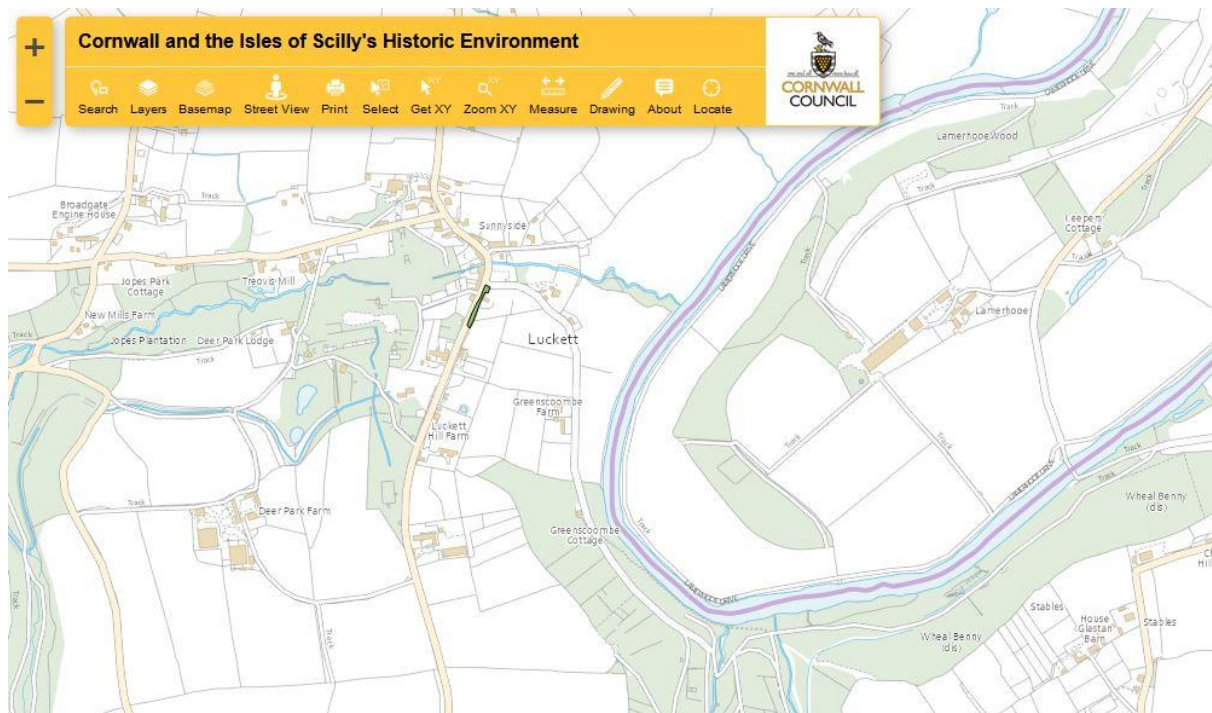


Parish: **Stoke Climsland**

Mine Worker: **Thomas Martin Penaluna**

Plot Location (1840-41 Tithe): Houses on Tithe Map located at “Manor Cottage”, Luckett on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022). The footprint of the houses clearly extended further north, still extant on OS Map (see below).

Grid Reference: SX38891 73633 (Manor Cottage)



Occupier: Thomas Martin Penaluna (Miner)

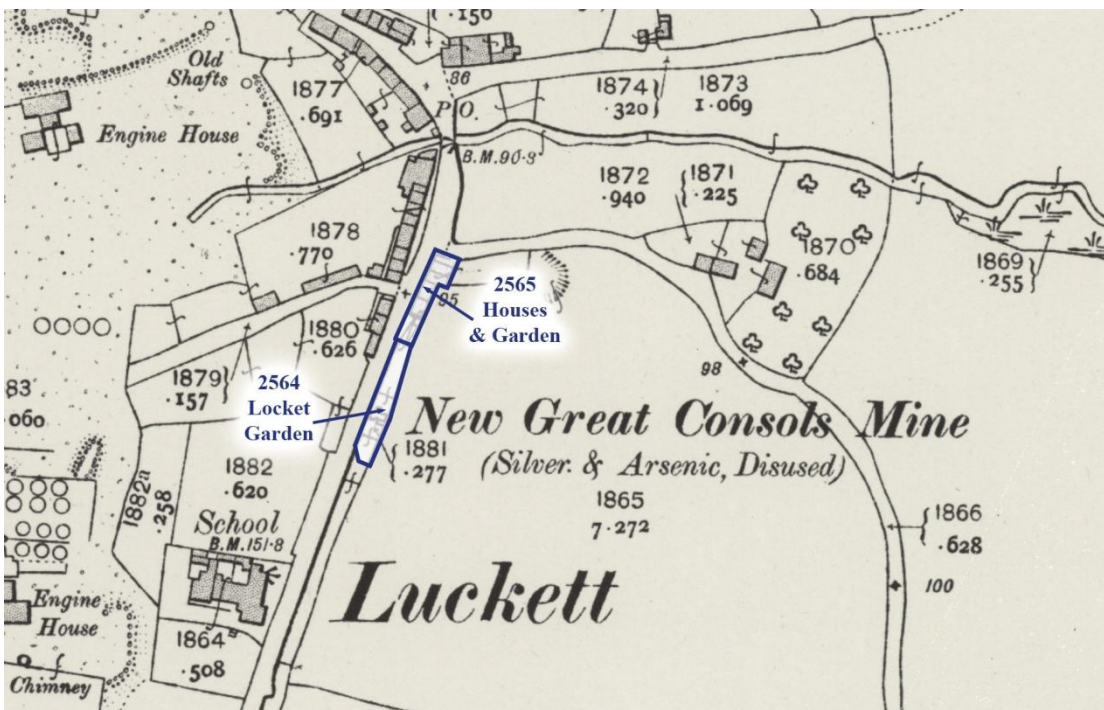
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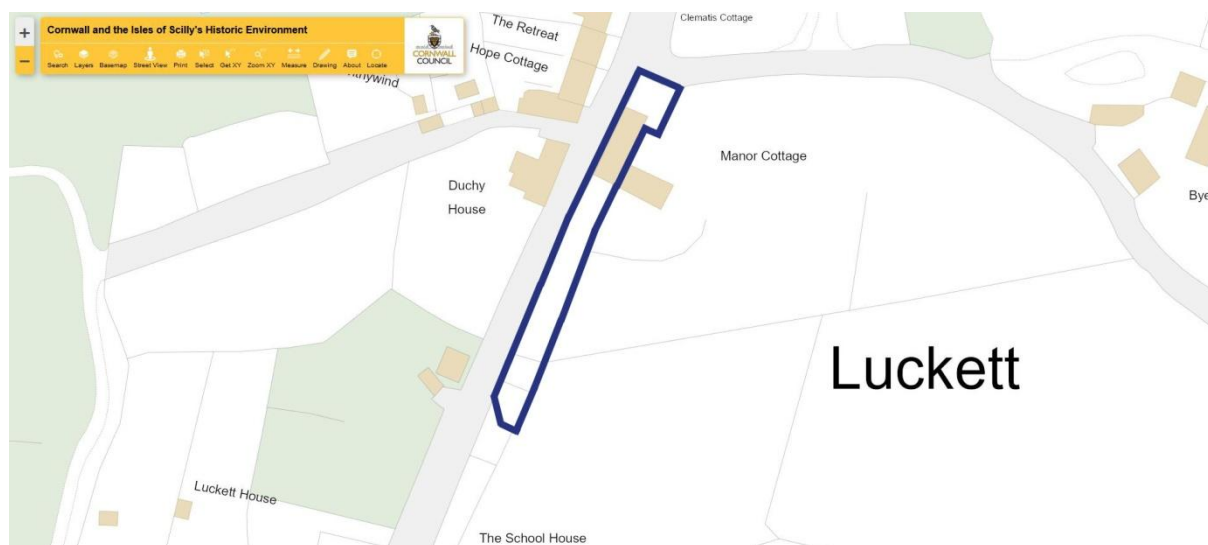
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			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
2564	Locket (sic) Garden	Garden			10			1
2565	Houses and Gardens				6			1
					16			2



References : The National Archives, Kew.
 IR/29/6/180 - Tithe apportionment of Stoke Climsland (parish), Cornwall.
 IR/30/6/180 - Tithe map of Stoke Climsland (parish), Cornwall.



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914
 Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -
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Thomas Martin Penaluna

Note that Thomas appears in the Tithe Apportionment as James Penaluna. There are a number of name errors in the book, probably due to transcription mistakes from the handwritten ledgers to the typeset print.

Thomas Martin Penaluna appears on the 1841 Stoke Climsland Census at Lockett. He is listed as a copper miner aged 25, in the same household are Maria (25), George (5), Ellen (4) and Eliza (1), all born in Cornwall.¹

Thomas Martin Penaluna was born in Callington on 7th March 1813, and baptised on 28th March, son of Thomas (a tinner) and Mary Penaluna (née Martin)², who were married at Callington on 5th July 1810.³ Thomas Penaluna senior was latterly a Mine Captain (Agent) (as was junior), there are numerous references to him in the Mining Journal from the 1830s to the 1850s. Thomas was a native of the mining parish of Wendron, born there in the mid 1780s⁴, he died aged 73 at Calstock on 19th April 1857.⁵

Thomas Martin Penaluna married Maria Louisa Proctor (or Procter) at Stoke Damerel on 23rd May 1835.⁶ Maria was born in Calstock c.1816 (no baptism found).

Thomas and Maria's first child George Henry Penaluna was baptised at Calstock on 9th February 1836, their residence was noted as Calstock Town, interestingly Thomas' occupation was recorded as "Agent to Mines".⁷ Ellen Mary also born in Calstock c.1837 (no baptism found). Eliza Mary born in 1839 (baptised in 1840), Harriet Maria (1842), Joseph Procter (1844) and Maria Louisa (1845) were all baptised at Stoke Climsland, Thomas' occupation was miner and residence Lockett.⁸ Thomas Martin Procter Penaluna (1847) and John Martin Procter Penaluna (1850) were also born in the parish of Stoke Climsland (no baptisms found) and William Henry Penaluna (1853) was born just across the Tamar at South Sydenham (Sydenham Damerel).

