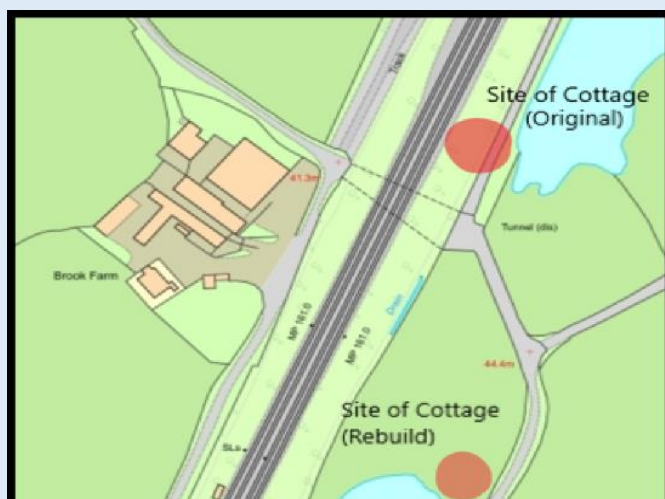


VICTORIAN HISTORY OF MOSTON



Title	Railway Cottage
Type	Cottage
Date Produced	27 th November 2023
Internal Reference	E69P
1840 Owner	Lord Crewe
1840 Occupier	Samuel Jones
Tithe Map Apportionments	301
1840 Area	1 Rood

