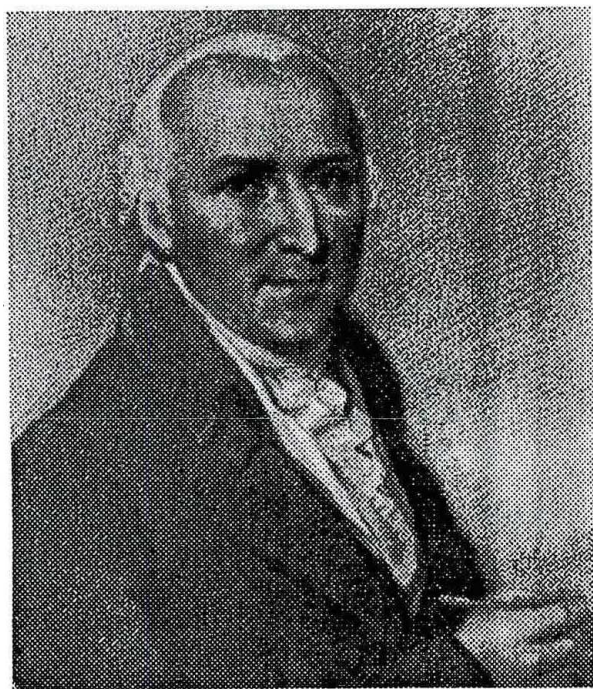


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Humphry Repton, from an engraving published in 1802



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APOLOGY

I must start this issue with an apology. I included an article in the last issue on Thomas Browne, Gentleman, which I attributed to the late Jane Nolan. I assumed it was Jane's work simply because it was amongst her papers which I was placing in the Town Archives. I now discover that the work was written by Annie Alston and Frank Stageman, and Jane had undertaken to type it out before she became ill!

So, with apologies to all concerned, I can now record the correction. The second article to which I referred is also by Annie Alston, and I am pleased to publish this below with its correct attribution. Ed.

JOHN TAYLOR, Glover

Annie Alston

John Taylor's inventory of May 28th. 1642 states that he was a glove maker by trade in the town of Aylsham. However, information gleaned from this document and from his will of 8th. May in the same year suggests that though he may have been trained as a glover, probably through apprenticeship, he had decided to augment his income by extending his skill into general leather-work. He produced a variety of goods, ranging from bags and purses to riding tack, as well as gloves, and there is a suggestion that he also dealt in sheep skins and wool. There is no mention of a shop on the premises, so the rather large

quantities of goods found in his workshop seem to have been made to order for sale elsewhere, possibly in the Market Place.

It is possible to deduce from the order in which the rooms are listed in the inventory that the appraisers in their sad duty moved systematically from room to room through the premises, so giving us some idea of its layout. The house is an odd shape, with three downstairs rooms, but apparently only one first-floor chamber, unless the vance roof was a chamber over the kitchen. The parlour in those times would normally have been the principal bedroom, though here no bedstead is listed. No 'hall' named as such appears. Probably, because this is a town house, that room becomes the kitchen since it was used for cooking.

Having passed through the house, from the parlour to the loft in the roof space, they would have next encountered the adjacent lime pits outside. These contained a large quantity of skins undergoing the first stage of curing in a saturated solution of quick-lime to facilitate removal of hair and other unwanted tissue in preparation for the tanning process proper. There is no mention of tan pits, nor of the materials such as oak bark used then for tanning. (The fairly large quantity of wood and furze found in the workshop yard was undoubtedly for firing.) It thus seems likely that the final processing of John's leather was done for him in a nearby tannery.

A copious and ready supply of water would have been needed for the lime pits and for the subsequent cleansing of the skins from the lime and scrapings of flesh and hair. It is safe to assume, therefore, that the property lay near the River Bure and very likely in the Millgate area, and was equally likely a potent source of pollution for that river, and a possible cause of heavy fines for the perpetrator.

Leaving the less than salubrious area of the lime pits the appraisers would have appreciated the good scent of new leather in the workshops, where they found a fair quantity of hides and skins ready for complementing the finished articles already stored there, which were gloves, purses etc. Here also may have been the account books

showing unpaid debts, no doubt for work already delivered. By contrast, in the yard were untreated skins from animals found dead, together with a pile of 60 calves' heads or the skins from these. Some live animals there doubtless provided for the dairy and the larder, and their manure for the fields.

The furnishings and other goods in the domestic offices depict a family of above average wealth, yet allowing themselves only the minimum of comforts for everyday life. The 31 cheeses stored rather oddly by modern custom in the bedroom would have been made by John's wife with the utensils in the buttery, but their aroma would barely have risen above the all-pervading reek from the yard. John would have been reasonably well-dressed in clothing valued at £4, and though low in cash in hand, his assets of stored wool and "good debts owing" amounting to £40 in all, exceeded the value of all his household goods and working materials combined. Leisure reading apparently was confined to the Bible; possibly the family was of Puritan persuasion.

The will shows John as married to Mary, with a daughter named Bridget, a minor. He bequeathed all his assets to Mary excepting four acres of copyhold land which he had recently bought of one John Berry and which he wished to be transferred to Bridget Bootes, a widow, through the Lord of the Manor of Sextons. We may infer that Bridget was a family name and could consider that Mrs Bootes was John's mother-in-law whom he felt obliged to support. He made provision for his daughter's up-bringing and also for an inheritance of £40 at her majority, this sum to be paid customarily at the south porch of the parish church. He may have considered the stored wool and the debts to be an investment to ensure this payment. In default of Mary's paying the £40 daughter Bridget would inherit the property otherwise bequeathed to Mary, but in any case, Bridget was to acquire that property on Mary's decease.

As the father of a young daughter, John was probably of no great age at his death, which occurred only nine days after the will was drawn up. He must have known that his illness was rapidly terminal. Quite

possibly he was stricken with anthrax, a malignant disease afflicting hide and skin workers. Though he was well-established in business, and with work in hand, there is no mention of employees or apprentices. If there were such they would doubtless have been paid off at the onset of his illness.

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LAXEN: Preliminary searches for a very rare surname. Dr. David Case

I have started to search for the occurrence of this very rare surname to try to learn more about its origins and the structure of the families involved. The purpose of this note is to set out the background and to enquire whether anyone else shares my interest or has preceded me in pursuing these objectives.

My great grandmother, Anna Selina LAXEN, was born in 1844 at Aylsham, married Robert Henry CASE there in 1863 and died of TB in 1870. My great grandfather was apparently so upset by her death that he left his three young children with his father, joined the Royal Artillery and ended up serving as a gunner on the North West Frontier of India, participating in the Second Afghan War - a dramatic contrast with his former quiet employment as the church organist at Aylsham.

Everyone with the surname LAXEN whom I have been able to contact can describe his or her descent from this same family at Aylsham. I have a family tree bearing the names of about 100 individuals (in seven generations) all descended from Richard LAXEN, who married Martha HOWES at Aylsham in 1769. He may be the same Richard Laxen who was apprenticed in 1758 to William Selth, saddler of Bristol. At least five generations of Laxens were to become saddlers

and harness makers at Aylsham. Another branch of this family were well known in Aylsham for over a century as bakers and confectioners. Another Richard LAXEN (born 1887 at Aylsham) was instrumental in naming a new settlement in Saskatchewan, Canada. - "Aylsham".