In 1851 the family were still at Lockett. Thomas M Penaluna (38) mining agent, born Callington, Maria L (36), George H (15), Elizabeth M (14) all born Calstock, Hannah (10), Joseph (8), Louisa (5), Thomas (4) and John (9 mths) all born Stoke Climsland.⁹

Thomas Martin Penaluna was a well known Mine Captain in the district, and was involved in a number of local mines as both Captain and consultant. See the examples below:

WHEAL BENNY.—I am happy to say we have completed the engine-shaft and every thing in course, preparatory to sinking. I find that a cross-cut has been driven south 6 ft., where they took the lode, and drove on its course 9 fms. west and 7 fms. east—the average size of the lode being 2½ ft. big, composed of gossan, copper, mundic, and spar. That part of the lode we have taken down is good saving work. The dressing-floors are nearly completed, and we hope to commence dressing in another week.—**T. M. PENALUNA.**

Wheal Benny (between Lockett & Latchley) - The Mining Journal, 12th September 1846.¹⁰

At Wheal Providence (South Sydenham) the new 40-in. cylinder steam-engine, manufactured by Gill and Rundle, of Tavistock, under the superintendance of Messrs. Hockin and Loam, the well-known engineers, was put to work on the 11th inst., in the presence of a highly respectable company, amongst whom were George Trickett, Esq. (chairman), the Mayor of Callington, George Haye, Esq., W. G. Gard, Esq., of Wheal Maria, J. Peter, Esq., Messrs. Conway, Luscombe, Pike, Commins, Harvey, Spear, and Newton, Capts. Robert Dunstan, Thomas Penaluna, sen., Lean, Stephens, Floyd, Opie, Coward, Spargo, and others. After a good dinner and the usual loyal toasts, "mining and all its branches" was proposed, and heartily responded to. Many excellent speeches were delivered, and the company separated, highly pleased at the excellent arrangements of the company's agent, Capt. T. M. Penaluna. The water is now in fork to the 12 fm. level, and the men busily engaged in dropping another lift to the 24, where, if reports be true, a good lode is anticipated.

Wheal Providence (Sydenham Damerel) - The Mining Journal, 23rd August 1851.¹¹ For further details of Capt. John Floyd, Capt. Noah Coward and Capt. John Spargo, see separate entries.

In 1856 Thomas Martin Penaluna was evidently in financial difficulty. He was living in Plymouth at the time of his arrest, and subsequent Court Appearance as an Insolvent Debtor.¹²

INSOLVENT DEBTOR.

TO be heard at the County Court of Devonshire to be holden at the CASTLE OF EXETER, before JOHN TYRRELL, Esq., Judge of the said Court, on TUESDAY the Thirtieth day of September, 1856, at the hour of Ten o'clock in the morning precisely.

THOMAS MARTIN PENALUNA, late of No. 18, Victoria-street, Plymouth, in the county of Devon, Mining Agent and Surveyor, previously of the Devon Kapunda Mine, South Sydenham, near Tavistock, Devon, aforesaid, Farmer, Mining Agent and Surveyor, and formerly of Stoke Climsland, near Callington, Cornwall, Mining Agent and Surveyor.

MERLIN FRYER,
Saint Thomas the Apostle, Exeter,
Attorney for the said Insolvent.

Thomas was found guilty of Appropriating his Partner's property and served three months in prison.¹³

A MINING CASE.

APPROPRIATION OF PARTNERSHIP PROPERTY.

Re *Thomas Martin Penaluna*, of Victoria Street, Plymouth, and previously of South Sydenham near Tavistock. This insolvent came up from prison and was supported by Mr. Fryer, solicitor of Exeter, and opposed by Mr. Henry Rickard, mining agent, of Hennock. Mr. RICKARD stated that he took a set of mines with the insolvent on land, belonging to Mr. Pawlby, at Manadon, near Plymouth, for which he agreed to pay £175. He went to London to dispose of the set, and met with a Mr. Butters, to whom he sold them, and from whom he received two promissory notes for £100 each, in payment. He returned to Plymouth, and handed them over to Mr. Pawlby's agent who however preferred coin, Rickard then took back the notes and paid him money. The insolvent then proposed going to London, and getting the money from Butters for the notes. Rickard accordingly gave them into his hands for that purpose, but when he arrived in London, instead of getting the money he deposited one of the bills as security for a private bill of his own for £55 which had been dishonoured, Rickard having endorsed that bill, he was sued for the amount and had to pay it. The JUDGE then you complain that he has employed partnership property to his own account. Mr. RICKARD yes, your Honor. Mr. FRYER said that Rickard had not been damnified by the insolvent's doing as he had done, inasmuch as he could sue Butters who was liable for the bill. His HONOR, what became of the other bill. Mr. RICKARD said the insolvent had also disposed of that, but he had got it again. His HONOR told Mr. Fryer that unless he would show him that the insolvent was not appropriating partnership property to his own use, he should deliver an adverse judgment against him. Mr. FRYER hoped the court would be lenient on account of the insolvent's ill health. His HONOR said the insolvent had been opposed by his own partner, and it was quite clear that he had appropriated his partner's property, to his own use, which was a most improper proceeding. He would not allow such conduct without punishment but taking into consideration insolvent's ill health, he would remand him to prison for three months from the time of his arrest.

However, Thomas Penaluna was soon back in East Cornwall and employed as a Mine Agent.

GREAT WHEEL MARTHA.—T. M. Penaluna, July 14: Our operations are progressing favourably. We have now a nice pile of ore raised, and we are still able to keep the tributers at work above adit. No new discovery to report.

Great Wheel Martha at Lockett, Stoke Climsland - The Mining Journal, 17th July 1858.¹⁴

In 1861 Thomas was lodging at the Market House Inn, Fore Street, Callington, run by George Sargent and his wife Emma - Thomas Penaluna (48) (Lodger), copper mine agent, born Callington.¹⁵

Meanwhile, Maria and the rest of the family were living at Saltash Street, Charles (parish), Plymouth. Maria Peneluna (sic) (46) born Calstock, Joseph (17) labourer (excavator), Thomas (12), John (10) all born Stoke Climsland and William (7) born South Sydenham. Also in the household was Ellen Harrison (24) born Calstock.¹⁶ This was daughter Ellen Mary, who had married Benjamin Harrison at Plymouth in 1858.¹⁷

Thomas Martin Penaluna died (aged 53) in Plymouth in 1866 and was buried at Ford Park Cemetery, St Andrew, Plymouth, on 15th April.¹⁸

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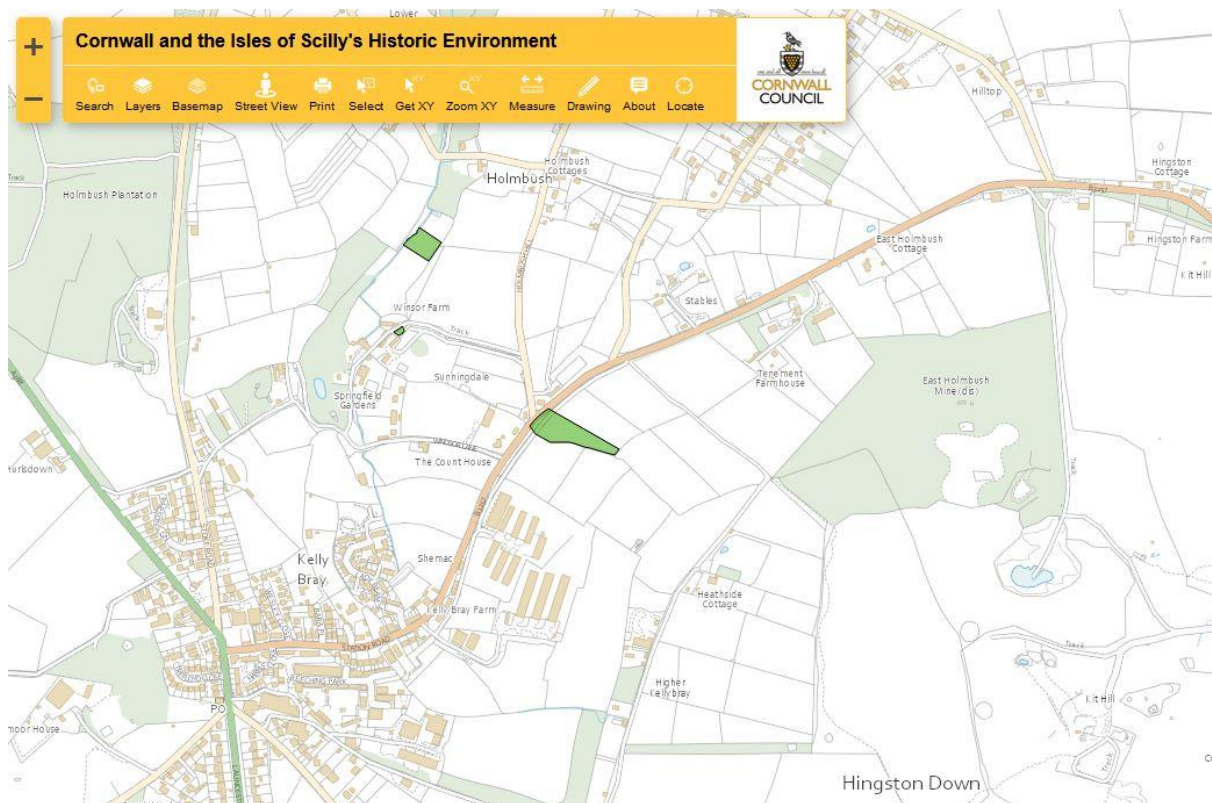
1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN134 BN10 FN52 PN8.
2. Cornwall Baptisms - Callington. Cornwall OPC Database. Source - Bishops' Transcripts Exeter.
3. Cornwall Marriages - Callington. Cornwall OPC Database. Source - Bishops' Transcripts Exeter.
4. Wendron Register of baptisms, marriages and burials 1560-1812. Ref:KK P249/1/1. Three baptisms of individuals named Thomas Penaluna in the parish 1783-86.
5. *West Briton* (Truro), April 24th 1857, Number 2441, pg.8, col. 5. Death Announcement - "At Calstock, on Sunday last, Captain Thomas Penaluna, aged 73 years."
6. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
7. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1830-1851. Ref: KK P26/1/7.
8. Stoke Climsland Registers of baptisms, 1813-1844 & 1844-1857. Ref: KK P215/1/8 & KKP215/1/11.
9. 1851 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN1899 FN609 PN16.
10. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 577 Vol. XVI, 12 September 1846, pg. 383, col. 2.
11. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 835 Vol. XXI, 23 August 1851, pg. 407, col. 1.
12. *Royal Cornwall Gazette* (Truro), September 19th 1856, Number 2778, pg.4, col. 1.
13. *West Briton* (Truro), October 3rd 1856, Number 2412, pg.8, col. 3.
14. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 1195 Vol. XXVIII, 17 July 1858, pg. 468, col. 3.
15. 1861 Cornwall Census, Callington. Ref: RG09 PN1526 FN49 PN25.
16. 1861 Devon Census, Charles, Plymouth. Ref: RG09 PN1438 FN80 PN41.
17. England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005 - Civil Marriages - Ellen Mary Penaluna & Benjamin Harrison - 2nd Q of 1858 - Plymouth Registration District - Volume 5B - Page 512. (findmypast.co.uk).
18. Devon Burials - Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Ref: 2595/8. DFHS Transcript. (findmypast.co.uk). Notes: "Martin Thomas" (sic) Penaluna's address as 57 Cecil Street, St Andrew, Plymouth. Memorial reference: Section F, No. 14, Row 13.

