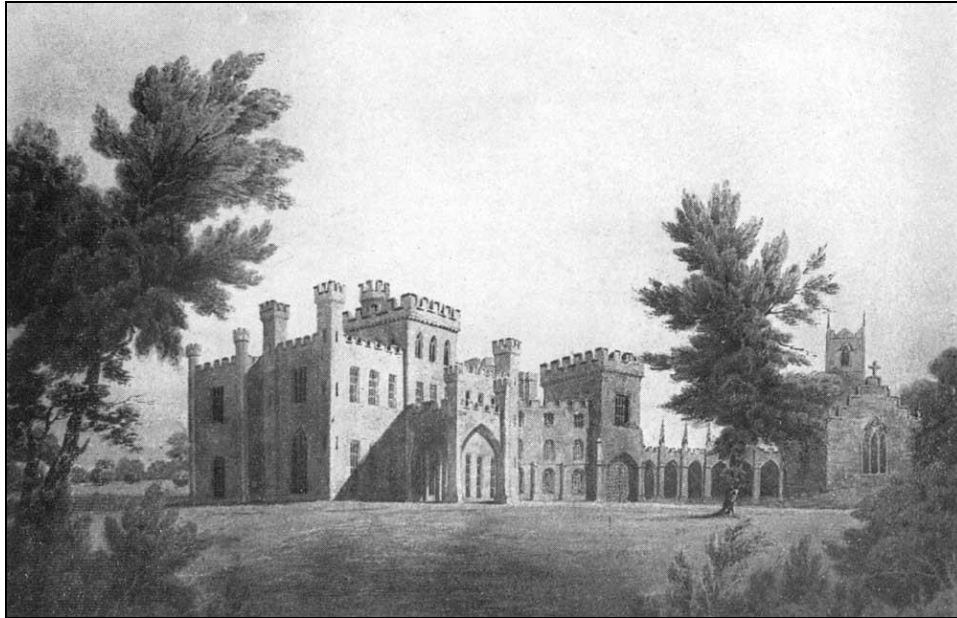


JOHN ALLSOPP B.A. & M.A. - Born 1650, died 1683

Instituted as Rector of St. Peter's, Tollerton, Notts on
30th May 1670



**Tollerton Hall and St. Peter's Church
1787 Engraving by Thomas Hearne**



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INTRODUCTION

From the Biological Register of Christ's College, Cambridge 1505 - 1905 :-

Allsopp, John : Admitted as Alsop : Son of Thomas ; Born Hathern, Leics ; School : Loughborough (Grammar School, founded in 1495 by Thomas Burton, a prosperous wool merchant from the town) under Mr. Somerville (John Somerville was headmaster from 1647 to 1682). Admitted Sizar to Mr. Eedes, (surety Mr. Stanford), 17th June 1664, aged 14.

B.A. (Allsopp) 1667 Mids., incorporated at Oxford 1669 ; M.A. 1671. Perhaps younger brother of Thomas (1658), and son of Thomas (fourth son of Anthony of Alsop - le - Dale ; See genealogist, N.S. 7.1. who was possibly Rector of Hathern and of Boylestone, Derbys.)

Ordained deacon, Lichfield, May 1668 ; Priest, York, May 1670. Probably Rector of Tollerton 1670-92 (actually 1670-83). He was presented by Philip Pendock, to whose son John (1679) he was tutor. One of these names (Philip Pedock) was Rector of Barton Blount, Derby's, 6th Sept, 1697.

The above has been annotated by the author in blue.

Following his ordination, John Allsopp was instituted as the incumbent Rector at St. Peter's Church, Tollerton, Notts on the 30th May 1670, at the age of twenty, and remained so until his death in 1683. His patron was Philip Pendock who was 'Lord of the Manor' of Tollerton. In those days the Lord of The Manor usually appointed the incumbent. As we can see from the above, John Allsopp acted as tutor to Philip Pendock's son John. To become a Rector at the age of twenty seems to be very young, that is assuming that the information in Christ's College is correct, but there is no reason to doubt it. John Allsopp was one of the three witnesses to Philip Pendock's will dated May 4th 1682, a year or so before his own passing.

