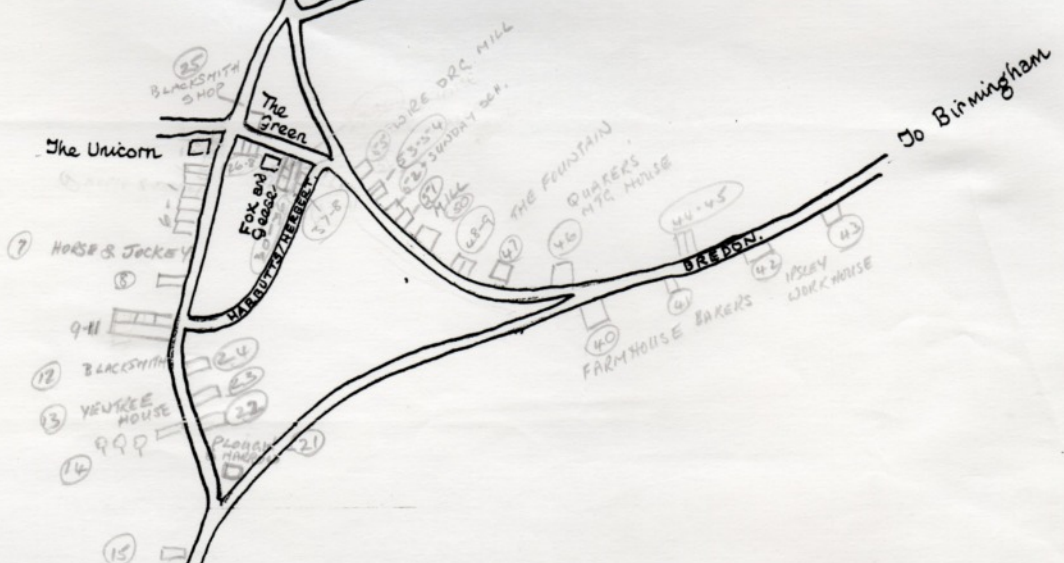


THE COMMON

To Easemore Farm.



IPSLEY PARISH, from White Hart to Bredon.

To Bromsgrove

□ The White Hart.

**REDDITCH IN 1776**  
 according to Joseph Monk's Itinerary.

A state of the Building in Redditch in the  
year of our lord 1776 from an old inhabitant  
By memory

Having been solicited by a Gentleman to tell him the state  
of the building in Redditch in 1776, I will endeavour as far  
as I can to call memory by showing a statement, by  
starting from the Center, or the unicorn. By turning to  
the white head from the unicorn I find 6 little houses  
Belonging to George Smith the Masson: tenants old  
Joseph Watts, Matthew Jones, Henry Tandy, William  
Bate, and old Master Schereneer (?) and Robert Hyde  
(Lloyd). Now I come to the Horse and Jockey  
publick house, over John Moor a needle master:  
so leaving this I come to another by the name Thomas  
Amoar needle master, he lost the use of his  
limbs thro' Intemperance, turning to the white into  
the yard I find 3 little houses, tenants W<sup>m</sup> Monk,  
Joseph Avey and Thomas Chatterley. Coming to  
the left into the road again I find a Cotig together  
with a blacksmith Shop, the owners name who  
called the Jockey pretty: the next house was  
called the yewtree house, Thomas Chatterley: the  
next house we called Moly frears, there was a  
orchard of fruit, there was a house above the  
berd in the field But I know of no till we come  
to the white heart publick house.

[ Joseph Monk turns back taking the opposite side of road ]

Now we will turn back to the white heart wright  
head from it. The first building (psley was a hold  
oatmill Master gonson of the tanons (Tanhouse) the  
next house we come to was old W<sup>m</sup> Robeson a

18 Beesam maker, from there we come to cotedge,  
the man's name was W<sup>m</sup> Jam (James)

19 hearing that, the next house a whoman lived at  
20 it By the name of Nancy Bell : the house blow W<sup>m</sup>  
21 Crakson (Clarkson), it was tumking down but Repared  
22 in 77. Now I must cross out of Ipsly [by the  
23 present Plough and Harrow] to com down into the town,  
24 the next house it was Jame harase, a cotidge he had  
Gareat (?) and a pleck: the next house was a whiddo  
woman By the name of Betty blowney, it was in a -----  
to the house, the next house was W<sup>m</sup> henis, is son  
built the Renonest : now there was never a house  
till we come into the town.