How rare is this name? A search in the telephone directories for the British Isles¹ produced total numbers of entries as follows:-

LAXON (36) LAXEN (15) LAXSON (1)

with no entries for LAXAN or LAXUN. In searching for the LAXON entries, 83% of the directories were found to contain none, and 25% of the 36 entries were found in the Norwich area. For the name LAXEN, 93% of the directories were found to contain none, and 4 of the 15 entries were found in the Norwich area. Although it is very dangerous to generalise from such small numbers,² the association with Norfolk seemed clear, and this was rapidly confirmed when all the LAXENS I was able to contact described their family origins in Aylsham!

LAXTON (330 telephone entries) is far more numerous, and is almost certainly derived³ from three place-names with this spelling in Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Yorkshire. 57 (17%) of the LAXTON entries were found in the neighbouring areas of Leicestershire and Peterborough. Only 11 entries (3%) were found in Norfolk.

LAX (315 telephone entries); LAXMAN (16) and LAXHMAN (3) appear to be occupational names derived⁴ from the German "Lachs" for the salmon fish. 154 (49%) of the LAX entries were found in Middlesbrough, Durham, Leeds, Sheffield and Barnsley - with only one in Norfolk. The name LAX, however, seems to be widely and thinly distributed with 59% of the directories containing 1-3 entries.

Based solely on name distribution it seems unlikely that LAXEN is derived from LAX or LAXTON, although this possibility cannot be totally dismissed. I know of one Norfolk family whose baptisms and burials, sometimes in the same generation, were recorded as LAXON or LAXTON.⁵

It is intriguing to note that there is a market town named Laxenburg in Austria, south of Vienna, but the name Laxen and variants do not appear in directories of that country.⁶ There are several place-names in the British Isles with the prefix LAX-⁷ and an extraordinary array of other rare surnames, some of which may be derived from this stem.⁸

LAXEN, LAXON and LAXSON must surely be variants of the same name, and an excellent example perhaps of a name written down by parish incumbents [and census enumerators] recording what they heard - until a literate generation insisted upon a particular spelling. It must also be noted that in some parish registers it is in fact difficult to decipher whether the manuscript denotes the letters -en or -on. In some cases those who have transcribed those registers may have made innocent errors in this respect. When Richard LAXEN was married at Aylsham in 1769, he clearly signed his name LAXEN; the baptisms of three of his children appear to be recorded as LAXON and one as LAXEN. Thereafter in this Aylsham family, the spelling LAXEN became fixed. In notes used to construct the numerical data for the 1821 census for Aylsham, Richard appears as LAXEN R.^d (Snr.).⁹ When Richard's grandson was married in 1830, the vicar appears to have entered the name in the register as LAXON, but again the signature is LAXEN.

The surname indexes to the 1881 census have been searched for all the English counties and remarkably the name LAXEN was found only in Norfolk.¹⁰ There were a total of 26 LAXEN entries - 13 all living in Aylsham and known to have been related. The remaining 13 appear as three families living in north Norfolk - all the three heads of household being born at Bodham, and these families are also known to have been related. Any link between the Aylsham and Bodham families has yet to be discovered.

In the same census return for Norfolk, there were 13 LAXON entries (several born in Yarmouth); 4 LAXAN (of one family at Little Barningham) and 4 LAXSON (of one family at Warham.)

In the 1664 Hearth Tax returns for Norfolk¹¹ the name LAXEN does not occur, but there are two LAXON entries - for Ralph, at Terrington St. Clement and Robert, three miles away at Kings Lynn. The IGI coverage¹² for Norfolk is very sparse and of little value in searches of this kind, but the earliest entries are for marriages in 1575 at Norwich (LAXTON); in 1604 at Attleborough (LAXHAM); and in 1654 at Upwell (LAXON) showing at least that these names were to be found in Norfolk at these times. The will of a Robert LAXON of Sheringham was proved in 1550¹³ and the will of an Agnes LEXHAM of Croxton was proved in 1483.¹⁴

It is tempting to assume that the surnames LAXHAM and LEXHAM may be derived from a place-name, and it should be noted that East Lexham and West Lexham are parishes a few miles north of Swaffham.

At the present time, before attempting wider searches, the LAXEN entry for 1758 in the indexes to apprenticeship records,¹⁵ as mentioned above, is the earliest record I have of this spelling. So, as I set out in search for more information about the surname LAXEN/LAXON, I am puzzled why it is so rare and unclear about its origins. One possible derivation may be from a chronological series of the surnames: LAX - LAXSON [son of LAX] - LAXON - LAXEN [phonetically the same as LAXSON?]

In summary, whatever the derivation of the name LAXEN may have been, in England in 1881, it only occurred in north Norfolk, and it is possible that all those using this surname are descended from the family of Richard Laxen, (married at Aylsham in 1769) whose descendants have a long association with the town of Aylsham.

The pursuit of this surname has the disadvantage that it will be of immediate interest to only a small number of individuals, but I hope that some suggestions may be forthcoming to shed light on its derivation and its rarity.¹⁶ I should be delighted to hear from anyone with an interest in this name, and would be grateful to learn about its occurrence anywhere, at any period.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Banville's Diaries - Mrs. Susan Yaxley spoke to us at the Friendship Club on the 26th. March on the diaries of Lawrence Banville, which she and Norma Virgoe edited and published a few years ago. The usual

large audience was entertained with a graphic picture of Norfolk country life in the 1820-1840s as seen through the eyes of an Irish gamekeeper. He was new to Norfolk and everything made a vivid impression on him which he reveals to us in his diaries.

He was brought over to Norfolk by a Lewellyn Lloyd, himself a temperamental character, who later fixed him up as a gamekeeper with some of the leading gentry in North Norfolk. In his time he worked for the Buxtons, Gurneys, Hoares, Harbords and also on the Felbrigg estate for Admiral Lukin. He was good at his job, and had little patience for others who were not so good at theirs. He had little time for Admiral Lukin whom he regarded as a snob. He made a success of his life here in Norfolk. He married, settled down and eventually died here.

His diaries, of which four volumes survive record the vicissitudes of life amongst the lower orders with whom he mixed and worked, and the foibles of the gentry for whom he worked. He wrote his diaries with the express wish that they might eventually be published, but it was not until Aubrey Buxton arranged it that they saw the light of day. The joint editors are to be congratulated on producing an excellent publication [sadly now out of print], and Susan Yaxley was excellent at painting such a compelling picture of life in the early nineteenth century entirely from Banville's memories. **TWM**

Forthcoming Lectures - The Extra Mural Studies Course for 1998, we now know will be on the subject of local vernacular architecture in East Anglia, and our lecturer will probably be the Senior Lecturer, Adam Longcroft. If this is so, then we have an interesting course to look forward to.

Members Night - Thursday, 23rd. April was the occasion of a meeting slightly different from our usual pattern. It was a change from sitting in the Friendship Club listening to an eminent speaker talking very expertly on his/her specialist subject. This time we listened to three of our own members updating the rest of us on three separate lines of private research that they were personally involved in.

As much as we enjoy professional speakers, it was a refreshing change to hear three of our own members who were equally entertaining. Peter Holman described his search for the 'winged hourglasses' which feature in several north Norfolk churchyards, starting and finishing with Briningham where the earliest (1692) and

latest (1818) examples are to be found. We did not find any positive answers to some of the puzzling questions raised, but it was an entertaining survey of a topic first raised by Peter in his "*Six high and lonely churches*".