In 1645 Philip Pendock inherited the Tollerton estate, and in spite of the troublous times in which he lived, succeeded in restoring the family to something like its old prosperity. He purchased various holdings in Tollerton, notably that of the Hatfields, and at his death was owner of the greater part of the parish.

Date of Institution.	Name and Designation.	Patron.	How vacated.	References.
30 May, 1670	John Allsopp, B.A. (also Alsop)	Philip Pendock	D.	Parish Register and York Wills
	"Mr. J. Alsop, Rector, buried July 11, 1683." Will, 8th July, 1683 (Pr. 5th Sept.) desired burial in chancel.			
14 June, 1684 Ind. 14 June	Samuel Houghton	The King (Throsby)	D.	Parish Register and York Wills
	Institution not found. "1684, Mr. Samuel Houghton, Rector of this parish was read in June 15th and inducted June 14." Buried at Tollerton Oct. 7th, 1689. Will, 4th Oct., 1689, Pr. 9th Nov. by Joyce his wife. Children, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Katherine, Samuel, Alice.			

From tollertonvillagehistory.co.uk

From the dates researched John Allsopp only lived to the young age of 33. In his original will Date 8th July, 1683 which was proved 5th September, 1683, by the Executor, he included the following bequeathment :-

*'I give and bequeath unto the hospital in **Osgathorpe** founded by Mr. Howley (**Mr. Thomas Harley**) for the maintenance of a Minister's Widow, one hundred and three score pounds to be disposed of according to my free intent and meaning'.*

Little did anyone know at this time the legal wrangling this was to cause between family members and the Thomas Harley Osgathorpe Charity over a period of some one hundred years.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF JOHN ALLSOPP'S WILL

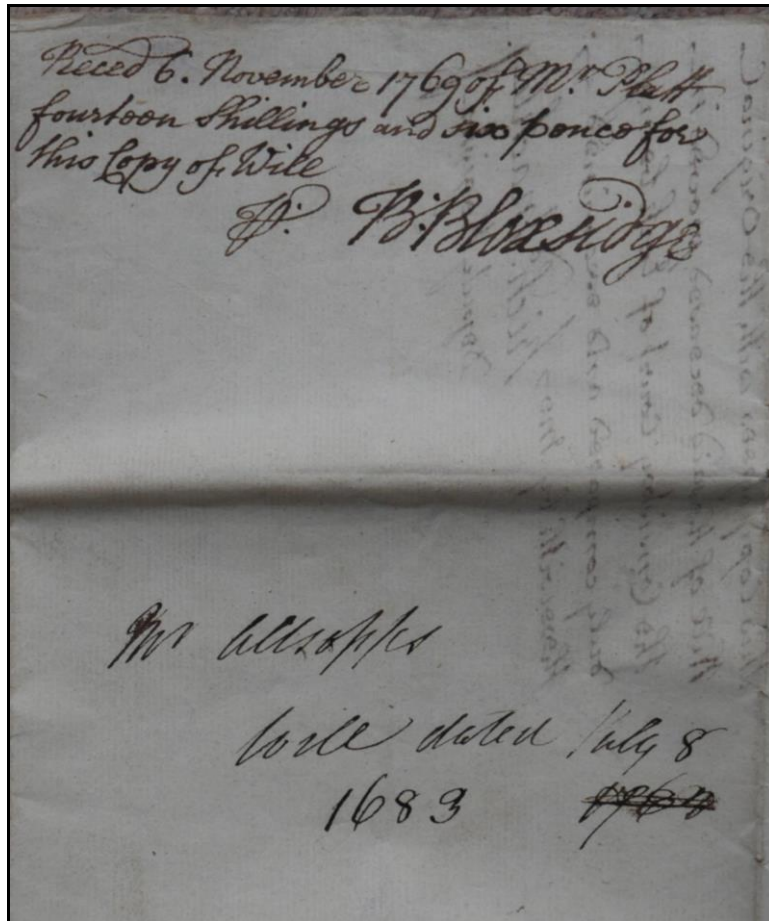
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I John Allsopp Rector of the parish church of Tollerton in the county of Nottingham being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and my testament in manner and form following imprimis? I command and bequeath my soul unto almighty God my creator Redeemer and my body I desire may be interred in the chancel belonging to the parish church of Tollerton according to the discretion of my executors hereafter named **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my sister Bakewell the furniture of the best chamber and my silver spoons **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my Godson John Bakewell the sum of twenty guineys **ITEM** I give and bequeath to the hospital in Osgathorpe founded by Mr. Harlow (Mr. Thomas Harley) for the maintenance of a Minister's widow one hundred and three score pounds to be disposed of according to my free intent and meaning **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto Mis Mary Charlton my watch (William Pendock's daughter) and ten guineys **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my cousin Thomas Barrodale my Studdy of books except such as Mis Mary Charlton and Mis Anne Pendock and Mis Mary shall chouse (William Pendock's daughters) out **ITEM** I give and bequeath to Mis Mary Chadwick (William Pendock's sister) twenty pounds and the furniture of her chamber **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto Mis Anne Pendock ten Guineys and to Mis Anne Pendock and Mis Mary Pendock my best suit of Diaper Linnen (a linen or cotton fabric with a woven pattern of small, constantly repeated figures, as diamonds) and half a dozen silver salts **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto Mr William Barker my silver tankard **ITEM** I give and bequeath to my brother Richard Allsopp fifty pounds to be paid by my brother Thomas Allsopp **ITEM** I give unto my brother Benjamin Allsopp fifty pounds to be paid by my brother Thomas Allsopp out of some moneys due to me in his hand **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Tollerton twenty pounds **ITEM** I give and bequeath five pound to the poore of the Hathern **ITEM** I give and bequeath to the poore of Loughborough five pound **ITEM** I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Cheedalle five pound and all the rest Residue and Remainder of my estate I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Bakewell whom I make executor of this my last will and testament **IN WITNESS** Whereof I the said John Allsopp have hereunto put my Hand and Seals the eighth day of July in the five and twentyeth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the 2 by the Grace of god of England King Defender of the Faith Anno Do., 1683. John Allsopp Signed sealed and delivered published and declared in the presence of his Wittnesses: Thomas Briggs, Will Parker, Elizabeth Rayners.

