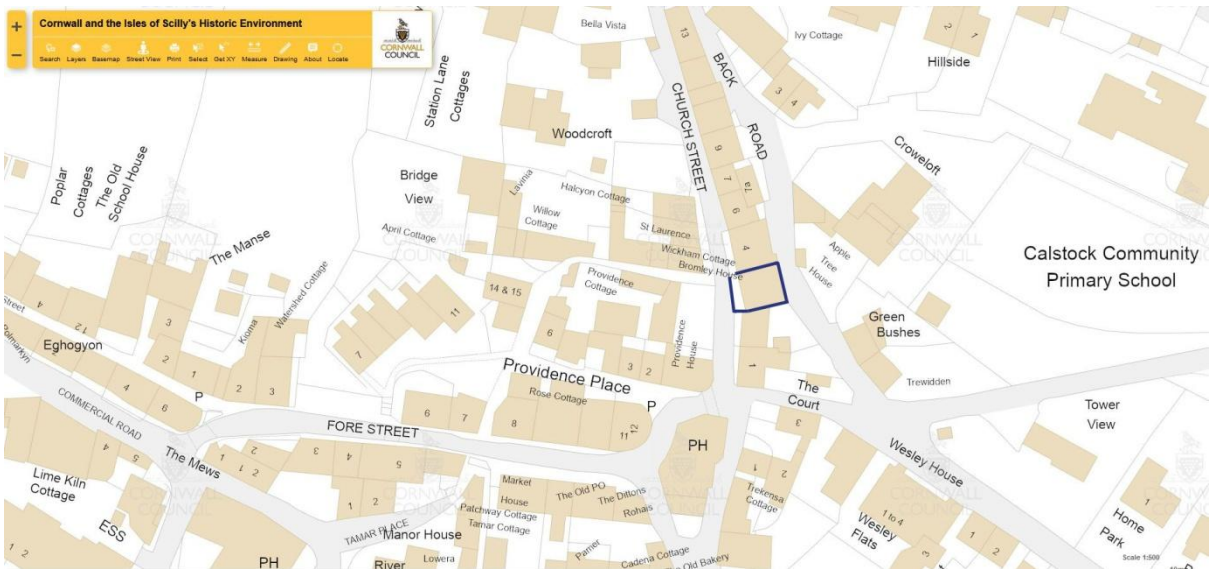
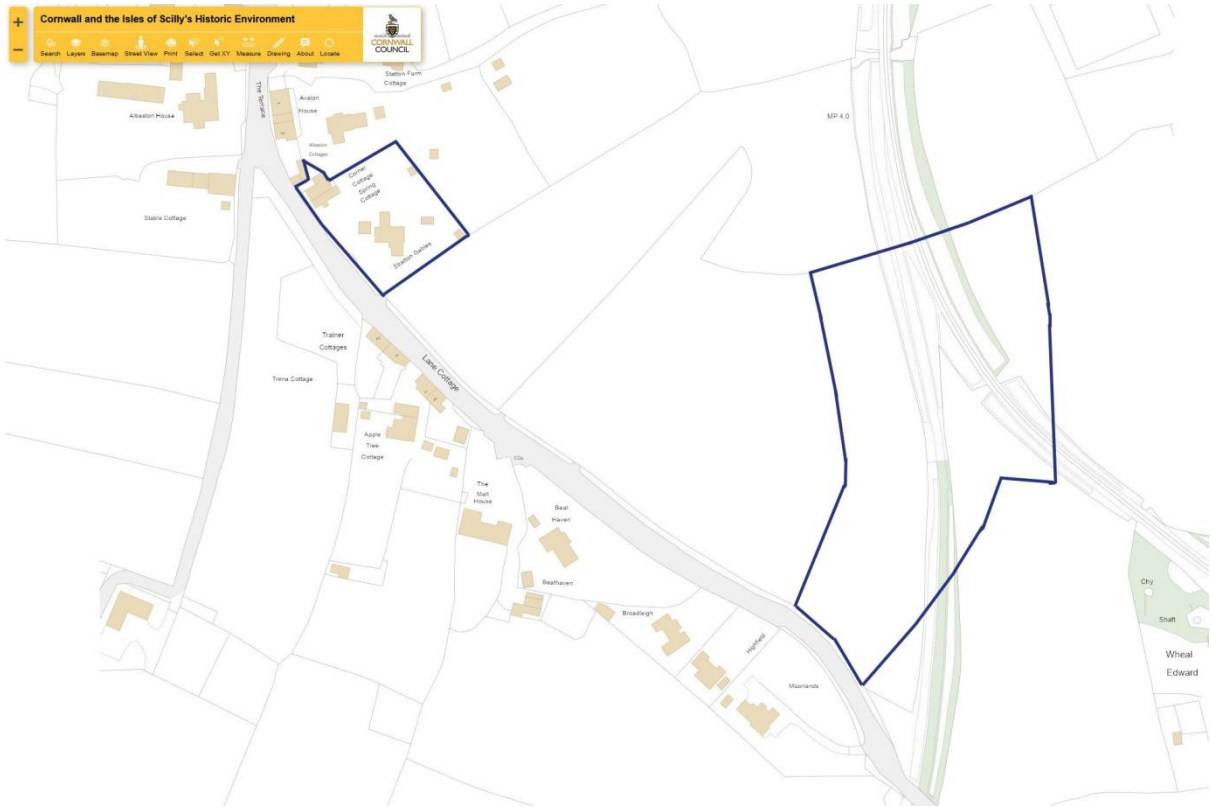


Note that due to the creation of the East Cornwall Railway, the field boundaries for plots 1946, 1950, 1951 & 1952 from the 1839 Tithe are approximate.

Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

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Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Plot 1924 on Tithe Map is now the location of dwelling “Valley Field” to the east of Danescombe Farm on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

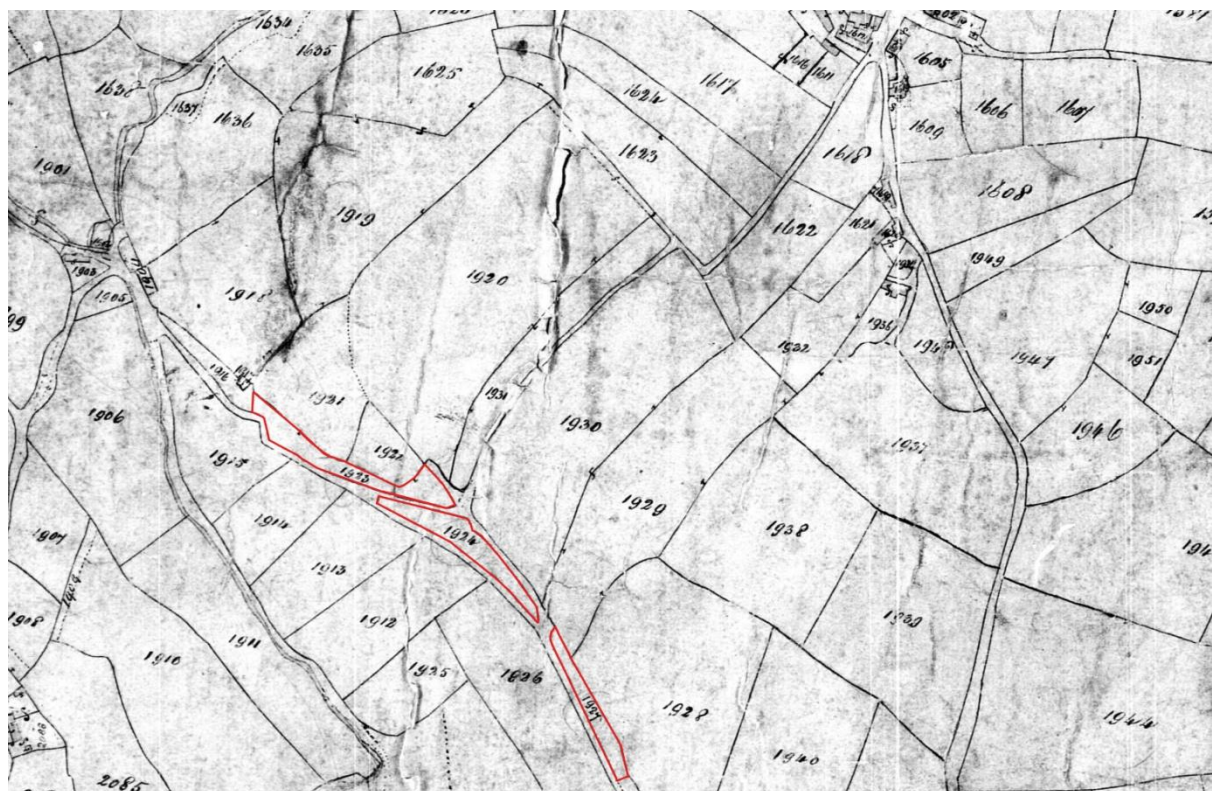
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Occupier: William Statton (Miner)

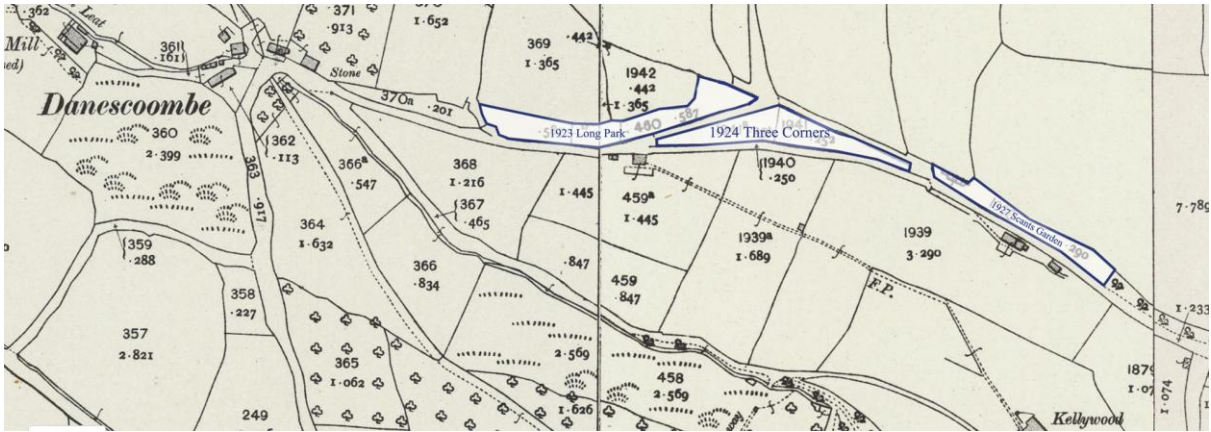
Landowner: Lord Ashburton

Tithe Apportionment Details:

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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
1923	Long Park	Arable		2	3			
1924	Three Corners	Arable		1	29			
1927	Scants Garden	Arable		1	5			
			1	0	37	£0	2	0



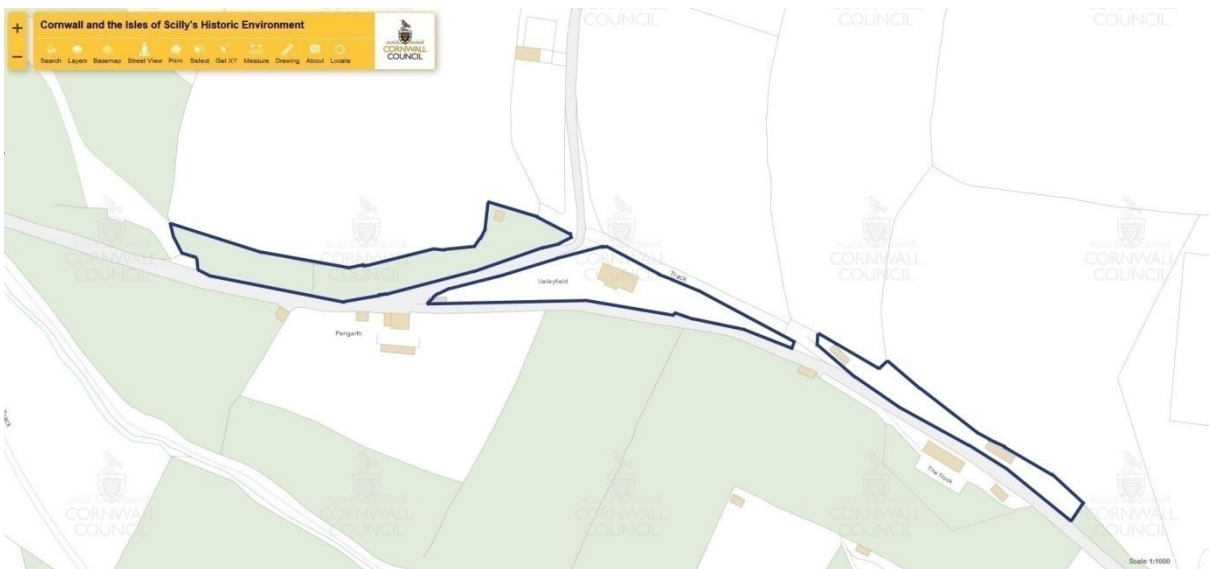
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William Knight Statton

William Knight Statton appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Albaston. William's age is given as 35 and although there is no occupation given for him, it is clear that the census enumerator mistakenly entered "Miner Copper" in the box above where his profession should have been noted. In the same household are what appear to be his wife Martha (35) and children - William (13), Josiah (8) Mary (6) and Ann (3), all born in Cornwall with the exception of Martha.¹ The Calstock Register of baptisms confirms this with William Knight (1828), Mary (1830), Josiah Joll (1833), Elizabeth Mary (1835), Ann (1838), Eliza (1841), Thomas (1843) and Edward (1846) appearing in the baptismal records, all born to William Knight Statton and his wife Martha.²

William Knight Statton was born in the parish of Calstock in 1801, and was baptised in the parish church on 13th December of that year, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Statton (née Joll)³, who were married at Calstock in 1791.⁴

William married Martha Prior at Calstock, on 6th December 1827.⁵

The 1851 Calstock Census again records the family at Albaston, where William (49) is listed as a Tin Miner, as are sons William (23 and now married) and Josiah (18). The 1851 Census also confirms that Martha (48) was indeed born outside Cornwall, just over the border in Tavistock.⁶ Martha Prior was baptised at Tavistock on 3rd August 1802, the daughter of Edward (a miner) and Elizabeth Prior (née Doidge)⁷, who were married at Tavistock in 1792.⁸

Exactly two calendar months after the 1851 Census the entire family emigrated to South Australia, the destination for so many Cornish mining families. On 30th May 1851 they boarded the emigrant ship "Thetis" at Plymouth, arriving at Port Adelaide on 6th September. The passenger list details - William K Statton (49, Miner), Martha (44, née Prior), Josiah (18, Miner), Mary (15, Servant), Anne (13) and Edward (4). The next entry records William Knight Statton (22, Miner) and his wife Jane Hocking Statton (21, née Davey).⁹

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN30 PN17.
2. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Ref: 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. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN105 PN31.
7. Devon Baptisms - Tavistock - (findmypast.co.uk) South West Heritage Trust. Ref: 482A/PR/1/3.
8. Devon Marriages & Banns - Tavistock - (findmypast.co.uk) South West Heritage Trust.
9. <https://www.theshipslist.com/ships/australia/thetis1851.shtml>

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Joseph Thomas**

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

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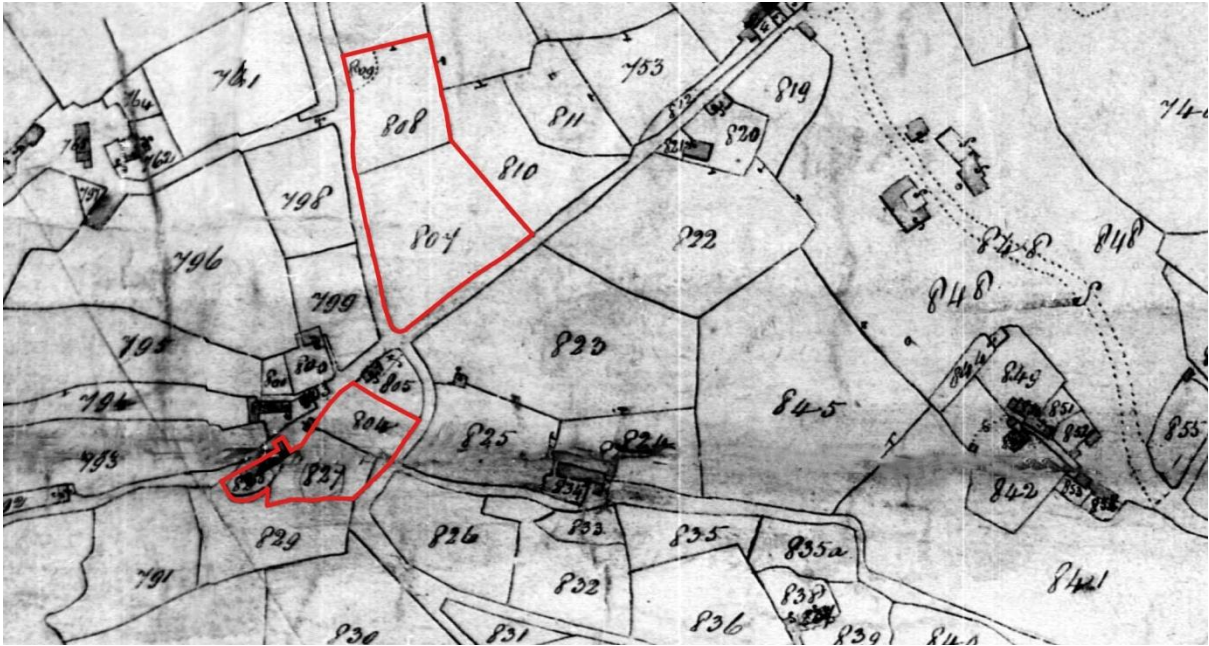


Occupier: Joseph Thomas (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

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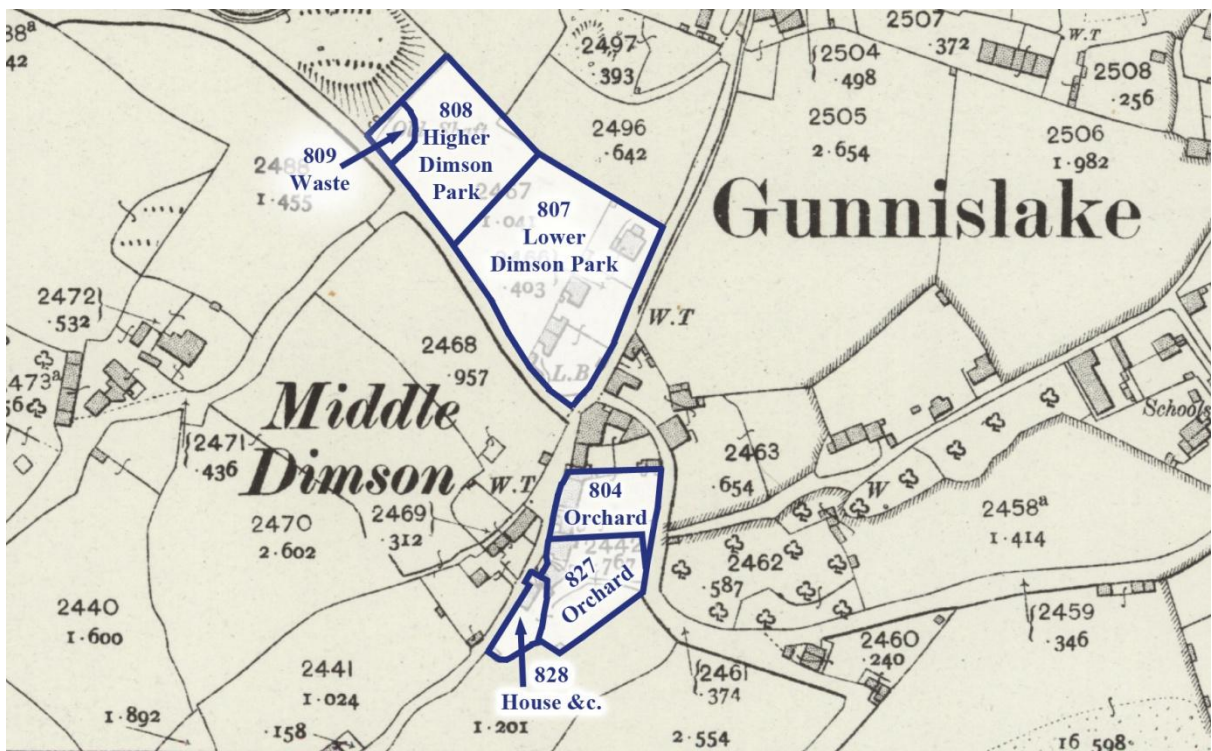
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804	Orchard	Orchard			28			
807	Lower Dimson Park	Pasture		3	24			
808	Higher Dimson Park	Pasture		1	32			
809	Waste	Waste			8			
827	Orchard	Orchard		1	1			
828	House &c.				12			
			1	3	25	0	9	3



References : The National Archives, Kew.

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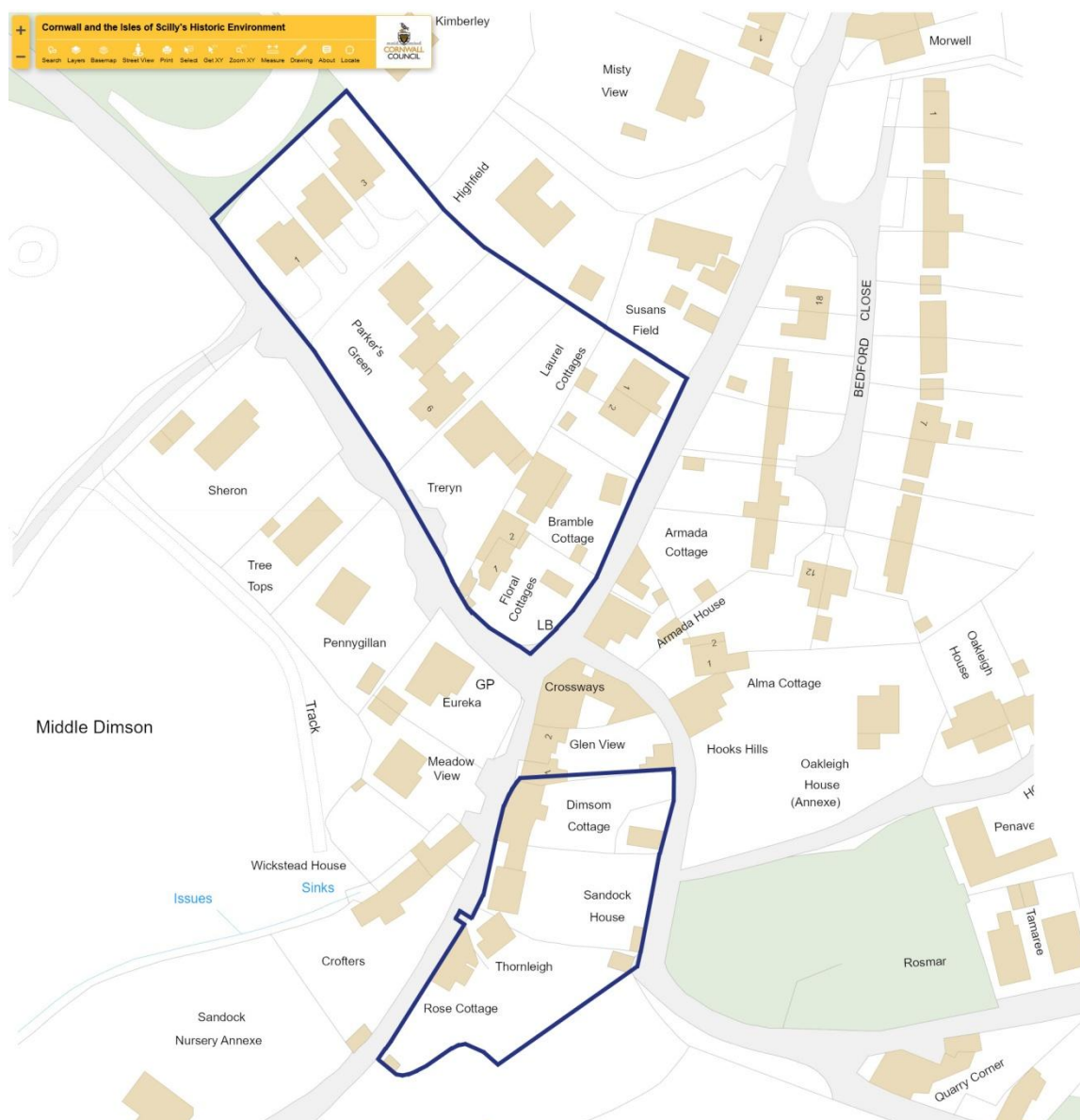
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Joseph Thomas

Joseph Thomas appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Dimson. He is listed as a copper miner aged 55, in the same household is Elizabeth (60), both born in Cornwall.¹

Joseph was born in the parish of Calstock and baptised on 22nd July 1781, the son of Ambrose and Martha Thomas (née Terrell)², who were married at Calstock on 22nd February 1781.³ Martha was a widow at the time of her marriage to Ambrose, her first husband was William Gribble whom she had married at Calstock in 1774.⁴ Ambrose Thomas was another miner who had made the journey from the western half of Cornwall, he was baptised in the parish of Kenwyn on 9th January 1757, the son of Joseph Thomas.⁵

Joseph Thomas married Elizabeth Marsh at Calstock on 23rd July 1807, interestingly, although a Calstock native, Joseph was noted as residing at Phillack in West Cornwall, his mining career had evidently taken him west.⁶

The Phillack Register of baptisms list twins named Joseph and Mary born to Joseph and Elizabeth in 1808 and baptised on October 8th of that year.⁷ It is difficult to be certain whether the couple had more children, Thomas is second only to Williams when it comes to commonest Cornish surnames and there are a number of contemporary couples named Joseph and Elizabeth Thomas.

