

VICTORIAN HISTORY OF MOSTON



Title	The Cottage, Plant Lane, Elton
Type	Houses & Land
Date Produced	15 Sep 2023
Internal Reference	E52P
1840 Owner	Lord Crewe
1840 Occupier	John Halloway
Tithe Map Apportionments	104 & 105
1840 Area	1.38 acres



The Cottage 1989 OS Map



The Cottage, 2022

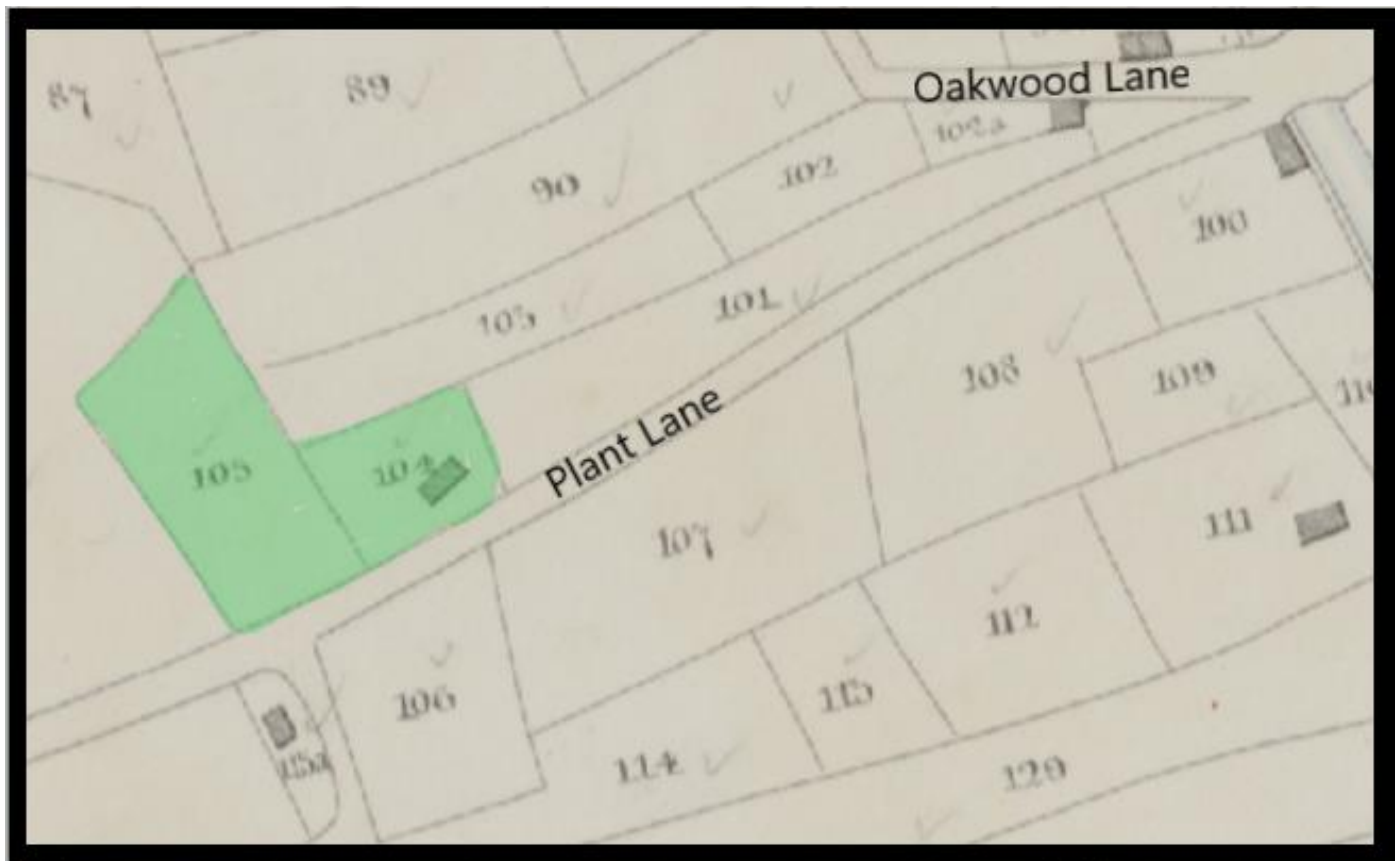


The Occupier of The Cottage recorded in the 1840 tithe map was a John Holloway (1792-1871). He doesn't appear on the Lord Crewe estate records but there is a John Holliday recorded on the land tax records from 1826. Here he is (sub) leasing a cottage from John Glover on the Crewe Estate in Elton. It is likely that this is the same property.