This copy (annotated in blue by the author) agrees with the original Will of the said deceased proved in the Consistory Court of York being duly compared and examined therewith by me :

**Richard Mackley
Deputy Register**

(Consistory Court - The bishop's general court for the administration of ecclesiastical law. The bishop did not usually appear in person as judge but commissions a judge, usually his chancellor (or at Canterbury his Commissary general). Appeal from a diocesan Consistory court was to a provincial court.)

The original will Date 8th July, 1683 was Proved 5th September, 1683, by the Executor.



THE OUTSIDE COVER OF COPY OF WILL

**Received 6. November 1769 of Mr. Platt, fourteen shillings and six pence
for this copy of will**

ALLSOPP'S CHARITY

As can be seen in his preceding will, John Allsopp bequeathed £160 unto the Osgathorpe Hospital (Almshouses) Charity founded by Thomas Harley for the maintenance of a Minister's widow.

There follows an extract from the 1837 Charity Commissioner's Report which provides an overview of what happened following the money bequeathed by John Allsopp in his will. :-

Allsopp's Charity.—There is also under the management of the same trustees the charity of John Allsopp, who by Will, dated the 8th day of July 1683, bequeathed “unto the hospital in Osgathorpe, founded by Mr. Harley for the maintenance of a minister's widow, 160*l.*,” which he directed should be disposed of according to his true intent and meaning.

It appears that legal proceedings were obliged to be resorted to for the recovery of this bequest. In an old paper in the possession of the trustees it is stated that by the verdict of a jury, delivered in 1710, it was found that the executor of John Allsopp ought to pay the sum of 160*l.*, with interest for the same at the rate of five per cent. from the 11th of June 1684; and in the same paper is also a copy of what is termed “a decree of Commissioners,” whereby it was ordered that the 160*l.*, and interest, should be paid to the trustees of the hospital at Osgathorpe, and be laid out by them in building a convenient lodging at the hospital for a minister's widow of the Established Church, and in making a provision for her maintenance, to be placed there and subject to such rules as the widows were.

