



# Swannington Road Names

**This slideshow provides the historical origin of current roads in Swannington, roads transferred to Coleorton and Coalville in 1936 are excluded**



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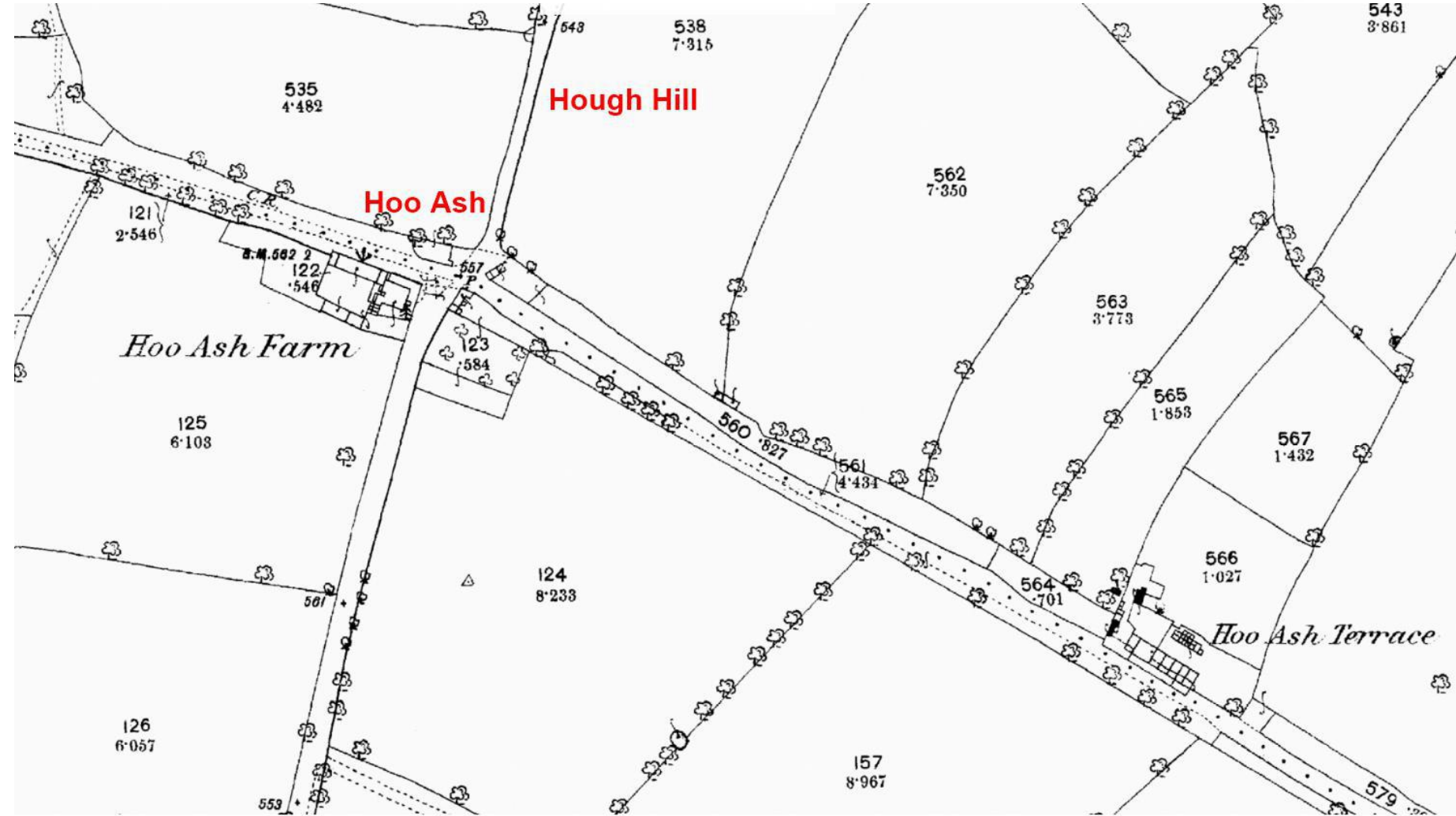
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## Hoo Ash Island

- Hoo Ash island is named after Hoo Ash farm
- The farmhouse is in Ravenstone but a lot of the farm was in Swannington
- In the 1850s tenant farmer Henry Burton emigrated to the USA he describes the heartache of the sale of his property “We saw the horses and cows, all of which we knew by name, being driven off in different directions”
- 1883 map

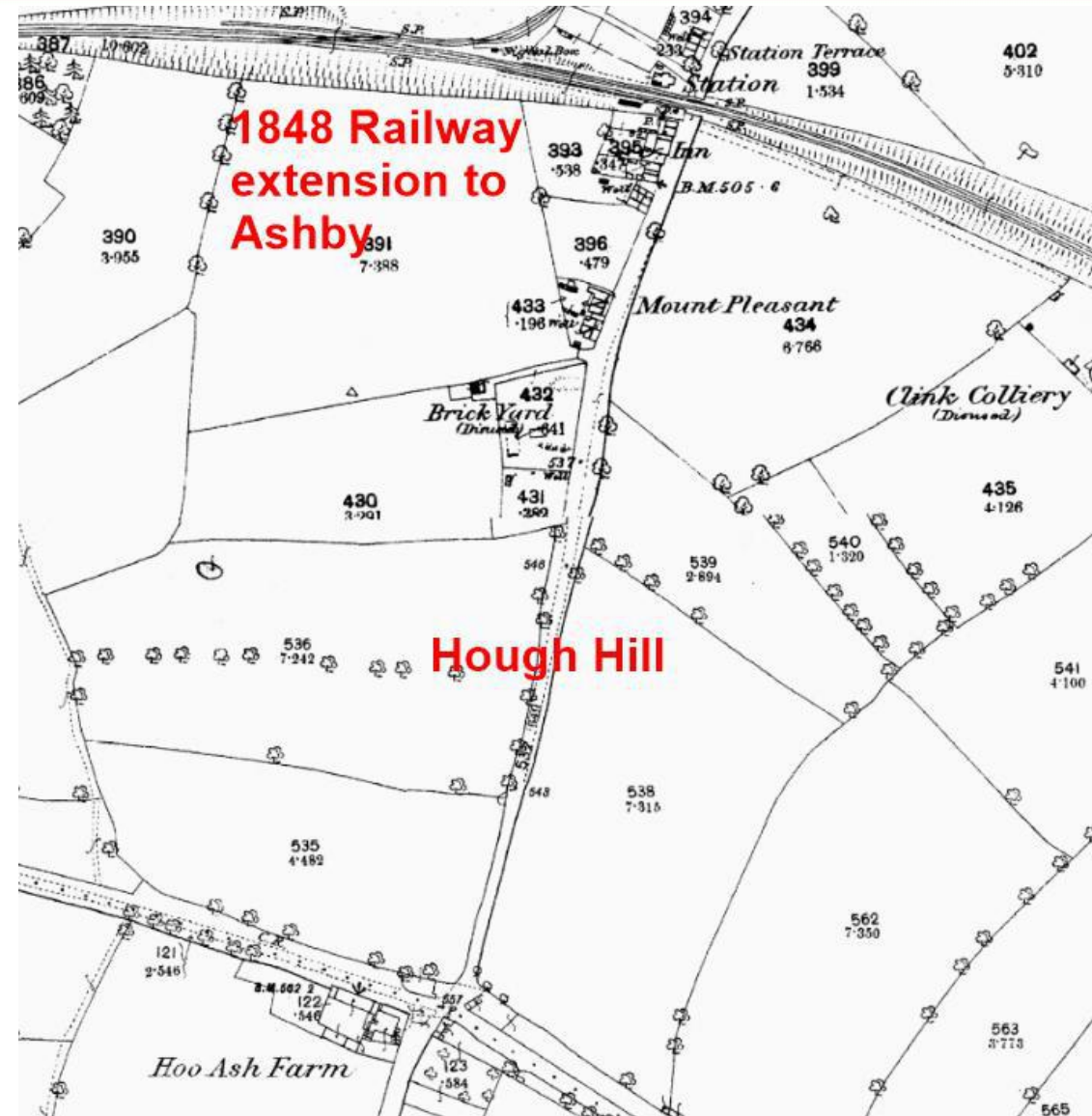


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## Hough Hill

- It is believed it was originally Huff Hill
- It was part of the Hinckley to Melbourne Turnpike (a toll road)
- The Turnpikes page on the Trust website has more information
- 1883 map





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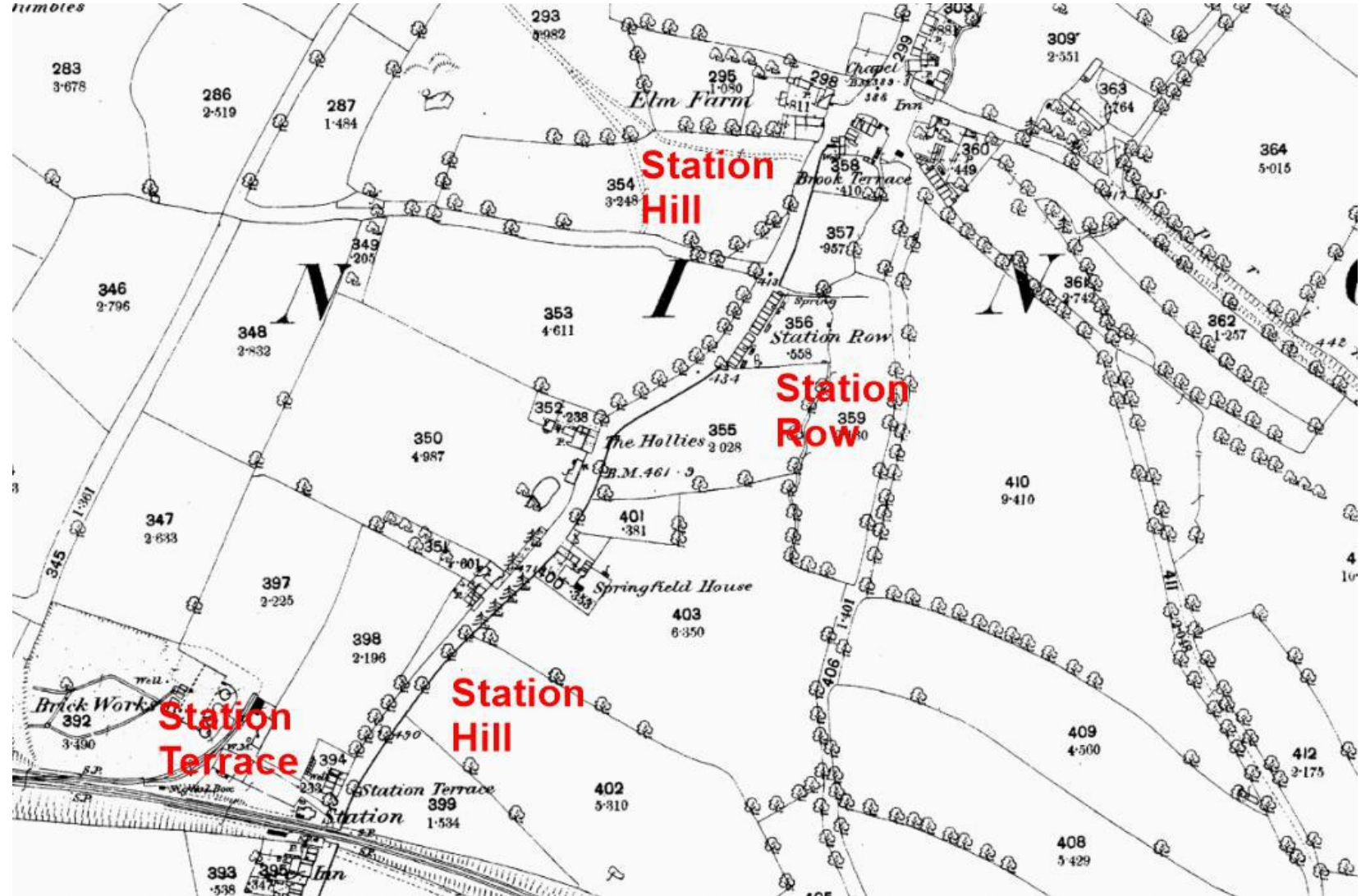


## Station Hill

- Name used after railway extended to Ashby and Burton in 1848 and station built
- “Swannington Station 1920-1931” article in archive
- 1883 map

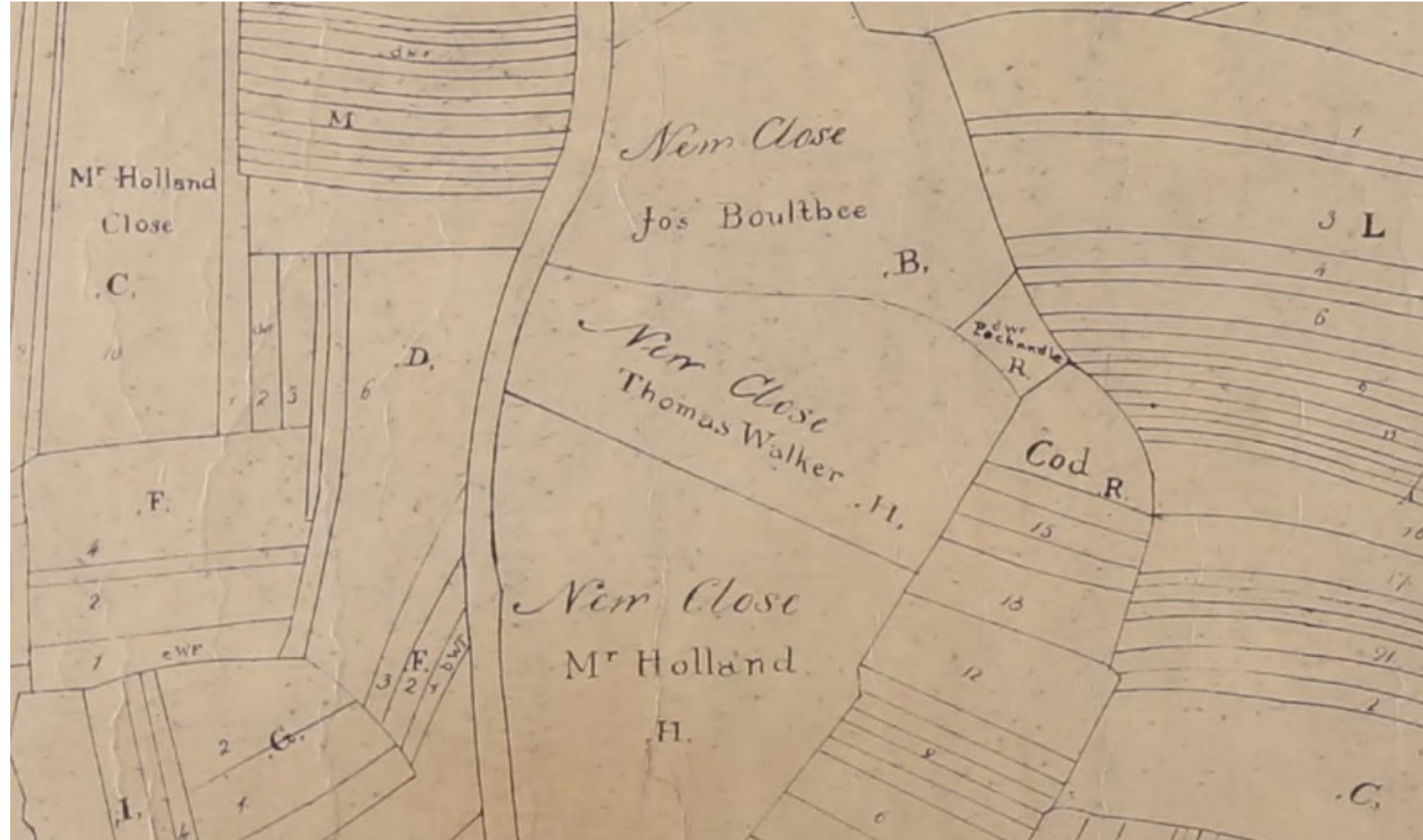
SWANNINGTON STATION  
1920 - 1931  
F W Dowdeswell

**M**y father, J A Dowdeswell, was appointed Station-Master at Swannington in the Autumn of 1920. The station house became vacant towards the end of January 1921 when the family were able to take up residence. The station buildings and the house were reputedly the second oldest on the Midland Railway. The house had only one entrance - at the side away from the platforms - but there was a door also leading directly from the living room into the booking office. I doubt if many people lived as close to their job.



