

Documentary History for

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Fig. 1. c. 1910 Postcard, showing 25 (576), 27 (500) and 29 (306) High Street (Inserted in TNA, IR58/2153)

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*Grid reference:* SP 6965 0888 (Well Cottage); SP 6965 0889 (Tudor Cottage)

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*For court roll and documentary source references, see the bibliography of primary sources.*

*Abbreviations:*

CofE	Church of England Record Centre
CBS	Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies
TNA	The National Archives

**SUMMARY ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

*29 High St*

This is a two-bay timber-framed cottage containing a cruck truss (type W apex) next to the central chimney stack.



Fig. 2. Gable of 27 High Street, showing probable reused cruck blade.

*27 High St*

This is a two-bay timber-framed cottage. Both the north end and the central tiebeams are heavily cambered. The latter has two large peg holes suggestive of skew-pegging, and shows signs of reuse, although the surface has been shaved back. The main framing is broadly seventeenth century in character. It seems possible that these cruck blades have been reused from no. 29, the latter having been reduced in size at some date.

## DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

### Summary

Nos. 27-29 High Street are named as George Fuller on the 1827 map, and can be identified as a Windsor copyhold associated with one yardland until the house was surrendered separately in 1792. The identification rests in part on a close examination of the occupants named in the 1871-1901 censuses.



Fig. 3. Part of the 1827 map of Long Crendon (CBS IR/95/Q).

### Identification

The copyhold sequence from George Fuller in 1827 to Annie Elizabeth in 1900, and her 1901 enfranchisement appear straightforward (below). However, this was not the only property held by George Fuller, and the enfranchisement deed lacks a plan. Thus, they do not directly confirm the identification with 27-29 High Street. Furthermore, the 1901 census lists no names corresponding to those recorded in either deed. More difficult still is the information in the 1910 Field Books that both properties were sold to Thomas Alfred Ray on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1899.<sup>1</sup> This conflict has been resolved by close correlation of the 1871-1901 censuses for this part of High St. The table below lists the heads of household in census order, from no. 33 High Street to no. 25, both of which can be straightforwardly identified. No. 33 was known as Cozens' Yard, and can be followed, also as a Windsor copyhold, from 1732 up to its enfranchisement (with a plan) in 1938.<sup>2</sup>

### Heads of Households in census order for nos. 33 to 25 High Street

Year	1871	1881	1891	1901	1910 (& hered no)
No 33 (with other occupiers)	Mary Cozens, blacksmith's widow	Jos Arnott, blacksmith	Maria Arnott	Maria Arnott	175: Maria Arnott
No 31	'Out visiting'	Mary Spiers	Uninhabited	Henrietta Dudley, widow	345: Joseph Williams
No 29	Alf Dodwell, baker	Alf Dodwell, master baker	Maria Dodwell, widow	Thos Ray	306 Thomas Alfred Ray
No 27 (rhs)	Hen Butcher, ag lab	Chas Holiman, ag lab	Nathan Elkington, RM pensioner	also Tho Ray?	500 Albert Smith
No.27 (lhs)	Jesse Philips, hurdle maker	Owen Dodwell, journeyman baker	Walter Newton, groom	Levi Ing, ploughman	499: Levi Ing
No 25	Solomon Shrimpton, wheelwright	Solomon Shrimpton, wheelwright	Solomon Shrimpton, carpenter	Reuben Shurrock, hawker	576: Sydney Shurrock

<sup>1</sup> The Field Book entry 306 gives the owner's name as May, but this is undoubtedly an error.

<sup>2</sup> This skilful correlation was carried out by Eric Sewell.

It can be seen from this table, that the occupiers named in the 1900 and 1901 copyhold deeds did indeed live here, but in 1891, rather than 1901. Thus, as is not uncommon, the copyhold admissions are somewhat anachronistic. In this case also, the sale of the properties to Thomas Ray must have taken place before the enfranchisement had formally taken place. For the 1910 hereditament numbers, see Fig. 4.<sup>3</sup>