Valerie Belton spoke next on her historical researches into Ingworth. She gave us a step-by-step physical description of the village, followed by a guide to the documentary sources which exist in surprisingly large quantities for this village. A particularly rich source is in the 'Ingworth Town Books', now in the Norfolk Record Office, which cover most of the 18th. century events in Ingworth, together with churchwardens accounts and Poor Rate details.

Peter Pink concluded with an outline of some of the interesting historical characters in Aylsham during the 17th. century. These have all surfaced through Peter's study of a 17th. century Poor Rate book which we have in our Town Archives. He referred to several characters who were clearly motivated by a mixture of public duty and some degree of personal interest. Politics don't change!

For two hours the past was brought very much to life for us, and the large audience, which included 13 visitors, clearly felt that they had enjoyed an excellent evening.

TWM

An Introduction to the History of Aylsham - This planned seminar took place on Saturday 9th. May on a delightfully sunny day which helped to make it a great success. Apart from the guided tours of parts of the town there were two papers read by Peter Holman and Julian Eve. In the September issue of the *Journal* I will include the substance of both papers for the benefit of those unable to attend the seminar.

Norfolk History Fair: - The 1998 Norfolk History Fair will be held in the re-built Assembly House in Norwich on 26th. and 27th. September. In the past the Fair has been held at Gressenhall and in Blickling Park, and the society has often taken part in the event. The venue this year should provide an excellent and attractive base for the event. At its next meeting the committee will consider whether or not the society should take part. If we do, it will probably be as a display feature showing some of the activities of the society over the years, and inevitably we would require some assistance from members in manning the display stand. When we know what the society intends to do, details will appear in the *Journal*.

AYLSHAM GARDENS SURVEY

In October 1997 a report was published on Aylsham's historic gardens in the *TOWN GARDENS SURVEY* by the Norfolk Gardens Trust. This fascinating report is edited by Anthea Taigel as part of *Landscape History Research* and I am most grateful to Anthea Taigel and to Roger Last, Chairman of the Trust for generous permission to reproduce parts of the report in our *Journal*.

The sort of information included in this report would usually be most difficult to track down without the assistance of a well organised survey where many groups and individuals combine to carry out the work. The list of groups and individuals who have co-operated in this survey is impressive. The selection of sites for the 1996/97 survey of Town Gardens was based on the first edition of the 25" to one mile Ordnance Survey map, [1885-92] where sites could be identified from features on the map, together with known sites of historic interest identified by local official or personal knowledge. The report sets out the general background and comments on the contributions of well-known individuals to the creation of that background, and then moves on to describe several sites in detail.

The Introduction reads as follows:-

General History and Introduction

'The town has been greatly improved during the last twenty years and is often called "The Garden of Norfolk" from its picturesque appearance and the number of gardens and trees in the vicinity.'

White's *Directory of Norfolk* . 1864

Aylsham was a small but thriving town in the mid-nineteenth century. It had a regular market, a town hall (1856), its own horticultural society and, as a painting of 1850 by Walter Mileham shows, a popular Regatta run by the Aquatic Society. Water played a significant part in the development of many of the gardens and landscapes in and around the town.

On such sites as Aylsham Old Hall, the Manor House, Woodgate and West Lodge, water has been used to form both formal (garden canals) and informal (lakes) garden features. Millgate to the north east of the town, had the benefit of the River Bure and the channels and

sluices of the late 18th. century water mill formed islands and water features in the adjacent landscape. The existing garden of Bridge House (developed from the 1960s) is evidence of the continued appreciation of its aesthetic qualities. But water has also been used in other ways through the centuries. To the west of Bridge House, in the late 19th. century, lay a moated/dyked orchard; one of the earliest forms of protective enclosure for produce and ornamental gardens.

No survey of Aylsham's historic gardens could escape some reference to the Repton family whose influence on the national landscape is well-known and which also left its mark on two of the sites in the survey. It is no surprise, therefore, to find a short chapter on:-

AYLSHAM AND THE REPTONS

In terms of landscape history, Aylsham is perhaps best known as the last resting place of Humphry Repton, whose grave in the churchyard was eloquently described in a county directory of 1864;

'In a recess in the churchyard, in a piece of lawn enclosed with iron rails, planted with roses, heartsease and other flowers, is the grave of Humphry Repton, the celebrated landscape gardener who died March 24th. 1818.'

The Repton connection did not end there. Repton's fourth son, William, lived in the town from at least 1825 and left his mark on two of the sites considered in the survey.

As a solicitor in the town, William Repton was a well respected member of the local community and he played an active part in local affairs. He was a trustee of the school from 1825 and a member of the Aylsham Aquatic Club. He belonged to the local horticultural society, and he was among the list of subscribers for the *South Erpingham Association for Promoting & Rewarding Good Conduct*. He also seems to have been an active member of the local bowling fraternity, paying an annual subscription to the bowling green (probably at the Dog Inn, next to his home) and additional sums to the boys (employed to wipe the bowls).

Repton's influence on the town extended beyond his work and

membership of associations. He was a small landowner - a map of "An estate at Aylsham the property of William Repton, Esq." produced in 1830, showed that he owned just under 50 acres of land. Most was let in a series of individual fields and pieces around the parish, but Repton's decisions on some of this land ultimately changed the appearance of the south approach to the town.

In 1848 he built a large residence on the west side of the Norwich road; its name *The Orchards* reflecting the former use of the grounds. His elder brother, John Adey, is understood to have been the architect of this Neo-Tudor mansion, but Repton employed a local builder, William Bartram of Millgate, to undertake the construction. Exactly why he undertook this project is not clear, and some sources suggest it was for his partner W.H.Scott. Certainly there is a record in William's diary notes that he had decided to build a house for his partner in his orchard, but this is not necessarily as conclusive as it would appear. In 1830 the only buildings Repton seems to have owned in the town were those occupied by his offices on the south side of the Market Place. That this was also a dwelling is suggested by the large ornamental garden which lay to the south. It is possible that the house for his partner was on part of this garden; an additional dwelling within its boundaries was depicted on a map of 1886.

Moreover, *The Orchards* was a prestigious mansion, and it is unclear why Repton should have wished to provide his partner with such extensive accommodation. It could have been a commercial venture, but if profit were his main aim, it is not clear why Repton would have continued to maintain the grounds into the 1850s (as shown by his diary accounts). It would appear more likely that this residence was intended and used for his own occupation.

Changes were made to other lands in Repton's ownership in 1856; again on the west side of the Norwich road. Suitable land for interment had to be found by many parishes after the Burial Act of 1852 and formation of Burial Boards, to set up and manage public cemeteries, followed. Repton was a member of the Aylsham Burial Board, and it was his land that was purchased for the cemetery. His involvement in the project extended much further and he was responsible for the layout and planting of the grounds. As with his major building project of *The Orchards* it is possible that he sought the

professional assistance of his elder brother.

He was to enjoy the results of his labours on the cemetery for less than three years, and was buried beside his famous father in Aylsham churchyard in April 1858 at the age of 75.

[Again, I must acknowledge the kindness of the Norfolk Gardens Trust and particularly Anthea Taigel for allowing me to quote extensively from the report on the Aylsham Gardens Survey. The whole survey is well worth reading. Sites covered include the Cemetery, The Orchards, Woodgate House, the Manor House and West Lodge. There are shorter reports on other sites in the town. A copy of the report is lodged in the Town Archives. In a future issue of the *Journal*, I hope to include the report on *The Orchards*. his should conclude the report on the Repton links with Aylsham. Ed.]

