

WILLIAM STEPHENS (1788 -1840)

CHARMOUTH`S FAMOUS INN KEEPER



By Neil Mattingly & Diana Faust

Introduction

On the 11th February, Chris James, secretary of Charmouth Local History Society received an email from the United States, which read as follows: Hello from Los Angeles! I've discovered my 5th Great grandfather was William STEPHENS who was a Exeter mail-coach man. Thanks to your wonderful website, I've learned so much about him running "The Mail Coach Inn" in Charmouth in the early 1800s. I'm visiting England on a genealogy research expedition / researching to write a book on William STEPHENS' history, as it reflects the coach proprietors who ended up being replaced by the railroads in the 1840s onward. I will be visiting Charmouth with Clive Hopkins, another of William STEPHENS' descendants from April 18th. Please let me know if this is something we can arrange. I am SO excited to experience Charmouth in person. May I email you a few other detailed questions before we arrive? As a result of this I was able with Diana's help find out so much more about this fascinating chapter of Charmouth's past in the Golden Age of Coaching and the part the Coach & Horses played in it. This is the era that Dickens portrayed so vividly in the Pickwick Papers and our Village Inn could so well have been the model for that chosen by him. This period of history coincided with the introduction of the Royal Mail at the end of the 18th Century and was to quickly decline with the growth of the Railway. The Inn's History is entwined with this and for a while was actually renamed "The Mail Coach Inn". William Stephens arrived in Charmouth in 1812, aged 28, with his wife, Ann and their two children, William and Ann. They had moved from Exeter, where he had held the position of an Exeter Mail Coachman for over 5 years. He would have been responsible for driving the mail coach and transporting letters between post offices. He also had responsibility for ensuring the horses were well-maintained and properly fed and groomed. He would have known Charmouth well as he regularly passed through it enroute to Dorchester, Salisbury and London. The position he took of Landlord of the 3 Crowns (Coach and Horses) had arisen when the previous gentleman holding the position, Joseph Bradbeer, took the postal business across the Street to Crouts and opened a Post Office and Stores there, which still trades today as a Nisa store. At the rear was a Coach House and Stables that were rented by and later bought by William Stephens. Although he was to lease the Inn, he was often described as a Coachman and must have held the two roles, no doubt with assistance from his wife, Ann.

Charmouth is very fortunate in having an almost complete run of Poor Rate and Land Tax Lists in the early 19th century, which provide valuable information relating to their time in the village. They were to have a further four children baptised there. Sadly, there is one lasting memorial to the family in the form of a grave stone at the rear of St. Andrews Church today, that records the death of their eldest son, William, aged just 9 in 1820. William Stephens had a younger brother, John, who was also a Mail Coachman and joined him in 1821. He was to meet and marry Catherine Tucker and were to have two children in the village. They were shown as renting no. 3 Manor House from Simeon Bullen, before moving on to the Woodyates Inn at Pentridge in Dorset. It was William Edwards who inherited several properties in the village on the death of his grandmother, Hannah Newberry in 1788. These included the 3 Crowns Inn as well as the adjacent property, Beech House, where he lived and ran a Butchers.

He was later to change the name of the Inn to the Coach and Horses and rent it to William Stephens, who in due course was to make a success of it and in 1816 was able to purchase from Stephen Atkinson a Coach House and Orchard, which is now the site of the former Star Inn in Charmouth. It was in 1821 that he retired from being an Exeter Mail coach-man and was to be honoured with a beautifully engraved silver salver, which is now preserved at the RAMM museum in Exeter with an equestrian portrait of him. The Coaches that would travel from London to Exeter after their stay at the Coach and Horses would continue their journey to the George Inn in Axminster. It was there in 1822, that he was to take on the position of Landlord. William and Ann were to be blessed with two more daughters. He still had his link with Charmouth with his ownership of the Coach House and in the same year, paid £390 for the neighbouring house and shop, known as Little Lodge from James Welch. He was to rent this to a number of tenants including Samuel Aplin, who ran a Haberdashery and Store there.

It was whilst William was in Axminster in 1827 that a devastating fire swept through the Coach House and Stables that he owned. Soon after this setback he sold them to Lydia, the widow of Joseph Bradbeer in 1830, who ran the post Office and Stores in front of them on The Street. The George in Axminster was substantially larger than the Coach and Horses and attracted considerably more coaches than the former. It gave William the opportunity to operate his own coaches. He was later to establish his own Coach business and stables at 92 The George Inn, Axminster 7th April 1831 On the 29th November 1834, William Stephens finally cuts his links with Charmouth when he sold a house and Shop (Little Lodge" to George Biddlecombe for £425. Sidwell Street in Exeter. The City at this time was the center for a number of Coaching Inns. The most important of these was The New London Inn which was operated by John Cockram, who was married to William`s sister Ann. It was in 1833, at the age of 50 that William was to move from Axminster to Exeter where he took on the lease of the Half Moon in the High Street. It was also the year that he made the decision to cut his link with Charmouth with the sale of the house and shop, which is now Little Lodge for £425 to George Biddlecombe, a Linen Draper from Winsham in Somerset. William was to make a great success of both the Inn and his coaching business as is shown by the regular adverts he took in the Exeter Flying Post. Tragically his life was to be cut short in 1840 and his wife Ann was to carry on as Landlady at the Half Crown until her own death in 1853 and his son, John with the Coaching business. Diana Faust and Clive Hopkins, the descendants of William Stephens arrived on Friday April 18th and were made welcome by Mary Saunders, representing the Charmouth Local History Society who guided them round the village. They were later joined by Helen Parker, the present day owner of "Little Lodge", once owned by William, and were able to see a number of Documents with his signature. The highlight was the Coach and Horses Inn, where their ancestor had been Landlord. Sadly the building today is not the original, as that was lost in a devastating fire in 1882 in the thatched roof. Fortunately they were able to see a number of photographs of it including one of the Coronet which was the last Coach to stop there which finished in the summer of 1860 when the opening of the L.S.W Railway to Exeter brought the service to an end. After their visit to Charmouth they spent further time following William Stephen`s Trail to Axminster and eventually Exeter with visits to the Museum and Archives.

WILLIAM STEPHENS (1784 – 1840) CHARMOUTH'S FAMOUS INN KEEPER



Equestrian portrait of William Stephens in 1836



William Stephens
(A Carrier)
Married 1783, moved to Exeter
by 1797. Died St. Sidwells, Exeter
1755 - 1825

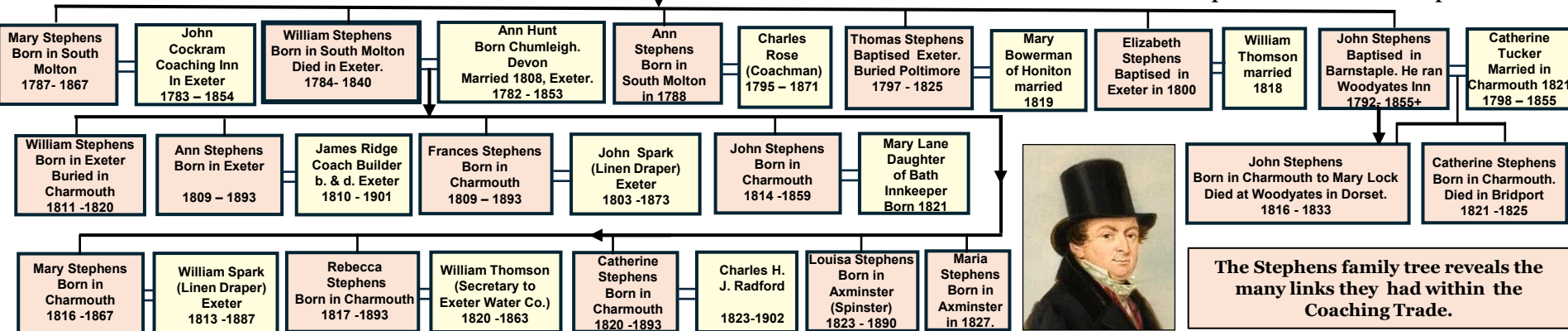
Rebecca Foss
Born in Poltimore,
Died St. Sidwells,
Exeter
1757 - 1817



Diana Faust and Clive
Hopkins outside Coach
& Horses in Charmouth,
Dorset in 2025.

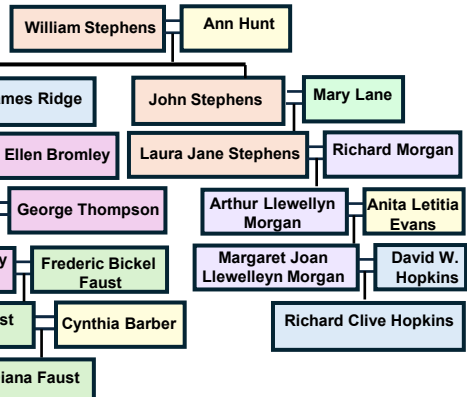


Silver Salver presented to William Stephens in 1821



William Stephens
1784-1840

The Stephens family tree reveals the many links they had within the Coaching Trade.



Diana Faust – Direct descendant of William Stephens

Clive Hopkins – Direct descendant of William Stephens



William Stephens
Exeter Mail Coachman
1807-1821



William Stephens - Landlord of the
Coach & Horses, Charmouth
1812 - 1822



William Stephens -Landlord of the
George Inn, Axminster
1822 - 1833



William Stephens - Landlord of the
Half Moon Inn, Exeter
1833 - 1840

WILLIAM STEPHENS - CHARMOUTH`S FAMOUS INN KEEPER TIME LINE

Year	Event
1783	William Stephen`s father marries Rebecca Foss. He is described as a "Carrier". Most carriers operated on market days and had a 'station', usually an inn near the market place.
1784	William Stephen`s Baptism in South Molton to William & Rebekah Stephens
1792	William Stephen`s Brother John Stephens is baptised in Barnstaple, Devon to parents William & Rebecca Stevens
1807	William Stephen starts working as a Mail Coach man, based on his Silver Salver gift description.
1808	William marries Ann Hunt of Chumleigh in Exeter. Descibed as coachman at St Davids, Exeter.
1809	William Stephen`s daughter, Ann Stephens is baptised at St Sidwells in Exeter on September 27th.
1810	William`s Sister, Mary Stephens married John Cockram at St. Davids Church , Exeter, Devon, on 2 February.They had seven children in 16 years
1811	William Stephen`s son, William was born on 10 February 1811. Baptised at St. Sidwells Church in Exeter.
1812	William Stephens takes over as Landlord at the 3 Crowns (Coach and Horses) in Charmouth from John Clemeos.
1812	William Stephens rents a Coach House and Stables from Joseph Bradbeer. This is now the site of former Star Inn in Charmouth.
1813	William Stephen`s children Ann and William are re- baptised and daughter Frances is baptised at Charmouth.
1813	William Stephen`s daughter Frances Stephens born
1813	Richard, son of John and Honor Clemeos, Mail Coach Man, baptised in Charmouth
1813	William, brother of Jacob Ridley Kitt leaves his niece Ann Kitt £650. With this she buys her fathers former House which was known as "Yandover".
1813	Richard, son of John and Honor Clemeos, Mail Coach Man
1814	Poor Rates show William Stephens renting Stables & Coach House from Bradbeer, The Inn from Edwards and a field and Coach House from Simeon Bullen
1814	William Stephens, an Inn Holder is referred to as occupying a Coach House from Stephen Atkinson which bordered Ann Kitts house on the west and north sides.
1814	William Stephen`s son, John Stephens was baptised on 3 May 1814. He later married Mary Lane in 1847 in Bathwick.
1815	William Stephens renting Coach and Horses from William Edwards (Land Tax)
1815	James and Stephen Atkinson buys Jacob Ridley Kitt`s former properties.
1816	Maria Lock. "spinster" baptized a son "John Stephens" in Charmouth. She later married John Stephens in Salisbury
1816	Joseph Bradbeer living in Crouts.
1816	William Stephens purchases from Stephen Atkinson a Coach House and Orchard, which is now the site of the former Star Inn
1816	John Stephen`s son John was born in January 1816 in Charmouth, Dorset, He died in 1833 in Woodyates, Dorset.
1816	Assignment of Little Lodge to Ann Kitt by Stephen Atkinson/Thomas Hart/ Richard Roberts/Jacob Ridley Kitt
1816	William Stephen`s daughter, Mary Drury Stephens Baptised. William described as a Coachman .
1816	Ithe very next baptism entry under Mary Drury: baby "John Stephens" is baptized by "Maria Lock, spinster" from "Gabriels" - NO father listed.
1817	William Stephen`s daughter,Rebecca Stephens born. William Stephens described as Mail Coach man at daughters christening.