## New Close

- Although a 20th century development the name is derived from an ancient field name
- New is not always new!
- 1755 map (Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland)



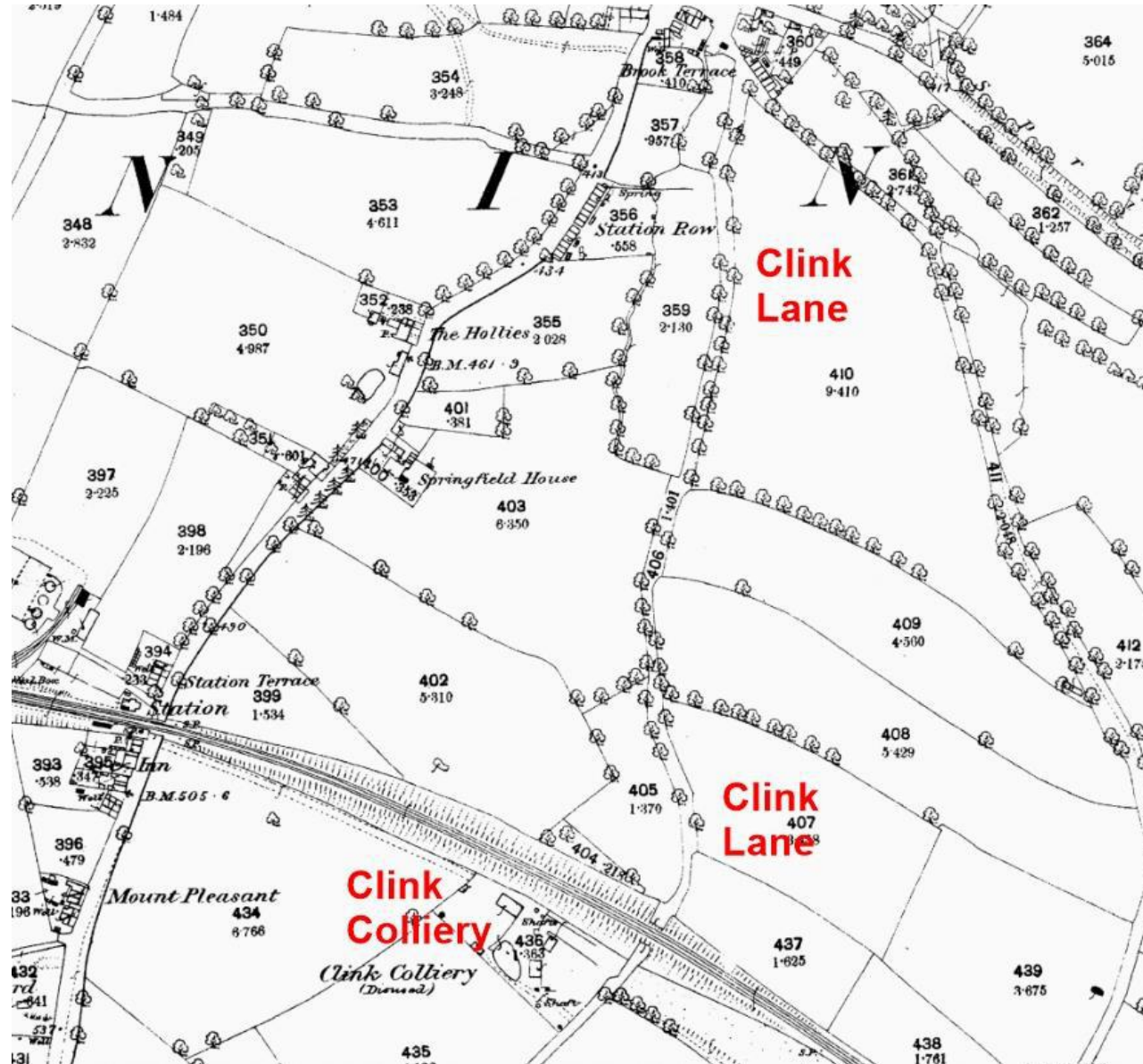


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## Clink Lane

- Swannington No 3 Colliery was known as “Clink”
- 8th April 1870 Leicester Journal “On Tuesday, noon, alarming accident befell young man named Richard Burnett, engaged at No. 3, Clink in the Hole Colliery, Swannington”
- Richard died when hit by a falling lump of coal
- 1883 map

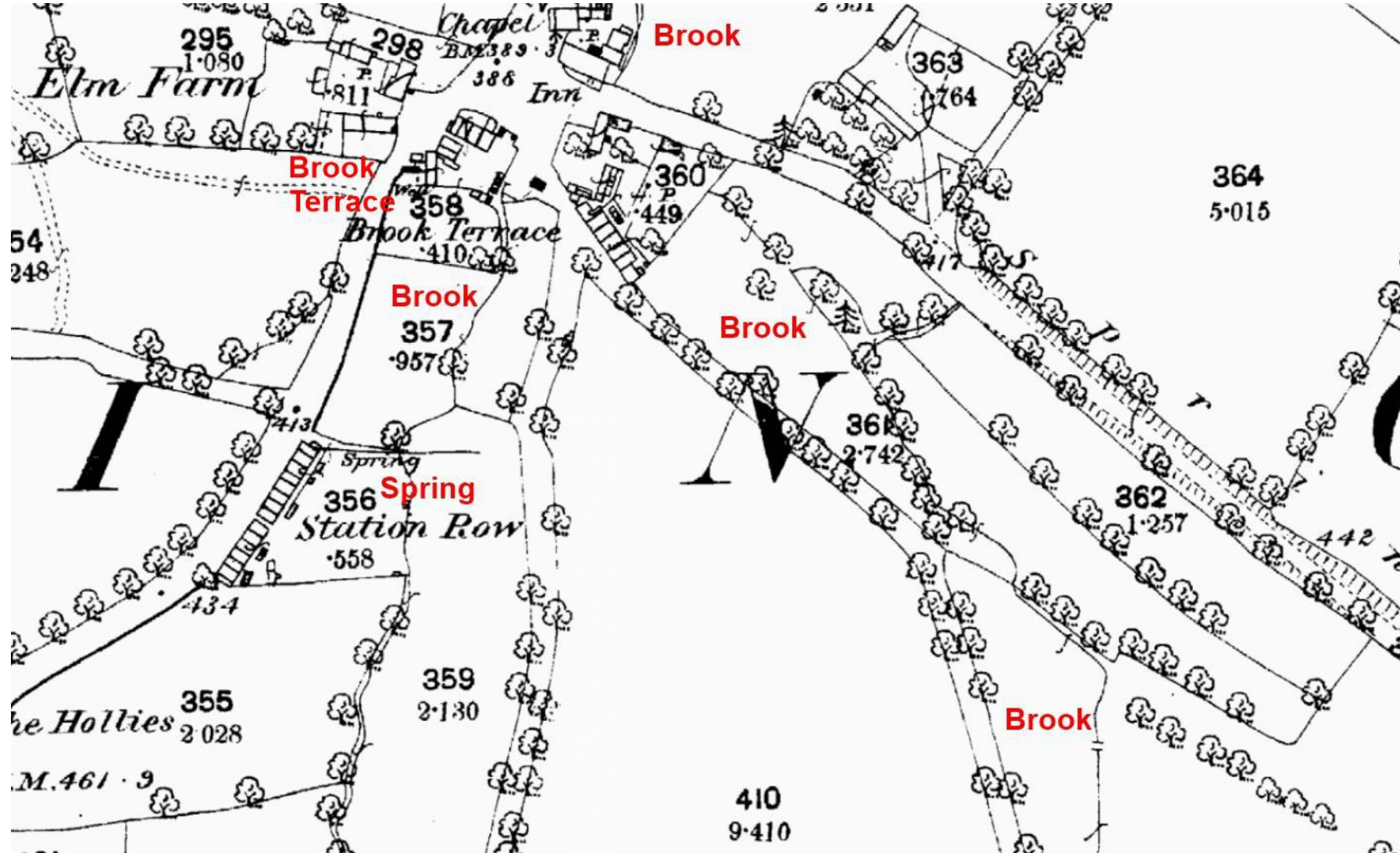


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## Brook Terrace

- Brook Terrace was behind the modern day “village sign”
- 1883 map



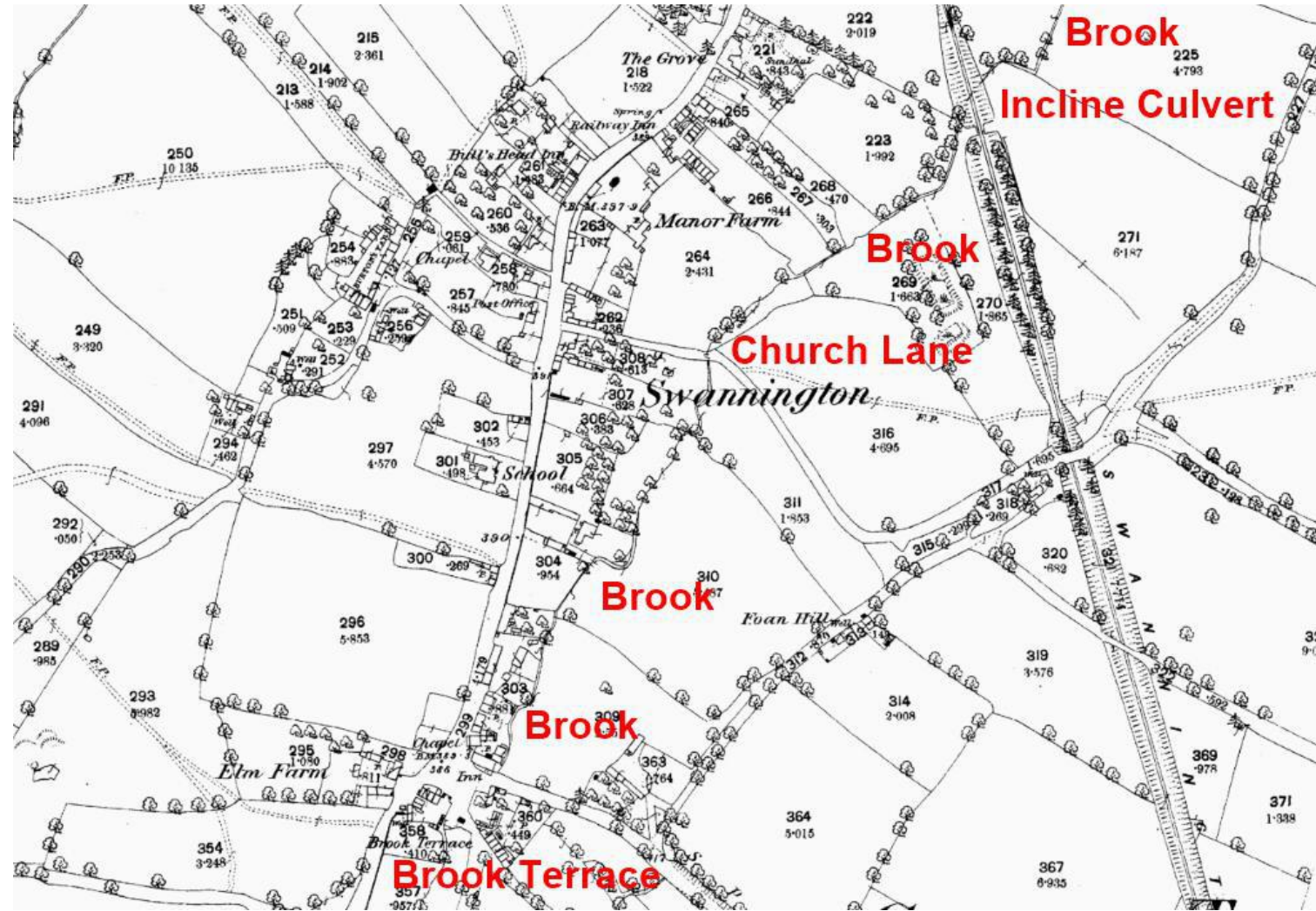


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## Brook Terrace

- 1883 map of Brook Terrace and the brook meandering to the east of Main Street and through a culvert under the Incline

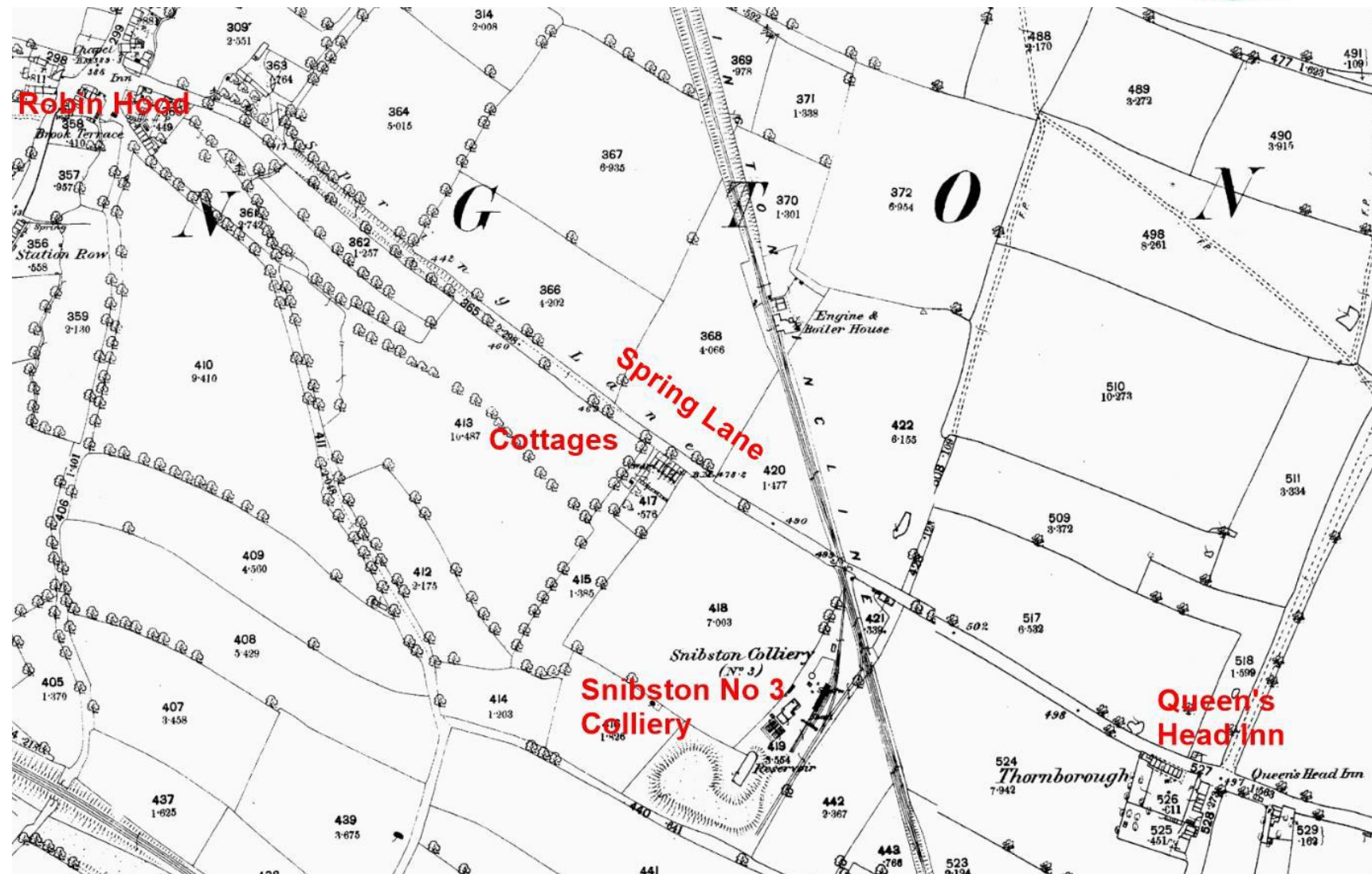


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## Spring Lane

- Named after the numerous springs on the hill. Which is why there are brooks and drainage ditches
- Residents were able to sink wells relatively easily - unlike Henry Burton at Hoo Ash island who left because of the shortage of water
- 1883 map



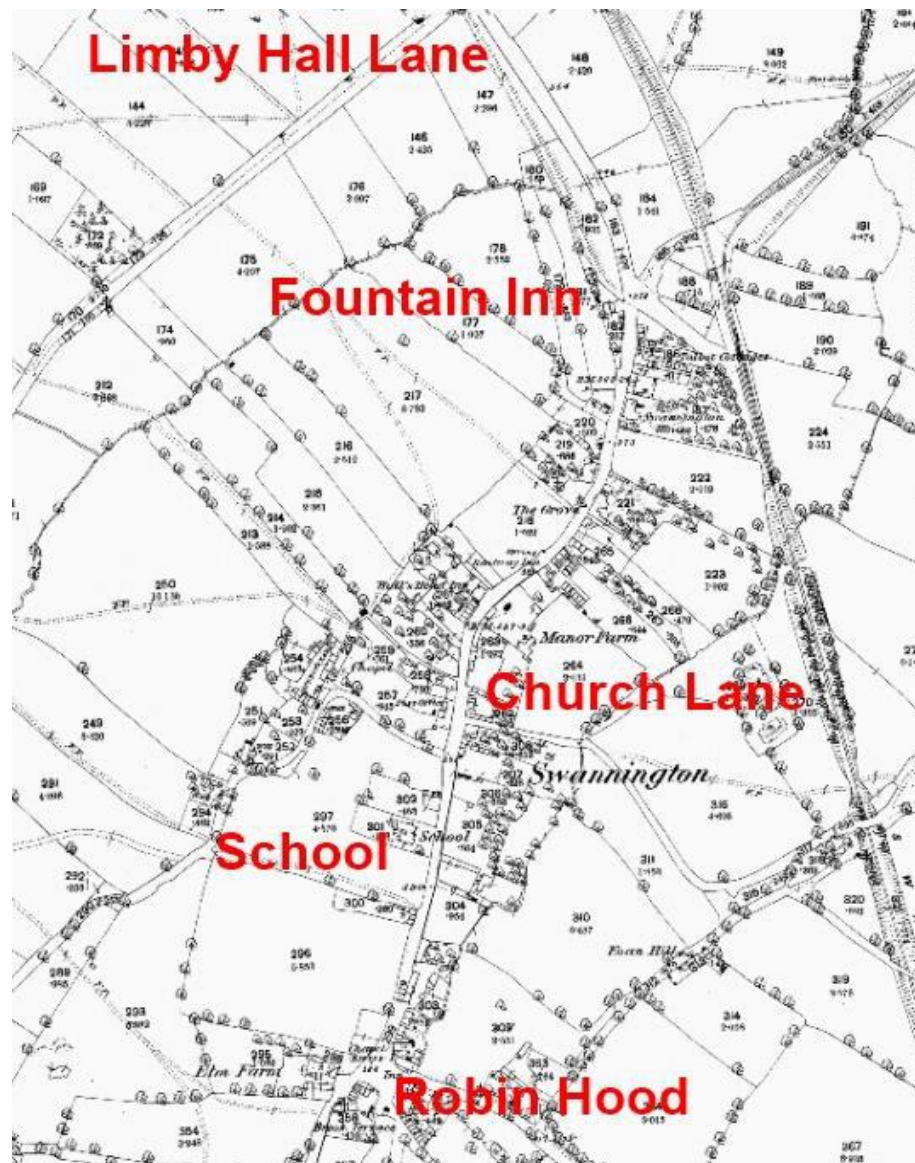


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## Main Street

- The name Main Street is common to so many villages
- Historically the whole of the road from Hoo Ash island to Peggs Green island would have used the name
- The 1883 map shows the whole length, plus the first three sections
- The 1923 map shows the northern section and Piano Row - as soon as one person had a piano in the front room everyone rushed to get one!