By pure coincidence, I also have a copy of the will of Humphry Repton to reproduce. Once again I am grateful to David Walker for making this possible. It is interesting in its own right, and it fits in neatly and appropriately with the other material on the Reptons.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF HUMPHRY REPTON. Esq. deceased. Dated 16th. Oct. 1818

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me, *Humphry Repton*, of Hare Street in the County of Essex, Esquire, made and published the fourteenth day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

First, I hereby nominate and appoint my five sons, John Adey Repton, Humphry Repton, Edward Repton, William Repton and George Stanley Repton to be the executors of this my will, and I hereby authorise and direct them, my said executors and the survivors and survivor of them, and the executors or administrators of such survivor, as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of my dear wife, or sooner if she shall think proper, to sell and dispose of all and every my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real estate whatsoever situate and being in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex and in the cities of Norwich and Lichfield or elsewhere soever. Be the same freehold or copyhold or of any other nature of tenure, for the best price or prices which can be reasonably obtained for the same, either by public sale, or by private contract, as my said executors and the survivors and survivor of them

or his executors or administrators shall think best.

And I direct them, my said executors, to receive the rents and profits of all my said estates and take the management of the same until sold, and to pay such rents and profits unto my said wife for her use and benefit during her life. And the monies arising from such sale or sales in case my said real estates shall be sold during the life time of my said wife, I hereby direct shall be placed out on Government or real security in the names of my said executors. And the interest and annual produce thereof shall be paid to my said wife during her life, and after the decease of my said wife, all the monies arising from such sale or sales as aforesaid, whether my said real estates shall be sold during the life of my said wife or after her decease, with the rents and profits which may happen to accrue from the decease of my said wife, I give and bequeath unto my said five sons and my two daughters, *Mary Dorothy Repton* and *Elizabeth Repton* to be equally divided amongst them, share and share and share alike.

And in case any of my said children shall die before his or her share shall be paid or payable, leaving lawful issue, I declare that such issue shall take the share hereby given to the parents, or intended so to be, and that the same shall be paid to such of them as may be sons, at the age of twenty-one, and to such of them as may be daughters at the age of twenty-one or days of marriage which may first happen.

And I hereby declare that the purchaser or purchasers of any of my said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate shall not be answerable for the application of the purchase monies, but that the receipt or receipts of my said executors and the survivors and survivor of them shall be sufficient and valid discharges to any such purchasers.

And I give unto my eldest son, *John Adey Repton*, all my printed books, maps, sketches and drawings and prints for his own use, benefit and disposal. And all my written books and manuscripts of every description I give unto my said eldest son upon Trust, and I declare it is my will that as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, certain manuscripts, marked by me with the word "IMPRIMATUR" constituting 208 pages of my life, should be printed. The names of persons therein being either wholly omitted, or designated by the corresponding numbers in my manuscript.

The remaining parts of my life, requiring further consideration, it is my will should not be printed or published without the consent and approbation of my said executors, or the major part of them, and all the profits or emoluments arising from my said works and manuscripts, I give unto my said wife during

her life, and after her decease to my said two daughters equally to be divided between them.

And all the rest and residue of my goods, chattels, effects and personal estate whatsoever I hereby give and bequeath unto my said dear wife for her sole use and benefit, subject to the payment of my just debts, and if my personal estate last bequeathed to my said wife shall be insufficient for that purpose, I direct the same to be paid out of the monies arising by the sale of my real estates.

Lastly, I hereby revoke all former and other wills and testamentary dispositions, and declare this only to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I the said *Humphry Repton*, the testator, have to this my will, contained in four sheets of paper, to the first three set my hand, and to this fourth sheet, my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

H. Repton

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said *Humphry Repton*, the testator, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

D. Adey, Leon^d. Shelford, Arnold Wallinger.

[Footnote reads - 'extracted by Crickitt, Blake and Crickitt. Proctors, Doctors Commons] Probate was granted at the Archbishop of Canterbury's Consistory Court 16 October 1818.

It seems to be a fairly straightforward will with no idiosyncrasies. What seems surprising is that despite all the references to properties in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and in Lichfield, there is a sworn declaration that the value is under £800. No particular properties are specified but I would have expected them to be worth more than £800.

I have not yet discovered whether the 208pp of his life were ever published as requested in his will. In the brief biography of Repton by Kay N. Sanecki (1974) there is a list of Repton's published works, but it does not include anything resembling the work mentioned in his will. However, there is a reference to his *Memoirs* on P.5 of Sanecki.

The will records the names of Repton's seven surviving children. Had all his children survived there would have been sixteen listed!

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And finally (before we reach the directory)

The deaf man used to go to confession, and caused endless embarrassment by shouting out his sins, unaware that half the congregation could hear him. To spare his embarrassment, the priest suggested he write down his sins and pass the note to him at confession.

On one occasion the priest received a note reading:-

1lb of tea; ½lb sugar, 1lb. margarine.....

When the mistake was pointed out to the kneeling penitent, he replied "*Oh, my God, I've given my sins to Tesco's*"

AYLSHAM IN 1904

Our trek through the county directories of Norfolk for information on Aylsham brings us to Kelly's Directory of Norfolk for 1904. Now that we have left the nineteenth century behind us, the directory entries become fuller in detail, and more and more useful. As a result they also take up more and more space in the *Journal*!

AYLSHAM, mentioned in Domesday as "Elesham," is a market and union town, head of a county court district and parish, on the banks of the river Bure, which is navigable hence to Yarmouth, having a station on the Great Eastern railway and another on the Midland and Great Northern joint railway, and is 12 miles north from Norwich, 7 west from North Walsham and 12½ from London, in the Northern division of the county, South Erpingham hundred and petty sessional division, rural deanery of Ingworth (South Division) and archdeaconry and diocese of Norwich. The town is lighted with gas supplied by the Aylsham Gas Co. Limited; there is no

water supply except from wells. The church of St. Michael is a building of flint in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, and was erected c. 1380 by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, the court of whose duchy was once held in this town; it consists of chancel with aisles and vestry, clerestoried nave of six bays, aisles, transepts, south porch, with parvise, and an embattled western tower with crocketed pinnacles and a small spire, and containing a clock and 10 bells, re-hung, and the belfry repaired, in 1890, at a cost of £235: the chancel retains five sedilia, and there is a piscina in the south aisle: the font is enriched with bas-reliefs of the emblems of the four Evangelists, the instruments of the Passion, and the arms of the Duke of Lancaster, with other armorial insignia: of the rood screen, erected in 1507, principally at the cost of Thomas Wymer, worsted weaver, only the lower part now remains, and is adorned with painted figures of apostles and martyrs, and has an inscription in Latin to Thomas Wymer and Joan and Agnes his wives: the former arcading of the screen is now incorporated in the reredos, constructed out of carved wood from various parts of the church: the tomb of Wymer, with brass effigy in shroud, and the date 1507, is in the church: here is also a brass with effigies as skeletons in shrouds, to Richard Howard, citizen and sheriff of Norwich, who, in 1488, built the church porch, and died 13 Jan. 1499, and to Cecilia, his wife: there are other brasses to Thomas Tylson B.A. rector, c. 1490, with effigy in almuze and scrolls; and to Robert Farman and Katherine, his wife, c. 1490, and there are effigies of a man and his wife much worn: the church also contains monuments to the families of Jermy, Drake, Wrench, Norgate and Rushburgh, and there is a monument, somewhat mutilated, to John Jegon S.T.P. Bishop of Norwich from 1602, who died 13 March, 1617: the east window, the tracery of which has been restored, is decorated with stained glass, placed in 1842-3, and representing apostles, with various devices, and the armorial bearings of the Hobarts, Earls of Buckinghamshire, those of the See of Norwich, impaling Stanley, the duchy of Lancaster, and others: there is another stained window to eight former vicars, and one containing some beautiful specimens of old glass, inserted at the expense of the late Rev. E. T. Yates, a former vicar, together with the armorial bearings of his family, and of S. Pitman esq. then lay impropiator of the parish, and the Dowager Lady Suffield: the organ was presented by the Rev.