Rentals.	Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Sums Assessed and Exonerated.			Sums Assessed and not Exonerated.		
	John Smallwood	<i>Brought from Tax</i> John Smallwood	Cottage &c				3/4	11	1
	John Glover	John Holloway	do					1	5/4

Source : Cheshire Land Tax Records 1826

John Glover was a local man originally born in Middlewich before moving down to Elton, for the time he did move around a little being found at The Cottage, then Red Lane. He was also recorded in the census returns with differing occupations, Agricultural Labourer, Boatman (like his father before him) & Bricklayers Labourer which would suggest that he would be looking around to take whatever work was available to him.



Source: 1840 Tithe Map

Despite his relative poverty, John Holloway seemed to have a way with women, first marrying Ann Cookson in 1814, when she died 24 years later, he married Sarah Greenwood within a year (this is probably the same Sarah who was a witness to his first marriage) Sarah died in 1859 and this time, within 2 months he was married again this time to Sarah Higgins **40 years his junior**. By now John had moved from Red Lane to take the relief of the Congleton Union and was found in the poor house on Plant Lane Moston where Sarah's family also resided

It would probably be true thus to say that John Holloways best times were when he was at The Cottage but as his life progressed, so did his fall into poverty. His second marriage did produce a son Cutworth (named after his grandfather) but the boy died three years later.

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John Holloway of this Parish
and Ann Cookson of this Parish
were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this twenty sixth Day of
December in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fourteen
By me Jas. Tomkinson Rector
This Marriage was solemnized between us { John Holloway his & mark
Ann Cookson her & mark
In the Presence of { William Cook
Sarah Greenwood her & mark
No. 15.

1839. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Leamington in the County of Chester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
97	May 30	John Holloway	full age	Widower	Boatman	Endworth Leamington	Cutworth Holloway	Boatman
		Sarah Greenwood	full age	Spinster			R. Greenwood	Boatman

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England by me, Thos. France

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { John Holloway his & mark
Sarah Greenwood her & mark } in the Presence of us, { Matthew Greenwood his & mark
Louisa Greenwood her & mark }

1839. Marriage solemnized in the Parish Church in the Parish of Warrington in the County of Chester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
200	April 25 th	John Holloway	full	Widower	Labourer	Elton	Cutworth Holloway	Boatman
		Jane Higgins	full	Spinster		Elton	William Higgins	Boatman

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England by me, Henry S. Blackburne Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { John Holloway his & mark
Jane Higgins her & mark } in the Presence of us, { Thos. Reed
E. Leach }

Source : Marriage Certificates 1814, 1839, 1859

1841 England Census for John Holloway

Cheshire > Warmingham > Sandbach > District 21

John Holloway	40	Ag Lab	2/11
Sarah do	40		4
Cutworth do	1		no
Jane do	70	Ind	2/11

As previously mentioned, John ended up in the poor house and died in the Arclid workhouse but was buried back in Warmingham, the parish he spent his life in.

REGISTER OF DEATHS in the Arclid Workhouse.
Conington Union. John James Master.
* Note - In the case of a person admitted into the Workhouse who dies therein, the words "admitted as a pauper" should be inserted.

20 Holloway, John 47 Warmingham

John Holloway Arclid August 79 Henry I.
 30 years Blackburne
 No. 1094.