It has not been able to determine exactly when Joseph and Elizabeth Thomas returned to the parish of Calstock, but clearly prior to the 1839 Tithe.

The 1851 Calstock Census again lists the couple at Middle Dimson. Surprisingly, Joseph's occupation is recorded as Schoolmaster, he was 69 years old and born at Calstock, Elizabeth was 73 and her place of birth given as Werrington (just north of Launceston).⁸

Elizabeth Thomas died in 1855 aged 77, and was buried at Calstock on 24th June.⁹

The 1861 Calstock Census once again lists Joseph at Middle Dimson. He is once again a copper miner, now aged 79 and a widower, born at Calstock. Also in the household were Mary Paul (52 (widow)) a general servant, born at Phillack and listed as boarders were her children - Joseph Paul (20) and Nicholas Paul (16) both copper miners, Catherine Paul (14) and William Paul (11) all of the children were born in Redruth.¹⁰ Mary Paul was in fact Joseph's daughter and obviously her children his grandchildren - Unusual (but certainly not unheard of) to have close family members not given their actual relationship to the head of the household. Mary Thomas had married miner Stephen Paull at Redruth on 9th February 1830¹¹ and had lived there at least until Stephen Paull's death in 1852.¹²

Joseph Thomas died aged 83 at Dimson on 19th March 1864, his daughter Mary Paull of Calstock named as his sole Executrix.¹³ Joseph was buried at Calstock on 23rd March.¹⁴

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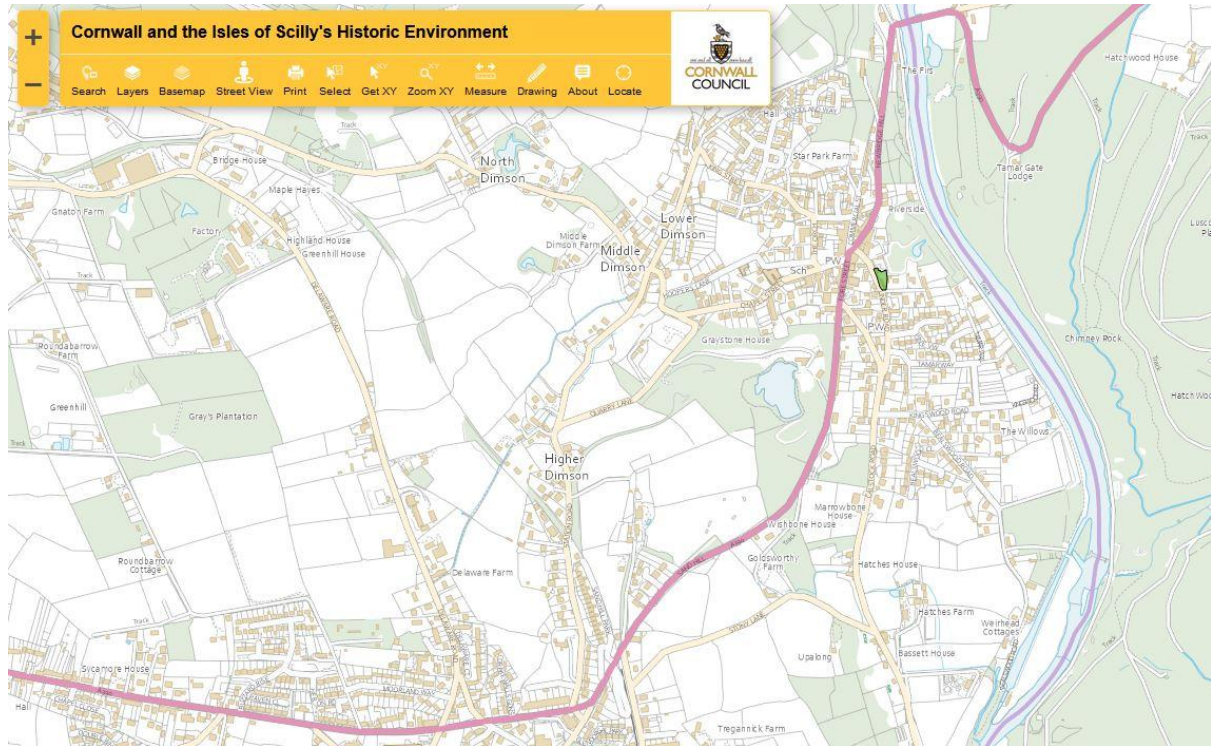
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10. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN59 PN9.
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Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **William Treloar**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithes): Under Road, Gunnislake. Dwelling on Tithes Map located at “The Retreat” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX43250 71708 (dwelling)



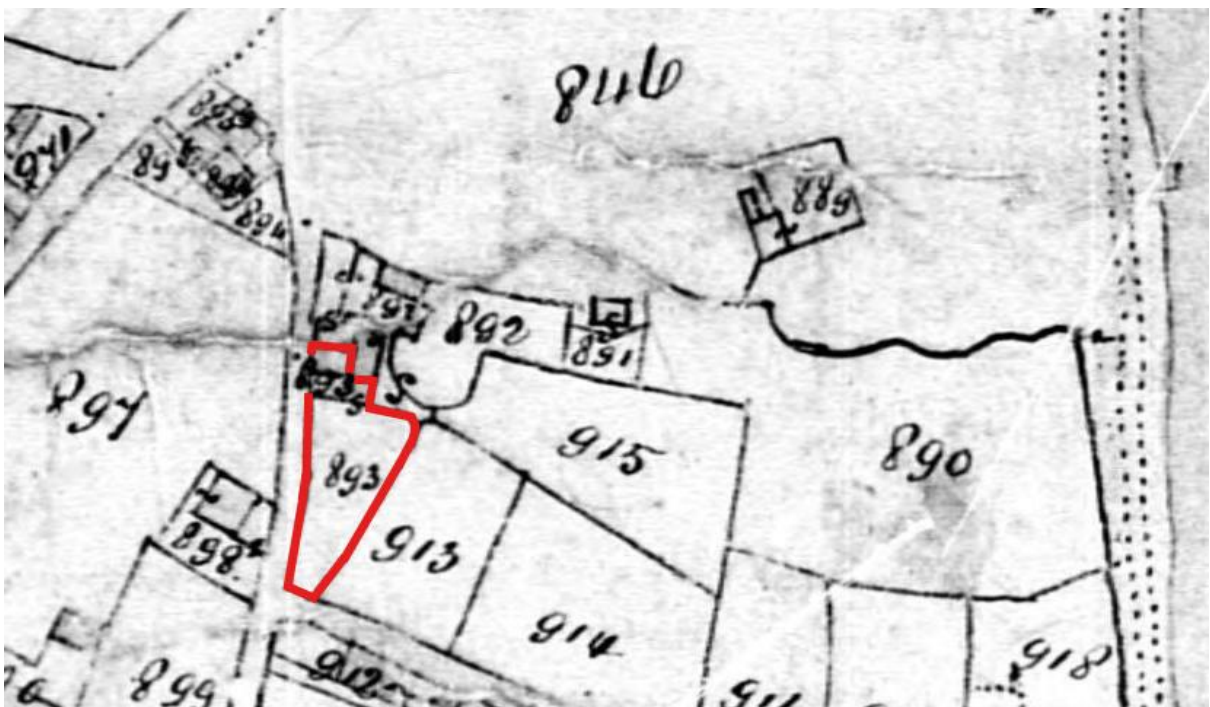
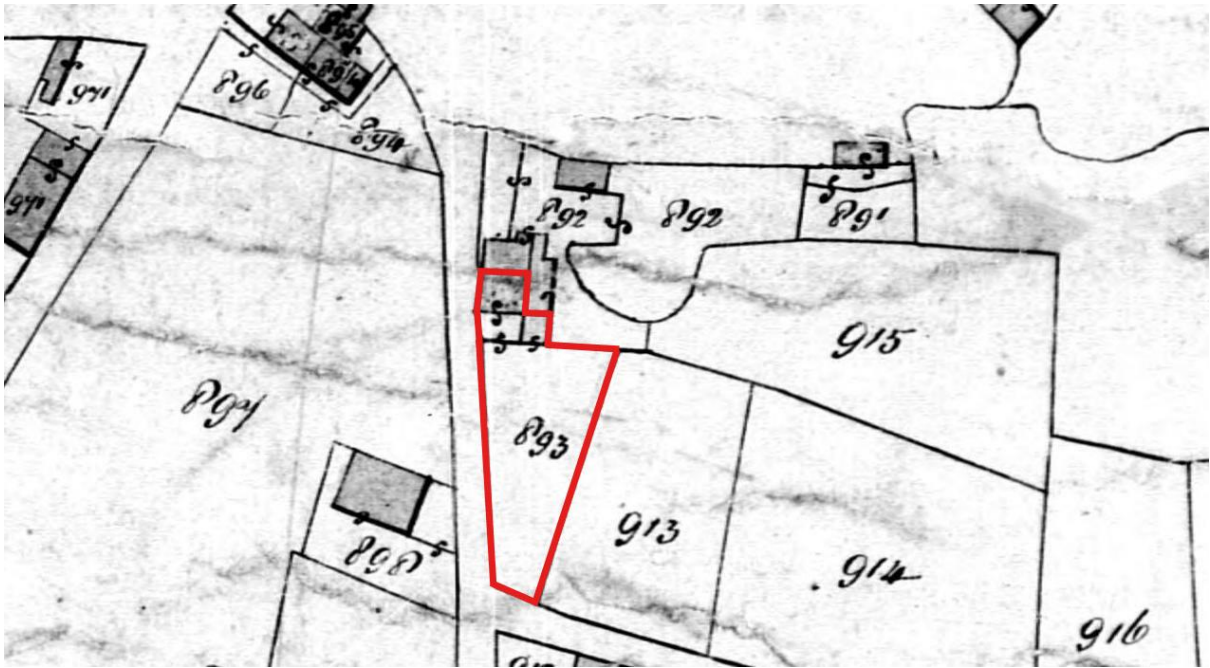
Occupier: William Treloar (Miner)

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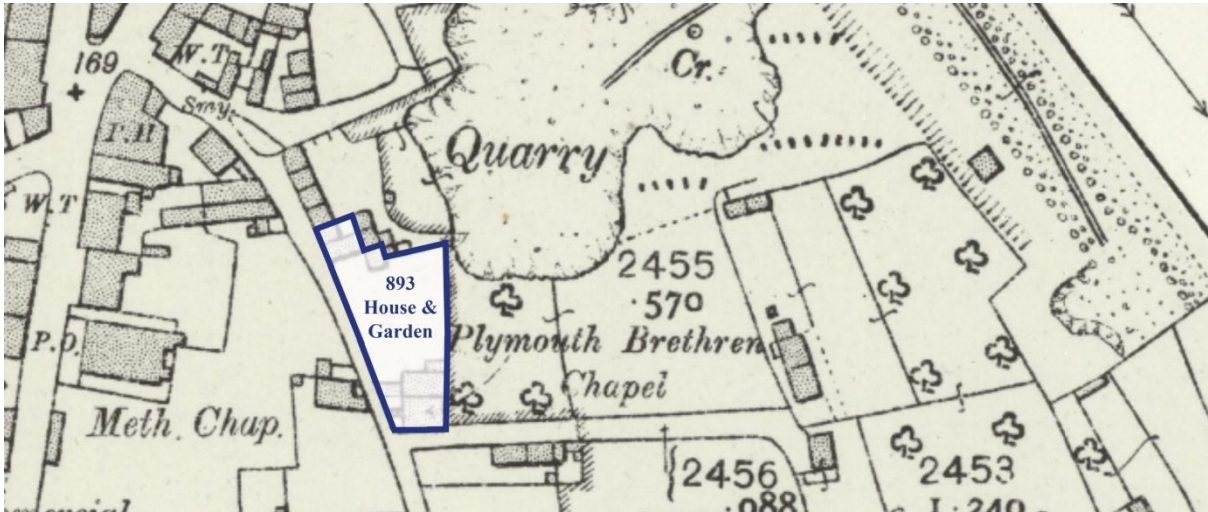
Landowner: Elijah Sleep

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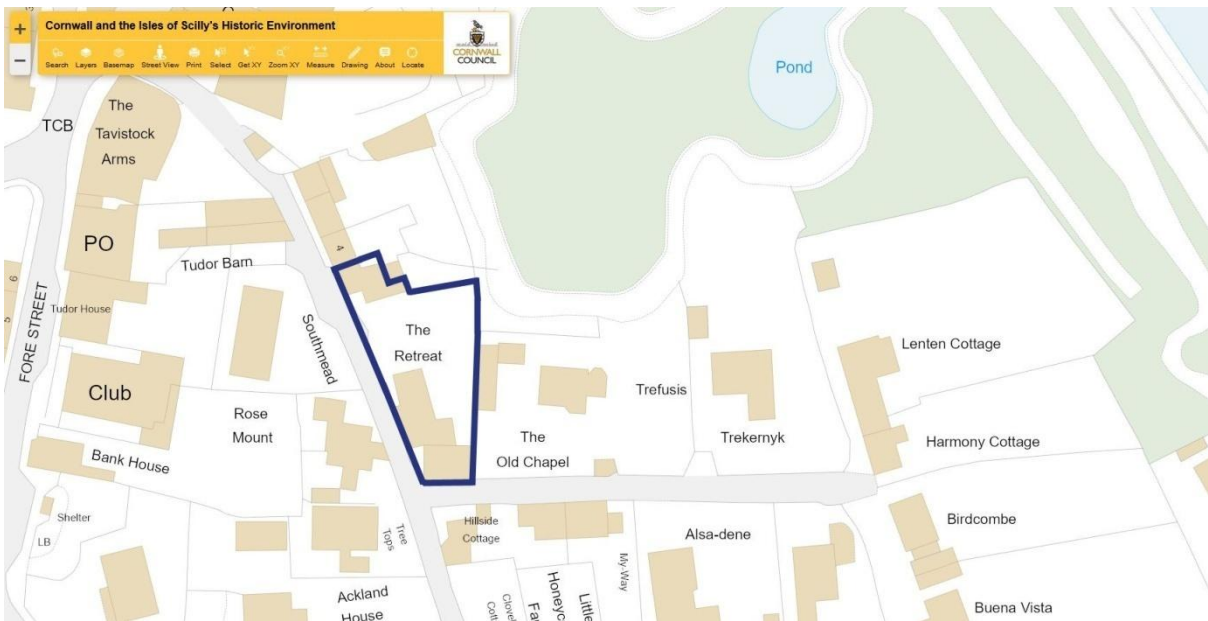
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William Treloar

William Treloar appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. He is listed as a miner aged 25, in the same household are Elizabeth Treloar (35), James Treloar (1), William Heals (10), Elizabeth Trebilcock (7), and John Trebilcock (5), all born in Cornwall.¹

William Treloar married Elizabeth Trebilcock (a widow) at Calstock on 30th July 1838, both were noted as of Gunnislake. William was recorded as a 22 year old miner, the son of James Treloar (also a miner), and Elizabeth Trebilcock a 32 year old widow, the daughter of Joseph Cocking (a farmer).²

William was likely the William Treloar baptised on 13th March 1814 at Wendron, the son of James (a miner) and Elizabeth Treloar (née Eathorne)³ who were married there on 18th February 1800, both “of this parish”.⁴

The Calstock register of baptisms record the names of five children born to William and Elizabeth Treloar between 1839 and 1849 - William James (1839), James (1840), John Thomas (1842) all born in Gunnislake, Mary Louisa (1845) born at Clitter Lodge (Chilsworthy) and Joseph Sampson (1849) born at Chilsworthy.⁵

The 1851 Calstock Census confirms this move, and records the family at “Bittoms” (now Bitthams), Chilsworthy. Interestingly, William Treloar gave his occupation as “Miner farming 5½ acres”. The relocation to Chilsworthy evidently came with more land.

William Treloar (34) (occupation as above) born Wendron, wife Elizabeth (46) born Calstock, William Charles Heale (20) (son-in-law) mine labourer, Elizabeth Trebilcock (17) (daughter-in-law) girl of all work, John Trebilcock (14) (son-in-law) copper miner, Thomas John Treloar (8) (son) and Joseph Sampson Treloar (2) (son), all born Calstock. Also in the household were two lodgers - Maria Sly (23) school mistress born Lamerton (Devon) and William Drown (24) mine labourer born Germansweek (Devon).⁶

Note that “son-in-law” and “daughter-in-law” were terms often used at this time to denote step-children, and this can be corroborated through a number of entries in the Calstock Parish Registers. It transpires that Elizabeth (née Cocking) was twice widowed when she married William Treloar in 1838.

Elizabeth Cocking’s first marriage was to a William Hele at Calstock on 1st April 1830, both “of this parish”, witnessed by Caroline Cocking.⁷ The couple had at least one child together - William Charles Hale (sic), baptised on 6th March 1831, the couple residing at “Bittoms”, William noted as a labourer.⁸

The Calstock Registers recorded the burial of William Heele aged 26 of Dimson, on 12th October 1832.⁹

On 1st June 1833 at Calstock, Elizabeth Heale (of this parish) married John Trebilcock (sojourner of this parish), witnessed by Joseph Cocking and Caroline Cocking.¹⁰ The couple had at least two children Elizabeth Trebilcock born c.1834 in Calstock parish (no baptism found) and John Trebilcock born in Gunnislake and baptised on 14th February 1836 at Calstock, John Trebilcock’s occupation was noted as stonecutter.¹¹

In 1837 the family were in need of help from the parish and as a result a Removal Order was passed sending the family to John Trebilcock’s home parish of St Dennis in mid-Cornwall. John was baptised at St Dennis on 13th October 1806, the son of Roger and Grace Trebilcock.¹²

On 17th October 1837 the Court of the Cornwall Quarter Sessions granted an Appeal by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of St Dennis against an Order (dated 26th July 1837) for the removal of “John Trebilcock and Elizabeth his wife and William Hele aged six years a child by her former husband and Elizabeth Trebilcock aged three years and John Trebilcock aged one year their children”, from Calstock to St Dennis. The original decision was reversed and the family were returned to the parish of Calstock where the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish there were required to receive them and provide for them as their own parishioners.¹³

John Trebilcock must have died before 30th July 1838 (the date of Elizabeth's marriage to William Treloar), and there is a burial recorded in the Calstock Register of a John Trebilcock (aged 31 of Gunnislake) on 11th September 1837.¹⁴ This must be Elizabeth's husband, although the date (original seen and verified) is at odds with the Quarter Sessions date of 5 weeks after John's apparent death.

William Treloar died between the Census date of 30th March 1851 and the time of Elizabeth's fourth marriage to farmer Richard Collacott on 13th February 1854. There are no burials or registered deaths of a William Treloar (of a suitable age) in Cornwall or Devon for this period.

Three time widowed Elizabeth Treloar (48) married widower Richard Collacott (60) at Hollacombe (near Holsworthy in NW Devon) on 13th February 1854, Elizabeth gave her father's name as Joseph Cocking and his occupation as mine agent.¹⁵

It is worth noting Elizabeth Cocking's background. She was baptised at Calstock on 1st September 1805, the daughter of Joseph and Joanna Cocking (née Sampson).¹⁶ Joseph Cocking was born at Gwennap in 1775, and baptised there on 31st December of that year, son the of Philip and Elizabeth Cocking (née Goldsworthy)¹⁷, who were married at Gwennap on 13th May 1769.¹⁸

Joseph Cocking had certainly arrived in the parish by 1804, marrying Joanna Sampson at Calstock on 9th December of that year, the marriage register describes both as "sojourners".¹⁹ Joanna Sampson was baptised at Tavistock on 6th July 1782, the daughter of Thomas (a miner) and Joanna Sampson (née Colwill).²⁰ Thomas Sampson and Joan(na) Colwill had married at Calstock on 6th February 1773.²¹

Elizabeth's mother Joanna Sampson was a sister to Maria Sampson (who as a widow Maria Reynolds, married Lewis Cocking (Joseph's brother) at Calstock on 13th April 1807.²² So Elizabeth Cocking was a cousin of Ann Colwill (Reynolds) the wife of miner John Buckingham of Hatches Green, see separate entry on John Buckingham for further information.

Over the years, Joseph Cocking was the Captain of a number of mines in the district, including Gunnislake Mine and Wheal Sisters²³, and was a well known local figure. He was clearly very successful, the Tithe Apportionment records him as owner and occupier of Latchley Farm (56 acres) and also owner of Bettems (Bitthams) (9 acres). "Bettems" was occupied by his son-in-law Samuel Wadge, who married Joseph's daughter Caroline Cocking at Calstock on 15th August 1839, Caroline's father is noted as Joseph Cocking, Agent of Mines.²⁴

It is interesting to note that in the 1841 Census (despite owning two farms) Joseph Cocking still gave his occupation as "Mining Agent"²⁵, however by 1851 he described himself as "Farmer 72 acres Land".²⁶

It is perhaps surprising that given Elizabeth Cocking's father's relative wealth, she and second husband John Trebilcock needed to rely on parish relief, and as noted, for a short time were removed to John's parish of St Dennis, some 35 miles to the west.

