

February dig attended by a dozen diggers.

## Califat Engine House Area



Further work to establish the extent of the coal storage pavement north of the stoke holes. The edge continues to be intriguing as it seems to curve in a wide arc. More digging is required to determine why this might be.





## The image consists of two side-by-side photographs documenting the construction of a brick wall. The left photograph is a close-up showing two men working on a section of the wall. One man, wearing a blue jacket and light-colored trousers, is kneeling and holding a yellow measuring tape. The other man, wearing a plaid jacket and dark trousers, is standing and holding the other end of the tape. The wall is made of red bricks and has two small square openings. The right photograph shows a wider view of the construction site. Two men are visible; one is kneeling and the other is standing and using a trowel. The wall is made of red bricks and has several small square openings. The background shows a grassy area with trees and a fence.

## Califat Engine House - Drone Photos

Bill arranged for camera colleague Larry South to bring his drone to the Califat. Larry took some great photos of the dig and cottages from above. Many thanks to the two of them for their work.







## Miners Cottage - Drone Photos





## Miners Cottages



Excavating the area behind the porch and fireplace additional walls have been uncovered. Lots to time to contemplate on their purpose before continuing the work next month.

The spoil with only small bits of debris continues to be spread in the old shaft fenced off by the Coal Authority, much better and quicker than sieving and stockpiling it on site. More of the broken bricks were wheelbarrowed to clear the storage area and help fill the soakaway.



## Break and Fossil



The refreshment break gave the usual opportunity for multiple discussions. A fossil was photographed and taken into storage.

## Research - Overwind Incident 29<sup>th</sup> May 1863

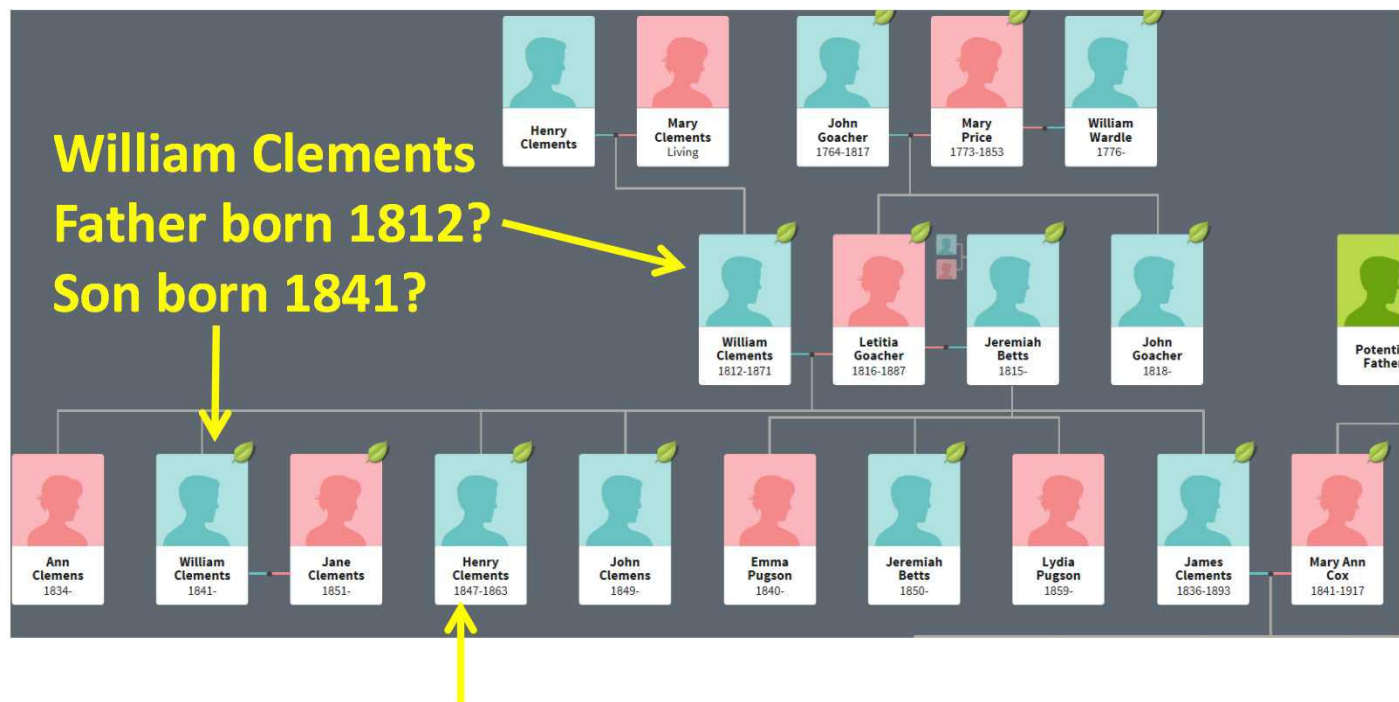
Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Ashby de la Zouch</u>									
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18 <u>63</u> , DEATHS in the District of <u>Whitwick</u> in the County of <u>Leicester and Derby</u>									
No.	When Died	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
109	<u>Twenty ninth May 1863</u> <u>Swannington</u>	<u>John Hutchinson</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>22 years</u>	<u>Collier</u>	<u>Fracture of the skull and other injuries caused by falling down the shaft of no 2 pit of Coleorton Colliery</u>	<u>Information received from John Gregory Coroner for Leicestershire Inquest held the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1863</u>	<u>First June 1863</u>	<u>John Davenport Registrar</u>

Tracing details of John Hutchinson's life continues to be difficult due to a paucity of records and the number of men with a similar name. Frustrating that coroner's name recorded and not a family member which would have helped the research.

1	<u>William Clemens</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>Coal Miner</u>	<u>Attinghamdon Road</u>	<u>Whitwick</u>
	<u>Letitia Clemens</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>Coal Miner</u>	<u>Attinghamdon Road</u>	<u>Whitwick</u>
	<u>William Clemens</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Coal Miner</u>	<u>Attinghamdon Road</u>	<u>Whitwick</u>
	<u>Henry Clemens</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>At the Coal Mine</u>	<u>Attinghamdon Road</u>	<u>Whitwick</u>
	<u>John Clemens</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>At the Coal Mine</u>	<u>Attinghamdon Road</u>	<u>Whitwick</u>



Research into the family of William Clements has also been difficult as his surname has been spelt Clemens, Clemans etc. Above is the 1861 census for Thringstone shows William, the father, aged 49 and William, the son, aged 20, both coal miners. So which one was in the cage with John Hutchinson?



Despite the difficulties it has been possible to piece together a family tree and the life history of both Williams.

BURIALS in the Parish of <u>St George Whitwick</u>					in the Year 18 <u>63</u>	
in the County of <u>Leicester</u>						
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.		
1863,  Moses Williamson	Worthington	July 12	78	S. Smith D.D.		
No. 673.  <del>Harry</del> Clements	Limby Hall	Oct. 11		S. Smith D.D.		
Sarah Ann Clements	Limby Hall	October 18	Infant	J. L. Stanger Off Minister		

Harry Clements died in the flooding incident on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1863 and the burial register shows he was living in Limby Hall. It is likely that the family was already living there in May 1863, so the bruised and shaken William would not have had far to walk home.

The research is largely complete and the first draft of the book is half written. We will be looking for a couple of people to be technical reviewers as well as someone who can draw an outline of the site, headstock and cage.