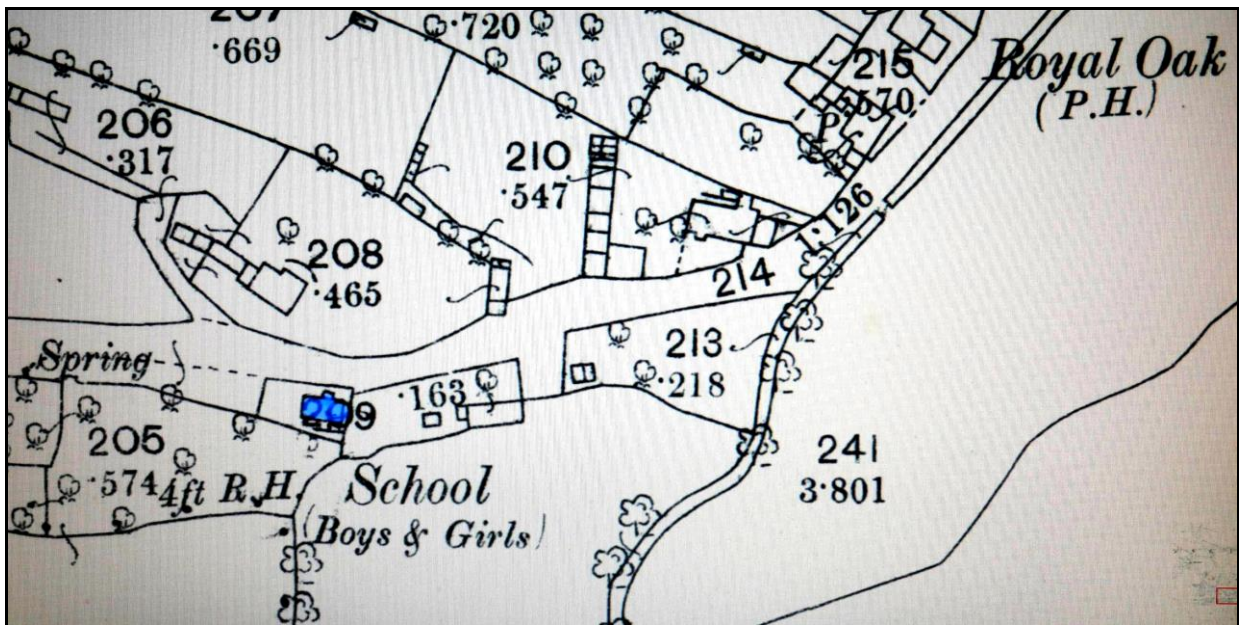


**OSGATHORPE 'ELEMENTARY MIXED
NATIONAL SCHOOL' AND 'CONTINUATION
SCHOOL' ON MAIN STREET**



The location of the Osgathorpe 'Elementary Mixed National School' on Main Street, coloured blue - Extract from the 1883 issued 25 inch O/S map.

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From c.1810 the rate of school building increased dramatically, mainly because of competition between the dissenting (non-conformist) and Anglican churches (Historic England, 2017).

In 1808 the nonconformist British and Foreign School Society was established. In 1811, the Church of England established the National Society for Promoting Religious Education and from that date 'British Schools' and 'National Schools' were erected with grant assistance from the voluntary societies.

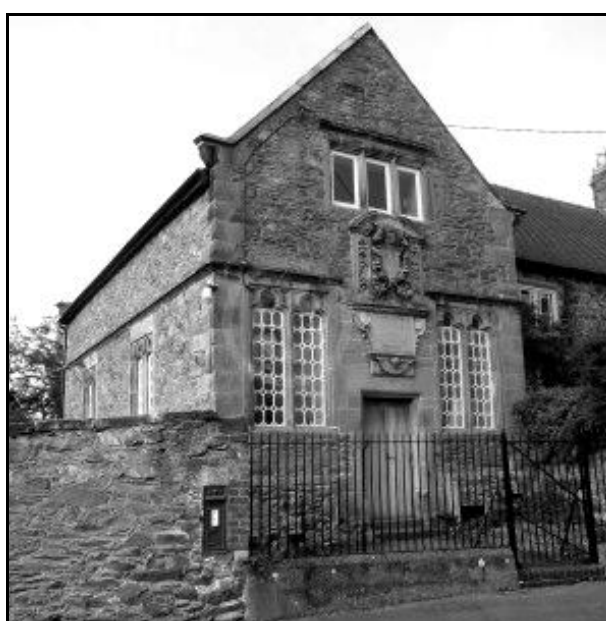
A National School (public mixed elementary) was built in 1836 in Osgathorpe on a site donated by the late John Bainbrigge Story Esq who was lord of the manor at the time. The Rector and Church wardens were the trustees and managers.

