

200 Years of the Hindleys in Antrobus; 1769-1969.

On the map of Antrobus, Cheshire, above, the numbers refer to:-

1. Joseph Hindley (1806-1892) lived on Hollins Lane in the area of Reed House and Reed House Cottage. Censuses 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881.
2. Joseph Hindley (1832-1903) lived at Hammersmith Villas on Pool's Platt Lane. Censuses 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901.
Joseph Hindley (1875-1956) was here for the 1911 Census.
3. Joseph Hindley (1875-1956) lived on Nook Lane (1901 Census).
Frank Hindley (1869-1949) was living here during the 1911 Census.
4. Fanny Hindley (1878-1958) lived here in her later years.

Where did the earliest Hindleys in the Antrobus area actually live? And the search for Reed House Cottage.

The earliest document relating to the Hindleys in Antrobus is from the marriage of George Hindley (c1743-1839) and Margaret Gandy on 17th June 1769 but this only says that George is from the Parish of Great Budworth. However, their first child, Mary, was baptised on 16th July 1769 at Great Budworth Church. The Chester Bishop's Transcript for this Baptism lists Antrobus as the village of residence. All six children had Antrobus as their home village.

According to the Censuses (from 1841) the Hindleys of Antrobus were living in the vicinity of Reed House Cottage. Unfortunately most Census data does not give exact addresses.

My original thinking was that Reed House Cottage would be close to Reed House Farm on Hollins Lane, Antrobus.

In 1998 I wrote to the occupier of Reed House Farm and had the following reply:- "I have had to make some enquiries. The cottage you refer to is in Barbers Lane (marked by a cross on the enclosed map). There are two houses now called Hammersmith Buildings but were known as Reed Cottages many years ago". *The cross referred to above is just north of Hill House in the Whitley Reed area and is unlikely mark the right spot.*

Then I thought that Reed House Cottage could have been on the Arley Estate so, in 1999, I contacted Arley Hall. Charles Foster replied that the Estate never owned Reed House or Pools Platt and they had no archives that might help. However, he suggested that Reed House Cottage would be close to Reed House Farm. It could have been a one-storey timber framed building with one or two rooms that was demolished, or fell down, around the 1860s.

By 2012 the internet allowed me to take a close look at the Census entries with regard to housing and occupiers. This is what I found based on the order of the Census entries.

1841 Census for Antrobus

Dwellings

1 Pools Platt
1 Hollins
8 Reed House

(Joseph Hindley,35, was in the 5th of the 8).

5 Grandsires Green
5 Old Pole

1851 Census for Antrobus

Dwelling number

8 Near Pools Platt
9 Pools Platt Farm
10 Hollins Farm
11 Reed House Farm
12,13 Near Reed House
14-18 Reed House Cottage

(Joseph Hindley,45, was the 18th entry).

19 Grandsires Green
20,21 Grandsires Green Cottage
22 Shaw Brook

1861 Census for Antrobus

Dwelling number

6 Pools Platt
7 Hollins Farm
8-15 Reed House

(Joseph Hindley,55, was the 15th entry)

16-18 Grandsires Green
19 Shaw Brook

1871 Census for Antrobus

41-43 Shaw Brook
44-52 Grandsires Green

(Joseph Hindley,65, was the 45 entry)

53 Reed House
54 The Hollins
55-58 Pools Platt

(Joseph Hindley,38, was the 57th entry)

59-60 Hall? Farm
61 Nook House

These Census details tell us that from 1841 (at the latest) until around 1880 a Hindley family was living on Hollins Lane, Antrobus, quite close to Grandsires Green.

Also, one branch of the Hindley family had moved to Pools Platt by 1871. This semi-detached property was Hammersmith Buildings, built in 1857. These houses were later known as Hammersmith Villas. A Hammersmith is a name derived from a Hammerman. A Hammerman is defined as a man who works with a hammer, especially a smith or worker in metal: also a blacksmith's striker. A shoemaker also works with a hammer.

1881 Census for Antrobus

66 Shaw Brook
67-73 Grandsires Green
74 Reed House
75,76 The Hollins

(Joseph Hindley,75, was the 76th entry)

77-87 Pools Platt

(Joseph Hindley,48, was the 80th entry)

88 Gib Hill

1891 Census for Antrobus

60 Shaw Brook Farm
61-64 Grandsires Green
65-67 Reed House
68 The Hollins
69-73 Pools Platt

(Joseph Hindley,58, was the 71st entry)

74-76 Reed Side

77-78 The Grange

79 Belmont Lodge

1901 Census for Antrobus

14 Whitley Reed
15-18 Oak Cottage
19-21 Hill Farm

(Joseph Hindley,68, was the 21st entry)

22 Pools Platt

23 Flash Farm

24-26 Nook Lane

(Joseph Hindley,26, was the 24th entry)

27-28 Nook Farm

29-30 The Hollies

31-36 Reed House

1911 Census for Antrobus

Not numbered.

Nook Cottages

Nook Cottages **Frank Hindley,41.**

Flash Farm

Antrobus (Antrobus is the address given by **Joseph Hindley,35**, on the Census form. *He was actually living at Hammersmith Villas*).

Pools Platt Lane

After 1911 Joseph Hindley continued to live at Hammersmith Villas until his death in 1956. His son, Frank Hindley, became the owner until his death in 1969.

Frank was the last of the Hindleys to live in Antrobus.

1969 was the end of 200 years of Hindleys in Antrobus.