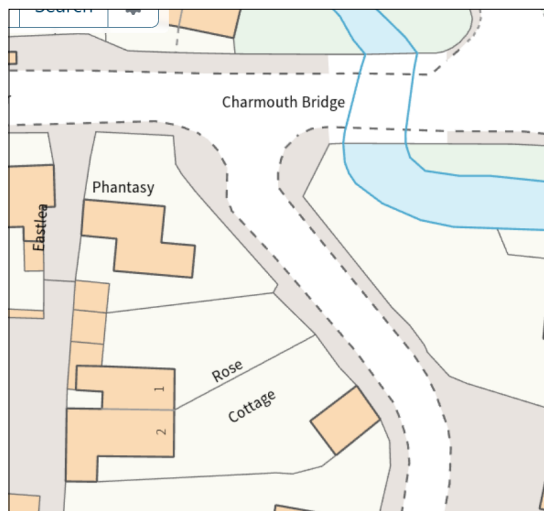


A look back at the history of Rose Cottage, Bridge Street. Charmouth.

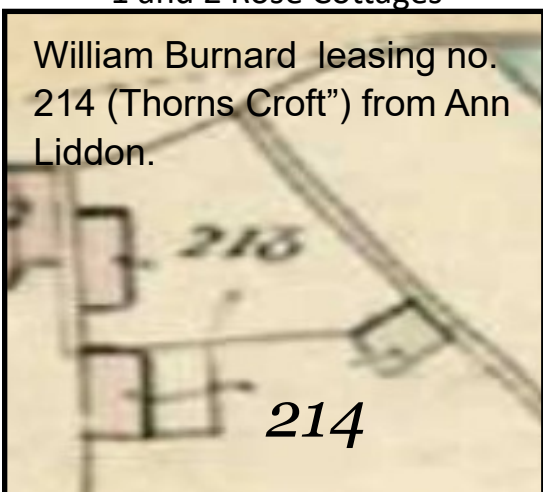
When Stan Dolan asked me if I knew how old Rose cottage was. I replied that I didn't and assumed it could go back to the 17th century as it had an inglenook fireplace. This started me on a quest to see if I could take it back to that time. I was very fortunate early on, thanks to a reference on the 1841 Tithe Map for the village referring it as Thorns Croft. it was quite common to give houses the names of earlier residents at that time. The present name of the property, Rose Cottage, no doubt derived from this description.



1 and 2 Rose Cottages

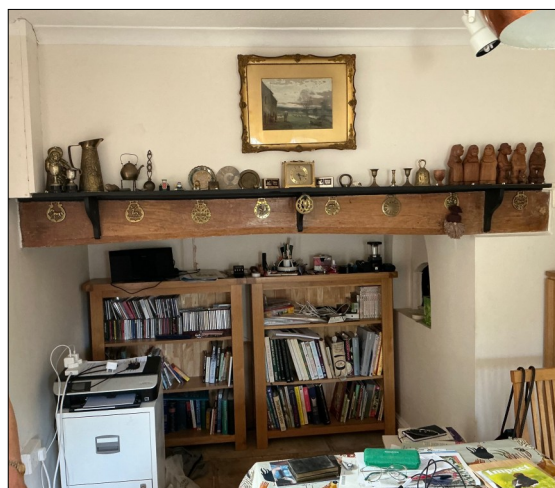


Map of 1 and 2 Rose Cottages



William Burnard leasing no. 214 (Thorns Croft) from Ann Liddon.

1841 Tithe Map showing lot no. 214 (Thorns Croft)



Inglenook fireplace in 2 Rose Cottages with its bread oven on the right.



A similar fireplace to reveal how it would have once looked.

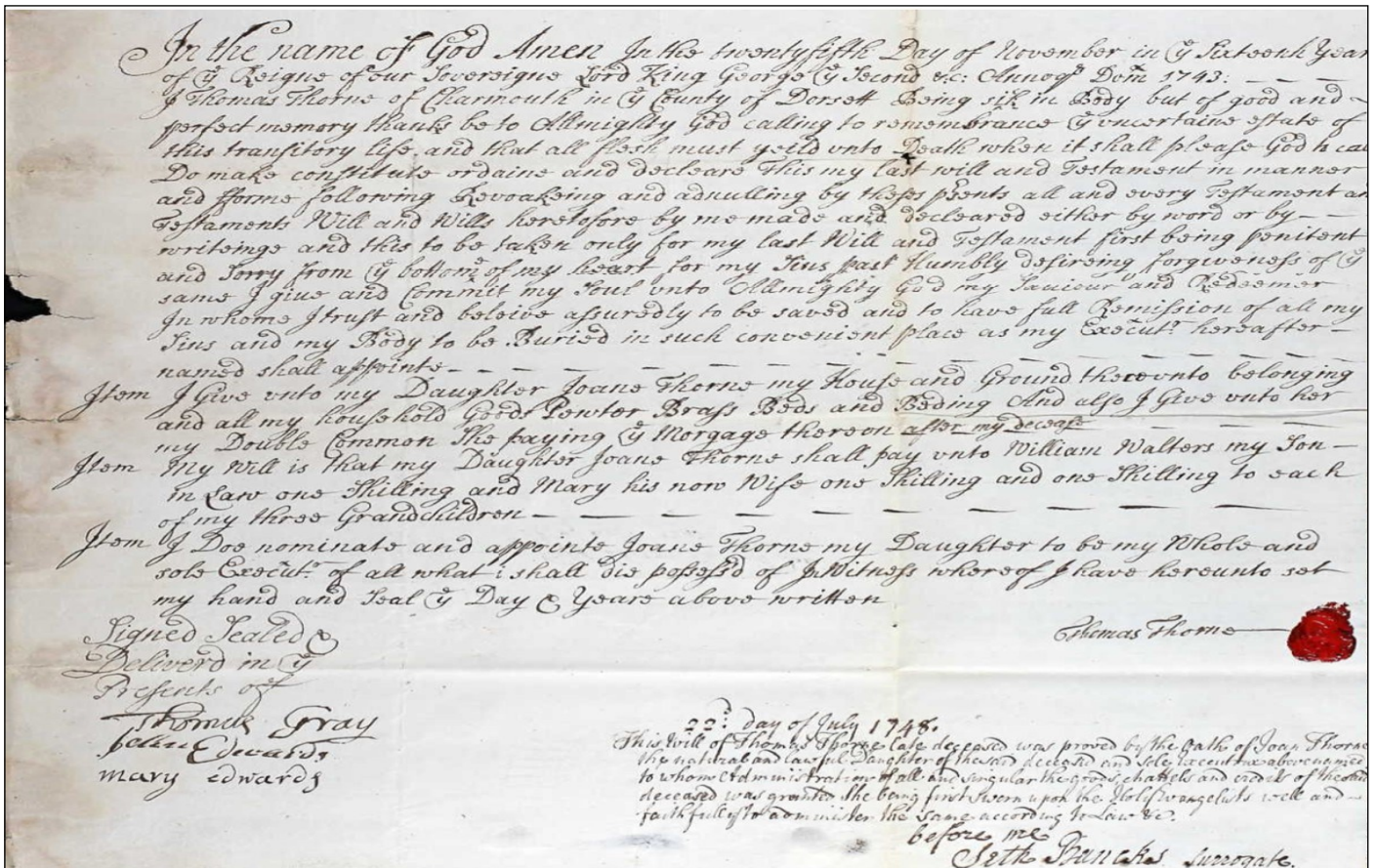
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Benjamin Bird	2	John Davie	1
John Davie	2	Edward Melpley	1
Thomas Holman	2	Thomas Edwardes	1
Peter Minterne	2	John Cade	1
Judith Miller	2	John Osborne	1
Elizabeth Melpley	2	Robert Tanner	1
Stephen Edwardes	2	John Checkley	1
Hugh Cox	2	William Cox	1
Christopher Humby	3	Ursala Woode	1
William Hinde	3	Stephen Limbry	1
Rober Cox	3	John Bartram	1
John Defcoate	3	Nicholas Wolmanton	1
Robert Way	3	Richard Bayly	1
Edward Mable	3		
Andrew Limbry	3		
William Limbry	4		
George Wade	5		
William Ellesden	6		

