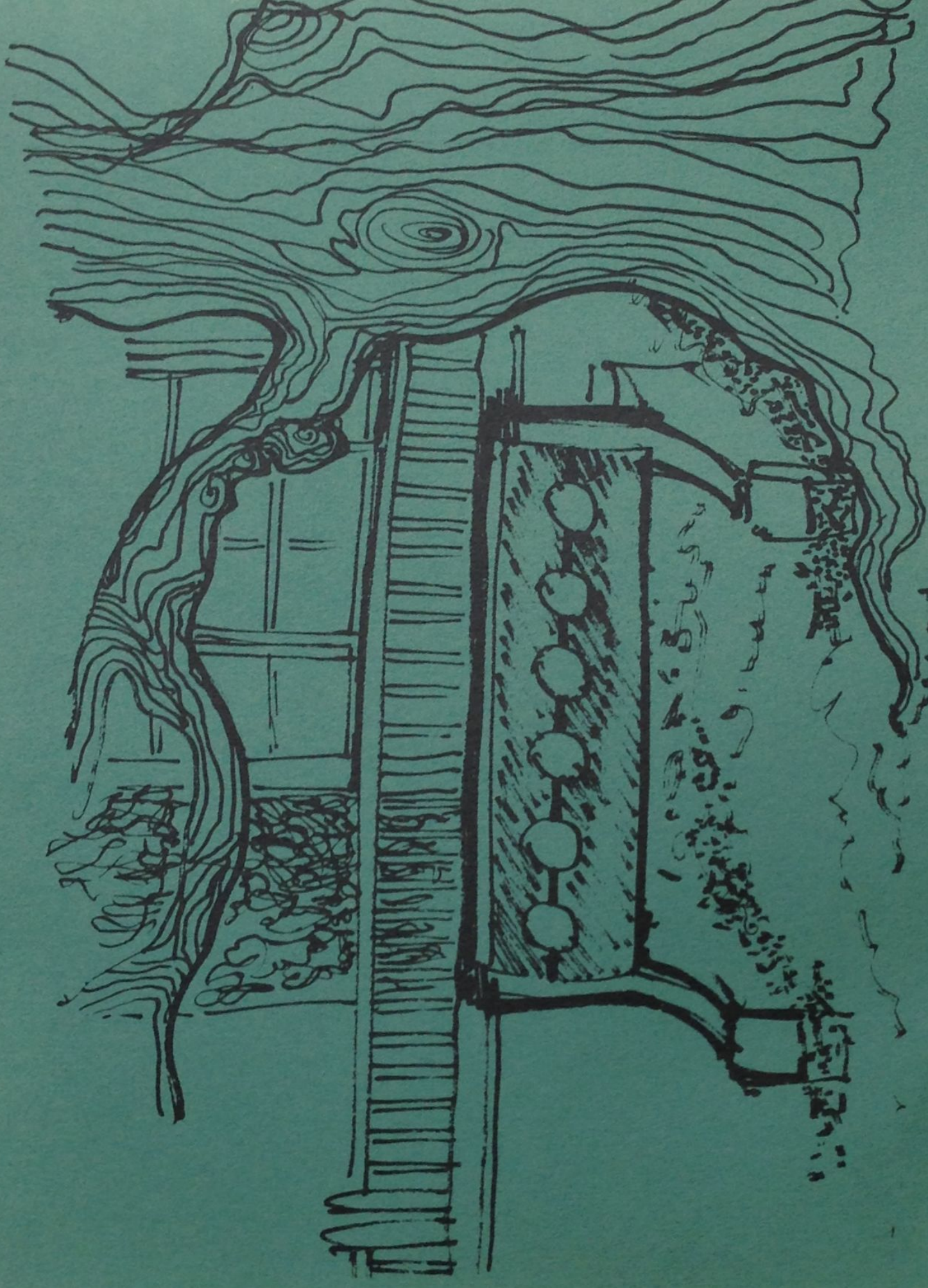


# PINCHBECK



# PAST & PRESENT





The existing stocks are approximately 120 years old and are replicas of the original set which stood in Bear Lane.

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## FOREWORD

### My Village

*The villager born humbly and bred hard  
Content his wealth and poverty his guard,  
His means but scanty and his wants but few,  
Labour his business and his pleasure too.*

Churchill

For many years it has been a wish of mine to write the history of this very large and interesting village. I have collected a great mass of information and it is to be hoped that sooner or later the history of Pinchbeck will be written.

Mrs. Dulcie Edmonds and Mr. David Cox saw a need and have been bitten by the bug. The task of producing these pictures requires much research and an immense effort, taking much time and is no mean task. Again Pinchbeck people and friends have lent, most generously, their treasured photos. They make a most interesting collection through which the present-day inhabitants of the village are able to associate the village of today with happenings of the past.

What a year for Pinchbeck, winning the large best kept village competition and these two producing this wonderful collection of photographs. I am sure by buying a copy of this book you have helped them on their way, and at last I can see the history of Pinchbeck being written, and I am only too pleased to assist them all I can.

To a great effort

Tom Bray

*Sitting still and wishing  
Makes no person great.  
The good Lord sends the fishing  
But you must dig the bait.*

## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This book has been produced in the firm belief that the history of a village should be of concern and interest to all its inhabitants; for its established residents it provides nostalgic memories of times past, for more recent arrivals an insight into the events, both social and structural, which have moulded the village into its present form and for those who have left the area it maintains a link with former times.

This belief was confirmed when we, with other members of Pinchbeck Local History Group, put on an exhibition consisting of a collection of old photographs, documents and maps illustrating how village life in Pinchbeck had changed over the last century. The interest this received suggested to us that a more permanent record was needed.

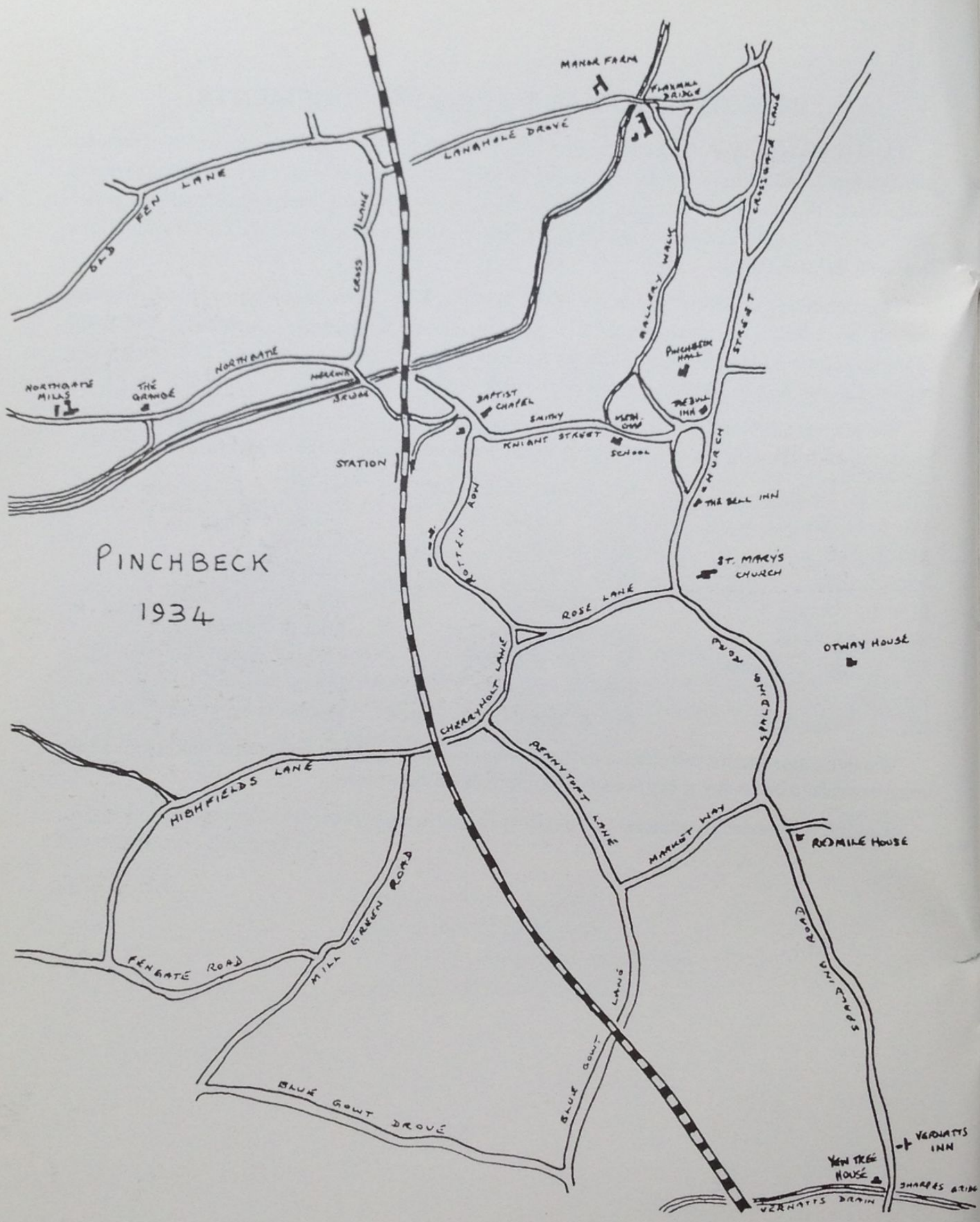
We are very grateful to all those who have helped us with our research and hope that our endeavours meet with general approval. Our especial thanks to the following:

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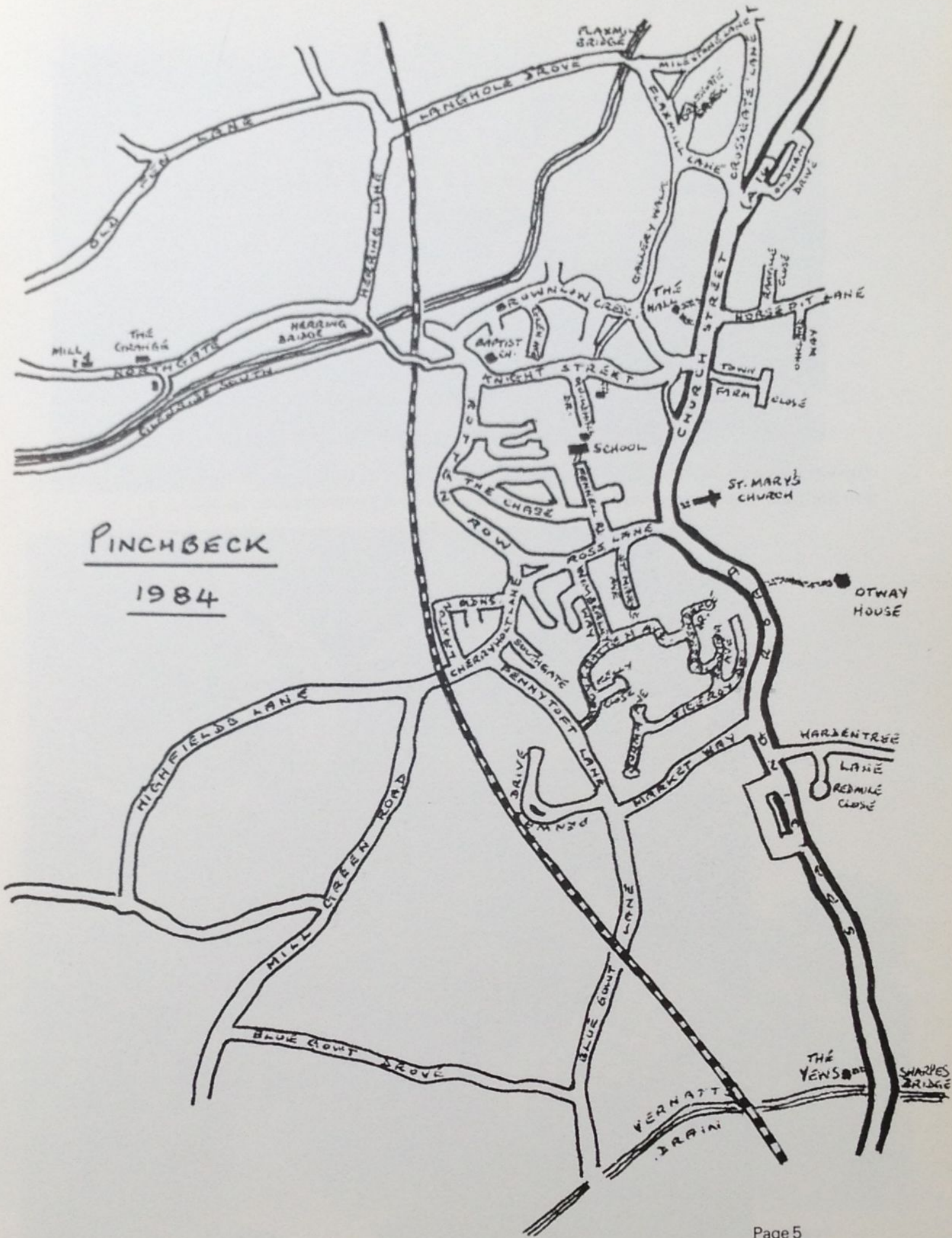
We must also record our thanks to those who provided material not used in this book. These may provide a basis for a further book some time in the future.

Finally, we are deeply grateful to Tom Bray for agreeing to provide the Foreword and also for his help and encouragement.

D.E. & D.C.