A History of Leicestershire Schools records that this was a mixed school and an infants' school attached to the Anglican church, which in 1846/47, 27 boys and 13 girls attended on weekdays, and an additional 5 boys and 12 girls attended on Sundays. The school being partly funded by a grant of £35 from the National Society and the annual costs of circa £26 were met partly by subscriptions and partly by payments from parents.

The following is an extract from an interesting interview with an Osgathorpe Framework Knitter in 1844 regarding Osgathorpe schools

6388. Is there any free-school in Osgathorpe?—Yes, a free-school and a National school.
6389. Do the frame-work knitters avail themselves of those schools to send their children?—Some do, but they do not go past six or seven years of age, because they are then put to work. When I was a boy I lived at Belton, and I used to go to the free-school at Osgathorpe. There were 60 scholars at that time; now there are not above ten or a dozen.
6390. Do you think that diminution in the number has arisen from the parents putting the children to work at an earlier age than formerly?—I should think that is the chief cause.
6391. Are there any allotments of land in Osgathorpe?—There are several

The 'Free School' referred to was the 'Thomas Harley Endowed Free Grammar School' shown below





The photograph can be dated to 1902. Note the children at the front are posing on a pegged rug, made from cut up strips of material pegged into a hessian backing. The school had an average attendance of 48 in 1901 when Miss. A. Parker was the headmistress, and she is likely to be the lady on the LH side. Presumably the gentleman in black on the right of the photograph is the rector at the time, the Rev. Augustus Williams. Another teacher at the time was Sarah Pepper who is possibly the other mistress next to the Rector.

Fanny Emma Pepper is 6th from the right on the front row. Horace Pepper is on the front row at the LH end and George Pepper is 4th from the left on the second row

The following teacher's names have been recorded in Trade Directory and Censuses and are all thought to have been at the National School:-

In 1841 Elizabeth Todd is given as the teacher at the infant school.

Lucy Asnet is recorded as the mistress in William White's 1846 Trade Directory.

In 1851, Mary Meakin is a school mistress.

In 1861, Sophia Meakin is a school mistress.

In 1851 and 1861, Cassandra Branson is listed as a Day School Mistress.

Mary Ault was recorded as being a mistress of the National School in 1851, 1855, 1861 and 1863. Mary was born at Tamworth in 1801 and was married to Samuel Ault, born in 1807 at Belton who was an Ag labourer.

By 1870 Miss Mary Ann Huddleston was the National School mistress.

The 1881 census records Emma Hughes as a teacher

Kelly's directory of 1891 recorded Miss Annie Knight as mistress.

The 1891 census records Edith E Goodman as an elementary teacher

Kelly's 1895 directory records a Mrs. A. Marriot as being the mistress at the National School.

In 1901 Mary Earp, Gertrude Lakin, Sarah Pepper and Harriet Roadley are all recorded as school teachers. One school master named John G Beutley is recorded, but we cannot be certain where he was teaching. Robert T Hance is living in Osgathorpe but he was teaching at Griffydham Wesleyan Methodist Day school, Peggs Green

In 1911, Ethel Annie Lager is recorded as the Head Mistress & Frances G Lakin, Amelia Parker and Catherine Vereburry as teachers. Effie Gimson is recorded as an elementary teacher.

Kelly's directory of 1916 records that the school will hold 50 children with an average attendance of 48 and Miss. J. Blackwell was the mistress.

It seems reasonable to assume except where otherwise stated that all those teachers recorded above taught at the National School.

Numerous records about the National School from when it was first built are held at the National Record Office at Kew. Unfortunately none of these have been digitized and appointments to view these at Kew are required.

TWO SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 1930's



CHILDREN FROM OSGATHORPE WHO ATTENDED THE NON-CONFORMIST GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN METHODIST DAY SCHOOL AT PEGGS GREEN

There wasn't a true non-conformist school in Osgathorpe. Although pupils may have received a basic education at the Wesleyan Chapel Sunday school, it is easy to see why children from Osgathorpe attended the non-conformist Griffydam Wesleyan Day School 1853 – c.1920 at Pegg's Green.

