

VICTORIAN HISTORY OF MOSTON



Title	Bromfields Tenement, Red Lane, Elton
Type	Bricklayers Smallholding
Date Produced	6 th October 2023
Known As	Bromfield's Tenement
Internal Reference	E48P
1840 Owner	Lord Crewe
1840 Occupier	John Lloyd
Tithe Map Apportionments	203a, 162 and 163
1840 Area	1 acre, 2 roods, 25 perches



Site of Bromfield's – Entrance opposite Brunello House



Bromfield's Tenement OS Map 2023



This property which is now long since gone was there at least since Daniel Bromfield was granted a lease on the land in 1769 and possibly earlier. As with the tradition of naming properties after their occupiers, the cottage became known as “Bromfields Tenement”

The Tithe map of 1840 shows the occupant at the time to be John Lloyd and details of his lease are shown below. By this time, John (1769-1843) was an elderly man and indeed was only to live a further two years before passing.

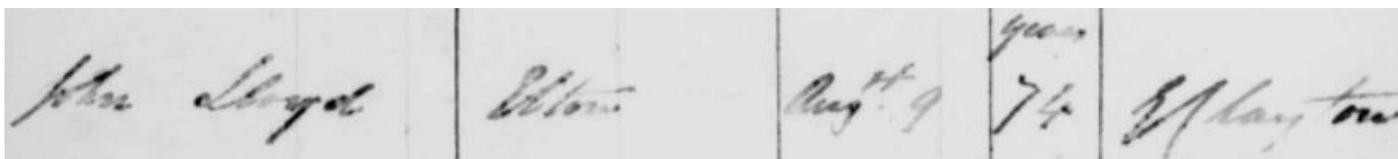
The property appears to have been held throughout the Victorian period by John Lloyd an his descendants with a total period in situ of approximately 120 years.



Township ▲	Parish ◆	Plot ◆	Landowner(s) ◆	Occupier(s) ◆	Plot Name ◆	Land Use ◆	Acres ◆	Roods ◆	Perches ◆
Elton	Warmingham	161	Lord Crewe	John Lloyd	Moss Piece		0	3	14
Elton	Warmingham	162	Lord Crewe	John Lloyd	Moss Piece		0	2	26
Elton	Warmingham	203a	Lord Crewe	John Lloyd	Cottage and Gardens		0	0	25

1840 Tithe Map and Apportionment

John Lloyd came from a family of bricksetters, being the son of John Lloyd who lived further down the lane towards Rookery Bridge at what was known as “Lightfoots Tenement”. He took out a lease on Bromfields in 1797 and lived there the rest of his life though he does seem to have connections with both Liverpool and Manchester.



Warmingham Burials 1843

1841 England Census for John Lloyd

Cheshire > Warrington > Sandbach > District 21

1	John Lloyd	40	Bricklayer	M
	Mary	66		M
	Thomas Venables	30	Ag. Lab.	M
	Sarah do	20		M
	Harriet do	9		M
	Joseph Kennedey	25	Labour	M

National Archives 1841 census

So by referencing the 1841 census and the Crewe Estate Lease, it can be seen that the property was a semi-detached cottage, John Lloyd the leaseholder and his wife Mary were on the one side and on the other were his tenants, the family of Thomas Venables and another. As Thomas's nine month old daughter was born outside the county, they had only recently moved in with their new landlord. By 1851, Thomas has moved away .

58	Late Bromfields' Tenement	John Lloyd Thompson	Appropriation of reserved Rent from March 1842 to 6 th Aug ^t 1843 when the Lease expired } 0.2.3 1. 2. 25	6.11.9
			Appropriation of Rack Rent at £10 p ^{er} ann ^{uum} from 6 Aug ^t 1843 to Lady-day 1844 } 6.9.6	

Crewe Estate Rentals 1842-43 DCR 59-5-077

John Lloyd died in 1843 and at that time, a rack (annual) rent lease of £10 per annum was entered into by his son John Lloyd Thompson (1808-1892). John Lloyd Thompson was the illegitimate son of Nancy Thompson and John Lloyd the reputed father.