A list of the 31 houses with hearths in 1663. 13 of which have just 1 hearth. Rose Cottage would have been one of these. The largest was the Manor House with 6 hearths

The Thorne Family time in Rose Cottage

Who were the Thorns, I wondered and I struck gold, when I found that a Thomas Thorne had written a Will in 1743. Could this be the link? I managed to get a copy from the Public Record Office, shown here. He was indeed the gentleman from whose family the name had originated.



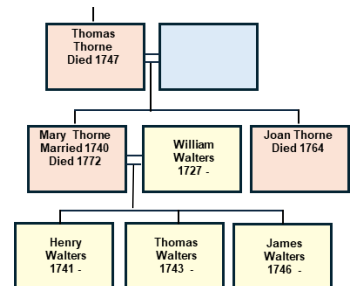
The Will is very clear and reads as follows:

"I give to my daughter Joan Thorne my House and Grounds belonging and all my household goods, pewter, brass beds and bedding and also my Double Common, she paying the mortgage after my death. I will that my daughter, Joan Thorne shall pay William Walters, my son in law, one shilling and Mary his now wife one shilling and one shilling to each of my three grandchildren". Signed Thomas Thorne, in the presence of Thomas Gray, Walter Edwards, Mary Edwards.

The Revd Mr Edward Snoger, Rector was buried	1747
August 4 th	1747
John Hunt was buried	1747
Feb. 9 th	1747
John Hunt was buried	1747
March 9 th	1747
Thomas Thorne was buried	1747
March 9 th	1747
Elizabeth Neal was buried	1747
March 9 th	1747

William Combe Rector

Burial of Thomas Thorne on March 6th 1747 at the Parish Church in Charmouth



He had left his house and possessions to his single daughter, Joan and just shilling each to his other daughter, Mary and her husband William Walter's and their three children. He refers to his daughter having to continue to pay their mortgage on a field in Double Common. This would pinpoint the house as being within the lands between the Street and coast. I checked the parish records for the family and the earliest was a Thorne being buried at the church in 1724, and no references before.

The Thorne Family time in Rose Cottage

A Monthly Rate, made for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish of Charmouth for the year 1754: to be Collected as often as the Necessitys of the Poor shall Require. — L. S. D.

Richard Henvill Esq for his home Estate	12	20	0	4	1	0
Ditto for mabells	12	20	0	0	4	0
Ditto for Balsons	12	20	0	0	1	½
Ditto for Wesleyes	12	20	0	0	2	½
Ditto for Edwards	12	20	0	0	2	½
Ditto for Streets	12	20	0	0	1	0
Thomas Rose Esq for Lilly and Thorps	12	20	0	2	5	0
The Occupiers of said Parishes	12	20	0	0	0	0
The Rec ^d : Mr Combe	12	20	0	1	0	0
Mr J ^r : Goring for the Fontaine	12	20	0	0	6	0
Mr Benj: Bradford for Gushes	12	20	0	0	10	0
The Hon ^{ble} : St John Pool	12	20	0	2	10	0
* Joane Thorne	12	20	0	0	3	½

1754 Poor Rates List for Charmouth showing Joan Thorne at the bottom paying 3d.



1754 Farthing found in the garden of no.2 Rose Cottage in 2025 by Stan Dolan

To confirm I was on the right track, I checked the first Poor Rates for the village in 1754, which showed Joan Thorne paying 3d for her property at the bottom of the list. Coincidentally this was the same year as a farthing from the reign of King George II that was found recently by Stan Dolan in the Garden, which may well have been lost by her. Sadly her time was cut short when she dies in 1764. Her sister Mary was to live on until 1772. There are no further references to the Family in any records apart from their name which is to continue to be abbreviated to “Thorns” in subsequent Land Tax lists for the next century where its was always rated as 4 shillings and 6 pence (4/6). Although Thomas Thorne and later his daughter, Joan lived at what is today Rose Cottage, they were only tenants on long life leases. The house and its fields formed part of the extensive Manor of Charmouth. On the death of Anthony Ellesdon in 1737, the estate passed to his cousin, Richard Ellesdon Henvill and then on his death soon after in 1744 to his daughter, Benedicta Henvill. She was to marry Rev. Joseph Durston in 1763. There is a gap now in the records for Rose Cottage as to who was living there until 1781. The Land Tax, shown below, for that year has Thomas Rickard, Paul and Bowditch as leasing “Thorns” from Mrs. Durston. The subsequent Land Tax lists give an insight into ownership. The next clue to the house is in 1783 from a reference book to a long lost map of the village by James Upjohn. It lists Mr. Bragge leasing “Thorns House” and two plots covering 1 acre, 3 roods, 12 perches from the Manor for £2 18s 4d.