E. T. Yates, who also contributed to the restoration of the church in 1852: the pulpit dates from about 1600: the eagle lectern is modern: there were once several chantries in this church, one of which was founded 8 July, 1534, by Robert Jannys, who also founded the Free School: the Communion plate includes a chalice and paten of 1586, besides other pieces of later date: in a recess in the churchyard is the grave of Humphrey Repton, the celebrated landscape gardener, who died 24 March, 1818: there are 850 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £290, including 5 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, and held since 1888 by the Rev. John Gurney Hoare M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, hon. canon of Norwich, rural dean of Ingworth (Southern division), and surrogate. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners hold the larger portion of the great tithes. A mission room was built in 1890, on ground adjoining the churchyard, at a cost of £400, by Mr. B. Cook, who receives a small rent for its use as a parish room. The Baptist chapel is in White Hart street; it was founded in 1791, and has sittings for 450 persons. Primitive Methodist on the Cawston road, Wesleyan in White Hart street, Reformed Wesleyan in Millgate, and the Gospel hall on the Cawston road; adjoining Mr. Philip Shephard's residence is a Catholic chapel, in which services are held occasionally. The Cemetery of two acres, formed in 1855 at a cost of £600, was enlarged in 1900 by the addition of 1½ acres, and is under the control of the Parish Council. The Town Hall, in the Market place, the property of William Forster esq. is a structure of red brick, and has a reading room and literary institute attached. A fire brigade is maintained here. Fairs are held yearly on March 23rd and last Tuesday in September. Cressey's charity of £31 6s. yearly is given in doles, and is under the control of the Parish Council. Abbots Hall, erected in 1610 by a member of the Wood family, and now the property of Philip Candler Shephard esq. J.P. stands on the site of the ancient moated residence, and is occupied as a farmhouse. There are four manors, Aylsham Lancaster manor belonging to the Marquess of Lothian; the Vicarage manor, belonging to the vicar; Sexton's manor, commonly called "Aylsham Wood," the property of the trustees of the late Thomas Copeman esq.; and

Bolwick manor, belonging to W. S. Calvert esq. Orchard House is the property of Frederick Little esq. The principal landowners are the Marquess of Lothian, Robert John Woods Purdy esq. Charles Louis Buxton esq. of Bolwick, Philip Candler Shepheard esq. Col. Benjamin Beckham Sapwell, the Rev. William James Stracey-Clitherow, of New Brentford, Middlesex, Walter Redfoord Bulwer esq. Mrs. Sapwell, the trustees of the Rev. Robert Alfred Rackham M.A. (d. 1903), B. Cook esq. G. Cawston esq. of Cawston, the trustees of the late Thomas Henry Case esq. and a few smaller owners. The area is 4,305 acres of land and 25 of water; rateable value, £10,816; in 1901 the

population of the parish was 2,471, including 10 officers and 130 inmates in the workhouse.

Parish Clerk & Sexton of Cemetery, George Neale, Town hall; Henry Parnell, cemetery keeper.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., E. D., S. B. & A. & I.

Office.—Harcourt Augustus McCreedy, postmaster.

Letters are delivered at 7 & 10.30 a.m. & 5.45 p.m.;

dispatched at 9.35 a.m. & 12.15, 5.40 & 7.45 p.m.;

sundays, delivery, 7 a.m.; dispatched at 5 p.m.

Wall Letter Boxes.—Millgate street, cleared 8.30 & 11.30

a.m. 4.50 & 7.40 p.m. week days only; Cawston road,

cleared 8.30 a.m. 12 noon, 4.45 & 7.25 p.m. week

days only; Cromer road, cleared at 8.40 & 11.45 a.m.

& 5 & 7.50 p.m. week days only

Railway Station (G.E.R.), cleared 9.50 a.m. 12.30, 5.50

& 8.15 p.m. week days only

COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR SOUTH ERPINGHAM

PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

Buxton Charles Louis esq. Bolwick hall, Marsham, Norwich, chairman

Orford Earl of D.L. Mannington hall, Aylsham

Birkbeck William John D.L. Stratton Strawless hall

Bolton Walter Henry esq. Oulton hall, Aylsham

Gorell Robert Atkinson esq. The Old hall, Coltishall, Norwich

Hackblock William Henry esq. Coltishall Manor ho. Norwich

Kerrison Col. Edmund Roger Allday, Burgh hall, Aylsham

Marsham Major Henry Savill D.L. Rippon hall, Hevingham, Norwich

Sewell Philip Edward esq. Clare house, New Catton

Shepheard Philip Candler esq. Aylsham

The chairman for the time being of the Aylsham Rural District Council is an ex-officio magistrate
Clerk to the Magistrates, William Forster

Petty Sessions are held at the Town hall every 1st & 3rd tuesday at 12. The following places are included in the petty sessional division:—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Booton, Brampton, Burgh-next-Aylsham, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Hautbois Magna, Hevingham, Heydon, Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skeyton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbot, Tuttington, Wickmere & Wolterton

AYLSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meets at the Union, on tuesdays alternately, at 10.30 a.m.
Chairman, William Case, Tuttington, Aylsham
Clerk, Henry James Gidney, Old Bank house
Treasurer, Hy. Birkbeck, Barclay & Co. Limited, Aylsham
Medical Officer of Health, Herbert Hatfield Back M.B.
Lond. Acle, Norwich
Sanitary Inspectors, Leonard J. Preston, Buxton road &
John William Golding, Hackford

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

Cemetery, Henry James Gidney, clerk
County Court, held at the Town hall bi-monthly, His Honor William Willis K.C. judge; Hy. Jas. Gidney, registrar & high bailiff. The district comprises the following parishes:—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Alderford, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Brampton, Booton, Burgh, Brandiston, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Guestwick, Hackford, Hautbois Magna, Haverlingland, Hevingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdistone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skeyton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbot, Swanington, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Witchingham (Great), Witchingham (Little), Wood Dalling, Wood Norton & Wolterton

For Bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of
Norwich, Harry Pearce Gould, 8 King street, Norwich,
official receiver

County Police Station, Blickling road, Philip Palmer,
superintendent, 1 inspector, 1 sergeant & 15 constables

Gas Company, Henry James Gidney, sec.; Edward Green,
manager, Mill gate

Town Hall, Market place, Walter E. Tuttle, sec.; George
Neale, keeper

VOLUNTEERS.

3rd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment (C Co.), Capt.
& Hon. Major, Henry James Gidney V.D.; T. W.
Purdy, lieutenant; Sergt.-Instructor, Wm. Monument

AYLSHAM UNION.

Board days, tuesday, fortnightly, at the Union workhouse
at Aylsham.