Joseph Cocking (occupation Yeoman) died at Latchley on 1st December 1854, and in his Will (Proven 27th December 1854), he left an annuity to his widow (second wife Jane Truscott, whom he married at Calstock in 1826²⁷), his real and personal estates to his three sons, and £50 each to his four daughters - "Elizabeth Cullicott, Mary Ann Cocking, Louisa Aly, and Caroline Wadge".²⁸

The 1861 Calstock Census finds Elizabeth and family at Chilsworthy - Richard Collacot (73) retired farmer born Holsworthy, wife Elizabeth Collacot (55) born Calstock, Thomas J Treloar (18) (wife's son) copper mine labourer born Calstock, William Toll (38) (son-in-law) (actually Elizabeth's son-in-law - her daughter Elizabeth Trebilcock married William Toll at Lamerton on 16th August 1854 ²⁹) "Working a Mine Engine" born "Beear" (Bere Ferrers, Devon), Elizabeth Toll (27) (dau), Elizabeth M Toll (6) (g.dau), "Burcules" (Burgess) Henry Toll (4) (g.son) and William M Toll (2) (g.son), all born Calstock.³⁰

Elizabeth's eventful life took another tragic turn when her son John Trebilcock was killed when he fell while ascending the ladders at Latchley Consols Mine on 23rd July 1863.³¹

The Western Daily Mercury

Vol. VII. No. 962.

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PLYMOUTH, SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1863.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LATCHLEY CONSOLS MINE, CALSTOCK.

A man named John Trebilcock, residing at Chilsworthy, and working at the above mine, met his death by "falling away" on Thursday afternoon. He had finished his work, and was ascending the ladders talking to his comrade—who was immediately above him—when the latter, finding he received no answers, retraced his steps, and found that Trebilcock had fallen 25 fathoms. Assistance was obtained, and the poor fellow was, with some difficulty, extricated, but life was well nigh extinct, and he expired on the road to his dwelling. Deceased leaves a wife and four children, all very young. An inquest will be held before Mr Good.

John Trebilcock (aged 27) was buried at Calstock on 26th July 1863, the burial register notes "Killed at Latchley Consols Mine 23 July".³²

Elizabeth was widowed for a fourth time when her husband Richard Collacott died (at Chilsworthy) in February 1870, he was buried at Calstock on the 20th.³³

The 1871 Census listed the Elizabeth in the Chilsworthy area (this particular Census lacks any address detail). Elizabeth Collacott (65) (a widow) is a School Mistress, and staying with her was her grandson Charles Trebilcock (9) both born Calstock.

Living next door were Elizabeth's widowed daughter-in-law Eliza Trebilcock and her remaining children - Eliza Trebilcock (33) (widow) dressmaker born St Cleer, John H Trebilcock (14) works to mine, William (12), Elizabeth (10) and Mary L (5) all born Calstock.³⁴

Elizabeth Collacott was still at Chilsworthy in 1881 aged 75, and head of household, she had a lodger named William Matthews (77) (widower) an agricultural labourer born Menheniot. Only two doors away were her daughter-in-law Eliza (44) (now Piper) with her second husband Richard Piper (46) born Calstock, together with their children including Elizabeth Collacott's grandchildren - John H Trebilcock (24), William Trebilcock (21) both copper miners, Elizabeth Trebilcock (20) brick carrier and Charles Trebilcock (17) copper miner, all born Calstock.³⁵

By 1891 Elizabeth Collacott could evidently not support herself and she was living in the Tavistock Union Workhouse at Bannawell Street, Tavistock - Collacott Elizabeth (Inmate) (widow aged 85) dress maker, born Calstock.³⁶

Sadly she was again (or perhaps more likely still) in the Tavistock Workhouse nine years later, where she died in April 1900 aged 95. She was buried at Calstock on 11th April.³⁷

Elizabeth Cocking's life spanned almost all of the nineteenth century, and she certainly faced the many vicissitudes of life often experienced by Cornish mining families of the period, she must have been quite a character.

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN24 PN5.
2. Calstock Register of marriages, 1837-1858. Ref: KK P26/1/13.
3. Wendron Register of baptisms 1813-1827. Ref:KK P249/1/2.
4. Wendron Register of marriages and banns 1754-1812. Ref:KK P249/1/6.
5. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
6. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN141 PN12.
7. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
8. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
10. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
11. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
12. St Dennis Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1687-1821. Ref: KK P48/1/1.
13. Cornwall Online Parish Clerks - St Dennis & Calstock, Parish Settlement Records. Removal Order Appeal - (Cornwall Quarter Sessions – transcribed by John Evans from LDS film 1596469, image 359). https://www.opc-cornwall.org/settlement/dennis_st_settlement_trebilcock_john_1837.pdf
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15. Devon Marriages and Banns - Hollacombe - Ref: 2902A/PR/1/4 - South West Heritage Trust (original image on findmypast.co.uk).
16. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
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23. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 154 Vol. VII, 4 August 1838, pg. 37, col. 3. Report by Joseph Cocking on Wheal Sisters.
24. Calstock Register of marriages, 1837-1858. Ref: KK P26/1/13.
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28. Archdeaconry of Cornwall, Probate Court - Will of Joseph Cocking, yeoman, of Calstock 1854. Ref: KK AP/C/5508.
29. Devon Marriages & Banns - Lamerton. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office Collection (findmypast.co.uk).
30. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN82 PN21.
31. *The Western Daily Mercury* (Plymouth), July 25th 1863, Vol. VII, No. 962, pg.5, col. 1.
32. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

33. Ibid.
34. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2146 FN8 PN12.
35. 1881 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG11 PN2216 FN69 PN10.
36. 1891 Devon Census, Tavistock. Ref: RG12 PN1750 FN148 PN3.
37. Calstock Register of burials, 1892-1915. Ref: KK P26/1/40.

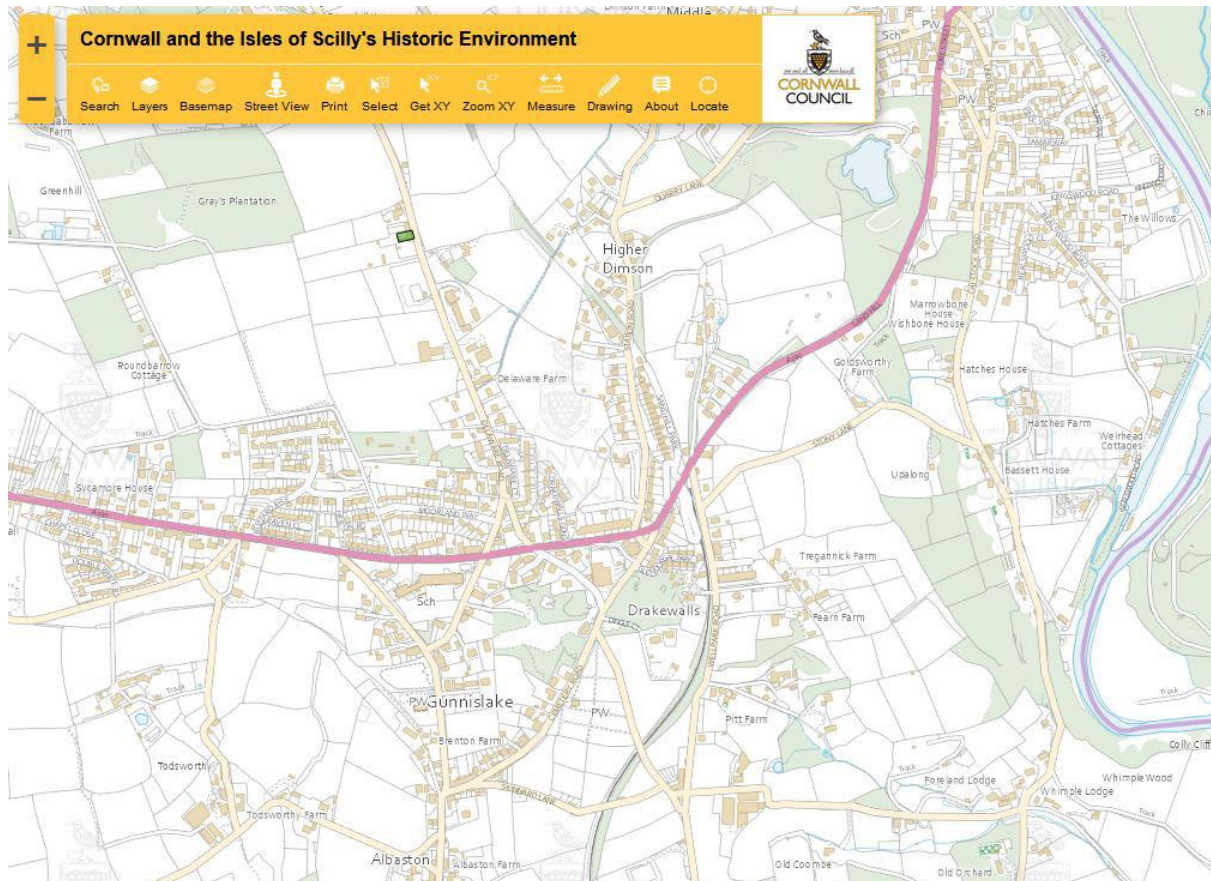
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Mine Worker: **Samuel Truan**

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Note that the original dwelling was behind where the cottages are today (at the western end of the plot).

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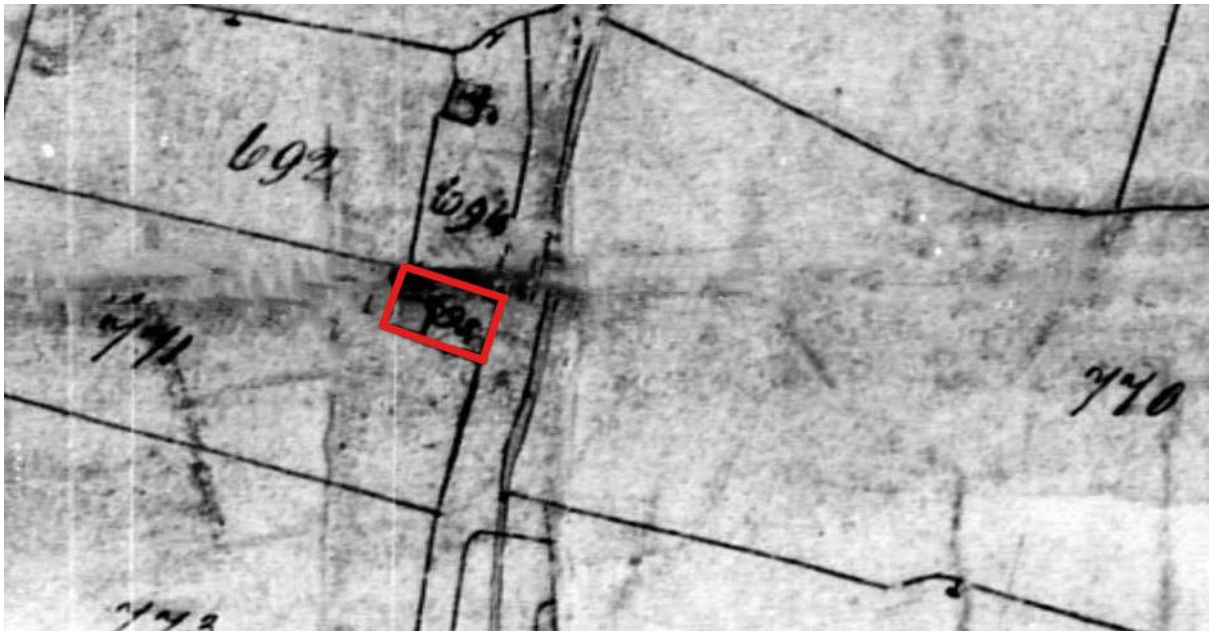


Occupier: Samuel Truan (Miner)

Landowner: Patience Coombe

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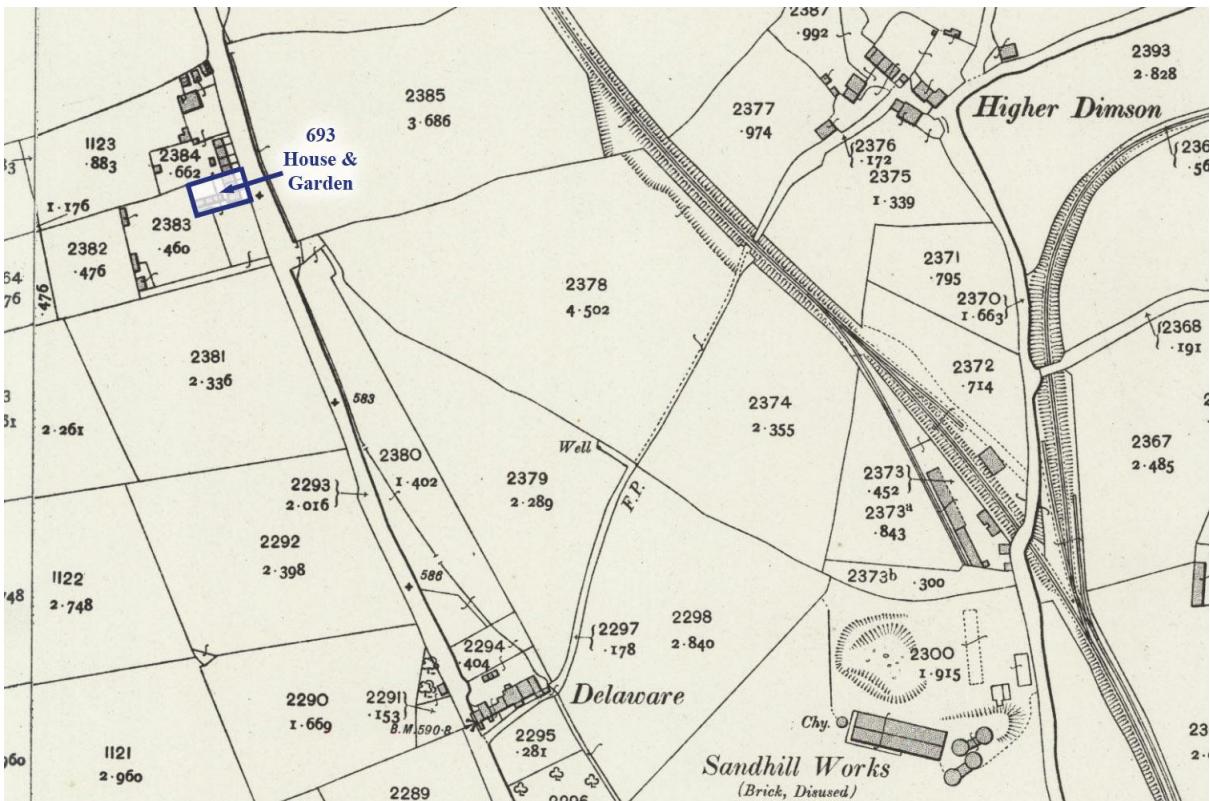
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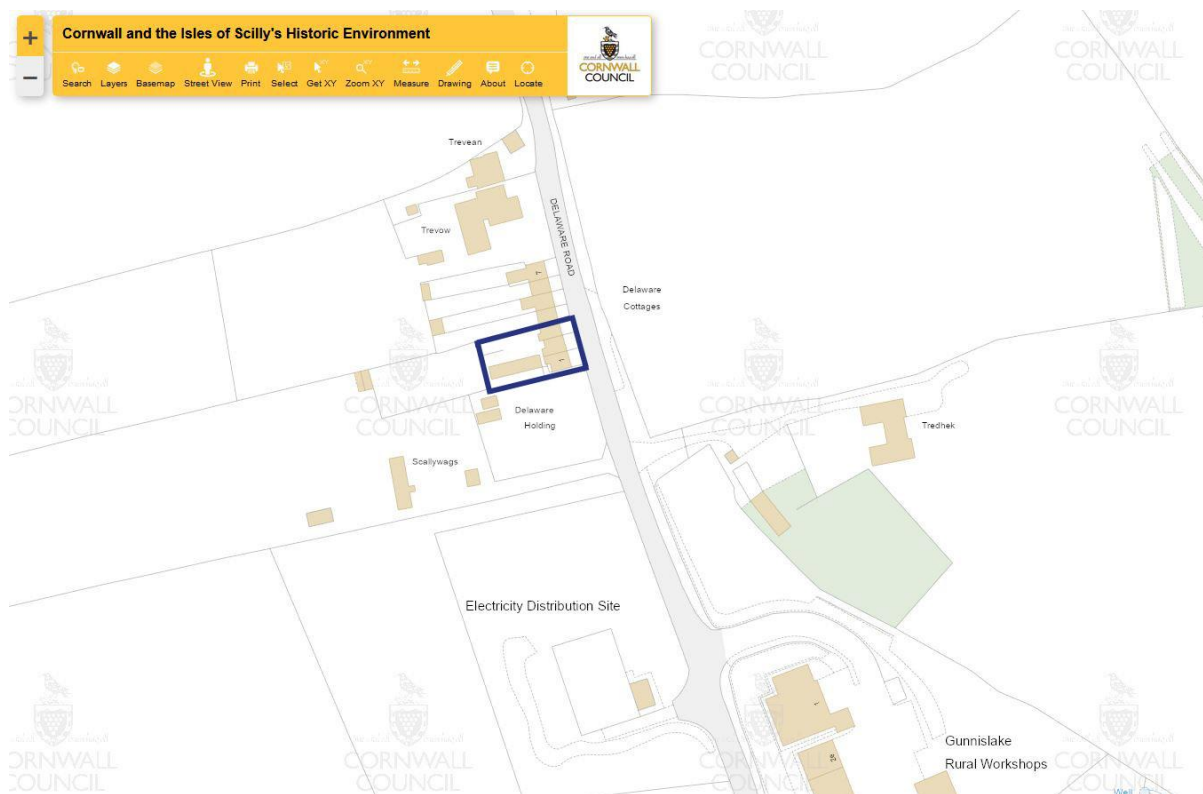
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Samuel Truan

Samuel's surname is recorded as Trewin in the 1839 Tithe Apportionment Book, as Trewan in his marriage record at Calstock in 1827, as Truan, Truen and Trewen at the baptisms of his children at Calstock. He was baptised as Truan although earlier siblings were named Truran, as was his father at the time of his marriage in 1778 at Kenwyn. The family (at least at Calstock) settled on the spelling Truan. Perhaps the clerks at Calstock conflated the two distinct surnames as there was also a "genuine" Trewin in the parish - William Trewin a butcher and farmer who lived at Metherell.¹

Both surnames would no doubt have been unusual in Calstock, Trewin is a surname from the north east of Cornwall - William Trewin was from Kilkhampton and Truan/Truran is found mainly in the Truro/St Agnes areas.

Samuel Truan appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Delaware. He is listed as a copper miner aged 40, in the same household are Jennifer (40), Samuel (9), Eleanor (7), Susanna (5) and John (5 mths), all born in Cornwall.²

Samuel Truan was born on 2nd October 1799 in the parish of St Agnes, and baptised there on 10th November of that year, the son of Andrew and Cheston Truan (née Christoe)³, who were married at Kenwyn on 26th December 1778.⁴ Andrew's surname was recorded as Truran at his Kenwyn marriage, and indeed the surname was also Truran for the baptisms at Kenwyn of children - Thomas (1779), Eleanor (1781), Gabriel (1783) and (another) Gabriel (1786).⁵ Two further children were baptised at St Agnes under the spelling Truan - Andrew (1793) and Samuel as above.⁶

Samuel (as Trewan) married Jennifer Reynolds at Calstock on 5th December 1827, Samuel noted as sojourner of this parish.⁷

Samuel and Jennifer (also known as Jane, as was usual in Cornwall) had six children baptised at Calstock between 1828 and 1844, Jane (1828), Eleanor (1834), Susanna (1836), Mary Ann (1839), John (1841) and William Reynolds in (1844).⁸ There does not appear to be a baptism for son Samuel Truan, who was born c.1832 .

Samuel Truan died aged 45 at Delaware in 1844, and was buried at Calstock on 30th March.⁹

There is an error on the 1851 Census at Delaware where the family is recorded as being headed by a John Truan age 50, a widow with no occupation given. The given name is clearly noted as John rather than Jane or Jennifer and even the age is placed in the column denoting males. It is clearly the correct family - "John" Truan (50) widow, Samuel (18) mine labourer, Ellen (16) and Susanna (14) both work at mine, John (10) and William (7), all born Calstock. Also in the household was Agness Medland (20) work at mine, born Lewtrenchard.¹⁰

However, the 1861 Census is correct, listed at Gunnislake - Jannyfor Truan (60) widow, housekeeper, John (20) and William (17) both copper miners, all born Calstock.¹¹

Jenifer (sic) Truan died aged 85 at Gunnislake in 1885, and was buried at Calstock on 28th August.¹²

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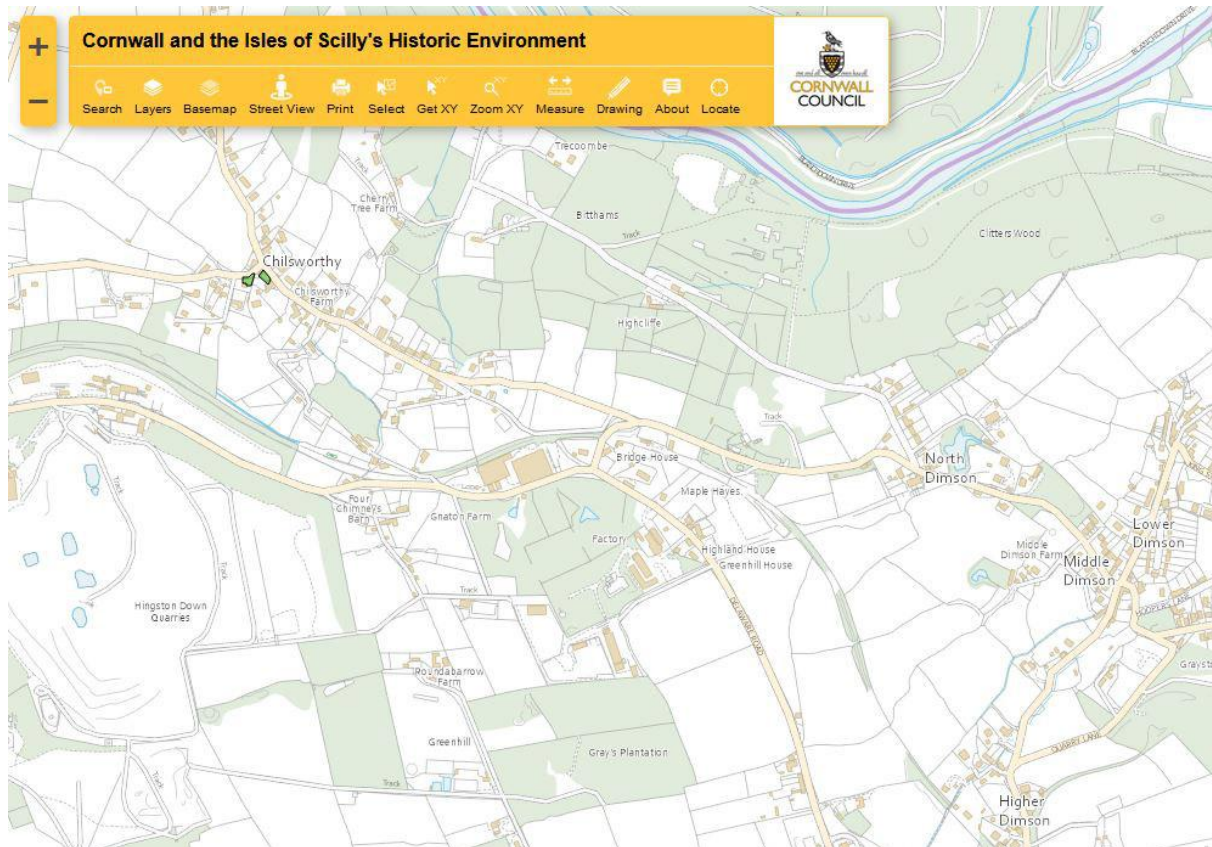
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3. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1791-1812. Ref: KK P2/1/7.
4. Kenwyn Register of marriages, 1772-1784. Ref: KK P98/1/6.
5. Kenwyn Register of baptisms, 1774-1804. Ref: KK P98/1/4.
6. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1791-1812. Ref: KK P2/1/7.
7. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
8. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
9. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
10. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN162 PN54.
11. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN69 PN29.
12. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Truscott, son of Elizabeth Truscott (Occupier)**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Chilsworthy. Dwelling and gardens on Tithe Map Plan Nos. 405 and 403, both described as “House”, however only Plan 405 depicts a building. The building is extant on the OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914, but does not appear on modern mapping. Site of dwelling located 15 metres north east of Rosedene, Chilsworthy on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