Charmouth being in the County of Dorset and has for the Year 1781

Owners of Estates	Names of Estates	Occupiers of Estates	S	D
Mr Durston	Charmouth, Thorns	John Bowditch & Paul	7	1 6/2
* Mr Durston	Mabells	Samuel & Paul	0	11 5/4
Mr Durston	Thorns	Paul, Richard & Bowditch	0	10 8/4
Mr Durston	Hamlets	Thomas Genge	0	8 7/4
Mr Durston	Hariscraft	Thomas Genge	0	8 7/4

1781 Land Tax for Charmouth shows Mrs. Durston renting Thorns to Paul, Rickards and Bowditch

The Rickard Family's ownership of Rose Cottage.

Plot	Description	Rent	Area
73	House & Orchard	(£2-10-0d)	0a 1p 14r
74	Long Close	(£1-6-1d)	1a 0p 23r
75	Common	(£1-14-10d)	0a 3p18r
76	Robert Sumptions House	(£3-10-0d)	0a 1p 38r
78	Thomas Rickard Garden Plot	(£0-10-0d)	0a 0p 20r
79	Hurles Croft, east of the Mill,	(£3-1-4d)	1a 3p 27r
* 80	Thorn's House & 2 plots	(£2-18-4d)	1a 3p 12r
81	Mr George Webber	(£4-0-0d)	1a -0p13r

An extract from 1783 reference book to a lost map includes a list of properties Edward Bragge is leasing from Francis Phipps Henvill, Lord of the Manor. It shows Thorn's and two plots.

These and a number of other properties were to be inherited by Edward Bragge's daughter, Sarah Rickard. Her husband Thomas was the Bailiff for the village and became very wealthy collecting the rents. On his death in 1786, he gave to his wife, Sarah "all those several Estates, Messuages, Lands and Tenements which were given by her late fathers Will bearing the date February 1748". Sarah went on living in their house until her own death in 1797. All her property and effects were to go to her daughters Elizabeth and Mary Rickard. These daughters were to spend the rest of their lives in the village and receive income from their inheritance. It would appear by 1796 that they were no longer leasing Hurlescroft, "Thorns" and Minsons but owned their freeholds. The Land Tax lists show that their relation John Bragge was renting Minsons and William Burnard, Sail Cloth Manufacturer, was renting the Hurlescroft and "Thorns", probably for Flax, his staple. Elizabeth Rickard died in 1827, aged 67 and Mary continued residing at the address until her own death in 1841, aged 85 after a lifetime in the village. Her death marked the end of her family's long ownership of "Thorns". It would be their tenant, William Burnard, who would purchase it.

of Dorset for the Year 1793. at 1/4 in the pound			
Amounting to £57. 9. 4.			
M ^{rs} Warden for part of Phoenix Farm. W. Dore and	other	14	14 0 ²
D ^o for Hametts	Tho: Edwards	11	11 4 ²
D ^o for Hurlescraff	L. Rickard	11	11 4 ²
* D ^o for Thorns	J. Diment	4	4 6

1793 John Diment renting Thorns from Mrs. Warden, widow of James Warden,

D ^o Minsons Common	J. Bragg	"	3 0
* D ^o Thorns Plot	W ^m Burnard	"	4 6
D ^o Hurlescraff	themselves	"	11 4 ²

1798 William Burnard renting Thorns Plantation from Miss Rickard paying 4s 6d Land Tax. He would have been growing Flax in this and other fields in the village.

Miss M. Rickard Home. Self			1 9 ²
D ^o for Minsons Com.	John Bragg		3 0
D ^o Hurlescraff	J. R. Platt		11 4 ²
* D ^o Thorns Plot	W ^m Burnard		4 6

1805 William Burnard renting Thorns from Miss Rickard paying 4s 6d Land Tax.

William Burnard's time at Rose Cottage

William Burnard was a Sail cloth Maker, whose workshops were at the bottom of the street by the Bridge. He built and lived in what is now Bow House and the adjoining property, Stow House was for his father in law, Peter Good, who was the Minister for the Chapel. The workshops were behind their houses. He bought and rented a number of fields to grow flax on including Wood Farm, which he rented from Mrs. Austin. At the time of his death in 1844 he was a wealthy man owning a number of properties in the village.



Francis H. Newberry painting in Bridport Town Hall of Sail Cloth Weavers

Miss Richard	Self	Minson's Common	3 8
do	Major Lanning	Hurlcrafts	11 4 2
do	J. R. Kilt	Thorns	4 6
do	W. Burnard	House, Garden & Thorns Croft	5 2
do	Marker	Stone house	3 8

1815 William Burnard renting Thorns from Miss Rickard

paying 4s 6d Land Tax.

do	do	Common	1 9 2
do	do	Hurlcrafts	3 8
do	Falmer	Thorns	11 4 2
do	Burnard	House	11 0
do	Self	House	5 2

1823 William Burnard renting Thorns from Miss Rickard paying 4s 6d Land Tax.

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	or Property.	Exonerated.	not Exonerated.
Richard Miss	Harsh	House	" " "	1 9 2
do	do	Common	" " "	3 8 2
do	Edw. Smith	Hurlcrafts	" " "	11 4 2
do	W. Burnard	Thorns	" " "	4 6
do	Harsh	House	" " "	5 2

1830 William Burnard renting Thorns from Miss Rickard paying 4s 6d Land Tax.

1841 William Burnard renting Thorns Croft House and Garden (tithe no. 214) from Ann Liddon, Lady of the Manor. She also rents a house (213) to John Love.

William Burnard's time at Rose Cottage



This wonderful drawing, dated 1825, is surprisingly accurate. It shows some of the processes of Sail Cloth manufacture in the foreground that was carried on there by William Burnard. The two men are operating a "Skirder" for separating the yarns when twisting rope, and the gentleman this side of the wall is operating a twine making "Jack". Behind them is Rose Cottage and a number of other thatched cottages that lined the Street. Behind it are the Mill buildings and Mill House. The original is to be seen in the Lyme Regis Museum



The 1841 Tithe Map, shown here, is helpful in locating The Mill House, Bridge, Bow House (where William Burnard lived) and Rose Cottage. No.214 is the extent of the land that once went with Thorns, covering nearly 2 acres up to the bank of the River Char.

