HERITAGE TRAIL

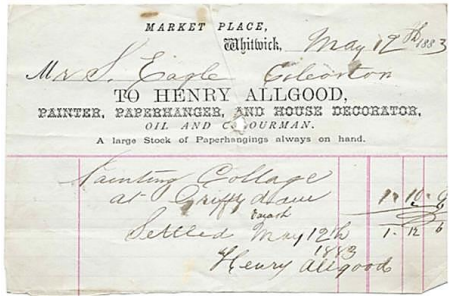
THE COTTAGE

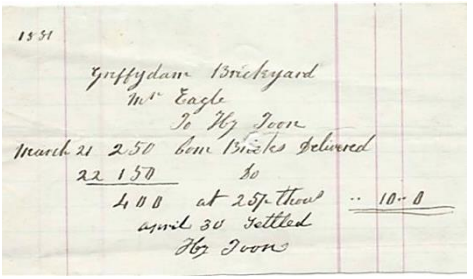
The Cottage was built sometime between 1806 and 1830 and thought to be over 200 years old. It is described in an indenture dated 1831 as a 'piece, plot or parcel of land containing a measurement of 234 square yards with a messuage or tenement and buildings'. Its owners from the mid 19 century were:

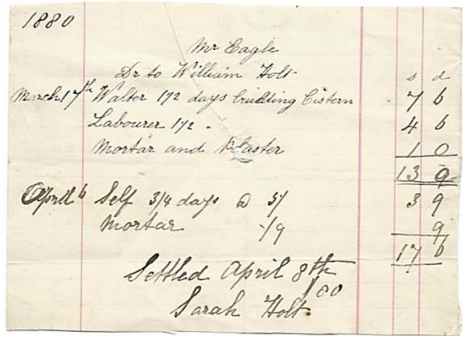
Date	Sold By	Sold To	Sold For	
1830	Joseph Kidger, William Kidger & Thomas Kidger	Robert Artless *Jersey Comber, Worthington*	?	
9 Nov 1831	Robert Artless	John Taylor *Hardware Dealer, Worthington*	£11.14s	John Taylor died in the Union Workhouse Nottingham in 1843 but according to the 1843 indenture, John had moved to Griffydam and occupied the premises prior to going into the workhouse.
1 Aug 1843	Thomas Taylor *Brother & Heir of John Taylor*	William Holloway *Yeoman, Coleorton*	£6	
16 Sep 1844	William Holloway	Thomas Barber *Cordwainer, Melbourne*	£22	William Holloway borrowed £22 with interest from Thomas Barber and defaulted on the loan. Still owing Thomas £22 and a large arrears of interest the property was transferred into Thomas's name. It appears that William Holloway may have occupied the premises after John Taylor. William then converted the dwelling into 2 tenaments occupied by Richard Stacey and William Ball.
21 Sep 1867	Thomas Barber	Joseph Bailey *Yeoman, Breedon Brand*	£30	
31 Jul 1877	Joseph Bailey	Samuel Eagle *Grocer, Coleorton*	£76	Executors of Joseph Bailey's will were his friend Price Kidger of Thringstone (Butcher) and his son in law John Harteshorne. His instructions were to divide the proceeds of his estate equally between his 4 children Sam Bailey, Eliza (wife of George Wright), Mary (wife of William Gadesby) and Jane (wife of John Harteshorne). The property at the time of the indenture was occupied by John Smith but in a Land Tax Receipt dated 1897 the property was occupied by Elizabeth Radford.
1953	Further records show that the property was passed from Elizabeth Eagle (wife of Samuel Eagle) to Elizabeth Ayre of Coleorton who died in 1938. Ethel Annie Eagle who married Albert Robinson in 1949 was appointed executor. Ethel died in 1950 and the estate was passed to Elizabeth Dorothy Irons of Blaby and Annie Joan Brenita Foster of Hugglescote in 1953. The property at this time was occupied by Mrs Francis.			

A drawing of how The Cottage may have looked in the late 19th century. It possibly had a thatched rather than tiled roof at that time

An aerial photograph of The Cottage taken after it was extended to the front in the 1970's. Barry Lowe, the owner at that time, extended the property again in the 1980's to how it looks today after acquiring additional land to the east


MARKET PLACE,
Whitwick, May 12th 1883
Mr S. Eagle Coleorton
TO HENRY ALLGOOD,
PAINTER, PAPERHANGER, AND HOUSE DECORATOR,
OIL AND COLOURMAN.
A large Stock of Paperhangings always on hand.
Painting Cottage at Griffydam
Settled May 12th 1883
Henry Allgood


1881
Griffydam Brickyard
Mr Eagle
To Hy Toon
March 21 250 bom Bricks delivered
22 150 do
400 at 25p thous .. 10.0
April 30 Settled
Hy Toon


1880
Mr Eagle
Dr to William Holt
March 17th Walter 1/2 days building Cistern 7 6
Labourer 1/2 4 6
Mortar and Plaster 1 0
13 9
April 6 Self 3/4 days @ 5/ 3 9
Mortar 1/9 9
17 6
Settled April 8th 00
Sarah Holt

Receipts for goods and works carried out for Samuel Eagle who purchased the property in 1877