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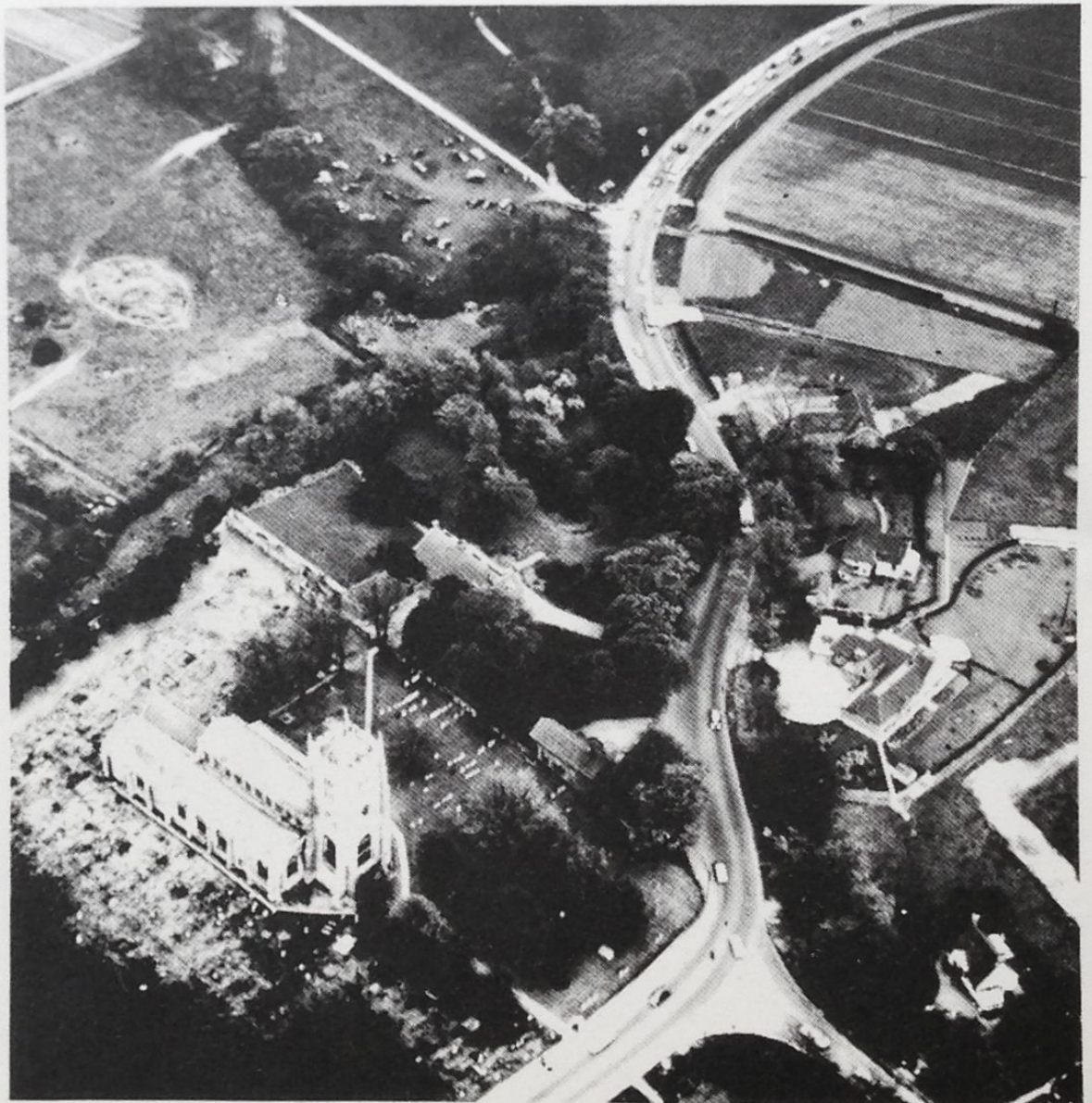


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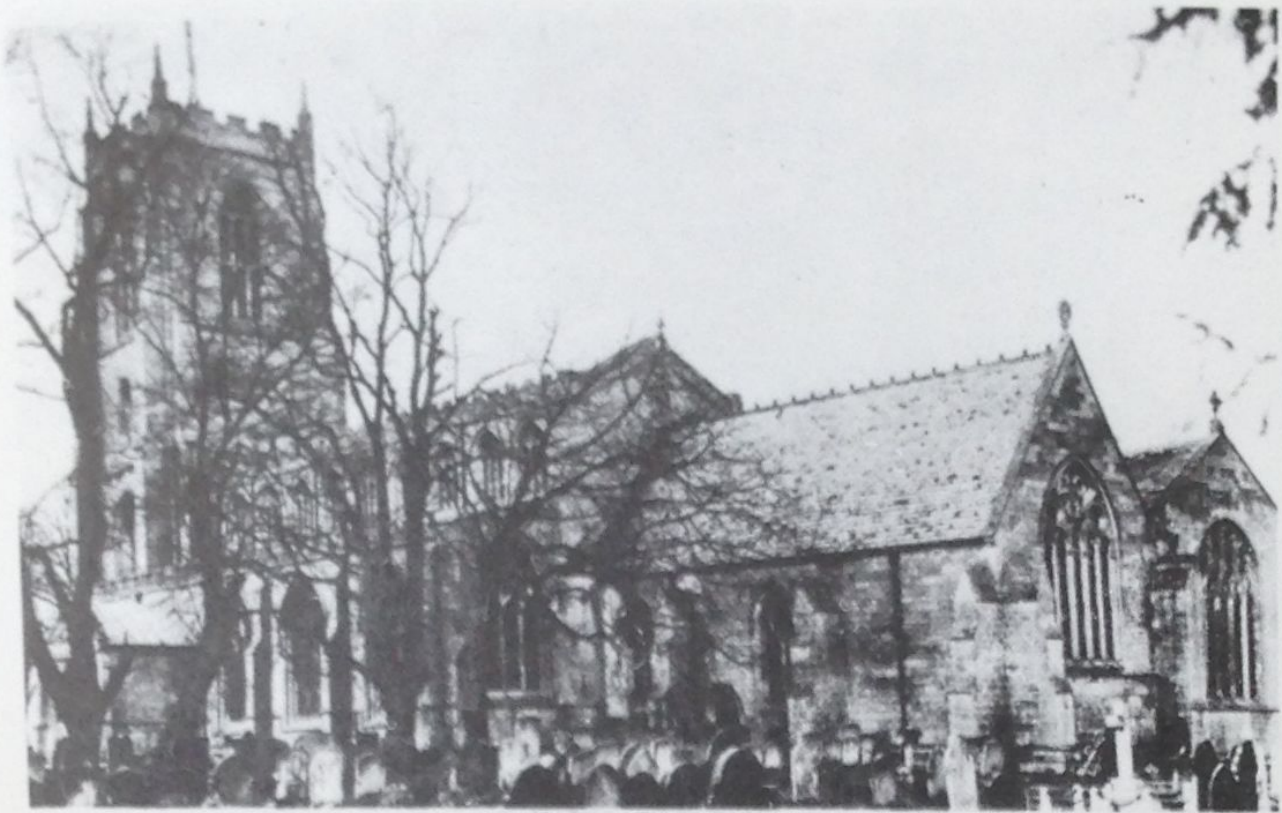
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The view from St. Mary's Church tower taken in 1907 shows the Flaxmill chimney almost central on the horizon. The church (below) is seen from a low-flying aircraft (post 1966).

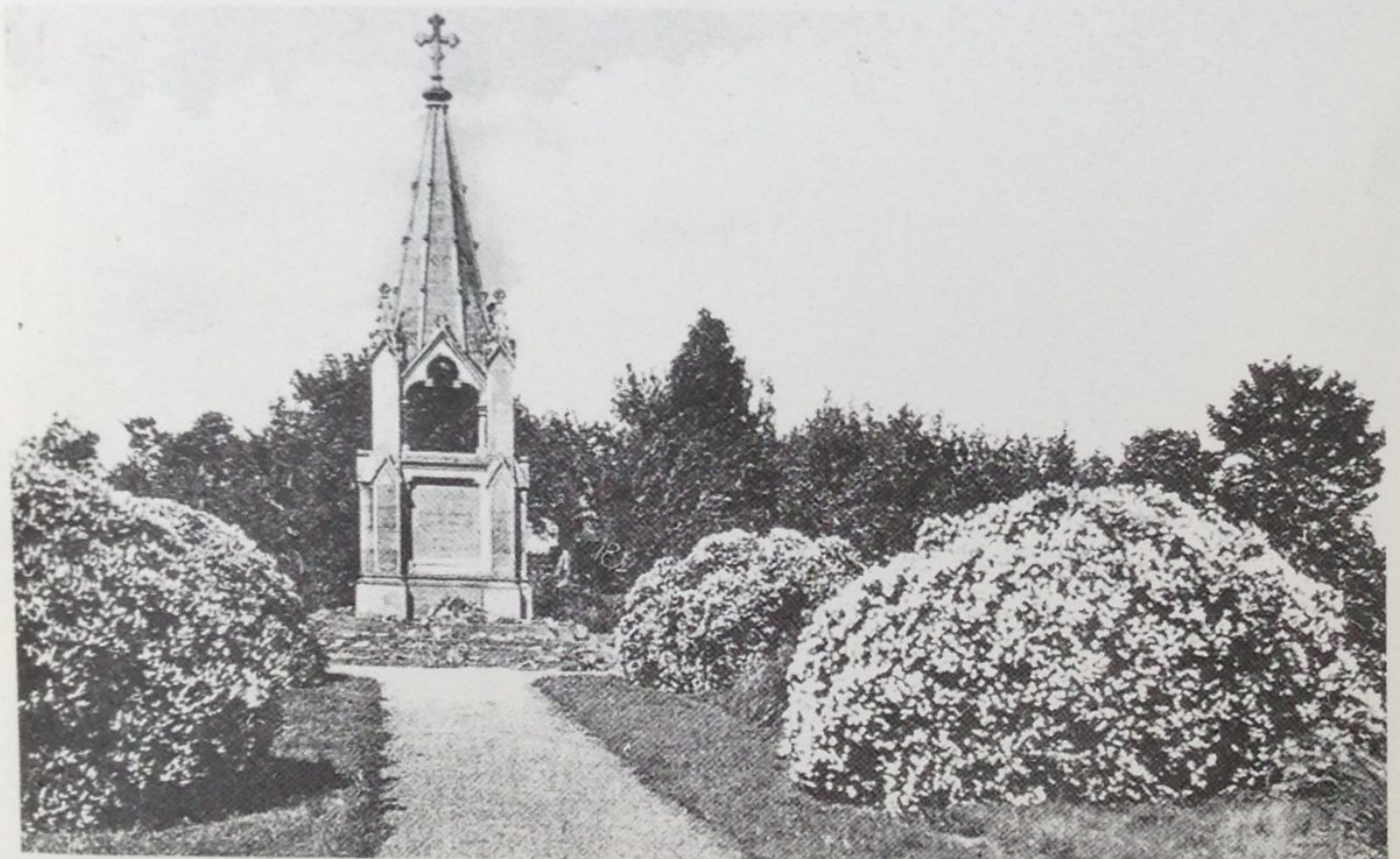






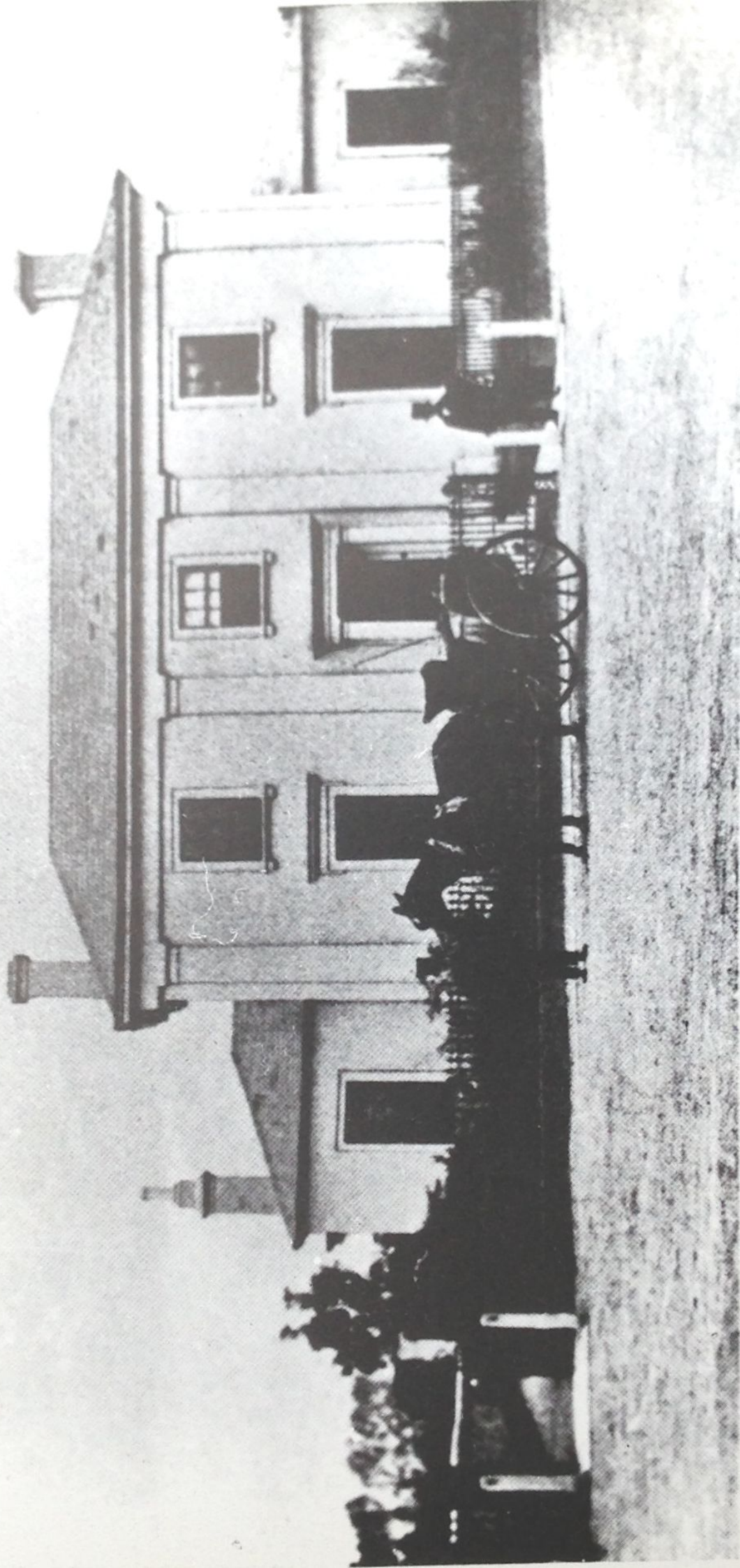
ST. MARY'S, PINCHBECK

St. Mary's Church (above) no longer has the grave stones in this area.  
The War Memorial has lost the shrubbery either side of the pathway.