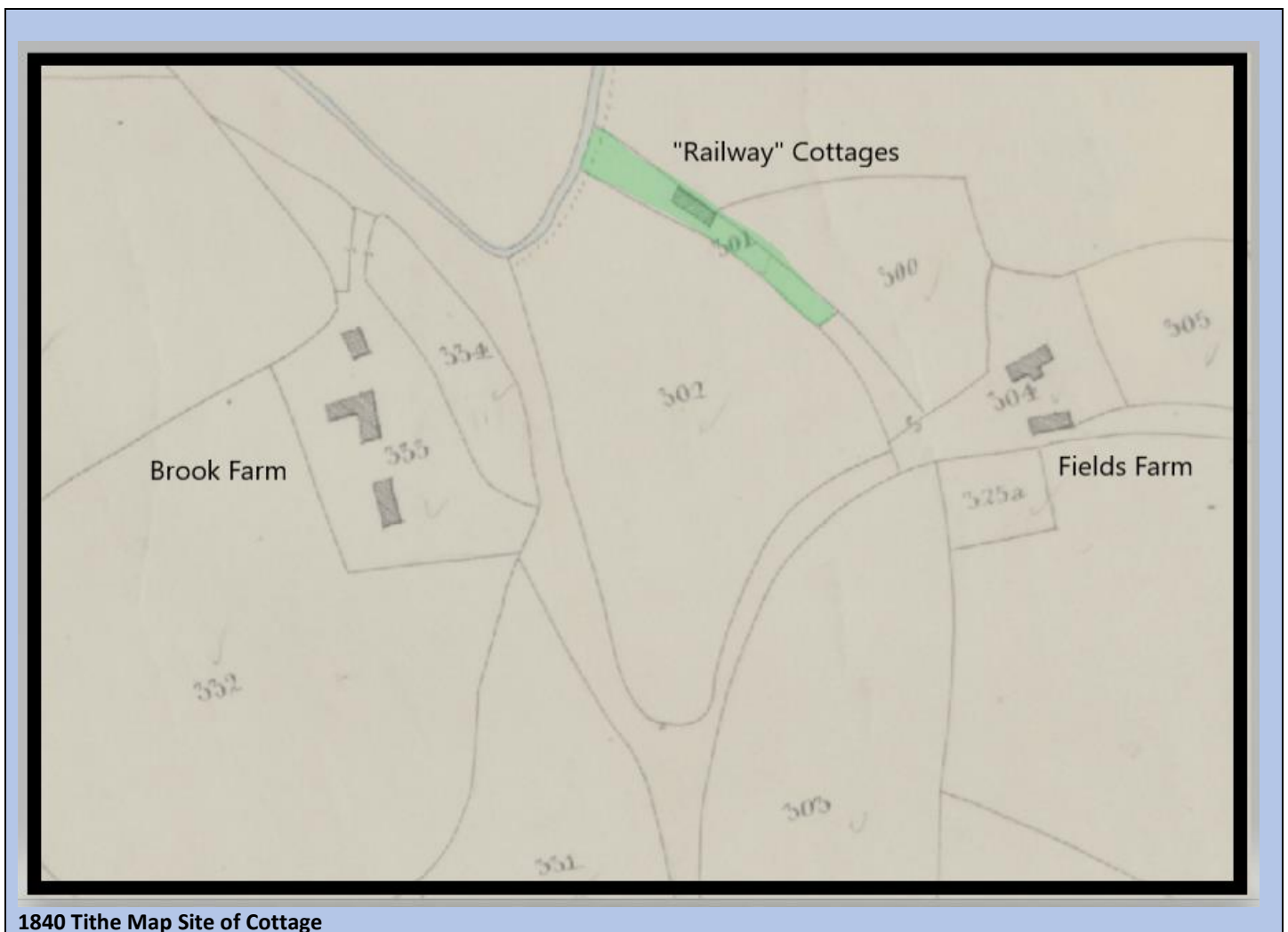


Site of Original Cottage – OS Map



2023 Site of rebuilt cottages





1840 Tithe Map Site of Cottage

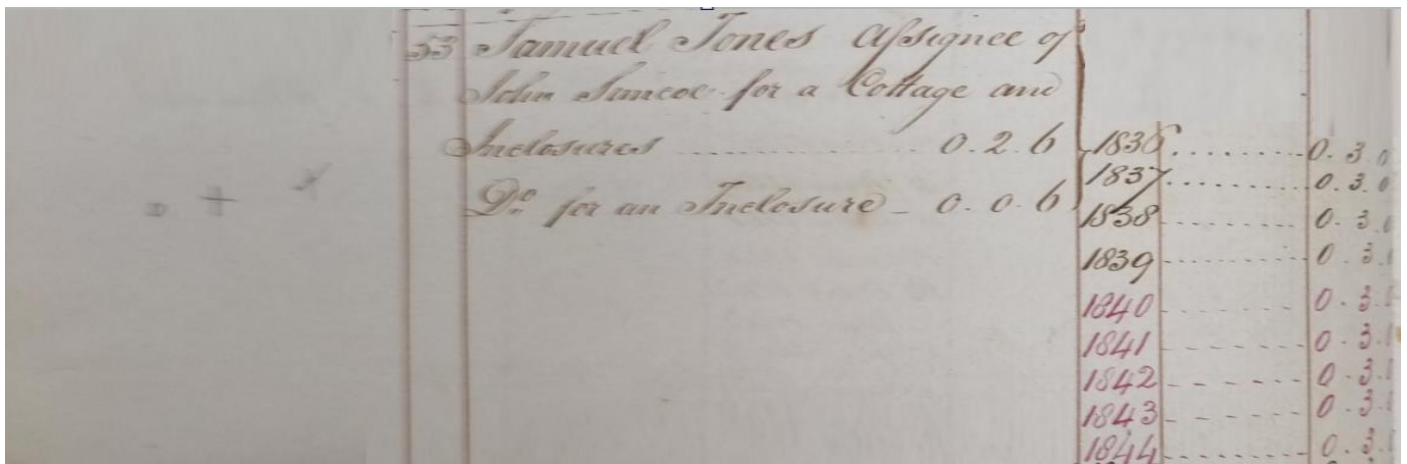
The 1840 map of Elton shows a small workers cottage situated between Fields Farm and Brook Farm off Clay Lane. By the time the map was produced, the property had probably already been condemned after the announcement of the building of the railway which went straight through the properties land.

Given that the railway opened in 1846, we can safely conclude that the property was demolished in the early 1840s to make way for the railway. The historic leases on the property were taken out by John Simcoe (1742-1822) who in 1782 took out an 11 year fixed lease on Fields Farm, ELton.

The cottage was also leased in 1802 to the same John Simcoe who had "Erected the cottage many years ago at his own expense on the waste land near Elton Brook" which leads us to the conclusion that the property was a tied cottage to Fields Farm and used to house the agricultural labourers employed on the farm.

After John Simcoe died, a further lifehold lease was granted to Thomas Simcoe his nephew by which time the property was recorded as a "Cottage and Dwelling house now used as three dwellings near to Elton Brook with an estimated area of 1 rood" Thomas paid Lord Crewe £25 for this lease and the annual rent was maintained at 2s 6d. At the time, the property had a sub tenants, Richard and Joseph Phillips.