Parish: **Stoke Climsland**

Mine Worker: **William Peters**

Plot Locations (1840-41 Tithe): Winsor (near Holmbush). Plan no. 2244a named “Little Field & House” on Tithe Map. Note there is no building shown on the Tithe Map in the above named plot, or on subsequent OS Maps, so it is not clear where William Peters lived, possibly in one of the buildings at Winsor (opposite his garden at Plan no. 2240) owned by Anthony Whitford, see separate entry. Plan no. 2240 named “Garden” on Tithe Map, at Winsor. Plan no. 2250 named “Greens Plot” approximately 350 metres south east of Winsor.

Grid References: SX36282 72239 (Plan no. 2244a), SX36240 72082 (Plan no. 2240) and SX36550 71898 (Plan no. 2250).

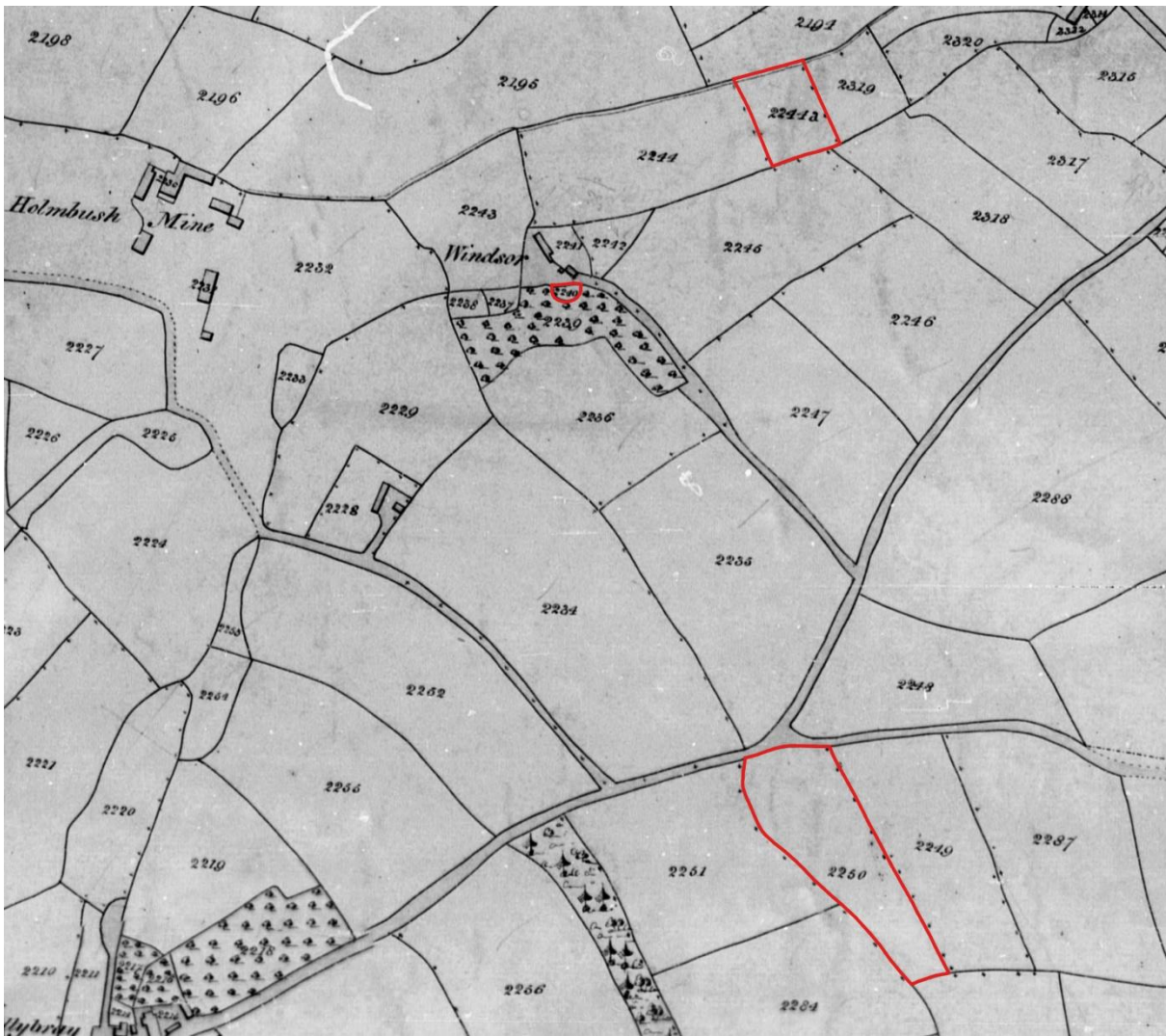


Occupier: William Peters (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

Tithe Apportionment Details:

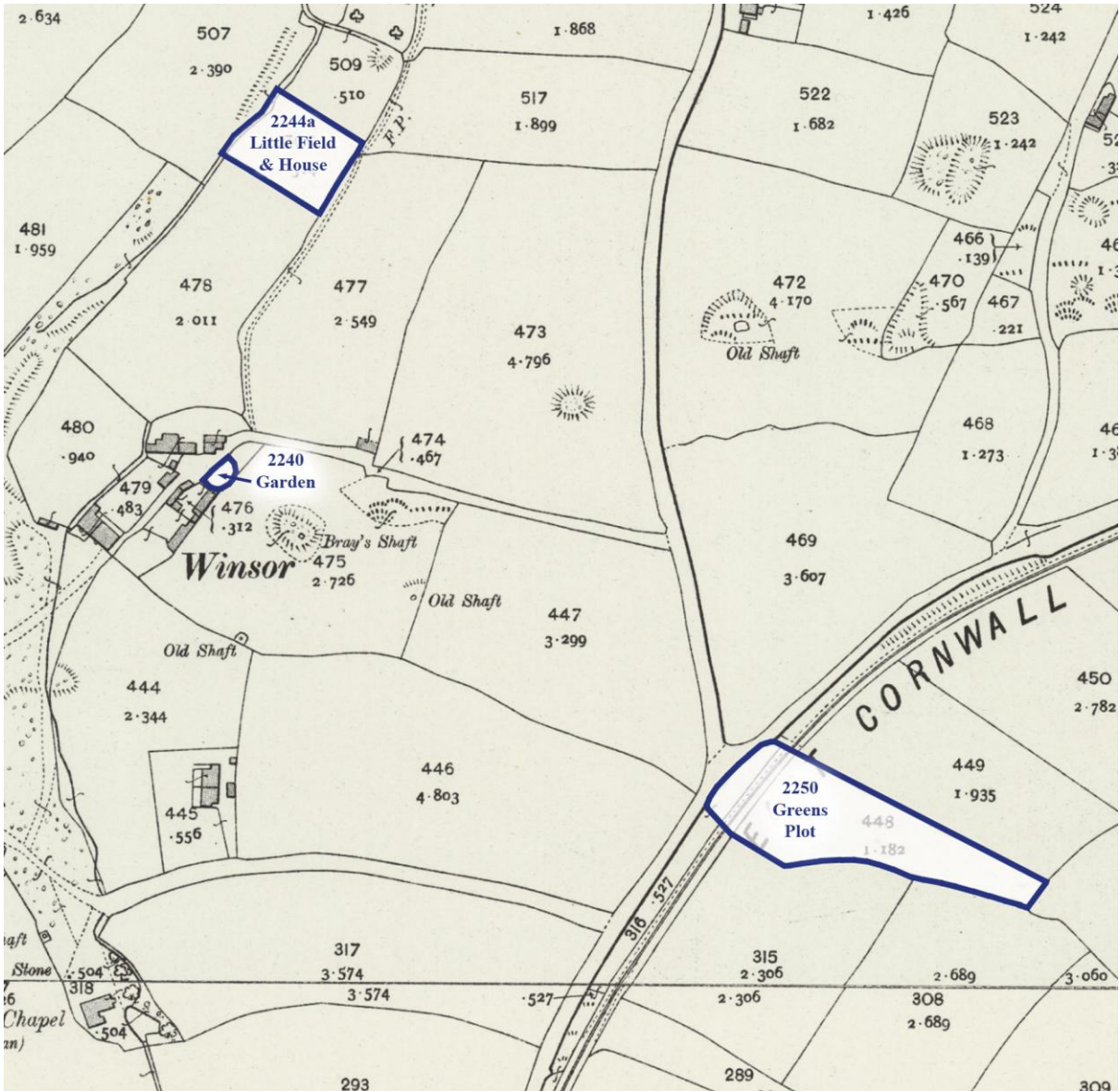
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2240	Garden	Garden			4			1
2244a	Little Field and House	Arable		2	8	1		0
2250	Greens Plot (with right of common)		1	2	22	2		6
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References : The National Archives, Kew.

IR/29/6/180 - Tithe apportionment of Stoke Climsland (parish), Cornwall.