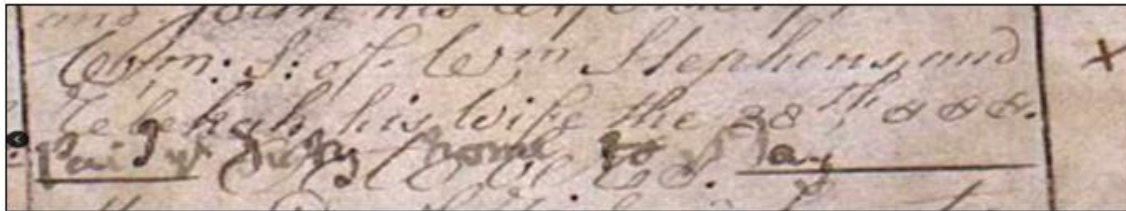
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1817	William Stephen's mother , Rebecca FOSS (Stephens) dies and is buried in her hometown of Poltimore.
1818	Ann Kitt marries John White and sells shop to James Welsh, a sailor from Lyme Regis
1818	William Stephen's brother, John marries Maria Lock in Salisbury. Baby John Stephens would be 2 yrs old.
1819	Reference in Deeds to Little Lodge to the range of old buildings parallel with the garden of Ann Kitt and the garden of William Stephens, Inn Holder
1819	James Atkinson buys out partners and lives in new built house, which is now The Limes(Charmouth Lodge).
1820	William Stephen's daughter Catherine Stephens born
1820	William Stephens renting Coach and Horses from William Edwards (Land Tax)
1820	William Stephens son, William dies, aged 9 and is buried in Charmouth. His grave can still be seen in St. Andrews Church.
1820	William Stephen's daughter, Catharine Bean Stephens Baptised. William described as a Coachman.
1821	William Stephen's brother, John Stephens, Coachman, marries Catherine Tucker in Charmouth. . They rent no.3 Manor House from Simeon Bullen.
1821	William Stephen's brother, John Stephens and his wife Catherine baptise their Daughter Catherine Stephens.
1821	William STEPHENS retires from being an Exeter Mail coach-man & receives an engraved silver salver.
1822	William Stephens issued with a Ale House License for Coach and Horses, Charmouth
1822	William Stephens moves to the George Inn at Axminster
1822	William Stephens, late of Charmouth now of Axminster pays £390 to James Welch, who is described as a Grocer for Ann Kitts House
1823	William Stephen's daughter, Louisa Stephens was born in March 1823 in Axminster, Devon, She never married and died in 1890 in Exeter.
1823	John Clemeos, the former Landlord of the Coach and Horses, before Jhohn Stephens returns back there.
1823	Mrs Lydia Bradbeer shown as owning and living in Crouts in land Tax. She had inherited it on death of Francis, son of Joseph.
1824	William Stephens buys Stables and Yard from Mrs. Lydia Bradbeer and lets them to William Hoare, the village Carpenter.
1824	William Foss takes over as the Landlord of "The Coach and Horses" and renames it the " Mail Coach Inn"
1825	Charmouth Poor Rates show William Foss at the Mail Coach Inn, and William Stephens renting 2 Stables and yard to William Foss.
1825	William Stephens Father, William dies, aged 70 and is buried with his wife, Rebecca Foss (Stephens) in Poltimore Churchyard, Devon.
1826	Charles Baker, a Saddler, renting shop from William Stephens.
1827	William Stephens daughter Maria Stephens was born in 1827 in Axminster, Devon. She lived in Exeter, Devon, in 1851.
1827	A fire sweeps through William Stephens Stables that he was renting to William Foss, Landlord of the Mail Coach Inn (Coach and Horses)
1828	William Stephens brother John is Landlord of Woodyates Inn, Pentridge, Dorset.
1829	William Edwards dies and The Coach and Horses is bought by Bowden, Gundry, of Bridport whose original Brewery stood in Gundry Lane in Bridport.
1829	William Foss, late of Charmouth appears in bankruptcy list.
1829	Poor Rates show William Stephens renting shop and house (Little Lodge) to Charles Cookney
1833	William Stephens brother John Stephens son, John died aged 16 and was buried at Pentridge near Salisbury
1833	William Stephens moves to Half Moon, High Street, Exeter
1833	Star Inn, now in the occupation of Mr.E. Smith, as a yearly tenant, at a rental of £18 per annum.
1834	William Stephens sells his house and shop (Little Lodge) to George Biddlecombe of Winsham, Somerset, linen draper for £425.
1834	William Stephens sells former Stables and Yard back to Mrs Lydia Bradbeer. This is now the site of former " Star Inn".
1840	William Stephens dies in Exeter. His wife, Ann carried on as Landlady at the Half Crown in Exeter.
1840	William Stephens daughter, Anne marries James Ridge in Exeter, Devon, in December 1840 .They had three children . She died on 9 February 1893
1845	William Stephens daughter, Rebecca Stephens marriedo William Tompson in Exeter and they had four children. She died on 31 October 1893 in Exeter, Devon,
1846	William Stephens daughter, Catherine Bean Stephens married Charles Henry Jellicoe Radford in Exeter.They had three children . She died in September 1903.
1847	William Stephen's son, John, married Mary Lane, daughter of William Lane, Coach Owner in Bathwick, Somerset, on 26 August 1847 .
1851	Maria Stephens lived in Exeter, Devon, in 1851.
1851	William Stephens brother John dies, aged 54
1853	William Stephen's Widow, Ann Stephens died

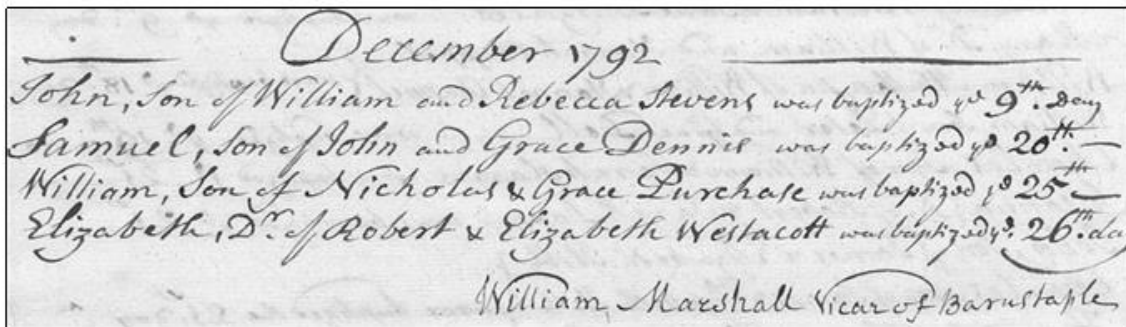
William Stephens time in South Molton, Devon from 1784 until 1806

1784

1783 South Molton. William Stephens, Carrier of this parish marries Rebecca Foss, spinster of this parish by Banns . Witnessess: John Tapp & Henry Searles.



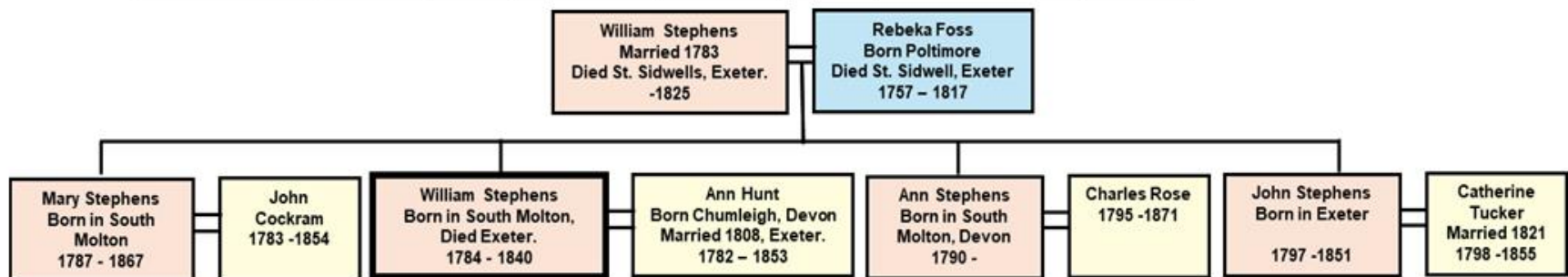
Baptism of William to William and Rebeka Stephens in 1784 in South Molton, Devon



Baptism of John to William and Rebeka Stephens in 1792 in Barnstaple in Devon

Mary Stephens was born in 1787 in South Molton, Devon
Ann was born in December 1788 in South Molton, Devon

26 June 1791	Ann	daughter of	William Rebekah	and	STEPHENS	Born 28 December 1788; privately baptised 8 January 1789
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William Stephens time in South Molton, Devon from 1784 until 1806

William Stephens would have known the George Hotel in South Molton, which is still standing in his youth as it ran regular coaches to London and Exeter

COACHES.

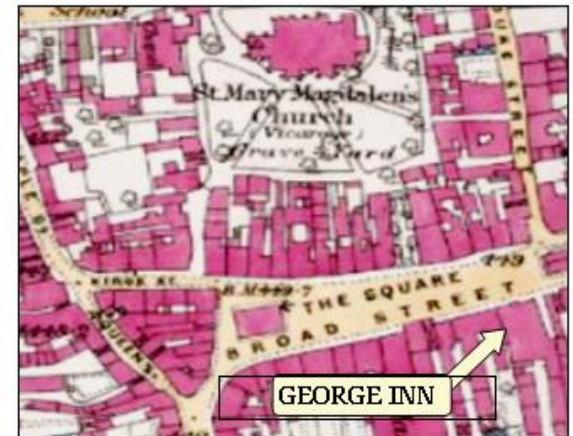
THROUGH SOUTH MOLTON.

To LONDON, the *Royal Mail* (from Barnstaple) calls at the George Inn, every morning at seven; goes through Bampton, Wiveliscombe, Taunton and Bristol - and the *North Devon Telegraph*, calls at the George Inn, every morning at nine; goes through Tiverton, Wellington, Taunton & Salisbury.

To BARNSTAPLE, the *Royal Mail* (from London) calls at the George Inn, every evening at seven, and the *North Devon Telegraph*, every evening at four - and the *Freemason* (from Bristol) calls at the White Hart Inn, every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday morning at eight.

To BRISTOL, the *Freemason* (from Barnstaple) calls at the White Hart Inn, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at twelve; goes thro' Tiverton, Taunton and Bridgwater.

to EXETER, the *North Devon*, from the George Inn, every morning at nine, except Sunday, when it starts at twelve; goes through Tiverton, Wellington and Taunton.



William Stephens marriage to Ann Hunt in 1808

1808

William Stephens starts work as a Mail Coach Man in 1807, which is calculated from his retirement gift in 1821.

Ann Hunt of the Parish of Saint David in the County of the City of Exeter, Spinster

appeared personally, and made Oath, that he the said *Ann Hunt* is above the Age of Twenty-one Years, and not related to *William Stephens* of the same Coachman

(for the Marriage of whom Licence is prayed) within the Degrees prohibited; and the said *Ann Hunt* on his Oath, saith, that the said *William Stephens* is likewise above the Age of Twenty-one Years; and that the said *Ann Hunt* hath had her usual Abode in the Parish of *Saint David* aforesaid, for four Weeks and upwards, immediately preceding the Date hereof. And the said *Ann Hunt* further on his Oath, saith, that she knows no Impediment whatever, but that she may be lawfully Married to the said *William Stephens*.

The Mark of

Sworn before me, this 21st Day of Dec. 1808. *Ann Hunt*.

James Newcombe Sur:

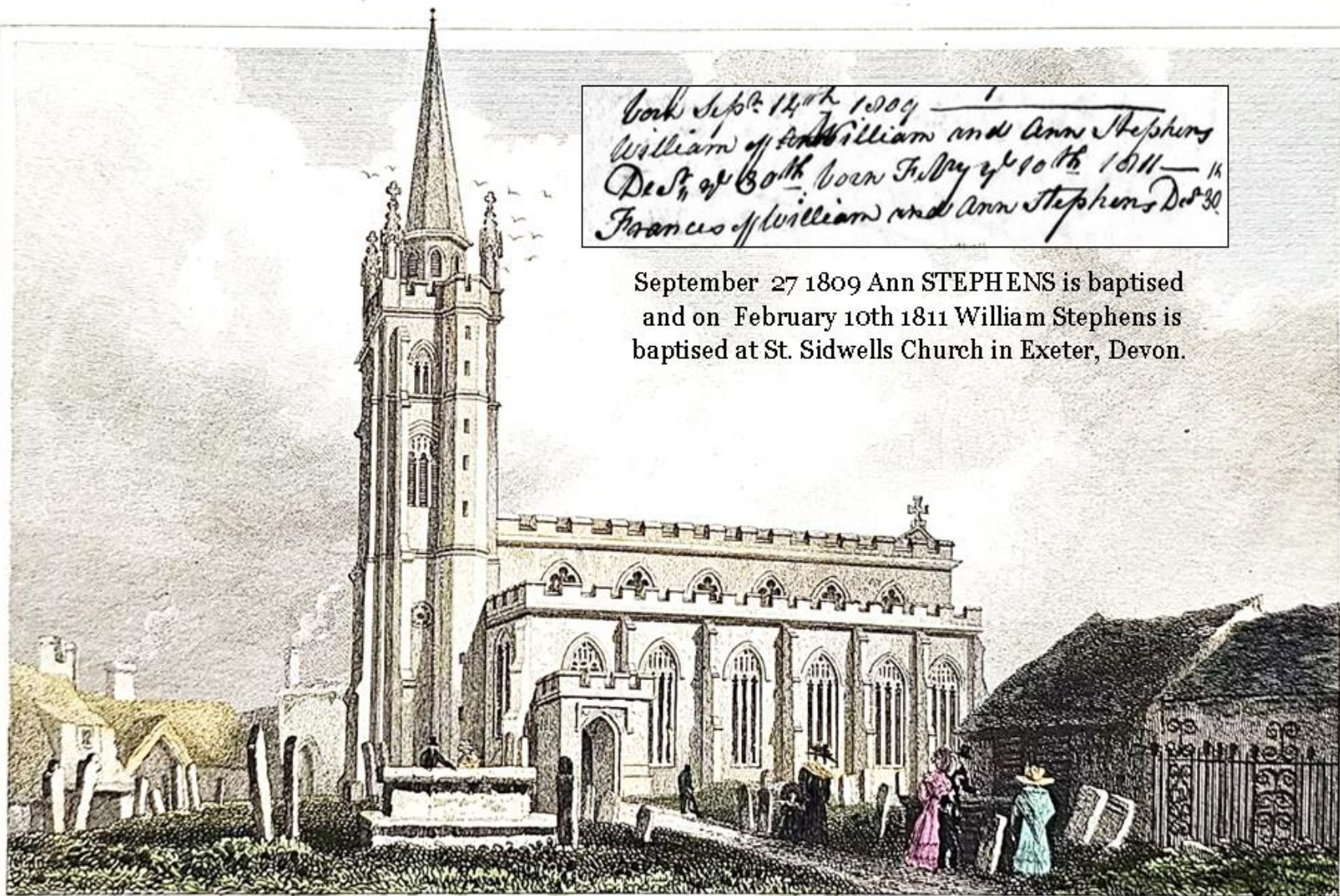


Original Marriage Bond of Ann HUNT of the parish of Saint David & William STEPHENS of the same, "Coachman" - both over 21 yrs old - Ann makes her MARK (can't sign her name) - Sworn before: James Newcombe. St. Davids Church, Exeter. 21st December 1808. William would have been 24 and Ann 26 years of age.