From the Crewe Estate records, it can be deduced that very soon after Thomas Simcoe took on the new lease, he assigned it across to Samuel Jones and it was he who was the leaseholder at the time of the tithe map.



On the census of 1841 we have a Richard Jones living at the property, surely a close relative of Richard. The last entry on the Crewe Estate records were in 1844 which tallies with the date the property would have been demolished.

Richard and his every increasing family then moved to Wheelock where he continued his trade as that of a shoemaker. He died at Wheelock in 1859

1841 England Census for Richard Jones
Cheshire > Warrington > Sandbach > District 21

Richard Jones	42	Shoemaker	24
Catherine	40		24
Richard do	10		24
Mary do	7		24
Catherine do	5		24
Elyzabeth do	4		24
Sarah do	2		24
Isaac	3 months		24

By the time of the first Ordnance Survey map of 1875, the terrain in the area was somewhat different to in 1840. The map also shows that by then, replacement cottages had been built further along the road back towards Clay Lane. These cottages which lasted until the 1970s were known as "Railway Cottages" and the occupants first appeared in the 1851 census.



OS Map 1875 1st Edition

60 A Cottage and Inclosures
An Inclosure } 0. 1. 0. Samuel Sons of James
of John Simcoe

Crewe Estate Annual Accounts DCR 59-5-80 1845-46

35 A Cottage and Inclosures
An Inclosure } 0. 1. 0. E. H. Martin devised
of Samuel Jones

Crewe Estate Annual Accounts DCR 59-5-81 1846-47



The early years of the cottages show quite a bit of change in tenure. Samuel Jones died at around the time that the properties were built and they were then bequeathed to Edward Hall Martin.

As Richard Scragg of Fields Farm was a named life on Mr Martin's lease, it is safe to conclude that as with the older demolished property, these were tied to Fields Farm at the time.

Mr Martin lived at Henhull Cottage near Nantwich and was a Land Agent but more importantly, the Land Agent to Lord Crewe.

The properties and they were rented out to farm labourers Thomas Dale and Thomas Poole as two separate dwellings.

At around the same time, Thomas Dale and Thomas Poole both took out leases on two acre plots with Lord Crewe, presumably so they could produce some crops for their own purpose.

This was part of a six acre plot recorded in the tithe map as the "Stoney Ridding" which I presume was some reclaimed land after historic excavations. This land sits adjacent to Clay Lane.

18	James Richardson for part of the Stoney Ridding part of late Comess Farm.	1840	3. 10. 0
		1841	3. 10. 0
		1842	3. 10. 0
		1843	3. 10. 0
		1844	3. 10. 0
	Thomas Poole for the above	1845	3. 10. 0
19	William Bayley for part of the Stoney Ridding part of late Comess Farm	1840	3. 10. 0
		1841	3. 10. 0
		1842	3. 10. 0
	Thomas Dale for the above for	1843	3. 10. 0
		1844	3. 10. 0
		1845	3. 10. 0

Crewe Estate DCR 59-2-23 Annual Rentals

1851 England Census for Thomas Dale

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > 13

Thomas Dale	Head	M	57	Farm Labourer	to Haslington
Jane Dale	Wife	M	59		Staffordshire Works
Betty Dale	Serv	W	7		Cheshire Elton
Joseph Dale	Son	W	3		do do
Ellen Dale	Serv	W	1		do do
Thomas Poole	H	M	45	Farm Labourer	to Haslington
Elizabeth Poole	W	M	52		to Kenilworth
Harriet Poole	S	W	4		to Elton

National Archives 1851 census

The two Thomas's continued to live together at the property for over 40 years, I sure that being of similar age, they would have been great friends supporting each others family. The only discernable change to their lives was when during the 1860's Thomas Dale gave up his farm work and went to work at the recently opened bone works at Rookery Bridge where he continued to work for the rest of his life.

It is of note that in the 1871 census, the address was recorded as "Clay Lane" the earliest reference I have round to the road which retains the same name to this day.

Thomas Poole died in about 1887 at which point he drops of the Crewe Estate records and Samuel Paddington became the new tenant at the property. Despite his ageing years, by then a widow, Thomas Dale was still making the half hour walk each day, up the side of the railway to Rookery Bridge.

