

VICTORIAN HISTORY OF MOSTON



Title	Four Lane Ends
Type	Semi Detached Cottages
Date Produced	20 th Feb 2024
Internal Reference	E66P
1840 Owner	Lord Crewe
1840 Occupier	James Hitchenson
Tithe Map Apportionments	244a, 257
1840 Area	1/3 rd Acre



Four Lane Ends 1917



Four Lane Ends 2023





On the tithe map of 1840, the occupier at Four Lane Ends was a James Hutchinson. At this stage the property would have been a single cottage tied into Flash Farm so James was probably a farm labourer for the Hassall family

The adjacent field 244 was occupied by Thomas Hassall who was the grandson of Matthew Hassall (1788-1847) who resided at Flash Farm just down the road.

Matthew Hassall had previously taken out a lease for three lives on the cottage and croft in 1812. The property was then known as "Part Late Bostocks" giving a clue to the historic lessee

Township ▲	Parish ◆	Plot ◆	Landowner(s) ◆	Occupier(s) ◆	Plot Name ◆	Land Use ◆	Acres ◆	Roods ◆	Perches ◆
Elton	Warmingham	244a	Lord Crewe	James Hitchenson	House and Garden		0	0	25
Elton	Warmingham	257	Lord Crewe	James Hitchenson	Inclosure		0	0	30

Source : 1840 Tithe Map Apportionment for Elton

1841 England Census for James Hutchinson

Cheshire > Warmingham > Sandbach > District 21

1	James Hutchinson	44	35	29	24
	Elin				24
	Charles	4			21
	Hannah		4		21
	Elin		4		21
	John Hulme	4		Sham	24

Source : National Archives 1841 census

John Hulme a young shoemaker was a lodger at the house at the time. He was the son of William Hulme who lived 100m away at Elton Villa. He was in all likelihood an apprentice to William Spode, a shoemaker at Watch Lane Cottage and after William died in 1854, he moved to Watch Lane Cottage where he continued the business.

By the 1851 there was a new tenant in the property and and there may have been others in the intervening period as workers came and went. Eventually, John Aldersay arrived at the property some time in the 1850's giving some long term stability to the tenure.

1851 England Census for Joseph Nixon

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > 13

Joseph Nixon	Head	Mar	51	Miller	do Sandbach
Elizabeth do	Wife	Mar	48		do Church Lipperton
Martha Ann do	Son		5		do Fetter
Mary do	Son		5		do Fetter
Elizabeth do	Son		1/10		do Newton

Source : National Archives 1851 census

1861 England Census for John Aldersay

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 17

John Aldersay	Head	Mar	60	Farming 8 acres
Sarah Aldersay	Wife	Mar	58	Farming Wife
Samuel Aldersay	Son	Un	24	Brick Maker

Source : National Archives 1861 census

By the 1861 census, the occupant of the property was John Aldersay, a small time farmer who had previously been farming at Ettiley Heath about a mile away.

John Aldersay had been leasing Four Lane Ends from Thomas Hassall of Fields Farm and when Thomas died on the 5th Jun 1867, the lease expired and a new one was drawn up for John. As with almost all new leases at the time, this was on a "rack rent" basis, so rather than "for life", the initial rent was set at £10 and 10 shillings per annum but with a clause which would allow increases under market conditions. This clause doesn't though seem to have been invoked for many years.

John Aldersay leased 3 acres 5 perches which was the whole of plot 244 on the tithe map. The census returns also indicate he was farming a further 5 acres elsewhere

In the 1861 census, John's son Samuel, a brickmaker was also living at the property. Their neighbour at Elton Cottage next door was a James Harrison, brickmaker so it is entirely likely that Samuel was working with him. On the 1840 tithe map, 18 acres of land in the immediate vicinity were recorded as brick fields though by the time of the first OS Map of 1875, the activity seems to have disappeared.