On the next two pages, which have been compiled from the Griffydam Wesleyan Day School register, are lists that include children coming from Osgathorpe between 1874 and 1917.

It is interesting to see that many of the children listed (not necessarily living in Osgathorpe at the time), attended the Osgathorpe National School also at one time.

Register No.	Admission date	Child's christian name	Child's surname	Parent/guardian C. Name	Parent/guardian S. Name	Address	dob	Last school attended
3	01/06/1874	Thomas	Siddons	William	Siddons	Osgathorpe	15/7/1868	Osgathorpe
5	01/06/1874	Laura	Hollingshead	Herbert	Hollingshead	Osgathorpe	01/08/1869	Osgathorpe
10	01/06/1874	Mary Elizabeth	Smith			Osgathorpe	12/11/1864	N. Draycott
56	11/11/1874	George	Rennocks	William	Rennocks	Breedon	20/12/1865	Osgathorpe
61	22/02/1875	William	Tanser	William	Tanser	Osgathorpe	21/09/1861	Mr Branson
71	25/05/1875	Frank	Hart	Herbert	Hollingshead	Osgathorpe	06/04/1871	not any
72	25/05/1875	Ernest	Hollingshead	Herbert	Hollingshead	Osgathorpe		
109	17/01/1876	William	Hartshorne	John	Hartshorne	Osgathorpe	8/3/1865	
119	21/08/1876	Ruth	Hartshorne	John	Hartshorne	Osgathorpe	03/10/1867	
158	03/04/1877	Ada	Burton	William	Burton	Osgathorpe	25/12/1868	
191	07/01/1878	M Ann	Burton	William	Burton	Osgathorpe	18/05/1870	
217	17/06/1878	Nellie	Goodman	William	Goodman	Osgathorpe	21/05/1872	Osgathorpe
243	20/01/1879	Harry	Merriman	Edward B	Merriman	Thringstone	19/05/1868	Osgathorpe
244	20/01/1879	John	Bancroft	James	Bancroft	Thringstone	30/09/1868	Osgathorpe
257	09/04/1879	John	Darby		Darby	Osgathorpe	05/06/1867	Derby
374	05/09/1881	Lucy	Gilbert	William	Gilbert	Osgathorpe	02/12/1869	Osgathorpe
467	07/01/1884	George	Earp				01/04/1872	Osgathorpe
518	11/06/1885	Robert	Dougla	Mrs?	Hoult	Osgathorpe	17/05/1879	Worthington
541	12/04/1886	Fanny Selina	Knight	William		Osgathorpe	13/12/1876	Shepshed
542	12/04/1886	Clara Louisa	Knight	William		Osgathorpe	20/04/1878	Shepshed
543	12/04/1886	Elizabeth Hannah	Knight	William		Osgathorpe	10/02/1880	Shepshed
544	12/04/1886	Annie Mary	Knight	William		Osgathorpe	08/06/1874	Shepshed
553	06/09/1886	Albert E	Knight	William	Knight	Osgathorpe	01/03/1882	None
558	11/10/1886	Nellie	King	Peter	King	Griffydham	10/12/1880	Osgathorpe
684	03/11/1890	Amy	Bradley	Joseph	Bradley	Griffydham	08/08/1882	Osgathorpe National
685	03/11/1890	Margaret	Bradley	Joseph	Bradley	Griffydham	28/06/1884	Osgathorpe National
760	07.06/1893	Clara	Hollingshead	Joseph	Johnson	Griffydham		Osgathorpe National
796	07/05/1894	James	Twigger	Joseph	Twigger	Thringstone	19/08/1884	Osgathorpe National
859	15/06/1896	Gertrude	Lakin	James	Lakin	Osgathorpe	10/09/1883	
978	08/05/1899	Lilian	Gilbert	James	Gilbert	Osgathorpe		Osgathorpe National
1074	06/01/1902	May	Lakin	James	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	24/07/1889	Osgathorpe N
1075	06/01/1902	Rowland	Lakin	James	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	12/06/1891	Osgathorpe N