Willow Cottage, Rose Lane 1890, the Laxton Family  
Back Row: Harry Laxton, Louie (Laxton) Hensman, Tom Laxton, Emma Laxton Grice, Fanny Laxton,  
Back Row: Jim Laxton and daughter Eva.  
Front Row: Elizabeth (Laxton) Foskett with her son Will, James Laxton and his wife, Esther de Rippe  
Front Row: Bray, Tom A.W. Bray and his dog Gyp.



THOMAS STILES LEAVING HIS HOUSE AT PINCHBECK TO START ON HIS ROUNDS

Dr. Thomas Stiles, M.R.C.S., L.S.R.

Born Pinchbeck 1798. Died Pinchbeck 1894

House built 1841. Carriage presented to Dr. Stiles by the people of Pinchbeck on 6.1.1871 to protect him from the inclemency of the weather. The doctor practised in Pinchbeck for over 50 years.



The view towards the Altar (left) shows the Ten Commandments above the Nave in 1928, these were lost during later redecorations.

East End, St. Mary's, Pinchbeck. J 4722.

The West Entrance (Right) is thought to be from 1932.



WEST ENTRANCE PINCHBECK CHURCH 255



A 'Priest's Walk' from the Vicarage to a door near the Altar was used until 1927 at least (left). The door remains but little of the Walk or avenue of trees is now in evidence. The fine Vicarage (below in 1926) still has the remains of a moat alongside part of the main Spalding to Boston road.

1200 Pinchbeck St. Mary, Priest's Walk and Door





There is little change in either aspect of Church Street looking broadly south (above) and north (below).





The Bell Inn shown (above) right and to the left of J. Sanders & Son, petrol station in the 1950's (below) has outlived Worthington's Stores which was on the corner of Church Walk (above) left.





Worthington's Stores again and below showing a horse-drawn delivery cart loaded with potatoes - about 1920.







BULL INN AND STOCKS, PINCHBECK.

These two photographs of Church Street showing Perseverance Cottage (above) and the Bull Inn (below) were taken in the mid 1940's.



VILLAGE CENTRE, PINCHBECK.



The Orbell Family lived at the Bull Inn for many years. Harry (second son of Samuel - the Innkeeper) is seen here with his wife and eight of his ten children outside their home on the Glenside between 1914-18.



Aolta Bainbridge Orbell (Auntie Bam to many) with niece Zilla Guy (nee Perry) around 1920. Zilla's father was the Station Master, William Perry as long ago as 1892. Her mother Elizabeth, was the second daughter of Samuel Orbell and sister to Harry Orbell in the photo above.



This group of anglers met at the Bull Inn to take part in a Daily Mirror Cup match in 1924.

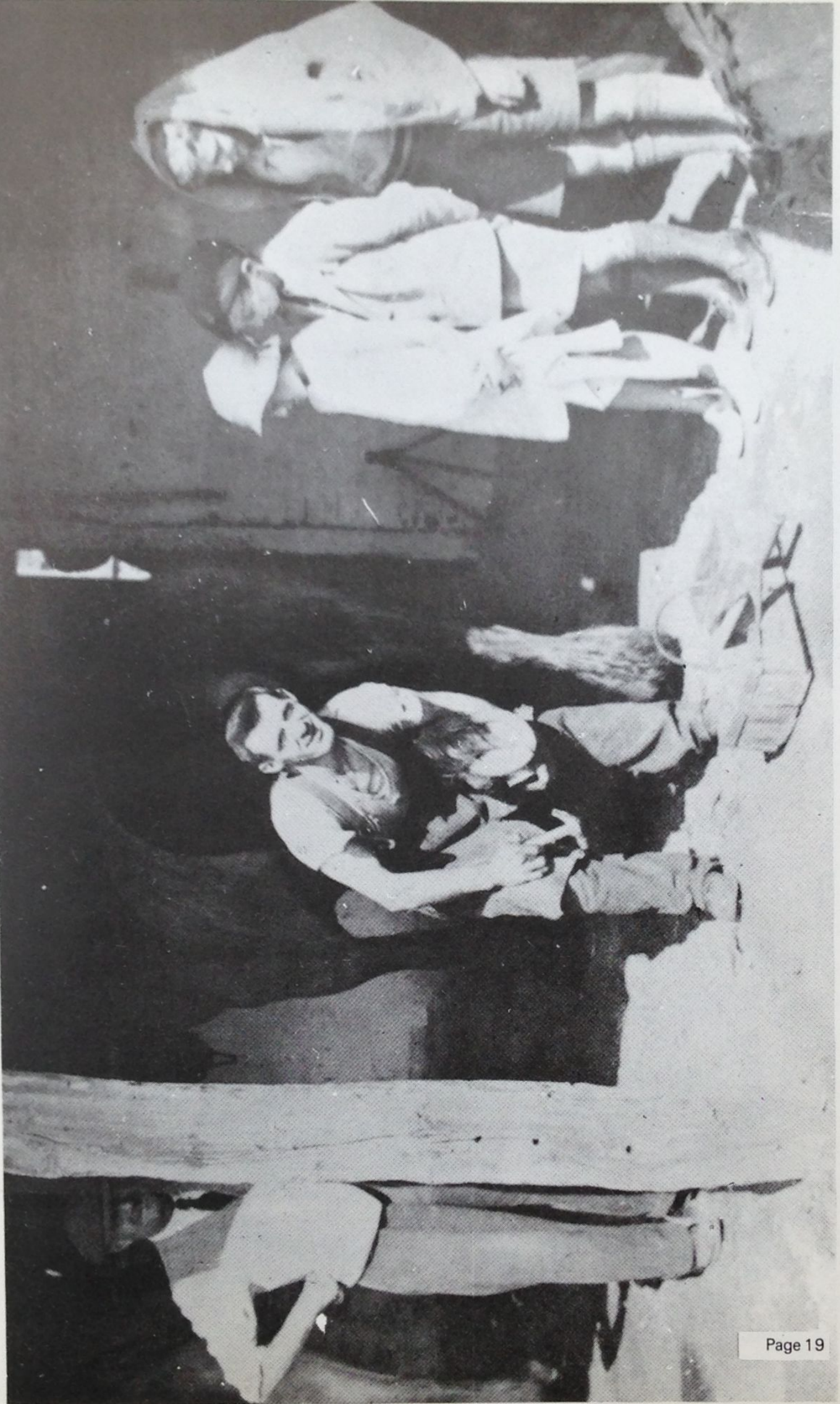


W.S. Royce, M.P. outside Pinchbeck Hall.



Pinchbeck Hall, see above about 1910, the tower was built in 1907. The lower view is more recent.

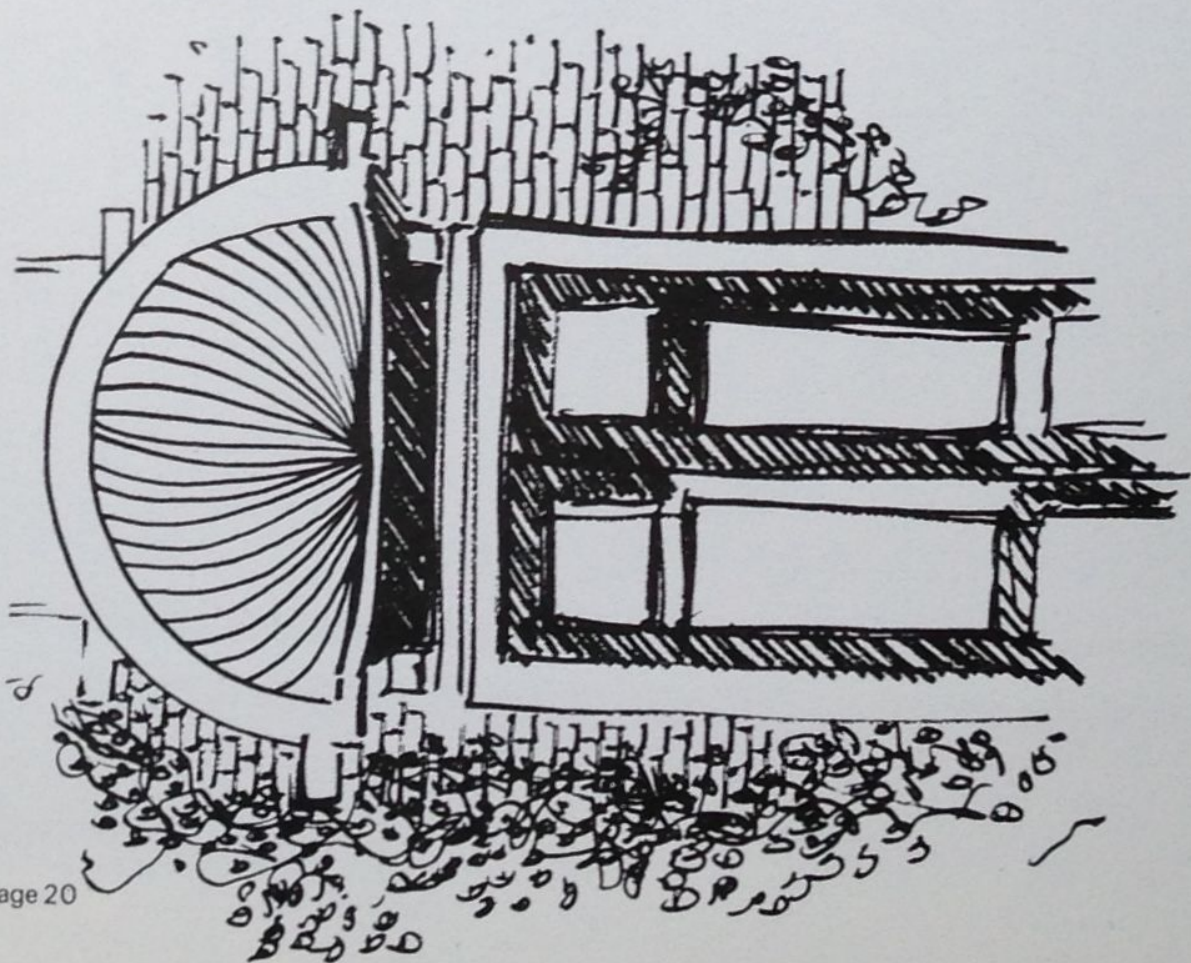




James William Woodcock, local blacksmith, seen in the Smithy, Knight Street in 1937, before the building was demolished in the 60's,



Graft House on the right is one of several interesting old houses in Pinchbeck. Its front door is seen below.



The 'shell' canopy over the front door of Graft House, Knight Street.