" a Cottage and Land late in Lease to Thomas Hassall	3	5	John Aldersay	13 . 16 . 8
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Crewe Estate Accounts 1868

1871 England Census for John Aldersay

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

1	John Aldersay	Head	Mar	61	Famer (of 3 acres)
	Sarah do	Wife	Mar	59	
	John do	Son	Un	25	Labourer at Iron Works

Source : National Archives 1871 census

In 1871 another of his sons, also John was living with him. John junr was an employee of the rapidly expanding Foden's Iron Works in Elworth.

<i>John Aldersey</i> No. 1108.	<i>Elton</i>	<i>January 25 1872</i>	<i>Henry J. Blackburne</i> <i>Rector</i>
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John senior died in 1872 and presumably Lord Crewe allowed his son to take over the lease with his mother Sarah living with him.

It is a known fact that Four Lane Ends was rebuilt in 1877 and it would be nice to think that the bricks were some of the last to be produced in the local area. The gable ends of the property as well as the date, have a Bears Paw effigy on its side confirming it to be part of the Crewe estate.

The Crewe Estate records show that John Aldersay paid a full rent of £10 10s throughout this period so it is likely that John and his mother remained in the old house whilst the new one was being built. Once the build was completed, they moved in and the old cottage was demolished giving the space for the detached cottage to be built.

Description of Property.	Quantity.			Tenants' Names.	Arrears.	Yearly Rent.
	A.	R.	P.			
22 Cottage and Land	2	3	25	<i>John Aldersey</i>	10	10
33 Newly erected Cottage and Garden adjoining John Aldersay's No. 22.	20			<i>Richard Phillips</i>	5	10

Crewe Estate Annual Rental & Accounts 1878-79 Elton. CRO Ref 59/5/114



By the 1881 census the widow Sarah Aldersay was at the new property with her son John now described as a labourer and farmer of 2 ¾ acres, slightly less than previous due to land given up for the other cottage.

This land would be the original plot 244 on the tithe map now divided to 211 and 230a on the new OS map both fields being designated as for arable use.

The Crewe records and census confirm the first occupant of the second cottage was a John Phillips.



Source : 1875 OS Map

1881 England Census

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > District 18

Parish (or Township) of <i>Elton</i>		Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town or Village or Hamlet of <i>Elton</i>		Urban Sanitary District of	
ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION			
	In-habit-ed	Un-inhab-ited (U), or Building (B)				Males	Females				
<i>Over Road 1</i>			<i>Richard Phillips</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>Ag. Lab.</i>			
			<i>Elizabeth do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>46</i>					
			<i>Frank do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>12</i>		<i>Scholar</i>			
			<i>Louisa do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>9</i>		<i>do</i>			
			<i>Albert do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>do</i>			
			<i>William do</i>	<i>Grandson</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>4/11</i>					
<i>Over Road 1</i>			<i>Sarah Aldersay</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>Assistant</i>			
			<i>John do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>Labourer - Elton</i>			

Source : National Archives 1881 census

By 1891, Richard Phillips was widowed and still a farm labourer. His eldest daughter Mary had married Richard Mulliner who worked on the railways. In the early 1900's, the family moved to Crewe where John retired but lived for a further 20 years. Sarah Aldersay died in 1884 leaving her son John on his own. He retired again in the early 1900s and moved to Longfold on Clay Lane. Both John and his mother were recorded as "Living off their own means" indicating that they had some wealth.

So early into the twentieth century, there were new tenants in both properties, Samuel Paddington and Samuel Lewis with Samuel Paddington taking over as the stockman at Flash Farm and possibly helping at Crabmill Farm as well with it being held by the same family, by the the Oultons. As with his own predecessor, Samuel Lewis was a railwayman and was the son of Samuel Lewis of Walnut Tree Farm, a reasonably wealthy freeholder on Plant Lane Moston.