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Occupier: Elizabeth (Betsy) Truscott (appears in the Tithe Apportionment Book as “Betty Truscote”) (with son John Truscott (Miner))

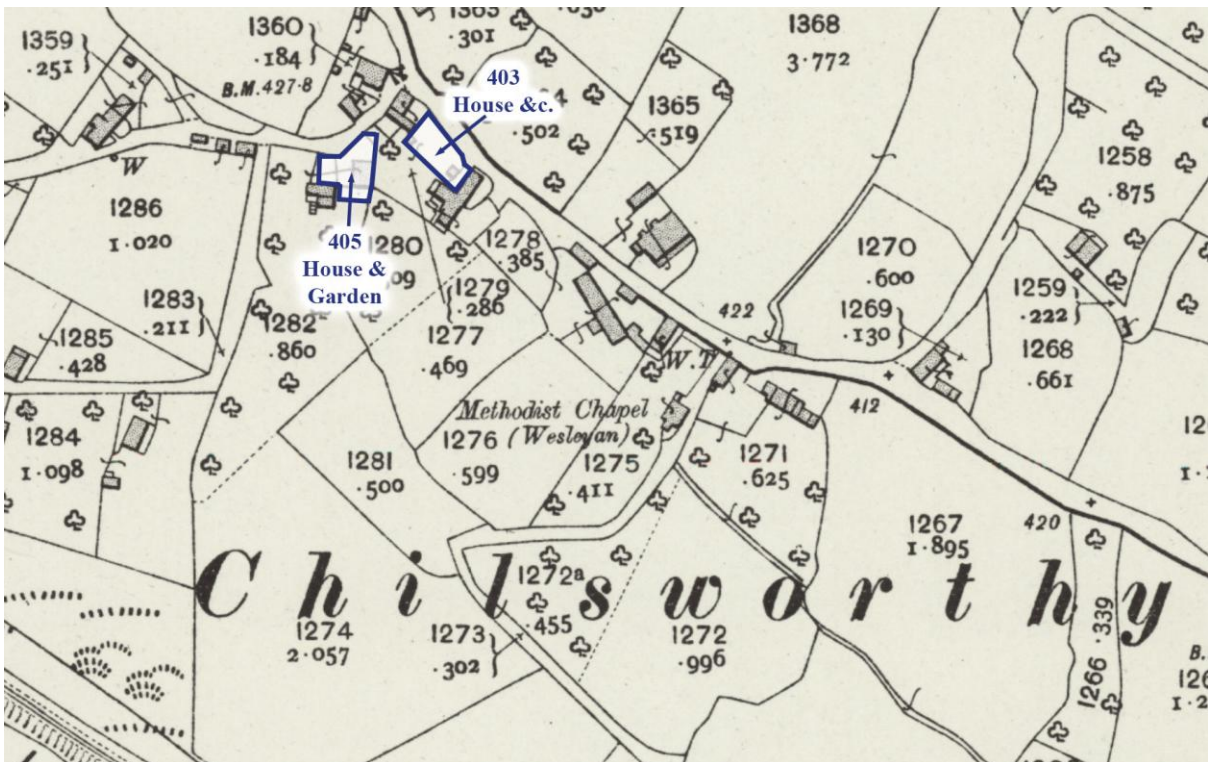
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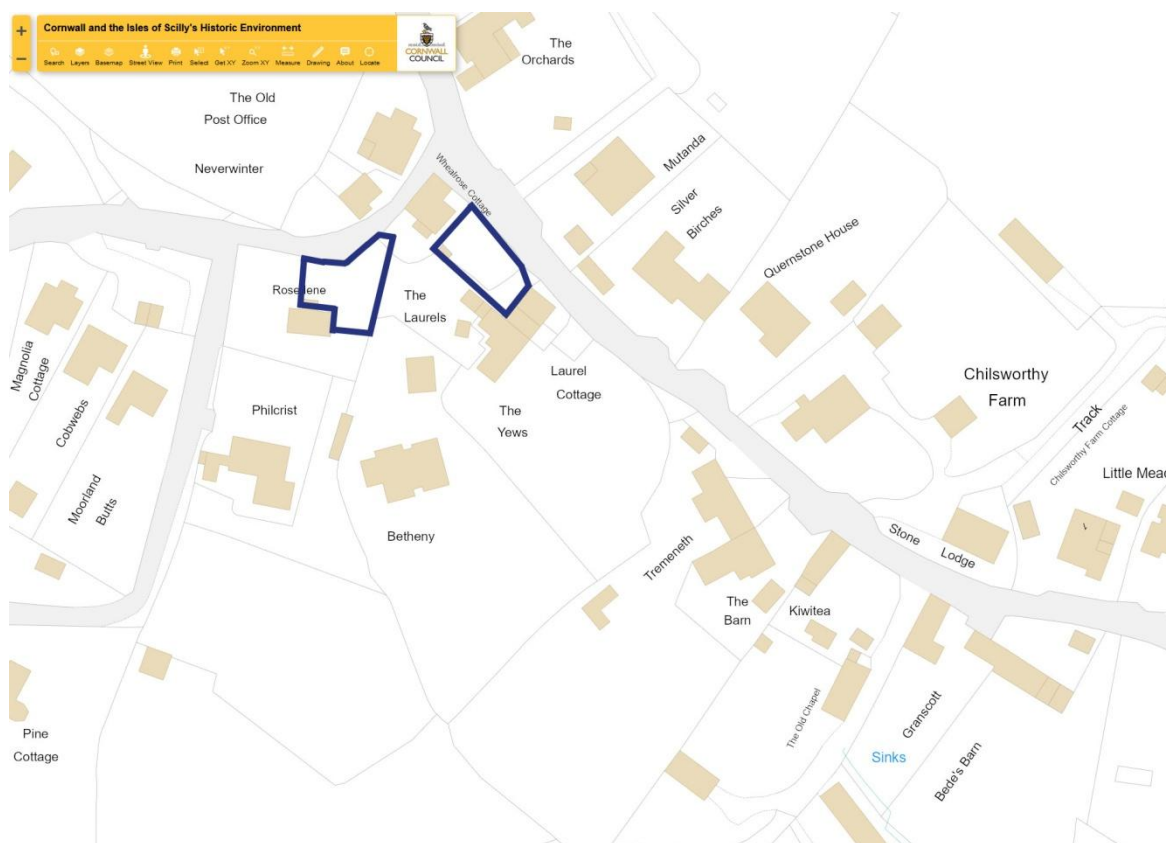
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The Truscott Family

The widowed Elizabeth Truscott appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Chilsworthy. Elizabeth is 55, in the same household are Jane Truscott (22) and John Truscott (20) a copper miner, all were born in Cornwall.¹

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to determine the origins of Elizabeth Truscott. She appeared on the 1851 Census living with her daughter Jane and son-in-law William Watts and family in Calstock town. William Watts (30) a waterman, Jane (3?), Eliza (4), Mary J (2 mths) all born Calstock and Elizabeth Truscott (70) (mother-in-law, widow) a pauper, born St Austell.²

The 1861 Census shows the family still living in Calstock, at No.4 Higher Kelly. William Watts (43) a waterman, born Tavistock, Jane (44), Eliza (14), Mary (10) and Ellen (4) all born Calstock and Betsy Truscott (83) (mother-in-law, widow) a house keeper also born in Calstock.³ On balance, it is probably more likely that Elizabeth Truscott was born in St Austell, as quite often assumptions are made about elderly relatives birthplaces, especially if they have lived in the parish for many decades and arrived in the area before the birth of the householder providing the information to the Census Enumerator.

Jane Truscott and William Watts were married at Stoke Damerel on 23rd September 1845, Jane's father was recorded as Thomas Truscott a miner.⁴ The Calstock registers reveal that Jane Truscott was baptised on 9th June 1816, the daughter of Thomas (a miner) and Elizabeth Truscott of Chilsworthy.⁵

The Calstock register also records the baptism of a Catherine Truscott on 18th August 1813, again the daughter of Thomas (a miner) and Elizabeth Truscott of Chilsworthy.⁶ Catherine Truscott (of Chilsworthy) married Edward Burley at Calstock, on 17th January 1839, her father noted as Thomas Truscott (a miner), one of the witnesses was her sister Jane Truscott.⁷

The 1851 Census shows John Truscott (30) a copper miner still living at Chilsworthy, and now married to Mary (22) both born Calstock.⁸ There does not appear to be a baptism for a suitable John Truscott at Calstock or anywhere else in Cornwall or Devon around this period (circa 1821).

However, John's marriage certificate reveals what is likely to be a crucial clue. John Truscott married Mary Seccombe at Stoke Damerel on 9th April 1846. John's father is named as "Nicholas Truscott" a labourer.⁹

Intriguingly, there is an unusual entry in the Calstock baptismal register for 4th February 1821.¹⁰ Unlike all the other entries, no surname is recorded and again unlike all other entries the parents' surnames are noted. Only Christian names are recorded for the child - John Seccombe, son of Nicholas Seccombe and Elizabeth Truscott. This certainly suggests that the parents were not married and perhaps the Clerk was unsure as to which surname the child would carry. In cases of "illegitimacy" at this time it was usual that the child was known by the mother's surname, which was perhaps the case here.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Calstock</u>						
in the County of <u>Cornwall</u> in the Year 18 <u>21</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 21 No. 833.	James	Nicholas		Calstock	Carpenter	E. Mearns
	John	Nicholas		Chilsworthy	Miner	E. Mearns
	Tom	Elizabeth				
25 No. 835.	John	Robert	Truscott	Calstock	Carpenter	E. Mearns
	Emma	Nicholas	Ayles	Calstock	Carpenter	E. Mearns
	William	Elizabeth				
	Thomas					

A search of the Calstock burial records for the period noted that a Thomas Truscott aged 42, of Chilsworthy, was buried on 14th April 1818.¹¹ If this was the Thomas Truscott, husband of Elizabeth/Betsy and father of Catherine and Jane, then it is certainly the case that Elizabeth Truscott was a widow at the time of John's birth in 1821.

John Truscott's wife, Mary Seccombe, was also from Calstock, the daughter of miner Stephen Seccombe and Elizabeth/Betty (née Trubody), and was baptised on 30th September 1827.¹² For further information on Stephen Seccombe and family see separate section.

If Nicholas Seccombe was indeed the father of John Truscott, then he was probably the Nicholas, son of John and Ann Seccombe (née Bedinner) (for more on the Bedinner family see separate section on Ann's brother Charles Bedinner) baptised at Calstock on 26th November 1797.¹³ This Nicholas Seccombe would go on to be a well known mining figure in the parish and the Captain of Clitters Mine.

Again, if Nicholas Seccombe was John Truscott's father, then John and wife Mary Seccombe would have been second cousins, their grandfathers were brothers John Seccombe and Stephen Seccombe, born at Illogan in 1770 and 1776 respectively, the sons of Nicholas and Anne Seccombe.

John and Mary Truscott had 10 children born at Chilsworthy between 1851 and 1868. Mary died aged 51 in 1879 and was buried at Calstock on 16th March.¹⁴

John Truscott was a miner and latterly an engine driver (at the mine) at Chilsworthy¹⁵ until his death in 1888, he was buried at Calstock on 3rd June.¹⁶

Elizabeth Truscott died aged 82 (sic), at Calstock town in 1861 and was buried on 28th April.¹⁷

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN11 PN15.
2. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN59 PN50.
3. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1461 FN81 PN18.
4. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
5. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
6. Ibid.
7. Calstock Register of marriages, 1837-1858. Ref: KK P26/1/13.
8. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN135 PN1.
9. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
10. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
12. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
13. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
14. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.
15. 1881 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG11 PN2216 FN70 PN12.
16. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.
17. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **John Williams**

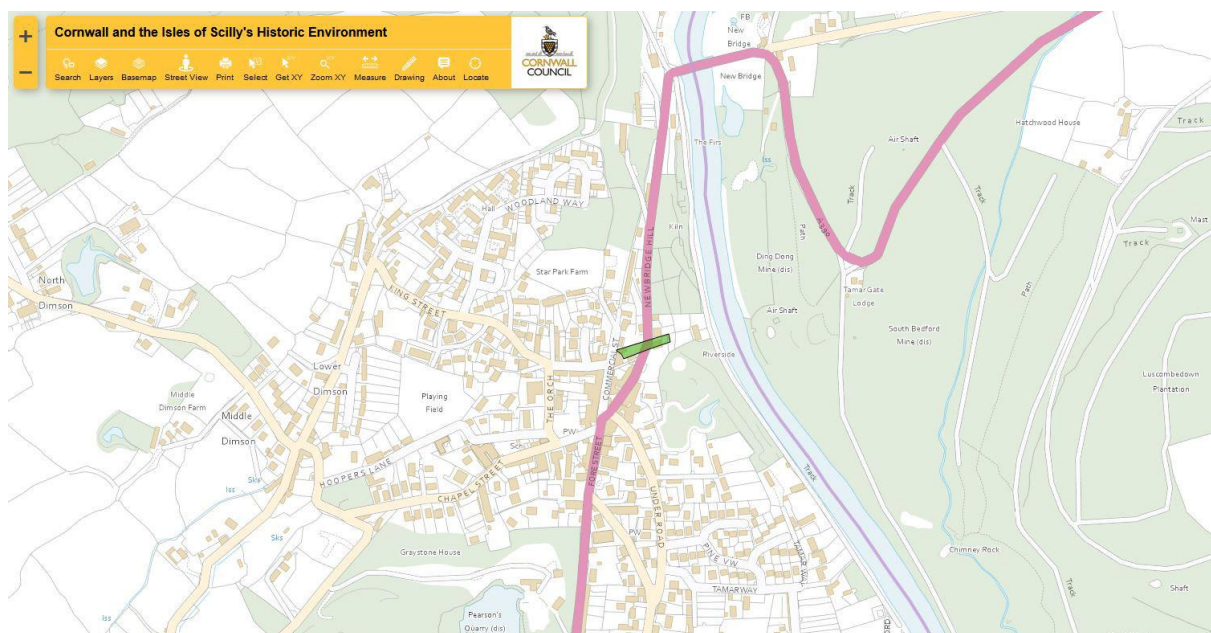
Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake, Commercial Street. Dwelling on Tithe Map located near Hollyoak on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

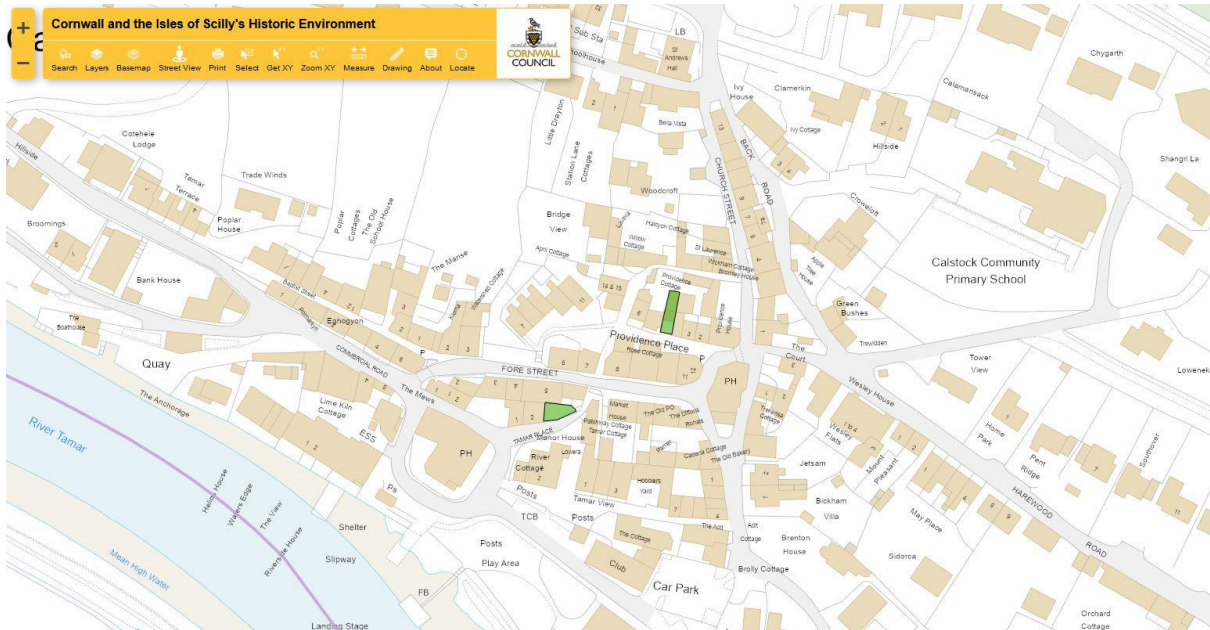
Calstock, 4 Providence Place on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022). Dwelling (2639 on Tithe Map).

Calstock, area immediately east of 2 Tamar Place on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022). Dwelling (2643 on Tithe Map).

Grid References: SX43227 71827 (dwelling on Commercial Street, Gunnislake), SX43666 68621 (4 Providence Place, Calstock, nominal centre of Tithe Map dwelling) and SX43627 68588 (east of 2 Tamar Place, Calstock, nominal centre of site of Tithe Map dwelling).

Note that there were two other householders named John Williams in the parish of Calstock in the 1841 Census, both residing in Calstock village (a mason aged 50 and a shoemaker aged 35). It is possible that one or both of the cottages in the village belonged to them, however, the dwelling at Plan no. 2639 is the adjoining property to Richard Williams' cottage (brother of John Williams, miner). Further, the dwelling at Plan no. 2643 appears in the Tithe Apportionment Book under the same "John Williams" who lived at Plan no. 883, who is certainly John Williams the miner.





Occupier: John Williams (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

Title Apportionment Details:

Plan Number	Name and Description of Lands & Premises	State of Cultivation	Quantities in Statute Measure			Amount of Rent Charge apportioned on the several Lands, & payable to the Rector.		
			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
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2643	House				2			
					4			

Occupiers: Richard Williams and John Williams (Miners)

Landowners: Themselves

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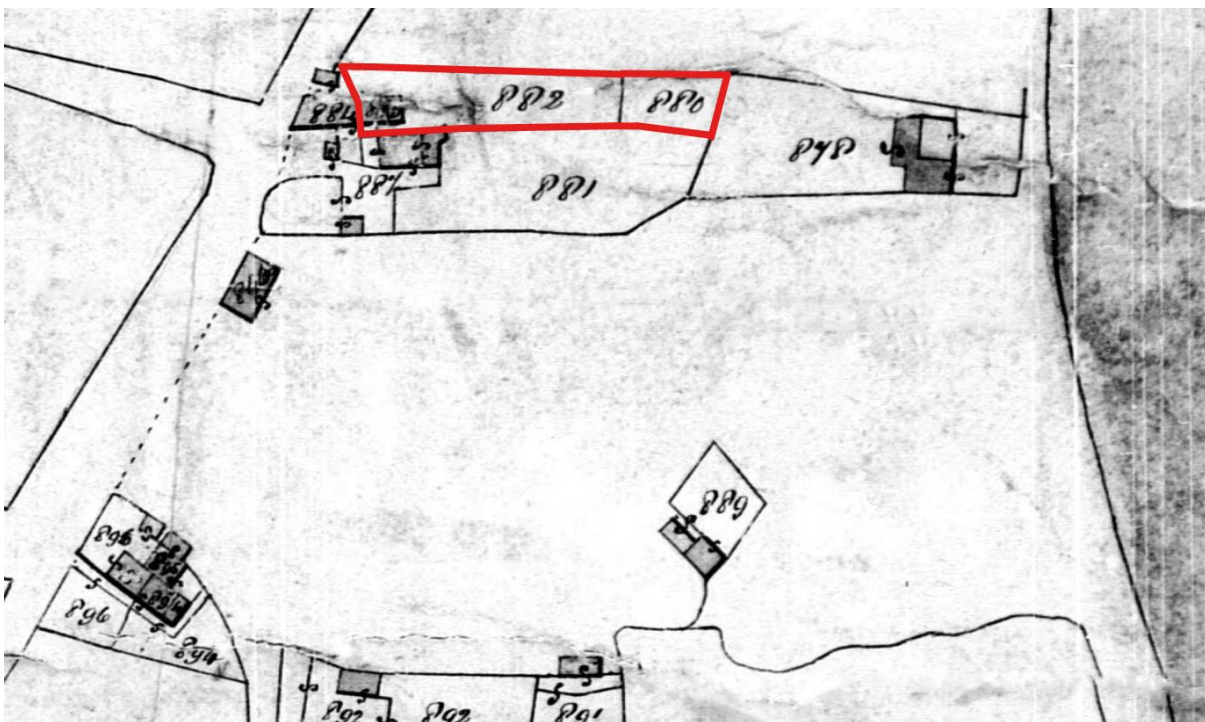
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882	Garden	Garden			13			
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Occupier: Ann Odger

Landowner: JohnWilliams (Miner)

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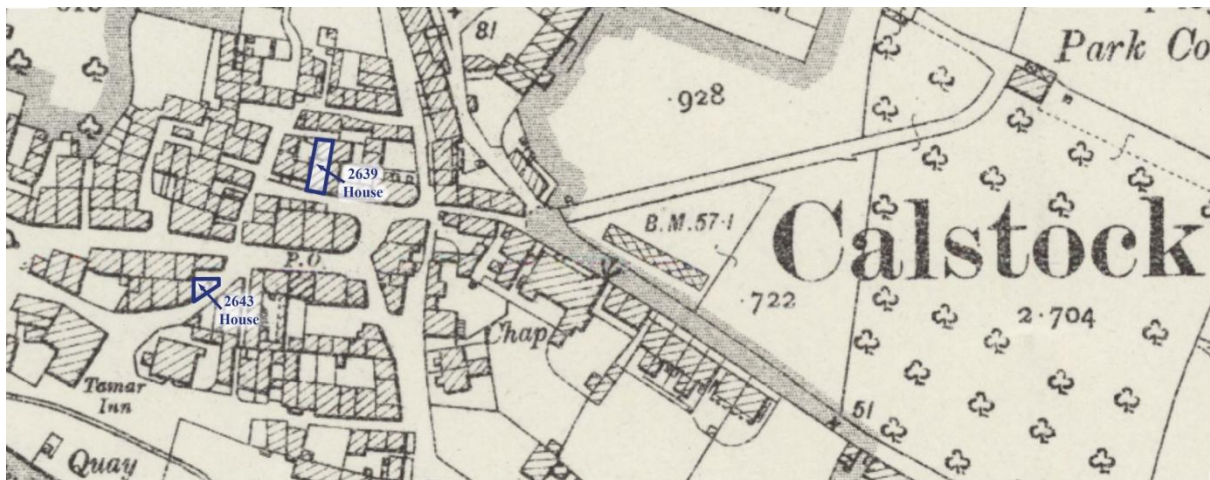
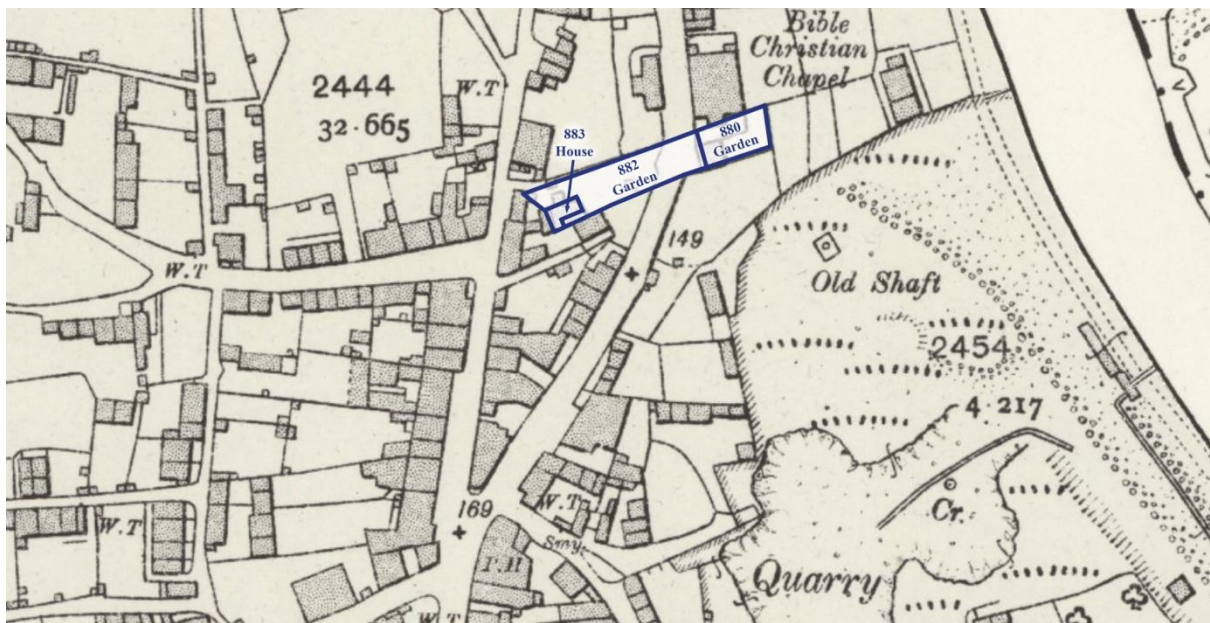
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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
2639	House				6			
					6			



References : The National Archives, Kew.

