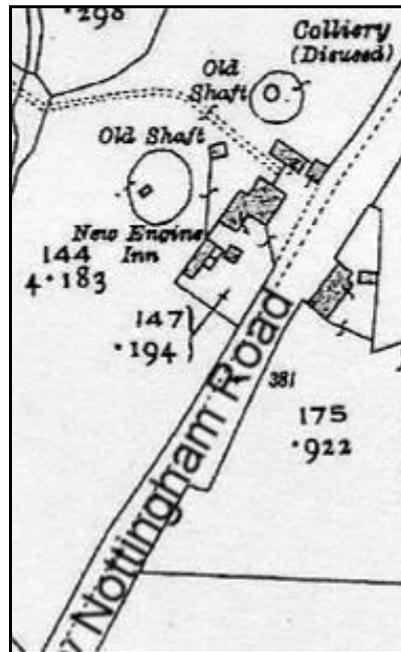
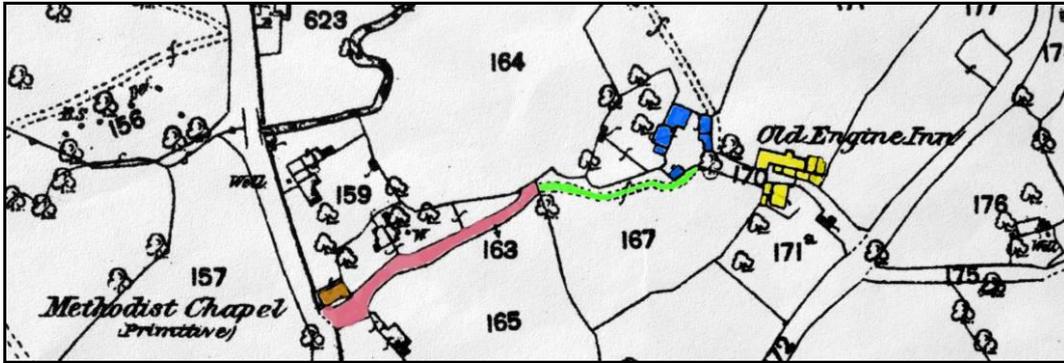


