

## THE ANCHOR INN - PEGG'S GREEN



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## **FRONT COVER MAP**

Extract from the 1901 revised / 1904 published O/S map.

Road coloured blue is Anchor Lane, Pegg's Green

Road coloured brown represents the old Loughborough to Ashby turnpike.

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## KNOWN BACKGROUND HISTORY OF THE ANCHOR INN

Of the original 17 Public Houses located in Worthington, Griffydham, Pegg's Green, Osgathorpe and Gelsmoor, the Anchor Inn was one of the earliest to close in 1908, at a much earlier date than many of the others, although the "Old Crown" at Gelsmoor, closed sometime between 1827 and 1842. The Red Lion in Pegg's Green for example didn't close till 1968 at the time the breathalyser came into force. The New Inn at Peggs Green and the Malt Shovel at Worthington are the only ones that still survive today as public houses. One can only surmise as to why it was called the "Anchor".

The first record found to date of the "Anchor Inn" by the author was in the licensing records in 1825 when William Walker was the licensee, with William Potter putting up surety for him. A new licensing act came into force in 1825 requiring any licensed premises to display a name, and at this time, as had been the case with ale houses previously, someone also had to stand surety, which was usually in the order of £10. In the following two years, Thomas Bowley Hull is recorded as standing surety.

The author has no concrete evidence to confirm that prior to being officially registered as a public house in 1825 that it would have been an Ale House, although being in close proximity to the turnpike it is quite likely that it would have been. Old Ale houses were often located adjacent to the turnpikes as was the case with other Inns in Pegg's Green & Griffydham, and many provided food and a place to sleep. Although some ale house records are available, it is not possible to say which, if any referred to the Anchor Inn as no name for the premises was given. Often, if the landlord at the Inn in 1825 appears in earlier years it is a good guide that it was previously an ale house, but that wasn't the case here, and we would need to know the name of the landlord prior to 1825.

It has to be accepted that in Leicestershire there was generally a gap in the licensing records between 1827 and 1842, and the author has not fully understood the reason for this. However we are fortunate to have such detailed records available for the Anchor Inn.

### SALE OF THE ANCHOR INN IN 1834

**Nottingham Review and General Advertiser for the Midland Counties – November 14<sup>th</sup> 1834**

**BY MR. NEWBOLD  
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION  
IN THRINGSTONE & SWANNINGTON**

*Lot 6. – A substantially built and well accustomed Public House, known by the sign of the Anchor Inn, with substantial out offices. – Also a close of land adjoining thereto, containing about one acre, **situated by the Leicester and Ashby Turnpike Road**, in the Parish of Thringstone and Swannington, in the occupation of William Walker.*