No part of the 160*l.*, or interest, was however paid for several years, and in 1754 there was due for principal and interest 251*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*, which was then secured by the promissory note of a Mr. Allsopp. From that period interest was regularly paid on that sum, and in 1799, 258*l.* 19*s.*, being the amount then due for principal and interest, was received by the trustees, and invested in the purchase of a sum of 376*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* Three per Cent. Consolidated Bank Annuities.

A cottage was soon after built on the hospital ground, but with what funds does not appear. It contains on the ground floor a parlour and a kitchen, and two bed-rooms above, and there is a garden attached to it. In consequence, however, of the small yearly allowance provided for the inhabitant of this cottage, amounting at one time only to 9*l.* a-year, the trustees have had great difficulty in finding a widow willing to occupy it, and it has frequently remained uninhabited for several years together.

During those periods of vacancy, the dividends have been accumulated and added to the before-mentioned sum of stock, which now amounts to 666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and stands in the same names as the stock belonging to Harley's Charity.

At the time of the Inquiry there was a clergyman's widow inhabiting the cottage, who was nominated by the trustees in 1834; she receives 19*l.* of the annual dividends arising from the 666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Three per Cent. Consolidated Bank Annuities, leaving 1*l.* for incidental expenses. The cottage is in a good condition, having been repaired in 1832 at an expense of 20*l.*

The accounts relating to this charity are kept separate from those of Harley's, but both are audited at the same time.

At the time of the Inquiry (July 1836) there was a balance of 15*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* due to the treasurer.

A four page complex legal document prepared by the Lawyer John Madocks of Lincoln Inn dated the 2nd March 1787 has been located which sets out the legal position at that time. The last few lines of this state :- *The case of marshalling is so clear that the Trustees of the Charity should Recommend to those who act for Mr. Allsopps family to take advice upon the Matter to prevent the Expense of a suit to his estate. For if the Facts are admitted by them to be truly stated in this case they will certainly be advised to pay the whole Demand of the Existence of which there cannot be a doubt as Mr. Thomas Allsopp paid the interest down to 1777 and his Representatives now make an offer of 16 shillings in the pound by which the Debt is Admitted.*

The Debt referred to is presumably the principle sum with interest of £258 19s referred to in the preceding 1837 Charity Commissioners report as being received by the Charity Trustees in 1799.

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COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT BY JOHN MADOCKS

Case

8th Jan^y 1757. Tho^s Allsopp late of Loughborough in the County of Leicester Gent. Deceased by his Will of this Date duly Executed and Attested, Recites that upon his Marriage with Elizabeth his Wife he Entered into Bond to Secure to her an Annuity of Forty Pounds during her Life, Ratifies said Bond and Charges his Estates both Real and Personal with the Payment of said Annuity, Gives her Fifty Pounds and several Specific Goods, and to his Children several Legacies amounting in the whole to 1000. And Directs the Payment thereof within twelve Months after his Decease, Gives all his Personal Estate (Subject to and after Payment of his Debts and the said Annuity) unto his Son Tho^s Allsopp; also Gives all his Manor, Messuages Lands and Hereditaments in Wimeswoud and Loughborough or elsewhere, unto his Son Thomas Allsopp his Heirs and Assigns for ever, Chargeable with the Payment of Testators Debts, and Legacies, and the said Annuity, And appointed his said ^{son} Thomas Allsopp Executor.

Said Thomas Allsopp the Testator was an Attorney at Law, and in his Profession was Employed by the Trustees for certain Charities in Osgathorpe in the County of Leicester, and upon an account Stated between M^r. Simon Barwell and the said Trustees, said M^r. Allsopp Entered into a Promissory Note to be accountable to the said Trustees for 251.15.11 in the words following (that is to say) —

24th Ap^r 1754. Received then of the Rev^d. M^r. John Vaughan an Account dated 17th Septemb^r 1716. Between M^r. Simon Barwell and the Trustees of Osgathorpe, upon which Account there appears to be due from the said M^r. Barwell to the said Trustees the Sum of two hundred Fifty one Pounds fifteen Shillings and eleven Pence which said Account I Promise to be accountable for on Demand, as Witness my Hand
 Witness Tho^s Allsopp Jun^r Thomas Allsopp

The said Testator not being called upon for that Sum continued it in his Hands & paid to the Trustees, Interest for the same after the Rate of 4th Cent. p^{er} Ann^o. for several years, until his Death.

