

Manorfield Detectives



So, this is what happened to the old Franks' Arms pub on December 18th 1910.

After a great deal of heavy rainfall, the pub and many of the outbuildings were lost into Clint Hill quarry after a landslide.

This photo was taken when men were attempting to salvage what they could; nobody was hurt in the accident.

The replacement for the Franks' Arms was built, where it still stands today on Huncote Road, although it was renamed the Francis Arms-some say by some kind of mistake-who knows?

With the name the Franks' Arms, you would imagine a pub sign with the coat-of-arms of the Frank family on it.

Funnily enough, there was a family in Stoney Stanton called Franks.

In St.Michael's churchyard, on the left hand side of the chancel, near the footpath is this headstone to Thomas Franks and his wife Mary. Thomas died in 1802 aged 81 and Mary had died the previous year, 1801 aged 78.

Look closely at the slate headstone and you'll notice the coat-of arms set inside an oval at the top of the stone.

Maybe, this was the coat-of-arms which was on the sign hanging outside the old Franks' Arms on Back Street all those years ago.



There are other gravestones to other members of the Franks family; maybe they built the original pub.

The pub was definitely there in 1810, when a 'Friendly Society' was created there, for the benefit of the sick within the parish, by the then rector, Reverend Robert Boucher Nickolls and other prominent members of the village.

If you look again at the photo of the headstone, imagine what your own coat-of-arms might look like. You can get some ideas by following these links-

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/easter/preparing-for-easter-adventure-quests/our-guide-to-heraldry/>

<https://www.theheraldrysociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Heraldry-For-Beginners.pdf>

Maybe you could design your own coat-of-arms.