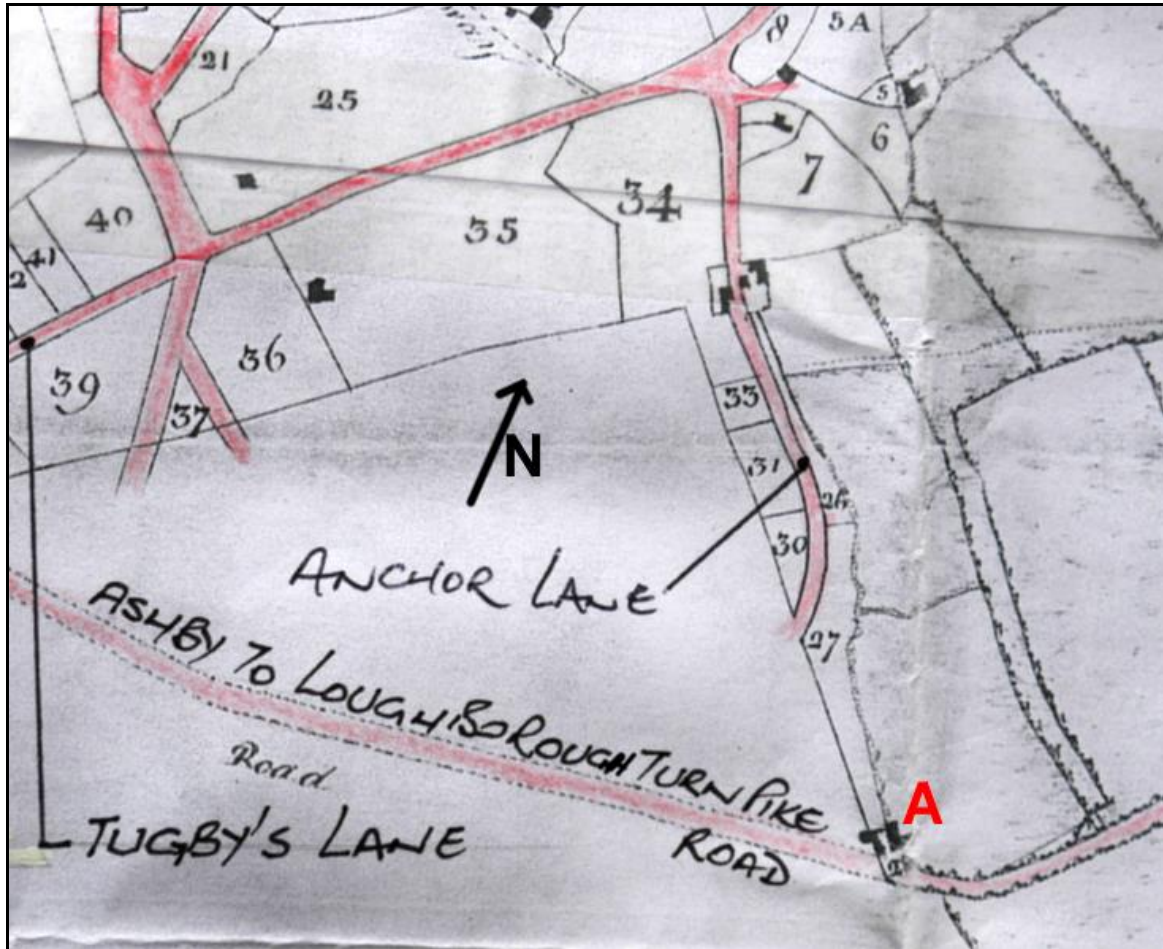
*This lot is near to the Valuable Coal Mines at Pegg's Green, and within a short distance of the Leicester and Swannington Railway, which is nearly completed. Three-fourths of the purchase money may remain on security of the Premises.*

*The sale is strongly recommended to the notice of the Capitalists as so eligible an opportunity for the investment of Money rarely occurs.*

*The premises are well Tenanted and each Lot is well situated and likely to increase in value.*

*The respective Tenants will shew the Premises, and all further particulars may be obtained on application to Mr. DUNNICLIFFE, Solicitor, Derby, or of the Auctioneer, Castle Donington.*

There follows An extract from the 1807 map surveyed and drawn by William Henry Smith for the commissioners of the Pegg's Green and Thringstone enclosure awards. The author cannot be one hundred percent certain, but the building marked **A** is thought to be what became the "Anchor Inn", which if so, would have meant that it was in the Township of Thringstone (part of the ecclesiastical parish of Whitwick) at that time.



We can see from the following records of the licensees (often referred to as Victuallers) that 1905 was the last recorded date found in the licensing records when Adolphus Bakewell was the licensee. There was a gap in the licensing records between 1897 and 1905 so it is not possible to say with certainty what happened during that time although from previous experience the author suggests that Adolphus Bakewell would have been the licensee during that period.

The following newspaper report confirms that the Anchor Inn finally lost its license in 1908 and although not recorded in the licensing records, Kelly's 1908 trade directory of Leicestershire and Rutland lists Adolphus as the licensee. I think we can safely assume therefore that Adolphus was licensee from 1893 to 1908.