1891 England Census for John Alderdy

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > District 18

John Alderdy	Head	S	35	John Alderdy	Labourer		X
Richard Phillips	Head	Wife	64	do			X
Frederick McAllister	Son	M	32	Frederick McAllister	Railway do		X
Mary Ann do	Wife	M	31				
Wm do	Son		14	Wm do	Schooler		
Joseph do	Son		6		do		
John do	Son		5				
Margaret do	Wife		1				
Robert do	Son		1				
Emma do	Wife		1				
Emily do	Son		1				

Source : National Archives 1891 census

1901 England Census for Frank Paddington

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 18

Samuel Lewis	Head	M	24	Samuel Lewis	Railway Porter	Worker
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	25			
Emma M. do	Daughter		4			
Elizabeth do	do		3			
Richard do	Son		1			
Samuel Paddington	Head	M	65	Samuel Paddington	Stockman on Farm	Worker
Sarah do	Wife	M	60			
Frank do	Son	S	27	Frank do	Handmill Labourer	Worker
Francis do	do	S	26	Francis do	Steam Hammer Driver	Worker
Elizabeth do	Daughter	S	24			
Edith do	Son	S	19	Edith do	Moulder	Apprentice Worker

Source : National Archives 1901 census

Samuel Paddington's time at Elton was shortlived as he passed away in about 1909 leaving Sarah with her eldest son Frank. In the meantime Samuel Lewis's family had grown to seven children (with plenty more to come)

Both properties were recorded as having five habitable rooms so there will have been a noticeable difference in utilisation of space. I wonder if the Paddington's lend a bedroom to his neighbour?

1911 England Census for Frank Paddington

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

1	Frank Paddington	Head	33	Single	Boiler Maker	Boiler Maker	Worker
2	Sarah Ann Paddington		70	Widow			
3							

1911 England Census

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

1	Samuel Lewis	Head	34	Married		Nil	Platelayn	Labourer 516	Railway boy.	Worshp
2	Eliza Lewis	Wife	35	Married	14	7	Nil			
3	Elizabeth Lewis	Daughter	13				School	390		9
4	Richard Lewis	Son	11				School	1		1
5	Walter Lewis	Son	9				School			
6	Marry Lewis	Daughter	6							
7	Ethel Lewis	Daughter	4							
8	Ernest Lewis	Son	3							
9	Reginald Lewis	Son	1							
10										

Source : National Archives 1911 census

In 1915 the occupiers had a new private landlord after the property became one of the earliest in the Crewe Elton Estate to sell during a process which took about 3 years. It is odd that one of the properties is shown as in the occupation of a Mrs Samuels even though Frank Paddington was on the voters roll throughout until 1929.

The purchaser of the property was Mrs Emily Finlow. Emily and her family lived at an elegant (and now demolished) property next door called "Elton Cottage"

Lot 28A.—Country residence, in Elton, house let on lease to the late Mr. F. J. Finlow, with land in the occupation of Messrs. R. Oulton, J. W. Oulton and Samuel Lewis, 10 acres, rent £164 10s., sold privately, together with Lot 34, to Mrs. Finlow.

Lot 34.—Two cottages with land, known as Four Lane-end Cottages, comprising 1 acre 3 roods, let to Mrs. Samuels and Mr. Samuel Lewis, sold with lot 28.

Mrs Finlow had been widowed in 1898 left with the challenge of eleven children. Her husband Robert Finlow was a manager at The Bone Mill of Thomas Vickers at Rookery Bridge.

LOT 34
Coloured Purple on Plan No. 2.