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

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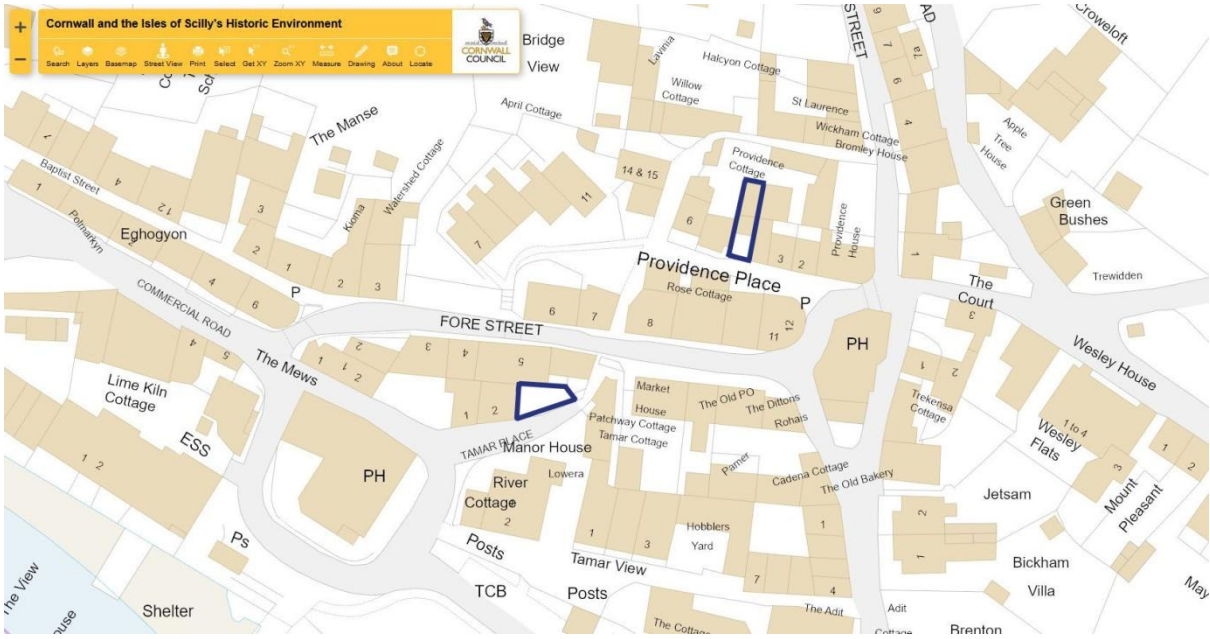
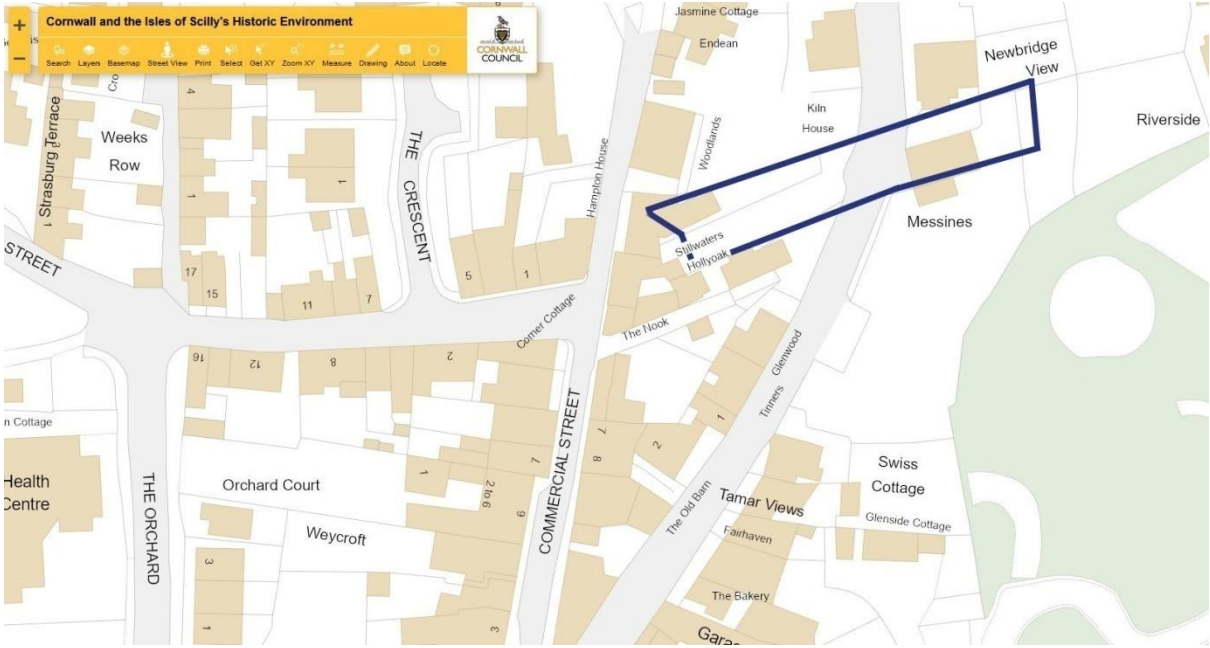


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John Williams

John Williams appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. He is listed as a miner aged 35, in the same household are Sarah (35), Thomas (13) a miner, Elizabeth (4) and Ann (1), all born in Cornwall with the exception of Sarah.¹

Both the 1839 Tithe and the 1841 Census indicate that one of John's brothers - Richard Williams, lived in (and owned) the adjoining cottage and the two shared ownership of two garden plots, immediately to the east of their dwellings (see also section on Richard Williams).

John was born in the parish of St Austell in 1800, and baptised on 10th August of that year, the son of George and Ann Williams (née Stephens).² George Williams and Ann Stephens were married at St Austell in on 14th October 1787.³

John Williams married Sarah Bray at Calstock on 1st May 1824, Sarah was noted as a "sojourner of this parish".⁴ Sarah Bray was baptised just over the Tamar at Lamerton on 13th May 1798, the daughter of Thomas and Christiana Bray (née Martin)⁵, who were married at Tavistock on 29th March 1793.⁶ Thomas and Christiana Bray and family settled in Gunnislake around 1807, so Sarah had lived in the area since the age of 9 or so. See the section on the Bray family for further information.

The Calstock registers of baptisms record the baptisms of four children of John and Sarah between 1825 and 1837 - Mary in 1825, Thomas George in 1827, John in 1834 and Elizabeth Jane in 1837, throughout this period the family lived at Gunnislake and John was noted as a miner.⁷

John Williams died (aged 50) at Gunnislake in October 1850, and was buried at Calstock on the 21st of that month.⁸

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the family at Gunnislake. Sarah (52) is a widow, born Tavistock with daughters Elizabeth Jane (14) and Ann (10) both "working at mine" and both born in Calstock parish.⁹

Sarah Williams died (aged 60) at Gunnislake in 1858, and was buried at Calstock on 6th December.¹⁰

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN24 PN4.
2. St Austell Register of baptisms and burials, 1767-1813. Ref: KK P8/1/5.
3. St Austell Register of marriages, 1775-1797. Ref: KK P8/1/8.
4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
5. Devon Baptisms - Lamerton. Ref: 889/3 - Plymouth and West Devon Record Office Collection (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Devon Marriages & Banns - Tavistock - (findmypast.co.uk) South West Heritage Trust.
7. Calstock Registers of baptisms, 1813-1830 & 1830-1851. Refs: KK P26/1/6 & KK P26/1/7.
8. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
9. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN72 PN77.
10. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

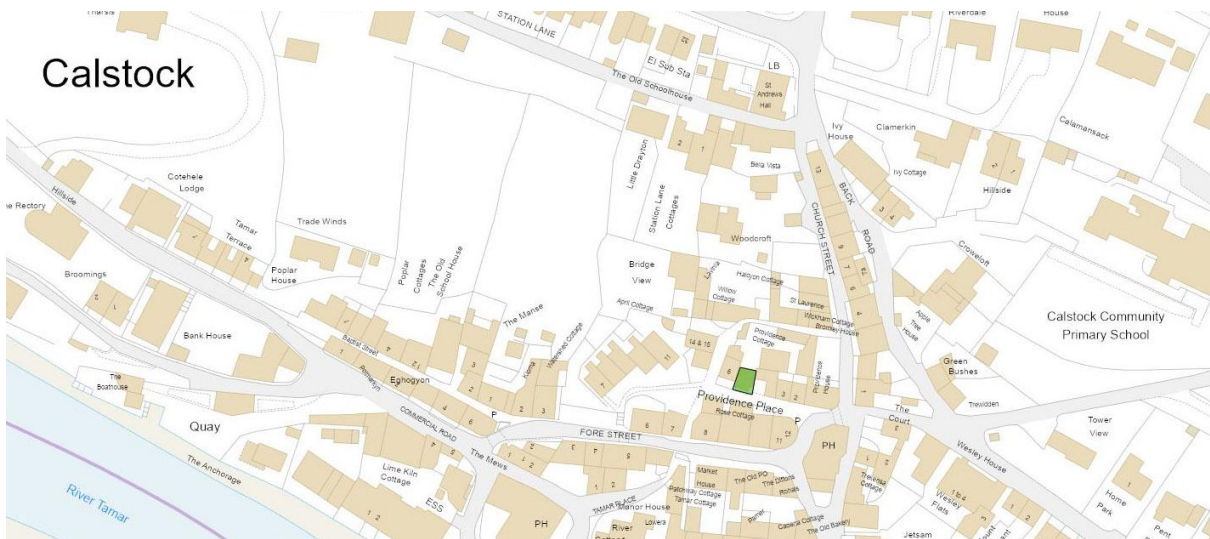
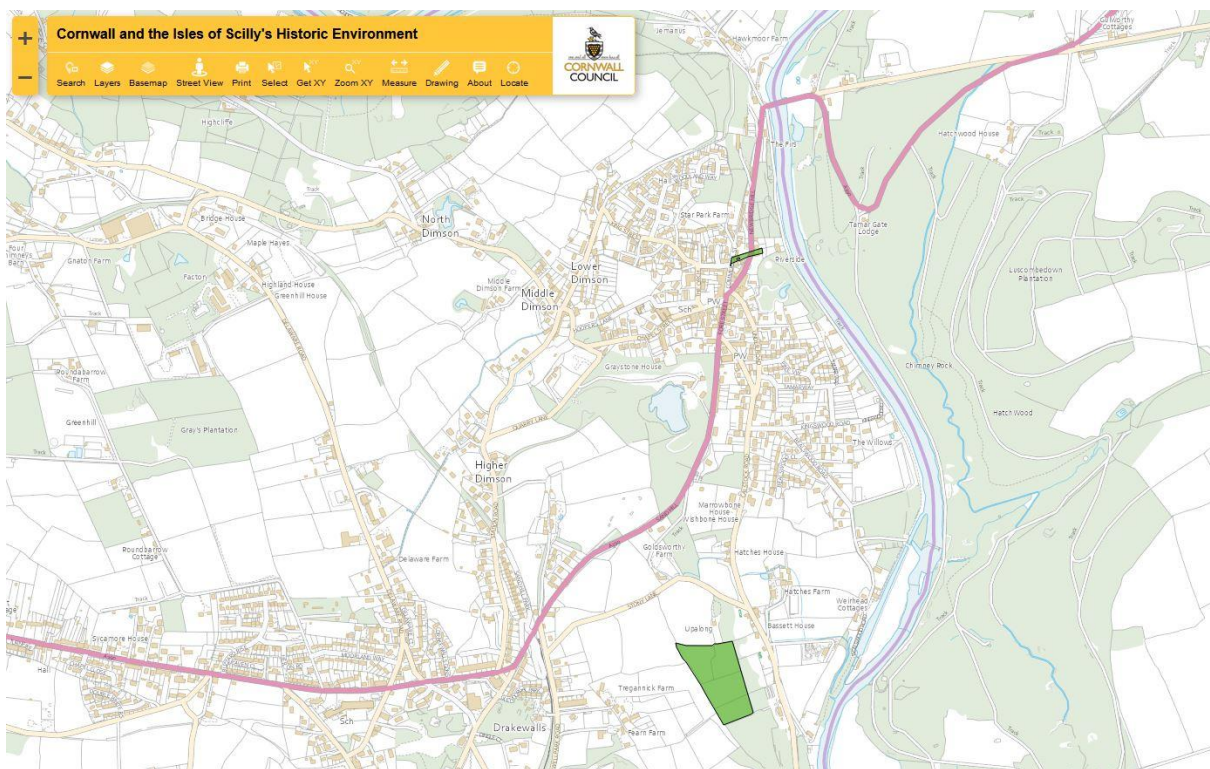
Mine Worker: **Richard Williams**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tithe): Gunnislake, Commercial Street. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at Hollyoak on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Fields between Morwell View and Hatches Green (Plan nos. 1461-1465 on Tithe).

Calstock, 5 Providence Place on Cornwall Council's Historic Environment interactive map (2022). Dwelling (2638 on Tithe Map).

Grid References: SX43212 71820 (dwelling on Commercial Street, Gunnislake), SX43185 70808 (Fields between Morwell View and Hatches Green - Nominal centre of plot) and SX43661 68619 (5 Providence Place, Calstock).



Occupier: Richard Williams (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

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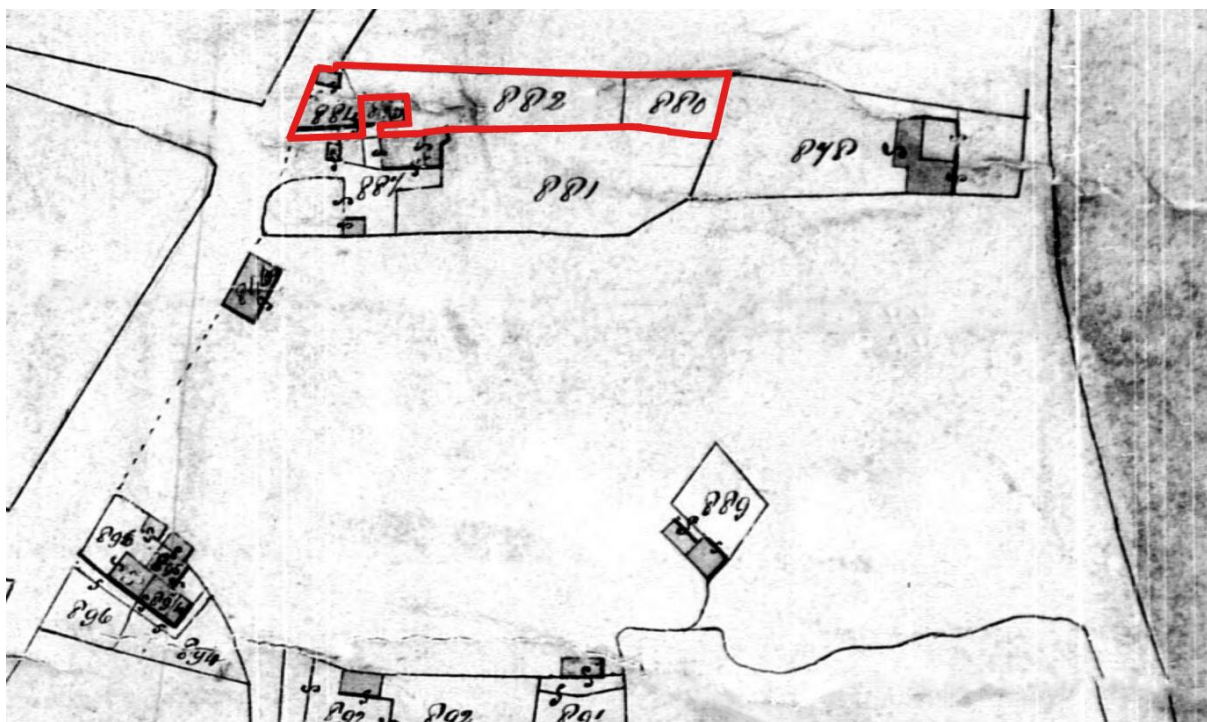
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884	House				3			
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Occupiers: Richard Williams and John Williams (Miners)

Landowners: Themselves

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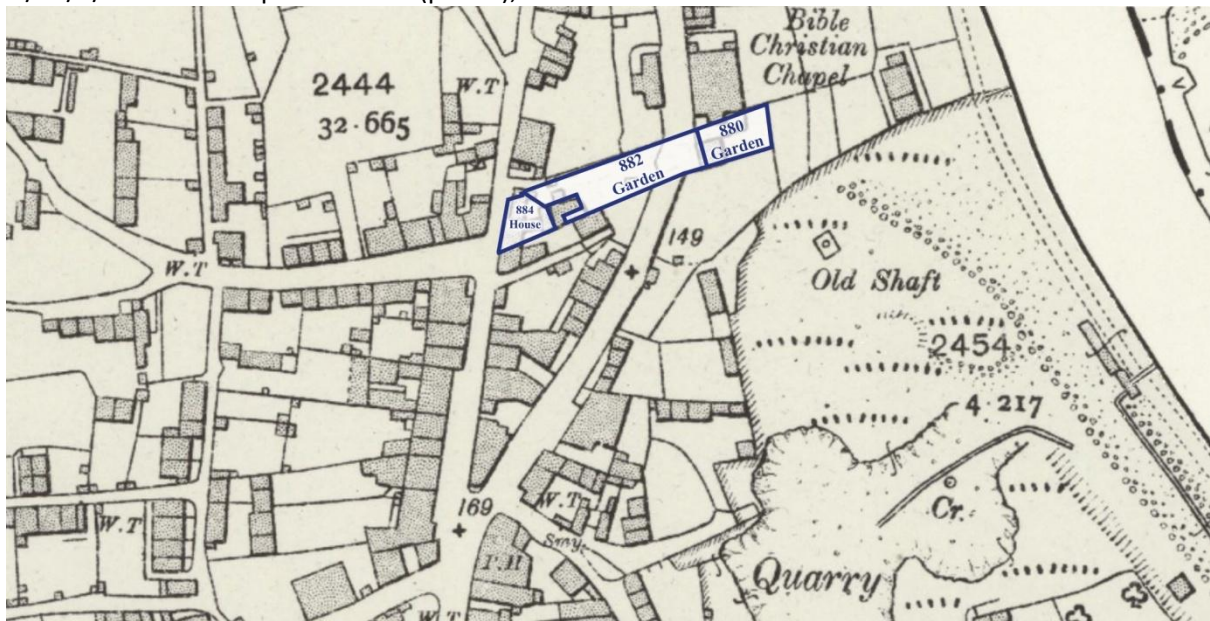
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880	Garden	Garden			6			
882	Garden	Garden			13			
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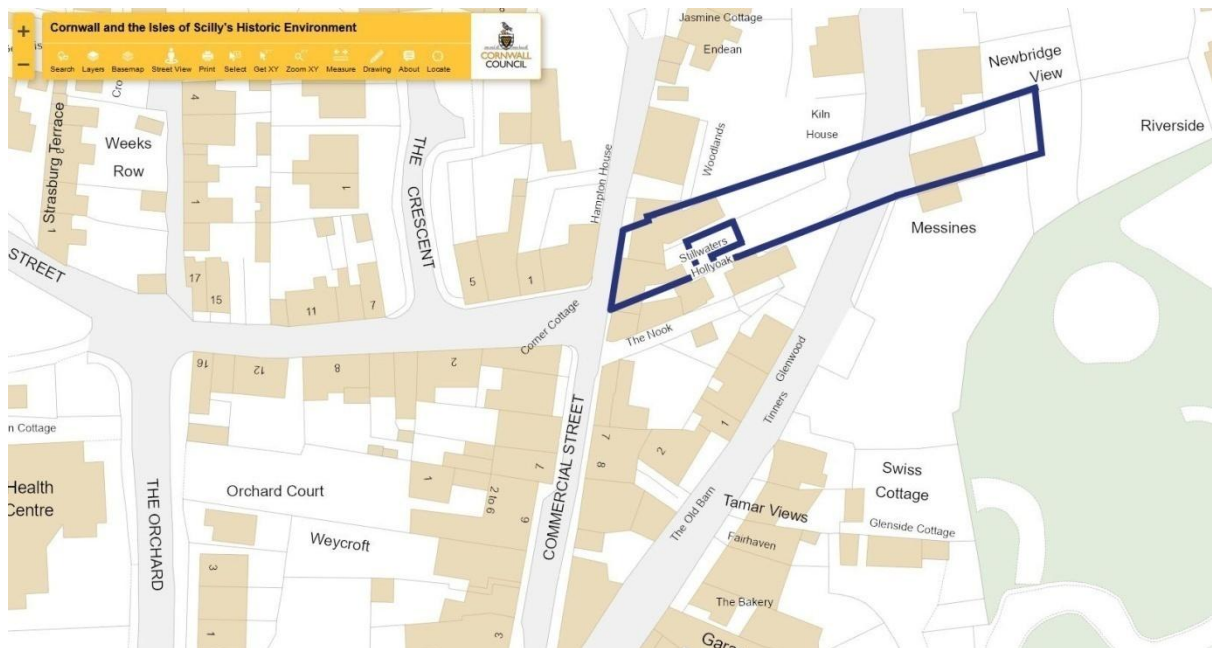
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Occupier: Richard Williams

Landowner: Joseph Strick

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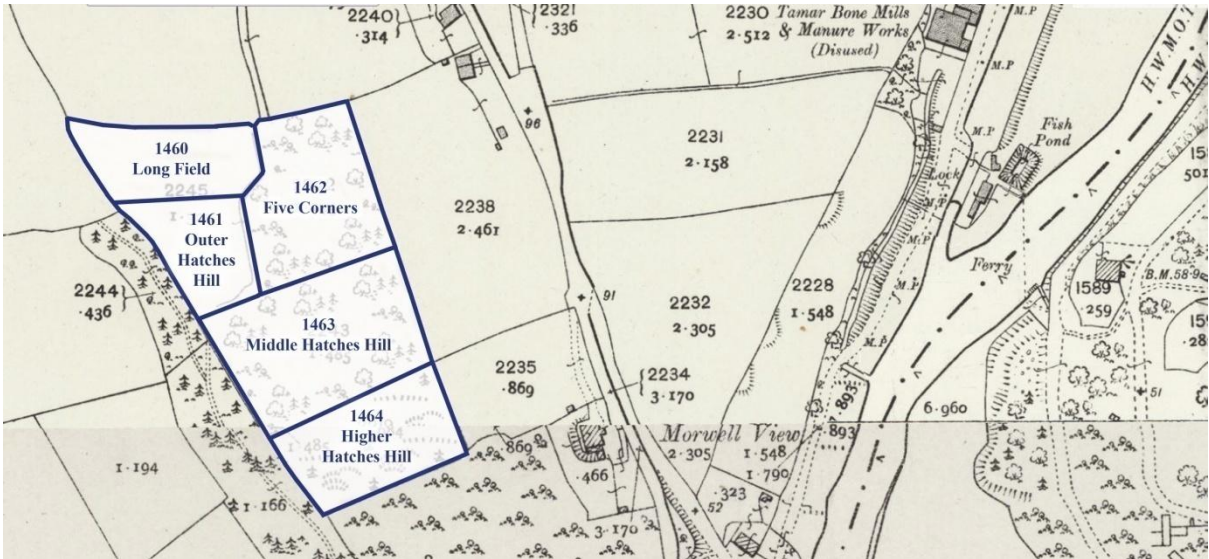
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1461	Outer Hatches Hill	Arable		2	26			
1462	Five Corners	Arable	1	0	5			
1463	Middle Hatches Hill	Arable	1	1	28			
1464	Higher Hatches Hill	Arable		3	27			
			4	2	30	0	4	0



References : The National Archives, Kew.