Source : 1871 Warmingham Parish Burials, Arclid Workhouse Deaths

18	Arthur Small	John Smallwood	Head	47	Sprial Farmer
		Ann Smallwood	Wife	45	
	Moss House	John do	Son	11	John Farmer
		William Cookson	Stepson	11	
		Sarah Smallwood	Serv	6	
19		Joseph Brown	Head	65	Greenwich Pensioner
	The Croft	Kenneth Brown	Wife	10	
20		Thomas Spode	Head	47	Endeavour
	Watch Lane Cottage	Catherine do	Wife	39	
		William do	Son	11	
		Elizabeth do	Serv	10	
21		Edward Cookson	Head	44	Labourer
	The Cottage	Mary Cookson	Wife	25	Wife

After John Holloway, from the census, it appears that Edward Cookson moved in. Edward already had the Lease on Moss House (See E18P) where his daughter's family lived.

In 1844 Edward by then a widow had married the 16 year old Mary Lewis from Walnut Tree Farm in Moston Perhaps this was their marital home til he died in 1859?

Source : 1851 Census Elton Moss

By 1861, the new tenant at the property was Joseph Clough a tailor and his wife Sarah

1861 England Census for Joseph Clough
Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 17

Moss Lane	1	Joseph Clough	Head	Mar	46	Tailor
		Sarah Clough	Wife	Mar	42	Tailors Wife

1871 England Census for Joseph Clough
Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

	1	Joseph Clough	Head	Mar	46	Tailor
		Sarah Clough	Wife	Mar	53	Tailors wife

1881 England Census for Joseph Clough
Cheshire > Elton > ALL > District 18

	1	Joseph Clough	Head	Mar	66	Tailor
		Sarah Clough	Wife	Mar	63	

Joseph and Sarah never had children but did seem to have wealth as they owned freehold property at Wellbank in Sandbach. This perhaps came from his wife who was born in Sandbach.

Sarah Clough died in 1883 and Joseph himself died a couple of years later. They were buried together at Elworth St Peter's churchyard



6196 Clough Edward	Middlewich road, Sandbach	freehold houses	Well bank
8157 Clough Joseph	Elton	freehold house and shop	Bradwall road

Elizabeth Preston, aged 75 years.
On the 14th inst, at The Moss, Elton, Sarah, wife of
Joseph Clough, aged 66 years.

Source : Wilmslow Advertiser 21st July 1883

Next to move in was Bernard Kelly who had been born in 1843 in Ireland, just before the onset of the potato famine, perhaps that was the reason he ended up in England. Either way, he was settled in Elton in the 1860's when he married a local girl Alice Thompson from Needham's Bank and he spent the rest of his life at The Cottage.



For employment, he was a labourer at the Boneworks of Thomas Vickers which had been set up alongside the canal at Rookery Bridge in the mid 1850s.



The Rookery Bridge Refining Company (Far side of the canal at the end of Red Lane)

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 AND TECHNICAL GLUES AND
 GELATINES
 DEGELATINISED AND CALCINED
 BONE FOR CHINA MANUFACTURING
 GREASES AND TALLOWES
 FERTILISERS AND ANIMAL
 FEEDING STUFFS


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 Glues and Gelatines

1891 England Census for Broward Kelly
 Cheshire > Elton > ALL > District 18

William Kelly	Head	M	45	Fullman at Sandbach	1	Cheshire Elton
Alice	Wife	M	44			do do
Edward	Son	J	14	Dom. worker	1	do do
Henry	do		16	Wool Matting Maker	1	do do
John	do		11	Servant		do do
Charlotte	do		11	"		do do

Source : National Archives 1891 census

1901 England Census for Bernard Kelley
 Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 18

Miss Lane	1			do. do. do.						
Bernard Kelley			4	Head	M	62				Honey Mill Kalsorver.
Alice				Wife	M	52				
Bernard				Son		11				

Source : National Archives 1901 census

After Bernard died, Alice continued to live at the property with her son Bernard for many years but in later life, about 1925 after Bernard had moved away to live on Watch Lane, she eventually went to live with her son John, a Foden's employee who lived on Foundry Lane, Elton.