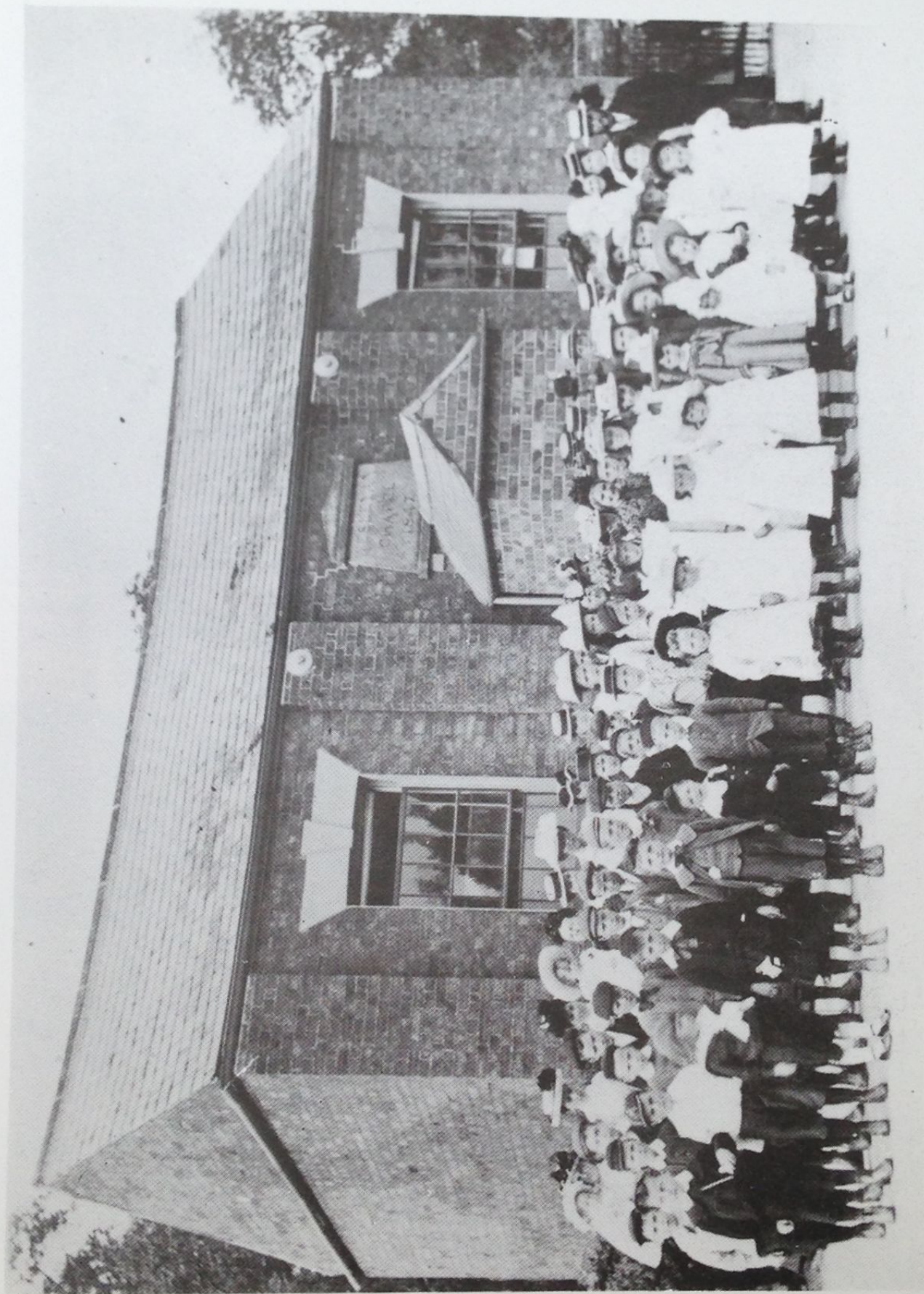
This shows Alfred Wells shop, Knight Street. The girl, Gertrude Wells, died on her 13th birthday on the 13th July, 1913; her brothers, Frank and Seymour are also shown. The old 'Candle House' can be seen on the extreme right.



Alfred Well's delivery cart is seen above, whilst the lower photograph shows the building as it is today.



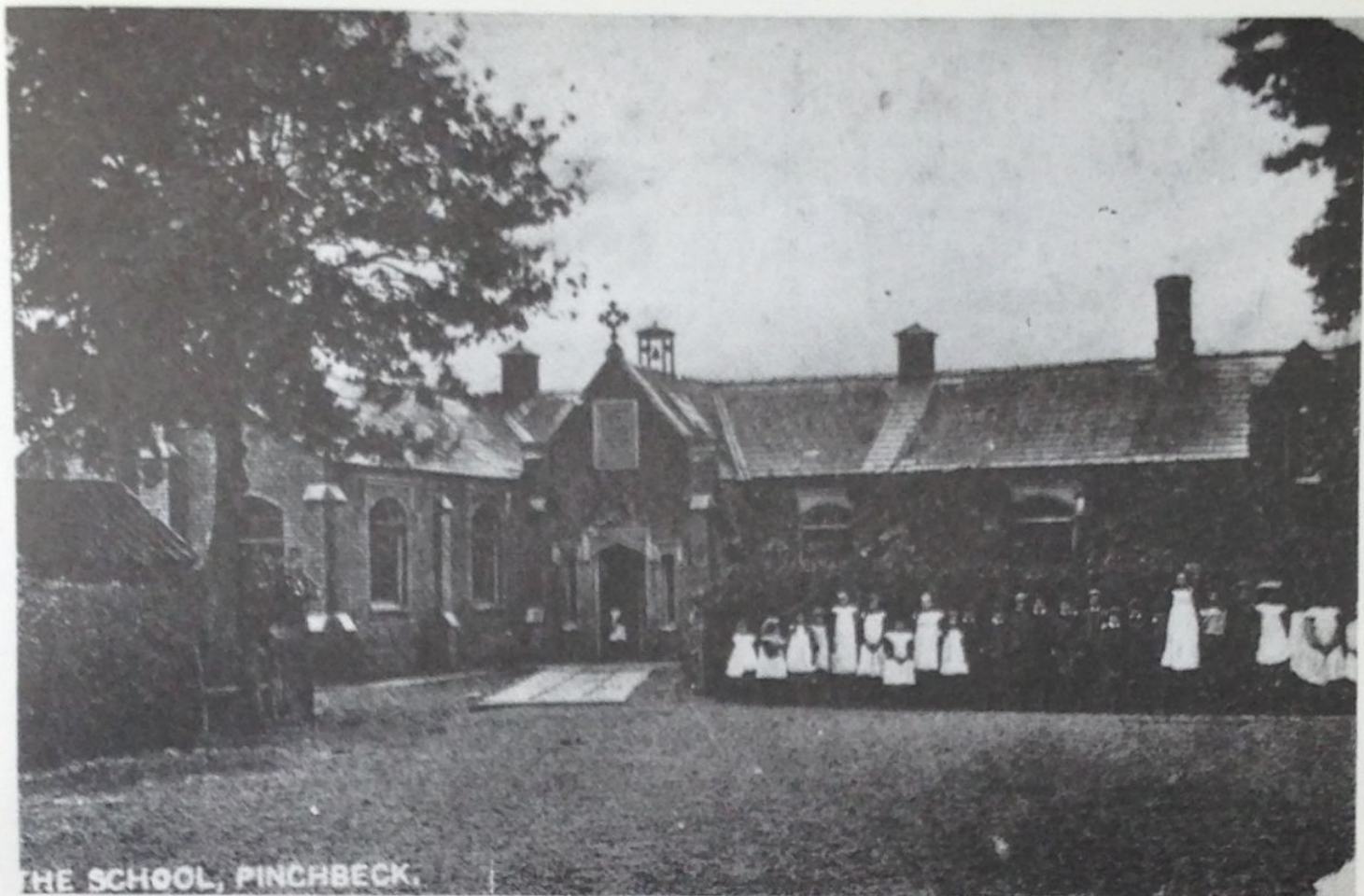




The Wesleyan Chapel built in 1847 used to be in Knight Street almost opposite the old school.



Mr. Hooks, the Headmaster of Pinchbeck School, with some of his pupils in 1907.



The old school, Knight Street in 1912 (above). Although pupils were re-housed in the present school in Fennell Road in 1967, the building remains relatively unchanged for further education classes.



Pinchbeck School Standards 3 and 4 1916



Two classes of schoolchildren, above in 1938/39 and below with new headmaster, A.J.J. Burton 1946.





Pastor Dodson (back row left) and W.F. Mews (right) seen in the garden of Canon Cottage, Knight Street in 1919.

The Canon which can be seen near the porch of St. Mary's was presented to the Rev. Frank Field Wayet in the late 1800's by W.F. Mews, who took over Canon Cottage from the Plowright Family. The cottage stood near Alfred Wells shop in Knight Street. Mr. Mews is seen here with his father.





Canon Cottage - Later Ivy in Knight Street, Home of W.F. Mews



These two views of Knight Street show the Post Office when run by Mr. Saunders in 1935 (above) and 1920's (below). The shop is now Hargraves Butchers.





Knight Street, early years of the century (above) and during the 1950's (below).

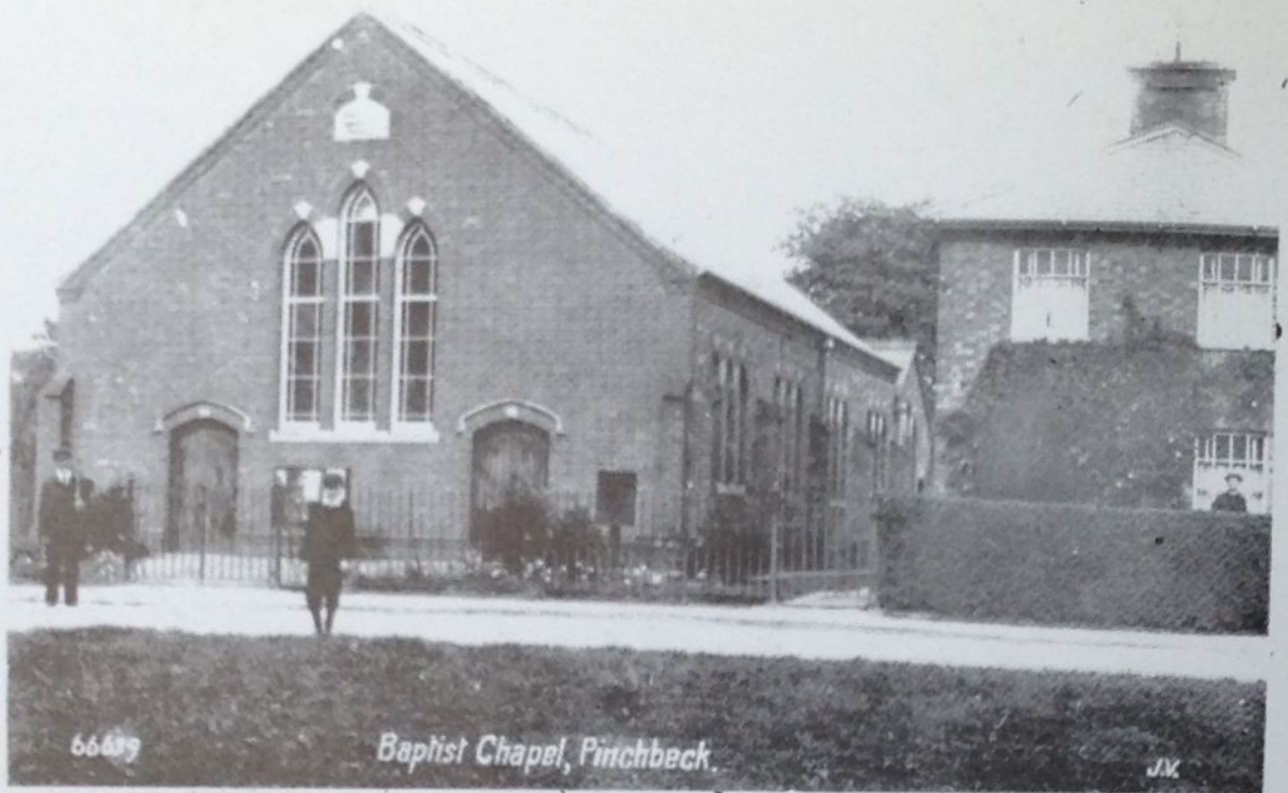






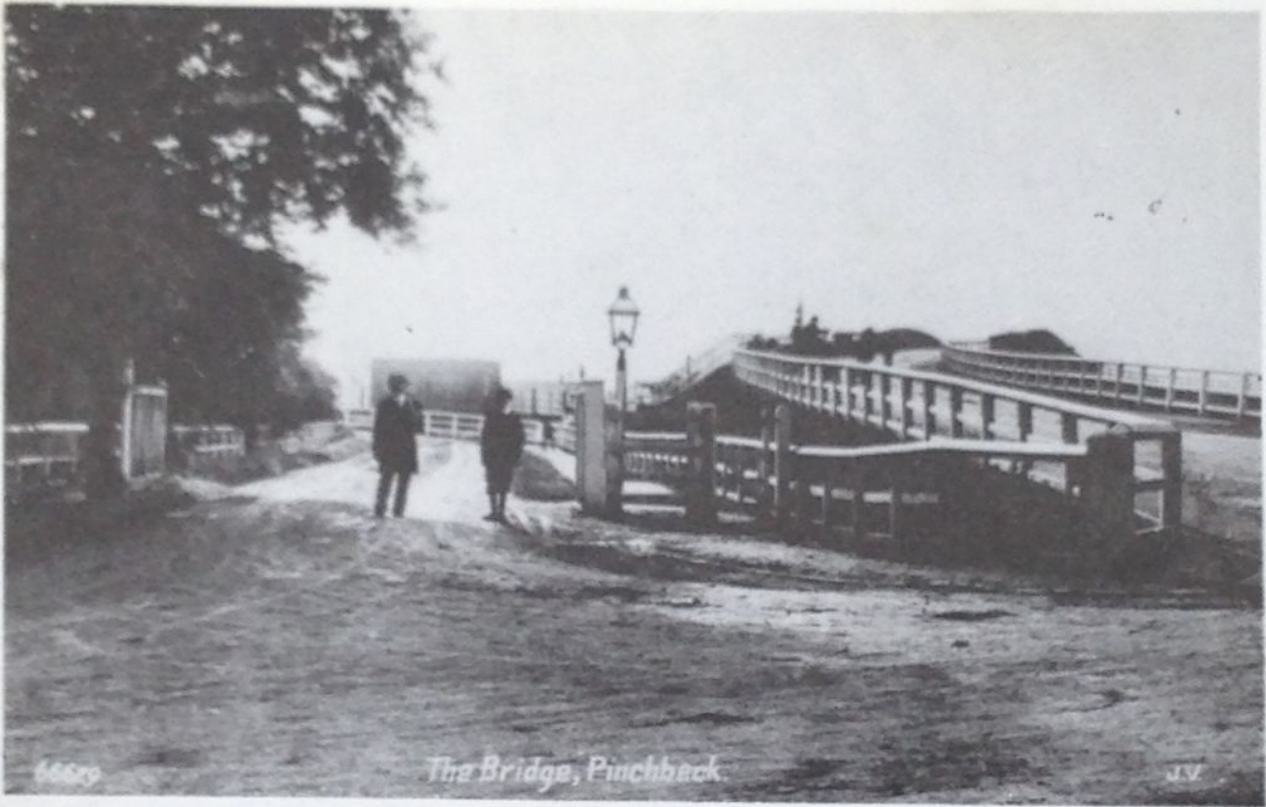
Pinchbeck Station, opened in 1882, closed in 1961. The line itself is still used for through traffic.