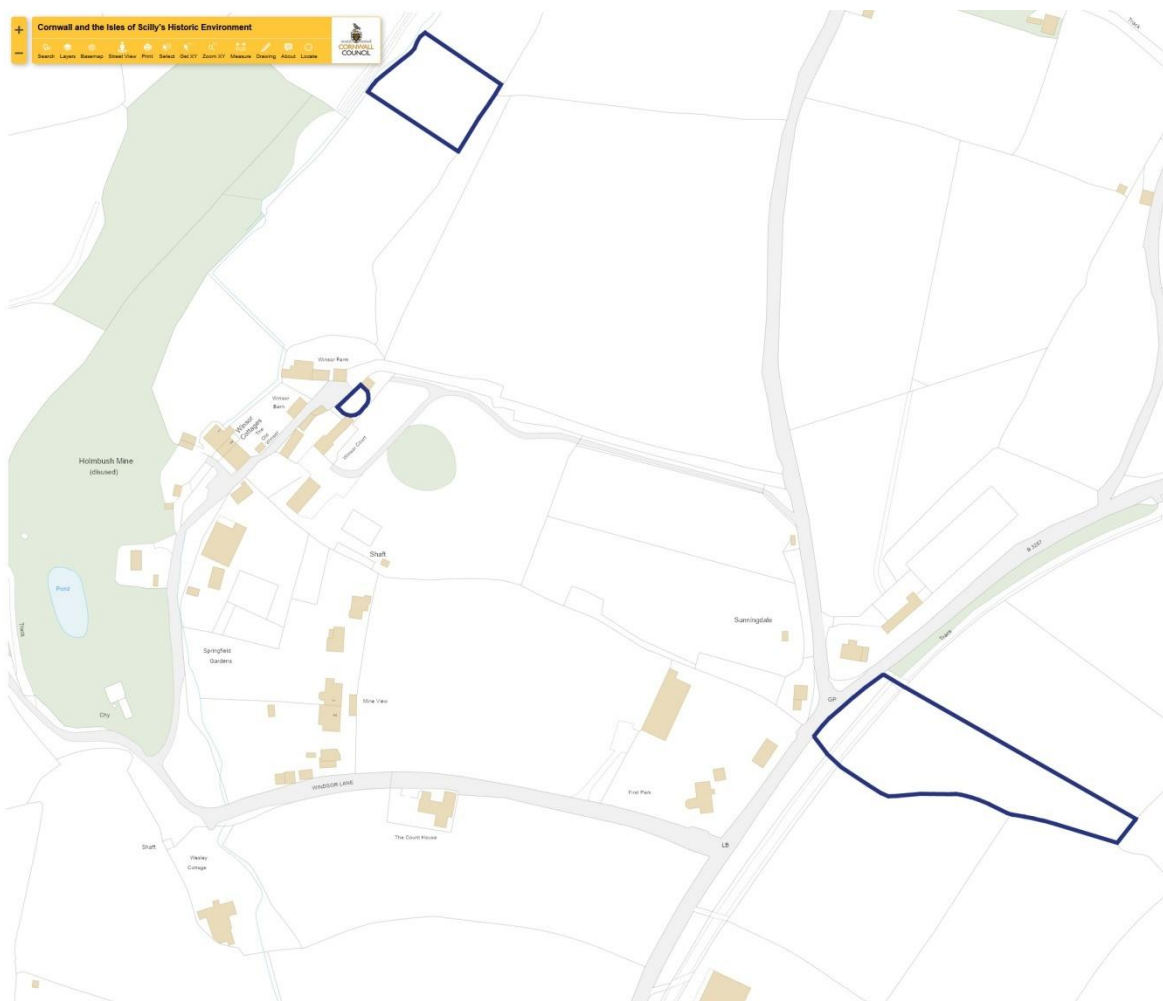
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Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

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William Peters

William Peters appears on the 1841 Stoke Climsland Census at Winsor. He is listed as a copper miner aged 35, in the same household are Jane (25), George (11), William (9), Samuel (7), John (5), Thomas (3) and James (6 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹

William was born c.1805, his place of birth noted as Stoke Climsland on both the 1851 and 1861 Censuses. There are no baptisms for a William Peters for the period, either at Stoke Climsland or in neighbouring parishes. In fact the children of William and Jane were the first in the parish to be baptised with the surname Peters.

William Peters married Jane Dyer at Stoke Climsland on 9th May 1829, William "of this parish" and Jane "sojourner of this parish".² Jane was born c.1809 in (according to the 1851 Census) Stoke Climsland, and much like William, no baptisms can be found for her (Jane Dyer or variant name) in the locality for the period.

William and Jane Peters had at least ten children born at Winsor and baptised at Stoke Climsland between 1832 and 1853. William Henry (1832), Samuel Dyer (1834), John (1836), Thomas Dyer

(1838), James (1840, baptised 1843), Jane Ann (1843), Mary Elizabeth (1845, died at Winsor Cottage December 1845³), Mary Elizabeth or Dyer (1847, baptised in 1849 as Mary Dyer Peters), Simon (1849) and Jessy (1853).⁴

At the baptisms of Simon Peters and Mary Dyer Peters on 21st October 1849, William Peters' occupation was still noted as miner, but by the baptism of Jessy Peters on 17th April 1853 William was recorded as a publican.

However, the 1851 Census listed him as a farmer. William Peters (44) farmer of 6 acres, wife Jane (42) both born Stoke Climsland, children - George (21), William (19), Samuel (17), John (15) and Thomas (12) all miners, James (10), Jane Ann (8), Mary (4) and Simon (1), all born Stoke Climsland. Also in the household was Jane Mitchell (16) house servant, born Stoke Climsland.⁵

Jane Peters died (aged 49) at Winsor in 1858 and was buried at Stoke Climsland on 12th December.⁶

The couple's eldest son William Henry Peters was also a Miner/Publican. William married widow Mary Ann Chegwyn (née White) in 1855 at Stoke Damerel (Mary Ann was born in Launceston in 1820, the daughter of John White (a baker)).⁷ William and Mary Ann ran the "Royal Oak" in Callington, with William also working at the nearby Kelly Bray Mine. Tragically, William Peters was killed in a blasting accident at the mine in 1860.

FATAL MINE ACCIDENT.—William Peters, aged 28, and who keeps the "Royal Oak," Callington, and works as well at Kelly Bray Mine, was, on the 13th inst., unfortunately killed by one of those accidents which so very frequently occur to miners—oftentimes the result of carelessness, but which in this instance no blame appears to attach in that respect. He was employed in blasting, and had exploded one hole, but the charge, it is supposed, escaped in a crevice. Another hole was bored, and he had just completed the tamping of it, when the powder prematurely exploded, and he was so seriously injured as to cause death in about three hours. The deceased was a very steady, well-behaved man, and much respected by his employers and fellow-workmen, and leaves a wife very near her confinement and a young family to bewail their premature bereavement.

The Cornish Times, 15th September 1860.⁸

William Peters (jnr.) was buried at Stoke Climsland on 16th September 1860, his residence given as Callington, and a note states "Coroner's Order".⁹

The couple's son William J Peters was born in early October, less than three weeks after his father's death. William and Mary Ann had two other children together, and Mary Ann had a daughter from her first marriage to blacksmith Joseph Chegwyn.

The 1861 Census recorded the widowed Mary Ann still at the Royal Oak in Callington. Mary Ann Peters (36) (widow) Innkeeper, born Launceston, children - Emma J Chegwin (7), John A Peters (5), Bessy Peters (3) and William J Peters (6 mths), all born Callington. There was also a servant and a couple of lodgers.¹⁰

By 1861 William Peters (senior) (still at Winsor), was recorded as a publican. William Peters (56) (widower) Innkeeper, John (24) butcher, James (20) copper miner, Mary (13) and Simon (11), all born Stoke Climsland.¹¹

William Peters died at his home "The Winsor Inn" on 10th September 1862, his sudden death requiring a Coroner's Inquest.

Sudden Deaths.—

—On the 11th instant an inquest was held by Mr. Good, county coroner, on the body of William Peters, of the Windsor Inn, Stokeclimsland, aged 56. The deceased had been at work on Tuesday at Holmbush Mine with his horse at the capstan, and returned home about 11 o'clock at night, when he complained of illness and headache and immediately went to bed. Not coming down on Wednesday, about nine o'clock the daughter hearing a noise in his room went up and found him on the floor of the room. He exclaimed, "I am dying!" and she called assistance and got him into bed, but he expired in about an hour afterwards. Verdict, "Death from apoplexy."

Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Advertiser, 20th September 1862.¹²

It is interesting to note that despite being described as a Farmer and Innkeeper in consecutive censuses, William Peters was also still working at Holmbush Mine.

William Peters was buried at Stoke Climsland on 14th September 1862.¹³

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN134 BN10 FN41 PN26.
2. Stoke Climsland Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P215/1/9.
3. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1813-1864. Ref: KK P215/1/7.
4. Stoke Climsland Registers of baptisms, 1813-1844 & 1844-1857. Ref: KK P215/1/8 & KKP215/1/11.

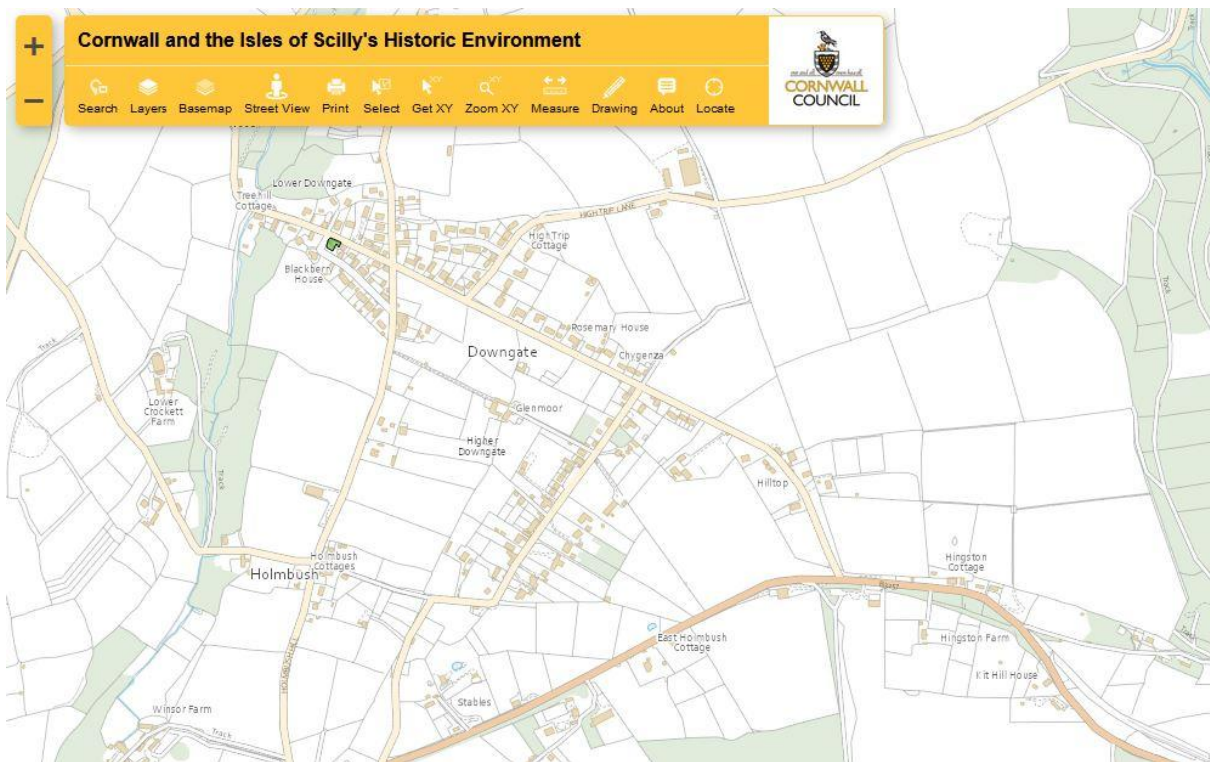
5. 1851 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN1899 FN593 PN34.
6. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1813-1864. Ref: KK P215/1/7.
7. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
8. *The Cornish Times* (Liskeard & Callington), September 15th 1860, No. 196, pg.4, col. 2.
9. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1813-1864. Ref: KK P215/1/7.
10. 1861 Cornwall Census, Callington. Ref: RG09 PN1526 FN28 PN51.
11. 1861 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: RG09 PN1521 FN77 PN28.
12. *Lake's Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Advertiser* (Falmouth), September 20th 1862, No. 375, pg.1, col. 6.
13. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1813-1864. Ref: KK P215/1/7.