1127	30/03/1903	Albert	Marshall	Edward	Not Listed	Griffydam	20/06/1896	Osgathorpe N
1128	30/03/1903	Emily	Marshall	Edward	Not Listed	Griffydam	29/04/1892	Osgathorpe N
1129	30/03/1903	Tom	Marshall	Edward	Not Listed	Griffydam	30/12/1893	Osgathorpe N
1130	06/04/1903	Lucy	Marshall	Edward	Not Listed	Griffydam	29/04/1891	Osgathorpe N
1131	14/04/1903	George	Marshall	Edward	Not Listed	Griffydam	16/02/1890	Osgathorpe N
1155	24/08/1903	Joseph Hry	Jackson	John Ellis	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	08/06/1893	Grange Mill
1160	15/02/1904	Mary June	Knapp	Christopher	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	15/08/1890	Osgathorpe
1161	15/02/1904	Amelia	Knapp	Christopher	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	17/06/1892	Osgathorpe
1162	15/02/1904	John William	Knapp	Christopher	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	01/11/1893	Osgathorpe
1167	18/04/1904	Charles	King	Joseph	Not Listed	Thringstone	29/12/1891	Osgathorpe
1303	08/09/1908	William Arthur	Jackson	Arthur	Not Listed	Griffydam	25/03/1897	Osgathorpe N
1304	08/09/1908	James Robert	Jackson	Arthur	Not Listed	Griffydam	28/10/1898	Osgathorpe N
1305	08/09/1908	George Hry	Jackson	Arthur	Not Listed	Griffydam	26/03/1901	Osgathorpe N
1335	07/06/1909	Gladys	Hinks	Daniel	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	07/06/1903	None
1375	04/07/1910	Thomas William	Witham	Thomas	Not Listed	Griffydam	07/11/1897	Osgathorpe
1376	04/07/1910	Frederick	Witham	Thomas	Not Listed	Griffydam	05/04/1900	Osgathorpe
1377	04/07/1910	Alice	Witham	Thomas	Not Listed	Griffydam	27/07/1902	Osgathorpe
1378	04/07/1910	Hannah	Witham	Thomas	Not Listed	Griffydam	12/04/1904	Osgathorpe
1379	04/07/1910	Sarah	Witham	Thomas	Not Listed	Griffydam	30/04/1905	Osgathorpe
1508	21/09/1914	James Robert	Hance	Robert Thomas	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	26/01/1907	Osgathorpe I
1555	31/08/1915	Doris Elizabeth	Adkin	Philip	Not Listed	Osgathorpe	25/05/1903	Osgathorpe C E
1621	17/04/1917	Albert Ernest	Knight	Albert Ernest	Not Listed	Staunton Grange, Osgathorpe	07/02/1912	None



Staunton Grange should say Stordon Grange

**INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATION REGISTERS & LOG BOOKS COVERING
YEARS 1907 TO 1912 WHICH RECORDED CHILDREN
ATTENDING OSGATHORPE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	SCHOOL YEAR
ADKINS	DORIS	1903	1908
ALLARD	BEATRICE	1895	1910
ALLARD	EARNEST	1901	1910
ALLARD	HARRY	1897	1909
ANNABLE	ARCHIE	1904	1910
ANNABLE	CHARLES	1896	1909
ANNABLE	HORACE	1905	1911
ANNABLE	TOM	1903	1910
BAKER	ALBERT	1902	1908
BAKER	EDITH	1896	1910
BAKER	GERTIE	1895	1910
BAKER	MARTIN	1905	1910
BAKER	SYDNEY	1905	1910
BILLINGS	JAS	1893	1907
BRADLEY	VERA	1900	1910
COOPER	LIZZIE	1904	1908
CUNNINGHAM	ANNIE	1908	1910
CUNNINGHAM	EVA	1905	1910
CUNNINGHAM	FREDERICK	1901	1910
CUNNINGHAM	SELINA	1903	1910

DARBY	ALFONSO	1902	1907
DARBY	ALFONSO	1902	1910
DARBY	IRENE M	1906	1912
DARBY	JOHN	1899	1910
DARBY	WILL	1895	1907
EMBURY	EVELYN	1898	1908
EMBURY	HAROLD	1900	1912
GREEN	DOROTHY	1904	1908
GREEN	ETHEL	1896	1910
GREEN	HILDA	1894	1910
GREEN	JOHN	1897	1909
GREEN	NORA	1901	1910
GREEN	OLIVE R	1906	1911
GREEN	WILFRED	1900	1910
HANCE (Son of Robert J Hance – Headmaster at Griffydam Wesleyan Day School)	J. ROBERT	1907	1912
HOPKINS	JOHN	1894	1907
JACKMAM	JAMES	1899	1910
JACKMAN	MAGGIE	1903	1910
JACKMAN	WILLIAM	1897	1910
JAKEMAN	IDA	1903	1908
JAKEMAN	WINNIE	1896	1910
JAKEMAN	GEORGE	1902	1910
KING	ALBERT	1906	1911