Samuel Paddington	Head	M	54	Farm Labourer	
Laral do	Wife	M	48		
Eliza do			14		
Edith do			9		
Thomas Dale	Head	Wid	72	Scholar	to Haslington

National Archives 1891 census

Samuel Paddington's stay at the property was short lived and he moved about a mile up the road to Four Lane Ends Cottage on Hall Lane. Thomas Dale passed away in 1896 and by 1901, there were two new sets of neighbours living at the property

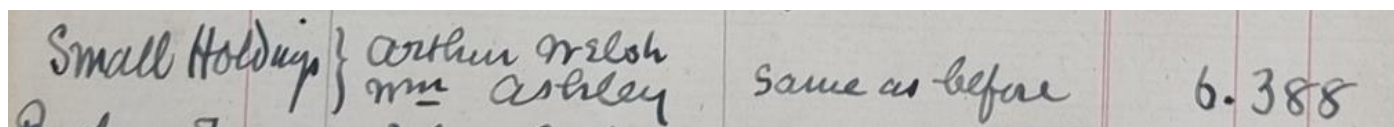
15	The Fields	1	Mr. Ashley	Head	M	36	Railway Porter	do	do	Manningham
			Hannah do	Wife	M	38			do	do
			Geo. W. do	Son		12			do	Moston
			Edith do	Daughter		10			do	Elton
			Elizabeth do	do		8			do	do
			Joseph do	do		5			do	do
			Geo. S. do	Son		2			do	do
			Charles L. do	do		3 mo			do	do
16	The Fields	1	Mr. Jno. Thomas	Head	M	40	Railway Porter	Worker	do	Lancashire L'pool
			Mary do	Wife	M	37			do	Cheshire W. Leeds
			Bessie do	Daughter	S	16			do	Staly Heath
			Margaret do	do		9			do	do
			Joseph do	Son		6			do	Belson

National Archives 1901 census

As with pervious tenants, the new leaseholders being of similar age would have been well acquainted and it is of note that both were employees of the railway company, rather than agricultural workers and probably a sign of the times with the effect of the agricultural depression of the time. In time, John Thomas would resume agricultural work, becoming a waggoner for Frank Willis of Elton Hall Farm.

John Thomas was originally from Liverpool but a relative of the well known Hassall family who took him in as an orphaned child of 10 whereas William Ashley was a local, being the son of a bricklayer from Warmingham.

When the Crewe estate sale came along during the First World War, the properties were never sold on the open market and were wrapped up as 1% of the near 600 acres of farms sold direct to Markham & Co by Lord Crewe



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In the 1930s the cottages were occupied by a single family so firstly the Ashley family where the second cottage was used as a first marital home for William's daughter Elizabeth and son John.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	
1	William Ashley	head	57	7	m	married	Warmingham parish Cheshire		plate layer & N.W. railway	L.N. W. railway 530
2	Hannah Ashley	wife	59		f	married	Warmingham p. Cheshire			
3	John Thomas Ashley	son	23		m	single	Warmingham p. Cheshire		labourer 97116	Mail carrier contractor Haslington 468
4	Charles Selham Ashley	son	20		m	single	Warmingham p. Cheshire		farm labourer 82416	Whittaker farmer 910
5	James Ashley	son	18		m	single	Warmingham p. Cheshire		joiner apprentice 42416	fooders Elton 152

National Archives 1921 census

24	William Ashley		"	House	Elton Cottages	4	4		
25	"		"	Lands	"	5	5	3	2
26	John Thomas Ashley		"	House	"	6	6		
27	"		"	Land	"	7	7	2	

Elton Rates Return 1933

1939 England and Wales Register for Thomas W Jackson									
Cheshire > Congleton Rd > Lgff									
Elton Cottages, Elton	29	1	JACKSON Thomas W	-	M	3 rd Apr	10	M	Silk Borer (Heavy Work) & Dairy Farm
		2	JACKSON Annie	-	F	4 th Feb	10	M	Shopped Domestic Duties
Elton Cottages, Elton	30	1	JACKSON Emma	-	F	6 th Feb	75	M	Householder
		2	JACKSON Mary Ann	-	F	27 th Aug	08	S	Silk Winder

By the time of the 2nd World War, it was the Jackson family in situ with Thomas in one property with his mother and elderly sister next door. Although his father was still alive, he was living at the mental hospital in Macclesfield. After his mother died, a newly married Frank Williamson moved in.