**A HISTORY OF TWO LOCAL INNS - KNOWN AS
THE "OLD ENGINE INN" AND
THE "NEW ENGINE INN"**

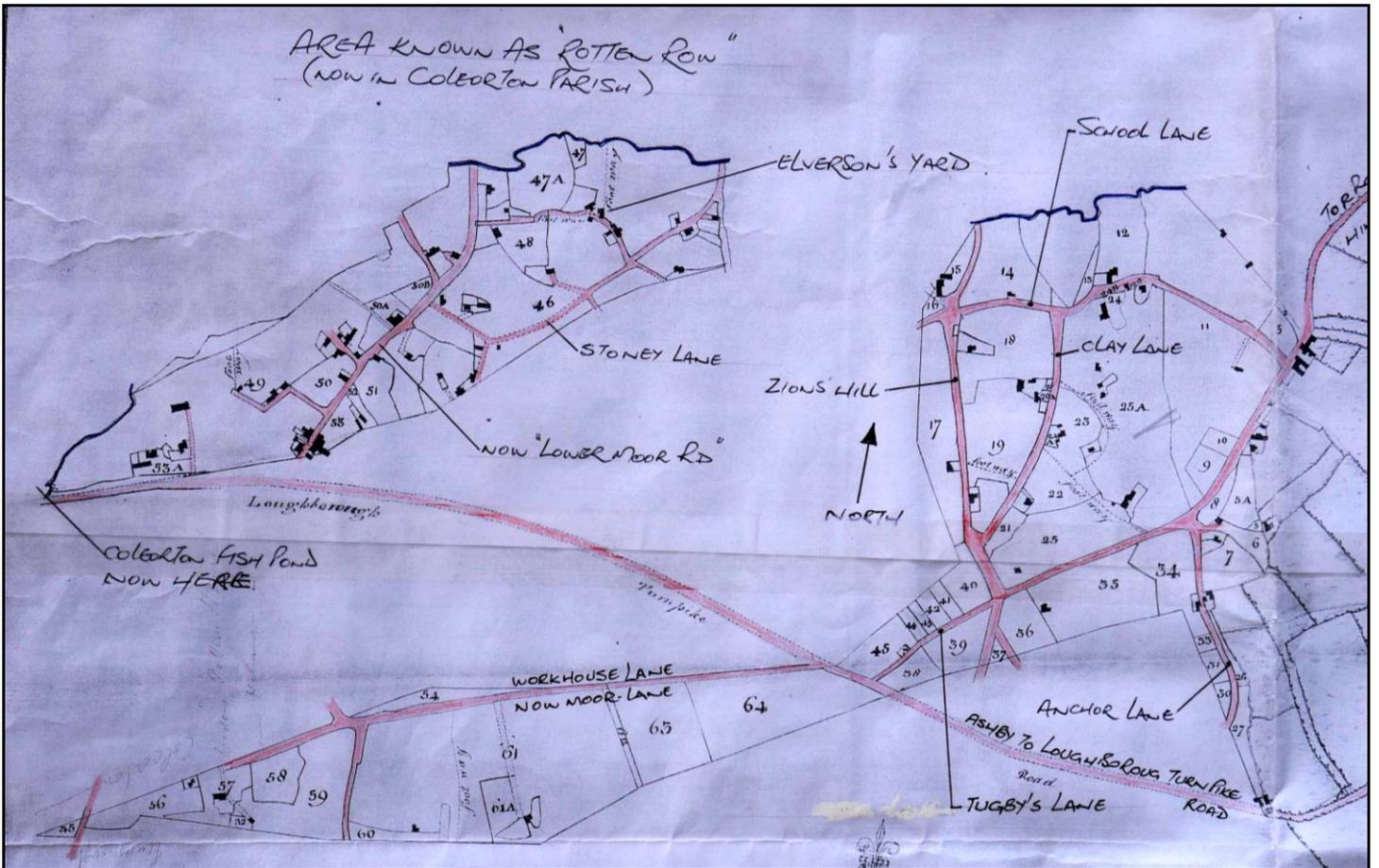


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INTRODUCTION



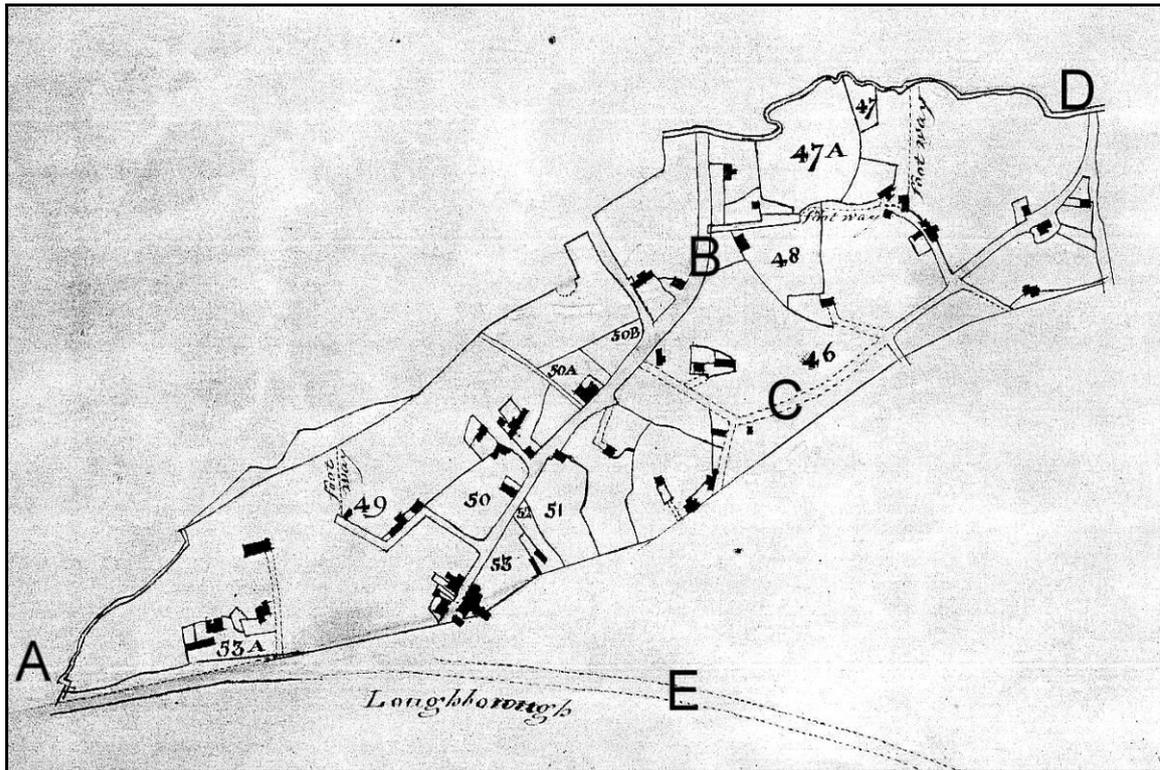
The above plan, which is an annotated extract from the 1807 Thringstone and Pegg's Green enclosure plan referred to in the awards made by the commissioners. It was drawn by William Henry Smith, Surveyor.

It has been included to provide the reader with an understanding of why both the "Old Engine Inn" and the "New Engine Inn" were in the township of Thringstone. Both Pegg's Green and "Rotten Row" (an island of land within the parish of Coleorton) became part of the Township of Thringstone in the 1807 enclosure awards. Thringstone was part of the Ecclesiastical parish of Whitwick.