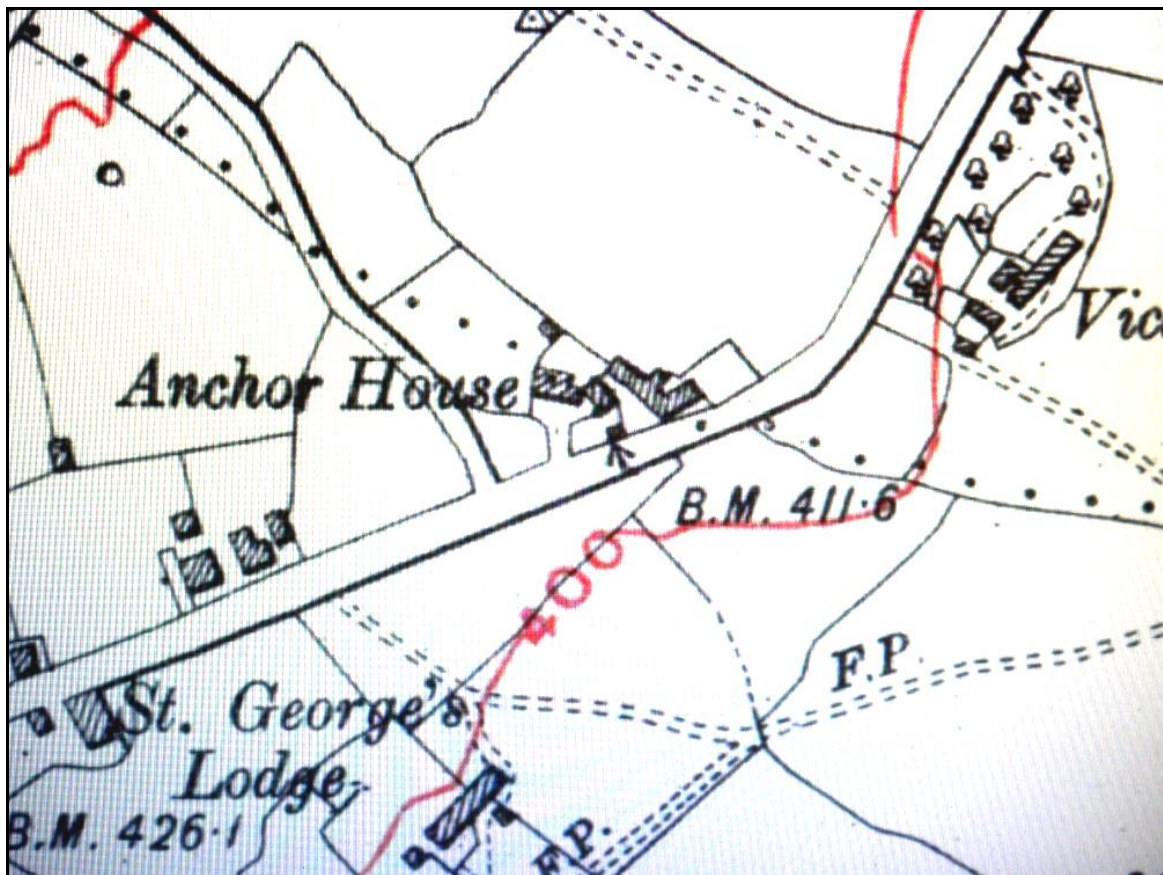
According to the following report, the Anchor was owned by Offilier's Brewery Ltd, of Normanton Road, Derby when it closed, and was in pretty poor shape, so it must have been purchased by them from the current owner at the time George Eaton between 1905 and 1908.

**Melton Mowbray Mercury & Uppingham News – June 25<sup>th</sup> 1908**

**LEICESTERSHIRE LICENSING AUTHORITY**

**THE ANCHOR INN** – Supt. Lockton said the house was now owned by Offilier's Brewery Ltd. The population of the village was as such as to give a licensed house to every 112 persons. There were eleven licensed houses, and the nearest to the Anchor Inn were The Red Lion, 836 yards and The New Engine Inn, 616 yards. **The house was poor, and tumbling down, and badly adapted for a licensed house.** No opposition was offered, and the magistrates refused the license.

