

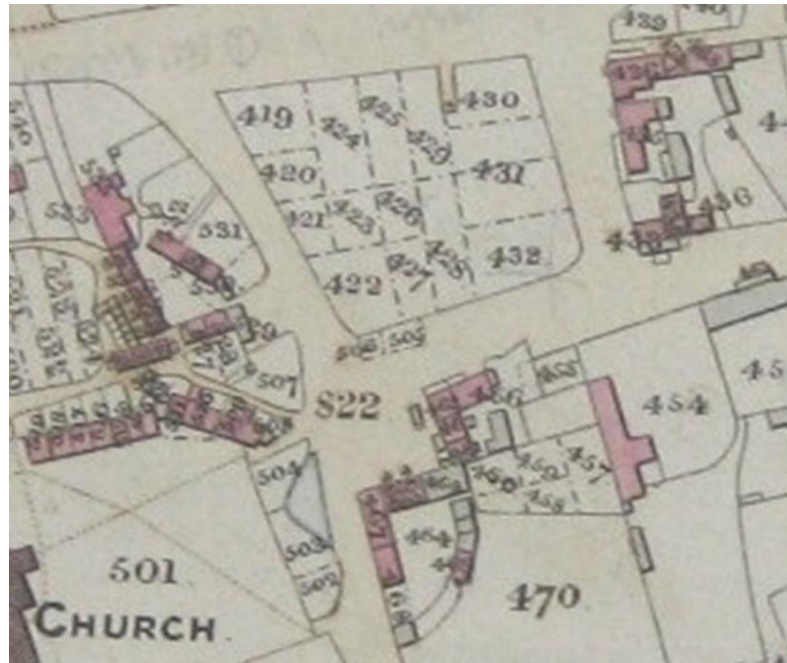
8 & 10 THE GREEN



**BARBY LOCAL
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The land where **8 & 10 The Green** now stand is shown as plot number 507 in the 1840 map below. In 1840 it was occupied by Joseph Vause, who also occupied a cottage in *The Derry*. Both plot 507 and the cottage were owned by John Salisbury, a mason who lived in *The Nutshell*. At this time there was no house built on the plot.



The Oakley Survey of 1840

Northamptonshire Record Office, ZA 431 & Map 4418

But there was a house on the site in 1867. William Flavell, born in Barby, remembered a house on this site as being detached, when, in 1974, he talked to a local newspaper about what he had found whilst clearing part of the property 20 years earlier. He had found a carpenter's bill from Mr John Middleton (junior) to Mr Thomas Hopkins of Barby who was building a house on the site in 1867. He charged £45 1d for his work and supplying of materials. (See the press cutting overleaf.)

This was presumably the house to be seen on the 1910 Valuation Survey map.



The National Archives, IR126/5/125 & IR126/5/191

House sold for £45 — in 1867

Many people would think Mr John Middleton Jnr was on to a good thing when he was presented with a bill for just over £45 for a new house at Barby. No mortgage, no surveyor's fees, no interest charges. An absolute gift; a home-hunter's dream. . . . Pity it was 107 years ago.

Yes, in 1867 houses were going for an average £10,000 less than they are selling at today. The £45 is and 1d., the late Mr Middleton paid would go nowhere in 1974.

The man who has the proof of this is 46-year-old Rugby bricklayer, Mr William Flavell, who found the builder's statement when clearing out part of the property some 30 years ago. Although slightly faded and torn at the edges, Mr Flavell's prompt action in framing the document has saved it from any further ravages of time.

Born and bred in Barby, he fondly remembers the house when it was detached; a picturesque reminder of old Barby. Today it stands a mere stone's throw from the village church, terraced and slightly modernised — looking worth a lot more than £45.

But it takes a professional to give the last word: "Yes, it's not a bad price considering it's lasted more than 100 years and should last a lot longer. They don't build the houses the same these days," said Mr Flavell.



Mr William Flavell with the £45 bill in front of the house at Barby.

[It was NOT the house which cost £45, it was the Carpenter's bill to the builder for ~~the~~ his work to the new house, built by Thomas Hopkins of Barby.