The Union includes the following parishes:—Alby-with-
Thwaite, Aylsham, Banningham, Barningham Parva,
Belaugh, Blickling, Brampton, Burgh, Buxton, Cal-
thorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erping-
ham, Foulsham, Guestwick, Hackford-by-Reephham,
Hautbois Magna, Hevingham, Heydon, Hindolveston,
Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammass-with-Lit-
tle Hautbois, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead,
Reephham-with-Kerdistone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Scottow,
Skeyton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbot, Themel-
thorpe, Thurning, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere,
Wolterton, Wood Dalling & Wood Norton. The popu-
lation of the union in 1901 was 17,053; area, 69,341
acres; rateable value in 1904, £87,134

Chairman, William Case, Tuttington, Aylsham

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Henry
James Gidney, Old Bank house, Aylsham

Assistant Clerk, Edmund Dennis Browne, Church ter-
race, Aylsham

Treasurer, Henry Birkbeck, Barclay's Bank Lim. Aylsham

Relieving & Vaccination Officers, Buxton district, Frederic

W. O. Roe, Cawston road, Aylsham; Eynsford district,

Edward Robert Le Neve, Reephham

Collector of Poor Rates, H. F. Proudfoot, Market place

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, 1st district, Edwd. Verdon Perry L.R.C.P.Lond. Reepham; 2nd district, William Dewing Spurrell L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng. Alborough; 3rd district, Edgar Kennington M.R.C.S.Eng. Foulsham; 4th district, Frederic Little M.R.C.S.Eng. The Orchards, Aylsham; 5th district, Herbert George Berry M.R.C.S.Eng. Reepham; 6th district, Augustus Charles Morton M.R.C.S.Eng. Burgh road, Aylsham; 7th district, Bernard Duncan Z. Wright L.R.C.P.Lond. Coltishall

Superintendent Registrar, Henry James Gidney, Old Bank house, Aylsham

Deputy Superintendent Registrar, Edmund Dennis Browne, Church terrace, Aylsham

Registrars of Births & Deaths, Eynsford sub-district, Edward Robert Le Neve, Reepham; deputy, Florence Le Neve, Reepham; Buxton sub-district, Frederick W. O. Roe, Cawston road, Aylsham; deputy, Harry F. Proudfoot, Market place, Aylsham

Registrar of Marriages for the whole union, Harry F. Proudfoot, Market place, Aylsham; deputy, Harry W. Marjoram, Aylsham

The workhouse, erected in 1849, is a structure of red brick, in the Elizabethan style, erected to hold 619 inmates, but there are now (1904) only 105 inmates; Rev. Thomas Barnes, chaplain; Augustus Chas. Morton, medical officer; Alfred William Seely, master; Mrs. A. O. Seely, matron; John H. Mushman, porter & labour master; Miss Mary F. White, superintndnt.nurse

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Clerk to the Commissioners of Income & Land Taxes, Robert Howlett

Clerk to the Navigation Commissioners, Hy. G. Wright
Collector & Assessor of Taxes, Harry Walter Marjoram, Red Lion street

Inspector for the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, Thomas Sidney Barker M.R.C.V.S

School Attendance Officer, Arthur John Blades, White Hart street

Town Crier, H. F. Proudfoot

PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of services.

St. Michael's Church, Rev. Canon John Gurney Hoare
M.A. vicar; Rev. Arthur Emms, curate; 8 & 10.45
a.m. & 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m.; saints' days,
12 noon

Catholic, mass occasionally at the chapel adjoining Mr.
Philip Shepheard's residence

Catholic, White Hart street; mass 1st thur. month
8.30 a.m.

Baptist, White Hart street, Rev. George Frederic Payne;
10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; mon. 8 p.m.

Primitive Methodist, Cawston road, Rev. John Graham;
11 a.m. & 2.30 & 6.30 p.m.; thurs. 7.30 p.m.

Wesleyan, White Hart street, 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.;
wed. 7.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Reformers, Millgate street, Rev. Edmund
Starling Newstead; 2.30 & 6.30 p.m. & no morn-
ing service; mon. 7.30 p.m.

Salvation Army, Hungate street; 7.30 & 11 a.m. & 3
& 6.30 p.m.; mon. thurs. fri. & sat. 8 p.m.

Gospel hall, Cawston road, 10.45 a.m. 3 & 6.30 p.m.;
tues. & thurs. 8 p.m.

SCHOOLS.

A free school was founded here in 1517 by Robert
Jannys, mayor of Norwich in that year, & endowed
with £10 from the funds of King Edward VI.'s hos-
pital at Norwich, but it is now merged in the Council
school

Public Elementary, erected in 1848, for 150 boys & 150
girls; average attendance, 137 boys & 116 girls; Thos.
Hill, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Hill, mistress

Public Elementary (infants), for 150 children; average
attendance, 87; Mrs. E. J. Dester, mistress

RAILWAY STATIONS.

Aylsham (Great Eastern), Herbert Everson

Aylsham Town (Midland & Great Northern Joint Rail-
way), Charles Neeves, master

CARRIERS.

Norwich—March, from 'Brewery inn,' mon. wed. fri. &
sat. at 9 a.m. returning from 'Duke's Palace,' Nor-
wich, at 4.45 p.m.

Yarmouth—Bullock & Cook, each run wherries to &
from, weekly

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aldous Albert Fredk. Commercial road	Gillman Mrs. St. Michael's villas,	Prieoleau Major Lynch Hamilton,
Applagate Charles, Victoria pl. Millgate	Cawston road	Manor house, Norwynch road
Bannister Miss, Cawston road	Gordon Mrs. Christopher John, Elgin	Purdy Thomas Woods B.A.
Barnwell Charles Henry, St. Michael's	house, Burgh road	Ray Miss, Paradise
villas, Cawston road	Graham Rev. John (Primitive Metho-	Rayson Frederick, Cawston road
Bond William, Burgh road	dist), Burgh road	Roy Alfred, Gothic house, Hungate st
Browne Edmund Dennis, Church ter	Green Phillip, Walnut ho. Millgate st	Sapwell Col. Benjamin Beckham,
Bruce William, Bickling road	Hoare Rev. Canon John Gurney M.A.	Sankence, Cawston road
Bullock Stanley, Millgate street	(vicar & rural dean)	Sapwell Benjamin Beckham, jun. B.A.,
Calver William, Cawston road	Hopkins Mrs. Fludger, The Dell	LL.B., M.B., B.C. The Grange,
Campbell Col. Lyon, Sankence lodge,	Horstead Miss, Hungate street	Cromer road
Cawston road	Howes Mrs. Commercial road	Sayers Mrs. Cromer road
Clark Mrs. James, Commercial road	Howlett Robert, Market place	Scott Mrs. Cromer road
Clements Mrs. Red Lion street	Ingate Lewis, jun. Oak cot. Cromer rd	Shepheard Miss Charlotte Candler,
Connold Miss, Woodbine vil. Cromer rd	Lamer Miss, The Lodge	White Hart street
Cook Benjamin, The Belt	Lemon Mrs. Market place	Shepheard Miss E. A. White Hart st
Cook Miss, Church terrace	Lo Neve Mrs. Hungate street	Shepheard Philip Candler J.P
Cooper William Charles Payne, Bank	Little Fredk. The Orchards, Norwich rd	Shepheard Robert, Burgh road
house, Market place	Miller Herbert, Church terrace	Shreeve Thomas, Commercial road
Copeman Miss, West lodge, Bickling rd	Miller Thos. The Limes, Burgh road	Smith Miss, Bankfield, Commercial rd
Cross Henry Ernest, The Beeches,	Mobbs James, Ellisswicke, Bickling rd	Smith Mrs. Richard, Burgh road
Cawston road	Morley Daniel, Petersons road	Soundy Samuel Martin, Bushey,
Dexter Joseph, Market place	Morton Augustus Chas. Burgh road	Cromer road
Edwards Mrs. Burgh road	Morton Miss, Burgh road	Spink Joseph, White Hart street
Emms Rev. Arthur (curate). Caw-	Morton Mrs. Market place	Springfield Chas. Osborn, The Beeches,
ston road	Newstead Rev. Edmund Starling (Wes-	Pound road
Follett William Webb Spencer, Old	leyan Reformer), Pound road	Starling Frederick William, Cedar
hall, Bickling road	Page Alfred, Cromer road	house, Millgate street
Frostick John William, The Cottage,	Page Henry, Hungate house	Steward Horace Lindley, Pinfold street
Petersons road	Partridge James Daniel, Burgh road	Sutton Mrs. Burgh road
Gidney Henry James, Old Bank house	Payne Rev. George Frederic (Baptist),	Tuddenham John Henry, Burgh road
Gilbert Mrs. Clement, Cromer road	White Hart street	Tuttle Walter Edward, Burgh road
	Phillips James Percival, Old Savings	Whalley George Edward, The Hill ho
	Bank house	Wright Henry G. Waterford house