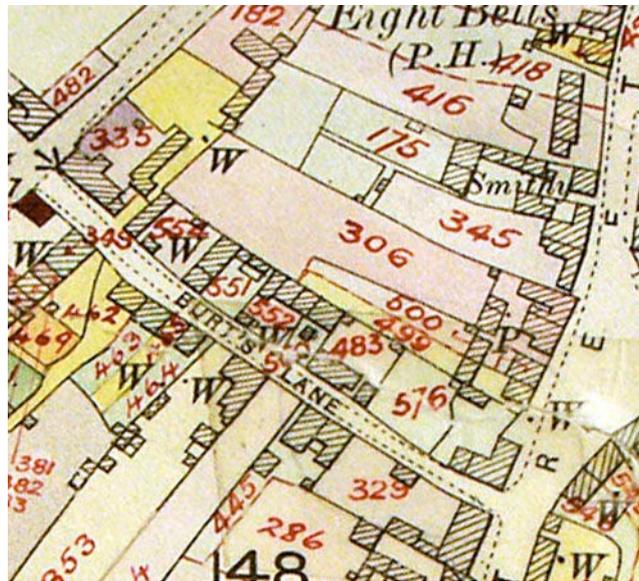


Fig. 4. Part of the 1910 Valuation map of Long Crendon (hereditaments 306, 400, 500) (TNA, IR 126/1/345).

#### *The owners*

This was a Windsor copyhold, traceable as a messuage with one yardland from 1600, when it was surrendered by Thomas Stanton.<sup>4</sup> Before 1827, a long sequence of copyhold admissions extend back to 1600, in the hands of the Clack family for most of the seventeenth century and the Madge family after 1704.<sup>5</sup> In 1771, Richard Madge, succeeded to the property, and in 1792 he surrendered the messuage, which had been divided into three cottages, to Robert Emerton, baker. However, he retained the land until 1813, adding it to the family's five-yardland farm.

With the marriage of Mary Emerton to George Fuller of Shabbington in 1823, the property passed into this family, who owned it for almost a century.<sup>6</sup> He was known variously as 'the younger', dairyman and 'baker', and he may well have moved to Long Crendon to use the bakehouse,<sup>7</sup> as his daughter Mary Ann was baptised in 1825 in Long Crendon. Her mother died in 1833, surrendering the property by will to Mary Ann, under the guardianship of her father.<sup>8</sup> In 1849, Mary Anne married her cousin (?) Thomas

<sup>3</sup> For the occupation of no. 25 by Solomon Shrimpton, see LON-B. The tenants of Cozens Yard (part of no. 33) have been omitted from the table. The 1910 tenants are taken from the Valuation Book (CBS, DVD/1/24-25), which is slightly earlier than the Field Books.

<sup>4</sup> His admission has not been identified, and it is possible that the holding had previously belonged to the Towersey family, and that he held it in the right of his wife; in 1552, Roland Towersey was admitted to a messuage and yardland (Windsor) following the death of his father John, but no succession has been found for this property.

<sup>5</sup> Wills of Edward Clacke were proved in 1646 and 1687 (CBS, DAWe: 36 197; DAWf: 53/236)

<sup>6</sup> George was born in 1805 at Shabbington, and this was his second marriage (23 December 1823 at Long Crendon).

<sup>7</sup> The court documents are unclear about whether this was later replaced by the cottages.

<sup>8</sup> This will has not been located and may never have been proved.

Fuller; she and their son, Frederick, died within a year of each other in 1896-7.<sup>9</sup> It was no doubt the latter's death that precipitated the sale to Thomas Ray mentioned above.