TWO VALUABLE
Freehold Cottages, with Land
Known as
FOUR LANE END COTTAGES

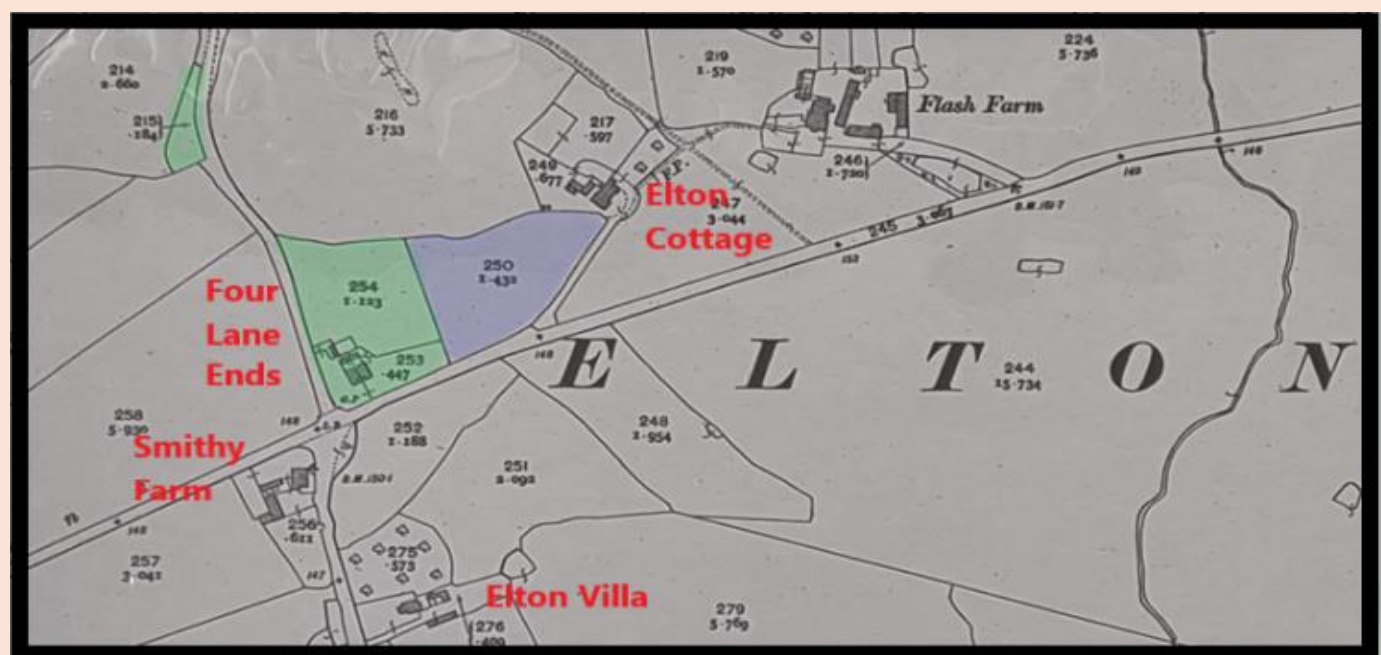
In the occupation of Mrs. Samuels and Mr. Samuel Lewis, a corner Plot, situate in Hall Lane, Elton, at the Cross Roads,

Comprising an Area of
1 acre 3 roods 0 perches
Or thereabouts.

Each HOUSE contains Front Room, Kitchen, Scullery, and 3 Bedrooms.
There is also a Shippon for 2 Cows with Loft over.

SCHEDULE

No. on Ordnance Survey.	Description.	Acres.
254	Field.	1.123
253	Cottages and Gardens.	.447
215	Croft.	.184
Total Acres ...		1.754



Crewe Estate Elton Portion Sale 1915 – Four Lane Ends

		year	months									
1	Frank Paddington	Head	49	1	M	single	Cheshire Coppenhall		barber	7/19/16	Messrs J King & Son Wire Manufacturers	Elworth W Sandbach
2	Sarah Ann Paddington	Mother	80	3	F	widow	Cheshire Sandbach		none			
3	Elizabeth Ann Paddington	Sister	43	3	F	single	Cheshire Elton		Home Duties			
4	Barbara Paddington	Keia Visitor	11	6	F	single	Cheshire Elworth	whole time		Visitor		
5												