The original Manse, now a private house, can be seen to the right of the Baptist Church (above), and as it is in 1984 (below).





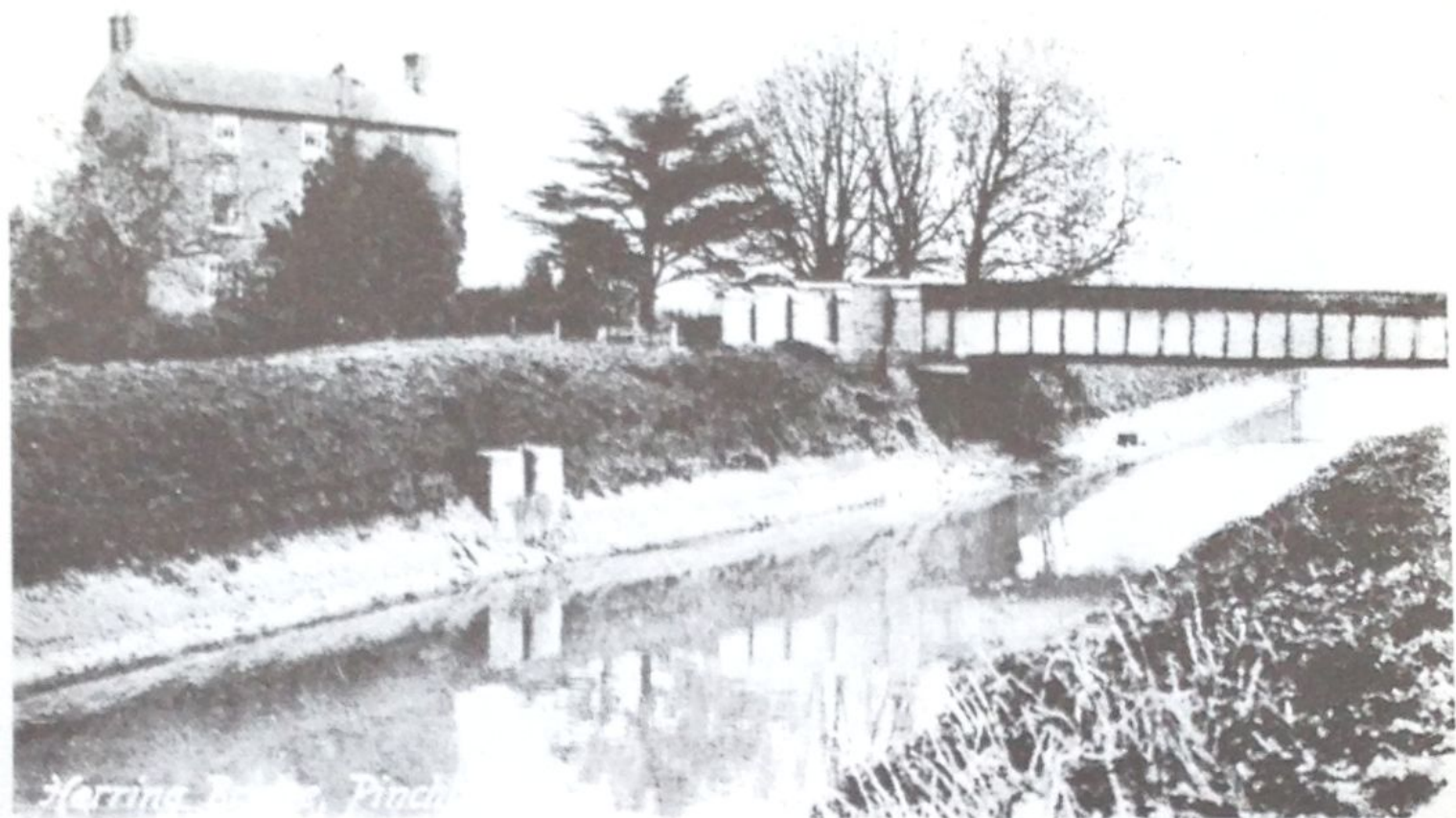
The bridge over the railway line remains but 'The Approach', as it is now known, leads to industrial firms instead of a station.





This butcher's shop near the present abbatoir in Knight Street was owned by Isaac Hargraves. He is seen outside the shop with his wife Emily in the early to mid 1880's, making this one of our oldest photographs.





Holmes, the butchers in Bear Lane, have a long association with Pinchbeck, once occupying premises in Glenside South, near Herring Bridge. From left to right: Nip Shipley, Tom Boothby, Tommy Holmes.





Northgate, looking towards the Mill. Mr. & Mrs. G.F. (Nobby) Walker ran the shop from 1948-1955 having taken over from Mr. Walker (Senior) and his father who had owned the shop since 1898.

Below is the view as it is now.



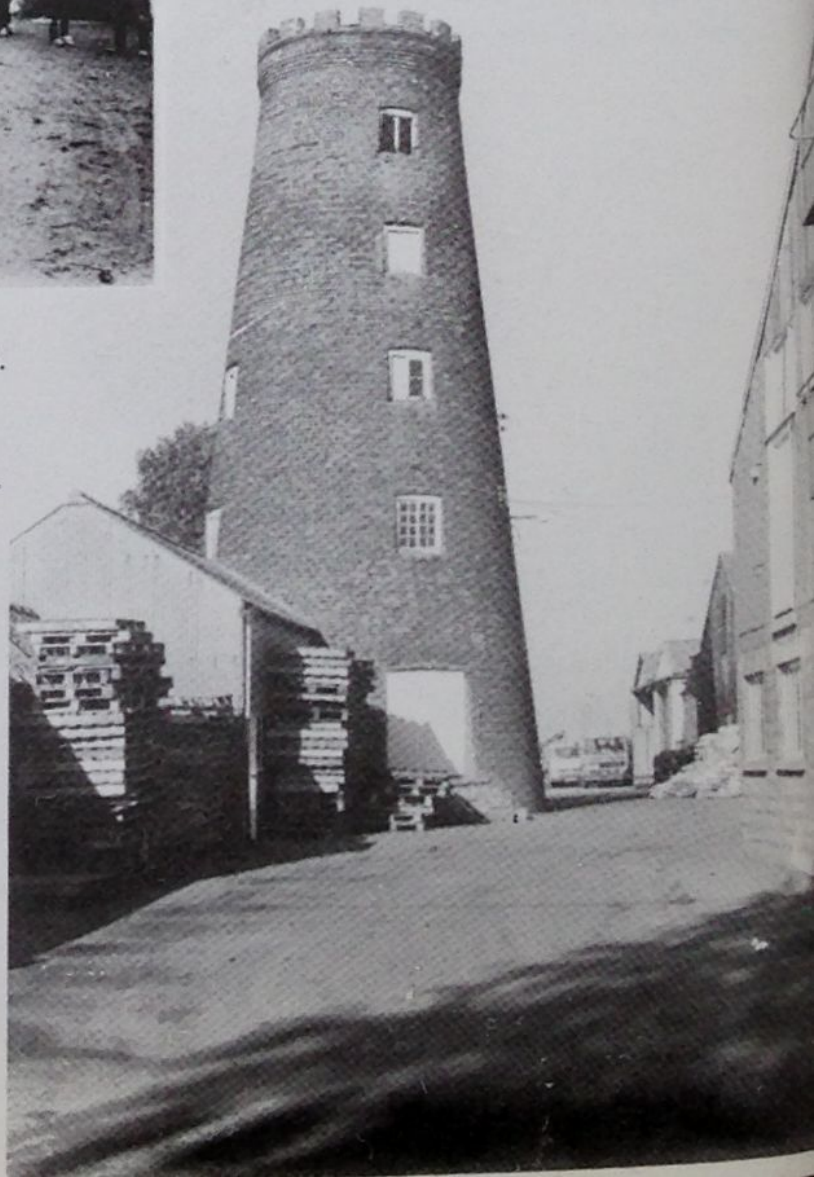


The Red Lion Inn, Northgate, shows publican's wife, Mrs. Parker, posed outside around the turn of the century. The Grange (below now) is in the background.





Northgate Mill (above).  
This shows James Sellers (Jnr.) in the foreground.  
He took over the business from his father in  
1898 and (right) as the mill is in 1984, now  
Turner Bros. (Millers).







The Mill House (built in 1871) is shown as it was in 1905(above) and in 1984 (below).





The Mill House again (above) with an unusual view from the Mill itself (below).



Daughters Laura, Kate, Minnie,  
Annie, Ethel Jane



Ann Sellers with one of the youngest of her 13  
children, photo assumed to be about 1880.



Alfred, 6th son, born 24.8.1868



Eldest son of James and Ann Sellers,  
Joseph born 11th June, 1857. He fought in the Boer War.



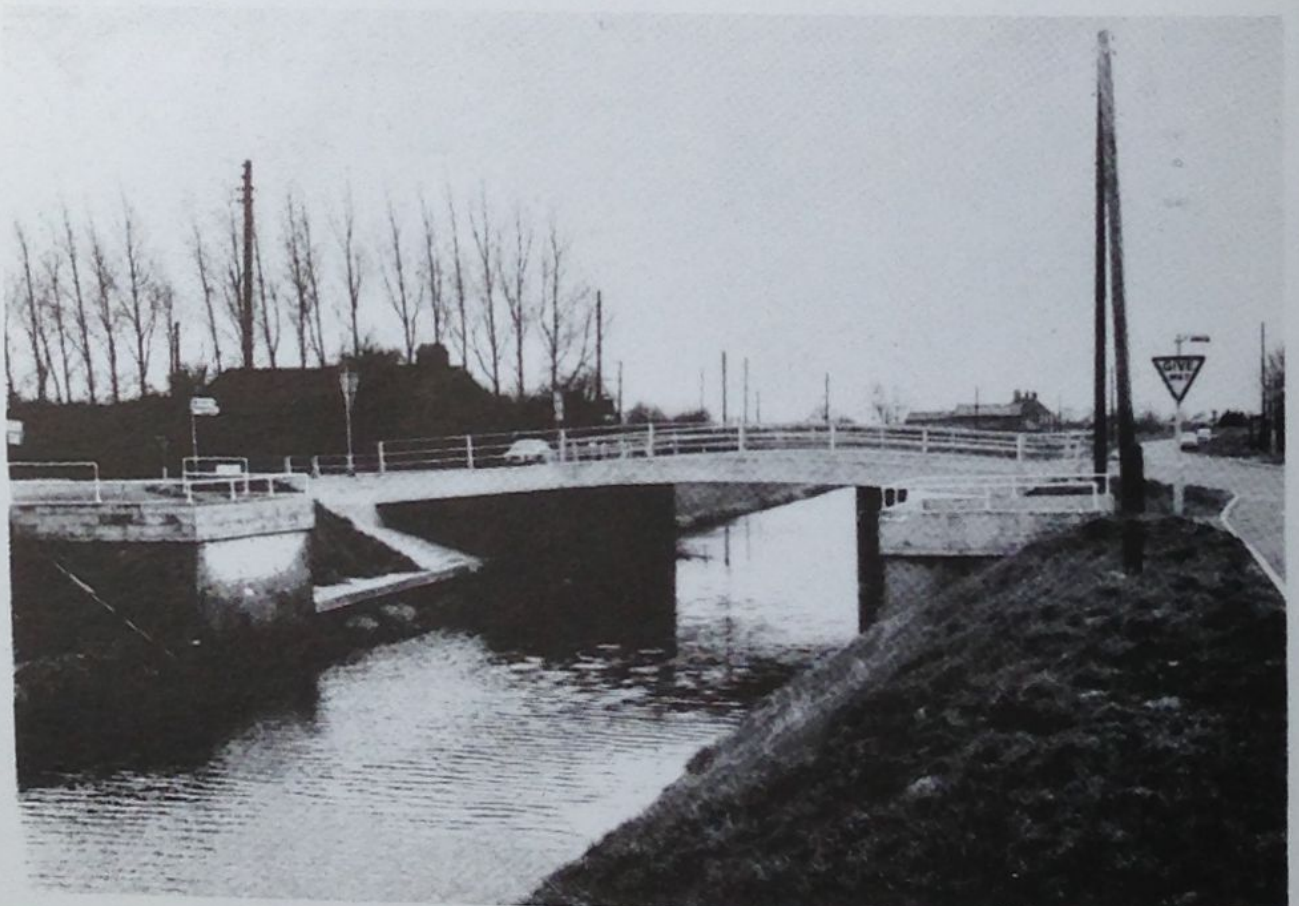
Jacklin's Joinery and Grocery business on the Glenside.