25 Straight before us there was a Blacksmith Shop  
by the name of Jhn. Strain. By turning to the Right there  
26-28 was 3 little housee, over George Smith, tenants  
Mr George Irland, John Hawkeris, the next house was  
29 the Fox and Goose publick house. Keeping on to the  
30-32 hand we find 3 little houses. Belonging to Mr Packema,  
Thomas Snipe lived in one, feby (Phoebe) Durnal in  
another and James Avey, now there was two little  
33-34 houses over the way, tenants Jhn Callow, Jhn tyeler.

35 Returning back and keeping to the write hand and turning  
36 up that yard we find 2 Little houses, one was Ben  
Carr's Backhouse and he was a Baker. Now we may  
37-8 enter Wapping or Hakutt's lane we was 2 little houses  
old Hakutt lived one and a woman named Mrs Garner  
now in the other : now there was no moor houses  
in Hakutt's lane so we must come back into the  
39 street a gain on the left hand there was a heg together  
with a ..... to all it Sears alley because the tenants  
name was Joseph Scar a needle setter. Before we

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find another house we must go into Ipsley wher was  
a little farm house the tenants name was Richard Stiles

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Now we may as well go down to Bredon and the  
first house was the Bakers Smith, afterwards Ipsley  
workhouse, the next house the cottage of old fan turner,  
turning into tardbrig parish again I find 2 little houses  
bilt be the Bakefield and by was a little as old  
John Morran. Now ther was no moor house at  
Bredon, that was all the houses at Bredon.

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Turning <sup>to</sup> the write from Bredon I find the old  
quakers Meeting House first, then the fountain. Behind  
was 2 little houses Christer Corte lived in one, the  
other tenant Coley. Now we must come up to the  
quaker Shuard, there was a mill and needle pointing,  
a horse turned it, he was a needle master, learning  
that, we come to some old Building of Mr Peakmaes,  
William Alcock lived in one, and the other was  
the Sunday School, but ther was 2 moor higher up  
as are standing to this day. hearing these there was  
no house till we come to Mr Peakmans house,  
where was a Wire Draning Mill

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hearing this was a little house and a Blacksmiths  
Shop, old Edward Jones. hearing this was a little house  
as we used to call the man old lord Pearce, he was  
a laborer and she was a house grinder. Now  
we come to Mr Wilsons a large house as Ey  
Struten was is housekeeper and John Free the  
botler. From there we come to the Bucher Moor, then  
houses there was is slaughterhouses. From thence we  
come to Walter Brians, he brought the fishhook making  
to Redditch, it was a low house with a knocker at

60 the door. Now we come to the fish house, a  
Ber ..... en, it was the whiddo Moor lived in it.

61 We must now leave it and go down further. There  
62 was the old house as W<sup>m</sup> Ingram and old John Gittens lived  
below? in. Now we come to the baker Milwards. it is a small  
63-4 house. hearing that we come to little houses Blow was  
65 old George peel and Halph Hurst lived in. Going to  
ward we come to a smart house where Old Dad  
Green lived, he was a gentleman blue pointer. hearing  
66-7 this we come to little houses in a yard to the right  
68 hand, where Joseph Toyle, laborer and old Richard  
Adams lived. Now we come to John Hoods lived, hee  
was a small needle maker, and had a propeth and  
69-71 unplyed apprentices: further down we find 3 little  
houses, they were repared, tenants Henny James,  
James heves and W<sup>m</sup> Dyer, the old Glaiserfield lived  
in one, John heewe lived in another and Edward  
Pitts in the other.

72 Now there was another little house in the  
bottom of the town with a tree before the door, and  
this ends that side of the town.

73 Now turning to the right hand a gain we find  
the first house was old Mr Chillingworths, a very  
74 pretty house, he had retired from the Forge: the  
next was James Milwards, a needle master, turning  
75-6 a cross the road there was 2 little houses, tenants  
Adam Pittes and Sarah Clark, they were pulled  
down to build the Windmill with the materials. Now  
77-8 we must turn back up the town, following our  
right hand we find 2 little houses in the yard  
tenants names Edward Mascall and old Mr Bartleet,  
they were blue pointers: turning from there we come  
to a widdow as was a fish hook maker by the

? Another house.  
of windows remained?

name of Holyoake, afterwards Mrs Henning, now there was no house till we come up to the entry to Calill of a rode to the comon; the rode went behref

2 houses under one roof, the houses whear built one on each other, and the door opening of the front door was in the entry, tenants Thomas Merry and Jane Scarr.

I must go forroward to the Crown, a low building, tenant Master Hakeries, one stable, leaning thus hire up ther was 2 little houses in the yard.

Before the Crown, tenant John Ireland and Christefa Court, the two above tenants whear Richard Wilks and John Hawkins.

Now there was a little house behind, ~~tenant~~ Benjamin ~~Lucas~~. our come for again the first house was a very little one, tenants name John Heath; up

above thire was 2 mor little houses, tenants names James Ireland, and Mrs Williams; hier up there was an old house as Eddard Car lived in.