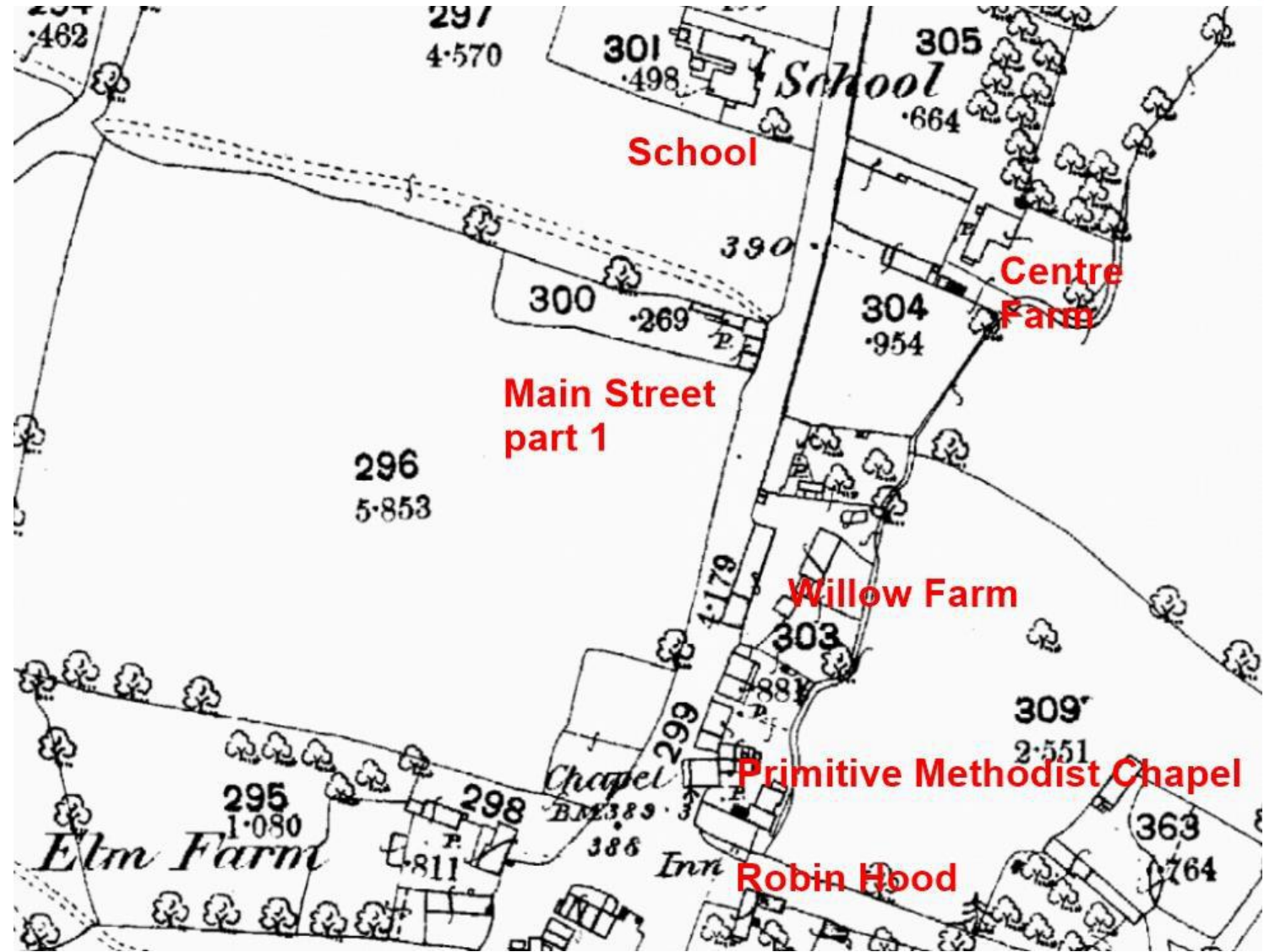


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## Main Street

- 1883 map

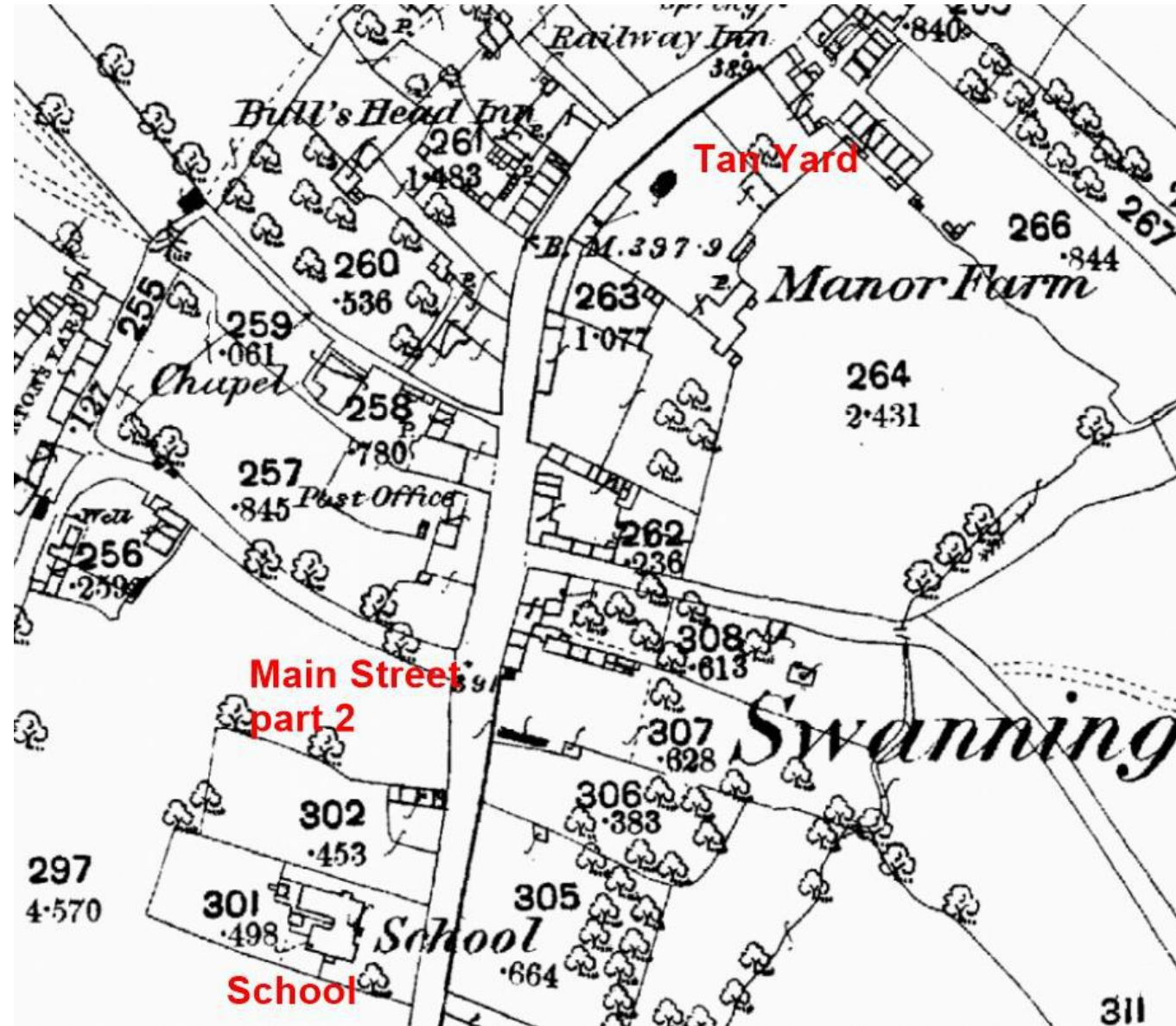


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## Main Street

- 1883 map



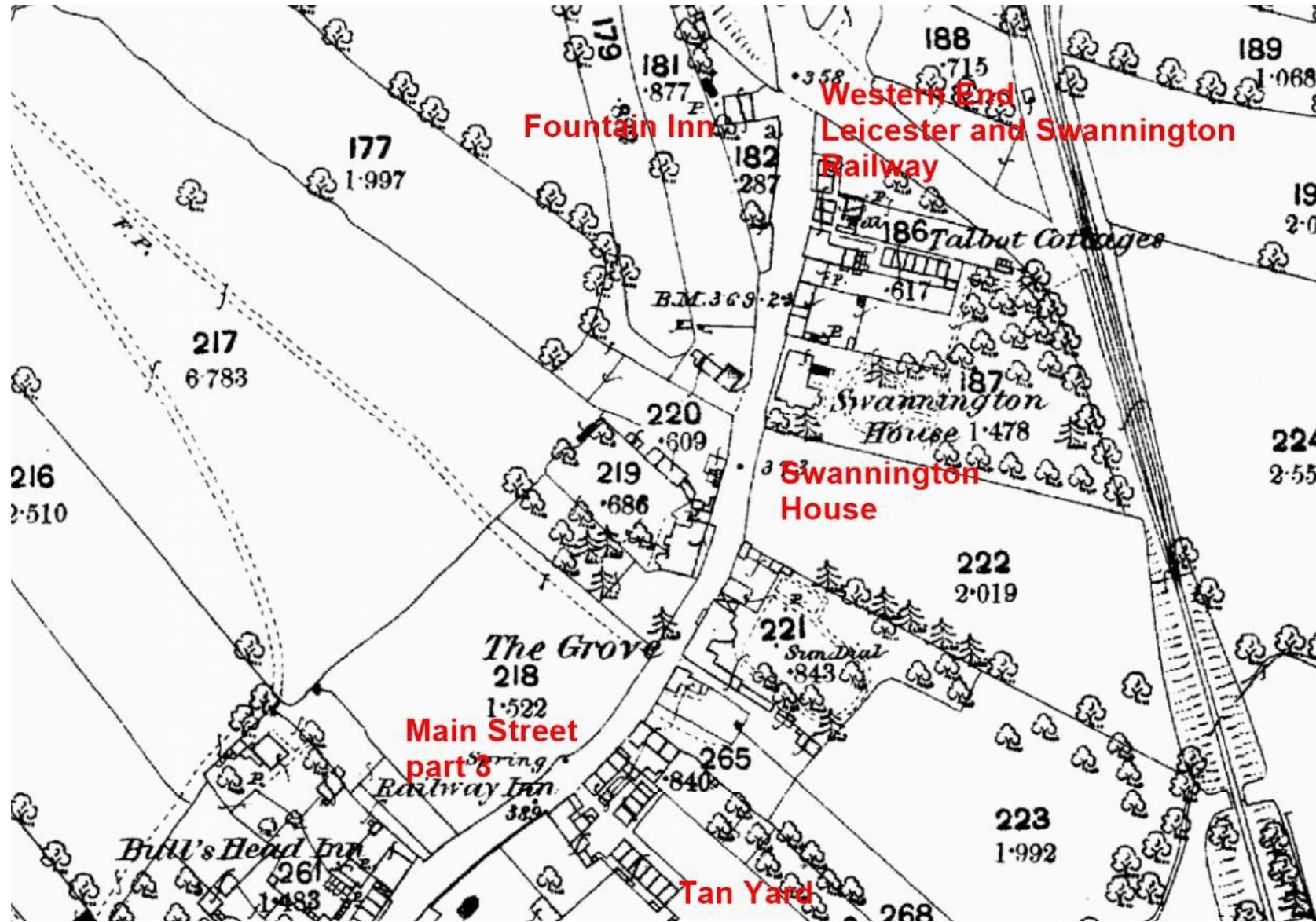


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## Main Street

- 1883 map



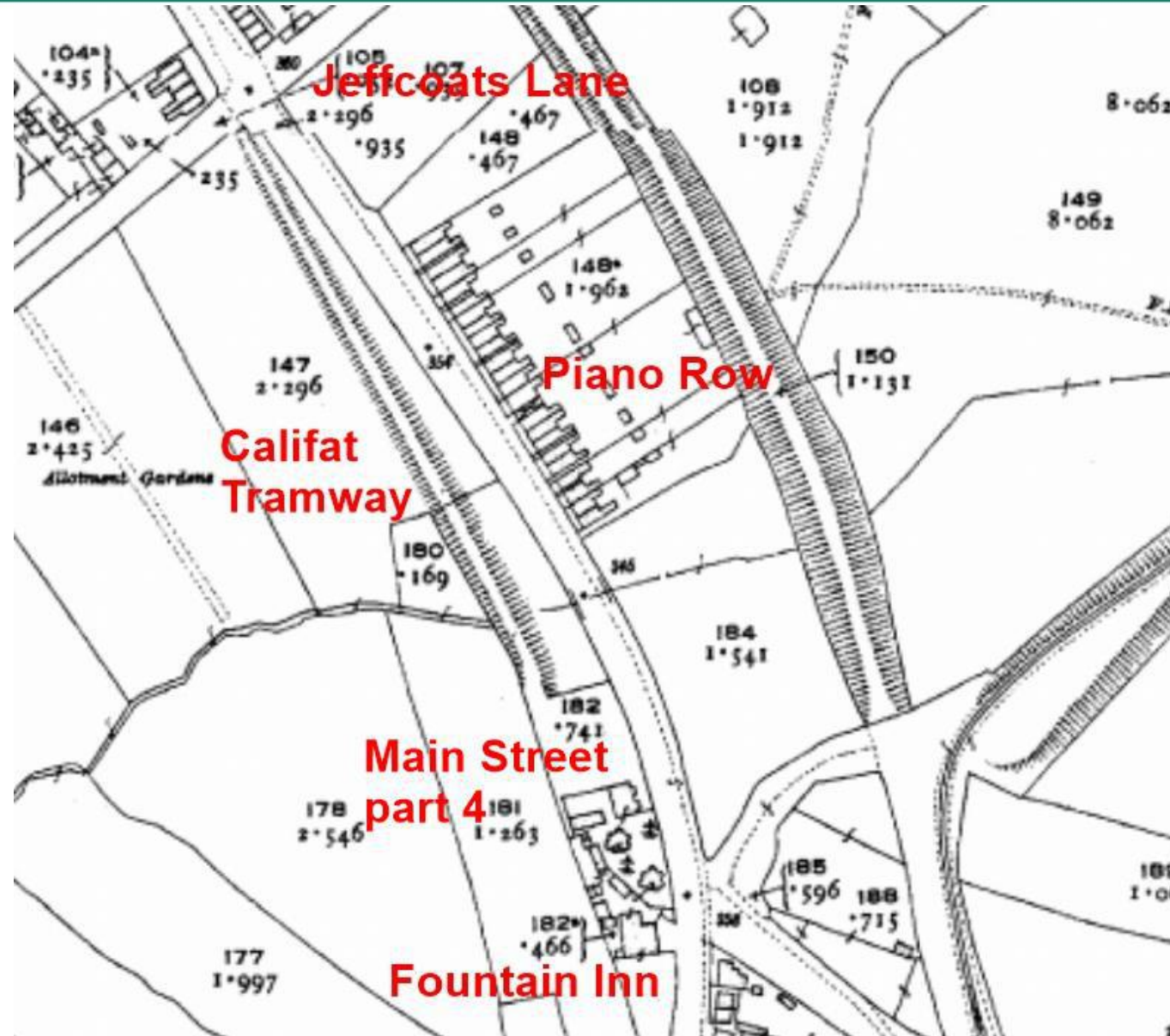


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## Main Street

- 1923 map

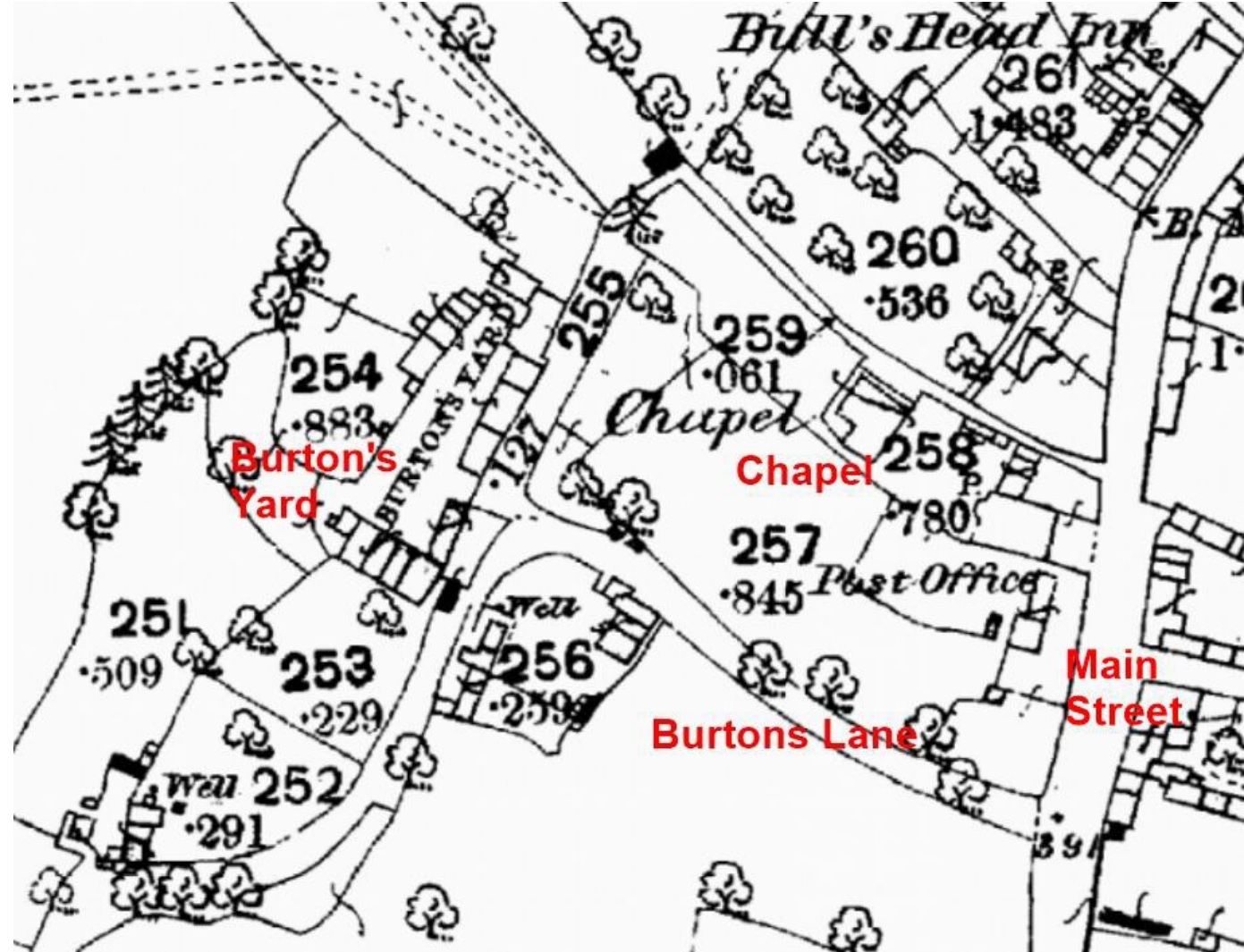


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## Burtons Lane

- The Burton family farmed in Burton's Yard
- Picture below - Old Chapel
- 1883 map



