

GRIFFYDAM VILLAGE

HERITAGE TRAIL



THE COTTAGE

The Cottage was built sometime between 1806 and 1830 and thought to be over 200 years old. It is described in an indenture dated 1831 as a 'piece, plot or parcel of land containing a measurement of 234 square yards with a messuage or tenement and buildings'. Its owners from the mid 19 century were:

Date	Sold By	Sold To	Sold For	
1830	Joseph Kidger, William Kidger & Thomas Kidger	Robert Artless <i>Jersey Comber, Worthington</i>	?	
9 Nov 1831	Robert Artless	John Taylor <i>Hardware Dealer, Worthington</i>	£11.14s	John Taylor died in the Union Workhouse Nottingham in 1843 but according to the 1843 indenture, John had moved to Griffydam and occupied the premises prior to going into the workhouse.
1 Aug 1843	Thomas Taylor <i>Brother & Heir of John Taylor</i>	William Holloway <i>Yeoman, Coleorton</i>	£6	
16 Sep 1844	William Holloway	Thomas Barber <i>Cordwainer, Melbourne</i>	£22	William Holloway borrowed £22 with interest from Thomas Barber and defaulted on the loan. Still owing Thomas £22 and a large arrears of interest the property was transferred into Thomas's name. It appears that William Holloway may have occupied the premises after John Taylor. William then converted the dwelling into 2 tenements occupied by Richard Stacey and William Ball.
21 Sep 1867	Thomas Barber	Joseph Bailey <i>Yeoman, Breedon Brand</i>	£30	
31 Jul 1877	Joseph Bailey	Samuel Eagle <i>Grocer, Coleorton</i>	£76	Executors of Joseph Bailey's will were his friend Price Kidger of Thringstone (Butcher) and his son in law John Harteshorne. His instructions were to divide the proceeds of his estate equally between his 4 children Sam Bailey, Eliza (wife of George Wright), Mary (wife of William Gadesby) and Jane (wife of John Harteshorne). The property at the time of the indenture was occupied by John Smith but in a Land Tax Receipt dated 1897 the property was occupied by Elizabeth Radford.

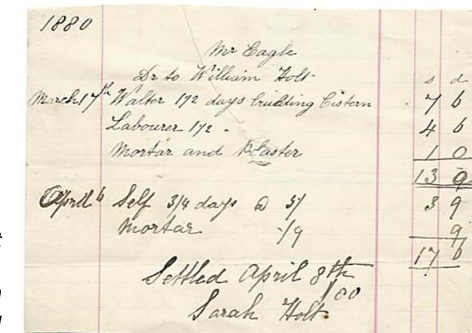
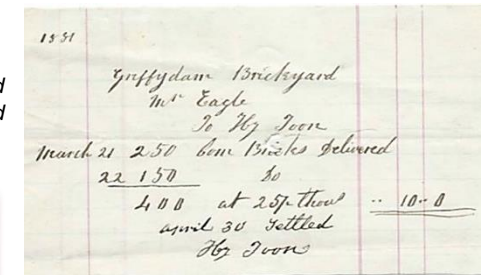
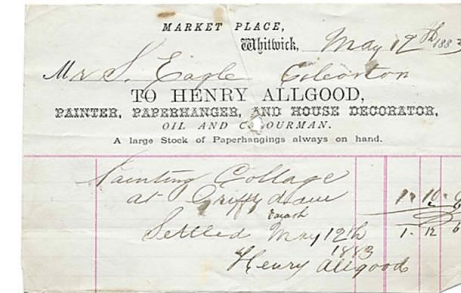
Following the death of Samuel Eagle his wife Elizabeth inherited the property. Elizabeth later remarried to become Elizabeth Ayre and when she died in 1938 Annie Ethel Eagle (who married Albert Robinson in 1949) was appointed executor. Annie died in 1950 and in 1953 the estate was passed to Elizabeth Dorothy Irons of Blaby and Annie Joan Brenita Foster of Hugglescote. The property at this time was occupied by Mrs Francis. For further information on The Cottage and its occupants click [here](#).



A drawing of how The Cottage may have looked in the late 19th century. It possibly had a thatched rather than tiled roof at that time.



An aerial photograph of The Cottage taken after it was extended to the front in the 1970's. Barry Lowe, the owner at that time, extended the property again in the 1980's to how it looks today after acquiring additional land to the east



Receipts for goods and works carried out for Samuel Eagle who purchased the property in 1877