

Otherwise called Church Lane , this ancient lane connecting the upper part of the village at the top of Town Hill & High Street [also formerly called Hillside] with the lower area around the Church has the remains of its cobbled surface still apparent near the White Swan . Behind the pub , running down the hill on the left hand side were old cottages which can be seen on early maps ; on the right was the original wall boundary of the Vicarage grounds. Set into this wall , halfway down , can be seen the doorways of the privies for the cottages opposite.

In 2000 there remain 4 dwellings on a site which must have housed many more families in former times . These cottages , possibly built like so many others in Bramham in the late C17 -- they appeared on the 1817 and 1838 Lane Fox maps , and the 1847 OS map , in much the same positions as today. However , the name of the bottom one , above the Village Hall and nearest to the Church , **All Saints Close** , may give the clue that several dwellings formerly occupied the plot. The same may have been true of **Eastwood Cottage**.

About **Primrose Cottage** and **Far Primrose Cottage** we know rather more , at least of their C20 history , for they were the home during part of their boyhood of Arthur and Harry Tindall , and their family home beforehand.

At that stage they consisted of a dwelling house and two cottages , together with a detached cottage , all situated in **Potter 's Yard** .

The house was occupied for many years by three generations of the Tindall family. From the late C 19 until 1912 , Robert Tindall , his wife and their 9 children [5 boys , 4 girls] lived here , after which it was rented by a Mrs. Wray. In 1927 son Herbert Tindall took up the rent with his family of wife and 6 children , until the house was purchased by their eldest son Arthur while he was serving with the RAF in Malta. In December 1947 Arthur sold to Captain Blackburn , the aviator , of Bowcliffe Hall , whose tenant was one of his grooms , George Young , and family. On the deaths of Captain Blackburn and George Young , the latter ' s widow gave up the tenancy during the 1960 's , when the house was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. George Trevor King.

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The present bay window in the gable end of the house replaced the windows of the two smaller rooms which became converted into the present larger room. [See the picture of Herbert Tindall .]

The detached cottage was demolished in the 1930 's as being found unfit for human habitation ; the then tenants , Mrs. Booker and her daughter, were re - housed elsewhere. In the period before WW2 , there were many tenants in the two cottages attached to the house [eg. the families Peacock , Baxter , Bishop , Bigland Chambers , Raynor , among others] . They were converted into the one now known as Far Primrose Cottage by Mrs. Helen Dixon , who arrived to work in the Thorp Arch munitions factory. She was still living here in 2000 .





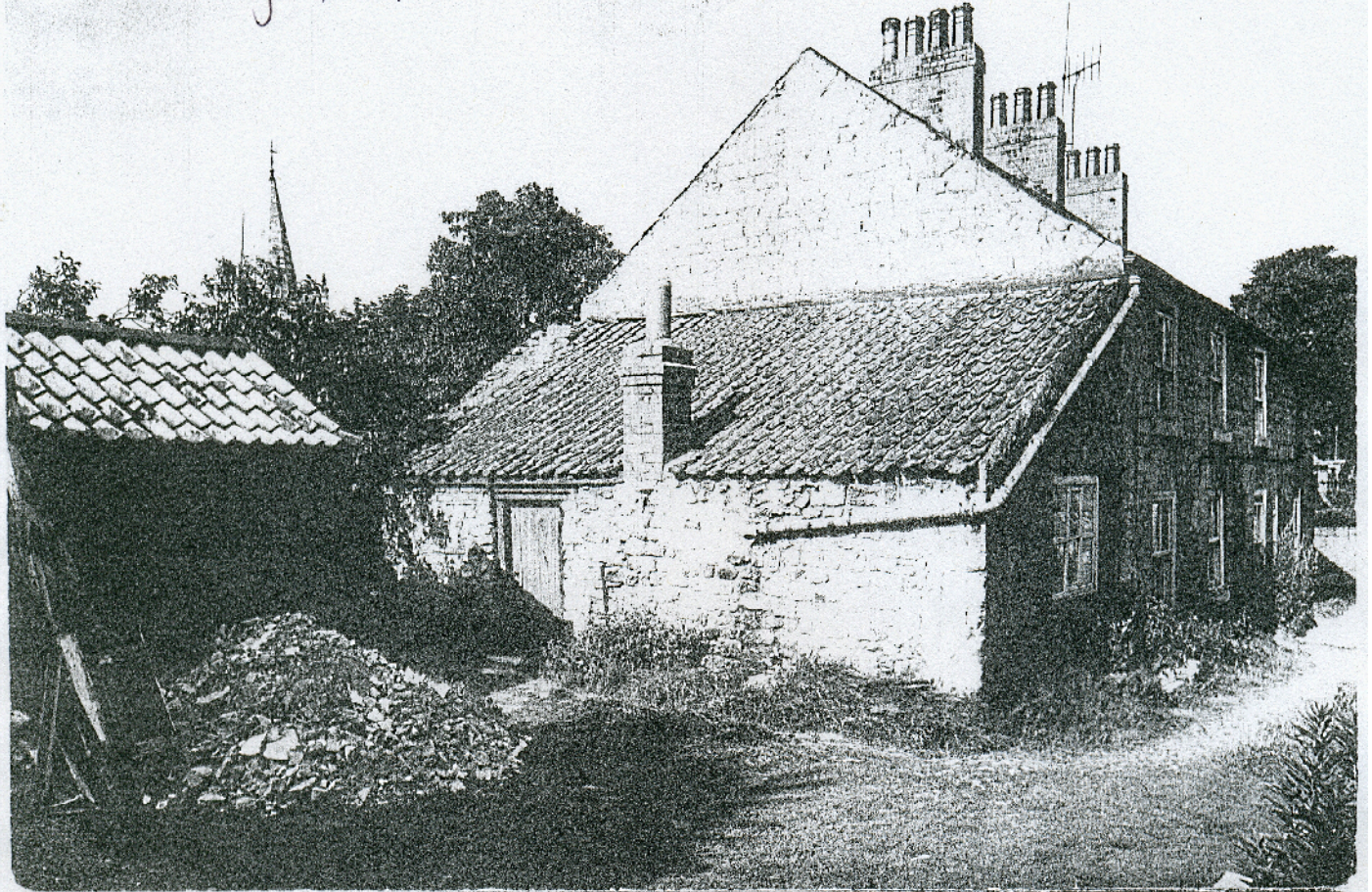


Ancient cobbles at the top of Church Hill,
next to the Swan, October 96



and behind The Swan, October 2000.

Primrose and Far Primrose
Cottages; early C20.



Taken in 1937, by Arthur Tindall, from the Church Tower.





The Primroses, Autumn 2000

and, beneath them, the Village Hall carpark