William Stephens & Ann Hunt of this Parish were married in this Church by Licence this 22 Dec.

*Book Sept: 14th 1809
William of son William and Ann Stephens
Deat^h of both born July 24th 1811—¹⁶
Francis of William and Ann Stephens Dec 30*

September 27 1809 Ann STEPHENS is baptised
and on February 10th 1811 William Stephens is
baptised at St. Sidwells Church in Exeter, Devon.



W. H. Bartlett.

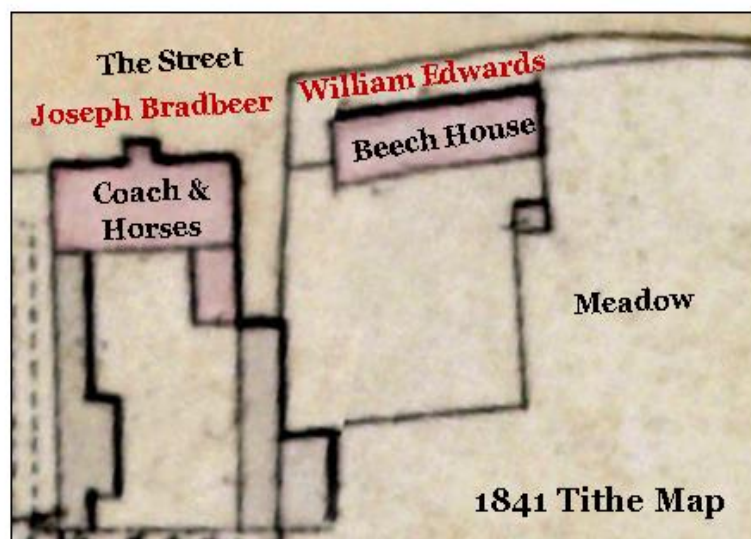
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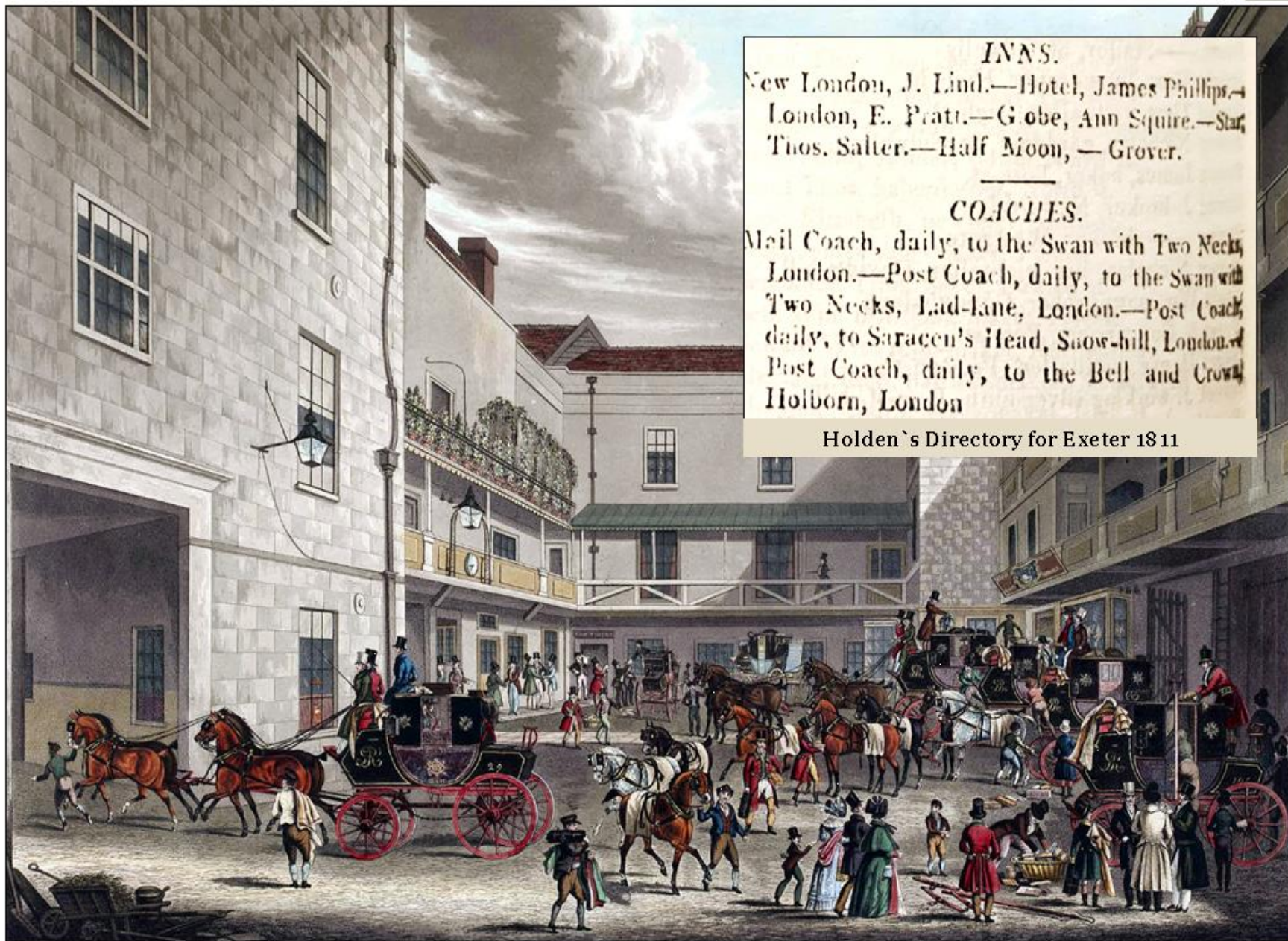
CHARMOUTH, DEVON.
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 Also an undivided Moiety of all that Brick Fronted **MESSAGE or DWELLING HOUSE**, with the Outhouses and a Close of exceedingly rich **MEADOW LAND** adjoining, containing about Three Acres (more or less) in the occupation of Mr. William Edwards.
 The Lands are most delightfully situate in the much frequented Village of Charmouth, whose celebrity as a watering place has been too long known to need an enumeration of the conveniences and advantages it possesses.
 For further particulars, apply to Messrs. Smith and Taunton, Solicitors, Axminster.
 15th June, 1810.

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 15th June 1810.



1810 This is an advert for the sale of the Moiety (half) of the Coach and Horses and Beech House, both owned by William Edwards. It is described as "a Brick Fronted Message or Dwelling House, with the outhouses and a close of exceedingly rich Meadow land adjoining, containing about 3 acres (more or less) in the occupation of Mr. William Edwards". This is the large field on the corner of Lower Sea Lane and the Street which corresponds with the later 1841 Tithe Map. It obviously did not reach its reserve as William was to continue owning Beech House until 1829.



INNS.
New London, J. Lind.—Hotel, James Phillips.—
London, E. Pratt.—Globe, Ann Squire.—Star,
Thos. Salter.—Half Moon, — Grover.

COACHES.
Mail Coach, daily, to the Swan with Two Necks,
London.—Post Coach, daily, to the Swan with
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Charmouth,

A village on the Dorsetshire coast, 3 miles E. of Lyme, and 142 from London. The principal manufacture is sailcloth. Fair, July 10th.

B **IDWELL** Thomas, Gent.
 Bradbeer Joseph, Mail-Coach & Post-Office
 Bullen John, Gent.
 Bullen Simeon, sen. Gent.
 Burnard William, sailcloth-manufacturer
 Channing Major, Gent.
 Combes Rev. Bryan
 Cook Rev. John, dissenting minister
 Drew Thomas Rose, Esq. Wooton-House
 Good Rev. Joseph
 Good Mrs.
 Hackmen Joseph, Gent.
 Harvey George, Fountain Inn
 Hawkins Richard, George Inn
 Hill Mrs.
 Juson William, Gent.
 Love James, shopkeeper
 Newton Mis. Langmore-House
 Richards Mary, shopkeeper
 Ridges John, Gent.
 Ridley Jacob, sailcloth-manufacturer,
 Ridley Jacob, shopkeeper,
 Robins John, Gent.
 Russell George, Gent
 Warmington William, Gent.
 Warren Mrs.
 Webber George, sailcloth-manufacturer
 Williams —, Esq. Rodehill-House

INNS. { George, R. Hawkins
 Fountain, G. Harvey

POST-OFFICE.—J. Bradbeer

COACHES.

A Mail, and two Stage Coaches, to and from Exeter to London, daily, by Russell and Sweet

WAGGONS.—By Russell and Sweet, to and from Exeter to London, daily.

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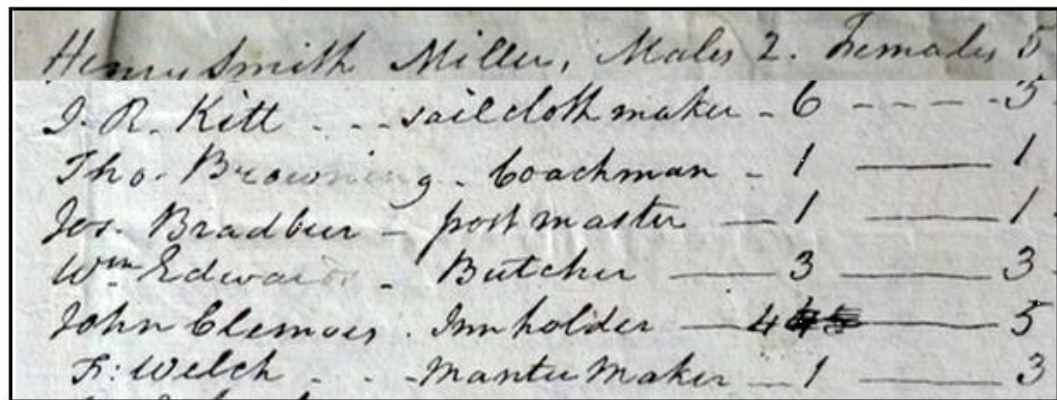
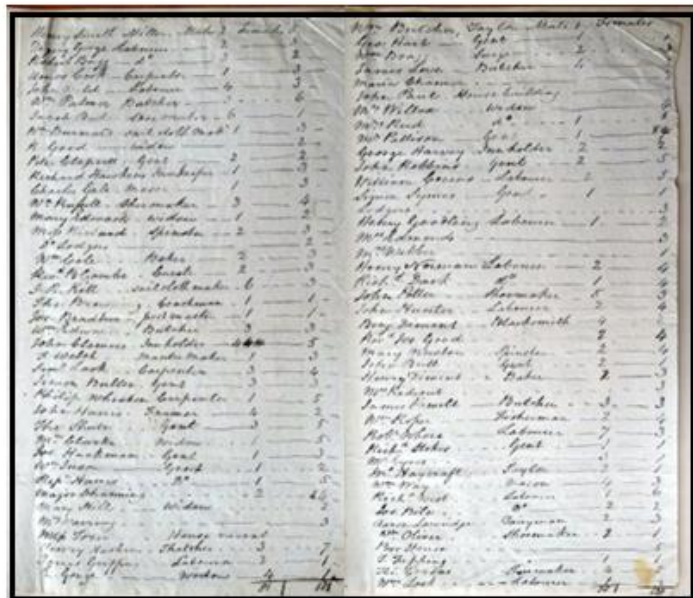
FOR THE YEAR 1811.

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Himself	Late Farris	3	6
Edwards, William	Himself	Field	2	3
Edwards, William	John Clemoes	3 Crowns	3	6
Bradbeer, Francis	Browning	House	2	
Bradbeer, Francis	Joseph Bradbeer	House	1	6
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Himself	House	2	
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Himself	House	4	
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	John Clemeos	House & Garden	4	

1811 Poor Rates

<i>Edwards Wm</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D^o</i>	<i>Late Farris</i>	<i>D^o</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>
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<i>D^o</i>	<i>Clemon John & Crowne</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>

Holdens Directory for Charmouth in 1811 has a mass of useful information relating to Charmouth in that year. Joseph Bradbeer is shown as running the Mail Coach Inn and the Post Office. There are a Mail and two stage coaches to and from Exeter to London daily. Jacob Ridley Kitt is a Sail cloth Manufacturer and Shopkeeper at Yandover (Charmouth Lodge). The Poor rates for 1811 may have been recorded later in the year as it shows John Clemoes renting the 3 Crowns Inn (Coach and Horses) from William Edward, a Butcher at Beech House. He is also renting a house and Garden from Jacob Ridley Kitt at Yandover.



An extract from the 1811 Census for Charmouth

Name	Occupation	Male	Female
Henry Smith	Miller	2	5
Jacob Ridley Kitt	Sailcloth Maker	6	3
Thomas Browning	Coachman	1	1
Joseph Bradbeer	Postmaster	1	1
William Edwards	Butcher	3	3
John Clemoes	Innholder	4	5
Frank Welch	Dress Maker	1	3

We are very fortunate to have a link with the village over 200 years ago in the form of a Census carried out in 1811. It gives the number if Males and Females in each House. It also describes the occupation of the main person. We find that Joseph Bradbeer was described as a Post Master. He would have been running his business from what is Nisa(Charmouth Stores), which shows it have been a shop for over 2 centuries. There were also three Inns at that time. The largest of the Inns was the 3 Crowns whose landlord was Richard Clemoes, it's name was later to change to the Mail Coach Inn and finally the Coach and Horses. There are four men and five women shown as living there at that time.

This extract from the 1811 Census shows Henry Smith as a Miler at Charmouth Mill. His brother would later be the landlord of the Star Inn, which was bought as Stables by William Stephens. Jacob Ridley Kitt owned Yandover, next to the Star Inn, which William Stephens was later to buy and lease as a shop. Thomas Browning is shown as a Coachman and is renting a house from Joseph Bradbeer who is a Postmaster at Charmouth Stores (Nisa). William Edwards is a Butcher at Beech House, next to the Coach and Horses, which he owns and is renting to John Clemoes, who is described as Innholder. Frank Welch is a Mantua Maker (Dress Maker). In 1818 James Welch buys Yandover from Ann Kitt.