Brownlow House, Glenside North, once the home of Earl Brownlow.

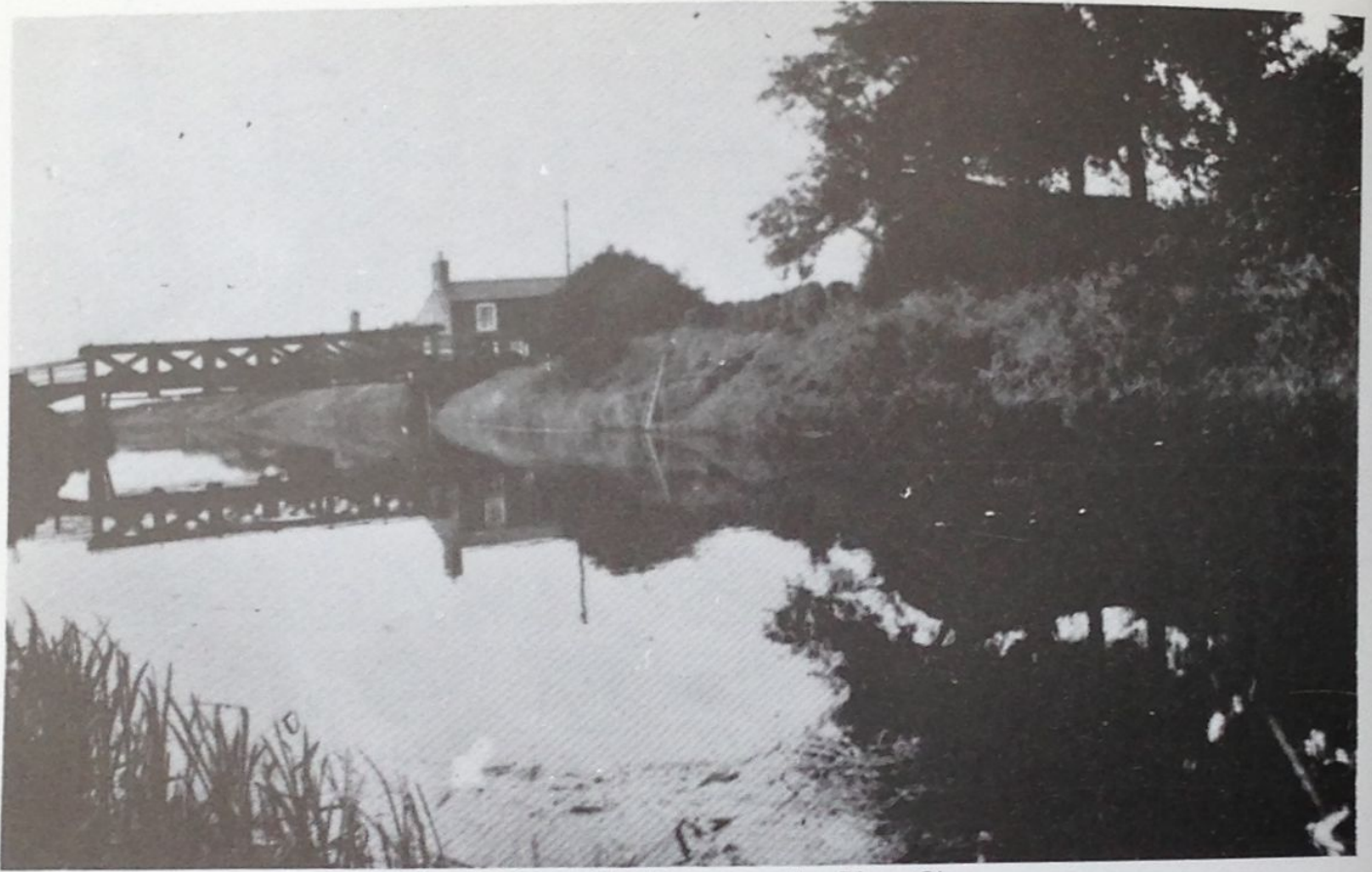


Money Bridge has been rebuilt twice this century. Above shows the demolition of the first bridge with the 'new' one nearer to the old Five Bells Inn; the 1984 photo shows the latest structure on the original site.

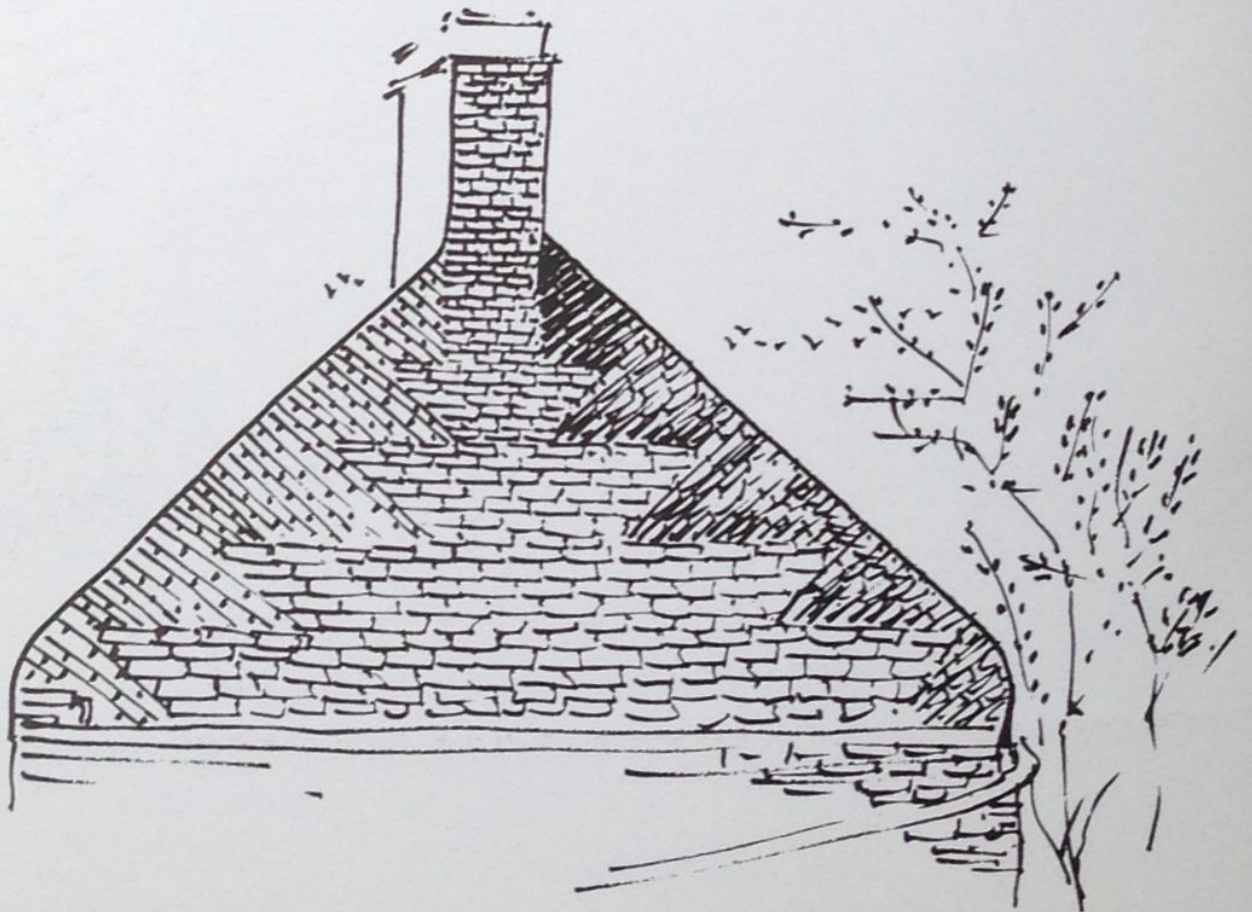




The Manor House, Glenside South

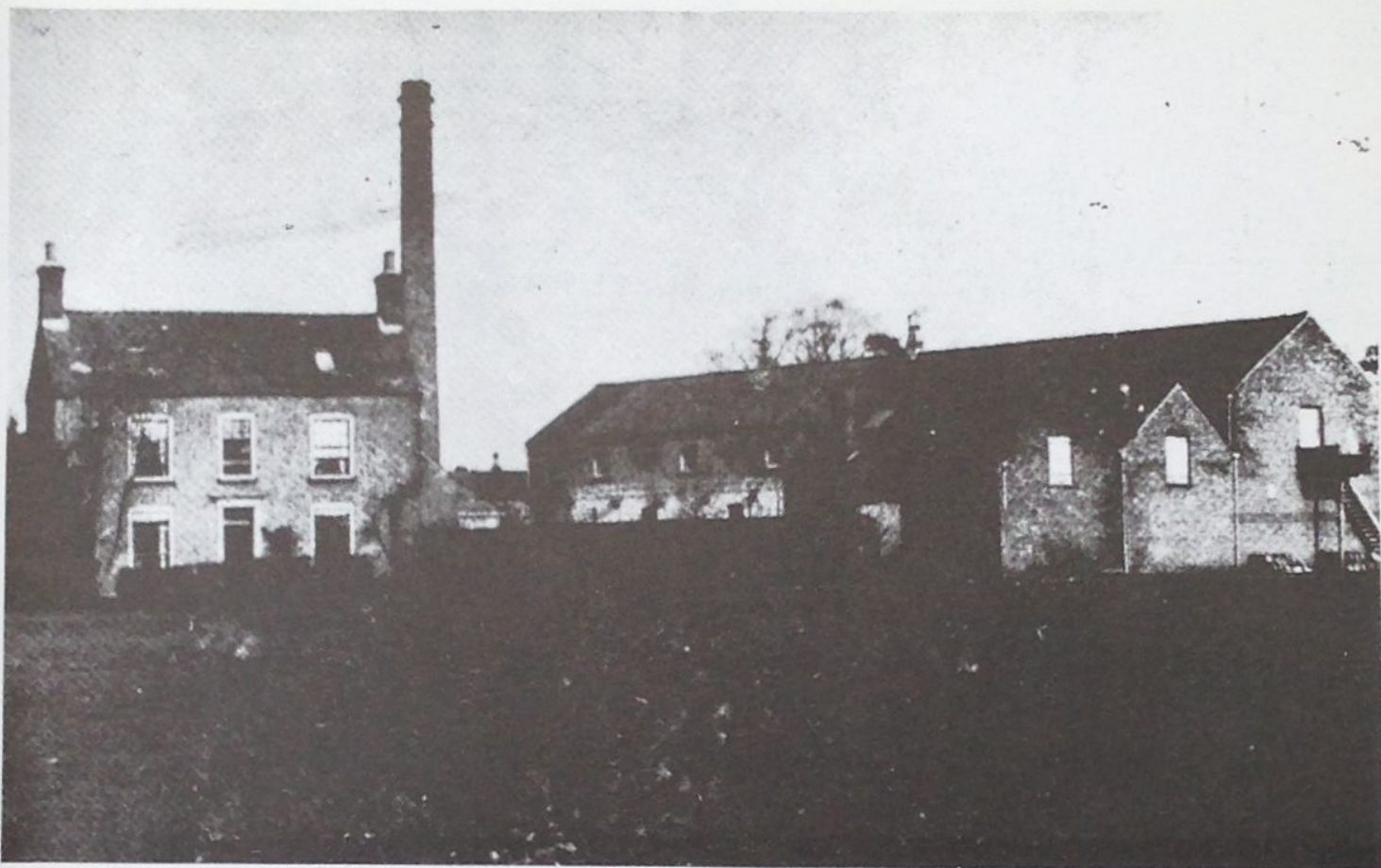


The old Flaxmill Bridge over the River Glen.