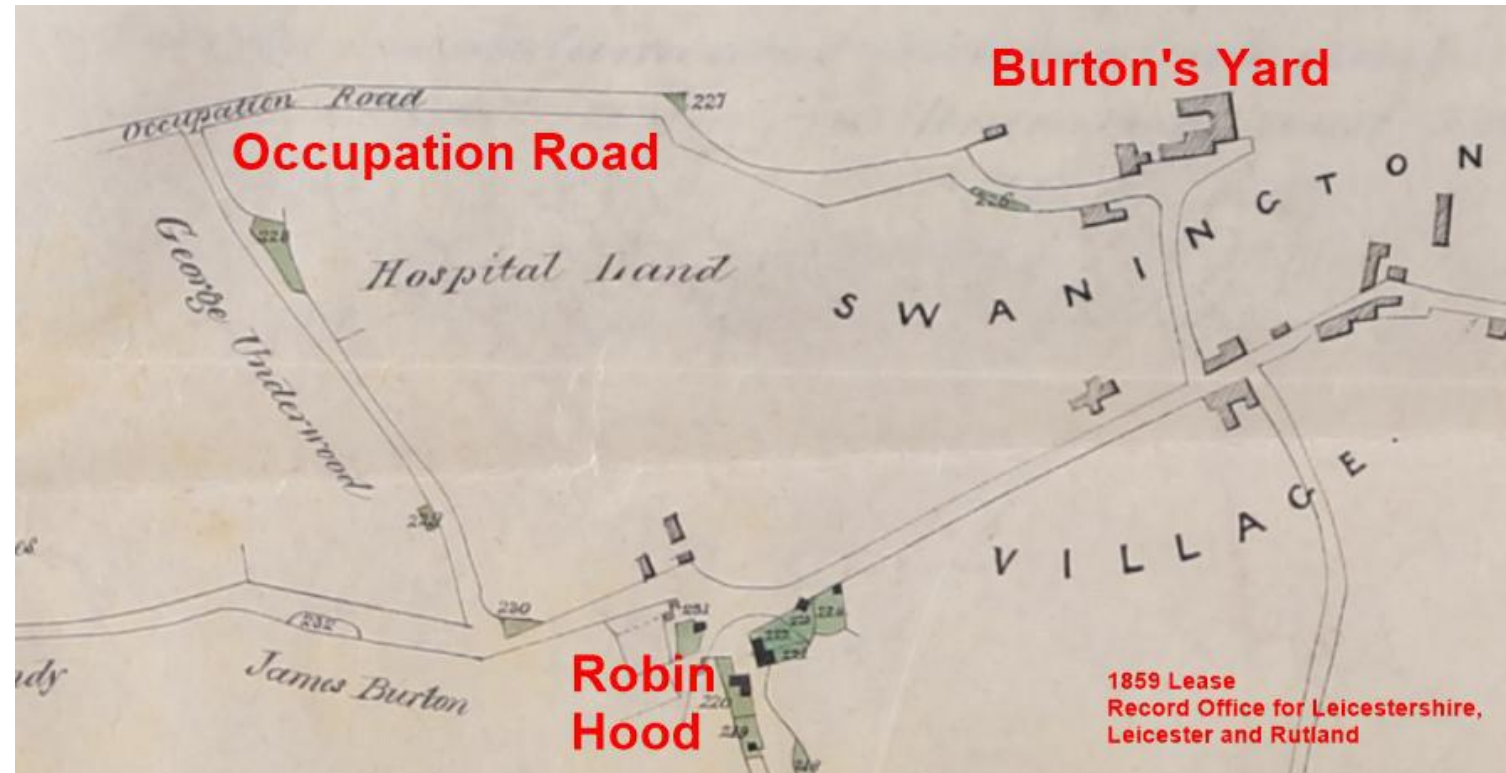
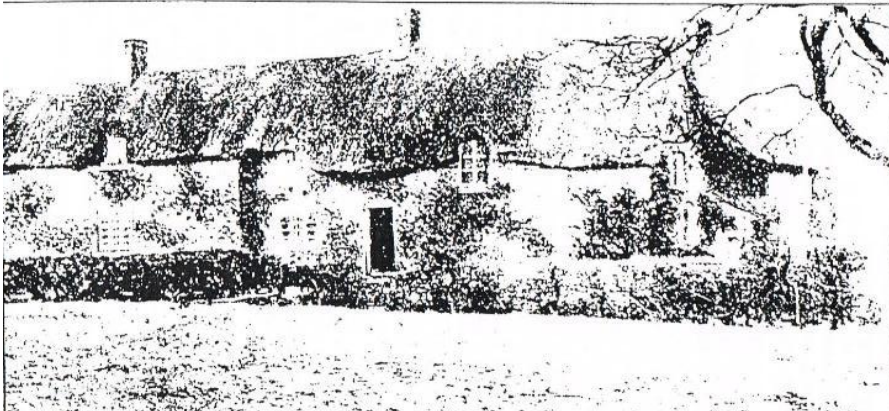


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- The Burton family farmed in Burton's Yard
- Picture below - Burton House
- 1859 lease (Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland)



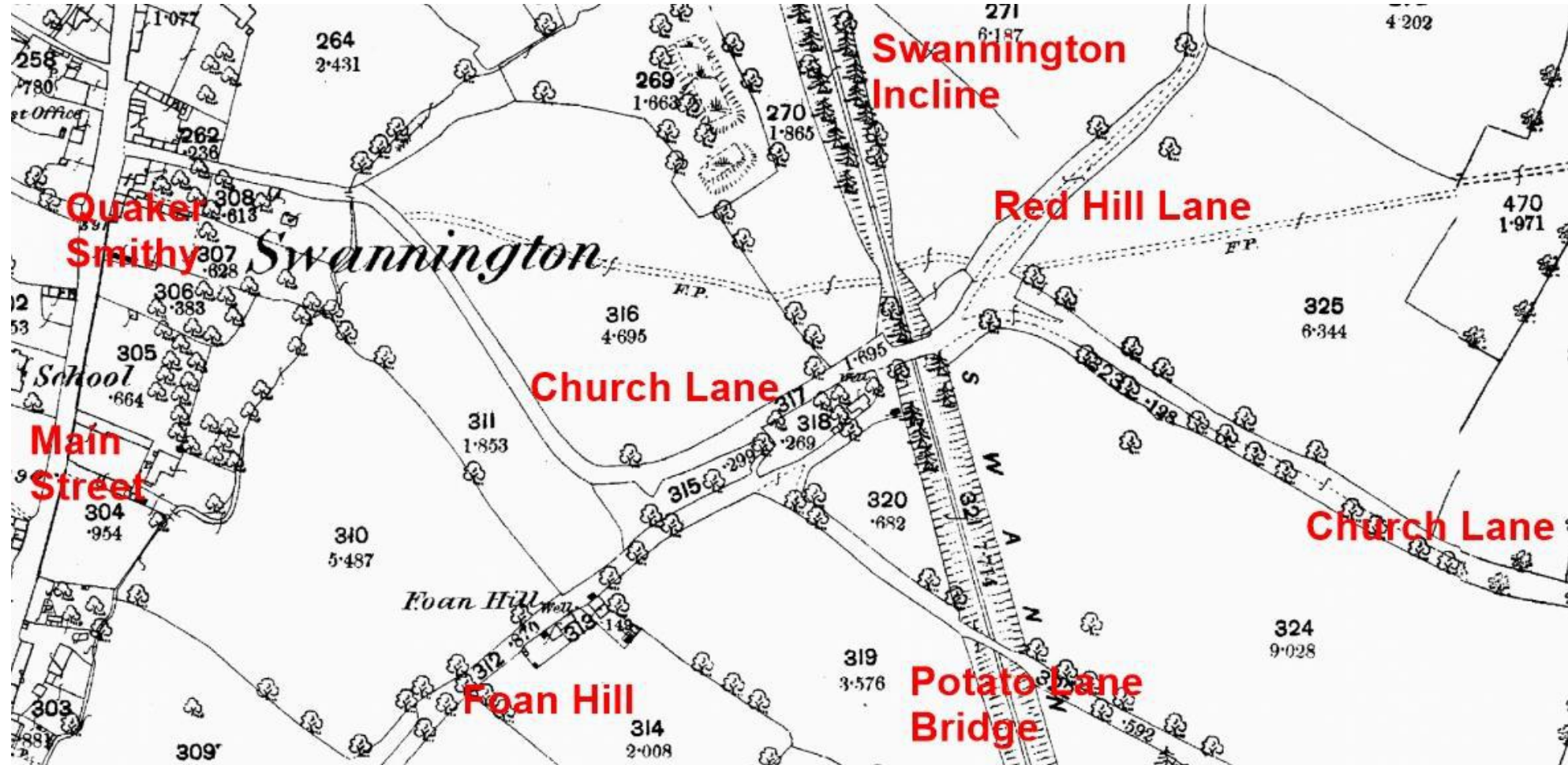


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## Church Lane

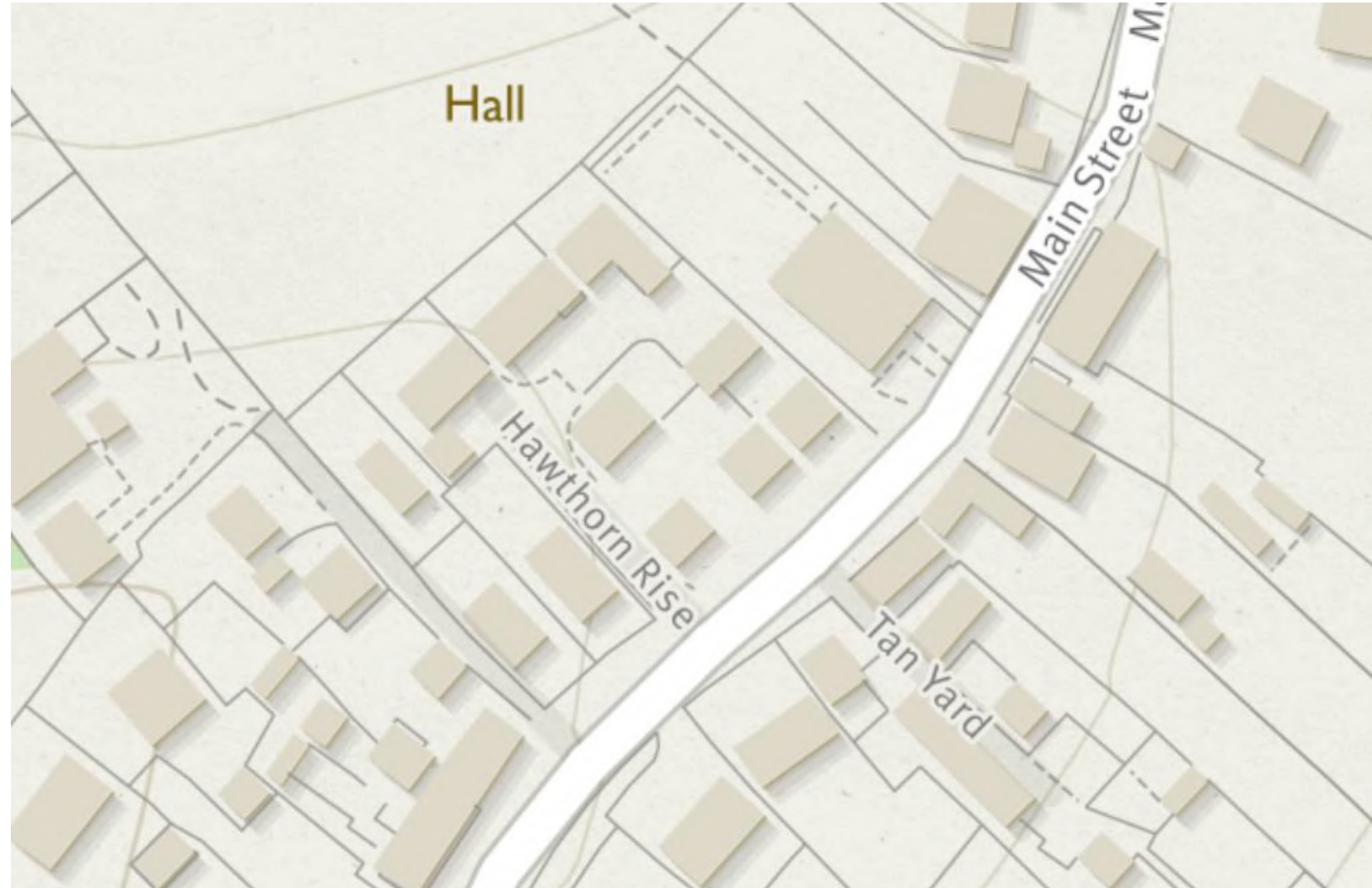
- Church Lane starts at the former Quaker meeting house, Baptist chapel and blacksmiths
- It ends at St John's Church, Whitwick
- 1883 map





## Hawthorn Rise

- A 2019-20 development of seven houses next to the village hall (NB estate agents photo on Rightmove)
- Ordnance Survey online map





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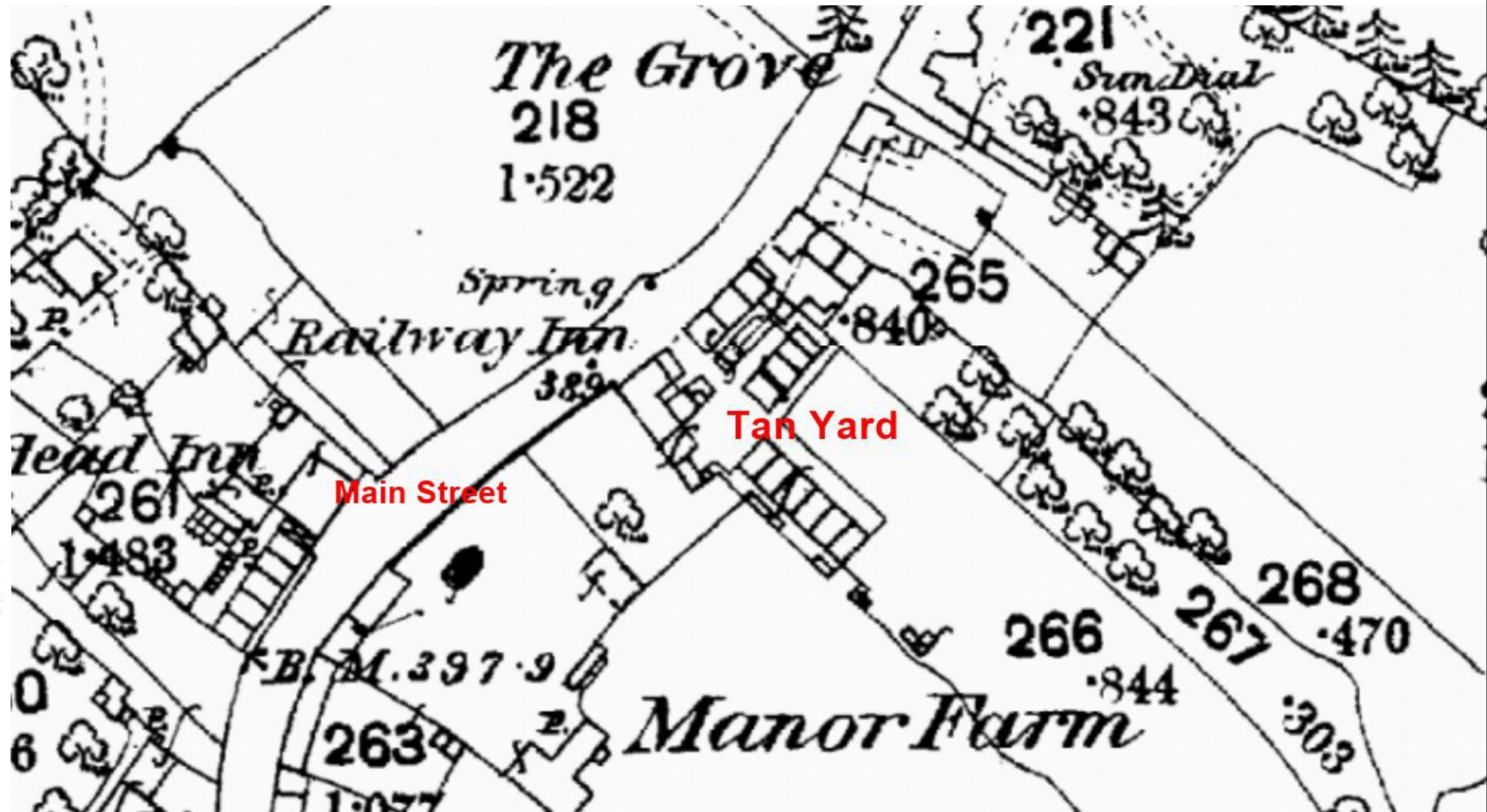
## Tan Yard

- Houses built around 1860 on site of the tannery
- Articles on My Street page of Trust website
- 1883 map

### IN THE TANYARD

Wendy Moulds

The Tanyard is a cluster of terraced cottages in the centre of the village. The houses were built in about 1860, on what was the site of a lucrative tanning industry. It is uncertain when the tannery closed but could not have been very long before the erection of the properties, since as late as 1846 a tanner, Thomas Wainwright, was living in Swannington in a property adjoining the tannery. On the same premises was a small village school run by a Mr. James Willcox.