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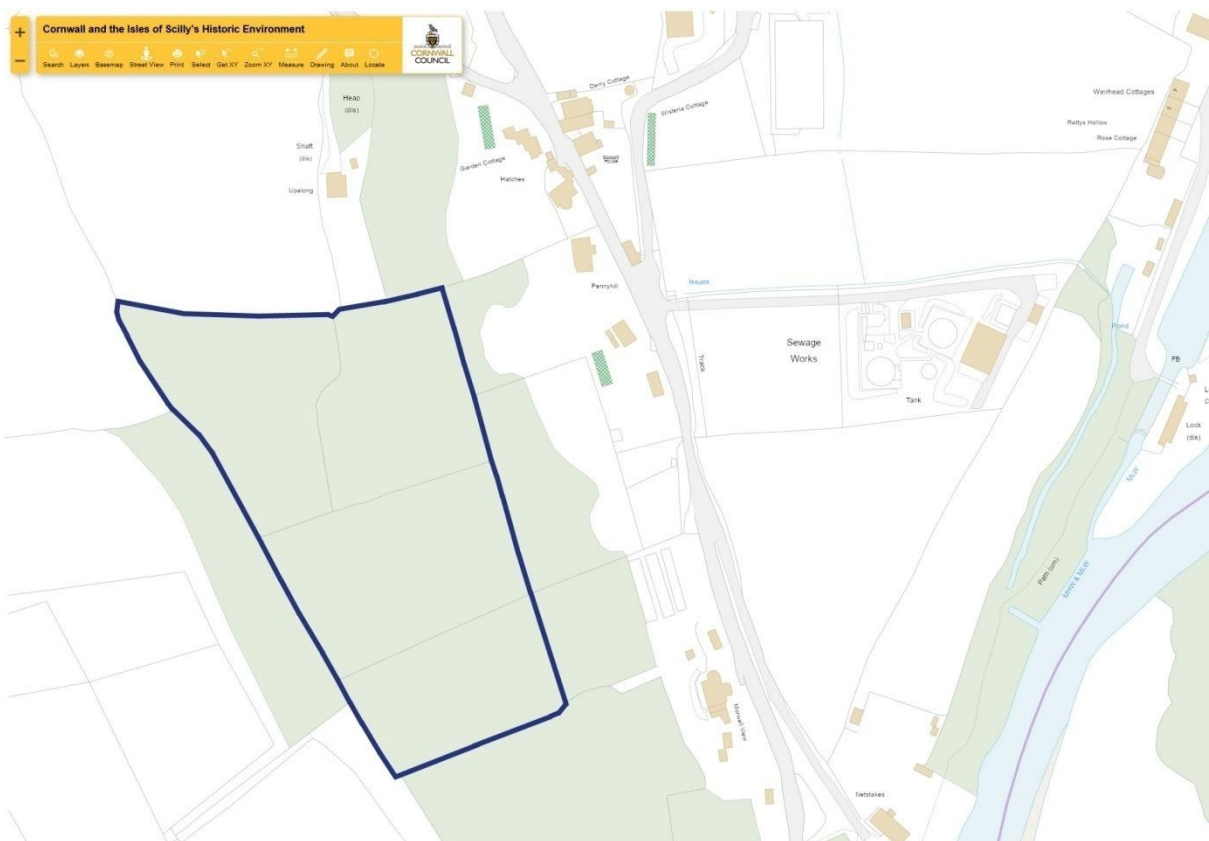
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Occupier: Ann Cock

Landowner: Richard Williams

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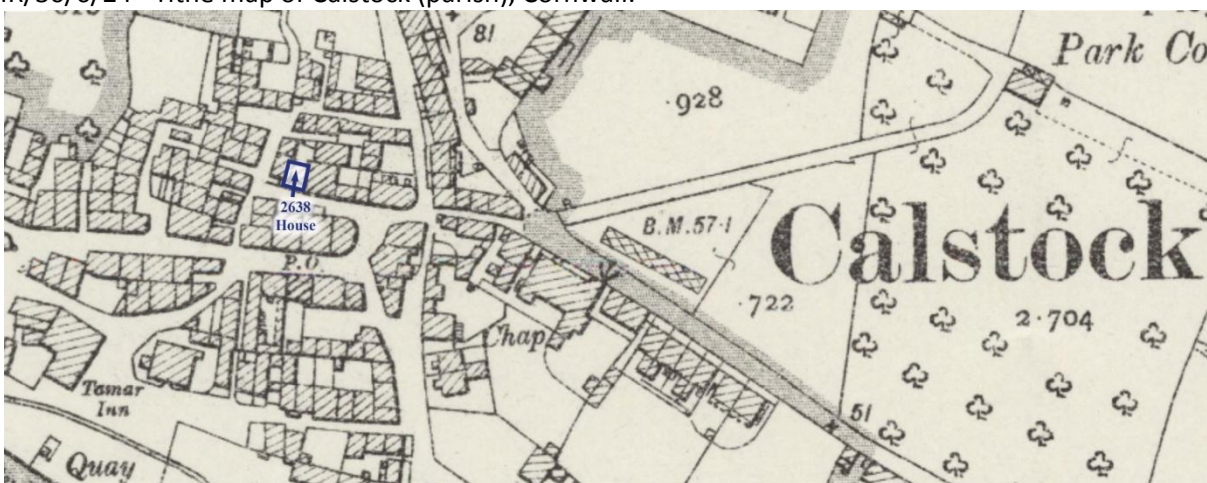
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2638	House				1			
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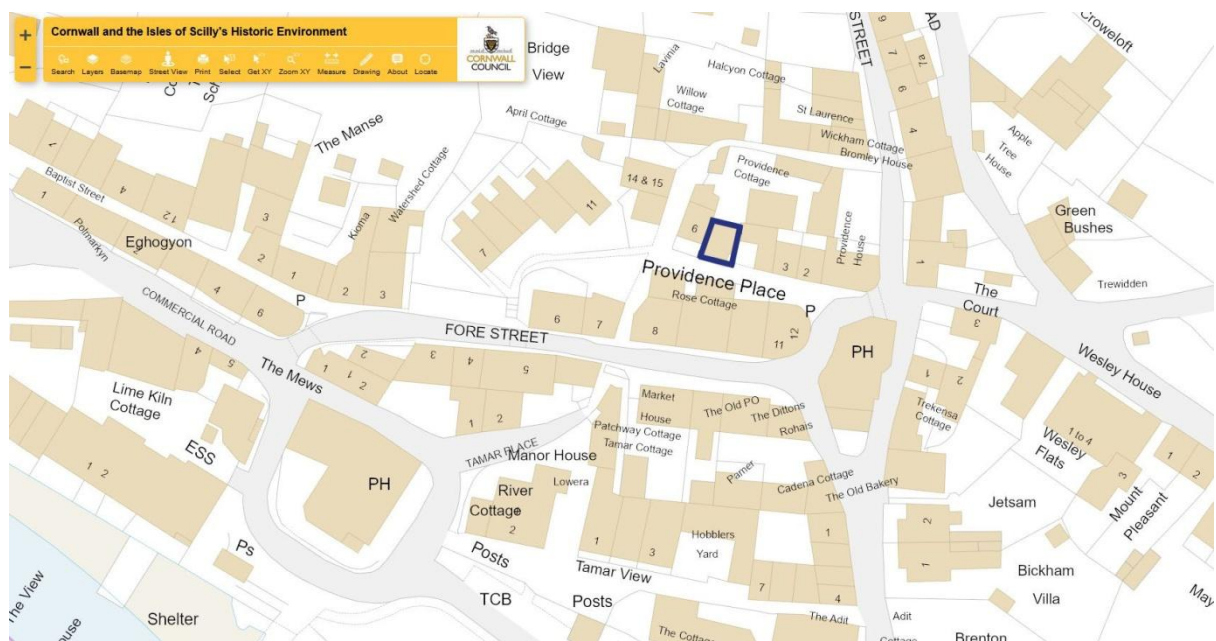
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Richard Williams

Richard Williams appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Gunnislake. He is listed as a miner aged 40, in the same household are Lydia (50), Thomas (15) and Luke (13) both miners, all born in Cornwall.¹

Both the 1839 Tithe and the 1841 Census indicate that one of Richard's brothers - John Williams, lived in (and owned) the adjoining cottage and the two shared ownership of two garden plots, immediately to the east of their dwellings (see also section on John Williams).

Richard was born in the parish of St Austell in 1798, and baptised on 9th September, the son of George and Ann Williams (née Stephens).² George Williams and Ann Stephens were married at St Austell in on 14th October 1787.³

Richard Williams married Lydia Bate at Calstock on 23rd August 1825.⁴ Lydia was a widow, her first husband James Bate, whom she married at Calstock in 1811⁵ died in 1824⁶, she was born Lydia Hawton on 10th September 1789 in the neighbouring parish of Stoke Climsland and was baptised there on 1st November of that year, daughter of William and Lydia Hawton (née Sambell)⁷, who were married at Stoke Climsland on 26th September 1775.⁸

The Calstock registers of baptisms only record the baptism of one of Richard and Lydia's two sons - Thomas Stephens Williams on 23rd July 1826, the entry noted that Richard was a miner of Drakewalls.⁹

The 1851 Calstock Census lists the couple at Gunnislake. Richard (52) is a copper miner/coal carrier, born St Austell, and Lydia (62) born Stoke Climsland, an entry in the last census column "Whether Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb" indicates that Richard was blind.¹⁰

Richard Williams died (aged 61) at Gunnislake on 10th June 1860, and was buried at Calstock on 13th June.¹¹ His gravestone inscription is especially revealing:

*Richard Williams of this parish
 who lost his sight in Gunnislake Mine
 by the explosion of a hole
 and after 40 years blindness departed this life
 10 Jun 1860 aged 61
 Also his wife
 Lydia Williams died [3] Apr 1865 aged 72 ?
 Also their son
 Luke S Williams died in
 Kensington South Australia
 5 Mar 1848 aged 19
 Erected by their son and brother
 Thomas Stephens Williams
 Bendigo Victoria Australia ¹²*

So evidently Richard was blinded by a gunpowder explosion in Gunnislake Mine when he was in his early twenties, it was quite an achievement with such a severe disability to continue to work and keep his family from the workhouse for forty years, presumably he would also have had some income from his cottage in Calstock which no doubt supplemented what would have been a reduced wage. It also confirms the emigration of his two sons to the mining districts of Australia, and the early death of Luke Williams.

Lydia Williams died (aged 73) at Gunnislake on 3rd April 1863 and was buried at Calstock on 5th April.¹³

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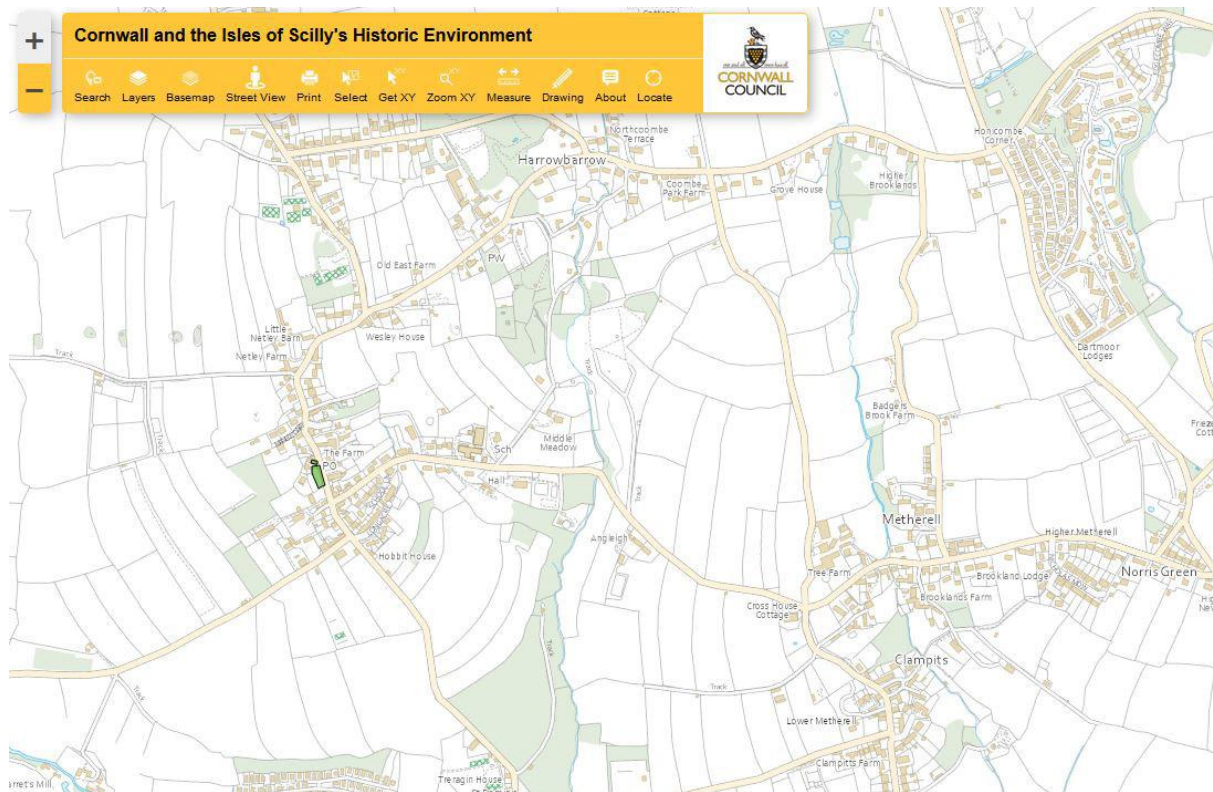
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2. St Austell Register of baptisms and burials, 1767-1813. Ref: KK P8/1/5.
3. St Austell Register of marriages, 1775-1797. Ref: KK P8/1/8.
4. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
5. Calstock Register of marriages, 1805-1813. Ref: KK P26/1/5.
6. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
7. Stoke Climsland Register of baptisms, marriages & burials, 1745-1803. Ref: KK P215/1/4.
8. Stoke Climsland Register of marriages, 1754-1812. Ref: KK P215/1/6.
9. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
10. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN72 PN77.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
12. Cornwall Family History Society Monumental Inscriptions - Monumental Inscription Details for Calstock - Parish Church (Ref: Loc No Q107). <https://www.cornwallfhs.com/research-database/monumental-inscriptions/>
13. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **William Williams**

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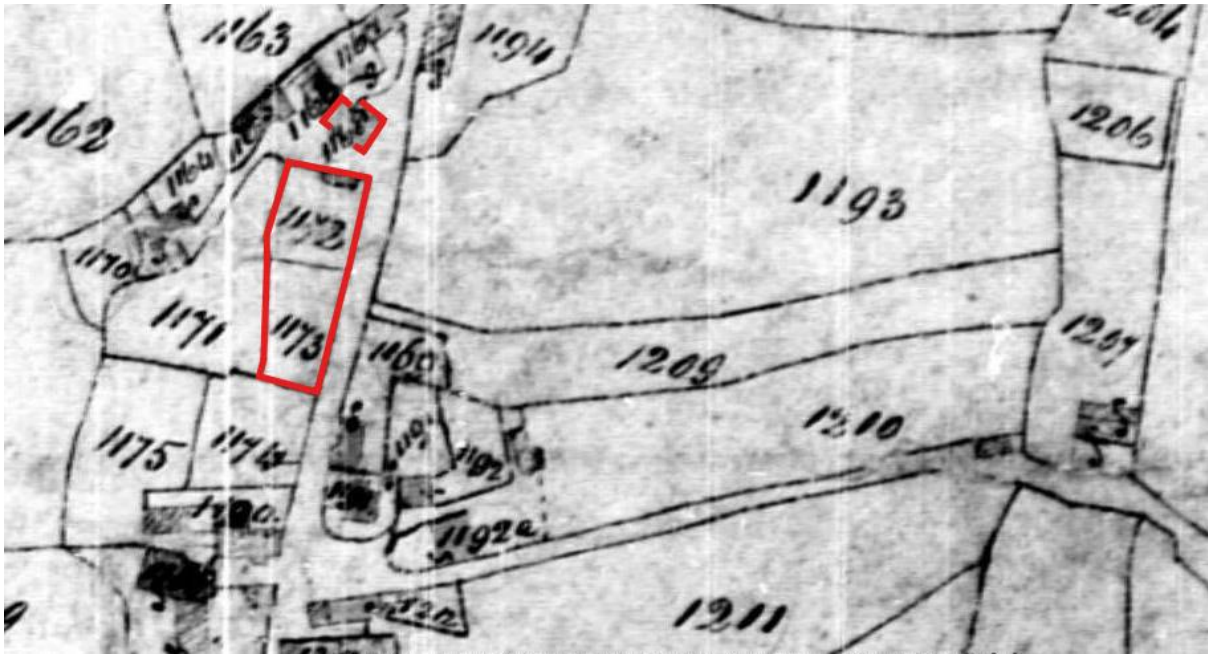


Occupier: William Williams (Miner)

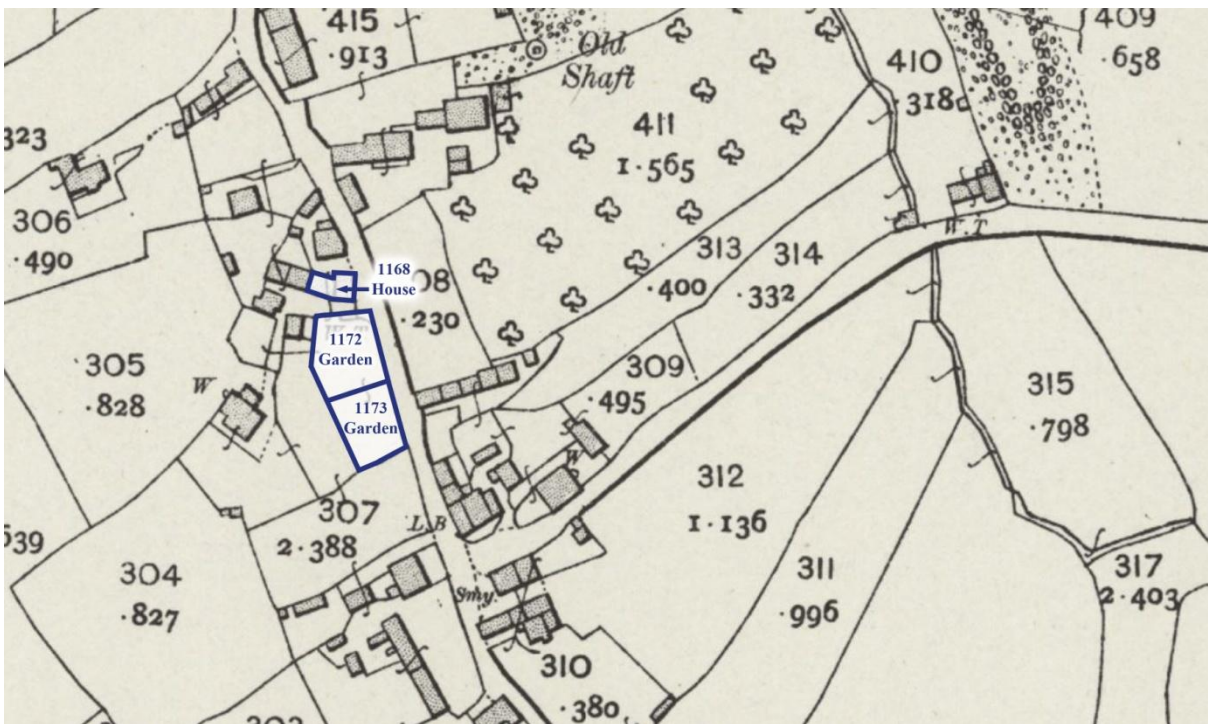
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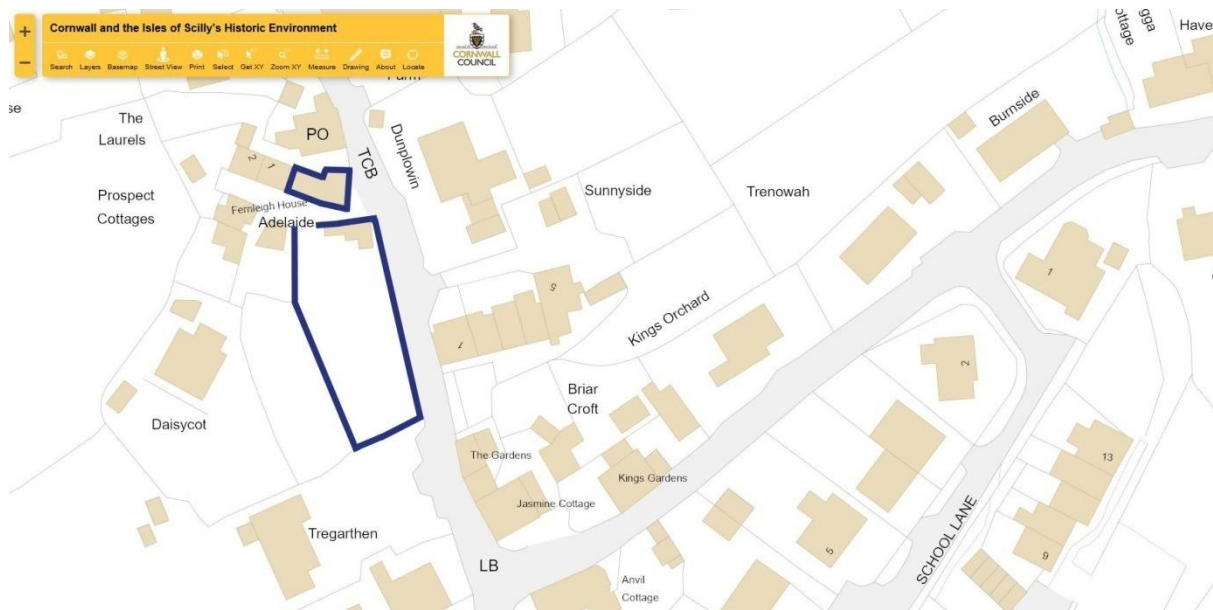
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1172	Garden	Garden			12			
1173	Garden	Garden			13			
					28			



References : The National Archives, Kew.
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William Williams

William Williams appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Harrowbarrow. He is listed as a silver lead miner aged 35, in the same household are Louisa (26), Susan (10), Lydia (8), William (4), James (2) and Caroline (1) all born in Cornwall. Also in the household are Christian Moon (45) and Nicholas Moon (20), both born in Cornwall.¹

William Williams was baptised at Calstock on 27th March 1803, the son of George and Mary Williams.²

William married Lydia Malachy at Maker on 19th May 1829. William was noted as a miner and both were described as “sojourners of this parish”.³ It is unclear why the couple appear to have been residents of the (decidedly non-mining) parish of Maker. Lydia was also from Harrowbarrow, although born in the west at Gwennap and baptised there on 8th July 1804⁴, her parents had relocated to the parish of Calstock by 1808.⁵ Lydia was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Malachy (née Bawden) who were married at St Gluvias on 3rd February 1787.⁶

Robert Malachy was born in the parish of St Austell in 1764⁷, and was a Mine Captain and Adventurer. Robert and one of his sons - Joseph Malachy (born at St Gluvias in 1789)⁸, were important figures in the development of a number of mines in the parish, most notably Silver Valley Mine and Wheal Duchy/Wheal Brothers.^{9,10} Robert Malachy died in 1840 aged 76, and was buried at Calstock on 21st November, his residence recorded as Wheal Brothers Mine.¹¹

By 1830, William and Lydia had returned to the parish and were living in Calstock town, where daughters Susan and Lydia were born in 1830 and 1832 respectively.¹² Sadly (likely as a consequence of childbirth), Lydia Williams died at the age of 28 and was buried at Calstock on 21st May 1832¹³, on the same day her daughter Lydia was baptised in the same church.