Parish: **Stoke Climsland**

Mine Worker: **John Spargo**

Plot Location (1840-41 Tithe): Downgate. Plan no. 2343 named “House” on Tithe Map. The dwelling was located (evidently demolished before the 1892-1914 OS Map) approximately 10 metres north west of “Grove Villa” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX36552 72937 (site of dwelling)

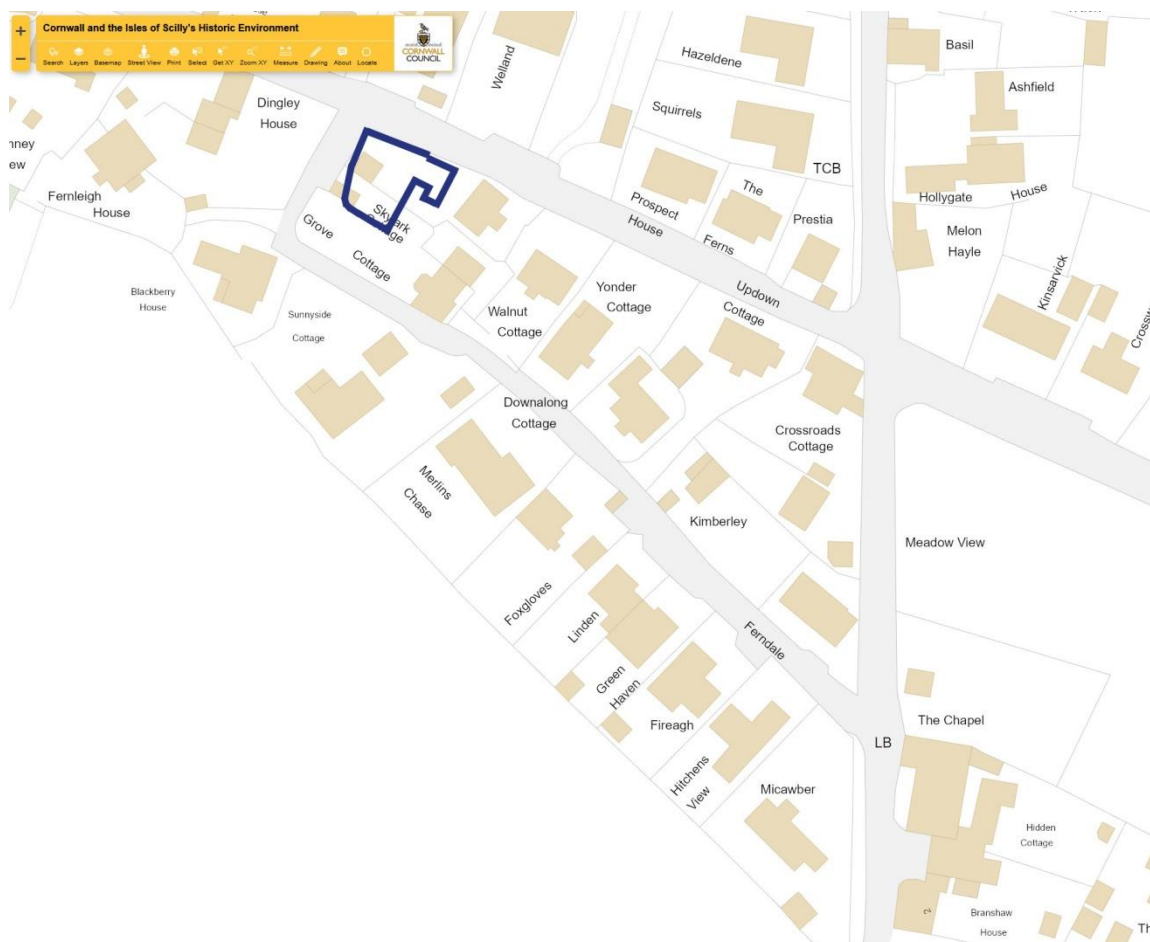


Occupier: John Spargo (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

Tithe Apportionment Details:

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2342	Garden	Garden			9			1
2343	House				1			1
			0	0	10	0	0	2



John Spargo

John Spargo appears on the 1841 Stoke Climsland Census at Downgate. He is listed as a copper miner aged 30, in the same household are Mary (28), William (7), John (6), George (3) and Edmund (11 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹

John was born c.1806 in the mining parish of Stithians, unfortunately without further (time consuming) research it is not possible to determine which one of the five individuals named John Spargo (baptised in the parish between 1805 and 1807) he was.²

John Spargo married Mary Ann Dingle at Stoke Damerel on 26th March 1833.³ Mary Ann Dingle was born on 16th July 1812 at Stoke Climsland and baptised on 2nd August, daughter of William and Elizabeth Dingle (née Higman)⁴, who were married on 31st May 1810 at Stoke Climsland, both “of this parish”.⁵ See separate entries for William Dingle (senior) and Mary Ann’s brother, William Dingle (junior) for further information.

John and Mary Ann Spargo had ten children born at Downgate between 1833 and 1853. William (1833), John (1835), George (1837), Edmund (1840), Mary Jane (1843), Nicholas (1846), Thomas (1847), James (1850), Elizabeth Ann (1851) and Samuel (1853). Five of the above were baptised at Stoke Climsland - William (1833), John (1835), George (1837), Nicholas and Thomas (both 1855).⁶

The family were still at Downgate in 1851. John Spargo (44) mine agent, Mary Ann (39), William (17) and John (15) both miners, George (12), Edmund (10), Mary J (7), Nicholas (4), Thomas (2) and James (1), all born Stoke Climsland (although John snr. was born in Stithians). Also in the household were - Mary Smitheram (21) (serv.) born Linkinhorne and Richard Helson (31) (serv.) a clerk, born Stoke Climsland.⁷

Tragically, son John Spargo was killed in a firearm accident on 1st March 1858.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.—An inquest was held on the 3rd instant at Downgate, before T. Good, Esq., coroner, on the body of Mr. John Spargo, jun., about 25 years of age, who met with an untimely end, under the following melancholy circumstances:—The deceased had returned home from Callington on Monday night the 1st instant, about nine o'clock and had sat down to supper with his brother, when some altercation took place between the brothers, and the deceased got very excited, laid hold of his brother, ~~and struck him on the head with the butt of his gun.~~
The deceased seeing his brother's double-barrel gun, it is presumed, seized it by the barrels and struck the stock violently on the floor, doubtless, ignorant of the gun being loaded, by which both barrels were exploded, and the contents, we regret to state, entered the unfortunate man's body, passing through the heart, causing instantaneous death. In accordance with the above facts, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

The Cornish Times, 6th March 1858.⁸

— *Fatal Gun Accident.*—On Monday, a fatal accident happened to a young man named John Spargo, aged 23, son of Captain J. Spargo, of Downgate, in the parish of Stokeclimsland, near Callington, who it appears had previously been quarrelling with his brother, and whilst in his passion he took his brother's double barrelled gun which was hung up by the wall, and exclaimed, "I will take his gun and break it in pieces." He immediately took the barrels in his hand and dashed the stock on the ground, when both barrels went off, the contents of which entered his side. The unfortunate young man fell senseless on the ground, and lingered for about a quarter of an hour, when the vital spark fled. We are sorry to state the poor fellow has left a young widow to lament his loss, who is near her confinement.

The Cornish Telegraph, 10th March 1858.⁹

John Spargo was buried at Stoke Climsland on 4th March 1858, his residence noted as Wheal Sheba (his father was Captain of Wheal Sheba (aka Great Sheba Consols Mine, less than one mile north east of Downgate)).¹⁰

The 1861 Stoke Climsland Census at Downgate - John Spargo (56) mining agent born Stithians, wife Mary (42) and children William (28) mine agent, Thomas (13), James (11), Elizabeth (10), Samuel (8) and mother-in-law Elizabeth Dingle (74) (widow), all born Stoke Climsland.¹¹

In 1871, again at Downgate - John Spargo (61) lead mine agent, born Stithians, Mary Spargo (57) born Cornwall (Stoke Climsland), Thomas Spargo (23), James Spargo (21) and Samuel Spargo (17) all tin miners born Cornwall (Stoke Climsland). Also in the household (listed as "Visitors") was John and Mary Ann's daughter Elizabeth Ann and family - Richard Taylor (26) lead miner born St Agnes, Elizabeth A Taylor (20), Jane Taylor (4), William Taylor (18 mths) and Mary Taylor (4 mths).¹² Richard Taylor and Elizabeth Ann Spargo were married in Manchester, Lancashire on 11th October 1866.¹³

It is interesting to note that several of John and Mary Ann Spargo's sons went on to have successful careers in the mining industry. The 1881 Census alone recorded three of the brothers - George, James and Samuel working in the mines and quarries on the Llŷn Peninsula, Caernarfonshire (now Gwynedd), one of many UK hotspots for nineteenth century Cornish and west Devon mining migrants. Nicholas was also in North Wales, on Anglesey, and Edmund (after living for at least ten years, and marrying on Anglesey), was living in Cheshire. All were married with families.