1911 England Census for Alice Kelly

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

1	Alice Kelly	Head		60	Widow
2	Bernard Kelly	Son		20	Single
Bootsmaker 627		Engineer	Worker 4	Elton W sandbach Ches	
				Elton W sandbach Ches	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—		
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.	Total	
(2) I have examined the index as if females in Columns 3 and 4 respectively, and have compared their ages with the total number of persons.	Males	Females
(3) After making the necessary inquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.	1	2

Initials of Enumerator: *W.M.*

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Alice Kelly*

Postal Address: *Moss Bridge W Sandbach Cheshire*

Source : National Archives 1911 census

(For order of entering names see Examples on back hereof.)	(See Instruction No. 1.)	(See Examples.)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
1 Alice Kelly	Head	70 6	F	Widow	Elton Parish County of Chester			Home Duties	
2									

Source : National Archives 1921 census

In the 1939 national register she was noted as incapacitated and she died two years later over 90 years old.

1939 England and Wales Register for Alice Kelly

Cheshire > Sandbach Ud > Lfue

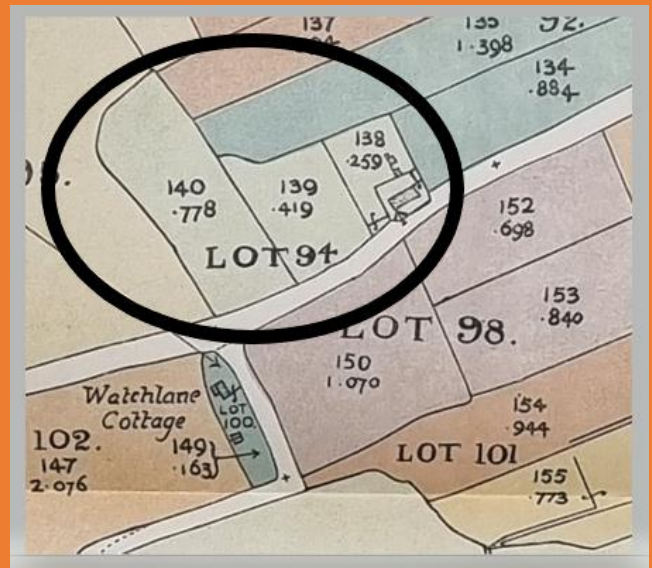
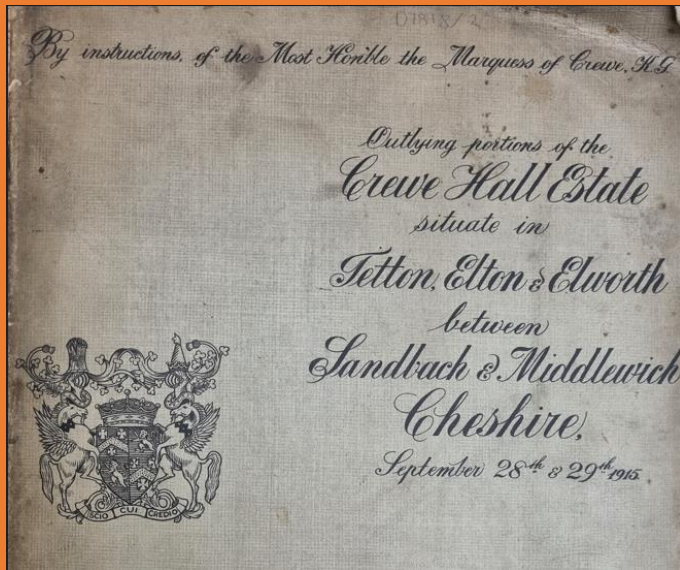
Foundry Lane	187	1	Kelly John ?	M. 12 Aug 79	M. Walter Fisher
		2	Kelly Frances	7 10 June 80	M. unpaid Home Duties
		3	Kelly Alice	2 12 Dec. 50	W. Incapacitated

The Family of the late Mrs. **Alice KELLY** give their grateful thanks to all who by their kindness have helped them in a time of sorrow, and for beautiful flowers. They also thank the Nurses at Arclid Institution. — Moss-lane, Elworth.

Crewe Chronicle 28th June 1941

A descendent of Alice sent me these details about his ancestor Alice

“Alice’s son and his daughter lived at the cottage. In her last years Alice lived in a railway carriage at the back of the house. She died in a fire age 92 when her shawl caught fire. She was an active and powerful woman. She used to wade through the waters on The Moss to collect watercress to sell door to door as there was no pension. The day she died she had been muck spreading on the farm. She was a bargees daughter



LOT 94
 Coloured Green on Plan No. 3.