Said Tho^s Allsopp the Son upon the Death of the Testator his late Father. Entered into Possession of all Testators Real and Personal Estates amounting in Value to several thousand Pounds more than sufficient to Pay Testators Debts and Legacies, and in a few years after Testators Death, settled the Rectory and Impropriation of Wimeswoud, which was his late Fathers, and held by Lease of Trinity College Cambridge, on his Marriage with Ann his late Wife and now Widow, without Paying the said Debt due to the said Trustees as aforesaid, but continued in like Manner during his Life to pay to the said Trustees the Interest of the said Debt of 251.15.11 and Died in the year 1777. having first made his Will to the Effect following.

30th Ap^r 1777. Tho^s Allsopp the above named Testators eldest Son and Sole Executor in his Will by his Will, gave to his Wife Anne 200 to Enable her to Purchase of his Executors such Parts of his Household Goods and Furniture as she should think necessary for her own Use over and above the Provision made for her on their Marriage Settlement Provided she should abide by the said Settlement and Provision therein made in Lieu of her Dower out of his real Estates, But in case of her Refusal then the said 200, to be a void Bequest, also Recites that by the said Settlement, a Power was reserved to him of Dividing the Premises therein amongst his Children in such Shares and Proportions as he should by Deed or Will Direct. In Execution of said Power he gave the Rectory and Impropriation which he held by Lease of the Master & of Trinity College Cambridge being the Premises in the s^d. Settlement.

mentioned unto his Brothers Andrew Allsopp and John Doops. In Trust in the first Place for Carrying the Terms of the said Settlement into Execution; and in the next Place to Raise or Levy by Sale or Mortgage of the said Rectory 2000 for his son John Allsopp on his Attaining the age of 21 years And in the mean time to apply all or any Part of the Interest of the said 2000 for and towards the Support Maintenance of his said son John with a Power for his Trustees and Guardians to apply any part of said Principal Sum of 2000 to the Use of his son John and in Case of his Death under Age, Unmarried and without Issue, then he Directed the Remainder of that Sum to the Use of his son Thomas in manner in said Will mentioned and gave the Residue of said Premises in said Settlement (Subject as aforesaid) to his said Trustees to and for the Benefit of his said son Thomas Allsopp, But in Case of his Death under Age, Unmarried and without Issue, then he gave said Premises unto his son, John, both his Ex^{ts} & both his sons, first under Age, Unmarried and without Issue, then he gave said Premises to his next of Kin to be divided in a due Course of Administration —

Gave the Residue of his Personal Estate unto his Brothers Chris Heath and Andrew Allsopp upon the Trusts and for the Uses herein after mentioned —

Also he gave and Devised all that his Manor, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises in Wincoswood and Loughborough to his 3 Brothers Chris Heath and Andrew Allsopp and their Heirs In Tail to Sell so much and out Part thereof together with the Produce of his personal Estate as should be necessary and sufficient to pay off and Discharge all the just Debt which he should owe at the time of his Decease wither upon bond made or Long by Contract the Mortgage of 1500 due to Mr^s Bainbridge upon the said Wincoswood Estate and to pay the Debt and Legacies as soon after his Decease as might be, and after Payment thereof and Subject thereto, then he Devised the said Premises or so much and such Part thereof as should remain unused and undisposed off for the purposes aforesaid unto his said son Tho^s Allsopp his Heirs and assigns for ever, But if his said son Thomas Allsopp should die before attaining his age of 21 years without leaving any Issue lawfully begotten, then he gave the Remainder of his said Estate to his said son John Allsopp his Heirs and assigns for ever, and in Case both his sons John and Tho^s should die under Age, without leaving any Issue lawfully begotten, then he gave the Remainder of said Premises to his Sister Elizabeth Heath for Life —

To his Brother Andrew and his Heirs Male — Remain^t —
To his Brother Lewis Allsopp for Life — Remain^t —
To the first and other sons of said Lewis Allsopp in Tail Male — Remain^t —
To his own right Heirs for ever —

Also by a Deed gave sundry other Legacies —

gave said Andrew Allsopp and Chris Heath 50 each for their Trouble, and appointed them Guardians for his Children and joint Executors. —