George Spargo (43) Mining and Quarry Engineer at High Street, Pwllheli, Denio. (Penrhyn Du Lead Mines).¹⁴

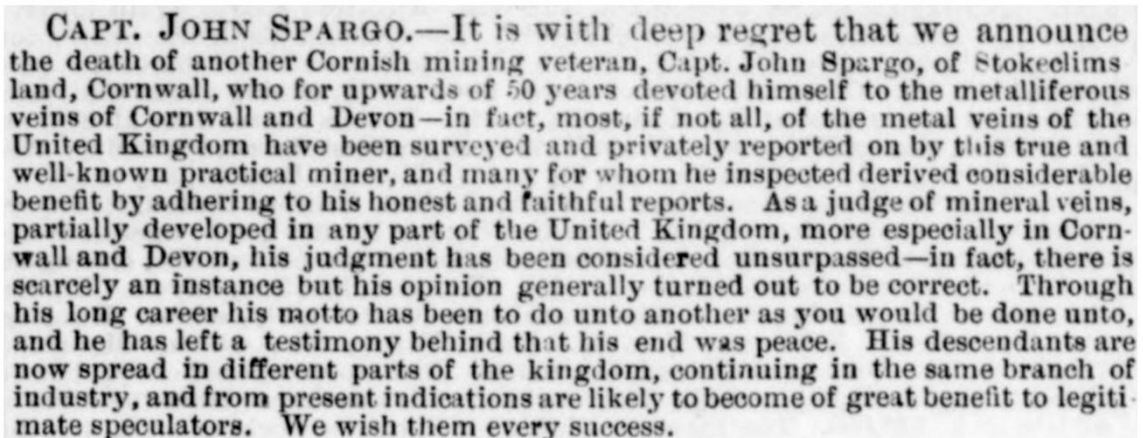
James Spargo (31) Mining Engineer at Dwyllan Fawr, Llanengan. (Penrhyn Du Lead Mines).¹⁵

Samuel Spargo (27) Quarry & Mining Engineer at Synesta? Terrace, Pistyll. (probably quarrying).¹⁶

Nicholas Spargo (36) Mining Engineer, at Chapel Street, Llanrhyddlad, Anglesey.¹⁷

E(dmund) Spargo (40) Consulting Engineer, at Bedford Road, Tranmere, Cheshire.¹⁸

John Spargo died (aged 70) at Downgate in 1875 and was buried at Stoke Climsland on 14th October.¹⁹



CAPT. JOHN SPARGO.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of another Cornish mining veteran, Capt. John Spargo, of Stokeclimsland, Cornwall, who for upwards of 50 years devoted himself to the metalliferous veins of Cornwall and Devon—in fact, most, if not all, of the metal veins of the United Kingdom have been surveyed and privately reported on by this true and well-known practical miner, and many for whom he inspected derived considerable benefit by adhering to his honest and faithful reports. As a judge of mineral veins, partially developed in any part of the United Kingdom, more especially in Cornwall and Devon, his judgment has been considered unsurpassed—in fact, there is scarcely an instance but his opinion generally turned out to be correct. Through his long career his motto has been to do unto another as you would be done unto, and he has left a testimony behind that his end was peace. His descendants are now spread in different parts of the kingdom, continuing in the same branch of industry, and from present indications are likely to become of great benefit to legitimate speculators. We wish them every success.

Obituary of John Spargo - The Mining Journal, 16th October 1875.²⁰

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN134 BN10 FN37 PN19.
2. Stithians Register of baptisms and burials, 1753-1812. Ref: KK P217/1/5. John son of - John & Elizabeth (5 May 1805) - James & Ann (14 Aug 1805) - Samuel & Catherine (29 Jun 1806) - Samuel & Grace (14 Jul 1806) - John & Mary (9 Jun 1807).
3. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
4. Stoke Climsland Register of baptisms and burials, 1804-1812. Ref: KK P215/1/5.
5. Stoke Climsland Register of marriages, 1754-1812. Ref: KK P215/1/6.
6. Stoke Climsland Registers of baptisms, 1813-1844 & 1844-1857. Ref: KK P215/1/8 & KKP215/1/11.
7. 1851 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN1899 FN584 PN16.
8. *The Cornish Times* (Liskeard & Callington), March 6th 1858, No. 62, pg.1, col. 2.
9. *The Cornish Telegraph* (Penzance), March 10th 1858, Vol. VII, No. 373, pg.3, col. 2.
10. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1813-1864. Ref: KK P215/1/7.
11. 1861 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: RG09 PN1521 FN70 PN13.
12. 1871 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: RG10 PN2227 FN16 PN21.
13. England Marriages 1538-1973 - Lancashire, Manchester. Index Family Search Intl. (findmypast.co.uk).
14. 1881 Caernarfonshire Census, Denio. Ref: RG11 PN5557 FN65 PN14.
15. 1881 Caernarfonshire Census, Llanengan. Ref: RG11 PN5558 FN63 PN10.
16. 1881 Caernarfonshire Census, Pistill (Pistyll). Ref: RG11 PN5561 FN85 PN2.
17. 1881 Anglesey Census, Llanrhyddlad. Ref: RG11 PN5593 FN38 PN1.
18. 1881 Cheshire Census, Tranmere. Ref: RG11 PN3587 FN72 PN17.
19. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1864-1950. Ref: KK P215/1/10.
20. *The Mining Journal*, London, No. 2095 Vol. XLV, 16 October 1875, pg. 1143, col. 2.

Parish: **Stoke Climsland**

Mine Worker: **Samuel Stephens**

Plot Location (1840-41 Tithe): Lockett. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Duchy House” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX38874 73623 (dwelling)

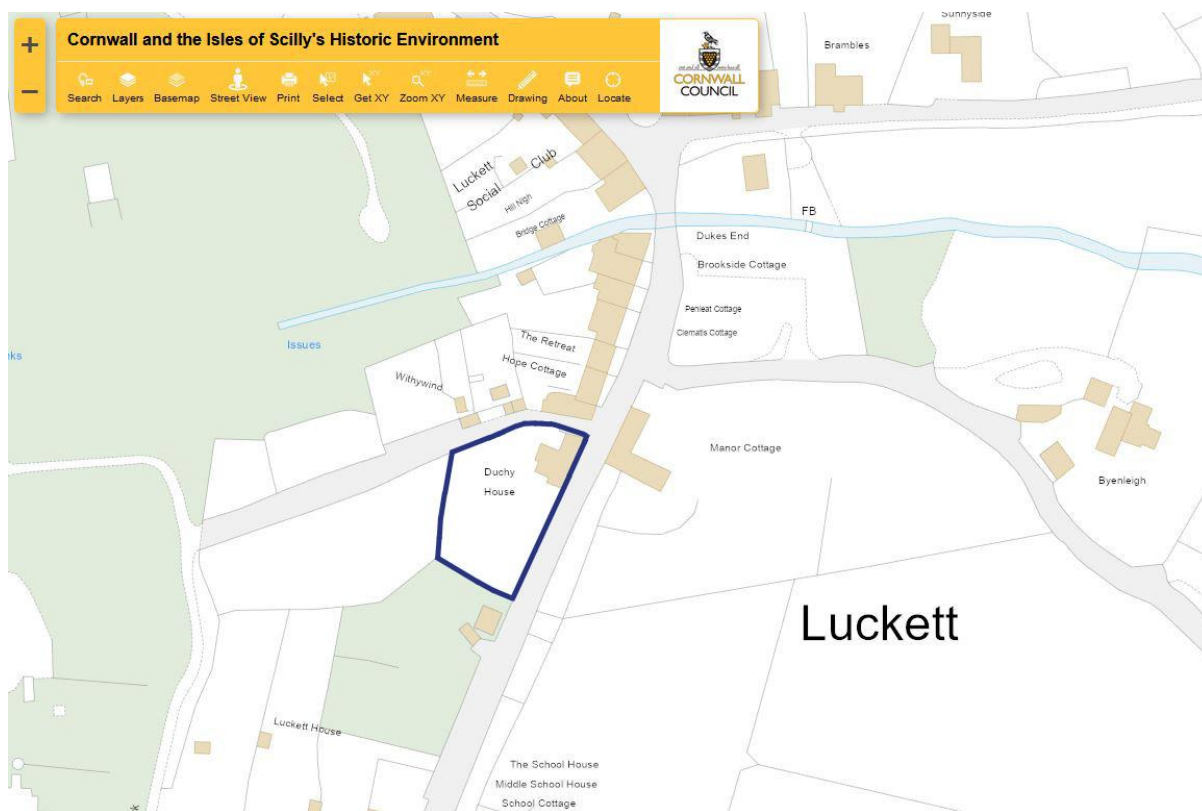


Occupier: Samuel Stephens (Miner)

Landowner: Rendell Mill

Tithe Apportionment Details:

Plan Number	Name and Description of Lands & Premises	State of Cultivation	Quantities in Statute Measure			Amount of Rent Charge apportioned on the several Lands, & payable to the Rector.		
			A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
2563a	House and Garden	Garden		38				2
				38				2



Samuel Stephens

Samuel Stephens appears on the 1841 Stoke Climsland Census at Lucket. He is listed as a copper miner aged 48, born in Cornwall, in the same household are Grace (42) not born in Cornwall, Alice (12), William (9), Mary (5) and John (2), all born in Cornwall.¹

Samuel was born at Calstock in 1793, and baptised on 17th March, son of William and Grace Stephens (née Stephens)², who were married at Calstock on 13th August 1787, William “of this parish” and Grace “sojourner, of this parish”.³

Samuel Stephens married Grace Bloye at Lezant on 29th September 1816, Samuel noted as of Calstock and Grace as “of this parish”.⁴ Grace was born in the parish of Stoke Damerel in 1797, and baptised there on 6th November, the daughter of George and Alice Bloye (née Rundle).⁵ George Bloye and Alice Rundle were married at Stoke Damerel on 22nd April 1797, George recorded as a “Labourer in the Dock Yard” and Alice “of this parish”.⁶

Samuel and Grace Stephens had at least nine children born between 1818 and 1843. Their first child Jane Stephens was born just over the parish border at Latchley in Calstock and baptised at Calstock on 27th September 1818.⁷ By 1820 the family had moved the short distance to Lucket, at the baptism of their second child William Stephens, at Stoke Climsland on 17th December 1820, Samuel Stephens was noted as a miller residing at Lucket Mill. Samuel Stephens was recorded as a miller at Treovis (Lucket) Mill through the baptisms of George Stephens (1823), Elizabeth Stephens (1826), and Alice Bloye Stephens (30th May 1830). From the baptism of William Bloye Stephens on 30th

December 1832, Samuel is described as a labourer, of Lockett. There were further baptisms for Mary Bloye Stephens (1835), John Stephens (1839) and Edward Bloye Stephens (1843).⁸

By 1851 the family had moved back to Latchley, in Calstock. Samuel Stephens (58) copper miner, born Calstock, William (18) copper miner, John (12) and Edward (7), all born Stoke Climsland.⁹

Meanwhile, Grace Stephens was staying with married daughter Alice Heywood in Devonport (Stoke Damerel). William Heywood (36) stone mason, born Stoke Damerel, Alice Heywood (21) born Stoke Climsland, Thomas S Heywood (9) and Jane Heywood (6) both born Princetown, Elizabeth A Heywood (1 wk) born New Passage (Stoke Damerel) and (mother-in-law) Grace Stephens (52) born Devonport (Stoke Damerel).¹⁰ Although the surname is clearly recorded as Heywood in the 1851 Census, William's surname may have been simply Wood. Alice Stephens (daughter of Samuel Stephens, miller) married William Wood (widower) (a stonemason, son of Thomas Wood, labourer) at St Andrew's Church Plymouth, on 6th December 1847.¹¹

Grace Stephens died at Latchley on 22nd June 1858, and was buried at Calstock on 26th June.¹²

Deaths.