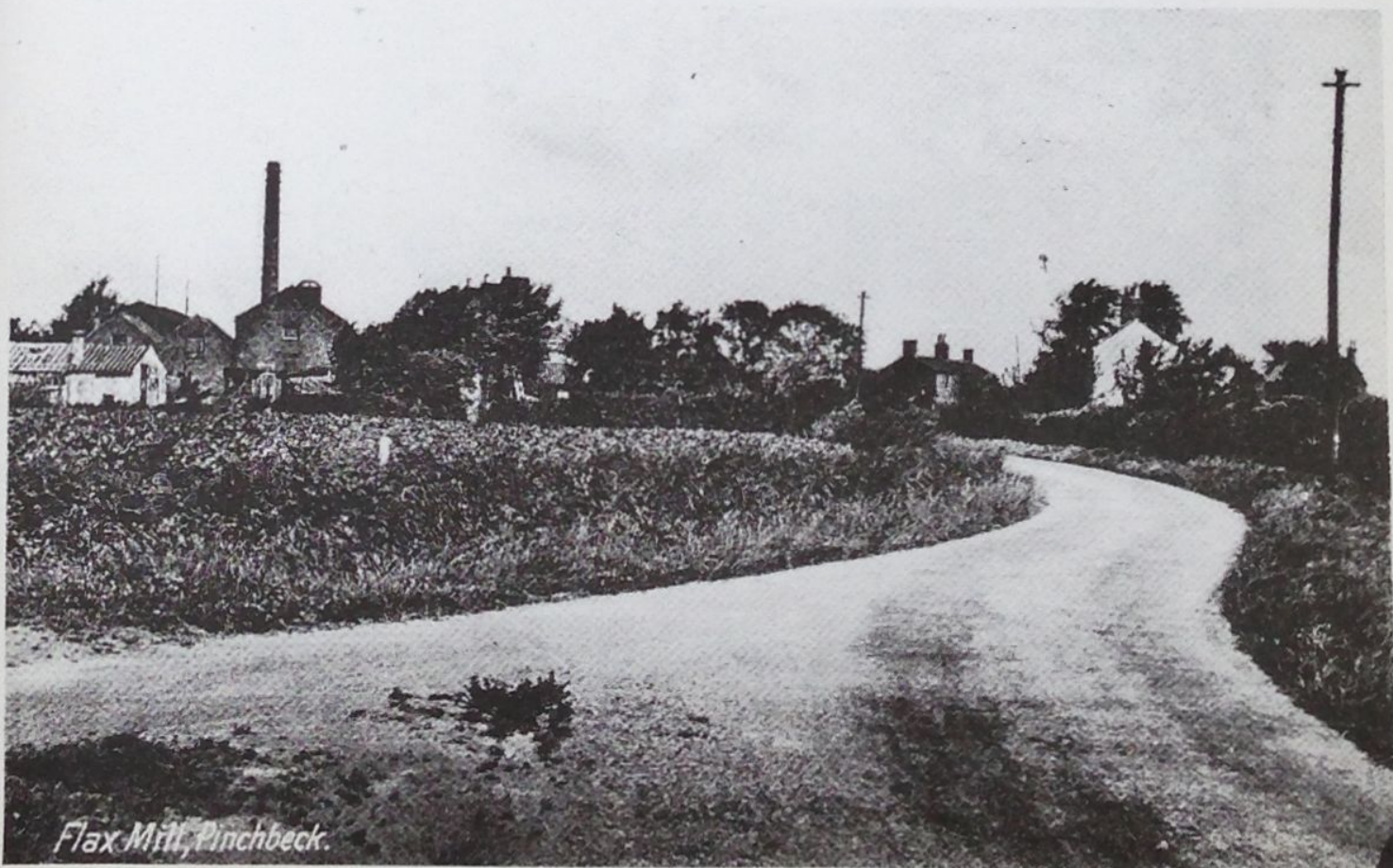


Page 46 A 'herring-bone' style of brickwork on the gable end of Wisteria Farm, Northgate.





The Flaxmill showing the chimney demolished in the 1930's.  
The lower photo looks along Gallery Walk toward the Mill.



*Flax Mill, Pinchbeck.*



A Flax Mill outing about 1923.



Pinchbeck Workhouse

The building, in Milestone Lane, ceased to be used as a workhouse in 1835. It continued as a private house until its demolition soon after this photo. 1984



J.W. Cheffings grocer's shop in Bear Lane.



The dormer-windowed house and bakery next to the shop was demolished in 1967.



A view of Grove House, in the foreground is the site of the old bakery.



Jack Rawding and Cecil Kingman with their bakery deliveries.  
John W. Cheffings is on the extreme right.



Messrs. Thornally, Kingman and Guy outside the bakery during the 1940's. Page 51



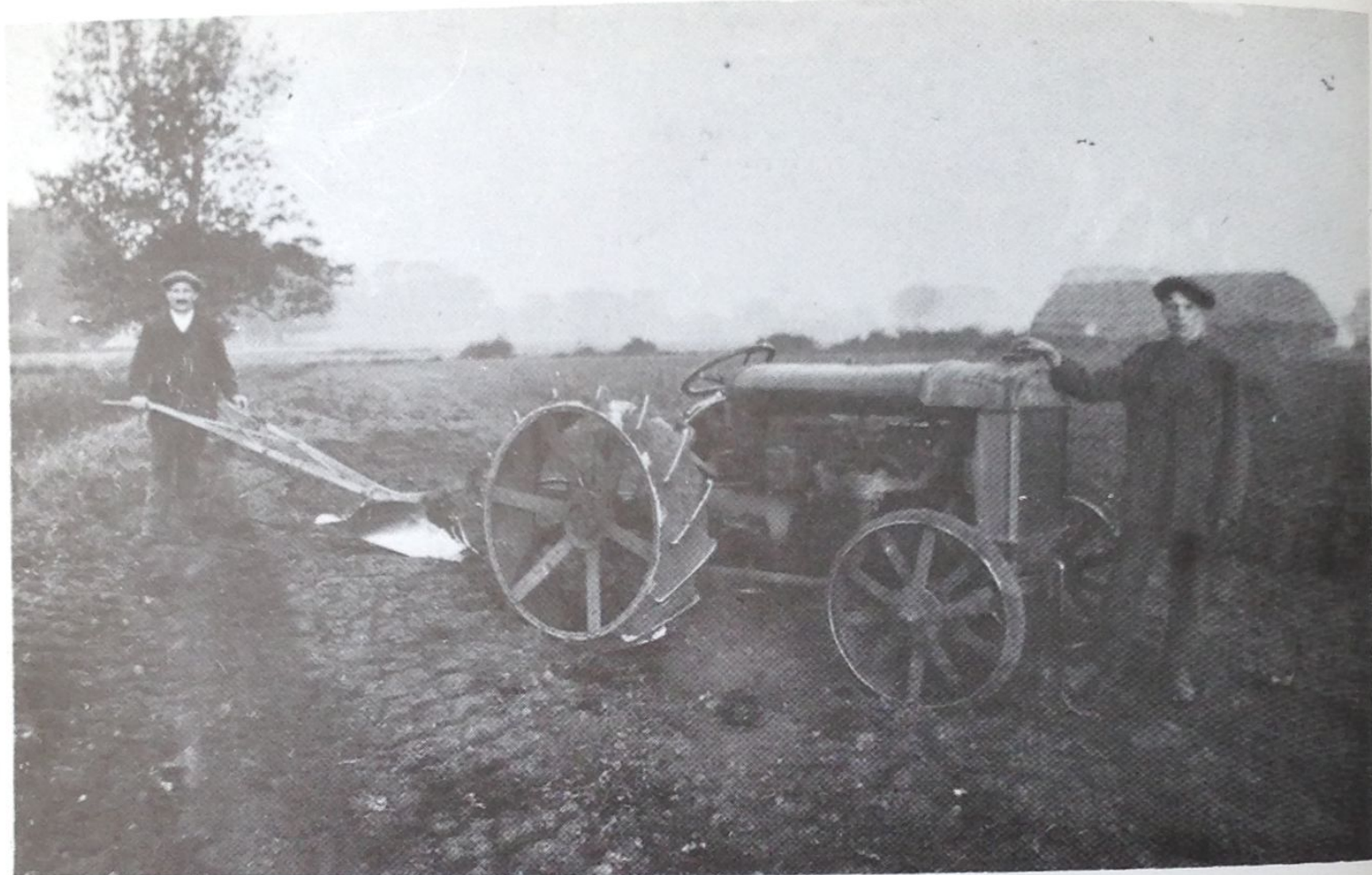
Two aspects of Otway House; front (above) before shutters were fitted - see facing page, and rear (below).





Otway House past and present (below)





Workers in the field in 1919, Otway Farm





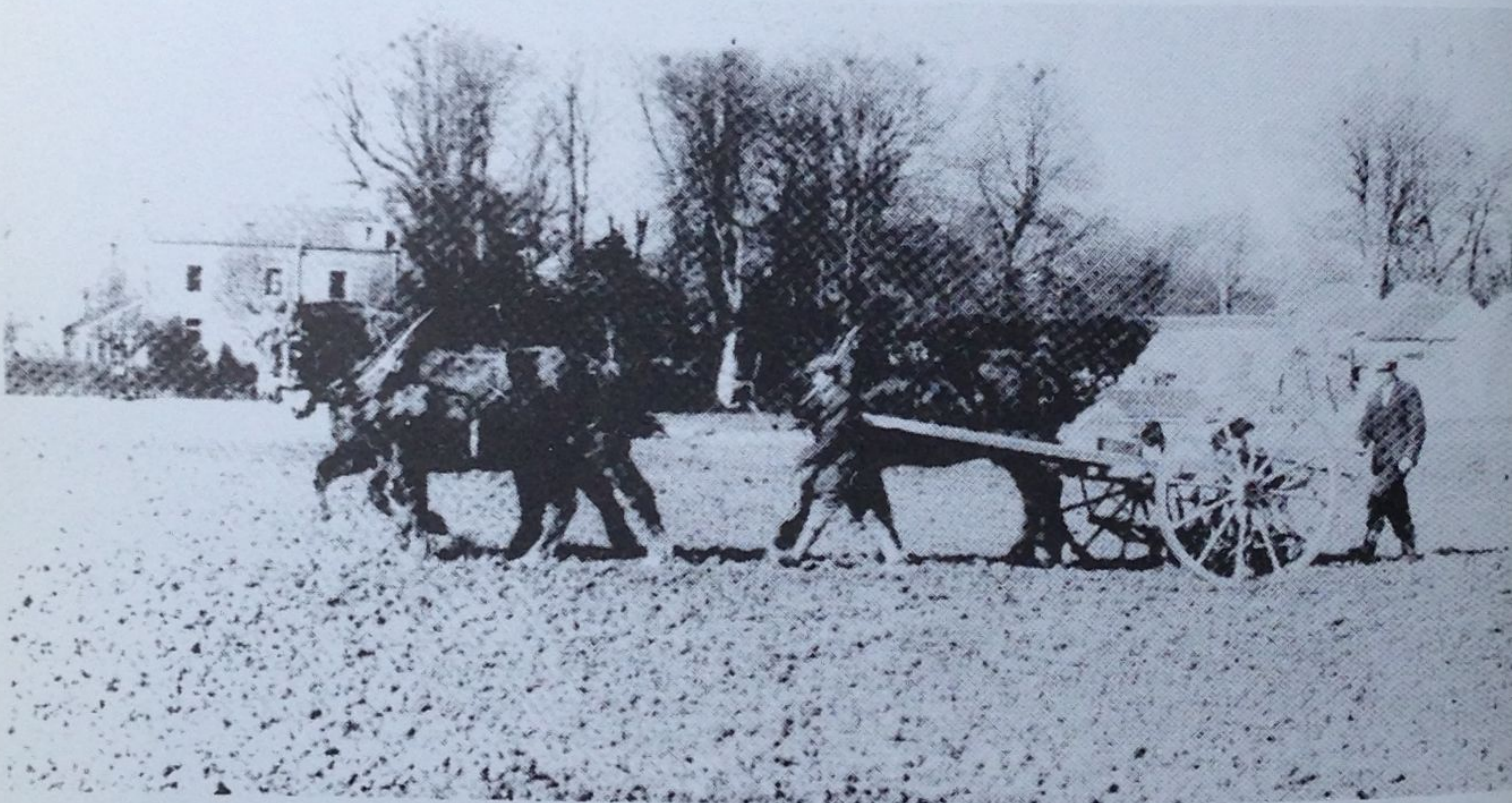


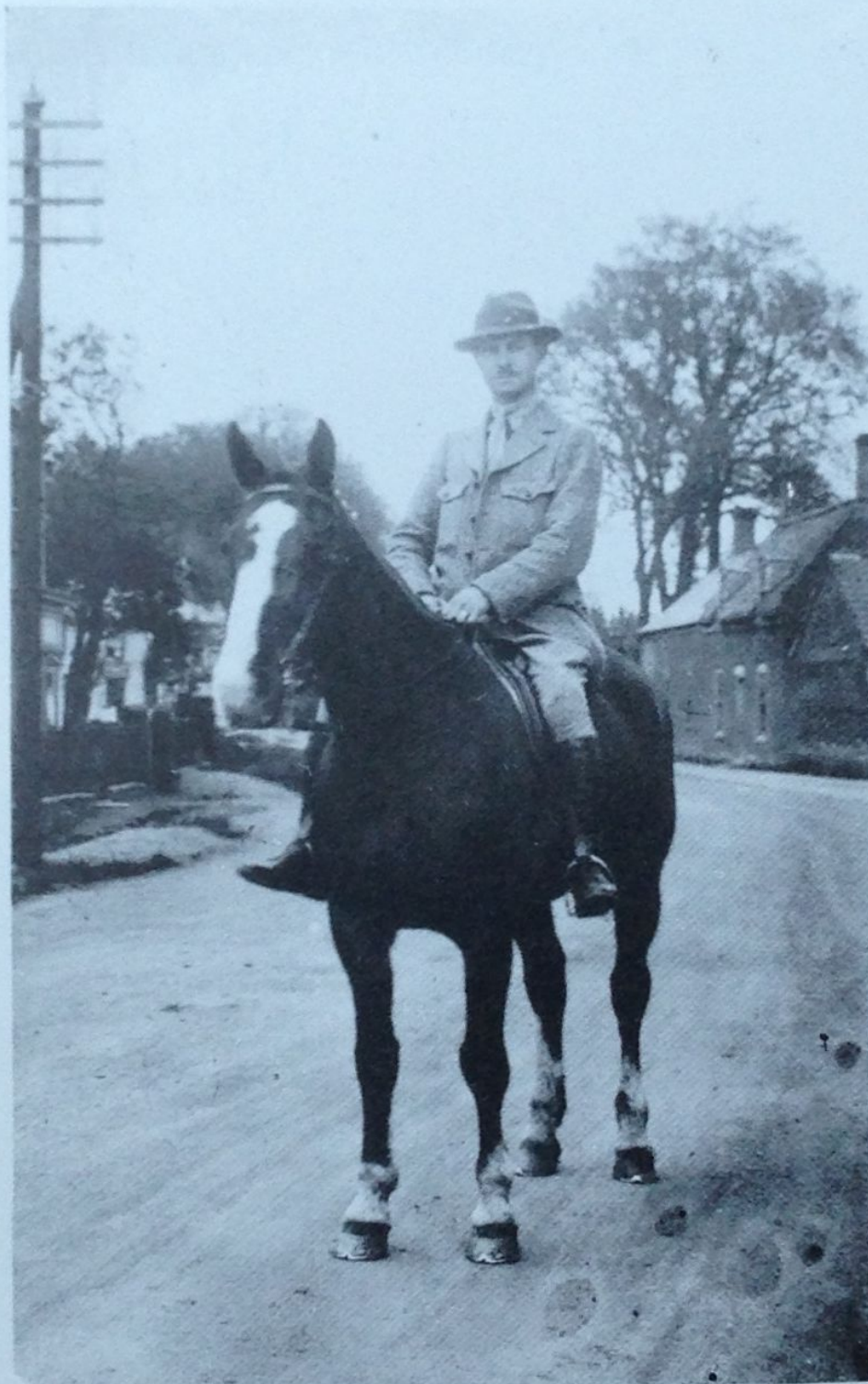
Horses still proved an asset to farms well into the middle of the 20th century, particularly at harvest time.