Also by a Deed gave sundry other Legacies —

The Trustees and Executors named in the Will of Tho^s Allsopp the son, have had the Manor of Wincoswood and divers of Astors, Freehold Messuages Lands & Hereditaments lying at Wincoswood and Loughborough, and with the Money arising thereof and from Astors personal Estate have paid off sundry Part of Money, due on Mortgage, Bonds and certain simple Contract Debts, but have

not paid the Debt due to the said Trustees from Tho^s Allsopp the Elder, and have signed to pay them more than 10 in the Pound Declaring that that sum is all they are able to pay to the Residue of the simple Contract Executors, although they will have in Application of Premises at Wincoswood to the amount of near 5000^l Annuities and are the same Premises which Mr^s Allsopp the Elder purchased and held by Lease of Trinity College aforesaid together with a large Real Estate and the Lease of of Mr^s Allsopp the son by Renewal of Leases from time to time are still in Execution of said Leasehold Premises which they reserve for the Support of Mr^s Ann Allsopp and her two sons according to the Use in the Settlement, made on Mr^s Allsopp the son's Marriage with her, and in his Will —

Your Opinion is Desired, Whether such of the Personal Estate of Mr^s Allsopp the Elder as came into the Hands or Power of the Executor of that son, who was his Executor, continue still liable to pay the Debt of said Mr^s Allsopp; and as the Leases Subsisting in the Life time of Mr^s Allsopp the Elder are expired, Can the Renewed Leases taken by Mr^s Allsopp the younger be considered as after the liable to pay the Debt of Mr^s Allsopp the Elder; If the Executors of Mr^s Allsopp the son have applied the Estate of Mr^s Allsopp the Elder, to the Payment of the Debt (whether on special or simple Contract) of that Estate, Neglecting to pay the Debt of Tho^s Allsopp the Elder, have they not Committed a Devastavit, and made themselves liable to pay that Debt; And was it in the Power of Tho^s Allsopp the son to do any Act to prevent his Father's Debts being paid; and are not all his Estates still liable to the Payment to the said Trustees of a part of the Debt of 251.15.11 and Interest; and Can the Trustees justify themselves in accepting Executors Holdings in the Bond for said Debt; and would you advise them so to do; and if not what Method would you advise the Trustees to take to Recover the Money due; And against whom;