At Latchley, Calstock, on the 22nd inst, after a short but very severe illness, Grace, the beloved wife of Samuel Stephens, of that place, aged 63 years She had been for some years a member of the Wesleyan Society and her end was most triumphant.

The Cornish Times, 3rd July 1858.¹³

The 1861 Calstock Census finds Samuel Stephens at Latchley, and he is once again a miller. Samuel Stephens (68) (widower) miller, born Calstock, John Stephens (21) and Edward Stephens (17), both copper mine labourers, both born Stoke Climsland.¹⁴

Samuel Stephens died (aged 83) at Latchley in 1876 and was buried at Calstock on 31st August.¹⁵

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN134 BN10 FN51 PN6.
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. Lezant Register of marriages, 1813-1837. Ref: KK P124/1/8.
5. Devon Baptisms - Stoke Damerel. Ref: 166/8/b pg. 209 - Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
6. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
7. Calstock Register of baptisms, 1813-1830. Ref: KK P26/1/6.
8. Stoke Climsland Register of baptisms, 1813-1844. Ref: KK P215/1/8.
9. 1851 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: HO107 PN1901 FN156 PN43.
10. 1851 Devon Census, Stoke Damerel. Ref: HO107 PN1882 FN507 PN63.
11. Devon Marriages & Banns - Plymouth, St Andrew. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).

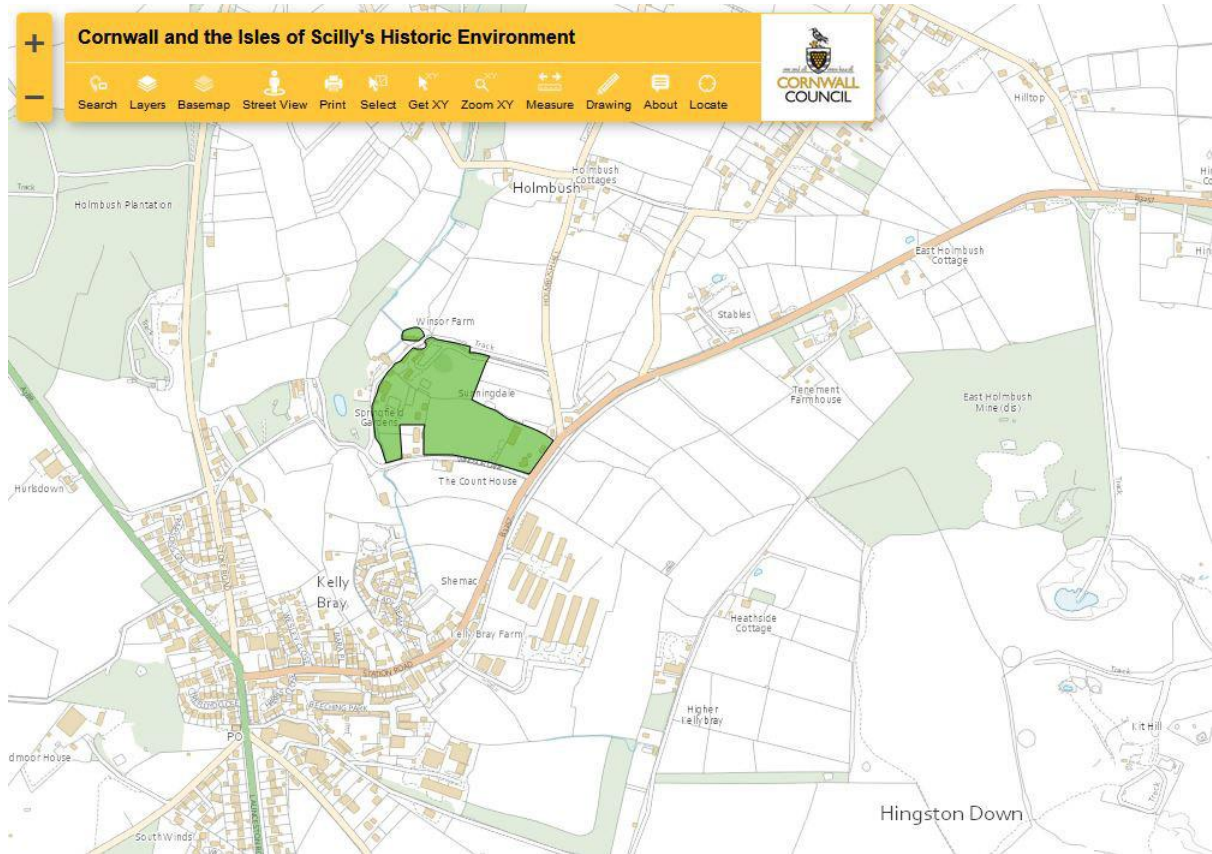
12. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.
13. *The Cornish Times* (Liskeard & Callington), July 3rd 1858, No. 79, pg.1, col. 2.
14. 1861 Cornwall Census, Calstock. Ref: RG09 PN1462 FN81 PN6.
15. Calstock Register of burials, 1848-1878. Ref: KK P26/1/19.

Parish: **Stoke Climsland**

Mine Worker: **Anthony Whitford**

Plot Location (1840-41 Tithe): Winsor. Dwelling on Tithe Map located at “Winsor Farm” on Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment interactive map (2022).

Grid Reference: SX36214 72096 (dwelling)



Occupier: Anthony Whitford (Miner)

Landowner: Himself

Tithe Apportionment Details:

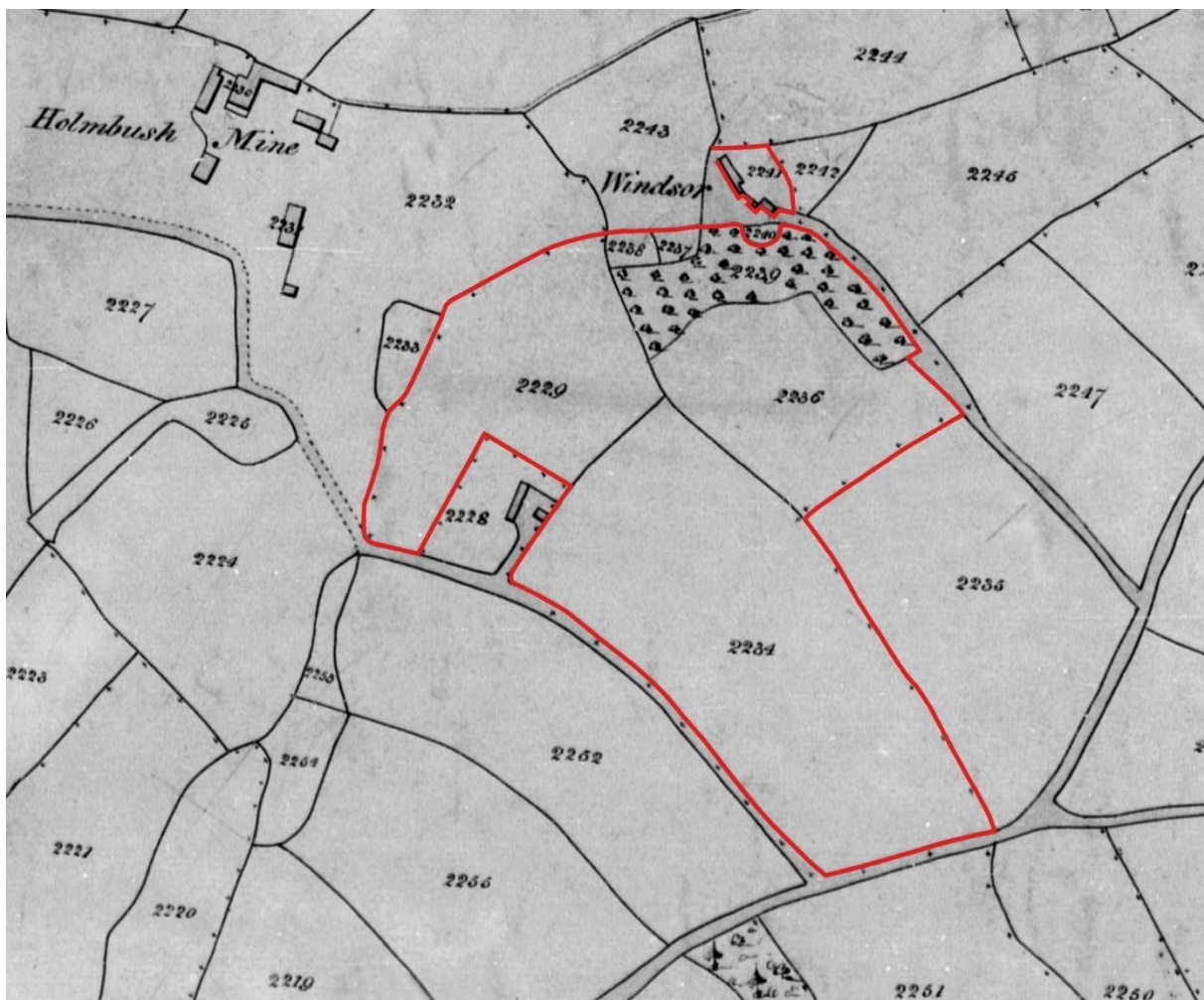
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2241	House and Garden		0	0	23	0	0	2
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Occupier: Anthony Whitford (Miner)