The Sale of the freehold of Thornes by George Frean in 1859

The Title Deeds to no. 2 Rose Cottage contain an interesting Map and typescript shown here to the purchase in 1859 by Robert Hildyard of Hurles croft and Thornes. They are shown on the Estate map as 36, 37 and 213 shaded in green. If this map is superimposed on the 1842 Tithe map it would seem that plot 213 had merged with 214 and had been sold by George Frean, Lord of the Manor at that time, retaining the large meadow that had formed part of 214 previously.

Settlement of 18th April 1859 reftd to in the befe Abstracted Deed read

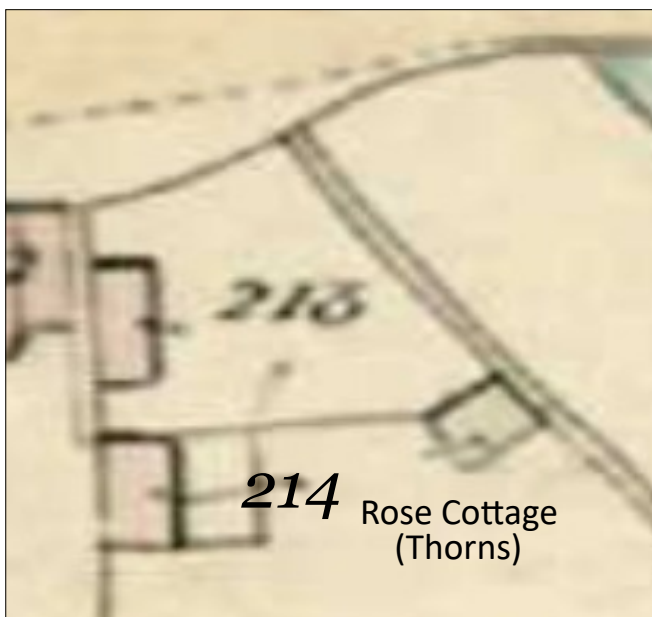
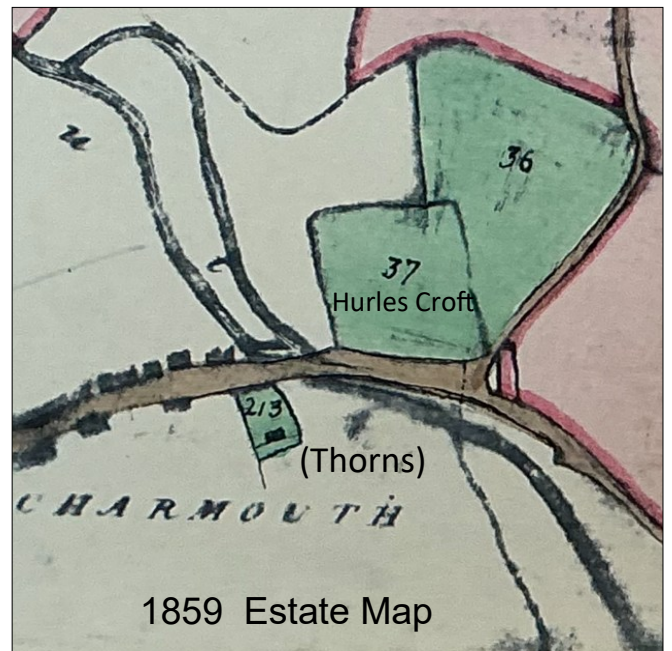
ALL THAT cottage or dwellinghouse and outbldgs pee or pol of Garden land or ground contg 25p or therabts bounded on or towards the North by the Highroad from Charmouth in the Coy of Dorset to Bridport on or towards the East and South by the Croft or pee of land called Thorne Croft and on or toward the West by certa prems then or formerly ruinous and then or late of John Wilson Cook wch sd cotts and garden was then or late of John Wilson Cook wch sd cotte and garden was then or formerly was in the occupation of James Trim And also

ALL THAT Croft pee or pol of land called Hurles Croft contg 1a 2r and 36p or thrabts bounded on or towards the North partly by lands then

Settlement of 18th April 1859 referred to abstracted dead that read:

All that cottage or dwelling house and outbuildings, Garden land and ground containing 25 perches or thereabouts bounded on or towards the North by the Highroad from Charmouth in the County of Dorset to Bridport on or towards the East and South by the Croft or piece of land called Thorne Croft and on or toward the West by certain premises then or formerly ruinous and then or late of John Wilson Cook

And also ALL THAT Croft piece or parcel of land called Hurles Croft containing 1a 2r and 36p



Enlargement of 1841 Tithe Map

Enlargement of 1859 Estate Map showing 213 merging into 214.

The Hodder's time at Rose Cottage

As many of the records concerning Rose Cottage are incomplete, I have attempted from the available information to piece together the ownership and tenants of the property. It would seem that there was a long life lease with the Lord of the Manor of Charmouth. This was to be the case in 1854, when the Manor was put up for sale and a list of its lands include "Thorns", which is being rented by William Fooks, who lives in the Mill House with his wife, Jane. He subleases Rose Cottage to Joshua Hodder. The 1851 Census provides important information on him and his wife, Sarah and their 5 children. This family are to live there until 1914. There are a series of censuses that record their time in the house. It is George Freen, a wealthy Mill owner from Plymouth who purchases the Manor estate and sells parts of it including Thorns (t.no. 214). It may have been bought by Hillyard of Catherston Manor in 1857 with other fields.

Parish	Household	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 Males Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born
1	Mill House	William Fooks	Head	Mar	35	Miller	Dorset Netherbury
		Jane Fooks	Wife		35		Powerstock
		Mary Fooks	Daughter		1		Charmouth
		Louisa Chilcott	Visitor		25	Visitor	Powerstock
		William Dare	Son		23		Branscombe
		Henry Pitfield	Son		15		Whitchurch
		Joshua Hodder	Head	Mar	40	Labourer	Whitchurch
		Sarah Hodder	Wife		42	Wife	Bradpole
		George Hodder	Son		11		Whitchurch
		John Hodder	Son		5		Whitchurch
2	Charmouth St.	Jane Hodder	Wife		50		Whitchurch
		Samuel Hodder	Son		26		Whitchurch
		Sydney Hodder	Son		25		Whitchurch
		Maria Hodder	Daughter		23		Whitchurch
		Mary Hodder	Daughter		22		Whitchurch
		John Hodder	Son		12		Whitchurch
		James Hodder	Son		5		Bradpole
		John Hodder	Son		2		Bradpole
		Henry Hodder	Son		1		Charmouth
		David Hodder	Son		1		Charmouth

Surname	Christian	Age	occupation	Birthplace
Fooks	William	35	Miller	Netherbury
Fooks	Jane	35	Wife	Powerstock
Fooks	Mary	1		Charmouth
Chilcott	Louisa	25	Visitor	Powerstock
Dare	William	23		Branscombe
Pitfield	Henry	15		Whitchurch
Hodder	Joshua	40	Labourer	Whitchurch
Hodder	Sarah	42	Wife	Bradpole
Hodder	George	11		Whitchurch
Hodder	James	7		Whitchurch
Hodder	John	5		Bradpole
Hodder	Henry	2		Bradpole
Hodder	David	1		Charmouth
Stone	George		Weaver	Bradpole

The 1851 Census for Charmouth show Joshua Hodder, a Labourer, aged 40, living in the Rose Cottage. William Fooks and his family occupy Mill House. John Hodder is aged 5 in that year.