5	John Lloyd Son of Nancy Thompson Reputed Father John Lloyd 27 March	June
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Middlewich Baptism Register 1808

Given that he took over the lease and entered into the same profession of a bricklayer, I guess John Lloyd did accept him as his son. His stepmother Mary remained at the property until she died in 1858. Although John Lloyd Thompson was baptised in Middlewich, he consistently stated throughout the census returns that he was born on Manchester. He married Rachael Merrill at Middlewich 1829 and were on St Ann's Street in Middlewich on the 1841 census but moved to Elton by 1843, on the death of his father when he took on the lease.

Mon cont^d 52 John Lloyd for late
Branfields

1836	
1837	0. 3. 6
1838	0. 3. 0
1839	0. 2. 3
1840	1. 9. 6
1841	0. 3. 0
1842	0. 3. 0
1843	6. 11. 6
1844	10. 0. 0

John Thompson Lloyd for the above cont^d
 Disposition of business land from March 1842 to Aug 1843 }
 Disposition of land at 210th Ann^l from 6 August }
 to August 1843 }

Crewe Estate Rentals - DCR 59-2-23 1836-1844

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Middlewich
 in the County of Cheshire in the Year 1829

John Lloyd Thompson of this Parish
 / Township of Newton - Bricklayer
 and Rachael Merrill of this Parish
 / Township of Newton
 were married in this Church by James with Consent of
 this twelfth Day of
July in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine
 By me Sam Wood Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us John Lloyd Thompson
 the man & Rachael Merrill
 In the Presence of { William Thompson
William Thompson

No. 547.

Middlewich Marriage Register 1829

1851 England Census

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > 13

76	Red Lane	Mary Lloyd	Head	Widow	68	Storekeeper
77	Red Lane	John Heulson	Head	M.	20	
		Ann D.	Wife	M.	27	
		Allen D.	Son	U.	12	
78	Red Lane	John Lloyd Thompson	Head	M.	57	Bricklayer
		Rachael Thompson	Wife	M.	35	
		William D.	Son	U.	16	Cardwainer
		John D.	Son	U.	11	Schoolar
		Rachael D.	Daughter	U.	4	Do Do
		Willm D.	Daughter	U.	2	Do Do
		Alice D.	Granddaughter	U.	1	Infant

National Archives 1851 census

John Lloyd Thompson maintained the occupation of a bricklayer almost throughout his life, but right at the end in the 1891 census he described himself as a farmer perhaps having retired from the strenuous life of bricklaying. Having said that, the probate of his will referred to him as a builder.

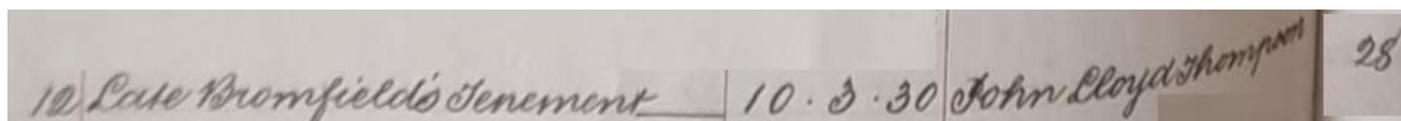
1871 England Census for John S Thompson

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Occupation	Residence
John S Thompson	Head	Man	69	Bricklayer	Manchester
Rachael	Wife	Woman	61	Housewife	Cheshire Middlewich
John	Son	Man	31	Bricklayers Labourer	Do Do
Ellen	Daughter	Woman	20	Silk Weaver	Do Elton
Mary J.	Daughter	Woman	17	General Servant	Do Do
William	Brother	Man	✓	Annuitant	Manchester