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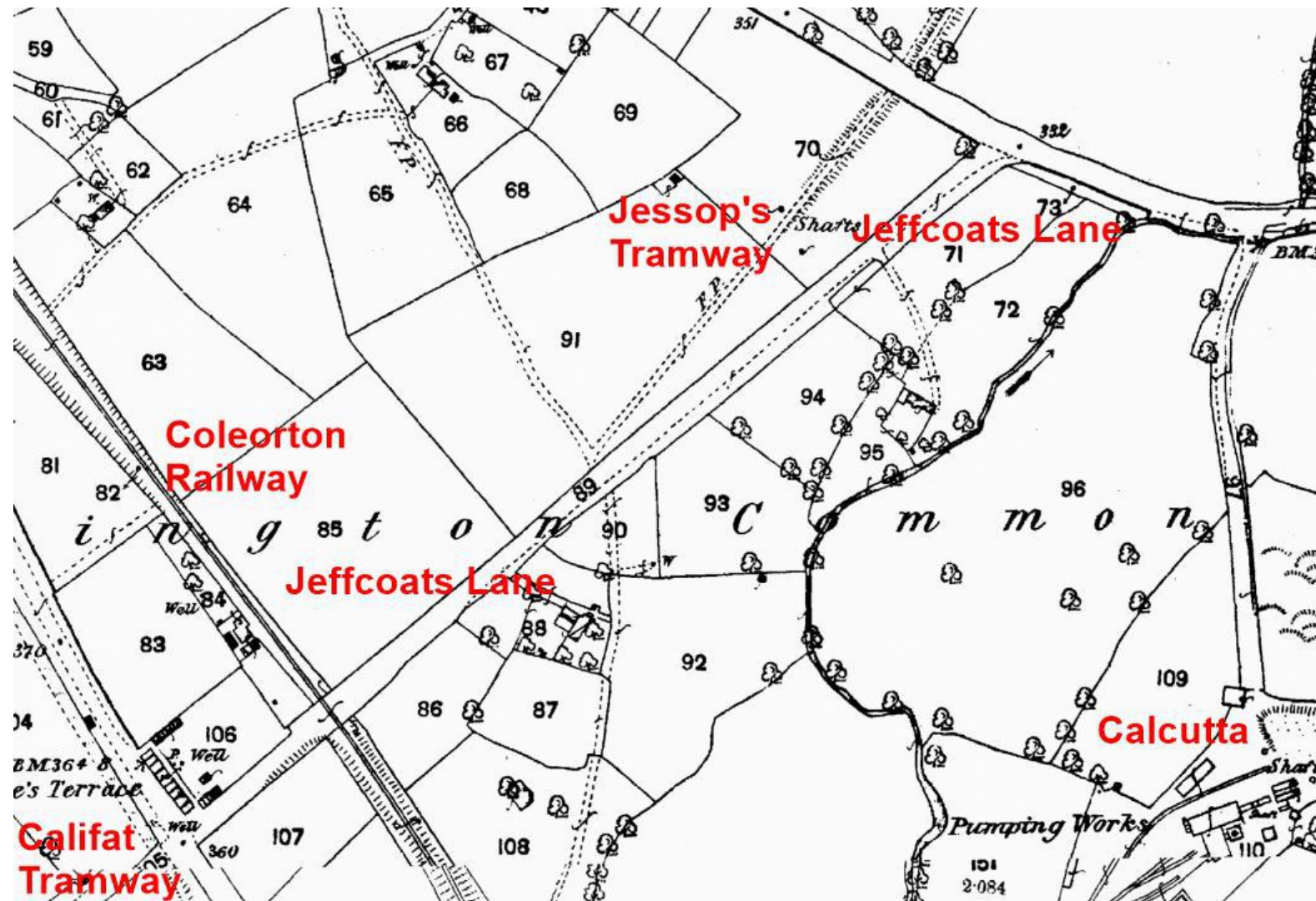


## Jeffcoats Lane

- The Jeffcoat family lived at the Talbot Lane end
- Article on My Street & Families pages of Trust website
- 1883 map

### A VETERAN OF THE PENINSULAR WAR Barbara King

Samuel Jeffcoat was born in Swannington on May 2nd 1782, the son of William and Elizabeth Jeffcoat; he was baptised, much later, along with his brother Richard, and two sisters at Whitwick Parish Church. As my original interest was in Richard, my great great grandfather, I did little more about Samuel than note his name and date of birth (obligingly supplied by the Whitwick Parish Register). However, searching the 1851 Census, I came across Samuel, now aged 69 and living in Talbot Lane with his wife Mary, occupation "Farm lab. Artillery Pensioner" - the



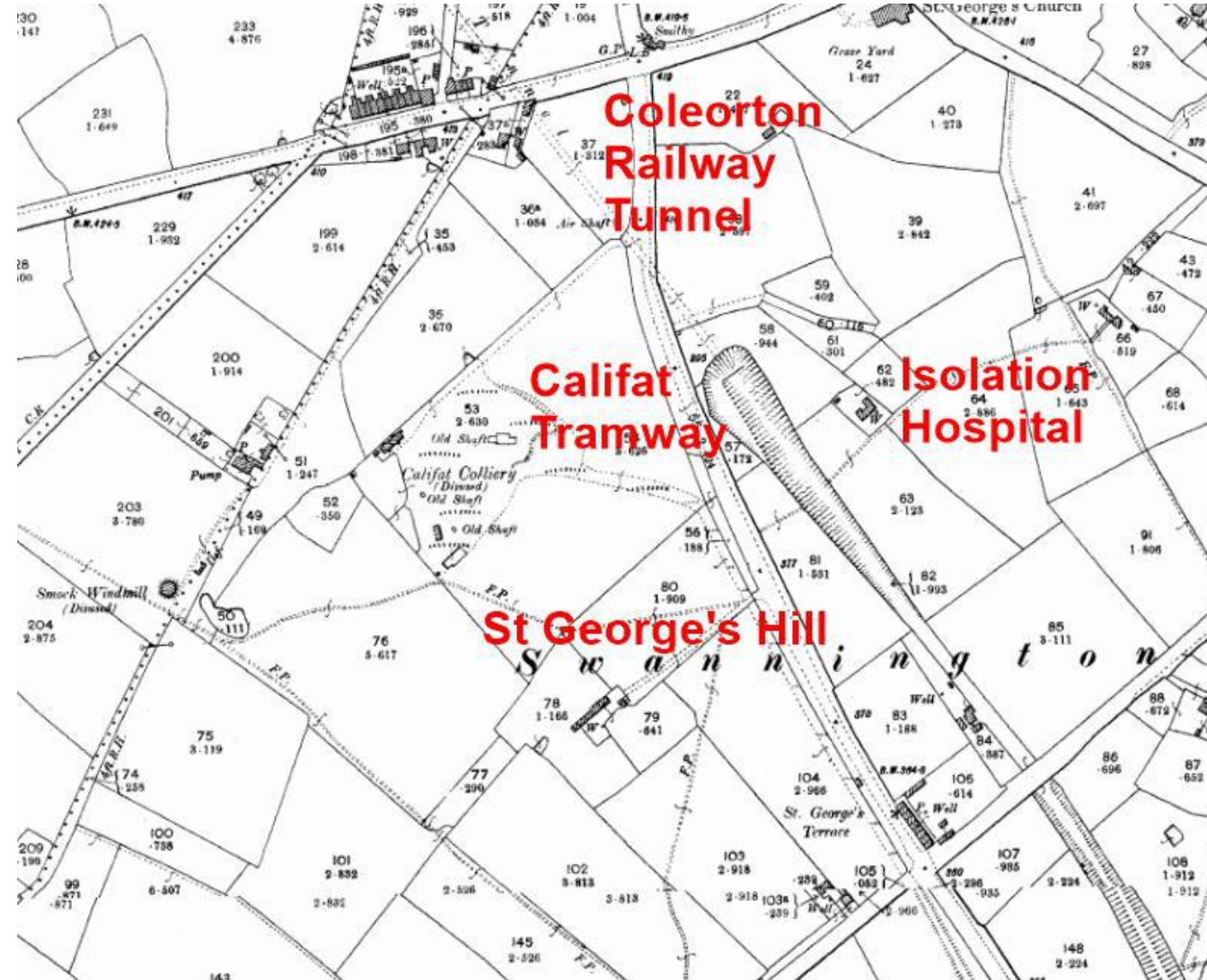


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## St George's Hill

- Used to be a track north of the Hinckley and Melbourne Turnpike that ran along Main Street and Limby Hall Lane
- Named after St George's Church built 1825
- The Califat tramway for the 1850s and 1860s coal mine ran parallel to the road
- Smallpox Hospital built 1884 see Organisations page on website
- 1903 map

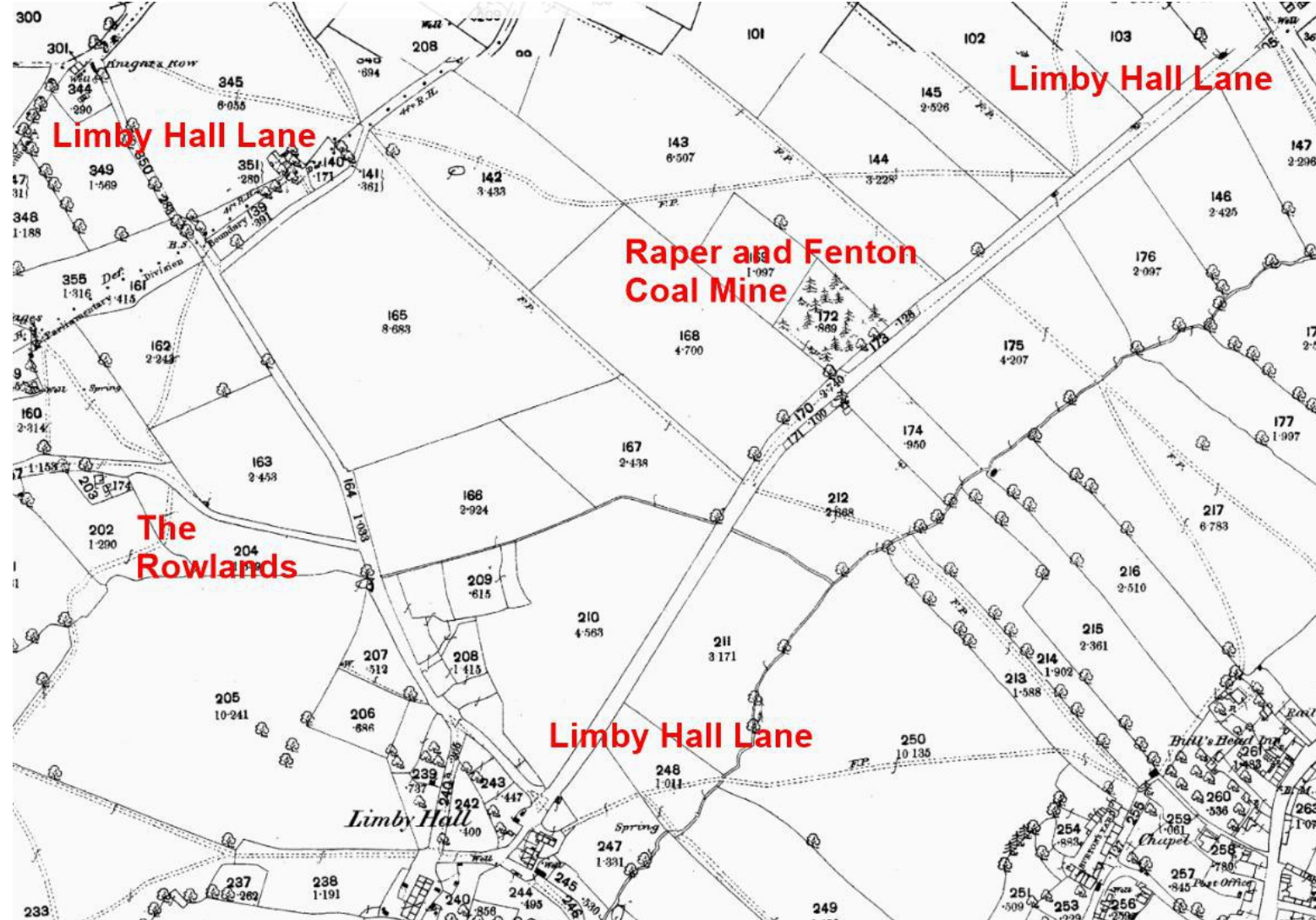


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## Limby Hall Lane

- Was there a Saxon era wooden hall?
- Or did the name derive from the 1790's miners from the Nottinghamshire village of Linby?
- Often spelt Linby Hall during the 19th century
- The wide verge on the north side was William Jessop's 1794 tramway from the Raper and Fenton coal mine to the Charnwood Forest Canal
- 1883 map



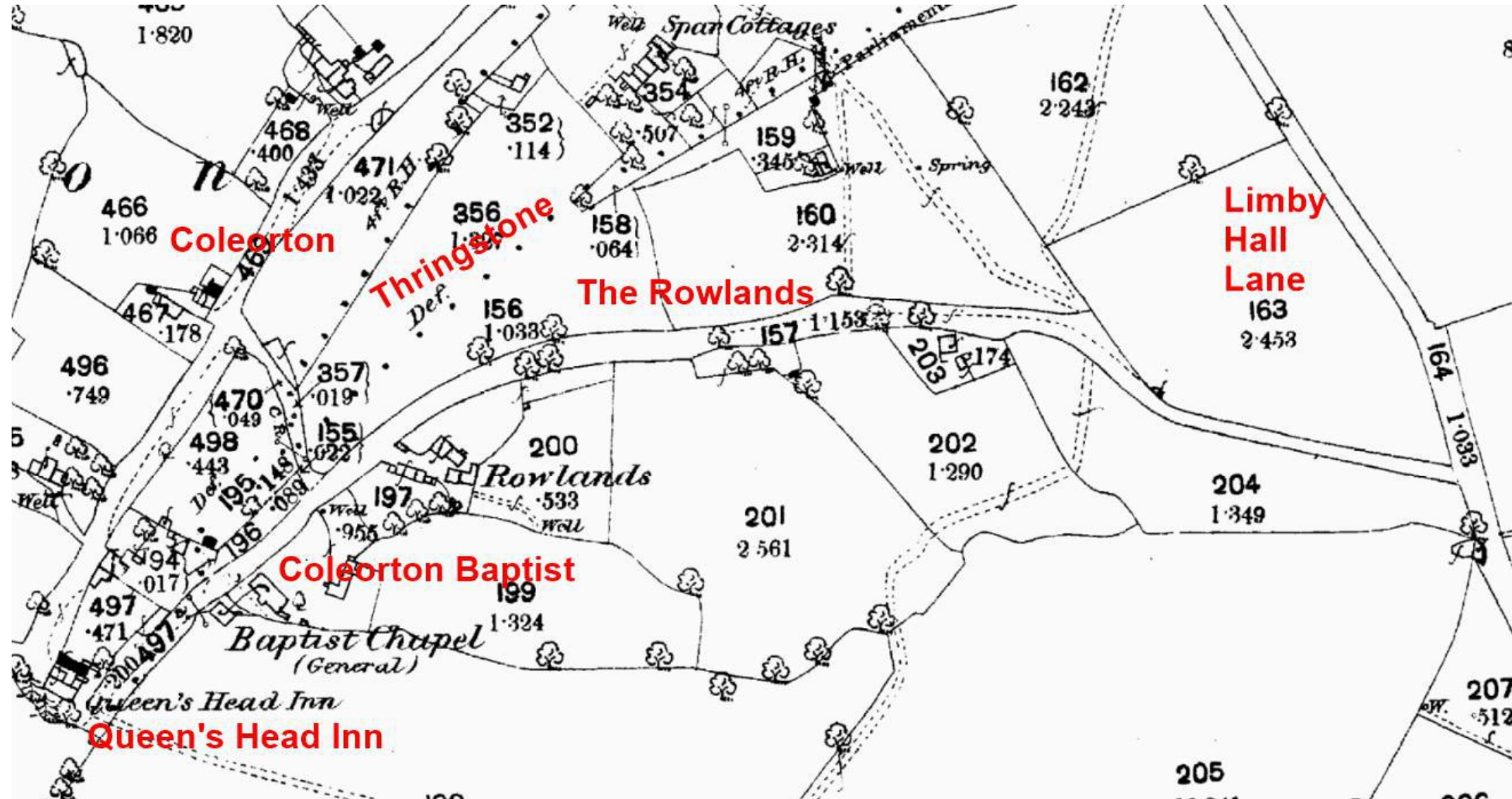


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## The Rowlands

- Origin of name not known
- Coleorton Baptist built on the Swannington side of the parish boundary in The Rowlands as the Beaumonts did not allow nonconformist buildings in Coleorton
- The Queen's Head was in Coleorton
- 1883 map - dotted lines are parish boundaries