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1813

1813

Rate of the said year 1813

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate
Bull John	Self	House & Garden	6/2
Brigg Wm	Do	Do	7/4
Do	Hart	Do	4/3/4
Do	Cousens	Field & Coppice	1/2
Do	Self	Field	1/2
Burnard Wm	Do	House & field	6
Bradbeer Jos ^r	Do	House & Garden	2/4
Do	Thos Browning	Do & Orchard	4/4
Do	Stephens	Stable & coach house	2/4
Edwards Wm	Self	House & Slaughter	7 3/4
Do	Self	Field	
Do	Farrs	House & Orchard	3 1/2
Do	Stephens	House / the Inn	4 1/2

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Farrs	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	House/The Inn	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	Thomas Browning	House & Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Himself	House, Shops	5	6
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Creed	House	3	
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	John Clemeos	House & Garden	4	

1813 Poor Rates

Frances Stephens was born in 1813 in Charmouth.

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1814

1814

by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, this twenty eighth day of April 1814

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate	Amount
Bull John	Self	House & Garden	6/2	6-6
Brigg Wm	Self	Do	8	8
Do	Hart	Do	4	4
Do	Cousens	Field & Coppice	1/2	6
Do	Self	Field	1/2	1-6
Burnard Wm	Do	House & field	6	6
Bradbeer Jos	Do	House & Garden	4/4	4-6
Do	Legg	House & Garden	2/4	2-6
Do	Stephens	Stable & coach house	2/4	2-6
Edwards Wm	Self	House & Slaughter	7 3/4	7-9
Do	Do	field		
Do	Farrs	House & Orchard	3 1/2	3-6
Do	Stephens	the Inn	4 1/2	4-6
Bullen Wm	Self	House & Garden	6/2	6-6
Do	Do	now empty	6/2	3-6
Do	Corbyn	House & Garden	3 1/2	3-6
Do	Self	Stephens Orchard & Coach house	1	1

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Farrs	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	The Inn	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House & Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Himself	House, Shops	5	6
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Mrs. Love	House	3	
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	John Clemeos	House & Garden	4	
Bullen, Simeon	Himself	House & Garden	6	6
Bullen, Simeon	Himself	now empty	6	6
Bullen, Simeon	Corbyn	House & Garden	3	6
Bullen, Simeon	Self & Stephens	Coach House & Orchard	1	

1814 Poor Rates

No. 100	Mary 3 rd	John Son of	William Ann	Stephens	Charmouth	Mary Cousin Cousin	Parson Curate
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John Stephens was born in 1814 in Charmouth.

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1815

1815

Assessors of the Poor of the said Parish 1815
thirty first day of March 1815.

Bradbeer Joseph	de	House &c	4 1/4	4 3
D Legg	de		2 1/4	2 3
Mr Stephens	Stable &c		2 1/4	2 3
Edwards Wm	de	House &c	7 3/4	7 4
	de	late farrs	3 1/2	3 0
	de	Stephens 3 Crowns	4 1/2	4 0
Kitt Jacob R	de	House Shop &c	5 1/2	5 6
Empty	de	House Gate	3	3
	de	Love Mrs		
	de	House, Bayley	4	4

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farrs	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House & Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Himself	House, Shops	5	6
Kitt, Jacob Ridley	Mrs. Love	House	3	
Kitt, Ann	Bayley	House & Garden	4	

1815 Edwards	Wheaton &c	Farrs	4 6
202	1815 Stephens	Three Crowns	10 7 1/2

An extract from 1815 Land Taxes for Charmouth. William Edwards is renting the 3 Crowns Inn to William Stephens.

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1816

1816

of Dorset, of the Poor of the said Parish. this fourth day of April 1816.

Bradbeer Joseph	de	de R	4 1/4	4 0
D Legg	de		2 1/4	2 3
Mr Stephens	Stable &c		2 1/4	2 3
Edwards Wm	de	House &c	7 3/4	7 4
	de	late Farrs	3 1/2	3 0
	de	Stephens	4 1/2	4 0
Late the Estate of J. Ridley Kitt	Empty	House Shop &c	5 1/2	5 6
	Empty	House Gate	3	3
	Empty	Love	3	3
Kitt Ann	Herself	late Bayley	4	4

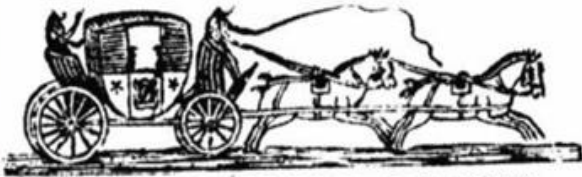
1816 Poor Rates				
Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farrs	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House & Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Late Kitt Estate	Empty	House, Shops	5	6
Late Kitt Estate	Empty	House	3	
Kitt, Ann	Herself	House & Garden	4	

1816 Poor Rates

1816	Jenny 30	Mary Drury and Daughter	William Stephens	Charmouth	Mail Coachman	Briancombe Currier
No. 64						

Mary Stephens was born in 1816 in Charmouth.

Dated 12th June, 1816.



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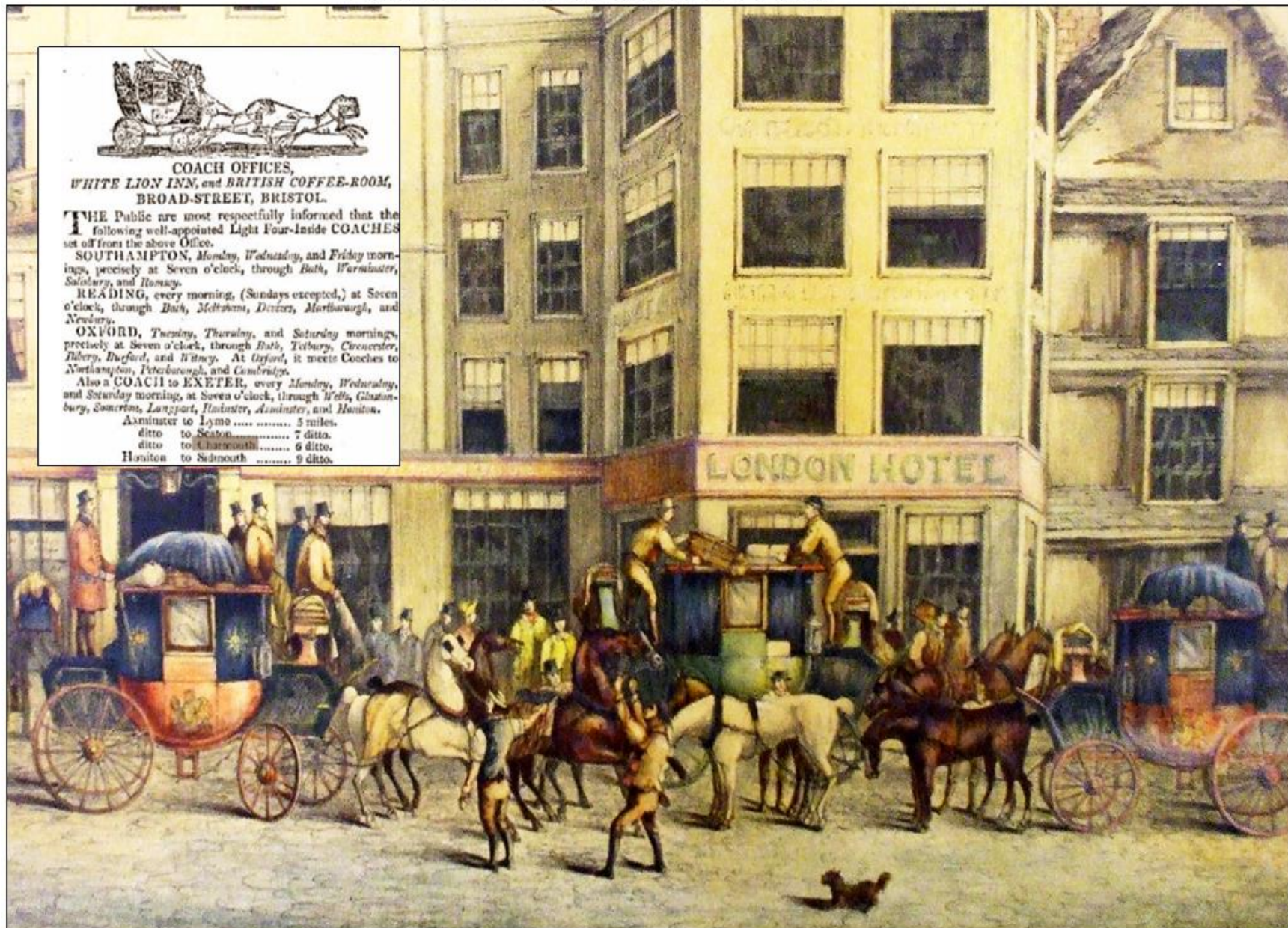
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Honiton to Sidmouth	9 ditto.



William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1817

1817

*In Oversight of the Poor of the said Parish
this 31 day of March 1817*

Audain Red, Red 10 Combs Rectory 2/6 - 1/1
Bull En - Minnall House 6/2 - 6/2
Bragge W - Miller House - 8/1 - 8/1
----- Minnall - do - 1/1 - 1/1
----- Coward Field 1/1 - 1/1
Burnard Wm - Minnall House 6/2 - 6/2
Bradbeer Joseph do do - 4/4 - 4/4
----- D. Legg - do - 2/1 - 2/1
----- W. Stephens Stable 2/1 - 2/1
Edwards Wm do House 7/1 - 7/1
----- do Late Farris 3/2 - 3/2
----- do Stephens 4/1 - 4/1
Kitt Ann - House herself 4/1 - 4/1

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House & Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Late Kitt Estate	Empty	House, Shops	5	6
Late Kitt Estate	Empty	House	3	
Kitt, Ann	Herself	House & Garden	4	

1817 Poor Rates

Sip ^m 10 No. 100.	Rebecca Daughter	William and Ann	Stephens Charmouth	Mail Coach Man	136
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Rebecca Stephens was born in 1817 in Charmouth.

Williams mother, Rebecca Stephens buried at Politmore, Devon.

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1818

1818

1818

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate	Amount
Bradbeer Jos	Himself	House &c	4 1/4	2 10 9
	David Legg	House &c	2 1/4	4 3
	Wm Stephens	Stable &c	2 1/4	2 3
Edwards Will	Himself	House & field	7 3/4	7 9
	do	late Farris	3 1/2	3 6
	do	Stephens (Swalands)	4 1/2	4 6
Welch James	himself	House &c	4	4 -

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Late Kitt Estate	Empty	House, Shops	5	6
Late Kitt Estate	Empty	House	3	
James Welsh	Herself	House & Garden	4	

1818 Poor Rates

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1819

1819

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate	amount	£	s	d
Andain Rev	Rev. T. Hodges	Rectory	2/6	1	10	-	
Atkinson Sup	M ^{rs} Edmonds	House	5	-	5		
D ^o	Self	House	5	-	5		
D ^o	D ^o	a Field	1	-	1		
Bradbeer Jos ^{ph}	Himself	House &c	4 1/2	-	4	6	
D ^o	David Legg	D ^o	2 1/2	-	2	6	
D ^o	W ^m Stephens	Stables &c	2 1/2	-	2	6	
Edwards William	Himself	House &c	7	-	7	9	
To or Executors of late Thomas	Self	late Farm	3	-	3	6	
D ^o	Ditto	W ^m Stephens	4	-	4	6	
Welch James	Himself	House &c	4	-	4	6	

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	
Atkinson, Stephen	Himself	House	5	
Atkinson, Stephen	Himself	Fields	1	
James Welsh	Herself	House & Garden	4	

1819 Poor Rates

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1820

1820

Poor of the said Parishes this thirteenth day of May 1820. as per former Rates the Houses at one Halfpenny in the Pound and the Lands at three fourths of their Value

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rate	£	s	d
Bradbeer Jos ^{ph}	D ^o	House &c	4 1/2	4	6	
D ^o	David Legg	D ^o	2 1/2	2	6	
D ^o	W ^m Stephen	Stable	2 1/2	2	6	
Edwards W ^m	Himself	House & field	7 3/4	7	9	
D ^o	Late Farris	House &c	3	3	6	
D ^o	W ^m Stephen	D ^o	4	4	6	
Wootton Edward	Lock Mat.	Field	3	3		
Welch James	Himself	House &c	4	4		

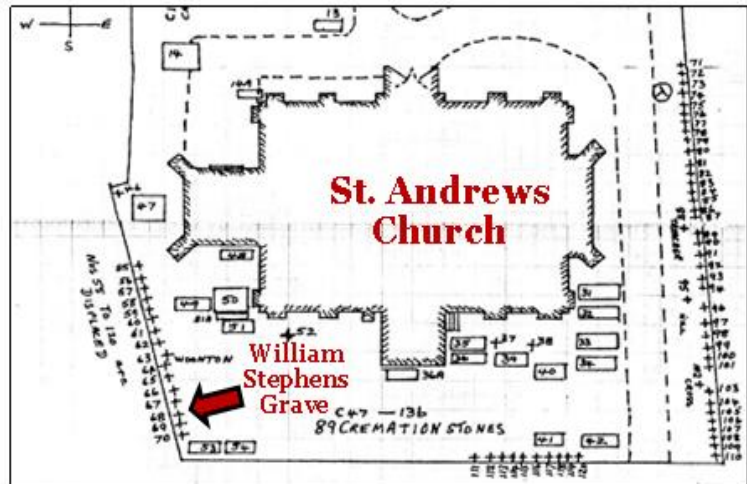
Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	
Atkinson, Stephen	Himself	House	6	6
James Welsh	Herself	House & Garden	4	
Wootton, Edward	Lock, Matthew	House	3	

John Legg
 Aug 28
 No. 148.
 William Stephens
 Charmouth
 Nath. Gasham
 Curate

Catherine Stephens born

Grave of William Stephens in Charmouth who died age 9 in 1820

1820



**Sacred to the Memory of William,
Son of William and Ann Stephens who
died March 20 1820, aged 9 years**

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Silver Salver given to William Stephens in 1821.