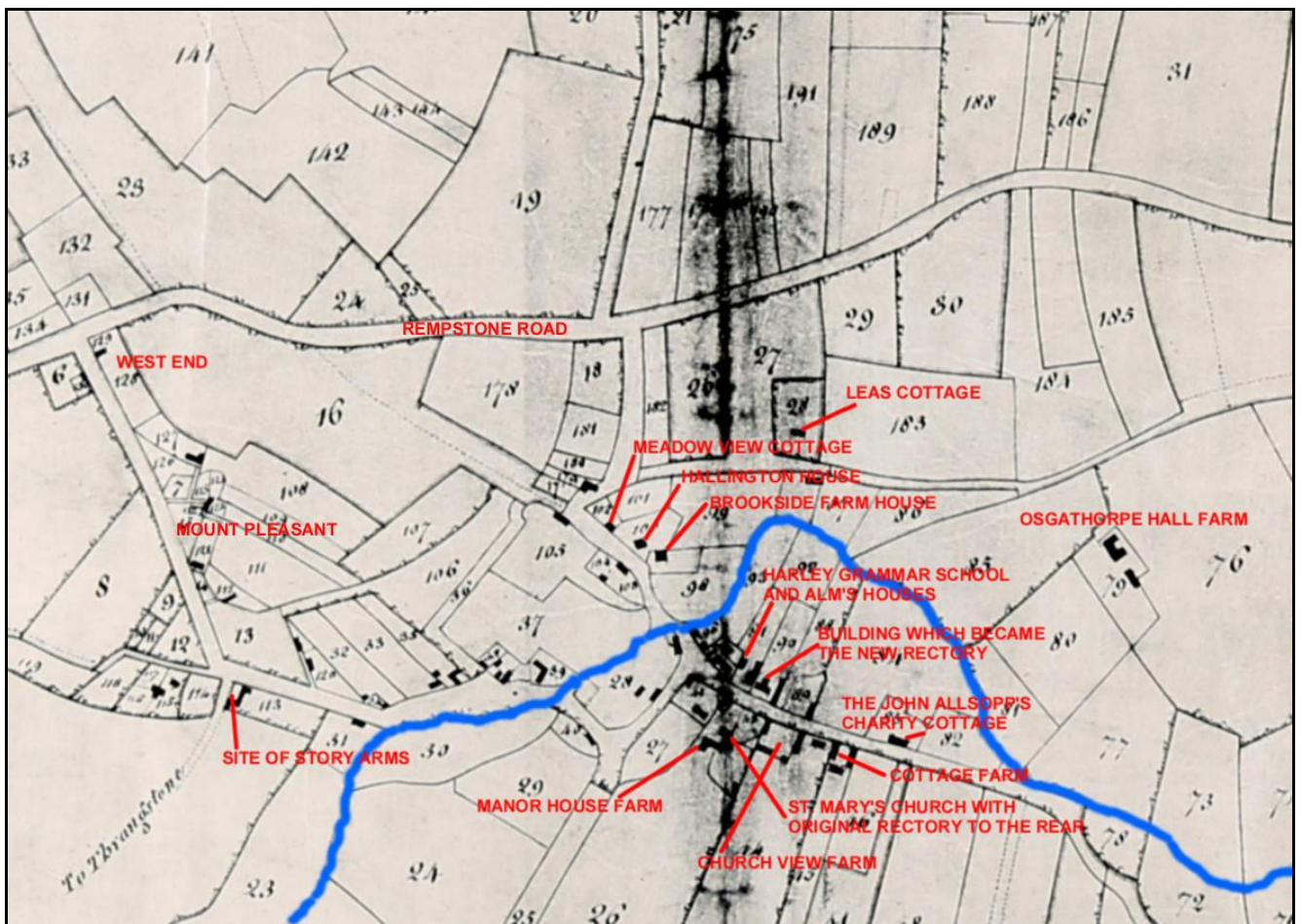
The Personal Estate of Mr^s Allsopp the Elder, in which I include his Land Estate for Years) having been disposed by Mr^s Thomas Allsopp the Executor were Assets in his hands to answer all the Debts of his Father including the Demand in Question, and the Personal Estate being more than sufficient to answer all his Father's Debts, Mr^s Tho^s Allsopp as Executor became personally liable to pay the Debt in Question and it became his own Debt. Mr^s Thomas Allsopp by his Will had Granted a Trust of a Part of his Personal Estate, that Part (I presume from the Point the Trustees make) is not sufficient to pay all Mr^s Thomas Allsopp the son's Debts but will make a Dividend of 10 in the Pound, But the Money arising from the Trust fund and the Personal Estate have been applied to the Discharge of Mortgages and Specialty Debts, which Specialty Debts affected all Mr^s Tho^s Allsopp the son's Real Estate, a Part of Equity will Marshall his Effects both Real and Personal and Permit his simple Contract Executors to stand on the Place of the Mortgages and Specialty Debts upon his real Estates unless which are not by his Will Charged with his Debts As to the Leasehold Estate

which was Settled by Mr. Thomas Allsopp it cannot be affected by the present Demand but all the Rest of his Estates which were unsettled can. As his whole Estates (except those ~~settled~~) are sufficient, and as a Court of Equity will Marshall his Assets for the Benefit of his simple Contract Creditors there is no reason why the Charity should accept 16 in the Pound and the Trustees for the Charity would not be warranted in so doing. The Case of Marshalling is so clear that the Trustees of the Charity should Recommend it to those who act for Mr. Allsopp's Family to take Advice upon the Matter to prevent the Expence of a Suit to his Estate. For if the Facts are admitted by them to be truly Stated in this Case they will certainly be advised to pay the whole Demand of the Existence, of which there cannot be a Doubt as Mr. Tho^s Allsopp paid the Interest down to 1777 and his Representatives now make an offer of 16 in the Pound by which the Debt is admitted —

