

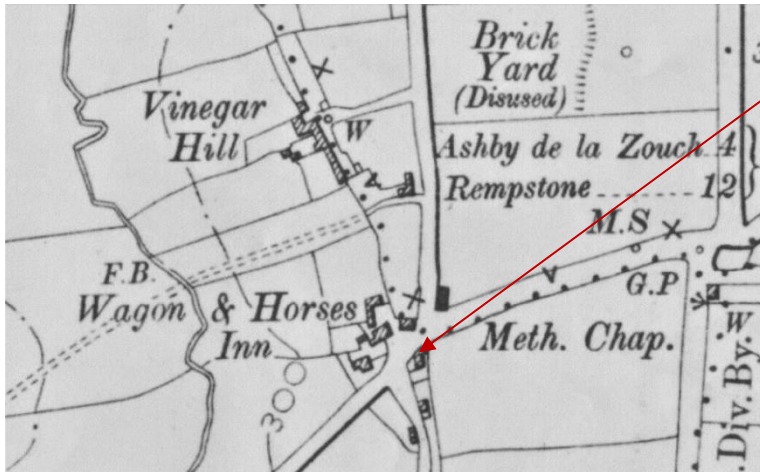
HERITAGE TRAIL ROSE COTTAGE AND BLACKSMITHS

Rempstone Road – Elder Lane



On the junction of Elder lane and Rempstone Road, where there is an expanse of grass, stood a cottage. This was demolished in the late 1950's early 1960's to make way for road improvements.

The photograph was taken about 1958, and at present is the only one we have of that property. It was called Rose Cottage and the last person to live there was Mrs Richardson.



On the map the cottage can be seen and is considerably larger than the usual cottages in the area. This is because at one time a smithy was situated here.

At present we do not know when this ceased to operate, but a blacksmith is listed in the 1861 census as living in Griffydham, and from the UK 1939 register, a George W Hyman was recorded as a 'shoeing smith' (and also Special Constable) at this address.

A Blacksmith in the 19th century would be an important part of village life, to repair wagons, farming implements and shoe horses, and as this site is on the Ashby to Rempstone Turnpike road it was strategically placed, especially being opposite the Wagon and Horses.



The map also shows where the stables were and shows the chapel (x) which was built in 1858.