

Manorfield Detectives.



How a building can change and evolve over time.

This picture is of Stanton House, but probably **not** the view you are familiar with.

This is the front of the house, which faces out towards Croft. The view villagers see from Long Street, is actually the rear of the house.

Stanton House is a Grade II listed house. This means that it has architectural and historical significance, meaning that the house is protected from being altered and modernised to ensure it remains for future generations.

It was built by a famous Leicestershire architect, Henry Goddard-he was commissioned by Henry Townsend who wanted this house and stables built in Stoney Stanton.

From records, it was built around 1840 at a cost of £1,945.



This gravestone in the churchyard is a raised ledger tomb in the form of a cross.

This one is known to mark the grave of one of the Townsend family, one time owners of Stanton House.

It isn't clear, who the grave is for because any inscriptions have long since eroded by wind and rain.

There are however two burials recorded in the church records.

Henry Townshend buried February 15th 1865 aged 49 and his wife Elizabeth Townshend buried June 3rd 1872 aged 36.

They were the parents of the three children also recorded in the church baptism records,

Mary Elizabeth baptised July 7th 1861.

Susan Edith baptised May 17th 1863

Henry baptised July 9th 1865.

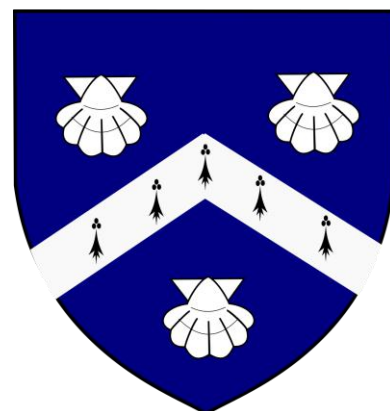
You might notice that Henry Senior died before his young son Henry was born.

The family moved next door to Yew Tree House after the death of Henry Townshend.

The clue to who the grave belongs is the coat of arms which can still be seen.

Here is a Townsend

Coat of Arms, see how similar it is to what survives on the tomb in the churchyard.





Here is a close up picture, you can see the sea shells at the top and the upwards chevron but there is something a little different below the chevron. There is also some faded and worn writing around the crest.

This may be how the Townhend crest was joined to another family crest through marriage.

Now we will see what happened to the house after the Townshend family moved out.

Mrs Katherine Applebee moved in and turned Stanton House into a private boarding school for young ladies as you can see here. This information is from the 1871 census and it shows us who was living there, how old they were and where they were from.

Mrs Applebee had pupils from all over the United Kingdom and even some from India.

What can you discover about Cuttack, India. Try the link below.

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Cuttack>

Stanton House	Katherine	Applebee	wife	m	34	school mistress	Middlesex, Chelsea
Stanton House	William	Applebee	son		13	scholar	N'hampton, Daventry
Stanton House	Sarah	Applebee	daughter		8	scholar	Birmingham
Stanton House	James	Applebee	son		6	scholar	N'hampton, Daventry
Stanton House	John	Applebee	son		4	scholar	N'hampton, Daventry
Stanton House	Blanche	Smythes	Boarder	s	18	teacher	Middlesex, London
Stanton House	Eleanor	Marcs	Boarder	s	16	scholar	Lincs, ??? Magna
Stanton House	Catherine	Bosworth	Boarder		15	scholar	Leics, Humberstone
Stanton House	Marina	Spedding	Boarder		14	scholar	Shropshire, Shifnal
Stanton House	Frances	Pullen	Boarder		11	scholar	Staffs, Barton Under Needwood
Stanton House	Frances	Paulman	Boarder		10	scholar	Derbyshire, Moira
Stanton House	Maffelia?	Boothby	Boarder		9	scholar	Cuttack, Northern India ?
Stanton House	Frances	Boothby	Boarder		10	scholar	Cuttack, Northern India ?
Stanton House	Sarah	Bessy	visitor	s	51	teacher	Middlesex, Stepney
Stanton House	Amelia	Brown	servant	s	24	cook domestic	Leics, Donisthorpe
Stanton House	Adela	Taylor	servant	s	21	housemaid	Leics, Stoney Stanton
Stanton House	Mary	Taylor	servant	s	14	housemaid	Leics, Stoney Stanton

The school however, had gone by 1877 when a Mr Statham bought the house; he was a merchant but only lived there for a few years before he emigrated to America.

Next was the return of the young Henry Townshend, when only 18 years old he bought the house and lived there for 3 years.

He was followed by a Dr. Turner.

The next owner was the Dowager Lady Dixie, who lived there for 23 years from 1887 until 1902.

Lady Maria Catherine Dixie moved to Stanton House after the death of her husband Alexander Beaumont Churchill Dixie. Previously the family had lived at Bosworth Hall, Market Bosworth.



Bosworth Hall.

The Dowager, Lady Dixie died on April 16th 1902.

The next owner was a corn merchant, Mr George Doudney who was in residence in 1911, followed by Mr Isaac Abbott in 1914.

Isaac Abbott turned what had been the billiards and games room into a drapers shop. Different members of the Abbott family continued to live there.

The house has since been split into flats and then restored, run as a children's home and then returned to being a family home again.

Can you think of other buildings in the village which are used for a different purpose to the one they were originally built for?