Frank Williamson and Thomas Jackson can both be found on the electors roll in 1960 and were farm labourers, one for the Whittakers at Railway Farm and the other for the Hancock family of Brook Farm. By 1970, there was no record of the properties having succumbed to challenges of subsidence.

The site where the properties were found is now underwater and used as a fishing lake.

Chronological List of Occupiers and Owners

Year	Source	First Name	Surname	Lived	Age	Years at Property	Occupation	Status	Other
1802	Crewe Lease	John	Crewe	1742-1829	60	0	Gentleman	Owner	
1802	Crewe Lease	John	Simcoe	1742-1822	60	0?	Yeoman	Tenant	also Leased Fields Farm
1829	Crewe Lease	Thomas	Simcoe	1788-?	41	?		Tenant	
1829	Land Tax	Ann	Peake			?		Under-tenant	
1829	Crewe Lease	Richard	Phillips			?		Under-tenant	
1829	Crewe Lease	Joseph	Phillips			?		Under-tenant	
1832	Crewe Lease	Samuel	Jones					Tenant	Assignee of John Simcoe
1840	Tithe	Hungerford	Crewe	1812-1894	28	0	Gentleman	Owner	
1840	Tithe	Samuel	Jones					Tenant	
1841	Census	Richard	Jones	1799-1859	43	13?	Shoemaker	Under-tenant	Son? of Samuel Jones
1844	Property demolished to make way for the Crewe to Manchester railway line								
c1844	New cottages built further back down the road towards Clay Lane								

Cottage 1									
1844	Crewe Estate	Edward Hall	Martin	1799-1866	45	0	Land Agent	Tenant	
1851	Census	Thomas	Dale	1814-1896	37	52	Farm Labourer		
1861	Census	Thomas	Dale	1814-1896	47		Labourer	Under-tenant	
1871	Census	Thomas	Dale	1814-1896	57		Boneworks Labourer	Under-tenant	
1881	Census	Thomas	Dale	1814-1896	67		Boneworks Labourer	Under-tenant	
1882	Crewe Estate	Thomas	Dale	1814-1896	68		Boneworks Labourer	Tenant	
1891	Census	Thomas	Dale	1814-1896	77		Boneworks Labourer	Tenant	
1896	Crewe Estate	John	Thomas	1861-1925	35		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1901	Census	John	Thomas	1861-1925	40		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1911	Census	John	Thomas	1861-1925	50		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1917	Rates Document	Arthur	Welsh						
1921	Electors Roll	Harold	Sinclair	1888-1959	33	c5	Joiner	Tenant	Son in Law of William Ashley
1933	Rates	John Thomas	Ashley	1899-1963	34	c12	Lorry Driver	Tenant	Son of William Ashley
1939	National Register	Emma	Jackson	1875-1956	64	c21	Housewife	Tenant	Mother of Thomas
1960	Electors Roll	Frank	Williamson			c9	Farm Labourer	Tenant	

Cottage 2									
1844	Crewe Estate	Edward Hall	Martin	1799-1866	45	0	Land Agent	Tenant	
1851	Census	Thomas	Poole	1816-1887	35	43	Farm Labourer	Under-tenant	
1861	Census	Thomas	Poole	1816-1887	45		Farm Labourer	Under-tenant	
1871	Census	Thomas	Poole	1816-1887	55		Farm Labourer	Under-tenant	
1881	Census	Thomas	Poole	1816-1887	65		Farm Labourer	Under-tenant	
1882	Crewe Estate	Thomas	Poole	1816-1887	66		Farm Labourer	Tenant	
1891	Census	Samuel	Paddington	1836-1903	55	c7	Farm Labourer	Tenant	
1892	Crewe Estate	Samuel	Paddington	1836-1903	56		Farm Labourer	Tenant	
1895	Crewe Estate	William	Ashley	1865-1940	30	c40	Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1901	Census	William	Ashley	1865-1940	36		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1911	Census	William	Ashley	1865-1940	46		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1921	Census	William	Ashley	1865-1940	56		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1931	Electors Roll	William	Ashley	1865-1940	66		Railway Labourer	Tenant	
1939	National Register	Thomas William	Jackson	1910-1975	29	c30	Salt Boiler/Farmer	Tenant	
1960	Electors Roll	Thomas William	Jackson	1910-1975	50		Salt Boiler/Farmer	Tenant	
c1970	Cottages demolished due to the effects of Subsidence in the area								