1821

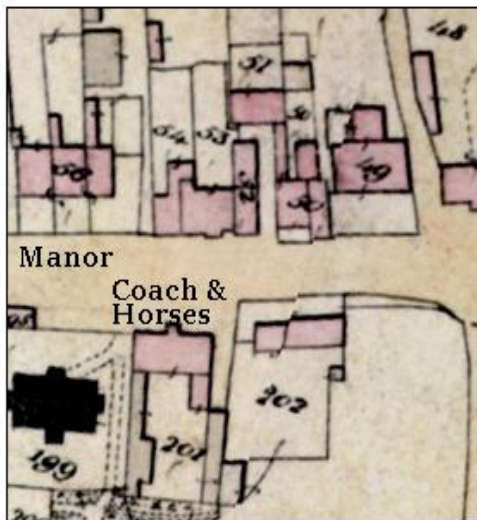


This Salver purchased by subscription, was presented to MR. WILLIAM STEPHENS, MARCH 25TH. 1821 as a token of his satisfactory conduct during fourteen Years Coachmanship on the EXETER Mail

Poor Rates for Charmouth in 1821

1821

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Amount Brought over			54	16-11-2
Craze Rick	Harris	Yard & 1-1-4	1	4
Bradbeer	Joseph Bradbeer	House & Garden	4	3
D -	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
D -	W. Stephens	Stable	2	3
Bullen Esq.	himself	2 Houses	11	1-6
D -	John Stephens	House & Garden	3	7
D -	himself	Orchard	1	2
Richard Nipes	himself	House	3	6
D -	Miss Botton	House	5	10
D -	Silvers & Lock	Shop & Garden	4	1-6
D -	James Powell	Field	1	2
D -	Mr. Stephens	House	1 1/2	2 6
Edward Wooton	Mr. Stephens	House	4	6
Wooton Esq.	Matth. Lock	House	3	6



Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	
Atkinson, Stephen	Himself	House	6	6
James Welsh	Herself	House & Garden	4	
Wooton, Edward	Lock, Matthew	House	3	
Bullen, Simeon	Himself	2 houses & Garden	11	
Bullen, Simeon	John Stephens	House & Garden	3	
Bullen, Simeon	Himself	Orchard	1	

William's brother, John Stephens appears for the only time on the Charmouth Poor Rates in 1821 when he is renting part of the Manor House from Simeon Bullen, who lives in the other two parts. This is now no. 3 Manor House where Chris and Karen East live. The Poor Rates show William Stephens as Landlord of Three Crowns (Coach & Horses) from William Edwards and renting a Coach House and Stables (now the Star Inn) from Joseph Bradbeer. He is also renting a field from Miss Rickard. Matthew Lock, John Stephen's father in law is renting a field from her as well as a house from Edward Wooton.

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1821

1821

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Bradbeer	Himself	House & Field	7	9
D ^r	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
D ^r	W ^m Stephens	Stables	4	6
Edward W ^m	Himself	House & Garden	2	3
D ^r	Late Farris	House & Garden	2	3
Edward W ^m	W ^m Stephens	House	5	5
Wootton Edw ^d	Matth ^o Lock	House	4	0
Welch J ^r	Himself	D ^r	4	0

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	5
Atkinson, Stephen	Himself	House	6	6
James Welsh	Herself	House & Garden	4	0
Wootton, Edward	Lock, Matthew	House	3	0

1821 Poor Rates

William Stephens life in Charmouth in 1822

1822

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	Rates	s.	d.
Bradbeer	Himself	House & Garden	17	11	11
D ^r	Miss Richards	Stables	9	6	6
D ^r	Himself	Stables	6	6	6
Edward W ^m	Self	House & Garden	11	11	11
Edward W ^m	Clemoes	House & Garden	10	10	10
D ^r	Self	Stables	10	10	10
Stephens W ^m	Clemoes	Stables yard	10	10	10
Stephens W ^m	Hoare	House	11	11	11
Wootton Edw ^d	Hemmaway	Stable	11	11	11

Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Edwards, William	Late Farris	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	William Stephens	Three Crowns	4	6
Bradbeer, Joseph	Himself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	David Legg	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Joseph	William Stephens	Stable & Coach House	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	5
Atkinson, Stephen	Himself	House	6	6
James Welsh	Herself	House & Garden	4	0

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 No. 165.
 Catherine John Stephens
 Daughter of Catherine
 Charmouth Mail Coachman
 Curator

1821 Birth of Catherine Stephens to John & Catherine Stephens. John is described as a Mail Coachman

Bridport Division.

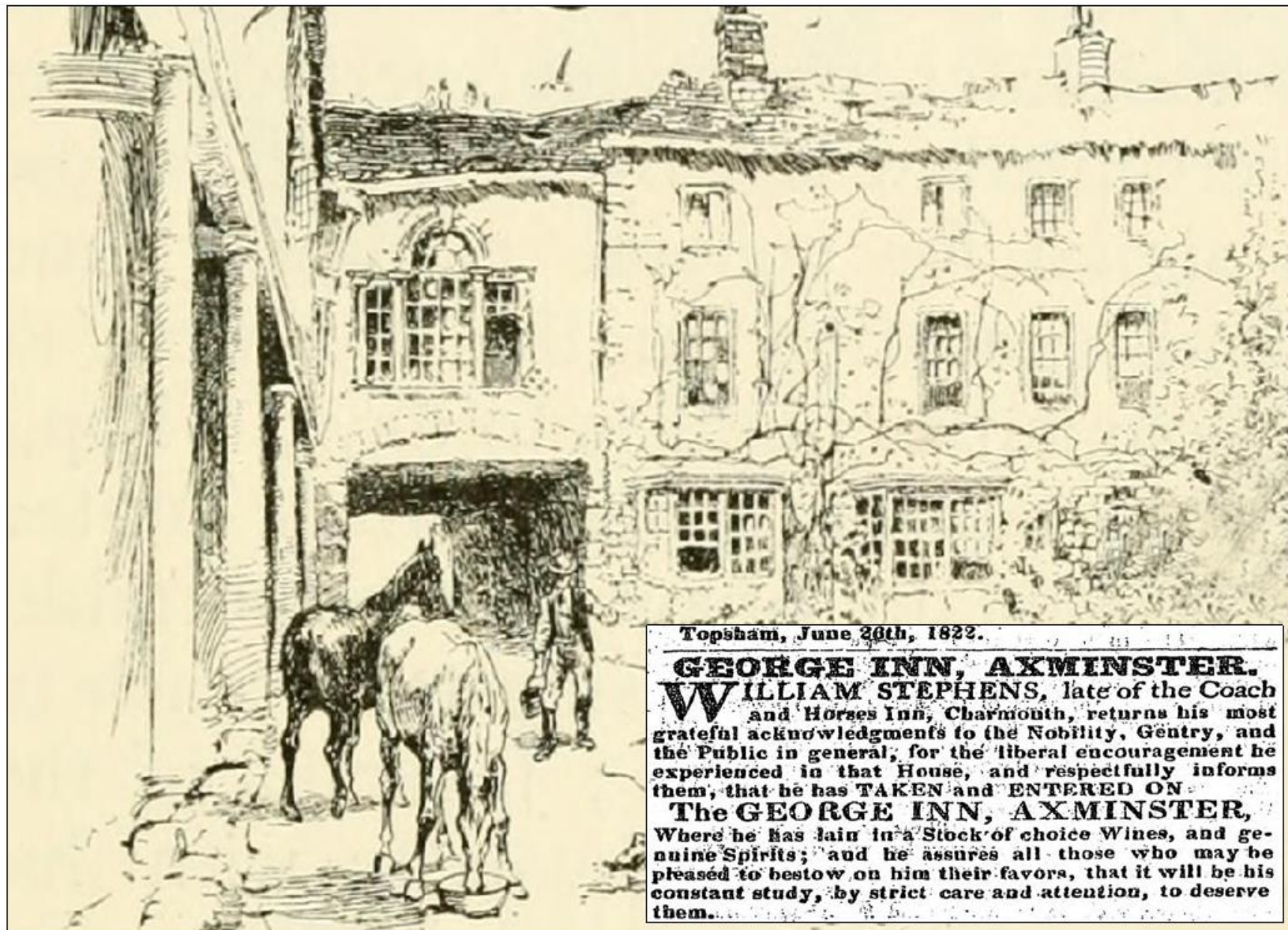
DORSET. BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th Day of September, in the second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, William Stephens of Charmouth in the County aforesaid, Inhabitant, and William Stephens of Charmouth in the County aforesaid, personally came before us the Justices of the Peace for the said County, and acting within the Division aforesaid, and acknowledged themselves to owe to our said Lord the King, (that is to say) the said William Stephens the Sum of £100 Pounds, and the said William Stephens the Sum of £100 Pounds each, of lawful British Money, to be made and levied of their Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements respectively, to the use of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors: If the said William Stephens shall make default in the Condition hereunder written.

WHEREAS the said William Stephens is now authorized and empowered to keep a Common Ale-house, Inn, or Victualling-house, at the Sign of the Three Crowns in Charmouth aforesaid, for one Year, to commence on the 10th Day of October next, and to utter and sell Bread and other Victuals, Beer, Ale and other Excisable Liquors by Retail, (except as in the License is excepted.) Now the CONDITION of the above Ale and other Excisable Liquors as aforesaid, nor do not, nor shall suffer any unlawful Games, Riot, Drunkenness, or any other Disorder in his said House, or in his Out-houses, Yards, Gardens and Premises, but shall maintain and keep good Order and Rule within the same, according to the Laws of this Realm, then this Recognizance to be void.—Taken and acknowledged the Day and Year first above written, before us,

Evan Payne
 Ford, Geoffrey

Clerk, Justice, Registrar.

1822 Ale House License to William Stephens of the Coach and Horses, Charmouth



Topsham, June 20th, 1822.

GEORGE INN, AXMINSTER.

WILLIAM STEPHENS, late of the Coach and Horses Inn, Charnouth, returns his most grateful acknowledgments to the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public in general, for the liberal encouragement he experienced in that House, and respectfully informs them, that he has TAKEN and ENTERED ON

The GEORGE INN, AXMINSTER,

Where he has laid in a Stock of choice Wines, and genuine Spirits; and he assures all those who may be pleased to bestow on him their favors, that it will be his constant study, by strict care and attention, to deserve them.

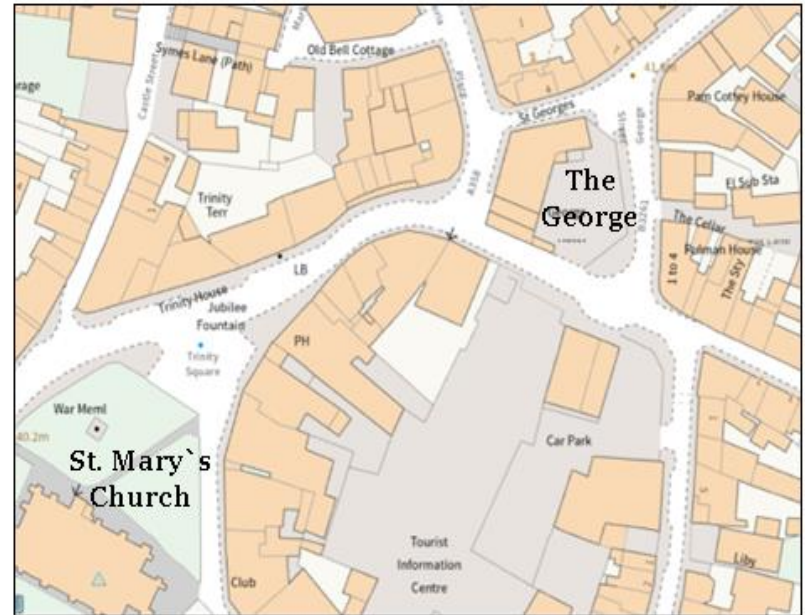


William Stephens—Landlord of The George, Axminster

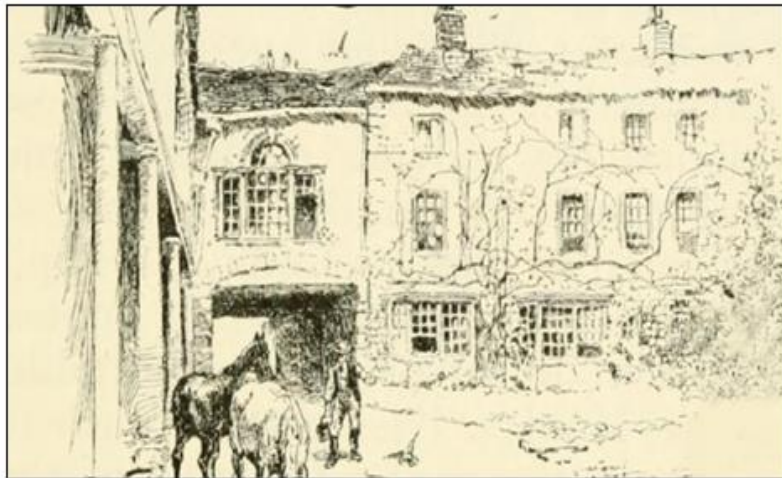
1822



1839 Tithe Map with stables & outbuildings.



2025 Ordnance Survey Map without outbuildings.



William Stephens purchase of House in Charmouth in 1823

1823



Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Joseph Wilson	Himself	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	Clemoes	Inn	4	6
Bradbeer, Lydia	Herself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Lydia	Misses Richards	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Lydia	Herself	Stable	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Wray	House	6	6
William Stephens	Hoare	House & Garden	16	

1823 Poor Rates

William Stephens purchase of Stables and Yard in Charmouth in 1824

1824



Owners	Occupiers	Premises	s.	d.
Edwards, William	Himself	House & Field	7	9
Joseph Wilson	Himself	House & Orchard	3	6
Edwards, William	Clemoes	Inn	4	6
Bradbeer, Lydia	Herself	House, Garden, Orchard	4	3
Bradbeer, Lydia	Misses Richards	House & Garden	2	3
Bradbeer, Lydia	Herself	Stable	2	3
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Edmonds	House	5	
Atkinson, Stephen	Mrs. Wray	House	6	6
William Stephens	Clemoes	Stable & Yard	2	6
William Stephens	William Hoare	House and Garden	16	

1824 Poor Rates

William Stephens father buried at St. Mary's Church, Poltimore, Devon.