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday, 2 p.m.

- Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Pride of Aylsham
(Samuel Gotts, sec.), Red Lion street
- Applegate Lydia (Mrs.), refreshment ho. Red Lion st
- Aylsham Gas Co. Limited (Henry James Gidney, sec.;
Edward Green, manager)
- Aylsham Parish Council (Harry F. Proudfoot, clerk)
- Aylsham Town Hall (Wm. Forster esq. propr.; Walter E.
Tuttle, sec.; George Neale, hall keeper), Market pl
- Baldrey George, shopkeeper, Millgate street
- Balls Edward Charles, Unicorn P.H. Hungate street
- Barclay & Co. Limited, bankers (William Charles Payne
Cooper, manager); open 10 to 4, except sat. 9 to 1,
Market place; draw on head office, 54 Lombard
street, London E C
- Barker Thomas Sidney M.R.C.V.S. veterinary surgeon,
& inspector for the Contagious Diseases (Animals)
Act, White Hart street
- Barnard Eugenie (Mrs.), New inn, Red Lion street
- Barnwell Charles Henry, printer, bookbinder, stationer &
fancy goods dealer, Market place
- Beck Mark, smith & machinist, agricultural implement
maker & agent; mowers & reapers sold & repaired,
all kinds of implements repaired, Burgh road
- Bexfield Richard, grocer, Red Lion street
- Blackstone William Henry, hair dresser, White Hart st
- Blades Arth. John, school attendance officer, White Hart st
- Blickling Golf Club (Col. Lyon Campbell, sec)
- Blofield William, butcher & farmer, Red Lion street
- Brady & Pert, plumbers, Church hill
- Brawn Henry, The Ship P.H. White Hart street
- Breese James Thomas, tailor, Red Lion street
- Briston Harry, butcher, Red Lion street
- Browne Edmund Dennis, deputy superintendent regis-
trar & assistant clerk to union & correspondent to
the Eastern Daily Press & Norfolk News, Church ter
- Bruce Stanley W. dealer in modern & antique furniture,
Red Lion street
- Bruce William, auctioneer & estate agent, agent for
Bagshaw's manures, half inch & dust bones, nitrate of
soda, fish & other salts & Heydon lime; special atten-
tion given to mill valuations & machinery, Bank st
- Buck Frederick W. assistant supt. to Prudential Assurance
Co. Millgate street
- Buckingham Frank Edward Ph.C. chemist, Red Lion st

Bullock Annie (Mrs.), fancy stationer, Red Lion street
 Bullock Stanley, miller (water), Millgate
 Burton Edward, blacksmith, Red Lion street
 Cemetery (Henry James Gidney, clerk)
 Chamberlin Sarah & Emily (Misses), ladies' school,
 Church hill
 Clarke Ernest, Anchor P.H. & fish curer; catering for
 tourists & cyclists & traps on hire, Millgate street
 Clarke George Probert, ironmonger, Market place
 Clarke Martha Fuller (Mrs.), baker, Church hill
 Climpson Robert, farm bailiff to P. C. Shepherd esq.
 J.P. Abbots Hall farm
 Collier R. & Sons, corn & coal mers. Great Eastern stn
 Cook Benjamin, miller (steam) & corn, flour & seed mer-
 chant, Dunkirk roller flour mills
 Cooke William, beer retailer, Hungate street
 Cooper William Charles Payne, bank manager to Barclay
 & Co. Limited, Bank house, Market place
 Corder Octavius, pharmaceutical chemist, Market place
 County Court (His Honor William Willis K.C. judge;
 Hy. Jas. Gidney, registrar & high bailiff), Town hall
 Cripps William, greengrocer, Millgate street
Cross & Co. corn, cake, coal, seed & manure merchants,
 Great Eastern station & Millgate Staithe
 Culley Frederick, builder, Cawston road
 Dale Rose Emma (Miss), tobacconist & fancy reposi-
 tory, Red Lion street
 Dale William Edward, hair dresser, Red Lion street
 Daniels Thos. Flaxman, pork btchr. & frmr. Millgate st
 Dewing Ellen (Mrs.), dress maker, Commercial road
 Ducker Samuel, wheelwright, Millgate street
 Durrell George, farmer, West End lodge
 Durrell George Sidney, baker & shopkpr. Cawston road
 Edwards John (Mrs.), china dealer, Market place
 Ewing John, fruiterer, Red Lion street
 Farrow Susan (Miss), fancy draper, Norwich road
 Field Uriah, monumental & general mason, Burgh road
 Forster William, solicitor & commissioner for oaths &
 perpetual commissioner & clerk to the magistrates,
 Market place
 Frankland Richard, ironmonger & earthenware dealer,
 Hungate street
 Frostick John, apartments, Peterson's road
 Gidney Henry James, solicitor, commissioner for oaths &
 for taking acknowledgments of married women, clerk
 to the guardians & assessment committee, to the burial