Valuable Freehold Cottage Holding
 In the occupation of Mrs. Kelly, situate near Elton Moss Bridge, and adjoining Lot 95.

Comprising an Area of
1 acre 1 rood 32 perches
 Or thereabouts.

The HOUSE contains Parlour, Kitchen, Back Kitchen, Pantry, and 2 Bedrooms.
 There is also a Shippon for 2 Cows and a Pigsty.

SCHEDULE

No. on Ordnance Survey.	Description.	Acres.
138	House, Buildings, &c.	.259
139	Field.	.419
140	do.	.778
Total Acres ...		1.456

Source : Crewe Estate Sale Elton 1915

At about the time of the First World War, Hungerford Crewe decided to sell all his lands in Cheshire and The Cottage was first put up for sale in 1915 though for whatever reason, it failed to sell at that time.

The sale brochure though does confirm that the land attached to the property was still the same at in the tithe map of 1840.

It also confirmed the property was vested in the name of Alice Kelly whose husband Bernard had died a few years earlier.

Three years later those unsold lots were again put on the market only to be withdrawn at the last moment as a prior agreement had been made and The Cottage (Lot 27) along with all the other properties in the vicinity were sold to Francis J Poole.

Francis Poole was a lawyer who name lives on to this day in the Poole Alcock business in Sandbach, as well as being wealthy in his own right, Mr Poole had also married into the Foden family.

In general, Francis Poole then sold the properties back to the existing tenants, no doubt with a little mark up for himself. Having said that, it appears that this wasn't the case with the cottage and Alice probably continued to pay a rent to Mr Poole until she moved out between 1924 and 1925.

The next occupiers were John Henry Jones and his wife Alice and it was almost certainly them who purchased the property off Mr Poole. They were certainly the owners by 1930 confirmed in the Elton Rates Book.

At this time, they had been running a poultry farm at the property but after here husband died, Alice gave up the enterprise in 1937.

LOT 27

Coloured Pink on Plan No. 2.

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Crewe Estate Sale 1918

1939 England and Wales Register for Annie Jones

Cheshire > Congleton Rd > Lgjf

<i>Plank Lane, Elton</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>JONES Annie</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>18th Jan 84</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Housewife</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>JONES William W</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>30th July 14</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Stratford's Labourer Barnes 1908</i>

Source : National Register 1939

Chronological List of Owners and Occupiers

Year	Source	First Name	Surname	Lived	Age	Years at			
						Property	Occupation	Status	Other
1840	Tithe	Hungerford	Crewe	1812-1894	28	n/a	Gentleman	Owner	
1840	Tithe	John	Holloway	1792-1871	48	<20?	Boatman	Sub-Tenant	
1841	Census	John	Holloway	1792-1871	49		Boatman	Sub-Tenant	Plus others
1851	Census	Edward	Cookson	1777-1859	74	c15	Yeoman Farmer	Tenant	Prev at Moss House, Remarried 1845
1861	Census	Joseph	Clough	1815-1885	46	c26	Tailor	Tenant	
1871	Census	Joseph	Clough	1815-1885	56		Tailor	Tenant	
1881	Census	Joseph	Clough	1815-1885	66		Tailor	Tenant	
1891	Census	Bernard	Kelly	1843-1908	48	c22	Fireman Boneworks	Tenant	
1901	Census	Bernard	Kelly	1843-1908	58		Labourer Boneworks	Tenant	
1911	Census	Alice	Kelly	1850-1941	61	c44	Widow	Tenant	Wife of Bernard
1915	Crewe Sale	Alice	Kelly	1850-1941	65		Widow	Tenant	
1921	Census	Alice	Kelly	1850-1941	71		Widow	Tenant	
1928	Rates	John Henry	Jones	1882-1934	46	c11	Poultry Farmer	Owner	
1935	Elector	Annie	Jones	1884-1963	51	c40	Poultry Farmer	Owner	
1939	Register	Annie	Jones	1884-1963	60		Widow	Owner	