KING	BEATRICE	1898	1910
KING	FRED	1902	1910
KING	GEORGINA	1895	1910
KING	GERTRUDE	1893	1910
KING	GLADYS	1900	1910
MARSTON	HARRY	1897	1910
MILLWARD	ETHEL	1899	1912
MOUNTNEY	CONNIE	1902	1911
MOUNTNEY	DOROTHY	1904	1911
NEAL	ALBERT	1907	1912
NEAL	FLORENCE MAY	1900	1910
PARSONS	G. ROSS	1900	1910
PARSONS	LYONEL	1903	?
PARSONS	MARTIN	?	1910
PARSONS	MICHAEL	1902	1907
PEPPER	ARTHUR	1900	1910
PEPPER	ELSIE	1907	1912
PEPPER	FANNY EMMA	1898 SEE FIRST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH	1910
PEPPER	GEO	1895 SEE FIRST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH	1907
PEPPER	HORACE	1897 SEE FIRST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH	1909
PEPPER	JANE	1899	1910
PEPPER	LAWRENCE	1903	1910
PEPPER	NOEL	1904	1909
PRATT	FANNY ELIZ	1899	1909

PRATT	SANFORD WILSON	1900	1909
SHARPE	DALBY	1905	1911
SIDDONS	BARNARD	1906	1911
SIDDONS	ERIC	1899	1909
SIDDONS	ERIC	1899	1912
SIDDONS	FISHER	1901	1910
SIDDONS	HAROLD	1898	1909
SIDDONS	JOSEPH	1897	1910
SMITH	GEORGE	1896	1907
SPENDLOVE	ARTHUR	1902	1909
SPENDLOVE	NELLIE	1898	1909
SPENDLOVE	WILLIE	1900	1909
SPRINGTHORPE	ELSIE	1902	1910
SPRINGTHORPE	EVELYN		1910
SPRINGTHOROE	FLORENCE	1897	1910
SPRINGTHORPE	JOHN	1899	1910
SPRINGTHORPE	JOSEPH	1904	1909
SPRINGTHORPE	SALLY	1900	1910
TIVEY	FLORENCE	1902	1907
TIVEY	GERTRUDE	1897	1910
TIVEY	HELEN	1904	1909
TIVEY	MAY	1903	1908
TIVEY	THOMAS	1900	1910
TIVEY	WILLIAM	1900	1910
WAITE	HARRY	1905	1911
WAITE	MAGGIE	1898	1907

WAITE	MAGGIE	1898	1908
WAITE	MAGGIE	1898	1910
WAITE	SIDNEY	1900	1907
WAITE	SIDNEY	1900	1908
WAITE	SIDNEY	1900	1910
WALKER	EMILY	1896	1910
WALKER	MARY MARGARET	1904	1910
WILDER	CONNOR	1900	1909
WITHAM	ALICE	1903	
WITHAM	FRED	1900	1910
WITHAM	HANNAH	1904	1909
WITHAM	SARAH	1905	1910
WRIGHT	ALBERT	1903	1909
WRIGHT	FRANK	1895	1909
PUPILS RECORDED YEAR 1907			10
PUPILS RECORDED YEAR 1908			10
PUPILS RECORDED YEAR 1909			18
PUPILS RECORDED YEAR 1910			52
PUPILS RECORDED YEAR 1911			8
PUPILS RECORDED YEAR 1912			6

THE CONTINUATION SCHOOL

The following newspaper article refers to the "Continuation School" at Osgathorpe. This is assumed by the author to be an early form of further education held in the evenings for the villagers or locals and would most likely have taken place in the National School. Similar classes were held in the Griffydam Wesleyan Day School at Peggs Green but that was referred to as the adult school.

Burton Chronicle – August 17th 1893

CONTINUATION SCHOOL

The results of the examination have just been received and afford very great satisfaction to the local committee. The Government report states: "This scholarship has made a very good beginning. The percentage of passes is over 80 and the average attendance for the season was over 30, a very good attendance for a village evening class. The class was in the charge of Mr. Frank Taylor (Breedon) and in addition to the three R's, hygiene and agriculture were taught. Dress making was taught for the females by Miss King. At the County Council examination, the examiner expressed great satisfaction with the class, and stated that the knowledge in hygiene was excellent, and in agriculture good.