Source : National Archives 1921 census

		year	months									
1	Samuel Lewis	Head	45	6	M	married	Elton Sandbach Cheshire		Plakoyer Railway	5/7/16	Railway Company L. N. W. of London & North Western Ry.	Elton Sandbach Cheshire
2	Eliza Lewis	Wife	46	1	F	married	Sandbach Cheshire		Housewife		Central Accountants	At Home
3	Richard Lewis	Son	22	1	M	single	Elton Sandbach Cheshire		Labourer		Warrington & North Western Railway	Elton Sandbach Cheshire
4	Walter Lewis	Son	19	5	M	single	Elton Sandbach Cheshire		Labourer	7/9/16	Warrington & North Western Railway	Elton Sandbach Cheshire
5	Ernest Lewis	Son	13	3	M	Both Alive	Elton Sandbach Cheshire	Whole time	Loco Dept.	5/8/16	Western Railway	Elton Sandbach Cheshire
6	Reginald Lewis	Son	11	8	M	Both Alive	Elton Sandbach Cheshire	Whole time				
7	Frances May Lewis	Daughter	9	7	F	Both Alive	Elton Sandbach Cheshire	Whole time				
8	Edith Lewis	Daughter	7	5	F	Both Alive	Elton Sandbach Cheshire	Whole time				
9	Harold Lewis	Son	5	3	M	Both Alive	Elton Sandbach Cheshire	Whole time				
10	Albert Lewis	Son	3	5	M	Both Alive	Elton Sandbach Cheshire	Whole time				

Source : National Archives 1921 census

RATING AREA		VALUATION LIST for the					Parish of Elton	
ASSESSMENT AREA								
NO OF ASSESSMENT	NAME OF OCCUPIER	NAME OF OWNER	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	NAME OR SITUATION OF PROPERTY	ESTIMATED EXTENT	CLASS FOR DEDUCTIONS	GROSS VALUE WHERE REQUIRED TO BE ASCERTAINED	
1	2	3	4	5	6		7	
4	Emily Finlow	Frederick J. Finlow	House & Garden		4	4	2	60
5	Frank Paddington	"	"	Four Lane Ends	5	5		10
6	Samuel Lewis	"	"	"	6	6		9

Rates Return for Elton 1930 – Cheshire Archives Ref LRC 17-11-6

Deeds & Bonds
New Stationers
NEW COURT
CAREY STREET
LONDON
W.C.2.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made the twenty third day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty nine ~~between~~ Frederick James Finlow of Brookside Sandbach in the County of Chester Lieutenant Colonel in His Majesty's Army (hereinafter called "the Vendor") of the one part and The British Soda Company Limited whose registered office is situate

FIVE POUNDS

unto the Company Tristly 211 1111 country residence together with the grounds gardens buildings lands and hereditaments thereto belonging - situate in the Township of Elton in the Parish of Warrington in the County of Chester near to the road leading from Wheelock to Warrington known as Hall Lane bounded on the Northernly and North Easterly sides thereof by - other land of the Company on the Southernly side in part by Hall Lane - aforesaid and in other part by the property secondly herein described on the Westerly side thereof in part by the property secondly herein described and in other part by the road leading from Crewe to Warrington and containing in the whole ten acres and thirty perches or thereabouts all which property firstly herein described is for identification only more particularly delineated and coloured blue on the plan hereto annexed (And secondly All those two cottages with the outbuildings land and gardens thereto belonging known as Four Lane End cottages now in the occupations of Frank Maddington and Samuel Lewis situate adjoining and on the South Westerly side of the property firstly herein described all which property secondly herein described contains in the whole one acre two rods and seven perches or thereabouts and is more particularly delineated and coloured pink on the plan hereto annexed To 1111 the same unto



1939 England and Wales Register for William Kerr

Cheshire > Congleton Rd > Lgfj

Four Lane Ends, Elton	32	1	KERR ¹⁹⁰¹ William	-	M	11 th June 1855	M	Electrical Engineer, Salford W.M.A.
		2	KERR Gladys	-	F	24 th Aug 1892	M	Widow and Domestic Duties

This record is officially closed.

ditto	32	1	PHILLIPS John H	-	M	26 th Jan 1852	F	Purification Process Worker in 1919 Inspector of Salford W.M.A.
		2	PHILLIPS Fanny	-	F	9 th July 1895	M	Widow and Domestic Duties

This record is officially closed.