Now we come to the parsons Building and the parish put the poor in, Richard Lucas, Thomas Merry and Edward Jones.

We come to the hayer Garner house, and from thence to the Clock house, Mr Lucas, a retired gentleman. Now thire was a front house, tenant William Redding; a back house, tenant Frank Hill: Now we come to a Blacksmith Shop, thus ends that side of the town

Now if we turn to littleworth down Uncon Hill, we find some cottides tenant old Harry Izod and John Thomas, it was id and all the rest were ones, other houses here Nebor Haley, Nebor Herberton, and nebor Freeman, and Pitts Now we will turn to the Comon, a Gentleman left a Legace to the

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poor in which there was a Meadow and three  
sitter house, the poorest people in went free, and  
the meadow called the wite Bread Close. and the people  
have some of the bread to this very day, tenants  
old John Inland and old Nancy Mitchel and old Master  
Field, Richard Freeman, that building was is one John  
Jones waterman

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Now I would like to erect a mistake that lies  
betwix Walter Briano and the fish house, there was 2  
little houses over Jame Moor scot master he lived  
in one and his scot was the other.

If you can find me one of the levy books  
you may see the distar between every house  
together with its improvement every way, and the  
difference between 1776 and 1851.

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But I forget 3 little houses Ipsley side, one  
called the Tarhus, the other were Quaker Shuards,  
and a whoman lived they called her Nancy  
Butterfly, Mr Chambers lives there now.

hucking into the Levy Book you may see wher  
he begins to collect the levy, and then you will  
follow and you have it straight before you.

Good By

Joseph Monk

Joseph Monk was a Primitive Methodist Preacher "died many years ago"  
upwards of 90. Was a soft worker. lived at the Round House, and  
later at a small cottage in Blind Lane.

Appearances of Wm + Ann Sable - Overseer's Book.

1797  
May - twice June - 7 times, to Ann "been ill" or in want  
July - twice August - once October - twice November - 3 times  
December - 3 times  
Payments for 1/- to 2/- - all but once "in want".

1798.  
January - 5 times February - twice March - 4 times  
April - 3 times  
From May a new Overseer - refers to William as "Sabile"  
May - 3 times June - twice July - 3 times August - once  
September - twice November - 3 times December 3 times vic. Coal.  
Payments rarely above 1/-, usually to William not Ann.

1799.  
January - 3 times February - 6 times March - 3 times  
April - twice May - once, cloth, once 6d.  
June - 3 times July - once, referred to as "by pay"  
August - once November - once December - 6 times  
including Christmas Day for 1/-

1800.  
January - 14 times, vic. 2 cut. of coal and one payment of 2/6.  
February - 13 times, mostly for 2/-  
March - 8 times April - 11 times vic 2 visits on one day  
May - 12 times June - 15 times, including sheets + illness  
July - 17 times including payment for midwife delivering Sarah.  
August - 17 times including three twice daily visits.  
September - 14 times  
October - 20 times, including paying fee for apprenticing John.  
November - 26 appearances.  
December - 21 times, including 3/- on Christmas Day, and  
one payment of 4/- and some coal.

1801  
January - 31 times vic. Coal and 10<sup>0</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of cloth.  
February - 31 times, vic 2 lots of coal and a pair of blankets

1801  
March - 31 appearances, vic. repair of Ann's Wheel.  
April - 13 appearances, vic 7/6, repair of William's shoes + Ann's Wheel.  
May - 5 appearances, vic. 9 yds of cloth.  
June - 5 times, few of them William recorded as ill.  
July - Nothing!  
August - once for 6d.  
November - 2/- for an axe. December - twice

1802.  
January - 6 times, including one for coal.  
February - 5 times, three of weekly intervals referred to as a week's pay  
March - nothing!  
April - once, 1 cut. of coal.  
Disappearance of Wm. Sable from records - new Overseer. No  
obvious sign of improved conditions.  
November - once, "Ann for her child"  
December - 3 times

1803.  
January - 3 times, once Ann is with Widow Huns.  
February - 4 times, for coal  
March - 5 times, once for coal, twice for "Sabile been ill"  
April - twice "her child been ill"  
June 13<sup>th</sup> William Sabill re-appears - 3 times, once "been ill".  
August - once 8 calls of cloth for Sabell.  
September - payment to midwife for delivering Hannah.  
October - 3 times November - 3 times, twice for coal.  
December - 2 cut of bucke, Quarter of Linc: Draining houses:  
Repairs to Sabill's house. 2 other payments

1804  
January - once  
February - repairs to house, one day's work @ £3:00:00  
End of the book.