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Mr John Middleton Jnr
Thomas Hopkins

For work and labor done and materials supplied
in Building new House at Barby as under, to wit:

633	6	lineal of 3 1/2" x 1 1/2" deal for ceiling, first floor
27	9	— of 5 1/2" x 1 1/2" ridge
55	6	— of 1 1/2" x 3" wall plates
55	6	— of 7 1/2" Parting
27	9	— of 7 1/2" Ceiling beam
		3/4" leaded lid in Ceiling 8' 0" x 1' 4" with
		Casing to give access to roof
500	0	Super of labor and nails to roof
375	0	— of do do to Ceiling joist
21	0	— of do do to partition
24	0	— of do do to stable flooring
		Filling and hanging 3rd doors to the
		Closet in bedroom and to the fire
		Bedroom doorways
		2 pair 16" and 1 pair 18" scotch hinges with
		2 1/2" x 3" x 1" & 2 1/2" x 7 1/2" x 1" & 2 1/2" x 10" x 1"
		4 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 1" nailed on the doors to
		make them out the right length and
		pieces put on under the hinges to make
		the door tight
103	0	lineal of 5 1/2" x 1 1/2" deal for doors in 3 sets
153	0	— of 7 1/2" Joist
311	3	— of 8" deal Floor
7	0	— of 9 1/2" deal window
58	0	— of 1 1/2" x 3" do

Left: Rugby Advertiser, 20 December 1974, with comment from Barby Local History Group (BLHG) archivist

Right: The first page of the carpenter's bill from 1867; note the re-use of doors

The national census of 1911 shows the house occupied by the widowed Sarah Ann Bedding, her mother, Sarah Musson, and six children; Sarah's husband Thomas, born in Woolscott, had died in 1910 at the age of 59. In 1921, Sarah was an occasional char, living with three children and a young married couple: her daughter Edith Mitchell and her husband Ernest. Sarah's son George and Ernest were both working as farmhands for Rev Mitchell.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 64
(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	DEFERMENT
Sarah Ann Bedding	Head	40	Widow		Barby, Northants		
Edith May Bedding	Daughter	12			Barby		
George Henry Bedding	Son	11			Barby		
Frances Ellen Bedding	Daughter	9			Barby		
Mildred May Bedding	Daughter	6			Barby		
Doris Edith Bedding	Daughter	3			Barby		
Sarah Musson	Daughter	76	Widow		Warrich, Chilton 180		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

I certify that:
(1) All the persons named in this Schedule are persons who were living on the night of Sunday, 2nd April, 1911, in the dwelling and in the household of the person named in the first column of the Schedule.
(2) After making the necessary inquiries I have completed all entries in the Schedule with regard to the persons named, and have placed in the appropriate columns the correct particulars.
(3) I have placed in the appropriate columns the correct particulars of the persons named, and have placed in the appropriate columns the correct particulars of the persons named.

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge of the dwelling.)

Write below the Number of House in this Dwelling (House, Apartment, or Room), and the Address of the Dwelling, and the Name of the Person in Charge of the Dwelling.

Signature Sarah Ann Bedding
Post Office Address Barby, Rugby

Above: 1911 census return

Below: 1921 census return

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Please read the Instructions and Examples shown on the back, and then fill up the Schedule carefully and in Ink.

To be filled up by the Enumerator

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household	AGE and SEX	BIRTHPLACE and BIRTHDATE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Place of Work	DEFERMENT
Sarah Ann Bedding	Head	50	1 F	Widow	Barby, Northants	
Ernest James Mitchell	Son	25	6 M	Married	Barby, Northants	
Edith May Bedding	Daughter	22	9 F	Married	Barby, Northants	
George Henry Bedding	Son	21	8 M	Single	Barby, Northants	
Doris Edith Bedding	Daughter	11	11 F	Single	Barby, Northants	
Evelyn Bedding	Daughter	10	4 F	Single	Barby, Northants	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature S. A. Bedding
(Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for making the return)

The 1939 Register gives the occupants as Sarah Bedding, Evelyn Bedding and Frank Jackson. By 1946, only Sarah is listed on the electoral roll at this address. The following year, Evelyn married Frank. Sarah, born in Barby in 1871, died in 1953.



A 1950s photo of 10 *The Green* with the church behind: BLHG P02/090 Village Centre



8 & 10 *The Green*, decidedly two houses, in 1989

BLHG PD 04/029

Campbells Estate Agents placed an advertisement (below) in the *Daventry Express* on 20 August 2009, offering the two cottages for sale as one plot.



The houses were demolished in 2010 to make way for rebuilding. In the photo below, the window above the door of No 8 was a false one, painted to match the other two.





The new houses completed in 2012

BLHG PD 2012/160

(BLHG PD 2024/026, on the cover of this article, shows the houses in 2024, with 6 *The Green* having replaced part of the factory shown in the photo above.)