board, union & Rural District Council, superintendent registrar, registrar of County Court & secretary to Gas Co. Old Bank house
 Goodwin Robert, pork butcher, White Hart street
 Gostling Henry, farmer, Buxton road
 Gotts Samuel, confectioner, & parcel agent to the Great Eastern Railway, Market place
 Goulder John, farmer, & agent for Law's manures, Valley farm
 Grapes William, apartments, Church hill
 Green Ernest, manager of gas works, Millgate street
 Grix Samuel, jobbing gardener, School lane
 Hall Charles, monumental & stone, marble & granite mason, Millgate street
 Hall Frederick, farmer, The Spa
 Hall Miles, Red Lion family & commercial hotel, Red Lion street
 Harrison Frederick, baker, Butt Land mill
 Horner Frederick (R.S.S.), blacksmith, Cawston road
 Howlett Robert, clerk to the commissioners of income & land taxes, Market place
 Hubbard & Son, plumbers, painters & paperhangers, Red Lion street
 Ingate Lewis & Son, coach builders, Cromer road
 International Tea Co. (Stores) Lim. tea dlns. Red Lion st
 Jarvis James, boot maker & shopkeeper, Hungate street
 Jex George, shopkeeper, Hungate street
 Joiner William, The Bull P.H. Red Lion street
 Keymer James, carpenter, Hungate street
 Larke William Robert, outfitter & tailor, Red Lion street
 Larter Robert, boot repairer, Hungate street
Last Robert Samuel, furnishing ironmonger, agricultural implement agent, iron, oil & color merchant, gasfitter & bellhanger, brazier & tinsplate worker, Market place
 Lawrence Frederick, butcher, Hungate street
 Laxen Albert Richard, saddler &c. Market place
 Laxen Horace, baker & confectioner, Red Lion street
 Lee Herbert, land steward to Col. B. B. Sapwell
 Lincoln Henry, chimney sweeper, Cawston road
 Literary Institution (H. G. Wright, president; Frank Hill, hon. sec.), Market place
 Little Frederick M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A. surgeon, & medical officer & public vaccinator, 4th district, Aylsham union, The Orchards, Norwich road
 Lomax Samuel, butcher, Red Lion street

McCreedy Harcourt Augustus, postmaster, Market place
 March Arthur John, carrier, Commercial road
 March John (Mrs.), draper & provision dealer, Cromer rd
 Marjoram Harry Walter, assessor & collector of taxes,
 deputy registrar of marriages, newspaper correspondent
 & teacher of music, Red Lion street
 Martin Walter John, blacksmith, Staithe
 Meale Harvey, draper & grocer, Millgate street & baker,
 White Hart street
 Miller A. boot & shoe maker, Market place
 Miller Watts, apartments, White Hart street
 Morton Augustus Charles M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A. surgeon,
 & medical officer, 6th district, & workhouse, Aylsham
 union, Burgh road
 Moy George, boot & shoe maker, Market place
 Moy John, hawker, Carr's corner
 Neale Arthur, bricklayer, Cawston road
 Neave Walter Robert, Stonemasons' Arms P.H. Millgate st
 Needham Walter, picture frame maker & umbrella re-
 pairer, White Hart street
 Nicholls Stanley, White Horse P.H. & butcher, Millgate st
 North Walsham & Aylsham Agricultural Association
 (Harry F. Proudfoot, sec.), Market place
 Odd Fellows (M. U. I. O. O. F. Marquis of Lothian lodge,
 Walter Tuttill, sec.), meets at the Black Boys hotel
 Orton George, farmer, Stonegate
 Overed James William, beer retailer, White Hart street
 Overed Walter, veterinary surgeon, White Hart street
 Page Henry, wholesale & retail tea dealer & grocer,
 wine, spirit & ale merchant, general draper & out-
 fitter, Market place & Hungate st.; & at Corpusty
 Palmer Philip, superintendent of police
 Partridge Daniel, butcher & farmer, Red Lion street
 Pashley William, Dog commercial hotel, cider merchant
 &c. posting house & railway refreshment rooms, Nor-
 wich road
 Pask & Sons, ladies' tailors & breeches makers, Red Lion
 street; & at Foulsham & Reepham
 Phillips Harry, china dlr. & confectioner, Red Lion street
 Poll Henry, farmer, Cawston road
 Postle John, beer retailer & baker, Hungate street
 Preston Leonard J. surveyor to the Rural District Coun-
 cil & sanitary inspector, Buxton road
 Pretty George, grocer & draper, Red Lion street
 Proudfoot Harry F. assistant overseer & clerk to the
 Parish Councils of Aylsham, Blickling, Cawston, Ing-

worth & Erpingham, collector of taxes for Cawston, registrar of marriages for Aylsham & sec. to North Walsham & Aylsham Agricultural Association, Market place
 Pumpherly Albert Charles, beer retrl. & carpnt. Dunkirk
 Purdy Thomas Woods B.A. solicitor, Market place
 Reading Room & Library (H. G. Wright, president; Frank Hill, hon. sec.), Market place
 Robins Joseph, farmer, Woodgate farm, Cawston road
 Roe Frederick W. C. relieving & vaccination officer for Buxton district & Aylsham union & registrar of births & deaths for Buxton sub-district, Cawston road
 Bought William, seedsman & florist, Cawston road
 Sands Mary Ann (Mrs.), dress maker, Burgh road
 Sapwell Col. Benjamin Beckham, landowner & farmer, Sankence, Cawston road
 Sapwell Benjamin Beckham, jun. B.A., LL.B., M.B., B.C. Cantab. surgeon, The Grange, Cromer road
 Seely Alfred William, master at workhouse
 Shephard Philip Candler J.P. farmer & landowner
 Shreve Henry H. dealer in corn, coal, flour, pollards, meals &c. Millgate st. & Midland & Gt. Northern statn
 Skoyles Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Slipper Richard Stanley James, farmer, Stonegate
 Soame James, farmer, The Spa
 Soame John, farmer, Spratts Green farm, Burgh road
 Spilling James William, tobaccoconist & fancy repository, White Hart street
 Spinks William Walter, basket, sieve & chair maker, Upper Hungate street
 Stackwood Louisa (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Hungate street
 Stapleton Christmas, Black Boys commercial hotel & posting house, & inland revenue office, Market place.
 See advertisement
 Starling Frederick Wm. general ironmfr. Red Lion st
 Stearman Sophia (Miss), dress maker, Hungate street
 Stevens Arth. thrashing machine propr. Commercial road

Stoner Edward Thomas, watch maker, jeweller & cycle agent, Red Lion street; & at Reepham
 Storey Elijah, farm bailiff to Mr. C. Stapleton
 Sutton Jesse, farmer, Bure Valley farm, Burgh road
 Tught James, fishmonger, Red Lion street
 Totties John & James, farmers, Hungate Street farm
Tuddenham John Henry, builder, contractor, brick-layer, plasterer, undertaker & cabinet maker, Burgh rd, Tuddenham farm (Mrs.), butcher, Cawston road
 Turner Benjamin, painter, Hungate street
 Tuttle Alice (Miss), dress maker, Millgate street
 Tuttle Arthur George, market gardener, Millgate street
 Vince Harry, Cross Keys P.H. Red Lion street
 Vincent Henry, tailor, White Hart street
 Volunteer Battalion (3rd) Norfolk Regiment (C Co.) (Capt. Hon. Major H. J. Gidney, V.D.; T. W. Purdy, lieut.; Sergt.-Instructor, William Monument)
 Wade Brothers, builders & cycle repairers, Pinfold street
Ward C. H. & Son, family grocers, provision merchants & drapers, agents for W. & A. Glibey Lim. wine & spirit mers. & ale & stout mers. Market place
 Warne Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer, The Spa
 Warne George, beer retailer & shopkeeper, Cawston road
 Waters Frederick Charles, farmer, The Spar farm
 White William Frankland, saddler & harness maker, Red Lion street; & Cawston & Buxton
 Whitaker Last Samuel, watch & clock mkr. Market pl
 Williamson Francis, fishmonger, Hungate street
 Williamson Henry, greengrocer, Red Lion street
 Winterborn George, millwright, Cawston road
 Winterborn Sarah Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper & apartments, Cawston road
 William Fanny (Miss), dress maker, Pound road
 Woodhouse John, cattle dealer, Drablegate
 Wright Elijah, boat builder, Millgate street