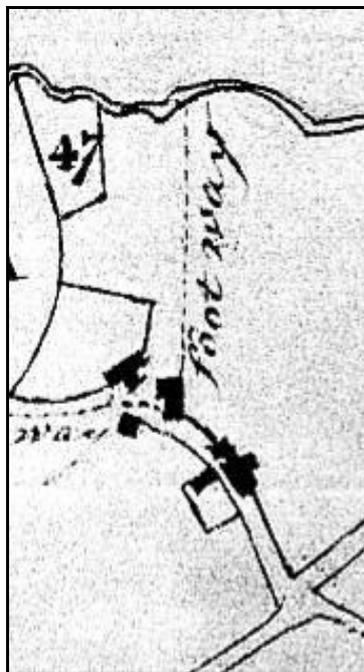
The above geographical areas shown on the plan did not become part of the parish of Coleorton until 1936

The "Old Engine Inn", is shown on this map in Elverston's Yard, off Stoney Lane, Coleorton (not named at that time) within the area of "Rotten Row", however, the "New Engine Inn" was not built at that time in Pegg's Green.

The plan extracts on the following page will provide the reader with a better understanding of the geographical location of "Rotten Row"



A = Coleorton Fish Pond, **B** = Lower Moor Road, **C** = Stoney Lane, **D** = The Woolrooms, **E** = Loughborough Road. The **brook** is represented by the double line at the top.