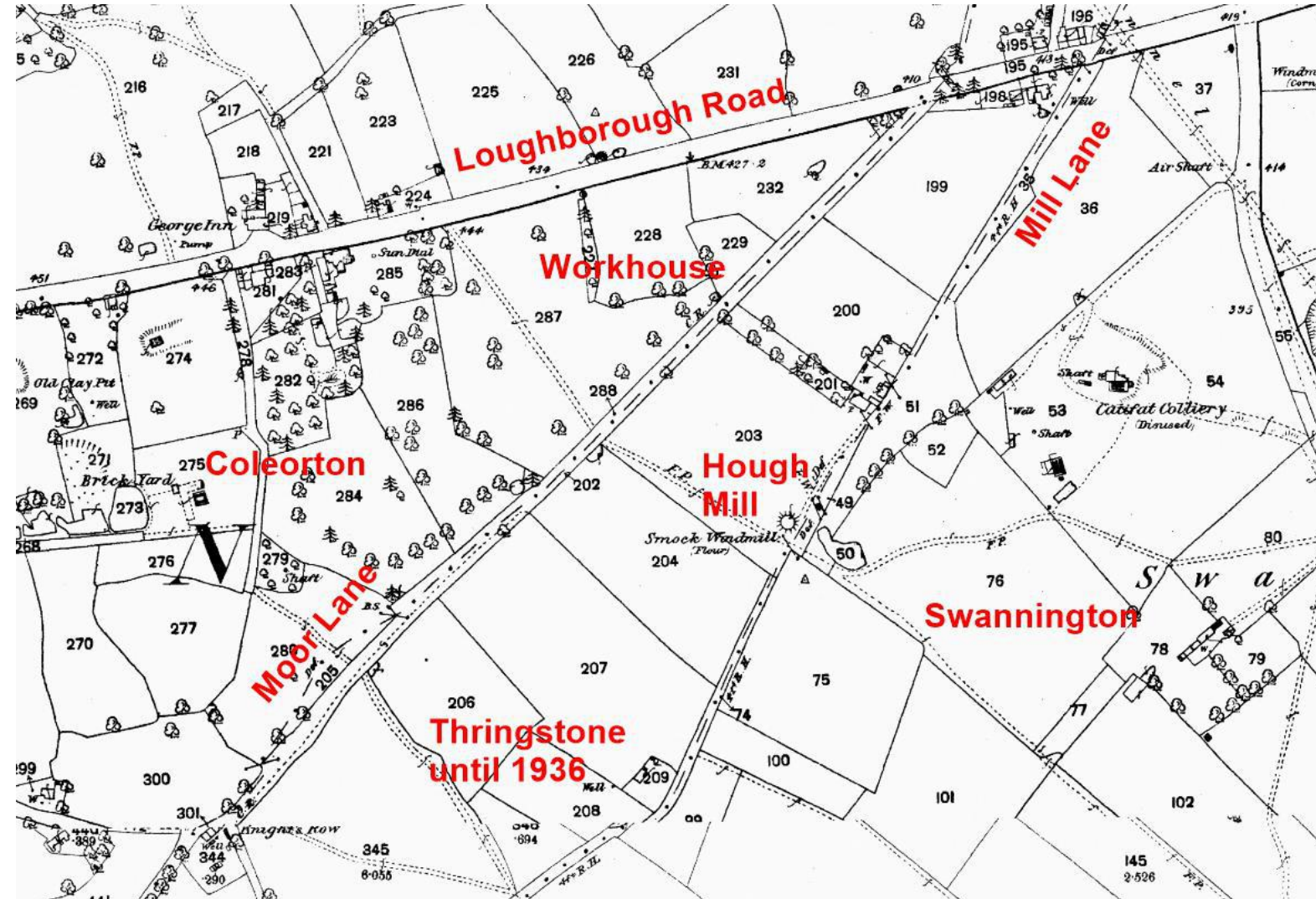


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## Moor Lane

- Was Coleorton / Thringstone parish boundary until 1936 when both sides of the lane transferred to Swannington
- Was Workhouse Lane until 20th century “gentrification” changed the name
- Area part of Coleorton Moor
- 1883 map - dotted lines are parish boundaries



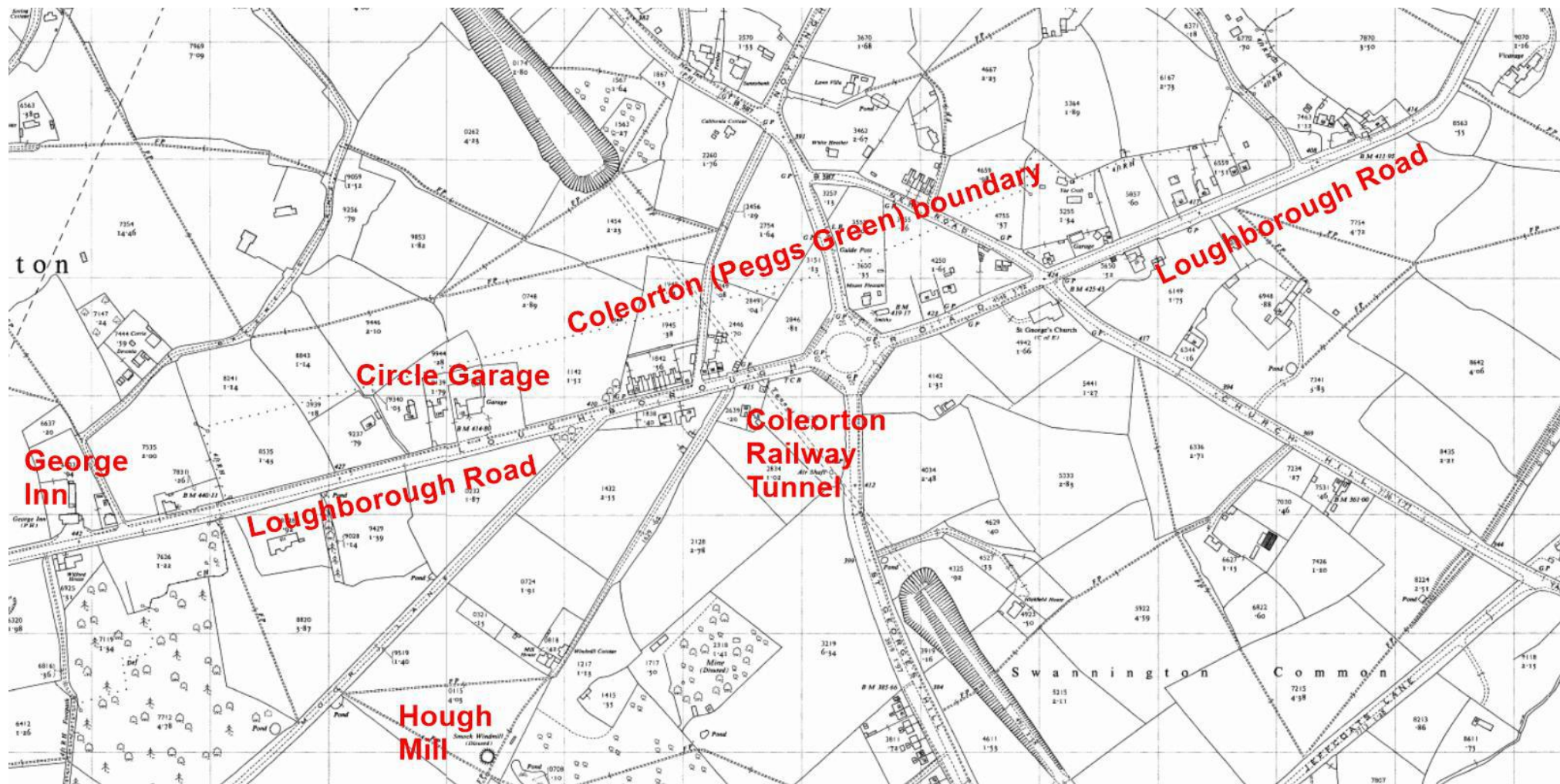


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## Loughborough Road

- The road leads to Loughborough
- The parish boundary with the Peggs Green part of Coleorton is the back gardens of the houses on the north side of Loughborough Road
- Although part of Swannington, the postal address is Loughborough Road, Coleorton
- 1883 map

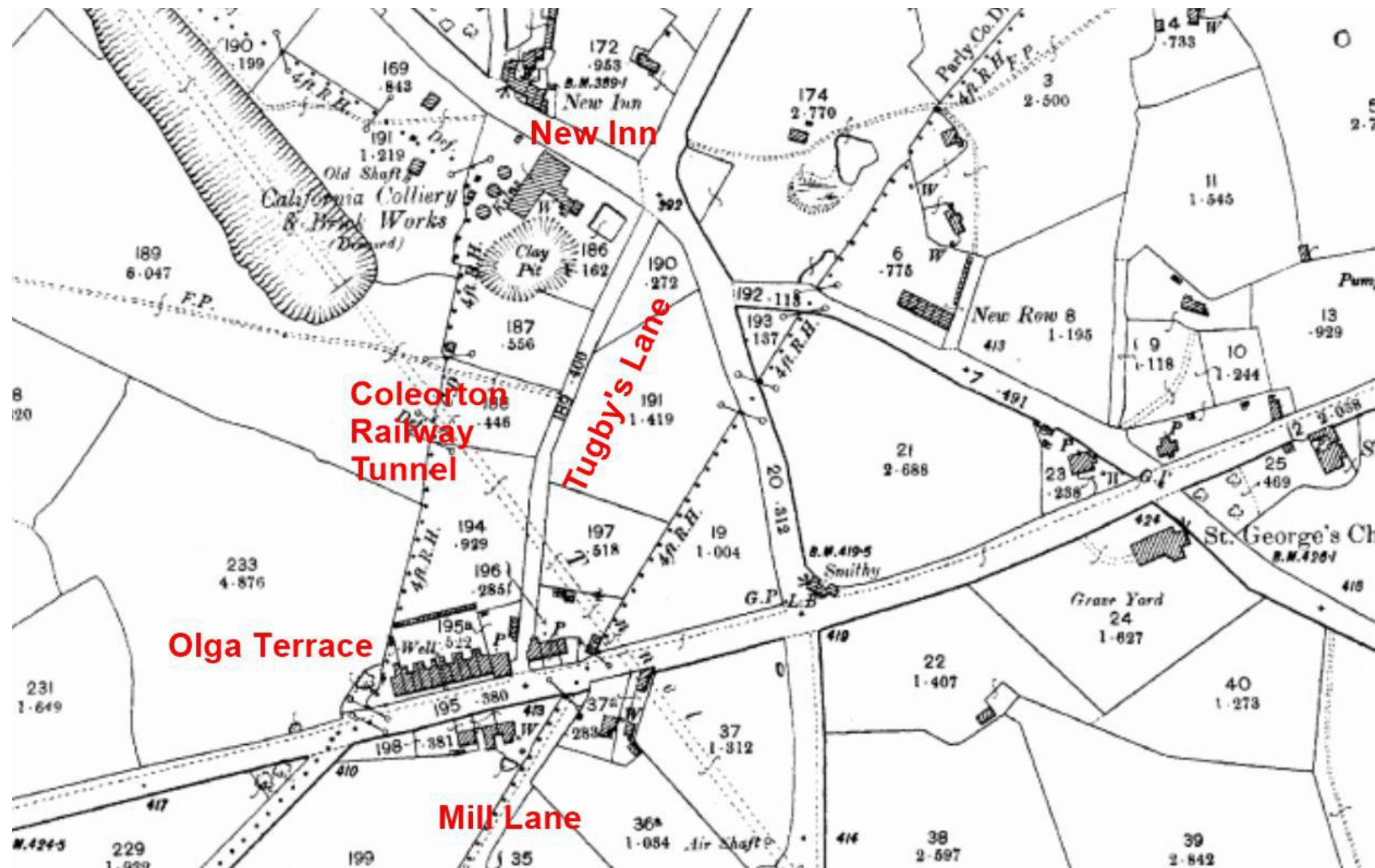


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## Tugby's Lane

- John Tugby was a spar manufacturer, in 1861 he was a licenced victualler probably at the New Inn
- Married Mary Ann Hull (daughter of miller John Griffin) in 1871
- Some people used the name Hull's Lane after Hull's shop on the corner of Olga Terrace and the lane
- 1903 map



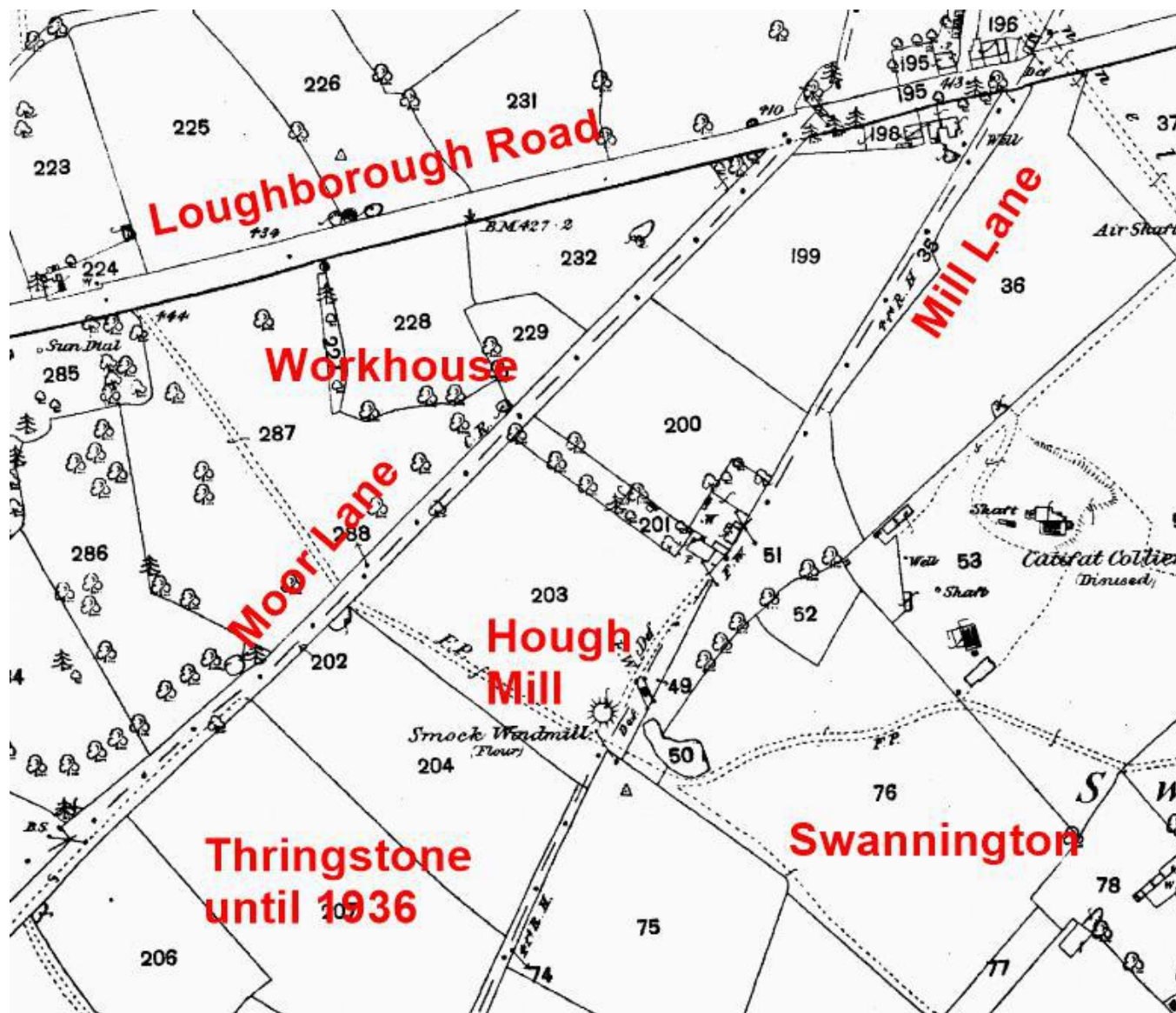


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## Mill Lane

- Mill Lane leads to Hough Mill (formerly known as Thringstone Smock Mill)
- Until 1936 it was the Swannington and Thringstone parish boundary
- 1883 map