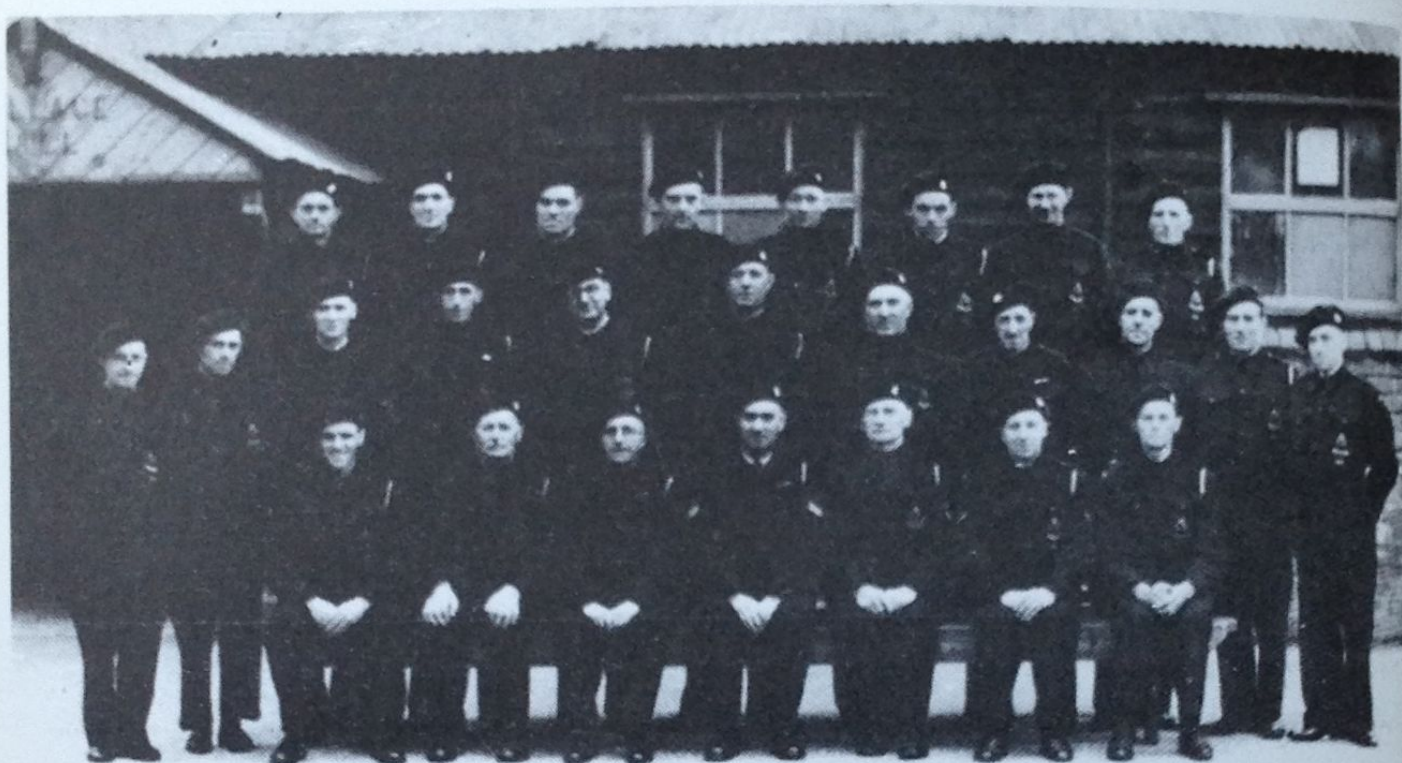


Two further Otway farm photographs show G. Wilkinson and F. Leak with Molly, Sally, Jack and Judy in the 1950's.





Robert Cooke from Otway House. Pictured in Church Street about 1925.



Pinchbeck A.R.P. during World War II outside the old Village Hall.



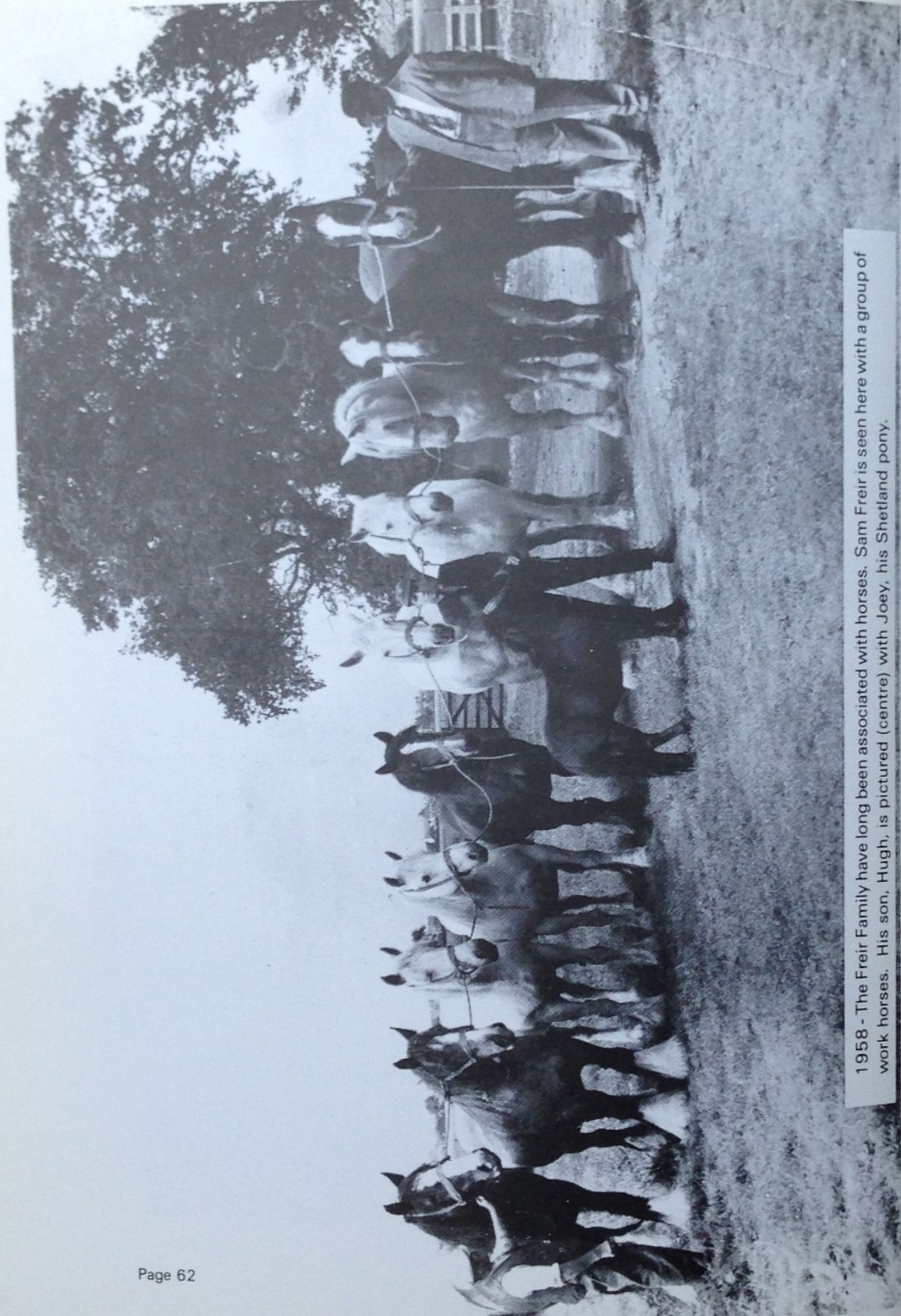
Officers of 'B' Coy, 2nd Holland Ban. Home Guard 1944.

Major Needs shown centre front - he was the Headmaster of Pinchbeck School from 1936 to 1945.



The Yews, Spalding Road. The home of the Freir Family for more than 80 years. In 1902 above and 1984 below.

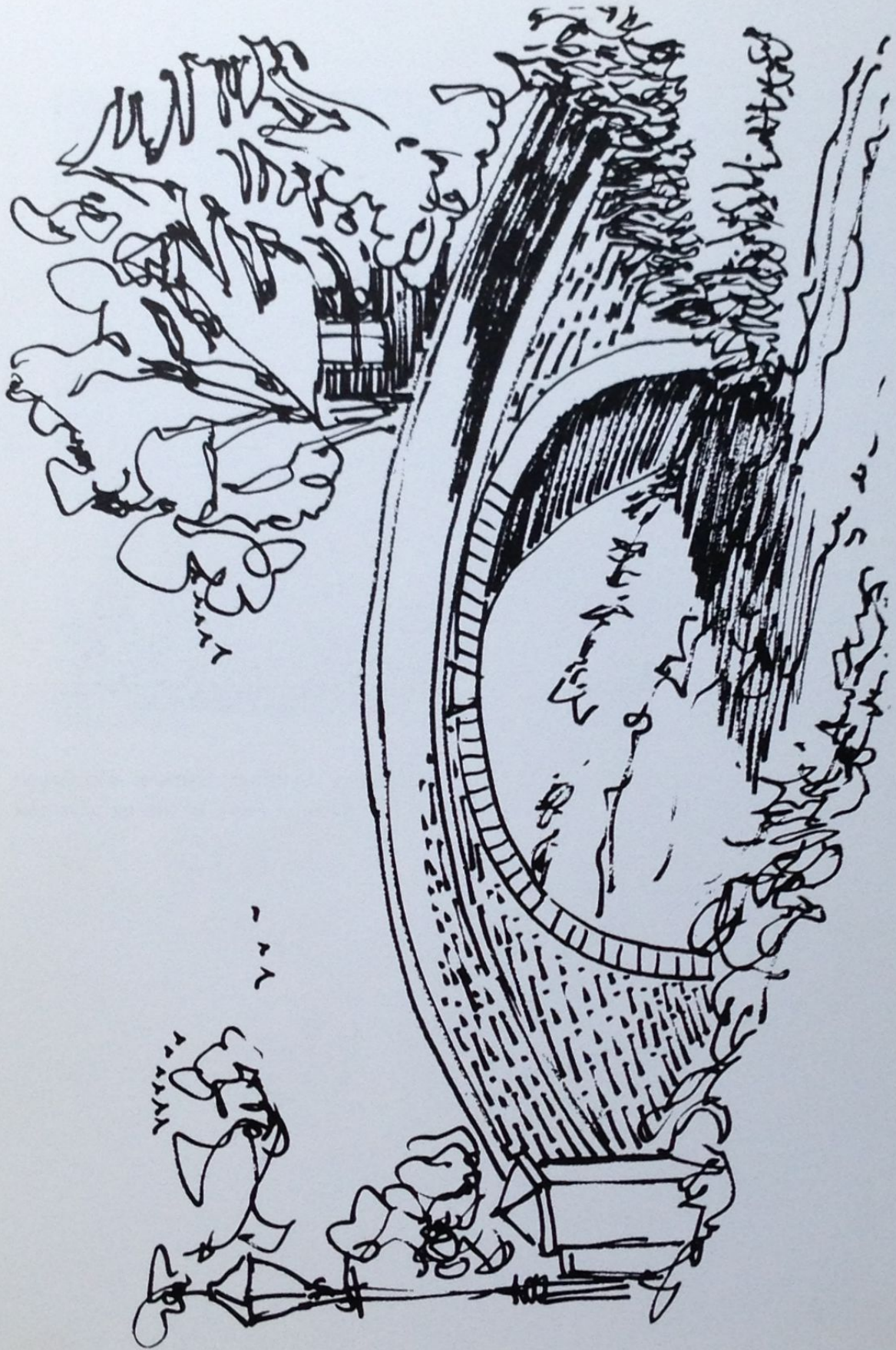




1958 - The Freir Family have long been associated with horses. Sam Freir is seen here with a group of work horses. His son, Hugh, is pictured (centre) with Joey, his Shetland pony.



Four generations of the Freir Family taken in 1909 shows William Waltham, Samuel and Green Waltham with their wives. The present owner of The Yews, Mr. Samuel Freir, is the baby in the photograph.



Sharpes Bridge 1902. This bridge over Vernatts Drain is a natural 'boundary' but Pinchbeck parish extends as far as Woolram Wygate. The bridge was built in 1806 at a cost of £800 by Mr. Kirby of Market Deeping.



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