The 1920 revised, 1925 issued 6 inch O/S map which can be compared with the front cover map below shows the Inn being named as Anchor "House", which is referred to in the supplementary section at the end.



## LINCENSING RECORDS FOR THE ANCHOR INN

Licensee's Surname	Christian Name	Surety's Surname	Surety's forename	Year
Walker	William	Potter	William	1825
Walker	William	Hull	Thomas Bowley	1826
Walker	William	Hull	Thomas Bowley	1827

Licensee's Surname	Christian Name	Year	Month	Owner or Leaseholder
Smith	James	1842	24-Aug	
Smith	James	1843	23-Aug	
Smith	James	1845	27-Aug	
Smith	James	1846	26-Aug	
Smith	James	1847	25-Aug	
Smith	James	1848	23-Aug	
Smith	James	1849	29-Aug	
Smith	James	1850	24-Aug	
Smith	James	1851	30-Aug	
Smith	James	1852	28-Aug	
Smith	James	1853	27-Aug	
Smith	James	1854	26-Aug	
Smith	Thomas	1855	07-Jan	
Smith	Thomas	1855	25-Aug	
Smith	Thomas	1856	23-Aug	
Smith	Thomas	1857	26-Aug	
Smith	Thomas	1858	28-Aug	
Osborne	Richard	1859	27-Aug	
Osborne	Richard	1860	25-Aug	
Osborne	Richard	1861	24-Aug	
Osborne	Richard	1862	23-Aug	
Jarvis	Charles	1863	29-Aug	
Jarvis	Charles	1864	27-Aug	
Jarvis	Charles	1865	26-Aug	
Jarvis	Charles	1866	25-Aug	
Hillyar	John	1868	22-Aug	
Hillyar	John	1869	21-Aug	
Bradley	James	1872	31-Aug	Mr. Osborne, Kegworth
Bradley	James	1873	30-Aug	Mr. Osborne, Kegworth
Bradley	James	1874	29-Aug	Mr. Osborne, Kegworth
Bradley	James	1875	28-Aug	Mr. Osborne, Kegworth
Bradley	James	1876	26-Aug	Mr. Osborne, Kegworth
Bradley	James	1877	25-Aug	William Osborne
Bradley	James	1878	24-Aug	William Osborne
Bradley	James	1879	23-Aug	William Osborne
Bradley	James	1880	21-Aug	William Osborne
Bradley	James	1881	27-Aug	Mrs. Osborne

Bradley	James	1882	26-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1883	25-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1884	30-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1885	29-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1886	28-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1887	27-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1888	25-Aug	Mrs. Osborne
Bradley	James	1889	24-Aug	Mrs. Ann Osborne
Bradley	James	1890	23-Aug	Mrs. Ann Osborne
Bradley	James	1891	22-Aug	Mrs. Ann Osborne
Bradley	James	1892	27-Aug	Mrs. Ann Osborne
Bakewell	Adolphus	1893	26-Aug	George E. Eaton
Bakewell	Adolphus	1894	25-Aug	George E. Eaton
Bakewell	Adolphus	1895	31-Aug	George E. Eaton
Bakewell	Adolphus	1896	29-Aug	George E. Eaton
Bakewell	Adolphus	1897	28-Aug	George E. Eaton
Bakewell	Adolphus	1905	04-Feb	George Trussall Eaton
Bakewell	Adolphus	1908	Kelly's 1908 trade directory for Leics & Rutland	Offiler's Brewery, Normanton Road, Derby

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

After the Anchor Inn was closed, and prior to 1919 it had apparently been turned into three terraced houses. The preceding 1920 revised / 1925 issued O/S map actually describes it as "Anchor House".

Robert Howkins who currently lives and farms at Anchor Farm, has provided information that his grandfather lived in one of the houses, and his father John Howkins was born there in 1919. John of course became a Japanese prisoner of War and he features along with Sam Dimmock and Sam Hodges in the book entitled "In Memory of Three Japanese Prisoners of War from Griffydarn and Pegg's Green" which is free to download and read on the author's website.

The Howkins family moved to Anchor Farm around 1923, almost 100 years ago.