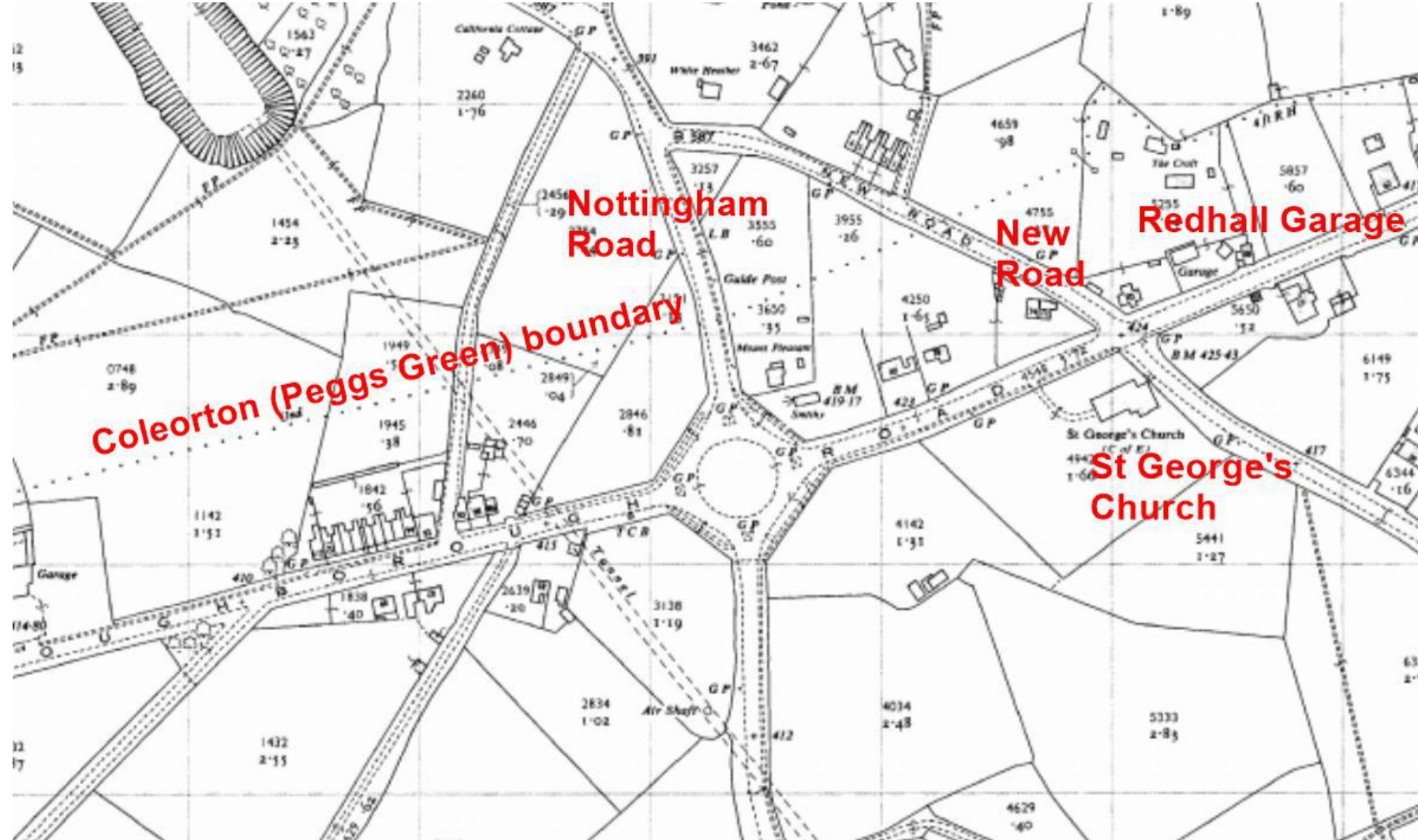


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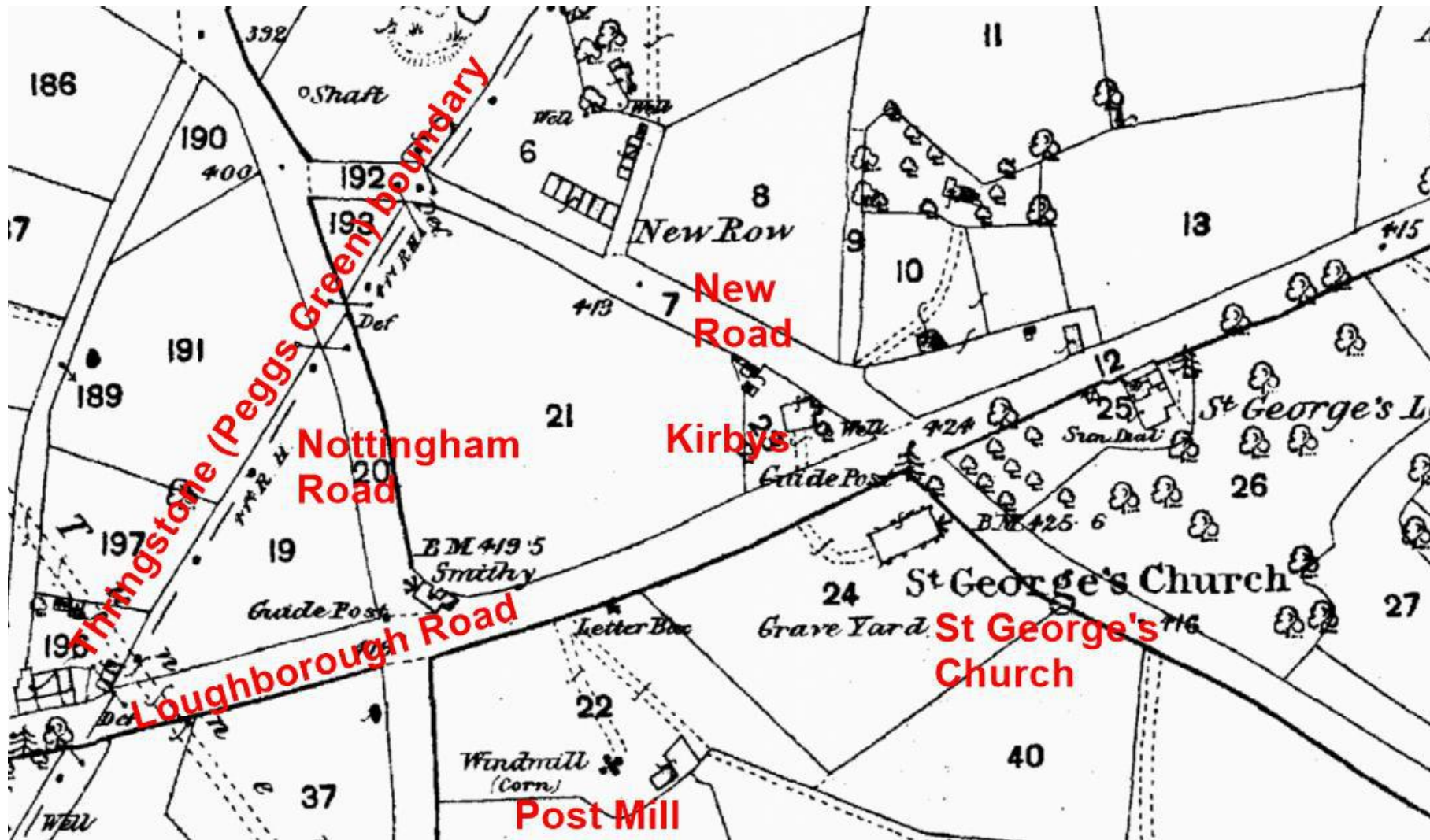
## Nottingham Road

- The southern end of Nottingham Road is in Swannington
- Why not Griffydam Road or Diseworth Road? It shows the significance of links to Nottinghamshire
- Many Swannington miners moved to the Linby and Annesley area in the 1870s
- 1962 map





- **New Row in New Road leading to the New Inn - a classic lack of imagination**
- **90% of New Road was in Swannington until 1936 when the New Row segment became part of Peggs Green, Coleorton**
- **Millers Thomas and Mahalla Kirby lived on the corner until 1891, not far from their post mill**
- **1883 map**

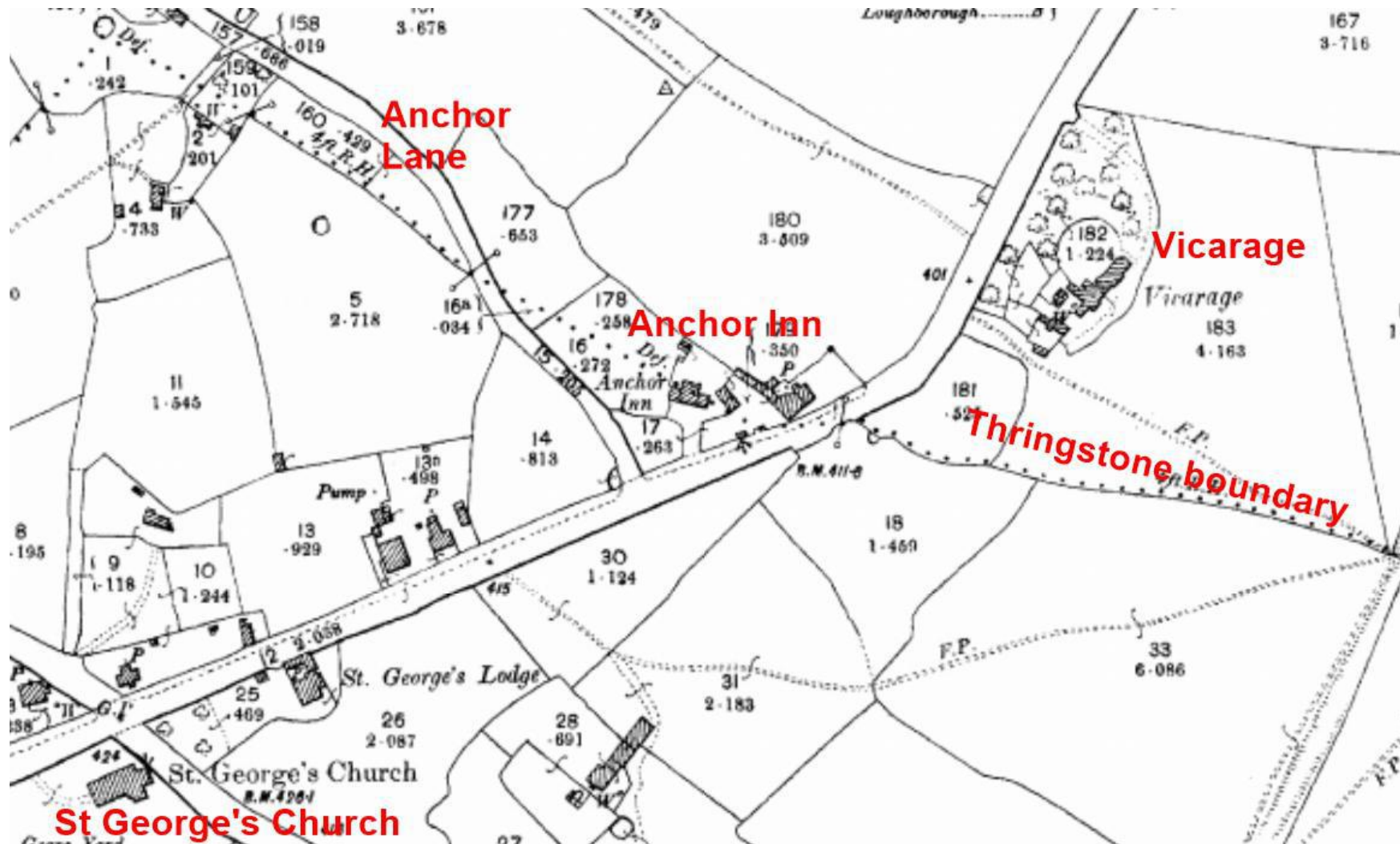


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## Anchor Lane

- The Anchor Inn was right on the Swannington and Thringstone parish boundary
- Many Anchor Inns were named after former sailors who left the sea and dropped anchor at a public house
- 1903 map





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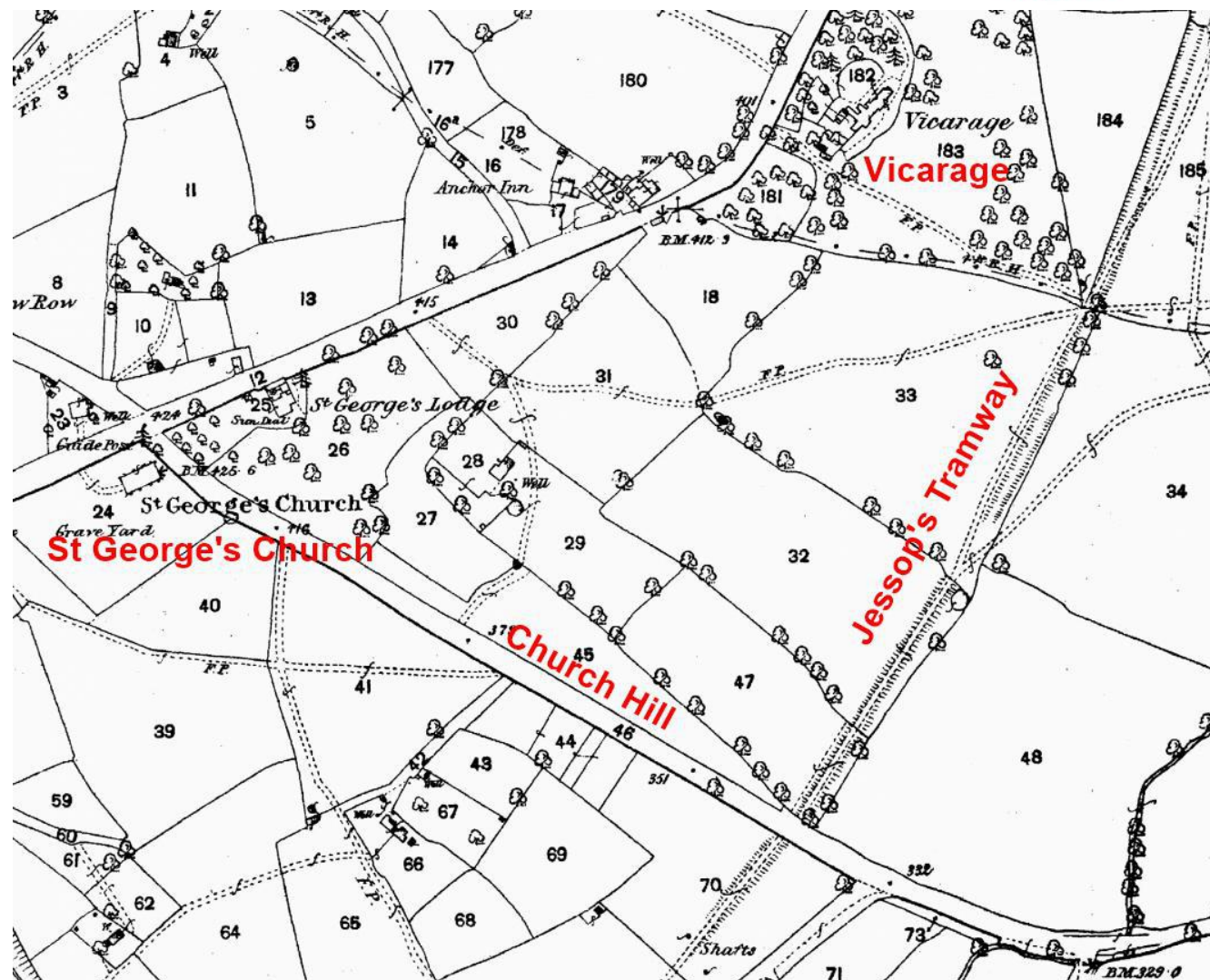


## Church Hill

- The name is less than 200 years old as St George's Church was built in 1825
- Was Snape Hill - three fields at end of Jeffcoats Lane called "The Snapes"
- 1883 map



This interesting piece of Swannington memorabilia was kindly lent to us by Martha Bird, it is one of several such certificates awarded during the war. Why the savings group was known as Snape Hill, Swannington, is not at all clear. Church Hill, still occasionally referred to as Back Hill, was once Snape Hill, but surely not as recently as 1943. Three large fields opposite the end of Jeffcoats Lane are called the Snapes, the word being derived from the Old English, meaning marshy or boggy ground. Mining took place there in the eighteenth century, but as in so many other pits in Swannington, drainage was an insuperable problem.



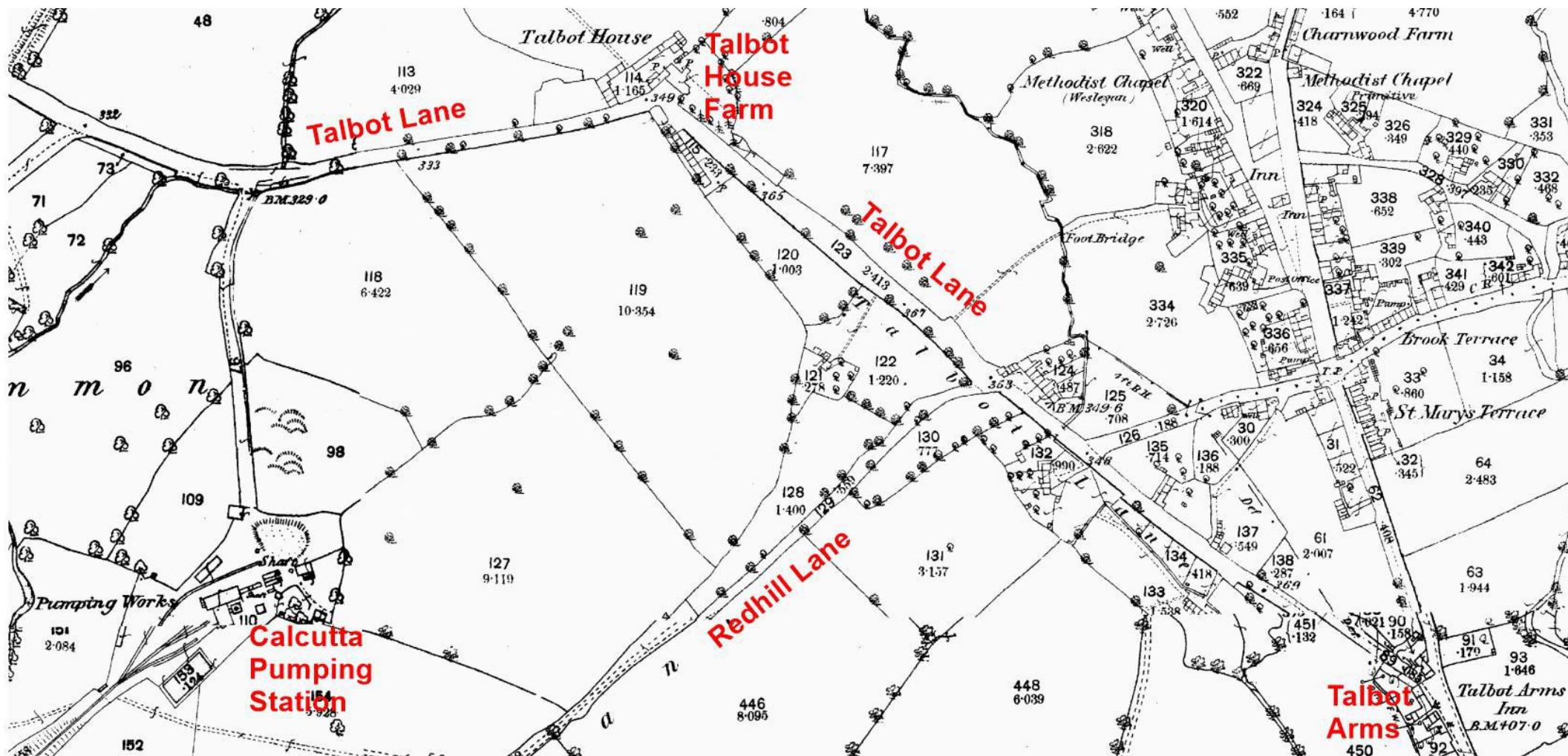


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## Talbot Lane

- Named after Sir John Talbot who had Whitwick connections
- The whole of Talbot Lane, all the way to the Talbot Arms, was Swannington until 1936.
- The parish boundary is now just before Redhill Lane
- 1883 map