*Court roll entries*

- 1600: Tho STANTON, messuage & 1ydl (W), surr to Tho FRYER.
- 1612: Tho FRYER in the chapter house at Windsor, messuage & 1ydl (W), surr to use of Roland TOWERSEY.
- 1612: Roland TOWERSEY, messuage & 1ydl (W), surr to Tho CHILTON.
- 1634: Tho CHILTON died without heir, messuage & 1ydl (W), to use of Edw CLACK.
- 1648: Edw CLACK, snr, died, messuage & 1ydl (W). Edw CLACK jnr son.
- 1687: Edw CLACK died, messuage & 1ydl (W), Edw CLACK, heir.
- 1704: Edw CLARK [*for Clack*], messuage & 1ydl (W), surr to use of Edw MADGE.
- 1720: Edw MADGE died, messuage & 1ydl (W), Ric MADGE son, minor.
- 1771: Ric MADGE, senior, died, messuage & 1ydl, Ric MADGE jnr, son.
- 1792: Ric MADGE, messuage now divided into 3 to which adm 1776 [*sic*], occ by J WHEATLEY, Rob GUNTRIP & Hen SHRIMPTON, surr to Rob EMERTON.
- 1798: Robt EMERTON, messuage divided into 3 lately occ by Joh WHEATLEY, Rob GUNTRIP & Hen SHRIMPTON then Rob EMERTON, Joh WHEATLEY & Rob GUNTRIP, condl surr for £100 to Ric CROOK.
- 1803: Rob EMERTON died baker, messuage divided into 3, now 2, to which adm 1792 lately occ by Joh WHEATLEY, Rob GUNTRIP & Hen SHRIMPTON, surr to Sarah EMERTON widow, guardian of daughters Mary (age 5) & Eliz (age 3).
- 1817: Ric MADGE late silversmith Oxford (d.1813), 1ydl, surr to Ann daur & wife of Ric RAWLINS apothecary of Oxford, adm 1817.
- 1827: Geo FULLER [Enclosure Map]
- 1833: Mary FULLER died, wife of Geo FULLER jnr, messuage divided into 3 formerly occ by WHEATLEY, GUNTRIP & SHRIMPTON now by Geo FULLER jnr, for many years used as bakehouse, surr by will to Mary Ann aged 7 with Geo FULLER as guardian.
- 1860: Mary Ann FULLER adm 1833, messuage divided into 3 then into 2, formerly occ Joh WHEATLEY, Rob GUNTRIP & Hen SHRIMPTON now Geo FULLER the Younger and for many years part used as bakehouse with garden. [Windsor Survey]
- 1859: [Valuation] Tho FULLER owner, David DODWELL occupant.
- 1876: [Valuation] Tho FULLER, of house & bakehouse in High St occupied by Alf DODWELL.
- 1897: Mary Ann FULLER died, messuage divided into 3 then into 2 formerly occ by Joh WHEATLEY, Joh GUNTRIP & Hen SHRIMPTON and then Geo FULLER the Younger now Mrs Alf DODWELL, Nat ELKENTON & Jos JOHNSON surr to Fredk FULLER son. (CBS, D/BASM/23/234)
- 1900: Fredk FULLER (d.1897) late of Shabbington, farmer, messuage formly 3 now 2, lately occ by GUNTRIP, WHEATLEY & SHRIMPTON now Alf DODWELL etc, surr to Annie Eliza FULLER, 4 Aldwick Terr, Hounslow. (CBS, D/BASM/23/234)
- 1901: Enfranchised (no plan). Annie Elizabeth FULLER of 4 Aldwick Terrace, Hounslow, house formerly 3 tenements since 2, previously occ by Joh WHEATLEY, Robt GUNTRIP, Hen SHRIMPTON, late Geo FULLER the Younger now Mrs Alf DODWELL and Nat ETHERTON. £70 (CofE Copy deeds vol 323, deed 31365).

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<sup>9</sup> Deaths registered: GRO Index, Thame vol. 3a, Dec 1896, p. 481 and Sep 1897, p. 504.

*The buildings*

In the Hearth Tax, Edward Clacke is listed with two hearths. Since he apparently held both this and the adjoining 25 High Street, we cannot discover which house he occupied. The Andrew Clacke with one hearth (presumably the Andrew Clacke buried in 1699) perhaps lived in the other house.

On the 1827 map, 27-9 High Street are shown standing in a toft of generous proportions with a number of other buildings on it. By 1803, it appears that the original house on the plot had been converted into a bakehouse, no doubt used by Robert Emerton, and three cottages had been added, one of stone and thatch in good repair occupied by Sarah Emerton, widow, the other two of wattle and daub occupied by paupers but in indifferent repair.<sup>10</sup> As well as Emerton, George Fuller, the tenant, Alfred Dodwell, and the later owner, Thomas Ray, were all bakers.

In the 1910 Valuation, hereditament 306 was owned and occupied by Thomas Alfred Ray [erroneously given as May]. It comprised a house of brick & thatch with good roof, 3 bed, 2 sitting, scullery, bakehouse for 5 bushels. Small shop with loft, wash house, stable, barn of brick & tile, piggery. The adjoining cottages (hereditaments 499 & 500) were also owned by him, each having two rooms downstairs and either one or two upstairs.

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<sup>10</sup> Saint George's Chapel, Windsor, CC 120130 (Survey of copyholds).