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U), or Building (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
1	Charmouth St.	1	Joshua Hodder	Head	Mar	60	Labourer	Dorset Whitchurch
			Sarah Hodder	Wife	Mar	62		Dorset Bradpole
			Harry Do	Son	Unm	22	Labourer	Dorset Bradpole
			Alfred Jenkins	Son-in-law	Unm	21	Printer	Wiltshire Donhead
			John May	Son	Mar	28	Saddling House Keeper	Dorset Dorchester
2	Charmouth St.	1	Edward Love	Head	Mar	49	Butcher	Dorset Charmouth
			Mary Ann Love	Wife	Mar	50		Dorset Flook
			William Do	Son	Unm	4	Scholar	Dorset Charmouth
			Herbert Do	Son	Unm	7	Do	Dorset Charmouth

The 1871 Census for Charmouth show Joshua Hodder, aged 60 as a Labourer living in Rose Cottage with his wife, Sarah, aged 62 and son Harry, aged 22.

Civil Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District	Rural Sanitary District of	Electoral Division	
Charmouth				Charmouth		Charmouth	Admiral	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U), or Building (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
1	Rose Cottage No 2	1	Joshua Hodder	Head	Mar	70	Road Contractor	Worcestershire
			Sarah Do	Wife	Mar	72		Bradpole Dorset
			Alice A J Hodder	Grandchild		7		Haltway London
			Clara A J Do	Grandchild		2		Wilton Rutland
2	Rose Cottage No 1	1	Charles Reper	Son-in-law	Unm	27	Farmer Labourer	Charmouth
			John Hodder	Head	Mar	35	United Water Manufacturer	Bradpole Dorset
			Lucretia Do	Wife	Mar	34		Widworthy Dorset
			James Hawker	Son	Mar	31	Carpenter	Widworthy Dorset
			Sarah Do	Wife	Mar	34	Shoe Maker	Widworthy Dorset

The 1881 Census is the first time that the large house is shown in two separate parts, number 1 and number 2. Joshua Hodder, aged 70 as a Road Contractor continues living in no. 2 Rose Cottage with his wife, Sarah, aged 72 and grandchildren Alice and Clara. His son, John Hodder, aged 35 is shown as living in the other half of the house at No. 1 Rose Cottage with his wife Louisa, aged 34. He share his house with James Hawker and his wife and their daughter. John is described as an Aeriated Water Manufacturer.

The Hodder's time at Rose Cottage

Schedule	No. or NAME of HOUSE	No. of Inhabitants	Sex	Age	Marriage	Profession or Occupation	Where Born		
							Male	Female	
1	Charmouth Street No. 1 Rose Cottage	1	M	John Hodder	Head	M	44	Aereated Water Manufacturer and Contractor	Dorset, Bradpole
				Louisa Do	Wife	M	44		Devon, Widworthy
				Sarah Do	Mother	Wid	80		Dorset, Bradpole
2	No. 2 Rose Cottage	1	M	Harry Smith	Head	M	34	Journeyman Painter	Dorset, Charmouth
				Lucy Jane Do	Wife	M	35		Devon, Catherston
				Harry W. H. Do	Son	M	3	Scholar	Dorset, Catherston
				Bertam F. H. Do	Son	M	3	Scholar	Do, Catherston
				Percy H. E. Do	Son	M	5m		Do, Catherston

The 1891 Census for Charmouth show John Hodder, aged 44 with his wife, Louisa now at no. 1 Rose Cottage. His mother, Sarah, aged 80 is now living with them. He is described as an Aereated Water Manufacturer and Contractor. no. 2 Rose Cottage is now occupied by Harry Smith, aged 34, a Journeyman and his wife, Lucy Jane, aged 35 and their 2 sons.

Henry Smith	John Bullen	Syme Bullen	John Bullen	Syme Bullen	House of Garden	Charmouth Street
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A Poor Rates list for Charmouth in 1895 shows Henry Smith and John Hodder as renting their respective parts of Rose Cottage from John Bullen Syme Bullen of Catherston Manor, who is their Landlord.

Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Profession	Employer	Address
John Hodder	Head	M	54	Road Contractor		Do Bradpole
Louisa Do	Wife	M	54			Devon Widworthy
Sarah Do	Mother	Wid	90			Dorset Shepton Gorge
Thomas Genge	Head	M	39	Carter on Farm		Do Morcombe Lake
Mary J. Do	Wife	M	37			Do Charmouth
Thomas L. Do	Son	M	13			Do Whitchurch Canonicom
Mary E. Do	Daughter	F	12			Do Do
John Do	Son	M	10			Do Do
Edward P. Do	Son	M	8			Do Do
Edith Do	Daughter	F	6			Do Morcombe Lake
Frank Do	Son	M	1			Do Whitchurch Canonicom

In 1901 No. 1 Rose Cottage is occupied by: John Hodder, aged 54, a Road Contractor and his wife, Louisa and mother, Sarah, aged 90. No. 2 Rose Cottage, has Thomas Genge, A Carter for a Farm aged 39 and his family living there.

1901 Census has

No. 1 Rose Cottage occupied by:

John Hodder aged 54, Road contractor, born in Bradpole.
 Louisa Hodder aged 54, born in Widworthy, Devon.
 Sarah Hodder aged 90, widow, born in Shepton Gorge.