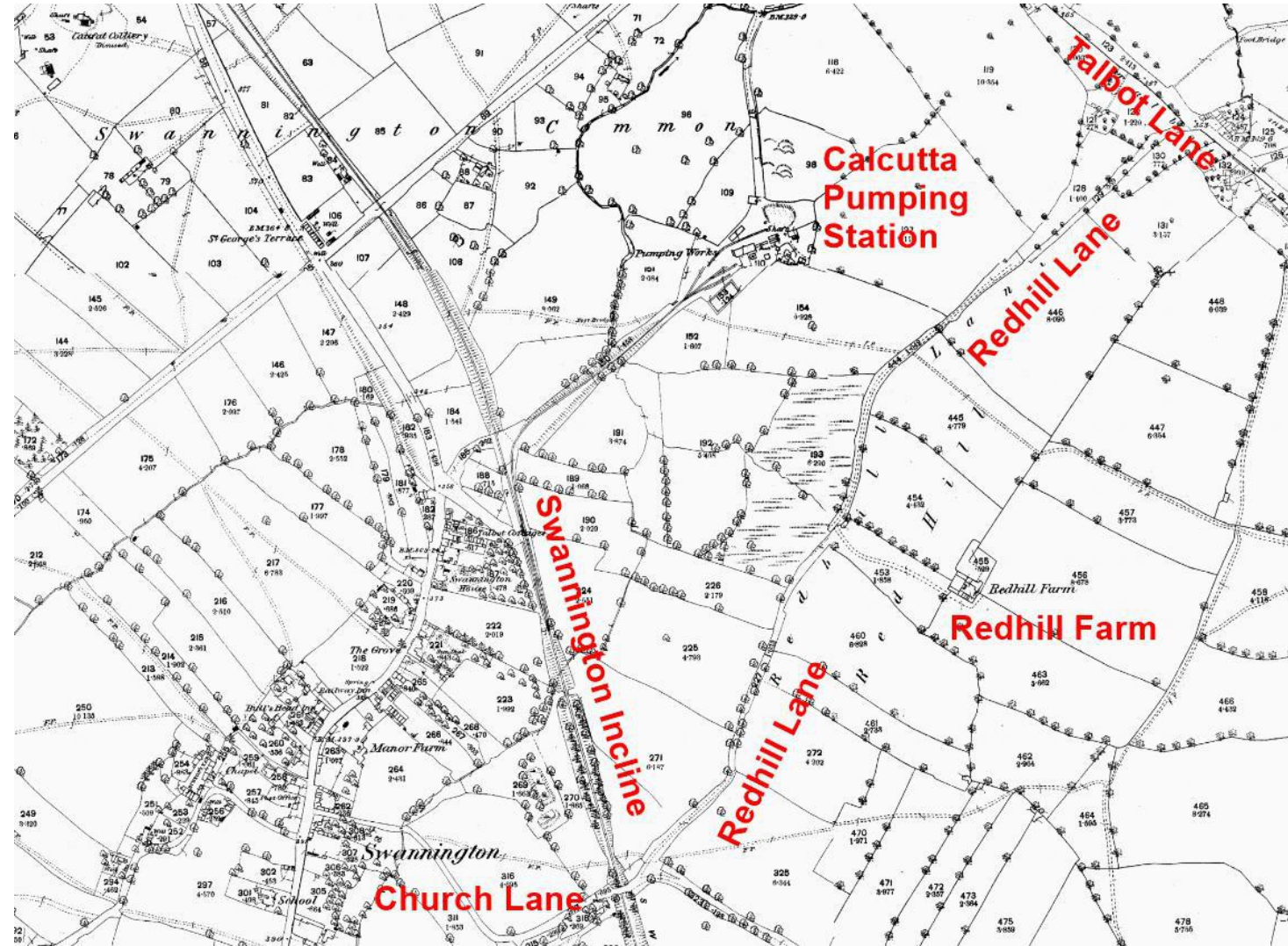


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## Redhill Lane

- Named after the red sandstone in the hill
- In 1936 Swannington lost a small area at the north end of Redhill Lane
- There are some good views of Hough Mill from Redhill Lane
- 1883 map



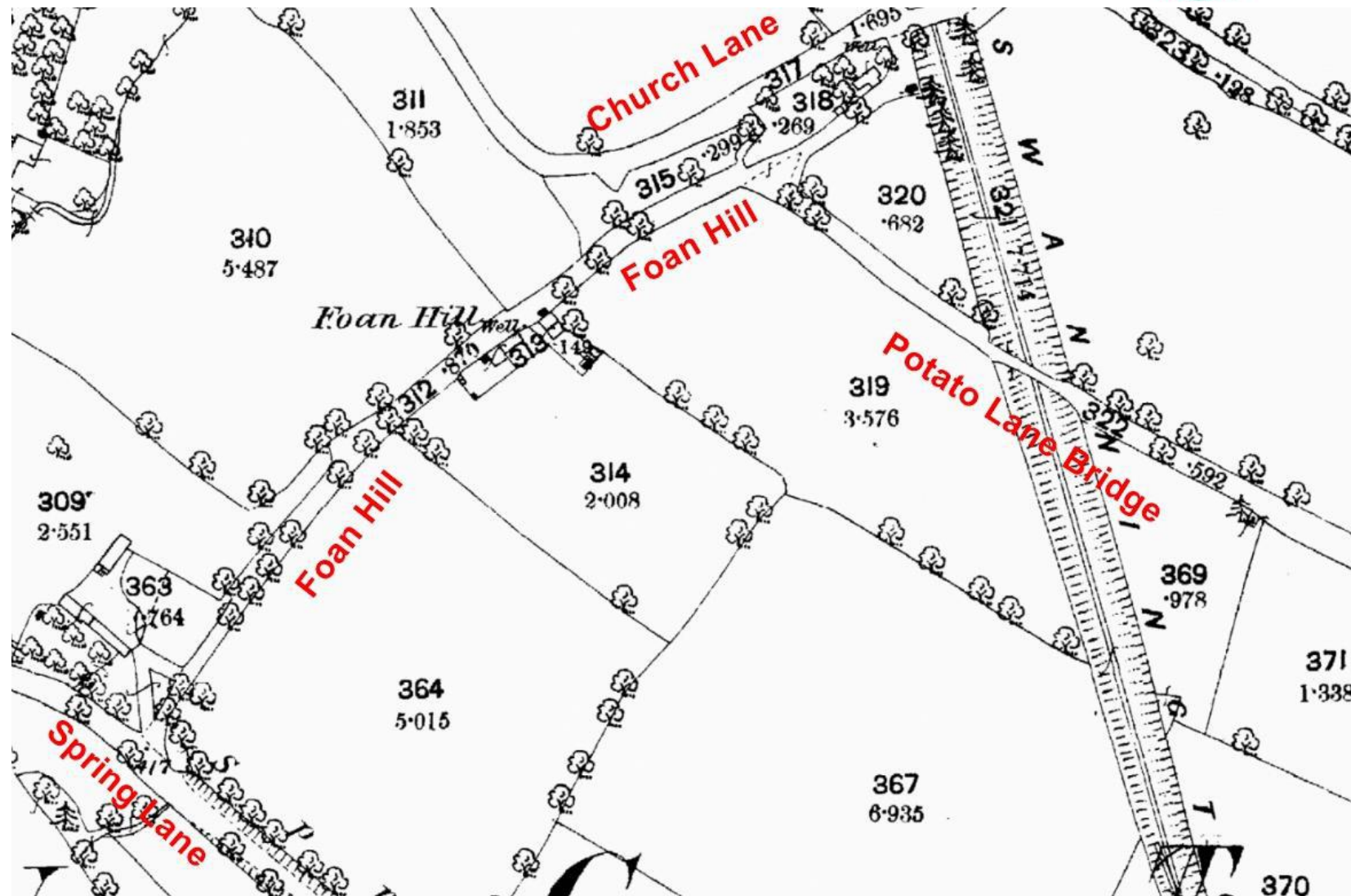
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## Foan Hill

- The origin of the name is not known
- In the 1911 census it was spelt Fone Hill
- 1883 map

Name of Head of Family or Separate Occupier.	William Johnson
Postal Address	Foan Hill Swannington Lancashire





## Spring Meadows

- A small 21st century development on the corner of Spring Lane and Foan Hill
- Kept Spring in the name
- Bing maps

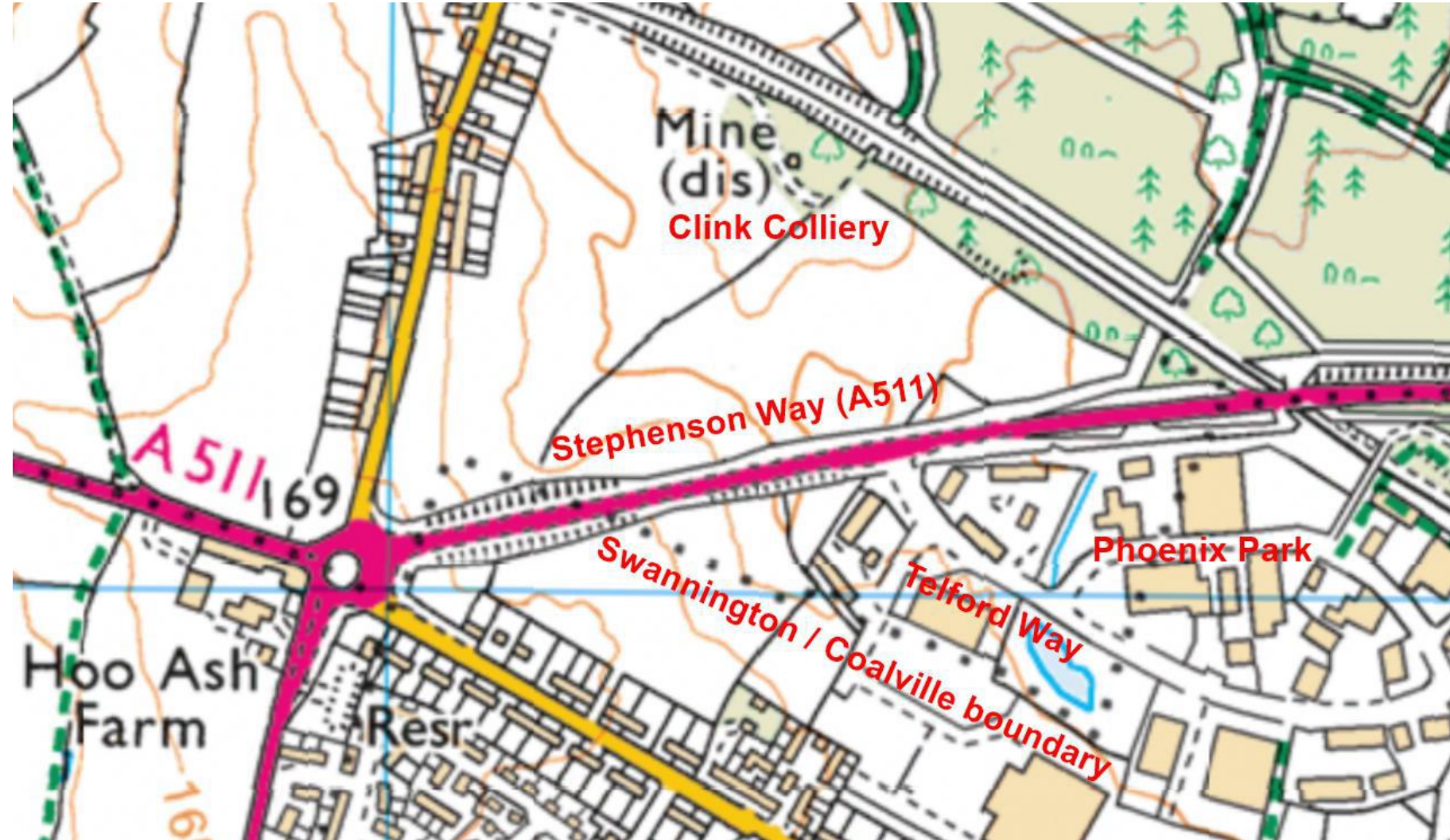


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## Stephenson Way (A511), Telford Way and Phoenix Park

- It may surprise some people to realise that part of Stephenson Way and part of the business park are in Swannington
- The dots show the parish boundary
- Bing maps



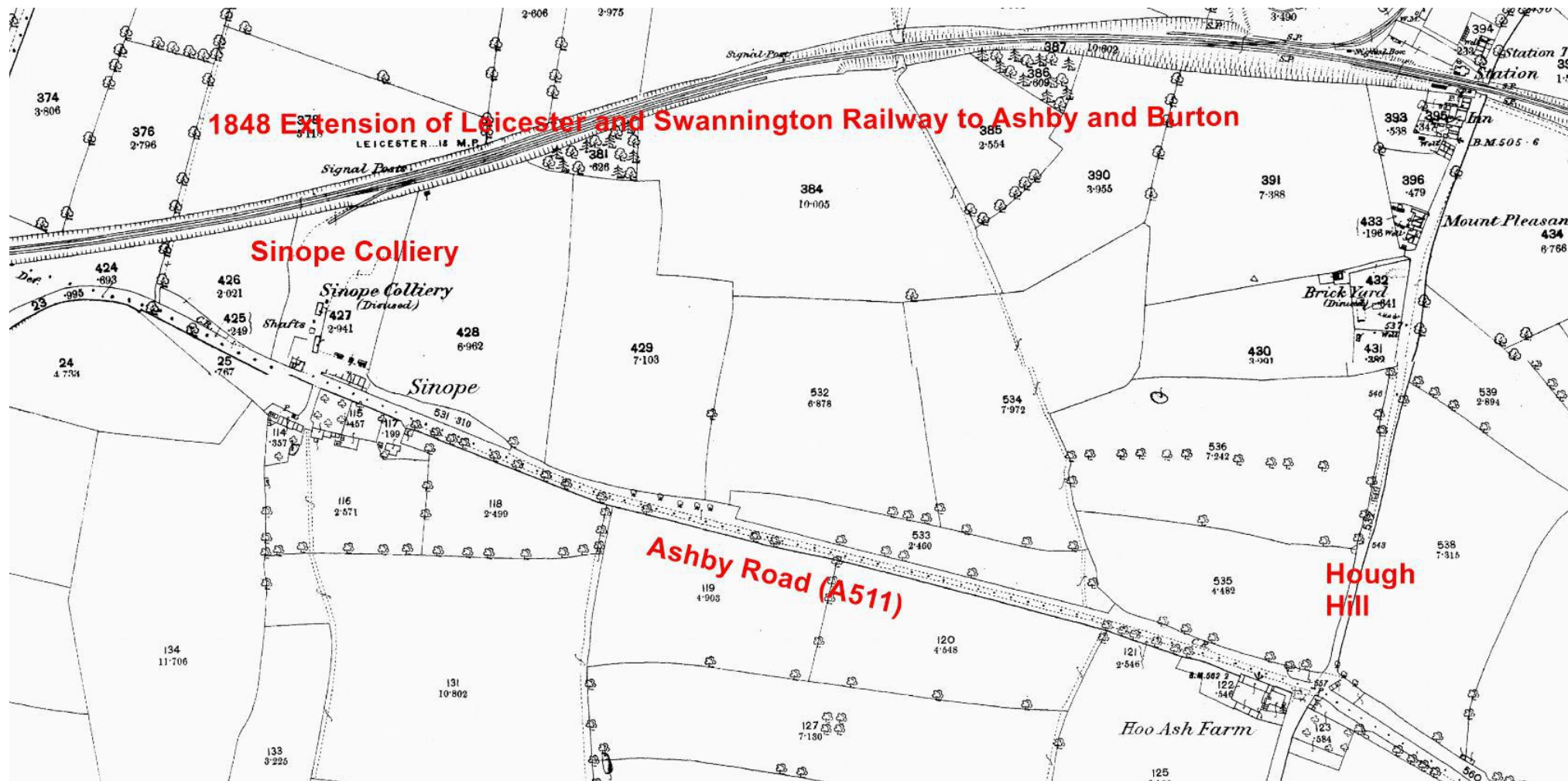


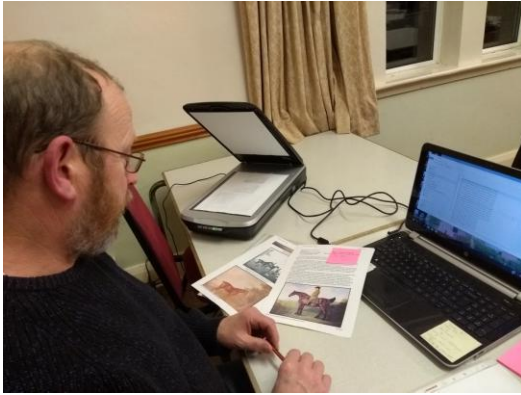
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## Ashby Road (A511)

- Having done a tour around modern day Swannington we are back to Hoo Ash island
- So Ashby Road to the Sinope part of Swannington is the final road
- 1883 map

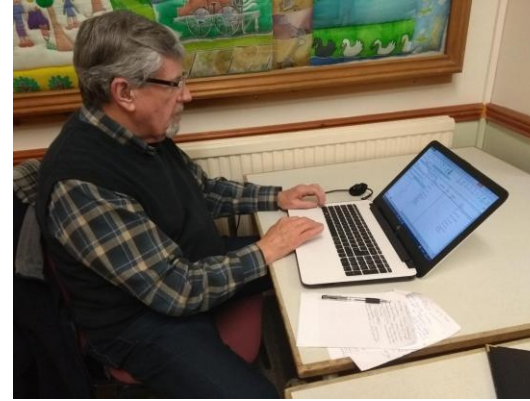




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