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MEMORANDUM that by a Conveyance made the seventeenth day of July 1978 between BRITISH SODA COMPANY LIMITED (the Vendor) and WERNER LANGE (the Purchaser) of the land and buildings known as one of the two dwellings comprising The Cottages Four Lane Ends Elton Sandbach Cheshire (being a part of the within-described property) was conveyed to the Purchaser in fee simple and his right to the production of the within-written Deed was thereby acknowledged. The said Conveyance granted and reserved certain easements and other rights and imposed covenants on both the Vendor and the Purchaser. ✓

MEMORANDUM that by a Conveyance made the third day of November 1978 between THE BRITISH SODA COMPANY LIMITED (the Vendor) and CLIFFORD JOHN WALLEY MARY WALLEY and EDWARD ALEXANDER JOHN WALLEY (the Purchasers) the land and buildings known as the other of the two dwellings comprising The Cottages Four Lane Ends Elton Sandbach Cheshire (being a part of the within-described property) was conveyed to the Purchasers in fee simple and their right to the production of the within-written deed was thereby acknowledged. The said Conveyance granted and reserved certain easements and other rights and imposed covenants on both the Vendor and the Purchasers. ✓

Chronological list of Owners and Occupiers

Year	Source	First Name	Surname	Lived	Years at		Occupation	Status	Other
					Age	Property			
Original Cottage									
1840	Tithe	Hungerford	Crewe	1812-1894	28	0	Gentleman	Owner	
1840	Tithe	James	Hitchinson	1785-?	55	?	Agricultural Labourer	Tenant	Tied Cottage Flash Farm?
1841	Census							Tenant	
1851	Census	Joseph	Nixon	1820-1894			Miller	Tenant	
1861	Census	John	Aldersay	1800-1872	61		Farmer	Tenant	Took over lease in 1857
1871	Census	John	Aldersay	1800-1872	71		Farmer	Tenant	
New Semi-Detached Cottages									
								Built 1877	
1881	Census	Sarah	Aldersay	1800-1884	81		Widow	Tenant	
1881	Census	Richard	Phillips	1831-1922	50		Agricultural Labourer	Tenant	
1891	Census	John	Aldersay	1835-1912	56		Farmer	Tenant	son of John & Sarah
1891	Census	Richard	Phillips	1831-1922	60		Agricultural Labourer	Tenant	
1901	Census	Samuel	Paddington	1836-1903	65	c3	Farm Stockman	Tenant	
1901	Census	Samuel	Lewis	1877-1937	24	c30	Railway Platelayer	Tenant	
1911	Census	Frank	Paddington	1872-1956	39		Bone Works Labourer	Tenant	son of Samuel
1911	Census	Samuel	Lewis	1877-1937	34		Railway Platelayer	Tenant	son of Samuel
1915	Crewe Sale	Samuel	Lewis	1877-1937	38		Railway Platelayer	Tenant	
1915	Crewe Sale	Mrs	Samuels					Tenant	?
1915	Crewe Sale	Emily	Finlow	1849-1938	66		Widow	Owner	Private Sale
1921	Census	Samuel	Lewis	1877-1937	44		Railway Platelayer	Tenant	
1930	Rates	Frederick	Finlow	1879-1959	51			Owner	Son of Emily
1930	Electors Roll	William	Kerr	1905-1994	25		Salt Worker	Tenant	
1930	Electors Roll	Arthur	Aldersay					Tenant	Related?
1935	Electors Roll	James	Green					Tenant	also Harriet Strain
1936	Tithe Rents	British Soda	Company Ltd				Salt Mining Company	Owner	
1939	Nat Register	William	Kerr	1905-1994	34		Salt Worker	Tenant	
1939	Nat Register	John	Phillips	1885-	54		Salt Worker	Tenant	
1950	Electors Roll	William	Kerr	1905-1994	45		Salt Worker	Tenant	
1950	Electors Roll	John	Phillips	1885-	65		Salt Worker	Tenant	
1970	Electors Roll	Leslie	Scotting						
1970	Electors Roll	Edward	Walley						