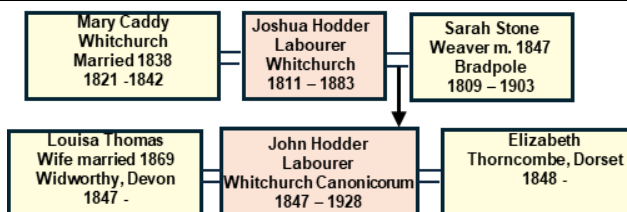
No. 2 Rose Cottage occupied by:

Thomas Genge aged 39, Carter on Farm born in Morcombelake.
 Mary Genge aged 37, wife, born in Charmouth
 Thomas Genge aged 13, son, born in Whitchurch.
 Mary Genge aged 12, daughter, born in Whitchurch
 John Genge aged 10, son, born in Whitchurch.
 Edward Genge aged 8, son, born in Whitchurch.

No.	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Marriage	Profession	Where Born
1	John Hodder	Head	M	65	Married	Road Contractor	Bradpole Dorset
2	Elizabeth Hodder	Wife	F	64	Married		Thorncombe Dorset

Signature: *John Hodder*
 Postal Address: *1 Rose Cottage Charmouth*

HODDER John of Charmouth Dorsetshire died 9 September 1928
 Probate London 12 December to Ada Alice Sarah Hodder
 spinster. Effects £616 8s. 8d.



In 1911 No. 1 Rose Cottage is occupied by: John Hodder aged 65, Road contractor, born in Bradpole and Elizabeth Hodder, aged 64 born in Thorncombe, Dorset. In the same year, Thomas Genge continues to live at no. 2 Rose Cottage.

The Hodder's time at Rose Cottage



John Hodder standing outside the entrance to Rose Cottage at the junction of Bridge Road



John Hodder outside Hunters Lodge, Axminster



John Hodder at Lily Farm in Charmouth

The Hodder's time at Rose Cottage



John Hodder is shown here between two of his working horses in 1910.



John Hodder is shown here on the right with his wife and brother at Lily Farm.

The Genge Family`s time in no. 2 Rose Cottage

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
1	Thomas Genge	Head	49	Married						Waggoner on Farm	130	Widow	Widow	Morcombelahe
2	Mary Jane Genge	Wife	47	Married	26	8	6	2						Charmouth
3	Thomas Frederick Genge	Son	23	Single						Millers Waggoner	70	Widow	Widow	Whitchurch
4	John Genge	Son	10	Single						Miller		Widow	Widow	Whitchurch
5	Edward Phillip Genge	Son	18	Single						Blacksmiths Apprentice	90	Widow	Widow	Whitchurch
6	Ethel Genge	Daughter	16	Single								Widow	Widow	Whitchurch
7	Elizabeth Gillam	Boarder	23	Single						Servant	010			Sherborne

1911 Census for 2 Rose Cottage show:

Thomas Genge aged 49 Waggoner on Farm born in Morcombelahe.

Mary Genge aged 47, wife, born in Charmouth.

Thomas Frederick Genge aged 23, son, Miller`s Waggoner born in Whitchurch.

John Genge aged 10, son, Miller born in Whitchurch.

Edward Phillip Genge aged 18, son, Blacksmiths apprentice born in Whitchurch.

Ethel Genge aged 16, son, born in Morcombelahe

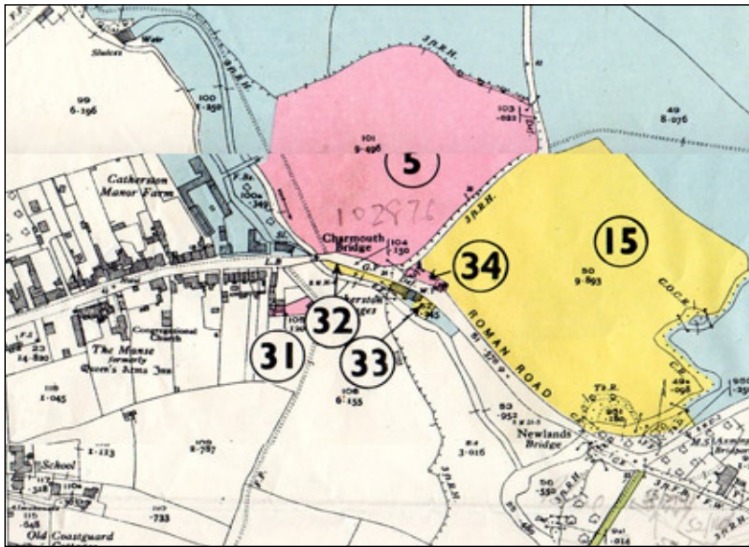
Ethel Gillam, aged 23, Boarder, servant, born in Sherborne.

<p>Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">5</p>	<p>I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p> <p>Signature <i>Thomas Genge</i></p> <p>Postal Address <i>2 Rose Cottage, Charmouth, Dorset</i></p>
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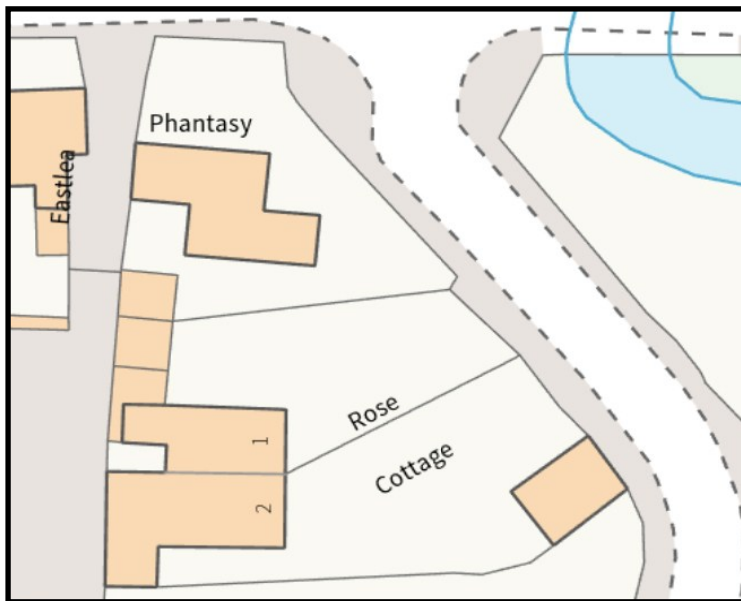


Thomas and Mary Genge lived in no.2 Rose Cottage and are seen here with some of their 8 children. He was a Wagoner and worked with John Hodder who lived next door at no. 1 at this time. They would have been renting it from Colonel John Symes Bullen who lived nearby at Catherston Manor.