1825

BURIALS in the Parish of *Poltimore*
in the County of *Devon* in the Year 18*25*

<i>William Stephens</i>	<i>St. Sidwells</i>	<i>May 11</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>J. Bond</i>
	<i>Easter</i>		<i>years</i>	<i>Bishop of</i>
				<i>Exeter</i>
No. 116.				



Stephens W^m Foss 2 Stables Yard &c 6

Stephens W^m Baker & Palmer House Garden & Shop 10

1825

Stephens W^m Foss 2 Stables Yard &c 6
do Baker & Palmer House Garden & Shop 10

1826

Stephens W^m Foss Coach House, 2 Stables & Yard 6
do Baker & Palmer House & Shop 10

1827

Stephens W^m Foss Coach House, 2 Stables & Yard 6
do Baker & Palmer House & Shop 10

1828

Stephens W^m Foss Coach House &c 6
do Baker & Palmer House & Shop 10

1829

1825

William Stephens	William Foss	2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens	Baker & Palmer	House & Garden & Shop	10

1825 Poor Rates

1826

William Stephens	William Foss	2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens	Baker	House & Garden & Shop	10

Stephens W^m Foss 2 Stables Yard &c 6
do Baker & Palmer House Garden & Shop 10

1826 Poor Rates

William Stephens	William Foss	Coach House, 2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens	Lock & Baker	House & Garden & Shop	10

1827 Poor Rates

1827

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Items Assessed and Exonerated.	Items Assessed and not Exonerated.
Stephens W ^m	W ^m Foss	Stables	6	6
do	Chas Baker	House	10	10

1827 Land Tax

William Stephens	William Foss	Coach House, 2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens		House & Garden & Shop	10

1828 Poor Rates

1828

William Stephens	William Foss	Coach House, 2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens		House & Garden & Shop	10

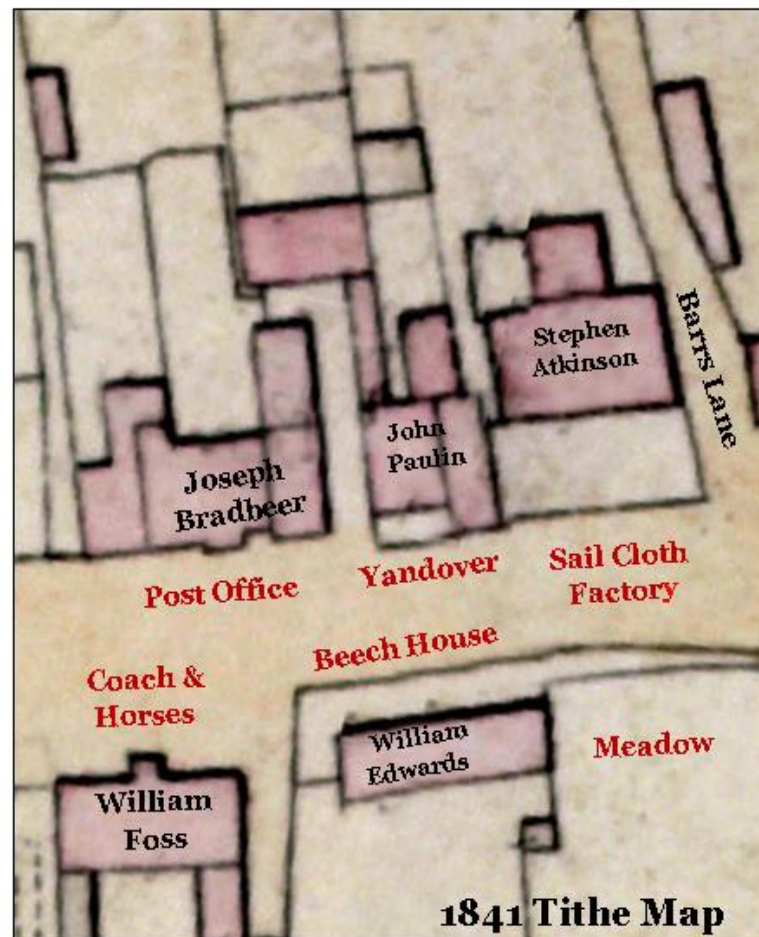
1829 Poor Rates

1829

1827 - Fire at William Stephen's Mail Coach Inn Stables

1827

On Tuesday se'nnight, a fire was discovered in an extensive range of stables belonging to the Mail Coach Inn, Charmouth, near Lyme, which threatened the most dreadful consequences to those houses situate to the eastward of the scene of conflagration. The flames were first perceived by a servant of S. Atkinson, Esq. He gave the alarm to the present temporary occupier of the adjoining house, James Paulin, Esq. who was most creditably active in hazarding his life to arrest the progress of the fire. No exertion could save the interior of the building where the fire commenced, being at the time (independently of its own combustible materials) the repository of new deals, scaffolding, &c. The workshop of a sadler, with a valuable stock, and the dairy, &c. of Mr Atkinson, were reduced to ruins. We regret to add that two valuable horses were so dreadfully injured in Mr. Foss's stable, (the landlord of the Mail Coach Inn) that one was shot from motives of humanity on the following morning, and the other is in a very bad condition.



1827 Fire at Mail Coach Inn Stables

Stephens Wm	Foss	Coach Stables & Yard	6
do	Lock & Baker	House & Shop	10

William Stephens	William Foss	Coach House, 2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens	Lock & Baker	House & Garden & Shop	10

1827

Mr Bradbeer	Dunn & Foss	3rd & Stables	6
Stephens		H & Garden	10

1830

An extract from 1830 Land Taxes for Charmouth. William Stephens has sold Coach House, Stables & Yard to Lydia Bradbeer He is renting the house to Charles Cookney

Lydia Bradbeer	Dunn & Foss	Coach House, 2 Stables and Yard	6
William Stephens	Charles Cookney	House & Garden & Shop	10

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Sums Assessed and Exonerated.	Sums Assessed and not Exonerated.
Bradbeer Mrs	do	House		6
do	Stephens Wm	House, stable & yard		10
Stephens Wm	Chas Cookney	do		4

Owners	Occupiers	Summs	Rate
Amount Brought Over		4 9	67 1/2
Mrs Bradbeer	Self		6 1/2
do	Mr Harrison		4 1/2
Stephens Wm	Mr Cookney		10

1830

1830

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Sums Assessed and Exonerated.	Sums Assessed and not Exonerated.
Richard Muff	Muff	House		1 1/2
do	do	Common		3 1/2
do	Phil Smith	Stables		11 1/2
do	Mr Brunard	Stables		4 6
do	Harif	House		5
Stephens Wm	Chas Cookney	do		4
do	do	do		3 1/2

Owners	Occupiers	Summs	Rate
Amount Brought Over		4 7	52 7/8
Mr Smith	Rt Mills		12
do	Jas Cogent		3
Mrs Bradbeer	Self		5
do	Mr Gale		4 1/2
do	Self		1 1/2
Stephens Wm	Chas Cookney		10

1831

1831

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Sums Assessed and Exonerated.	Sums Assessed and not Exonerated.
Stephens Wm	Chas Cookney	House		4

Owners	Occupiers	Summs	Rate
Amount Brought Over		6 11	11 1/2
Mr L'Hours	Rt Mills		11 1/2
do	Jas Cogent		3
Mr Leath	Self		6
do	S. Dunn		6
Stephens Wm	Chas Cookney		10

1832

1832

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Sums Assessed and Exonerated.	Sums Assessed and not Exonerated.
Liddons Wm	Self	House & c		25
Stephens Wm	Chas Cookney	do do		4

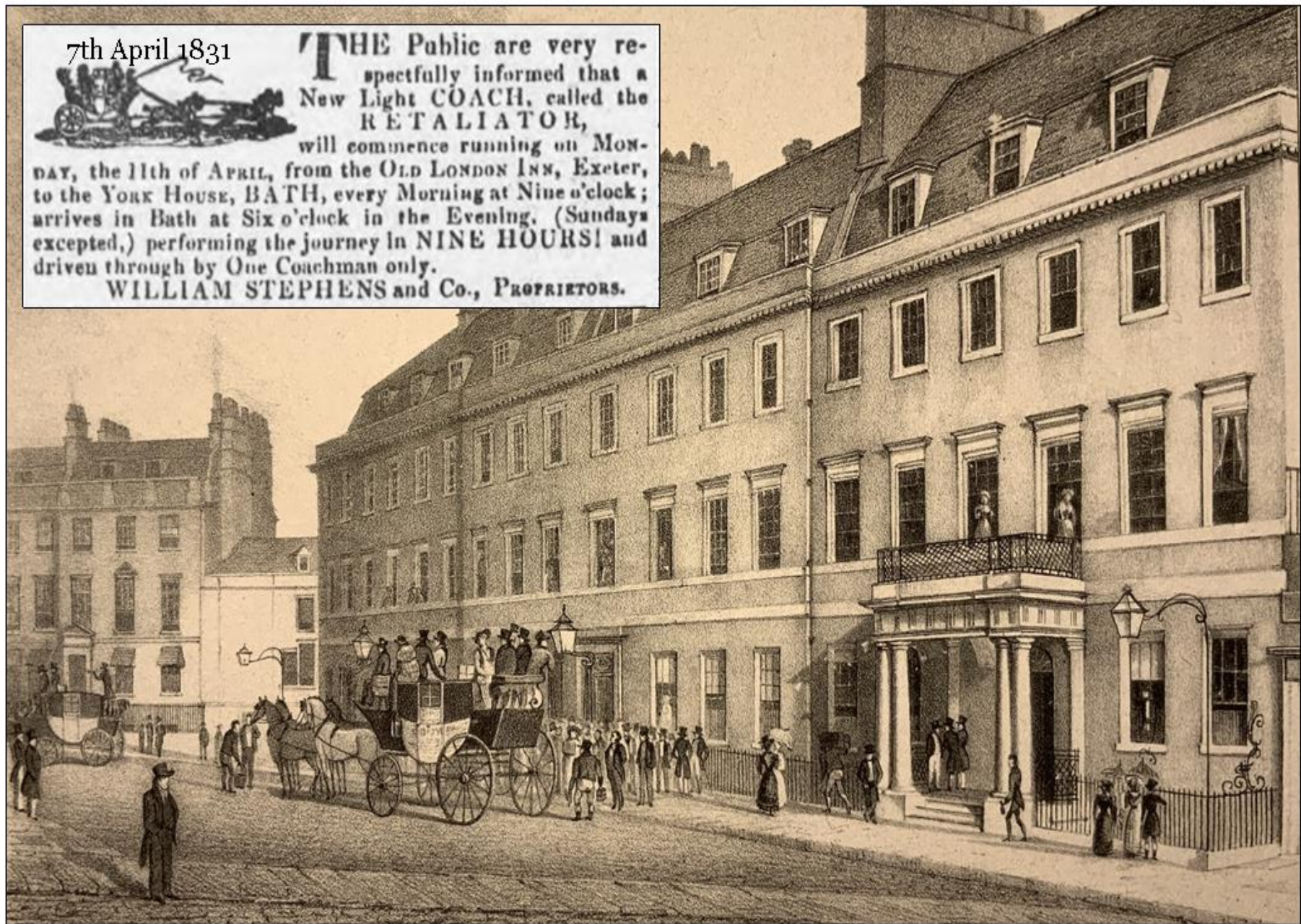
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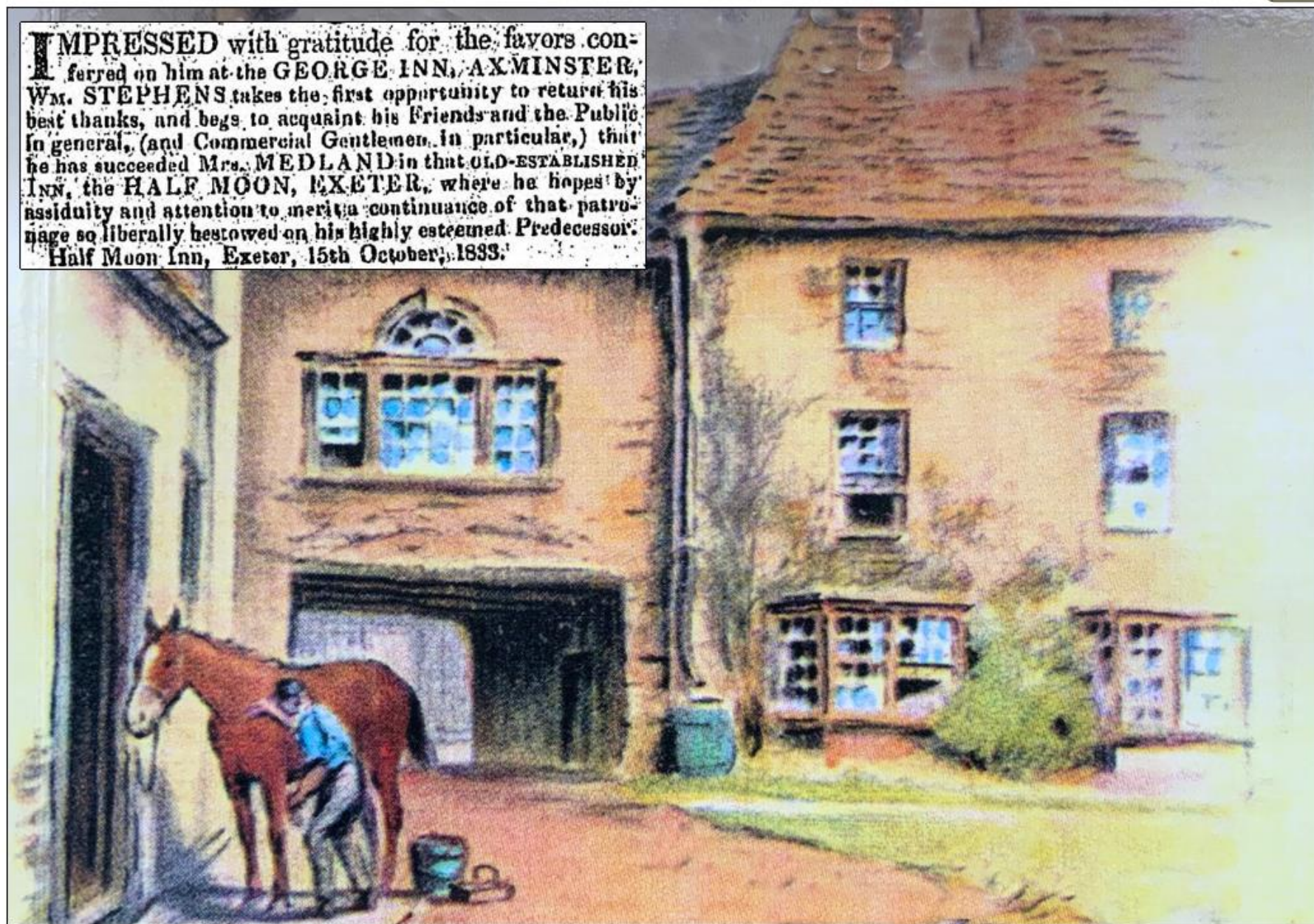
THE Public are very respectfully informed that a New Light COACH, called the RETALIATOR,

