



East End Farm, Marston

Village Buildings and their Occupiers

EASTFIELD HOUSE (formerly **END FARM**) in Marston was built circa 1450. It was timber framed with a stone tiled roof. Around the 1600's a large stone chimney and fireplace was built in the hall (main living area) and the original cross wing section of the house was rebuilt. 2 original wrought iron window casements still survive. In C17th a kitchen, brew house and bake house were added. More internal alterations were made in the early part of C19th including the installation of sash windows. Between 1897 and 1900 the stone tiled roof was replaced with more modern roof tiles and the last remaining part of the original timber frame exterior was replaced with brickwork. The original oak plank iron studded door still remains. Another wing was added to create rooms for butter and cheese production. In 1735 the owner was John George. By 1777 it was owned by the George-Edwards family having been passed down through marriage and then to Elizabeth George-Edwards who married Valentine Hale Mairis. In 1868 the property was put up for auction held at the Rose & Crown in Worton and acquired by Simon Watson Taylor of Erlestoke Park. There was a tenant from about 1851 to 1878 named William Price. Henry Maggs took over the tenancy in 1878. The Maggs family purchased the property from George Watson Taylor in 1920.

THE GRANGE - The house is built of brick and timber. Unusually for the period, it was not thatched. Stone slates on the roof were later replaced by tiles. The layout was changed during the Victorian period with many additions. The entrance to the house was originally via the lane dividing the property from Prince Hill (Flowers Farm). The present kitchen and domestic quarters were originally the hall and above that the gallery. The builder of this house is unknown but possibly built for the Bishopric of Sarum sometime in C17th since the church owned most of the land around the villages.

The first occupants may have been the Merewethers until 1807 after which the Glass family took up residence. The house was known as the Gregories until a period during the C18th when it acquired its present name. During the 1880's the lease passed to General Pattle

Beadle who stayed just a few years. The early 1900's saw Mr. Washington Hume in residence. During WW1 the Grange was occupied by Commander Lovatt and his 2 sisters. After the Lovatt Family moved away The Grange was home to Commander Wardell-Yerborough, Commander Richardson, Viscount Lifford and Mr. Michael Vickers. The property was purchased in 1962 by Dick Nutland, the tenant was Major Finch. Dick Nutland lived in the property for 25 years selling it on to Charles Bartholomew who was resident in 1991.

The property was once more on the market in 2010. There is a room in The Grange referred to as Prince Rupert's Room suggesting that the Prince once stayed in the house whilst leading the Royalist troops during the Civil War but this has never been proved. The grounds of The Grange were often used for the village fete.

LITTLE MARSH FARM was renamed Agra Farm in 1920 after Mark Haines had served with the Wiltshire Regiment in India.

NEW INN - This was the third pub in the village of Worton and was probably the first to close.

PARK FARM HOUSE was one of the properties owned by the Gaisford family, a well-respected and influential family in the area. Prior to 1820 the property was a tithing of the Bishop of Salisbury. The conveyance history of this property is shown below.

4 Apr 1820	John Glass
13 Apr 1841	Thomas North
16 Oct 1852	William Gaisford
1881	Revd T.A. Gaisford (inherited)
4 June 1901	William Pearce (lease)
27 Mar 1907	Mr. Box (tenant)
2 Jul 1909	J. Nosworthy
29 Jun 1920	Henry Goodall
13 Jun 1953	Philip Charles Fielding
22 Oct 1973	Mr & Mrs R.G. Smith
Apr 1989	Roy & Sarah Fuller

THE PLOUGH INN - The residential part of Plough Inn in Marston, a quaint thatched building, was built during the reign of Elizabeth I around 1593.

PRINCE HILL originally known as Lytlecote can be traced back to 1281. From 1537 it was known locally as Flowers Farm and from 1670 (Civil War Era) as Princill. In the early C20th it took the name of Worton Little Court and then sometime after adopted Prince Hill. This was home for many years of the Flowers family who had much influence on village life employing local people on their farm producing wool from vast flocks of sheep. In 1936 until 1977 the property was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Brassie and later of Mr. Blake.

RAYBRIDGE - built in Canadian style by Gilbert Bradford and Sainbury's Builders in 1934.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE - erected by local builder James Holloway in 1896. It had 2 classrooms with a stove in the centre of each. The playground was divided into boys' and girls' sections. The toilet block was at the bottom of the schoolyard - the crude bucket type!

THE VILLAGE or LIBRARY HALL was built not as a library but as a community centre. It was named the library hall since that was one of its purposes. The funding for the building, at least in part, came from the Andrew Carnegie legacies that provided many towns and cities with a home for books and learning. There were rules laid down for its use, one of which was that it was not to be used for any political gatherings. I remember my sister's wedding reception in the hall in the 1970's and going to bingo there with my Mum. Oh and of course it was always a favourite for jumble sales and flower shows