The sale of no. 2 Rose Cottage to Ernest Spurdle in 1959



LOT 5
Coloured Pink on Plan
Area 7.520 acres.
A VALUABLE PASTURE FIELD
being
POTENTIAL BUILDING LAND
situate on the edge of the village by Charnmouth Bridge.
Main Electricity and Water adjacent. Main Drainage scheduled to pass across the field
Pt. O.S. 101. Area 7.520 acres est.
Established Part VI Claim : The figure, a substantial one, should be available at the time of the Sale.
OUTGOINGS. Tithe Redemption Annuity £3 2 11.
TENANCY. At present let to Mr. R. Loosemore on a yearly Lady Day tenancy at a rent informally apportioned to this Lot of £35 per annum.



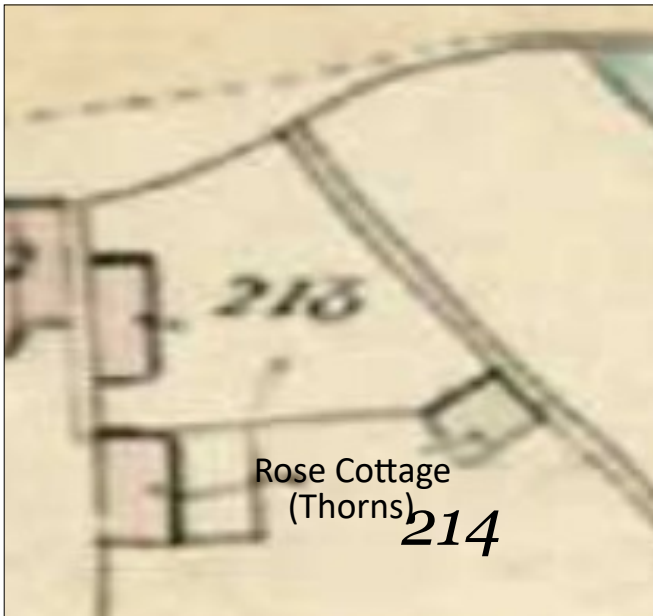
WITH VACANT POSSESSION
LOT 31
Coloured Pink on Plan
Area .120 Acres (est.)
ROSE COTTAGE
CHARMOUTH
This is a very pleasant semi-detached cottage just off the main road near Charnmouth Bridge and looking towards the River Char. It is convenient to shops and buses. Constructed principally of stone, brick and tiled it comprises:—
GROUND FLOOR:
PORCH and HALL with coat cupboard.
SITTING ROOM 14ft x 12ft (max.) with fireplace and cupboards.
LIVING ROOM, 12ft x 9ft 9in with Glow-worm Cooker (also providing hot water).
KITCHEN having sink (h. and c.) and BATHROOM off with bath (h. and c.) and basin (h. and c.). W.C. SCULLERY with left over
FIRST FLOOR:
LANDING.
BEDROOM 1, 16ft x 11ft 2in with fireplace.
BEDROOM 2, 16ft x 9ft 9in (max.).
SECOND FLOOR:
BEDROOM 3, 16ft x 15ft 4in.
OUTSIDE. There is a good garden and a stone and galvanised iron Store and Workshed.
SERVICES. Main Water and Electricity. Village Drainage.
OUTGOINGS. Rateable Value £10
Tithe Redemption Annuity 9d.
WITH VACANT POSSESSION ON COMPLETION



Catherston Manor - Home to the Bullens

In 1848 the Catherston Estate was bought by Robert Charles Hildyard QC, MP for Whitehaven. His only son Robert Henry Hildyard inherited the Manor in 1858 at the age of 22 Sadly Hildyard died suddenly in 1876 at West Hay farm on Stonebarrow at the young age of 40. Col John Bullen Symes Bullen bought the Catherston Leweston estate in 1887. JBSB undertook a major renovation, adding a front façade of three gables, oriel and leaded windows, and porches to the south and west. The Bullen family sold the estate in 1959.

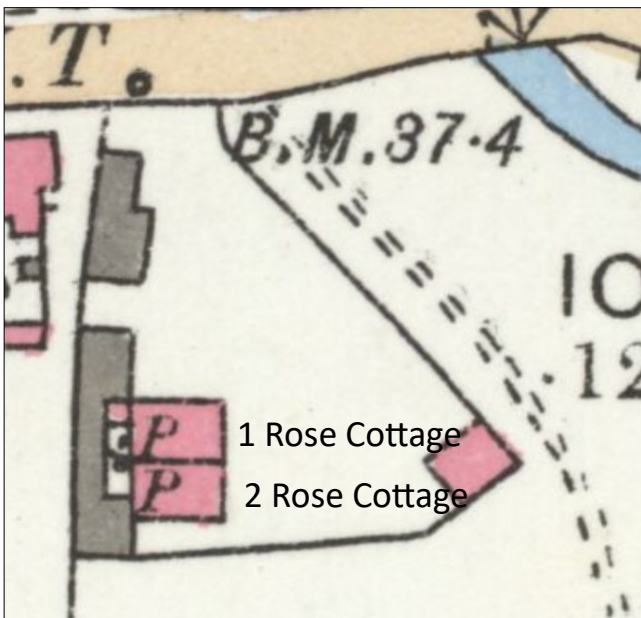
Maps of Rose Cottage, Bridge Street, Charmouth