will commence running on MONDAY, the 11th of APRIL, from the OLD LONDON INN, Exeter, to the YORK HOUSE, BATH, every Morning at Nine o'clock; arrives in Bath at Six o'clock in the Evening. (Sundays excepted,) performing the journey in NINE HOURS! and driven through by One Coachman only.

WILLIAM STEPHENS and Co., PROPRIETORS.



IMRESSED with gratitude for the favors conferred on him at the **GEORGE INN, AXMINSTER,** **W.M. STEPHENS** takes the first opportunity to return his best thanks, and begs to acquaint his Friends and the Public in general, (and Commercial Gentlemen, in particular,) that he has succeeded **Mrs. MEDLAND** in that **OLD-ESTABLISHED INN, the HALF MOON, EXETER,** where he hopes by assiduity and attention to merit a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed on his highly esteemed Predecessor.
Half Moon Inn, Exeter, 15th October, 1833.





The George Inn

AXMINSTER, DEVON.
ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITY.
TO be LET, for a term of years, that old established,
most respectable Hotel, the
GEORGE INN,

Which has been established many years past, and ranks as one of the first-rate Inns in the West of England.

Besides its very respectable connection in the immediate neighbourhood, this Hotel possesses an
EXCELLENT ROAD BUSINESS,

Together with an old-established and **PROFITABLE POSTING BUSINESS.**

The **GEORGE INN** has also **SPLENDID BALL AND ASSEMBLY ROOMS**, which are honoured by the highest patronage from the gentry of the surrounding country.

In addition to this very extensive **POSTING BUSINESS**, there is a large coaching business attached to the house, which would be at the option of the tenant to take or decline.

The house is the only first-rate Inn in the town, and is perfectly unshackled and unencumbered by any restrictions whatever, and will be let on a lease of moderate length.

For particulars apply to Mr. **CLENCH**, at the New London Inn, Exeter; or the present Tenant, Mr. **WILLIAM STEPHENS**, on the Premises.

Axminster, April 19, 1833.

MRS. E. MEDLAND, on retiring from Business, embraces the earliest opportunity of returning her heartfelt thanks to the Commercial Gentlemen and her Friends in general, for the favors received during the time she has kept the HALF MOON INN, (a period of Twenty-five Years;) and begs leave to solicit a continuance of that patronage in favor of her Successor, Mr. Wm. STEPHENS, late of the George Inn, Axminster, whose experience has been such as she is fully convinced will justly entitle him to their support, as well as that of the Public in general.
Exeter, 15th October, 1833.

HALF MOON INN, EXETER.
WILLIAM STEPHENS, late of the George Inn, Axminster, begs to announce to his Commercial Friends, and the public generally, that he has taken and entered upon the above old established Inn, so long conducted by Mrs. Medland; and assures them that no exertion on his part will be wanting to add to their comfort and merit their patronage and support.
Exeter, October 16, 1833.



The Half Moon, Exeter

AXMINSTER.

Pigot & Co.'s

* George, Wm. Stephens, Castle hill
Green Dragon, Henry Shapton,
Castle hill

Hotel, James Applin, Honiton st
New Inn, Joel Martin, Church st
Red Lion, Jos. Abercrombie, Lime st
Rose & Crown, Wm. Leves, London rd

IRONMONGERS.

Cawley Thomas Charles, Lime st
Tytherleigh John, Castle hill

LINEN & WOOLLEN DRAPERS

Fowler Richard, Church st
Gammes John, South st
Gill Mary, Market place
Pearse Samuel, Lime st
Wills John, Chard st

MALTSTERS.

Slyfield George, Castle hill
Stocker Daniel & Co. Lime st

MILLERS—CORN.

Adams William, Wey craft
Apsey John, Town Mill
Dawe & Guppy, Coxdon

PAINTERS, PLUMBERS AND GLAZIERS.

Beavis George, Lime st
Coombes Caleb, Pig st
Howe Geo. (& glider) Honiton st

SADDLERS AND HARNESS MAKERS.

Dunstan Henry, Church st
Hill Johannah, Castle hill
Veysey William, South st

SHOPKEEPERS & DEALERS IN SUNDRIES.

Howdidge John, Market place
Burch Sarah, Castle hill
Chapple John, South st
Charles James (and leather cutter)
Castle hill

Cross Job, Church st
Cross Thomas, Church st
Hallson Elizabeth, South st
Mitchell Thomas, Honiton st

STONE MASONS.

Hoare Matthew, South st
Siedham William, Silver st
Stedham William, jun. Castle hill

STRAW HAT MAKERS.

Bragg Catherine, Church st
Newbery Elizabeth, Willhey lane

SURGEONS.

Arnold Charles, Honiton st

WATCH & CLOCK MAKERS.

Pearse Samuel, Lime st
Pulman Philip, Lime st

WHEELWRIGHTS.

Batstone James, Lime st
Hoare Robert, South st

Miscellaneous.

Anstice Rebecca and Dorcas, booksellers,
Church street
Apsey George, flax spinner, Town mill
Banfield Thomas, whitesmith, Castle hill
Daniel John, carrier, &c. Lime st
Dare Susannah, spirit dealer, Castle hill
Dommet Edward, lawyer, &c. Lime st
Edwards Ths Baylis, iron merchant, Chard st
Ewens George, butter factor, Lime st
Gibbs Samuel, marble mason, Pig st
Hallett & Co. wine, &c. merchants, Castle hill
Hallett & Fowler, tape mfrs, Castle hill
Parsons Daniel, hair dresser, Church st
Stooster Jas. tanner, wool dealer, & tallow
chandler, Lime st (turer, Smalldridge
Symes Jonathan, lace & tobacco manufac-
White James, butcher, Chard st
Woolley John, shoe thread mfr. Castle st

COACHES.

All call at the George.

To LONDON, the *Royal Mail* (from Ex-
eter) every day at half-past twelve—
and the *Celerity*, every evening at half-
past six—both go thro' Bridport, Dor-
chester, Blandford, Salisbury, Andover,
Basingstoke, Bagshot, &c.—the *Traveller*,
every morning at ten—and the *Pilot*,
every night (Sunday excepted)
at nine—both go through Chard, Crew-
kerne, Yeovil, Hansteadge, Shaftsbury,
Salisbury, Overton, Bagshot, &c.

To BATH & BRISTOL, the *Subscription*
(from Exeter) every morning (Sunday
excepted) at eleven; goes through Ax-
minster, Langport, Somerton & Wells.

To EXETER, the *Royal Mail* (from Lon-
don) every afternoon at a quarter past
one—the *Traveller*, every afternoon at
five—the *Pilot*, every morning (Monday
excepted) at five—the *Celerity*, every
morning at half-past eleven—the *South-
ampton* (from Southampton) and the
Portsmouth (from Portsmouth) every
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday even-
ing at six—the *Subscription* (from Bath
and Bristol) every afternoon (Sunday
excepted) at 4, all go thro' Honiton, &c.

To PORTSMOUTH, the *Portsmouth*
(from Exeter) every Monday, Wednes-
day and Friday morning at nine; goes
through Blandford, Southampton, &c.

To SOUTHAMPTON, the *Southampton*
(from Exeter) every Monday, Wednes-
day and Friday morning at nine; goes
through Blandford and Ringwood.



MESSRS. W. STEPHENS and Co. beg to
inform their Friends and the Public, that their Coach
to DAWLISH and TEIGNMOUTH, leaves the OLD
LONDON INN every Morning at 8 o'Clock, and returns
the same Evening.—A Coach every Morning at 8 o'Clock, to
EXMOUTH and SALTERTON, and returns the same
Evening.—A Coach every Morning at half-past 7 o'Clock,
Sundays excepted; to SIDMOUTH, and returns the same
Evening.
Old London Inn Coach Office, 14th July, 1834.

Pigot's Directory for Axminster in 1834 show
William Stephens at the George in Axminster.
There is a long list of Coaches calling at the
George Inn.



SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1837.

GENERAL COACH OFFICE, HALF MOON HOTEL,
HIGH-STREET, EXETER.



IN consequence of the expiration of Mr. STEPHENS' Term at the OLD LONDON INN, the Public are respectfully informed that the COACHING BUSINESS is REMOVED to the HALF MOON HOTEL, a situation much more central and convenient for the Inhabitants of the City generally.

W. STEPHENS, in making this announcement of his RE-OPENING an OFFICE on the spot where the first Coaches originally departed from Exeter, returns his grateful acknowledgements for the patronage which he has received ever since his first connection with the COACHING BUSINESS of this City. His OFFICE and HOUSE being now contiguous, he is confident in asserting that the additional conveniences afforded by the change will enable him to effect a far greater degree of accommodation to the Public than he was formerly able to afford.

W. STEPHENS AND CO.



THE DEFIANCE COACH.**THE ONLY DIRECT****EXETER TO****COACH FROM****LONDON***IS STILL THE DEFIANCE;*

A FACT of which the Proprietors deem it necessary to apprise the Public, as attempts are made to create an impression to the contrary. The DEFIANCE leaves the HALF MOON HOTEL every Evening at five o'Clock, and proceeds direct over the Shortest Line of Road to LONDON, where it arrives the next day at Eleven, performing the distance in

EIGHTEEN HOURS!!!

The Proprietors beg further to announce to the Public, that no means have been spared by them to investigate the practicability of joining this Coach to the RAILROAD, at Hartley Row; and the result of their inquiry is a decided conviction that such an arrangement, so far from proving an accommodation, would rather prove an inconvenience, for the following reasons:—

- I. The imperfect nature, and incomplete state of the Railroad.
- II. The shortness of distance, being less than 40 miles, and the little time therefore saved.
- III. The impossibility of a Coach on a journey of 180 miles arriving to one minute certain; in which case the Passengers have to wait till the starting of the next train, three hours afterwards, in a bleak open place, with neither Inn or accommodation; and the great inconvenience of arriving at the station at Nine Elms, huddled into the middle of a Train, embracing Coaches collected throughout the Line of Road, getting on the wrong Coach, losing the Guard, the Guard losing them, with scrambling in a mob for Coach or baggage, and bullied by the officials at the station if they happen to transgress a single rule of their despotic code.
- IV. That this is not mere conjecture, but a daily fact—it may be positively stated that the average of detentions by not catching the up-trains is five out of six; and therefore the passenger, beside the inconvenience of being detained in a bleak desolate spot in all weathers, cannot calculate with any certainty at what hour he will arrive in town. To females and their friends they would hardly ask the question whether it is right to subject them to such annoyances, which may be attended with serious consequences to general health—to loss in shifting the luggage;—and if the Coach should happen to arrive in time—a VERY rare and extraordinary occurrence—the getting out of a warm snug Coach into a cold cheerless Railway Carriage. They will not allude to the daily occurrences of Railway accidents, but leaving these out of consideration—the Proprietors of the DEFIANCE respectfully presume that they have only manifested their customary vigilance, in coming to the conclusion that for the purposes of comfort, of safety, and of punctuality, Railway Travelling is NOT YET available for the West of England.

Performed by MESSRS. NELSON and STEPHENS.

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FALMOUTH, EXETER, AND LONDON,
DEFIANCE COACH.

THE DEFIANCE COACH COMPANY most respectfully inform their numerous patrons, supporters, and the public generally, that this superior Coach continues to run from FALMOUTH to EXETER and LONDON, via WADEBRIDGE; and that no unprincipled conduct or erroneous reports, from whatever quarter they emanate, will ever induce this Company to withdraw or swerve from the strict path of duty to the public.

The attention of the Cornish inhabitants is respectfully directed to the advertisements of the two competing Coach Companies, and according to their respective merits, the proprietors of the Defiance submit the priority of their claims to public support, founded on a straightforward course of business, over those of their opponents, who urge their claims upon statements, reports, &c., the correctness of which the public will now be enabled to see

Performed by Wm. STEPHENS & Co.
Dated Exeter, Aug. 7th, 1839.