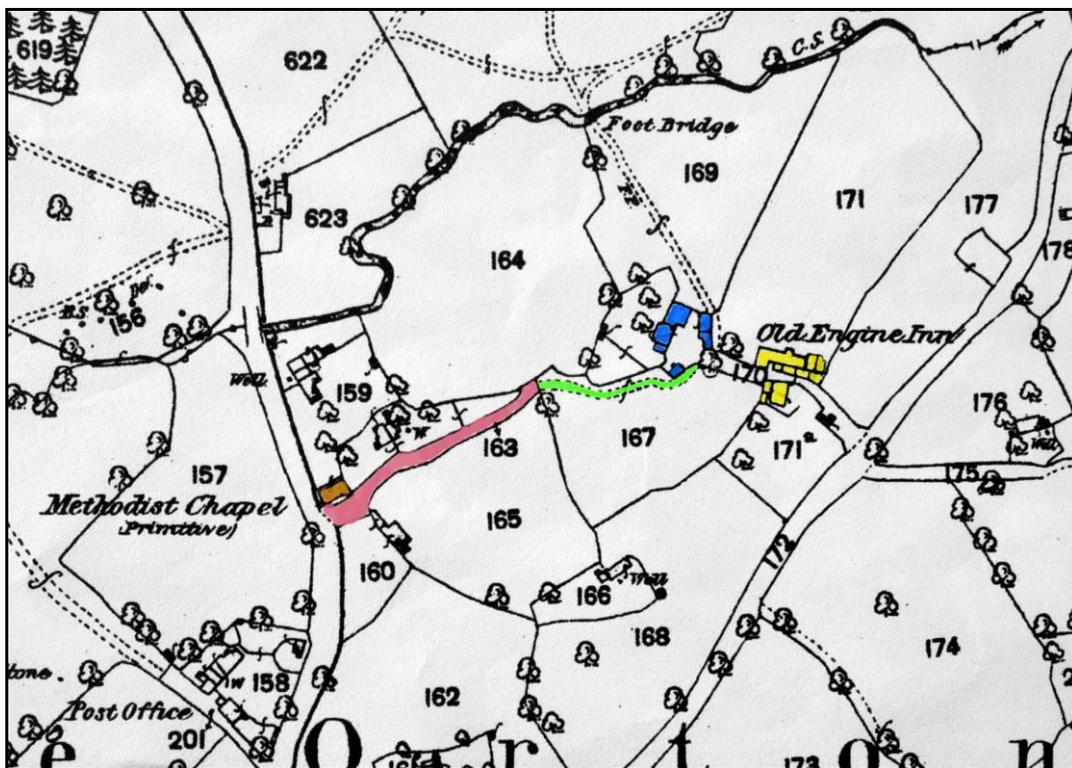
Enlarged area of Elverston's Yard. The 3 buildings to the north can be related to the buildings coloured blue on the 1885 O/S map on the next page. The most southerly of the buildings was the "Engine Inn", although it would have been an Ale House at that time which were not legally required to have a name

THE "OLD ENGINE INN" – ELVERSTON'S YARD

Elverston's Yard had its own pub called the "Old Engine Inn". The author is unaware of when it was built, but we can prove from the licensing records that it was an Ale House prior to the 1825 Licensing Act coming into force when it was only necessary for an Ale House to be given a location, not a name. It is almost certain that it would have been an Ale house back into the 1700s. Ale houses often appeared near to a coal mine so the miners could imbibe before going home. Some of course never made it there and would have gone straight to the next shift having slept off the intoxication at the pub!

The Inn was thought to have been named after the atmospheric "fire engine" installed just beyond the existing cottages, to pump water out of "Boulton's Mine".

Due to the fact that there was also the "New Engine Inn" at Peggs Green, and the licensing records refer to them both as the Engine, it is extremely difficult to differentiate between the two, even with some local knowledge.



1885 PUBLISHED (1881 SURVEYED) O/S MAP

The above O/S map depicts the "Old Engine Inn" which was the furthest building to the right in the row coloured yellow.