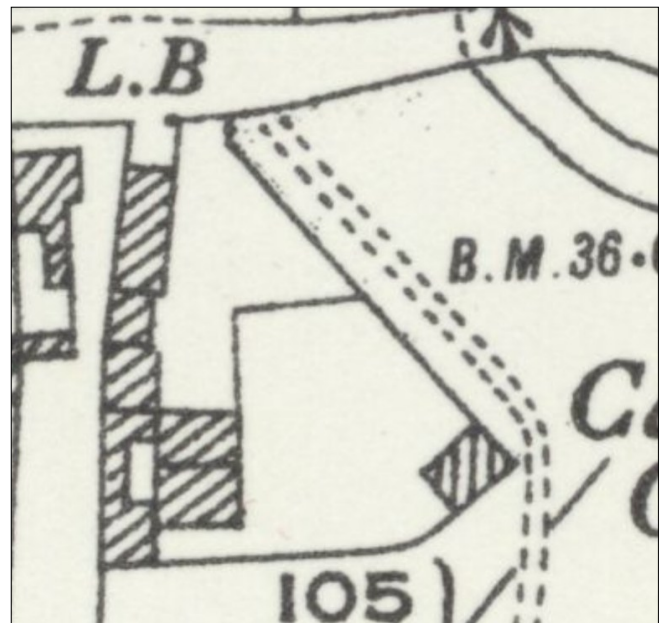
1841 Tithe Map



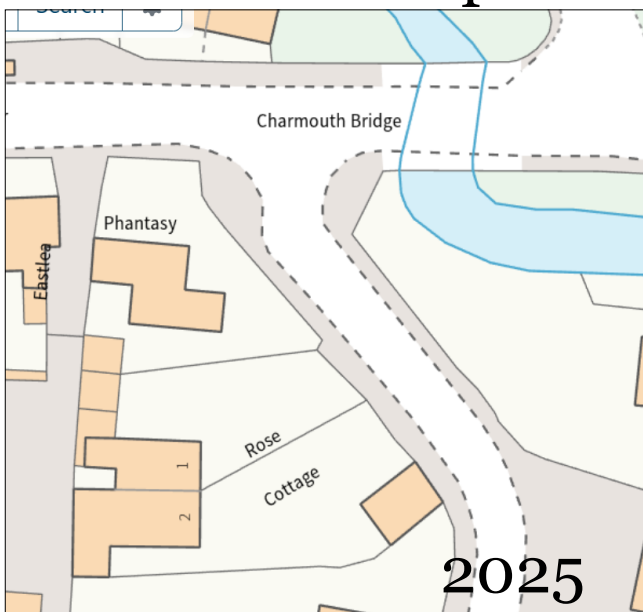
1859 Estate Map



1881 O.S. Map



1926 O.S. Map



2025



2025

Time line for Rose Cottage, Bridge Street, Charmouth.

Year	Tenants	Landowners
1648		<i>William Ellesdon (1600 - 1685) is Lord of the Manor</i>
1664	31 houses paying hearth tax including 13 with 1 hearth	
1685		<i>Anthony Ellesdon (1659 - 1737) (son) is Lord of the Manor</i>
1724	Thorne burial (1st reference to family)	
1727	William Walters born to William and Ann Walters	
1737		<i>Richard Henvill (1685 - 1756) (cousin) is Lord of the Manor</i>
1740	Mary Thorne marries William Walters	
1741	Henry Walters born to William and Mary Walters	
1744		<i>Mrs. Benedicta Durston (1727 - 1781) (daughter) is Lady of the Manor</i>
1747	Thomas Thorne dies	
1754	Joan Thorne paying 3d. Poor Rates for "Thorns"	
1754	King George II farthing found in Garden	
1764	Joan Thorne dies.	
1772	Mary Thorne dies	
1780		<i>Mrs Durston, Lady of the Manor paying 3d Poor rates for "Thorns"</i>
1781	Paul, Rickard and Bowditch paying 10s Land Tax.	<i>Francis Phipps Henvill (cousin) is Lord of the Manor</i>
1783	Mr. Bragge leasing Thorns House and 2 plots	
1786	Rickard and White paying 11s 9d. Land tax	
1786		<i>James Warden (1736 - 1792) is Lord of the Manor</i>
1790	Sarah Rickard renting Thorns Land Tax 4s 6d.	
1793	Henry Diment renting Thornes from Mrs. Warden	<i>Elizabethan Warden (1751 - 1798) (Widow)</i>
1798	William Burnard (1778 - 1844) renting Thorns from Ann Liddon	<i>Ann Warden Liddon (1764 - 1855) daughter</i>
1805	William Burnard renting Thorns Plot from Miss Rickard	
1815	William Burnard renting Thorns Plot from Miss Mary Rickard	
1821	William Burnard renting Thorns Plot from Miss Mary Rickard	
1825	Drawing of Rose Cottage showing Sail Cloth workers	
1830	William Burnard renting Thorns Plot from Miss Mary Rickard	
1841	Mary Rickard died (1756 - 1841)	
1841	William Burnard, a Sailcloth Maker renting tithe no. 214 Thorns)	<i>Ann Warden Liddon (1764 - 1855)</i>
1844	William Burnard dies. Estate sold	
1851	William Fooks, aged 35 living at Mill Cottage	
1853	William Fooks renting Thorns Croft and meadow	<i>Ann Warden Liddon (1764 - 1855)</i>
1853		<i>George Freen is Lord of the Manor</i>
1859		<i>Robert Hidlyard purchases Thornes and Hurlscroft from George Freen</i>
1861	Jane Fooks, Widow, aged 40 shown as living at Rose Cottage	
1871	Joshua Hodder, living with his wife, Sarah in Rose Cottage.	
1876		<i>Robert Hidlyard dies</i>
1881	No.1 Rose Cottage is John Hodder. No. 2 is Joshua Hodder	
1887		<i>Colonel John Bullen Symes Bullen buys Catherston Estate</i>
1891	No. 1 Rose Cottage is John Hodder. No. 2 is Harry Smith and family	
1895	Poor Rates for Charmouth have Henry Smith and John Hodder	<i>Colonel John Bullen Symes Bullen</i>
1901	No. 1 is John Hodder. No. 2 is Thomas Genge and family	
1911	No. 1 is John Hodder. No. 2 is Thomas Genge and family	
1921	No. 1 is John Elliott. No. 2 is John Hodder	<i>John Fitzherbert Symes Bullen (1896 - 1966)</i>
1921	Francis Edwin Jerrard at no. 2 Rose Cottage	
1931	Francis Edwin Jerrard at no. 2 Rose Cottage dies	
1939	No. 1 is John Elliott. No. 2 is Ernest Spurdle	
1959	Ernest Albert and Hetty Spurdle pay £700 for no. 2 Rose Cottage	<i>Ernest Albert Spurdle (1899 - 1984)</i>
1970	Spurdle at no.2 and Mary Cordingley at no. 1 Rose Cottage	<i>Ernest Albert Spurdle (1899 - 1984)</i>
1984	Ernest Spurdle (1899 - 1984) dies	<i>Ernest Albert Spurdle (1899 - 1984)</i>
1985	Cedric Grant Edwards buys property.	<i>Cedric Grant Edwards</i>
1990	Cedric Edwards at no.2 and Patricia Butt at no. 1 Rose Cottage	<i>Cedric Grant Edwards</i>
1997	Cedric Edwards marries Sarah Farmer	<i>Cedric Grant Edwards</i>
2025	Sarah Edwards	<i>Sarah Edwards</i>