

Hillview, Guilsborough Hill, Hollowell

The house was built, or more likely extended, by John Chapman, plumber and glazier, in around 1830.

The book of Hollowell Records says "the house now called Hillview" and we know there was a cottage here before so he may well have lived here already. There is mention in the Parish records of payments to Mr Chapman, plumber, in 1780, 1807 and 1815 and these are likely to have been Henry Chapman, born 1765. We are told there was a small lead foundry, which he owned but we don't know if it was at Hillview or elsewhere.

John was born in 1796 in Hollowell. His parents were Henry & Elizabeth. He lived in Hollowell all his life. In 1825 it seems likely he married Mary Newham in Guilsborough.

In 1841 John Chapman is listed as a plumber and was living at Hillview with wife Mary, son Henry, daughters Mary, Eliza, Catherine, James Holliday, a plumber, Henry Humphrey and John Dickens, both 15 and probably workers, and Elizabeth Ward, 15, a servant.

John Chapman	40	1801?, b Hollowell
Mary Chapman	35	1806?, b Little Bowden,
Mary Chapman	12	1829, b Hollowell
Henry Chapman	10	1831, b Hollowell
Eliza Chapman	8	1833, b Hollowell
Catherine Chapman	1	1840, b Hollowell
James Holliday	20	
Henry Humphrey	15	
John Dickens	15	
Elizabeth Ward	15	

In 1851 John is listed as a farmer with 90 acres, DOB 1796. He two more daughters Louisa Jane and Catherine. He then employed 3 men and 2 boys plus a servant. Daughter Mary died in October 1843 aged 14 and is buried in Guilsborough.

John Chapman	55	1796
Mary Chapman	51	1800
Anne Chapman	24	1827
Henry Chapman	20	1831
Eliza Chapman	18	1833
Catherine Chapman	11	1840
Louisa Jane Chapman	9	1842
Ann Ward	16	

In July 1858 Mary Chapman died aged 58 and is buried in Guilsborough

In 1861 John is listed as a farmer with 117 acres. His son Henry, now 30, is listed as a plumber.

John Chapman	65
Henry Chapman	30
Eliza Chapman	28
Catherine Chapman	21
Louisa Jane Chapman	19
Thomas Fellows	16
Susan Ward	17

In 1871 John has 160 acres and employs 5 men & 2 boys and Henry is a master plumber.

John Chapman 75
Henry Chapman 40
Eliza Chapman 38
Catherine Chapman 31

Henry died in 1876 aged 46.

In 1881, aged 85, John's occupation is given as "retired farmer" and he is living at Hillview with his daughter Catherine. In May 1886 John Chapman died aged 90. Catherine died in 1890, aged 50.

In 1891 it is almost certain that William Barnes, farmer, and his wife Mary were living at Hillview. William had been born in Upper Hayford and in 1881 lived in Hardingstone with son William and nephew William Sharpe .

William Barnes	49	1842 died 1912
Mary Barnes	47	1844 died 1899
William Sharpe	15	(described as nephew)
Elizabeth Bazeley	82	(stepmother)
John Barnes	4	(grandson)

(By 1901 William Barnes had moved to Glebe Farm, Chapel Brampton and by 1911 he was at The Rectory Farm in Chapel Brampton. In 1911 William and Alice Litchfield - described as nephew and niece - were living with him. He died at Lodge Farm, Chapel Brampton)

By 1901 and it seems possible that Emily Murray Potter then lived here, perhaps renting it, whilst her sisters were at Hillside Cottage. She died in 1909.

The Records book records (p. 218) that Stone House Farm house was in disrepair and was pulled down in 1906. The "red brick house on the opposite side of the road was acquired as the farmhouse". That must be Hillview.

By 1911 it seems the house was occupied by Frank Barnes, a farmer, his wife Emily Brandt Barnes (elsewhere she seems to be Emily Marriott Barnes from Little Houghton) and a domestic servant, Beatrice Surridge. Frank was 38, born in 1873 in Wimborne and lived with his mother until he married Emily in 1909 in Hardingstone. The 1911 census gives the house as having 9 rooms which fits with Hillview.

In 1921 no house is listed as having 9 rooms. The most likely occupant is Thomas Lewis(1861), a farmer, his wife Mary Ann(1863) and two daughters Doris Mabel(1903) and Pearl(1904).

At some point in the 1920s, the house was rented (see Records Book p280) by the optician Albert Edward Turville (1890-1965). He and his wife were at Hillview in 1939. Albert was born in April 1890 in Northampton, son of a watchmaker. In 1911 he was living with his parents at 204 Wellingborough Road. He trained first as a watchmaker and then as an optician. He was a pioneer of more scientific eye testing including the first electric

ophthalmoscope and developed his business at 108 Abington Street. He was a radio ham and also, during the second world war, a spy. In 1920 he became a Freemason. He married Alice Blackwell in July-September 1915. He was awarded an OBE for ophthalmic services to Birmingham University Health Centre. He died on 12 July 1965 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. (Their children were Sylvia, born in January 1918, and Elfrida, born in October 1921). Sylvia married Frederick Howe in 1940 and Elfrida married William Mason 1942.

In about the 1940s or 1950s the house was bought by Leslie William Phillips and wife Violet Edith. Leslie was a coachbuilder and wheelwright born 1907 in Flore. In 1935 he married Violet Edith Leatherland (b1914 in Hollowell). She was the daughter of James and Edith Leatherland. And in 1939 they were living in Daventry and had a son Peter.

In April 1967 Leslie Phillips sold Hillview to John Thomas and Thelma Adelaide Cripps for £3,800 (see copy of conveyance). (The Cripps had previously been living at 27 St Lukes Close, Spratton.) John Thomas Cripps was born in 1923 and in 1939 he was living at Glebe Farm, Church Brampton with his father Thomas John, mother Annie, grandfather Frederick John and brother Fred and undertaking heavy agricultural work. In 1948 he married Thelma Adelaide Copson in Brixworth. Thelma had been born in 1930 but I cannot find details of her birth. Their son Peter was born in October 1948.

The Hillside Cottage deeds then show that John Thomas and Thelma Adelaide Cripps sold the right of way through Hillside Cottage to Robert Paul and Margaret Pragnell for £200 on 3 June 1971. John and Thelma divorced soon afterwards and in 1975 he married Margaret Woolston. Geoffrey Wykes moved into Hillview with Thelma. Geoffrey Wykes was born in 1940 in Walsall (possibly). In 1960 he married Janet M Faulkner in Brixworth. They divorced in the late 1960s and in 1971 Janet married Barry RJ Ringrose.

The Docherty family with their three children owned the house from about 1978 to 1988. Father worked at Barclaycard. Thelma and Geoffrey moved to Ravensthorpe and in 2003 were living at 24 Scott Close and in 2010 at 17 High Street. Peter Cripps also lived in High Street.

Hamish Crawford Craig and Janet Mary Craig bought Hillview from the Docherty family in July 1988. Sons John and Ian, born 1979.

Summary

1841 John & Mary Chapman and family
1851 John & Mary Chapman and family
1861 John Chapman, son and family
1871 John Chapman, son and family
1881 John Chapman and daughter
1891 William Barnes and family
1901 Emily Murray Potter?
1911 Frank Barnes and family
1921 Thomas Lewis and family?
1939 Albert Edward Turville and family
1940s? Leslie William Phillips and Violet Edith (nee Leatherland)
1967 John Thomas Cripps and family
1970s Thelma Adelaide Cripps and Geoffrey Wykes with Peter Cripps
1978 Docherty family
1988 Crawford and Jan Craig