The following table is a list of licensees taken from the Ashby-de-la-Zouch licensing records:-

NAME OF LICENSEE	DATES LICENSE HELD	OWNER OR LEASEHOLDER
William Parker	1820 to 1827	An Ale House at this time
Isaac Waterfield	August 1842 to Aug 1846	Not given
Henry Lakin	August 1846 to Aug 1855	Not given
Rachel Lakin (wife of Henry)	August 1855 to Aug 1864	Not given
John Jinks	August 1864 to Aug 1868	Not given
John Toon Jinks	August 1868 to Aug 1872	Not given
Joseph Toon Jinks	August 1872 to Aug 1878	William Harrison, Ashby
William Ward	August 1878 to Aug 1886	Mathew William Harrison
James Grice (Coal miner and Inn Keeper 1891 census)	August 1887 to Aug 1892	Mathew William Harrison / Executors (1889 to 1892)
Edward Robinson (32) Licensed victualler at home Own account	1901 Census	Not known if he followed James Grice and purchased the Inn from the executors
Thomas Turner	1904 (see following newspaper article)	

WILLIAM WARD - LICENSEE

Following his departure from the Old Engine Inn, William Ward appears to have moved to the Blacksmith's Arms, Rotten Row (now Lower Moor Road) and situated just opposite Bradford's Lane, where he is recorded as Beerhouse Keeper, Smith's Arms in White's Directory for 1887-8. This is the first written occurrence of a name for that establishment I am aware of, although it had likely operated from at least the 1840s. His move there was not by chance, but likely from family connection, since the property was actually owned at that time by Francis Smith, his brother in law, who had himself been its licensee before then. The Blacksmith's was kept by several generations of his descendants until its demolition in ca. 1961 when the bungalow 'Greenfields' was built on the site. (Written by Terry Ward who currently resides in Coleorton and William Ward was his GGGrandfather)

The Old Engine Inn occupied what is now the right hand of a pair of cottages, currently named Willow Cottage which was formally part of a row as shown in the 1885 O/S map. The following undated photograph depicts an iron work pole for the hanging sign which hung at the end wall of the former Inn. Apparently there was some writing on this wall also.



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The "Old Engine Inn" finally closed its doors to the public in 1908 as the magistrates refused the license as confirmed in the following newspaper report.

Leicester Chronicle and Leicester Mercury 27th June 1908, page 4.

*Under: Leicestershire Licensing Authority
Ten Licenses Refused Renewal.*

THE OLD ENGINE COLEORTON

Supt. Lockton said the house was fully-licensed and was owned as the last house. The population of Coleorton was 783 – one license to every 156 persons – and in witness opinion, not only was the license not required, but the house was structurally unsuitable. No opposition was offered in this case and magistrates refused the license.

FURTHER NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:-

Nottingham Evening Post 26th November 1904

THE COLEORTON BURNING FATALITY

At the inquest held at the Old Engine Inn, Coleorton, yesterday afternoon, touching the death of Florence Annie Turner, the three year old daughter of Thomas Turner, Landlord of the Inn, Dr. Atkinson, of Osgathorpe, attributed death to shock, The evidence of the mother was that on Tuesday she left the child playing in the taproom whilst she walked in the garden. On returning she met the child, who was in flames, running towards the door. The burns were confined to the face, chest and arms. Death ensued on Thursday. There was no fireguard in the taproom and the child was wearing a loose pinafore. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

This case once again illustrates how vulnerable young boys and girls were to burning accidents due to long flammable clothing.

Leicester Journal 29th August 1919, page 3.

COLEORTON

PROPERTY SALE. – Messrs. Orchard and Joyce conducted a successful property sale at the George Inn on Monday.
The last item on the list was three cottages situated in Elverston's yard, and the bidding reached £220, Mr. Hough being the purchaser.