On 3rd May 1836 at East Stonehouse, Plymouth, widower William Williams married Louisa Moon.¹⁴ Louisa Moon was also a native of the parish of Calstock. She was born at Albaston, Gunnislake in 1816 and baptised on 11th August¹⁵, the daughter of blacksmith Richard Moon and Christian (née Rogers), who were married at Calstock on 3rd November 1814.¹⁶

Perhaps surprisingly, the 1851 Census lists the family at Stonehouse Lane, St Andrew's Plymouth. William Williams (49) a miner, wife Louisa (34), and children - William (13), James (12), Caroline (11), Louisa (5) all born in Calstock and Charles (1) born Plymouth. Also in the household were William's mother-in-law Christian Moon (54) born Cornwall, St Annes and brother-in-law Richard Moon (32) a shoemaker born Calstock.¹⁷ Note that Christian Moon's birthplace of "St Annes" was St Agnes rather than St Ann's Chapel, Gunnislake, a form of the parish name frequently used historically. Indeed, "Cristian Rodgers" was born in the parish of St Agnes on 12th June 1795, and was baptised there, the daughter of Thomas and Prudence Rodgers on 16th October of that year.¹⁸

By 1861 the family were back living in Calstock town, although William was absent (he does not seem to appear in the 1861 UK Census, so was probably mining overseas). Head of household was Louisa Williams (44) miner's wife, born Calstock, and children - William H Williams (23) engine worker at mine, James (22) copper miner, Caroline (21), Louisa E (15) all born Calstock, Charles J (12) born Plymouth, Alfred (6), Theodore A (4) and granddaughter Minnie L Williams (1) all born in Calstock.¹⁹

William had returned to the parish by 1871, with the family living at Quay no. 3, Calstock. William Williams (68) tin miner, Louisa 54, with children - Louisa (25) straw bonnet maker, (Charles) John (22) tin miner, Alfred (16) shoemaker and (Theodore) Albert (14) stable boy, all born in Calstock.²⁰

William Williams died at Calstock at the age of 70, on 13th July 1873 and was buried at Calstock on 16th July.²¹ Louisa Williams died aged 64, on 21st September 1880 and was buried at Calstock on the 24th.²²

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN42 PN8.
2. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
3. Maker Parish Marriages. Cornwall OPC Database - Original Source: Exeter, Bishop's Transcripts.
4. Gwennap Register of baptisms and burials, 1787-1812. Ref: KK P79/1/4.
5. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3. Baptism of daughter Eliza Malachi (sic) on 1st May 1808 at Calstock.
6. St Gluvias Register of marriages and banns of marriage, 1768-1788. Ref: KK P72/1/5.
7. St Austell Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1752-1766. Ref: KK P8/1/4. Baptism of "Robert the son of John Malack by Susanna" 5th January 1765, so probably born in late 1764.
8. St Gluvias Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1747-1812. Ref: KK P72/1/3. Baptism of "Joseph, son of Robert & Elizth. Malacha" 6th September 1789.
9. *Mines and Miners of Cornwall XV. Calstock, Callington and Launceston*, A.K. Hamilton Jenkin, Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, 1969, pages 26 & 27.
10. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 769 Vol.XX, 18 May 1850, pg. 232, col.3. Letter to the Editor from "S.S." regarding Silver Mines in Cornwall, interesting mention of Robert Malachy erecting a 40ft waterwheel at Wheal Duchy aka Wheal Brothers in 1833.
11. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
12. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
13. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
14. Devon Marriages & Banns, East Stonehouse - Archive - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office, Transcription DFHS (findmypast.co.uk).
15. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
16. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
17. 1851 Devon Census, St Andrew, Plymouth. Ref: HO107 PN1879 FN121 PN34.
18. St Agnes Register of baptisms and burials, 1791-1812. Ref: KK P2/1/7.

19. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1461 FN90 PN36.
20. 1871 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG10 PN2145 FN54 PN46.
21. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
22. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.

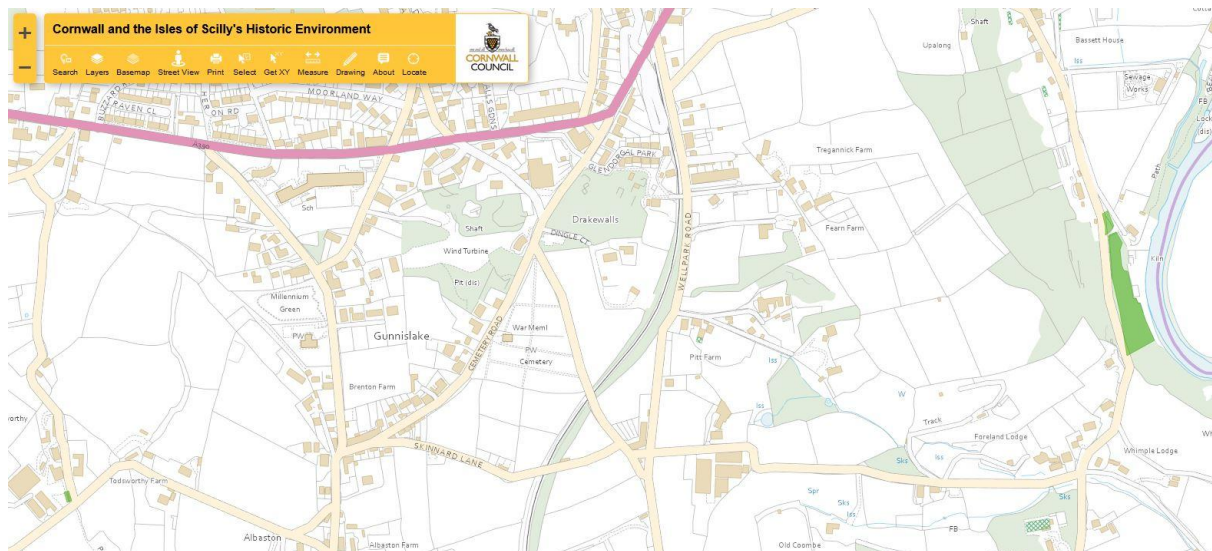
Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Richard Woolcock**

Plot Locations (1839-40 Tith): Todsworthy. Dwelling on Tith Map located on corner of junction of road to the south of Todsworthy Farm on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Land located between and slightly to the south of Morwell View and Netstakes on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid References: SX41934 70310 (dwelling) and SX43382 70619 (nominal centre of rented land).

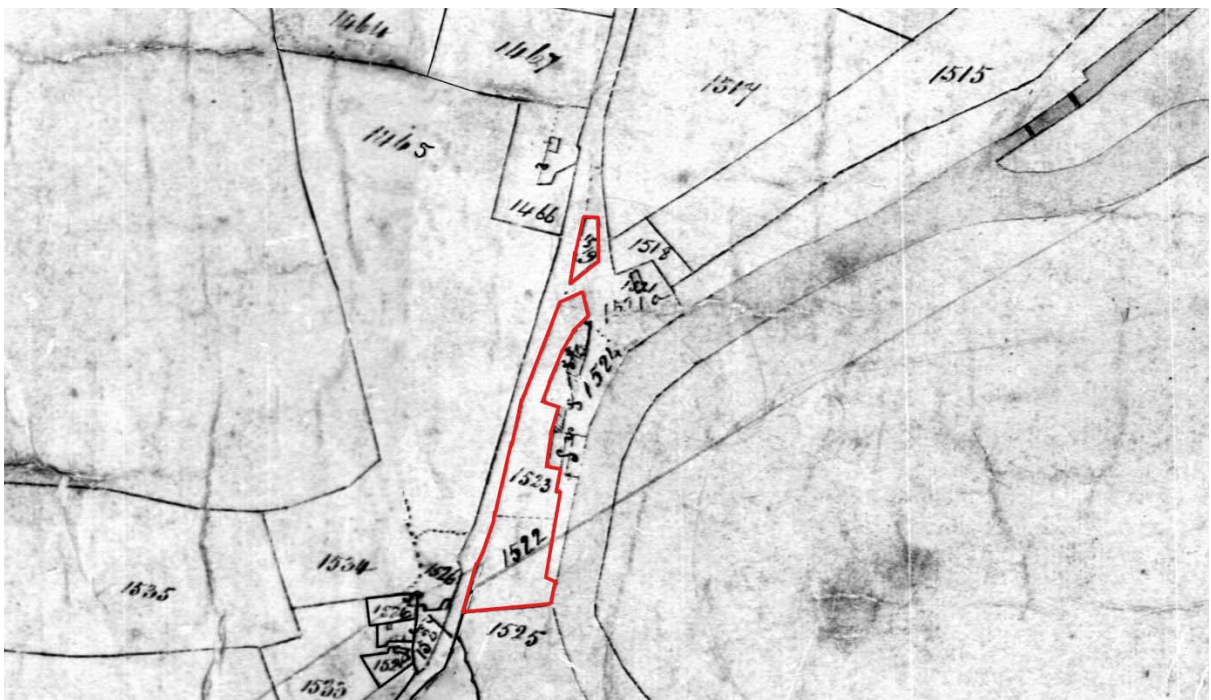


Occupier: Richard Woolcock (Miner)

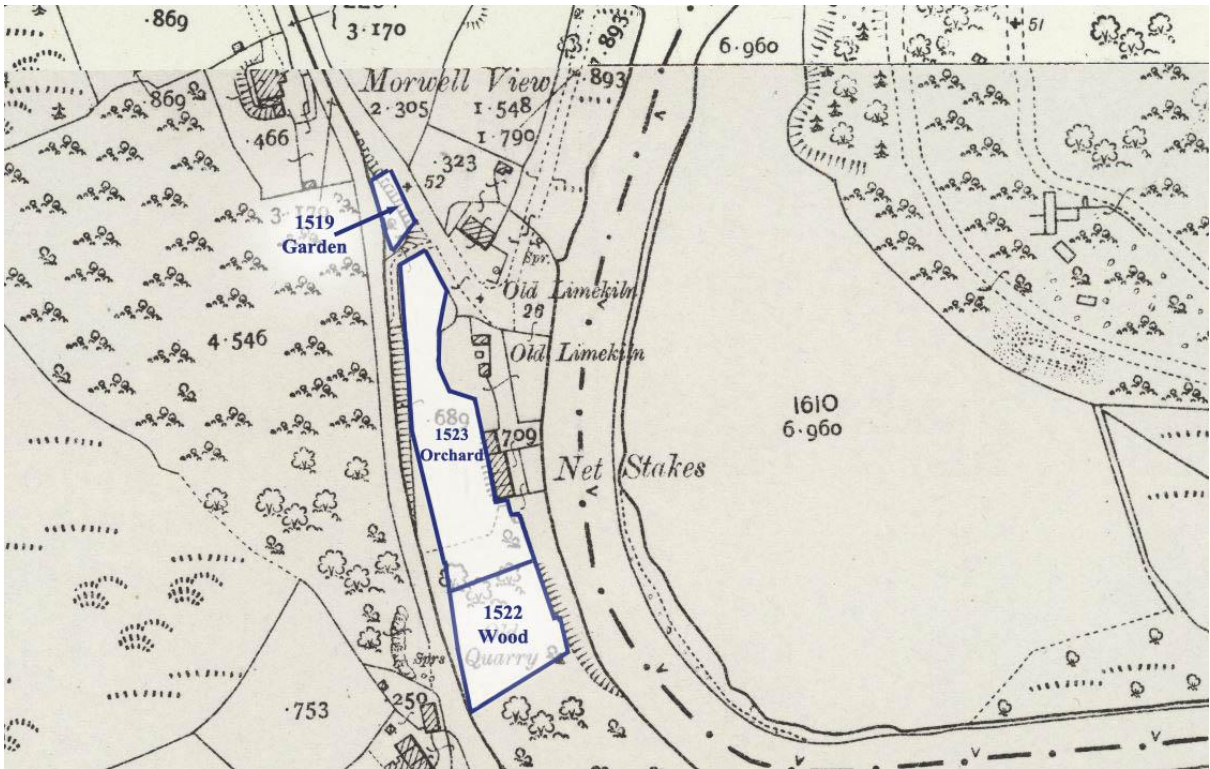
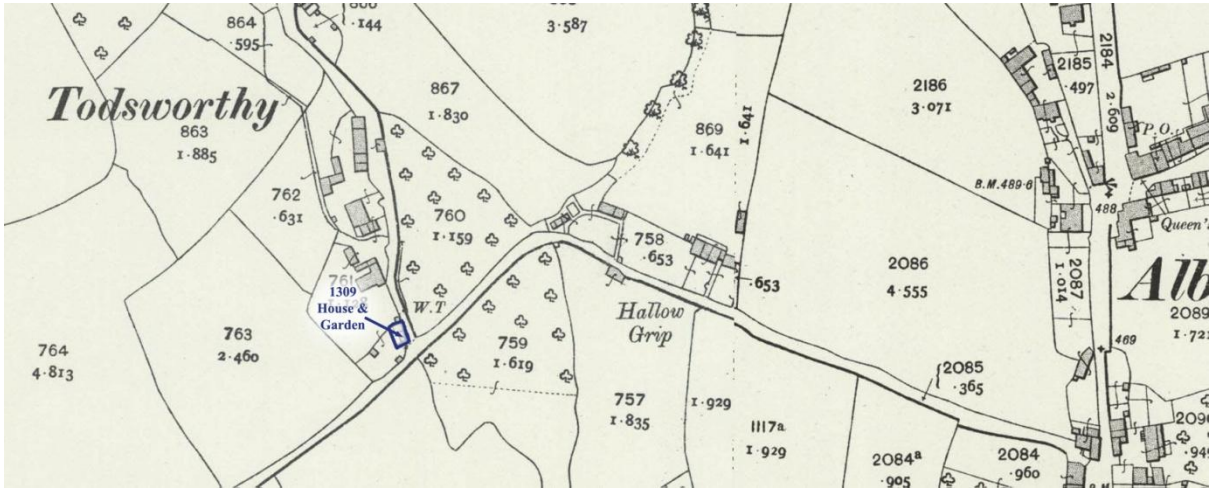
Landowner: Arthur Deeble

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1519	Garden	Garden			9			
1522	Wood	Wood	1	25				
1523	Orchard	Orchard	1	36				
			3	33		£0	5	4



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.

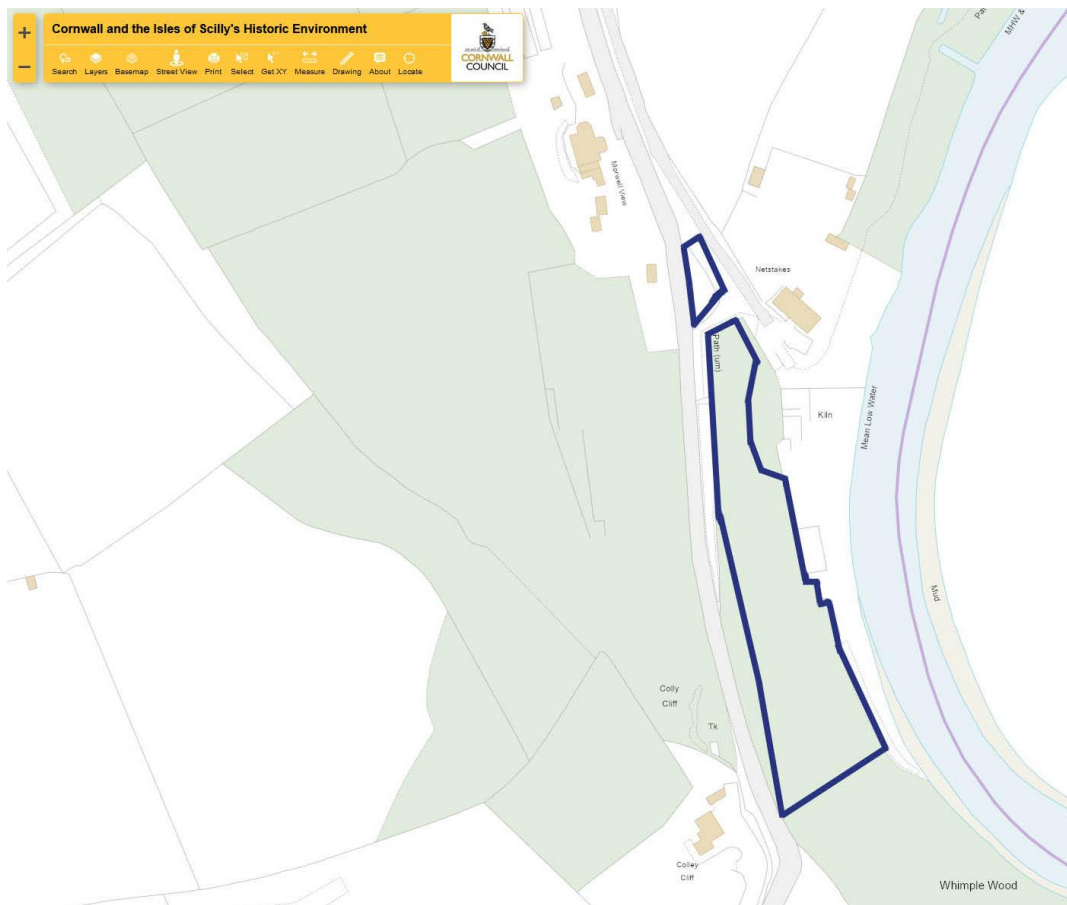
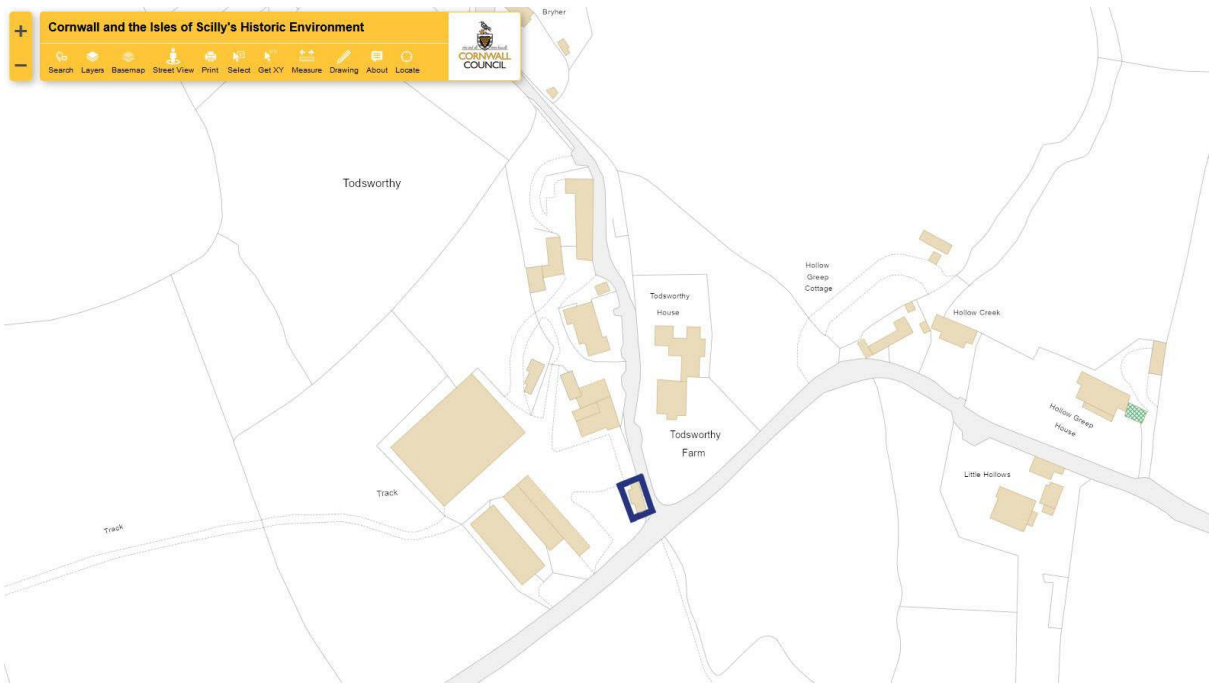


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Richard Woolcock

Note that Richard's surname appears in fairly equal numbers as Woolcock(s) and Wilcock(s). The Tithe Apportionment records the surname as Wilcock, the Census of 1841 as Woolcocks, the 1851 as Willcocks, his children were baptised as either. It is evident from his marriage certificate that Richard was illiterate so the exact spelling was down to the hearing and phonetic rendering of the name by the various parish clerks, Census enumerators etc.

However, he was certainly baptised, married and buried as a Woolcock.

Richard Woolcock appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Todsworthy, near Albaston. Richard is listed as a mine labourer aged 35, in the same household are Elizabeth (40), Richard (14), Arthur (12), Elizabeth (9), William (6) and Thomas (2), all born in Cornwall.¹

Richard Woolcock was born in the parish of Calstock in 1802, and was baptised in the parish church on 14th February of that year, the son of Thomas and Ann Woolcock (née Rapson)², who were married at Calstock on 24th December 1798.³ See separate entry for further details of Richard's parents Thomas and Ann Woolcock of Coxpark, Gunnislake.