John Madocks
Lincoln Inn 2^d March 1787

ALLSOPP'S COTTAGE

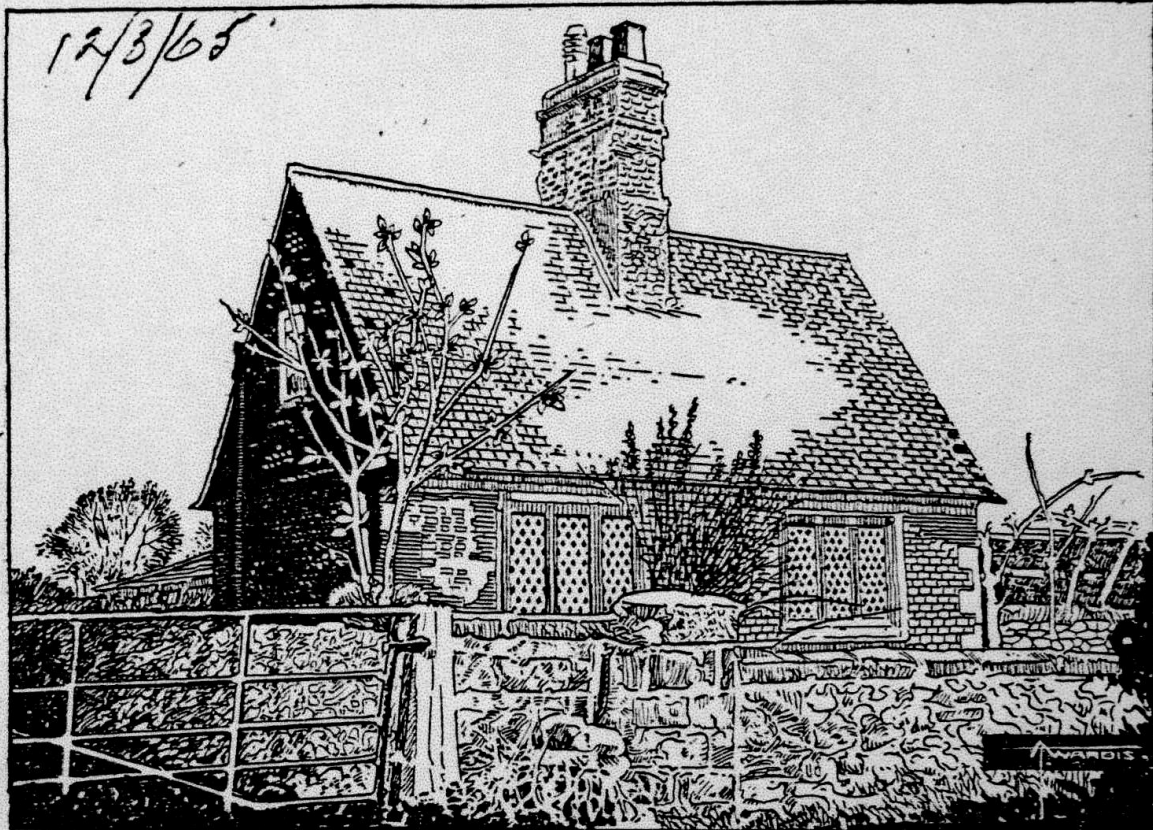
If interpreted correctly, the 1837 commissioners report infers that the cottage for a clergyman's widow was built shortly after 1799 but the 1785 enclosure map indicates a building of some sort (possibly a barn) existed on the site then. Allsopp's Cottage still exists today but is now a private residence and changed significantly from its original design. **It was not built in the existing Almshouses / Hospital grounds but further along the road as shown in the annotated 1785 map below. See the 1965 sketch of the cottage on the following page.**



From an Artist's Sketch-Book

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(Special to the "Toughborough Echo")



"PICTURE POSTCARD HOUSE"

Not so many years ago the name Madame Rosa Alba was known as that of an international operatic singer with a reputation in more than one continent. Born in Australia, she married the Rev. W. White, and on his death gave up

her professional career and has since lived in the pretty house in Osgathorpe shown in the sketch.

Mr. White was a man with dynamic energy, who raised £5,000 by public subscription to re-build the church of St. Barnabas at Gunness, near Scunthorpe. Unhappily he died on the eve of its dedication.

Throughout a remarkable life he had a passion for restoring ancient buildings. The "Picture Postcard House," as it is called locally, one of three residences in the village providing retirement for the widows of clergymen, is the property of the Harley Trust.