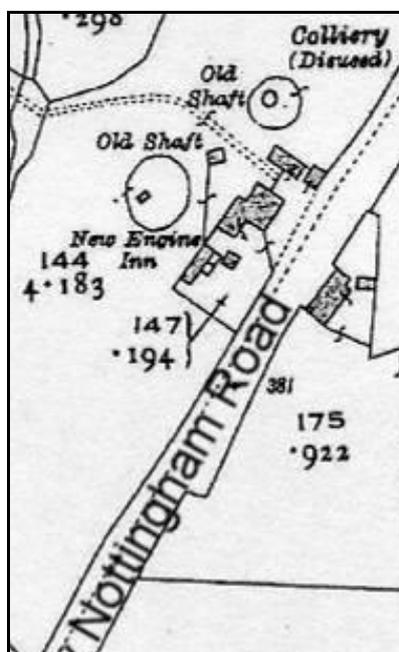
INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS REGARDING CERTAIN LICENSEES IN THE PRECEDING CHART

Henry Lakin died in 1855, his widow Rachel then married John Toon Jinks 4th quarter of 1861. John T. Jinks seems to have been a widower, since the 1861 census records him living at Peggs Green (age 40) as a coal miner with his children - Thomas (age 18), Clara (age 14) and Charles (age 7).

Rachel died 2nd quarter of 1867 (age 48). Assuming John Jinks and John Toon Jinks are the same person then this is all consistent with the licence records and explains how John Jinks came to be the licensee.

After Rachel's death, John Jinks seems to have married yet again and is recorded in the 1871 census at 'Engine Row', Thringstone (Elverston's Yard) as a coal miner aged 51 with his new wife Jane (age 30) his daughter Eliza Jinks (age 18, seamstress) and stepdaughter Hannah Lakin (age 12, seamstress). No mention is made in the 1871 census of the licenced trade. John Jinks died in 1892 aged 72.

**THE NEW ENGINE INN - BUILT ADJACENT TO
PEGG'S GREEN COLLIERY AND FRONTING THE
EXTENSION TO THE HINCKLEY TO MELBOURNE
TURNPIKE**



Extract from 1903 O/S map

NAME OF LICENSEE	DATES LICENSE HELD	OWNER OR LEASEHOLDER
Thomas Gostelow	1842 -1859	James Boulton of Swannington 1872 - 1897
Catherine Gostelow	1860 - 1875	
William Gostelow	1876 - 1888	
James Leeson	1889 - 1897	Smith & Co., Shardlow 1905 - 1909
Henry King	1905 - 1906	
Thomas Bowley	1907 - 1911	Zachary Smith & Co. Ltd., Shardlow 1910 -1924
Stephen William Blythe	1912 - 1915	
William Smith	1916 - 1921	
Nathan Hall	1922 - 1934	Zachary Smith & Co. Ltd., Burton-on-Trent 1925 - 1941
William Blakey	1935 - 1941 ??	
Mrs. Blakey	??	

Although 1842 is the earliest record found for a licensee at the "New Engine Inn" in the Ashby-de-La-Zouch licensing records, it was in fact probably opened around this time and built specifically as a public house with living accommodation following the opening of Pegg's Green Colliery in 1830. When the colliery closed in 1859, this would have impacted financially on the pub, considering it was also surrounded by three other public houses in Peggs Green - the Anchor, the New Inn and the Red Lion, in addition to four more in Griffydam. A History of all these public houses appears on the author's website which are free to download and read. The name would have been chosen to differentiate it from the "Old Engine Inn", the subject of the previous article.

When the author was a young man in the 1950s, Mrs. Blakey was still the landlady and served beer in jugs and snacks from an off license window just inside the front door. Men from the village who couldn't get to the pub would send children with jugs to go and get their pint/s.

Public Houses were often built next to a colliery, and there are numerous examples of this in the area. The pub probably closed in the 1960s.

Like a lot of Public Houses, the New Engine Inn is now a private residence. Its neighbour, the "New Inn" is the only public house operating in the Pegg's Green, Griffydham, Gelsmoor and Osgathorpe areas now.



The above is a pre 1931 photograph of Nathan Hall surrounded by his family. Nathan was the landlord of the "New Engine Inn" from 1922 to 1934. He was married for the second time in 1931 to Maria Mabel Wardle, the marriage certificate confirms his occupation as Inn Keeper.