William Stephens Death in 1840

1840



William Stephens 1784—1840

Feb. 24th, much and deservedly respected, aged 56, Mr. Wm. Stephens, of the Half Moon Inn, in this city, and an extensive coach proprietor. The deceased was seized with sudden illness while riding on the Heavitree road on Monday afternoon, and beckoned to a person who was passing, who immediately ran to him, and assisted him off his horse. He was conveyed to the house of his son-in-law Mr. Spark, near which he was first attacked, and prompt medical assistance was rendered him, but without avail, he expired about 10 o'clock in the evening.

HALF MOON HOTEL, EXETER.
A NNE STEPHENS respectfully begs to announce that the Business of this Hotel will be continued as usual by her. The entire care of the House having devolved on her during the life of her late Husband—she begs to assure the Gentry and Families, and Commercial Gentlemen who have favoured the House with their distinguished patronage, that increased efforts will be made to merit a continuance of it.
 The COACHING BUSINESS will be conducted by her Son, Mr. JOHN STEPHENS.
 COACHES TO ALL PARTS OF ENGLAND.
 Half Moon Hotel, Exeter, March 5, 1840.

1816	William Stephens	Baron of the Exeter	February 24 th	56	John Spark
No. 254.		in the life of			Exeter

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 Half Moon Hotel, Exeter, March 5, 1840.



This is the last Will and Testament
of me *William Stephens* of the City of Exeter Innkeeper and Coach Proprietor I give and bequeath all that my mesuage or dwelling house with the Appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Paris Street in a w Saint Sidwell in the County of the City of Exeter and also in the occupation of John Gibbs Tailor and also all that my other mesuage or dwelling w house with the Appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Jefferys a Row in Saint Sidwell aforesaid unto my wife Ann Stephens and her as assign for and during ~~the~~ her natural life provided she shall so long continue my widow and unmarried and no longer And from and a immediately after her decease or marriage what shall first happen as a to and concerning the said mesuage or dwellinghouse with the Appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Paris Street aforesaid I give and bequeath to the same unto and to the use of my daughter Mary Stephens her heirs and assigns for ever And as to and concerning the said mesuage or dwelling house with the Appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Jefferys a Row aforesaid I give and bequeath the same unto and to the use of my daughter Frances Stephens her heirs and assigns for ever And whereas I have purchased two Annuities or Shares in the western Annuity Society a established in Exeter I do hereby give and confirm the same unto my said wife to and for her own use and benefit And I give and bequeath the use of the Silver Salver presented to me by several gentlemen and also the painting painted by Mr Loder of myself and pony or unto my said wife during her natural life and widowhood and immediately after her decease or marriage what shall first happen I give and as a bequeath the said Salver and painting to my daughter Catherine for as her own absolute use and benefit And as to all other my mesuages w lands tenements hereditaments and Real Estate and also all my a Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give a bequeath and bequeath the same unto William Scrombe Clerk of the City of Exeter Bartholomew and Thomas Dunsby of Exeter in the County of Devon Land Agent To hold the same to the said William Scrombe Clerk and Thomas Dunsby and their heirs Executors Administrators and assigns according to the nature and quality of the said Estate respectively upon the trusts and to and for the uses intents and purposes therein after expressed and declared concerning the same (that is to say) upon Trust

Will of William Stephens of the City of Exeter, Innkeeper and Coach Proprietor. House in Paris Street in St. Sidwell in Exeter in occupation of John Gibbs, Tailor and also Jefferys Row in Saint Sidwell to my wife for her life. On her decease to my daughter Mary Stephens. I give and bequeath my silver salver presented to me by several gentlemen and also the painting by Mr. Loder of myself and pony to my wife and then my daughter, Catherine. My house which I now reside called the Half Moon in the High Street in Exeter with Stables, outhouses and other premises. Also the farm which I now rent of Mr. Wolf in Pinhoe in Devon. My said wife to carry out the business of the said half moon and said farm. After my decease a valuation of the same and of the goodwill thereof of the horses, carriages, harnesses and other goods. To sell and dispose of the same, except the said Coach offices and warehouses unto my son for his own benefit.

Auction of Star Inn, formerly owned by William Stephens from 1814 until 1829 1841

DORSET.—CHARMOUTH AND BOTHENHAMPTON.
Votes for the Borough of Lyme Regis.
Valuable Freehold and Leasehold Property.

TO be SOLD by Auction, by Mr. R. FOWLER, at the MAIL COACH INN, in Charmouth aforesaid on THURSDAY, the 27th day of MAY next, at 5 o'Clock in the afternoon, subject to such conditions as shall be then produced, and either together or in such Lots as may be agreed on at the time of Sale.

Lot 1.—All that MESSAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, with the Garden behind the same, eligibly situate in the centre of the Village of Charmouth, opposite to the Mail Coach Inn, now in the occupation of Mr. Giles Pryer, as a yearly tenant, at the rent of £12 per annum.

Lot 2.—All that MESSAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, adjoining the above, with the commodious and old established Grocer's Shop thereto belonging and adjoining, and the Garden and Warehouse immediately behind the same, now in the occupation of Mr. Carter, at a yearly rent of £24, under a lease of which 4½ years is yet unexpired.

Lot 3.—All that MESSAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, adjoining the above, now used as a Lodging House, together with the newly erected Message or Dwelling House, now let as two distinct tenements, adjoining to and behind the Lodging House, all which said last mentioned premises are in the occupation of yearly tenants, and are of the yearly value of £20.

Lot 4.—All that well known and much frequented PUBLIC HOUSE, adjoining close to the last mentioned premises, called or known by the name of the STAR INN, now in the occupation of Mr. E. Smith, as a yearly tenant, at a rental of £18 per annum.

Lot 5.—All that COTTAGE and DWELLING HOUSE, together with the large and productive Piece of Garden ground in which it stands, comprising considerably more than a quarter of an acre, situate at the back of the premises previously adverted to, and now in the occupation of Mr. John Jeffry, as a yearly tenant, at a rental of £10 per annum.

£20 The above Premises are partly Freehold and partly Leasehold for 2000 years.

Lot 6.—All that MESSAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, on the south side of Charmouth Street, and adjoining to the Church-yard there, lately occupied by Mr. John Love, as a Dwelling House and Butcher's Shop, at a yearly rental of £20.

N.B. These Premises are held for the Life of a person aged about 65 years, and a Life of nearly the same age is insured in £200 in the West of England Insurance Office, to the benefit of which the Purchaser of this Lot may, if desirable, become entitled.

Lot 7.—All that FREEHOLD HOUSE and GARDEN, situate in the Parish of Bothenhampton, now in the occupation of Mr. Roberts, as a yearly tenant, at a rental of £10 per annum.

For viewing the Premises, and for further particulars, apply to Mr. Carter, Grocer, on the Premises, Charmouth, Mr. HILLMAN, Lyme, or

Dorset- Charmouth- Votes for Borough of Lyme Regis

Valuable freehold and leasehold properties

To be sold by auction by Mr. R. Fowler, at the Mail Coach Inn in Charmouth aforesaid on Thursday the 27th day of May 1841, at 5 o' clock in the afternoon, subject to such conditions that will be produced, either together or in such Lots as may be agreed upon at the time of the sale.

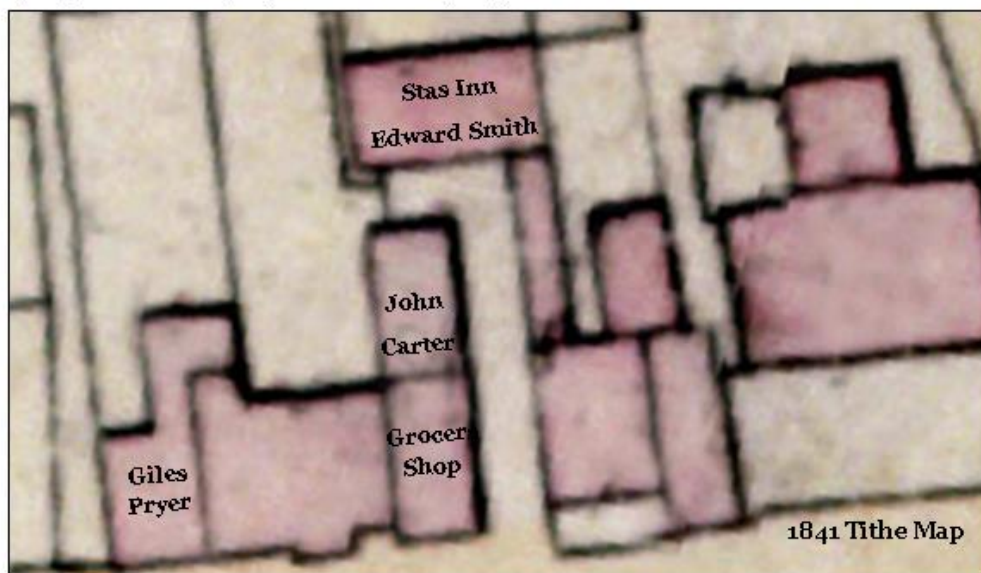
Lot 1 - All that Messuage or dwelling house with the Garden behind the same, eligible situated in the centre of the village of Charmouth, opposite to the Mail Coach Inn, now in the occupation of Mr. Giles Pryer, as a yearly tenant, at the tent of £ 12 per annum.

Lot 2 - All that Messuage or dwelling house, adjoining the above, with the commodious and old established Grocers Shop thereto belonging and adjoining, and the Garden and Warehouse immediately behind the same, now in the occupation of Mr. Carter, at a yearly rent of £ 24, under a lease of which 4 1/2 years is unexpired.

Lot 3 - All that Messuage or Dwelling House, adjoining the above now used as a Lodging House, together with the newly erected Messuage or Dwelling House, now let as two distinct tenements, adjoining to and behind the Lodging House, all which said last mentioned premises are in the occupation of yearly tenants, and are of the yearly value if £ 20.

Lot 4 - all that well known and much frequented Public House, adjoining close to the last mentioned premises, called or known by the name of the Star Inn, now in the occupation of Mr. E. Smith, as a yearly tenant, at a rental of £ 18 per annum.

Lot 5 - all that Cottage and Dwelling House together with the large and productive Piece of Garden ground in which it stands, comprising considerably more than a quarter of an acre, situate at the back of the premises previously adverted to and now in the occupation of Mr. John Jeffrey, as a yearly tenant at a rental of £ 10 per annum. The above Premises are partly Freehold and partly Leasehold for 2,000 years.



1841 Tithe Map

William Stephens son, John`s marriage to Mary Lane in 1847.

1847



IF Marriage solemnized as by License in the parish of Bathwick in the County of Somerset

No.	Who Married.	State and Residence.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
508	August 26th	John Stephens full	26 1/2	Bachelor	Gentleman	Pinhoe Devon	William Stephens Inn Keeper	St. Mary's Bathwick
		Mary Lane full	26 1/2	Spinster	—	Darlington St. Exeter	William Lane Coach Proprietor	St. Mary's Bathwick

Married in the parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England by me, Samuel M. Stanger, Curate

This Marriage was solemnized in the presence of John Stephens, James Lane, Mary Lane, Ellen Lane

August 26th marriage of John Stephens, Gentleman, of Pinhoe, Devon, father was William Stephens, Inn Keeper to Mary Lane of Darlington Street, Exeter, father was William Lane, Coach Proprietor at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, Bath.

1851 Census shows Ann Stephens as Inn Keeper at Half Moon Hotel with 3 daughters

1851

No. of Inhabitants in the House	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born
					Male	Female		
11A	24 High St. (Half Moon Hotel)	Ann Stephens	Head	W.		67	Inn Keeper	Chumleigh
		Louisa D.	Daughter	U		26	Barmaid	Axminster
		Maria D.	Daughter	U		24	Barmaid	Axminster
		Catherine Radford	Daughter	M		28		Charmouth
		Charles Radford	Son in Law	M		28	Landed Proprietor	Wincanton
		Richard Madeley	Son	U		54	Iron Merchant	Wolverhampton
		Is. Morris	Daughter	U		25	Commercial Traveller - Tobacco	Spain
		Stephen Bestfield	Daughter	M		28	Do - Fruit	Wolcott - Norwich
		John Yeo	Daughter	U		25	Do - Public	Devon - Axminster
		William Coleman	Daughter	M		30	Farmer - N.K.	Bedfordshire - N.K.
		Ann Lee	Servant	U		30	Hotel Serv.	Devon - Exmouth
		Caroline Barber	Daughter	U		30	Do	Devon - Exmouth
		John Davey	Daughter	U		20	Do	Do - Woodbury
		Mary Moody	Daughter	M		60	Do	Do - Axminster
		Elizabeth Hart	Daughter	U		24	Do	Do - Newton St. Cyres
		Martha Woolley	Daughter	U		24	Do	Devon - Newton St. Cyres
		Jane Hall	Daughter	U		24	Do	Devon - Newton St. Cyres

Name of Street	Names	Relation	Condition	Age of Male	Age of Female	Occupation	Where Born
24 High Street	Ann Stephens	Head	Widow		67	Inn Keeper	Chumleigh
Half Moon Hotel	Louisa Stephens	Daughter	Unmarried		26	Bar Maid	Axminster
	Maria Stephens	Daughter	Unmarried		24	Bar Maid	Axminster
	Catherine Radford	Daughter	Married		28		Charmouth
	Charles Radford	Son in Law	Married	28		Landed Proprietor	Wincanton

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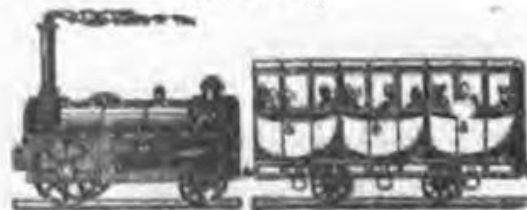
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inst., started another **DAY COACH TO LONDON,**

Called "**The RUBY**,"

Leaving the Half Moon Hotel, Mornings at Nine, to arrive in
London the same Evening at Eight.

February 3, at the Half Moon Hotel, in this city, after a
long illness, Mrs. Anne Stephens, for upwards of twenty years
proprietor of that establishment. Her obliging and hospitable
disposition endeared her to her numerous connexion, and her
family lament an irreparable loss.