Richard married Elizabeth Colling at Calstock on 24th February 1825.⁴

The 1851 Census again lists the family at Todsworthy, Richard (49) is a tin miner, Elizabeth (52) is noted as born in Callington, Elizabeth (18) is a servant, while sons William (14) and James (12) are both now working as mine labourers.⁵

Richard Woolcock (of Todsworthy, aged 59) died in 1860 and was buried at Calstock on 12th February.⁶



Richard Woolcock's Cottage at Todsworthy.
(Image: Stephen Colwill)

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN58 PN3.
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. Calstock Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P26/1/12.
5. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN118 PN56.
6. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

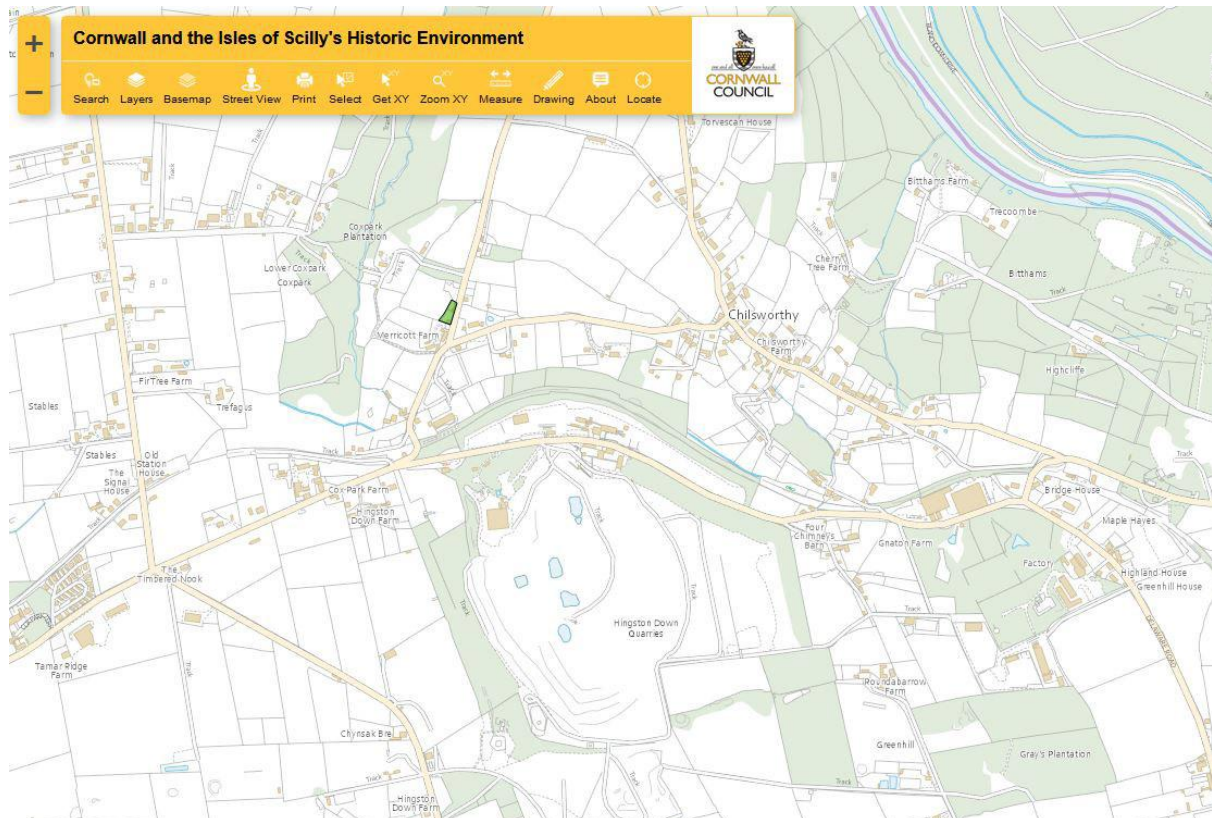
Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **Thomas Woolcock**

Plot Location (1839-40 Tithe): Coxpark. Plan no. 361 on Tithe Map located at “Homestead”, Coxpark on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Note that the original dwelling was at the opposite (north) end of the plot.

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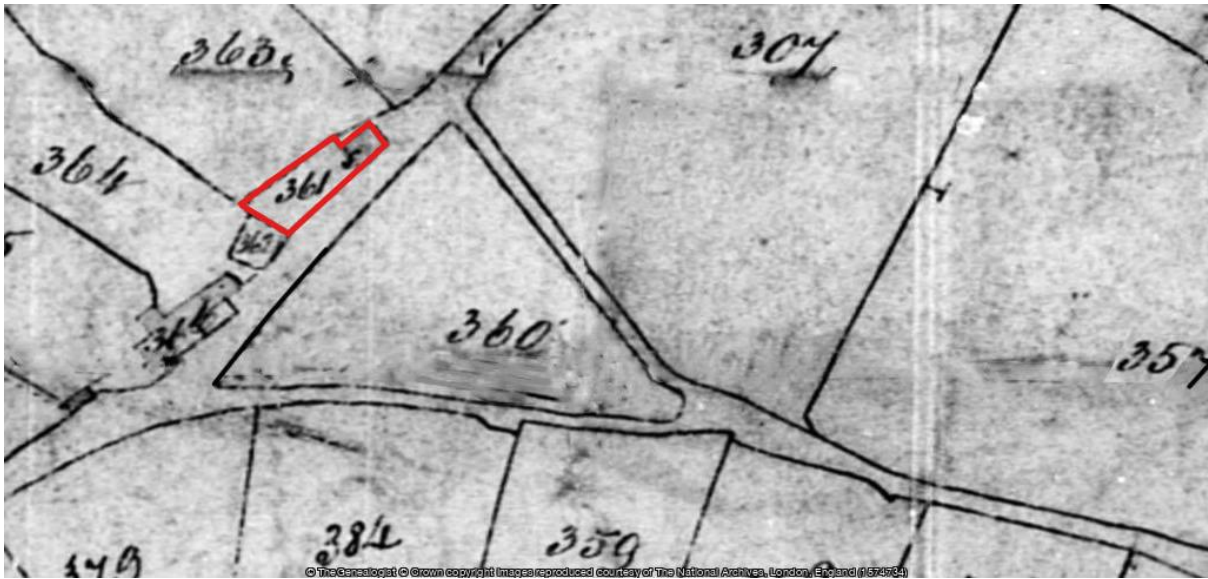


Occupier: Thomas Woolcock (Miner)

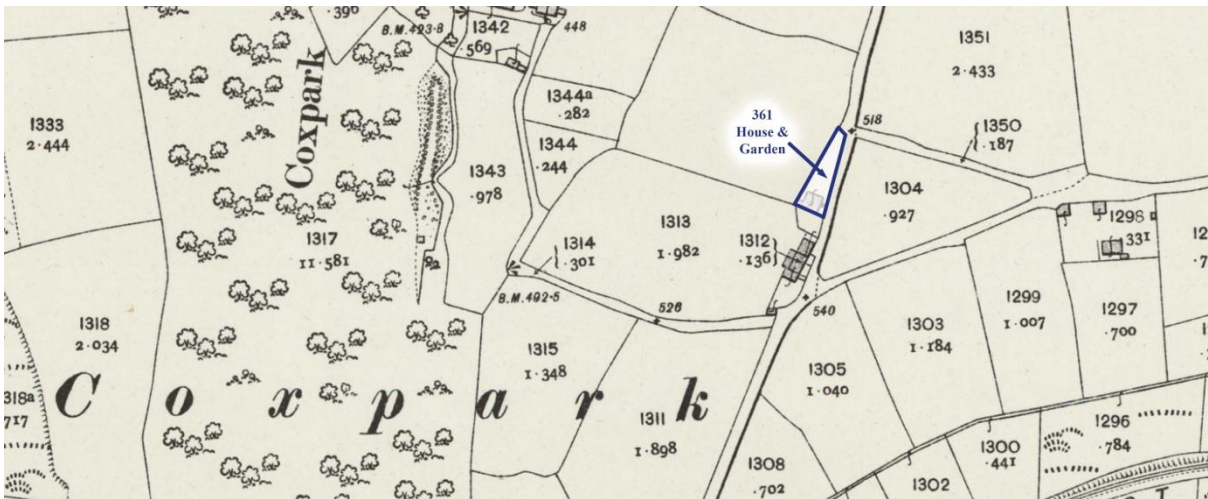
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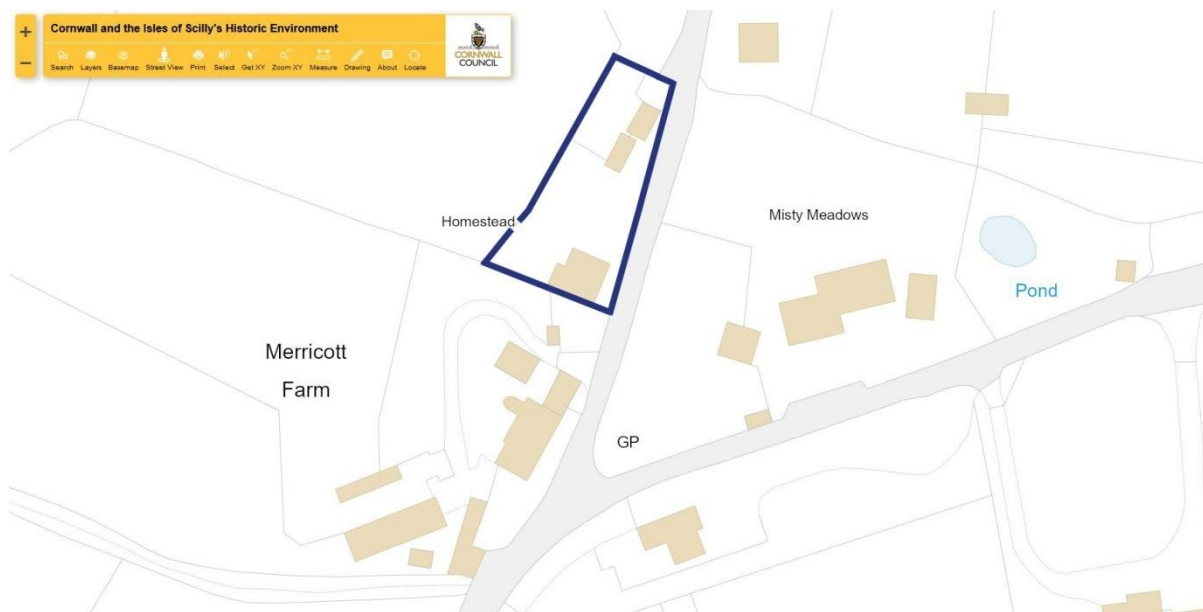
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361	House and Garden	Garden			12			
					12			



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.



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914
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Thomas Woolcock

Thomas Woolcock appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Coxpark. He is listed as a copper miner aged 65, in the same household are Ann (70), Ann (35) and Allice (28), also in the residence are Joseph Barrett (20) an agricultural labourer, and John H Woolcock (6), all born in Cornwall.¹

Thomas or Thomas Matthews Woolcock as he was baptised, was born in the parish of Calstock in 1775, and baptised at Calstock on 3rd September of that year, the son of Richard and Dorothy Woolcock (née Matthews)², who were married at Calstock on 5th September 1772.³

Thomas Woolcock married Ann Rapson at Calstock on 24th December 1798, Ann noted as sojourner of this parish.⁴ Ann Rapson (surname incorrectly recorded in the original register as Rabson) was baptised at Stoke Climsland on 9th April 1769⁵, the daughter of John and Mary Rapson (née Lee) who were married at Stoke Climsland on 11th May 1764.⁶

Thomas and Ann had three children baptised at Calstock between 1802 and 1812, Richard (1802), Anne (1806) and Alice in 1812.⁷ See separate entry for further details of son Richard Woolcock (miner) of Todsworthy.

Thomas Woolcock died in late 1846, his residence given as Bittams (Bitthams) and was buried at Calstock on 1st January 1847.⁸ Following Thomas' death, his widow Ann evidently lived with her son Richard and family at Todsworthy, and it was here that she died just a year later in 1848, and was buried at Calstock on 23rd February.⁹

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN15 PN23.
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.

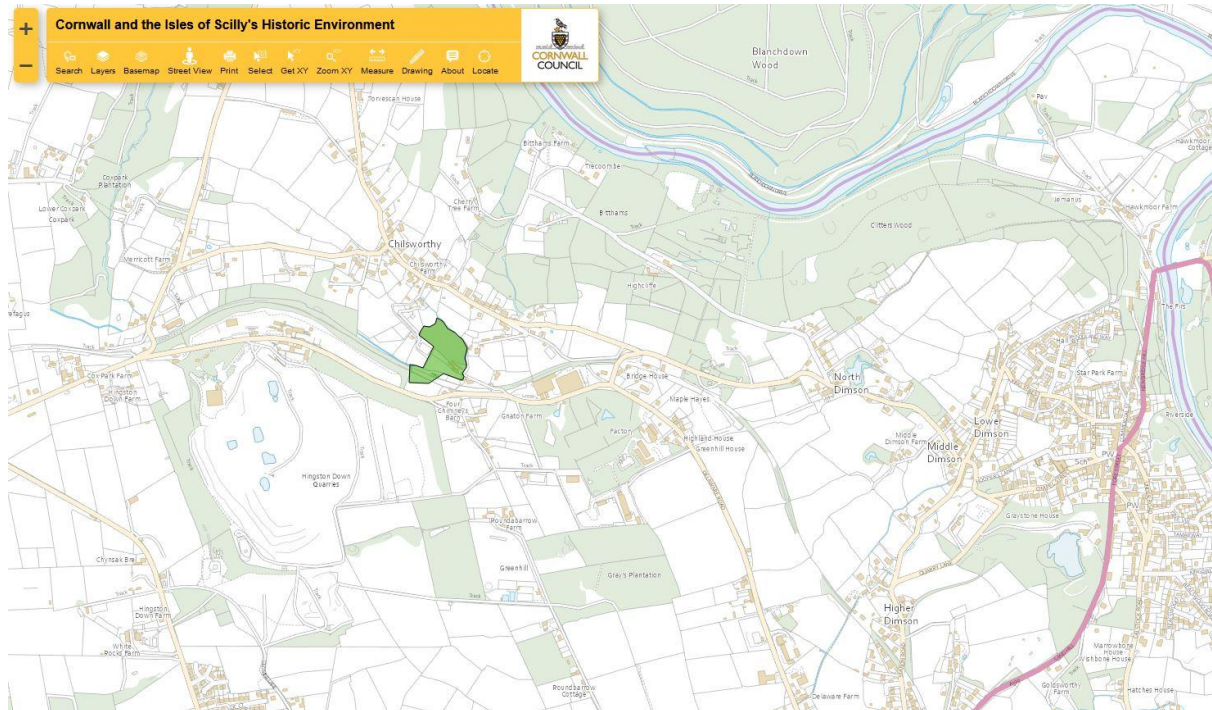
4. Ibid.
5. Stoke Climsland Register of baptisms, marriages & burials, 1745-1803. Ref: KK P215/1/4.
6. Stoke Climsland Register of marriages, 1754-1812. Ref: KK P215/1/6.
7. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2 & Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
8. Calstock Register of burials, 1813-1848. Ref: KK P26/1/18.
9. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Calstock**

Mine Worker: **William Blazeby Woolcock**

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

Grid Reference: SX41501 71924 (dwelling).



Occupier: William Woolcock (Miner)

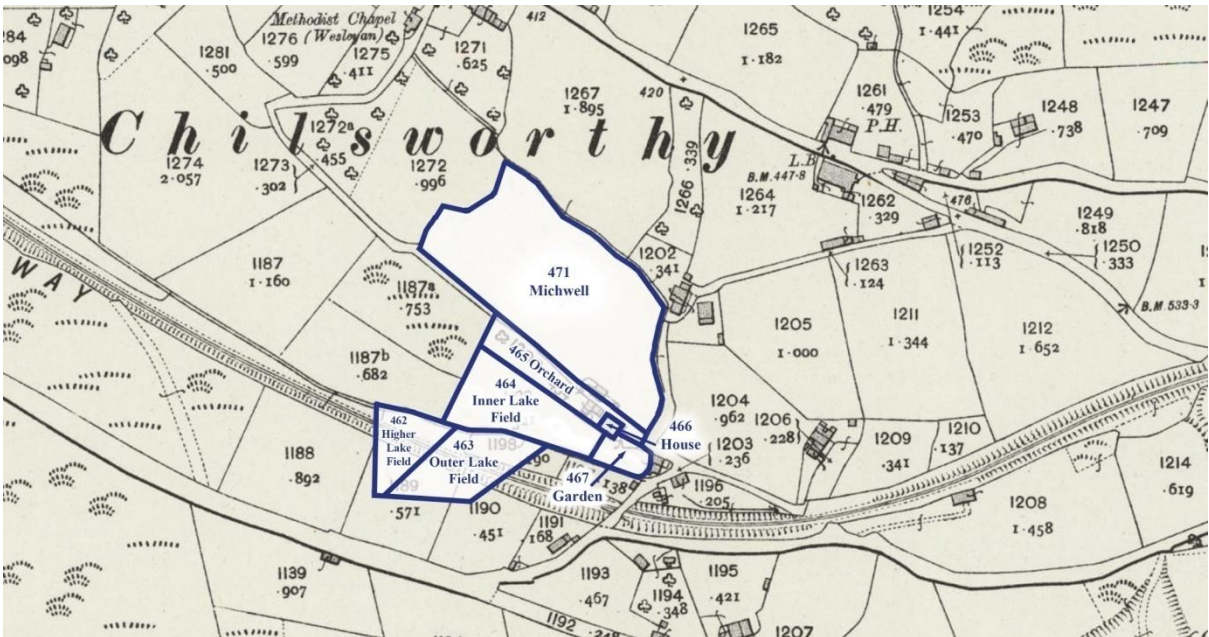
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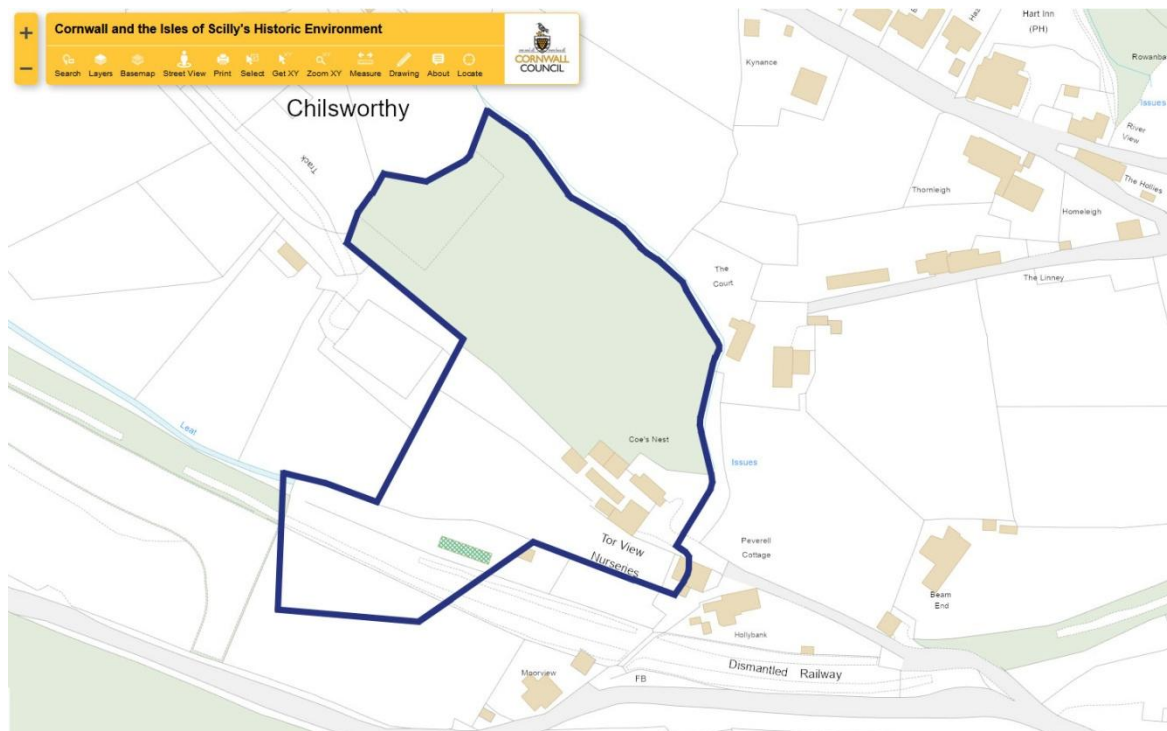
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462	Higher Lake Field	Arable		1	11			
463	Outer Lake Field	Arable		1	37			
464	Inner Lake Field	Arable		2				
465	Orchard	Orchard			30			
467	Garden	Garden			16			
471	Michwell	Arable	1	3	32			
			3	2	9	£0	6	3



References : The National Archives, Kew.
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William Blazeby Woolcock

William Woolcock appears on the 1841 Calstock Census at Chilsworthy. He is listed as a copper miner aged 30, in the same household are Mary A (30), Ann (11), Eliza (5), Maria (3), William (2) and George (3 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹

William Blazeby Woolcock was baptised at Calstock on 2nd August 1812, the son of Richard and Mary Woolcock² (née Blazeby?). Unfortunately no marriage can be found for Richard and Mary, the 1851 Census has Mary Woolcock (by then a widow and pauper aged 69) listed in the next Census entry to her son William Blazeby Woolcock at Chilsworthy, and records that she was born in "St Peters, Suffolk".³ This household was headed by William's widowed sister Mary Main, who had married miner James Main in 1825, see separate entry for James Main for further details.

Richard Woolcock was baptised at Calstock on 27th July 1777, the son of Richard and Dorothy Woolcock (née Matthews)⁴, who were married at Calstock on 5th September 1772.⁵

William "Blaze" Woolcock married Ann Evens at Plymouth (St Andrew) on 6th December 1833.⁶

Ann (also known as Mary Ann) Evens was born at Stoke Climsland c.1807, although there is no baptism recorded for her under this name. It is possible that Ann was a widow and Evens/Evans was her married name. Ann Woolcock age 11 in the 1841 census, does not appear to be a child from the marriage of William Blazeby Woolcock and (Mary) Ann, she may be Mary Ann's child from a previous marriage/relationship.

William was noted as a miner (at Chilsworthy) from at least 1835, when he was recorded as such at the baptism of daughter Eliza Jane at Calstock on 1st November of that year.⁷ He evidently continued his mining career until at least 1843, the baptism at Calstock on 1st January of daughter Mary Jane, again notes him as a miner of Chilsworthy.⁸ However, at the baptism of son Richard

James at Calstock on 1st June 1845 he is recorded as a farmer of Chilsworthy⁹, the baptism of son Michael Blazeby Woolcock on 21st February 1847 at Calstock finds William described as a butcher of Chilsworthy.¹⁰

The 1851 Census at Chilsworthy confirms the change of occupation, William (39) is a butcher, born Calstock, Mary Ann (43) born Stoke Climsland, Eliza Jane (15), Maria (13), William Henry (11), George (10), Mary Jane (8), Michael B (4) and Richard James (8 mths) all born Calstock. Also in the house was Hannah Jewels (8) a lodger, born Stoke Climsland.¹¹

The family are still at Chilsworthy in 1861, and it is clear that William Blazeby Woolcock would not be returning to mining. William Woolcock (49) butcher and farmer born Calstock, Ann (55) born Stoke Climsland, George (21) and Michael (14) both butchers and farmers, Richard (10) all born Calstock.¹²

William Blazeby Woolcock died aged 74 at Chilsworthy in 1886, and was buried at Calstock on 27th June.¹³

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN133 BN2 FN13 PN18.
2. Calstock Register of baptisms and burials, 1807-1812. Ref: KK P26/1/3.
3. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN138 PN6.
4. Calstock Register of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1716-1807. Ref: KK P26/1/2.
5. Calstock Register of marriages, 1754-1805. Ref: KK P26/1/4.
6. Devon Marriages & Banns - Plymouth, St Andrew. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office (findmypast.co.uk).
7. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid.
10. Ibid.
11. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN138 PN6.
12. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN92 PN27.
13. Calstock Register of burials, 1878-1892. Ref: KK P26/1/39.