Landowners: John Williams and William Williams

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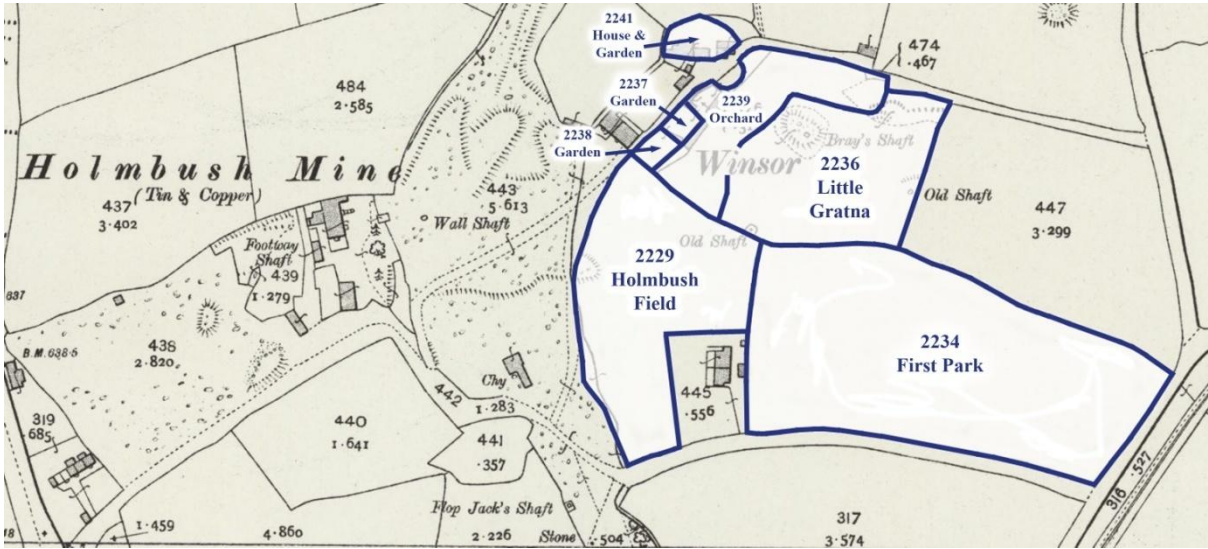
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2229	Holmbush Field	Arable	2	1	7			1½
2234	First Park	Arable	4	3	32	8		8½
2236	Little Gratna	Arable	1	3	14	2		8
2237	Garden	Garden			9			1
2238	Garden	Garden			14			1
2239	Orchard	Pasture		3	36	1		9
			10	0	32	0	13	5



References : The National Archives, Kew.

IR/29/6/180 - Tithe apportionment of Stoke Climsland (parish), Cornwall.

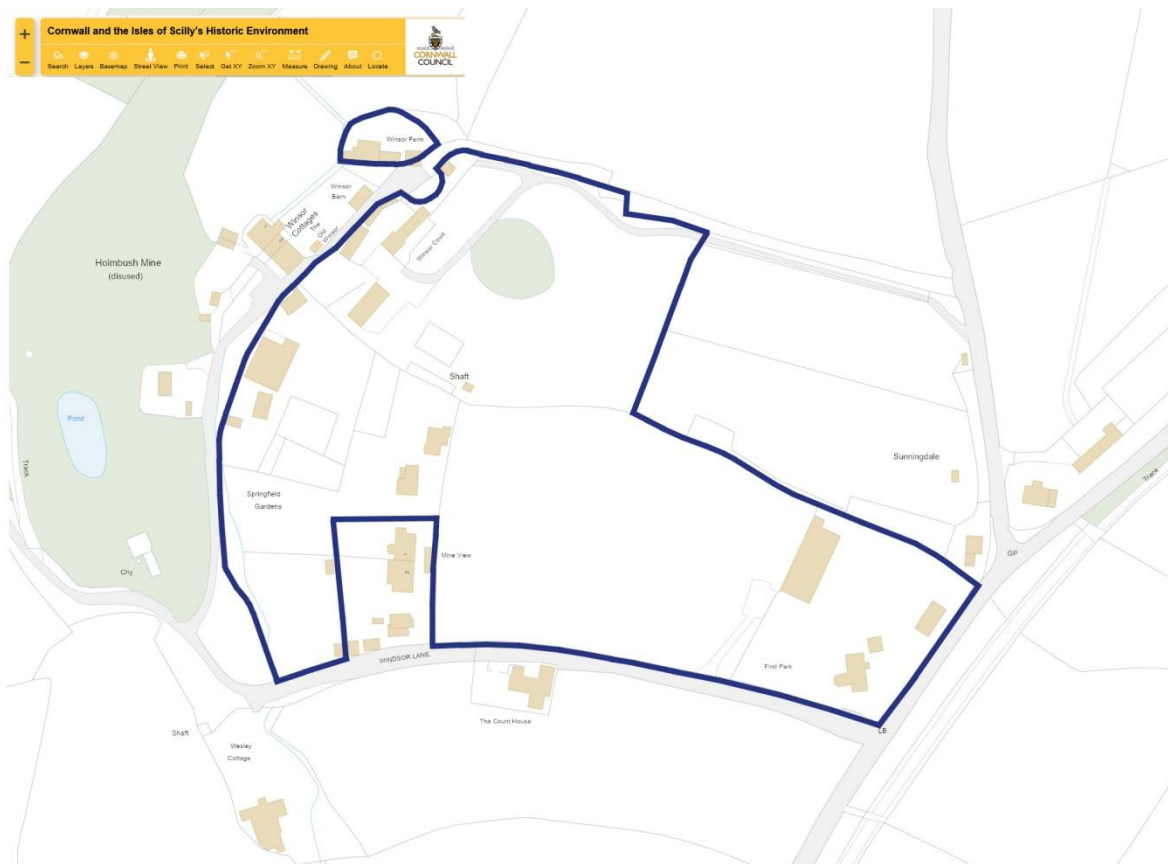
IR/30/6/180 - Tithe map of Stoke Climsland (parish), Cornwall.



Reference: OS 25 Inch Map 1892-1914

Source: National Library of Scotland (Map Images) -

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Anthony Whitford

Anthony Whitford appears on the 1841 Stoke Climsland Census at Winsor. He is listed as a copper miner aged 55, born in Cornwall, in the same household are Susanna Whitford (55) born in Cornwall and Ann Phillips (16) not born in Cornwall. Also in the household were the Northey family, Matthew Northey (25) copper miner, Susanna Northey (25), Susanna Northey (4) and Salome Northey (4 mths), all born in Cornwall.¹

According to subsequent Census Returns, Anthony Whitford was born either in the parish of Kenwyn or neighbouring Gwennap in the early to mid 1780s. There was an Anthony Witford baptised at Kenwyn on 18th September 1785, the son of James and Catherine Witford², which is most likely him, although there are several other "Anthony Whitfords" born during the same period in the Kenwyn, Gwennap and Kea district.³

Anthony Whitford (a miner) married Susanna Peters (widow, née Adams) at Stoke Damerel on 14th November 1811.⁴ Susanna Adams was born in Stoke Climsland in 1775 and baptised on 23rd April, the daughter of William And Mary Adams (née Gumb)⁵, who were married at Stoke Climsland on 18th May 1774.⁶

Anthony and Susanna Whitford only appear to have had one child - Susanna, born at Winsor in 1813, and baptised at Stoke Climsland on 19th December.⁷ Susanna (as a single woman) had a daughter - Susan Ann Freeman Whitford born at Winsor in 1837, and baptised at Stoke Climsland 1st October, the baptismal register notes "Base child".⁸

Susanna Whitford married Matthew Northey at St Mellion on 5th July 1840, Susanna (daughter of Anthony Whitford, miner) and Matthew (miner) (son of Henry Northey, miner), both "of this parish".⁹

In 1851 both families were still at Winsor. Anthony Whitford (Head of Household) (66) miner, born Kenwyn, wife Susanna (76) born Stoke Climsland, Matthew Northey (son-in-law) (34) miner, born Key (Kea), wife Susanna Northey (37), with children Salome (10), Henry (7), Matthew (4) and John (1), all born Stoke Climsland.¹⁰

Anthony was still listed as a miner at Winsor in the 1861 Stoke Climsland Census - Anthony Whitford (78) copper miner, born Gwennap, together with Susanna Whitford (87) born Stoke Climsland.¹¹

Meanwhile Susanna and Matthew Northey and family were living nearby at Kelly Bray - Matthew Northey (44) copper miner, born Key (Kea), Susannah (46), Salome (20), Henry (17), Matthew (14), John (11) all copper miners and William (8), all born Stoke Climsland.¹²

Anthony Whitford died at Winsor in 1864 and was buried at Stoke Climsland on 19th June, the burial register noted his age as 82.¹³ Susanna Whitford died at Callington in 1867, and was buried at Stoke Climsland on 5th March, her age stated as 94.¹⁴

In 1865 Matthew Northey and at least two of his sons (Matthew and Henry) emigrated to one of North America's most attractive locations for the Cornish miner - the "Copper Country" of the Keweenaw Peninsula in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.¹⁵ A few months after her mother died, in September 1867 Susanna Northey and remaining family members joined the rest of the Northey clan in Upper Michigan.¹⁶

Susanna Northey (aged 87) died on 7th March 1901 at Red Jacket, Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, she was buried at Calumet on 11th March 1901.¹⁷

Notes:

1. 1841 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN134 BN10 FN41 PN26.
2. Kenwyn Register of baptisms, 1774-1804. Ref: KK P98/1/4.
3. Search of the Cornwall OPC Database - <https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/>
4. Devon Marriages & Banns - Stoke Damerel. Plymouth & West Devon Record Office. Scan of original page (findmypast.co.uk).
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. Stoke Climsland Register of baptisms, 1813-1844. Ref: KK P215/1/8.
8. Ibid.
9. Marriages Database - St Mellion - <https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/>
10. 1851 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: HO107 PN1899 FN593 PN34.
11. 1861 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: RG09 PN1521 FN78 PN29.
12. 1861 Cornwall Census, Stoke Climsland. Ref: RG09 PN1521 FN80 PN33.
13. Stoke Climsland Register of burials, 1864-1950. Ref: KK P215/1/10.
14. Ibid.
15. Sailed on the "Etna" from Liverpool, arriving at New York on 16th May 1865. Ref: Ancestry.com. *New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957* [database on-line].
16. Sailed on the "City of London" from Liverpool, arriving at New York on 16th September 1867. Ref: Ancestry.com. *New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957* [database on-line].
17. "Susanah Northey" Certificate and Record of Death (Registered 9th March 1901) - Death Records. Michigan Department of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Michigan. Ref: Ancestry.com. *Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952* [database on-line].