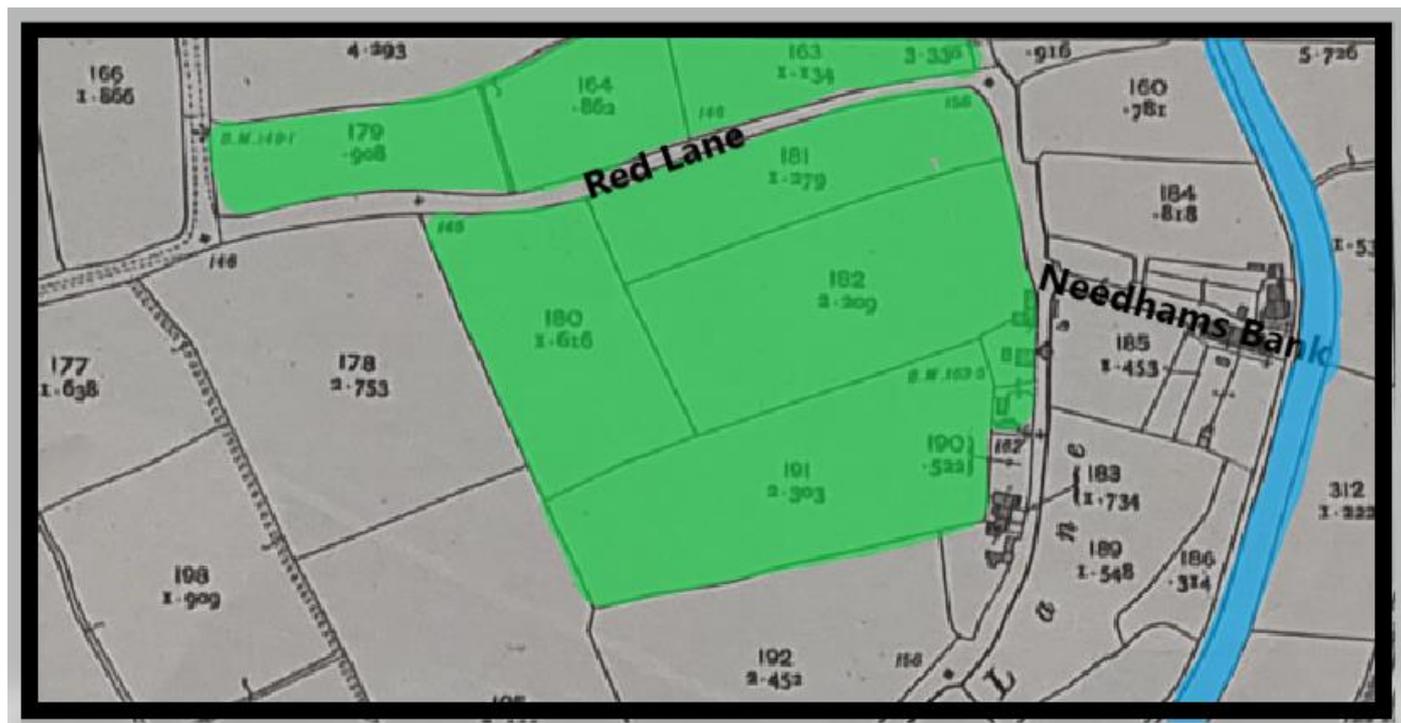
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A review of the Crewe Records show that in 1885-86, John Lloyd Thompson's rent was increased to £28 per annum as a result of him taking on additional land, all in the vicinity of Red Lane. This will have probably coincided with his starting as a farmer.



Crewe Estate Accounts 1885-86 DCR 59-5-121

This entry is accompanied by a statement "this rent is increased from £12 in consequence of 3-1-5 late in lease to George Shaw, 2-3-5 held by Adam Lowe and 3-0-29 held by Thomas Arden being additional land and buildings"



Bromfields Tenement 1886

A few years later, further land off Red Lane historically known as "The Red Hills" (hence the name of the lane) was taken on by John Thompson meaning at the time of his death, the farm amounted to some 18 acres.

John Thompson (1845-1913) died at Bromfield's Tenement having lived at the property for his whole life, initially as a bricklayer's labourer to his father and then as a farmer. Also at the property was his elder spinster sister and his brother in law Charles Brereton and it was Charles who was named as the occupier of the property when Lord Crewe sold off the Elton portion of his estate.

1897. Marriage solemnized at <i>St Peter's</i> in the Parish of <i>Elworth</i> in the County of <i>Chester</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
370	Dec: 27	Charles Brereton Jane Thompson	full full	Widower Spinster	Labourer —	Elworth Elworth	James Brereton John Thompson	Labourer Bricklayer
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, <i>after banns</i> by me, <i>J Hunt</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>Charles Brereton & his wife Jane Thompson</i> in the Presence of us, <i>Joseph Hodgkinson</i> <i>Wm W. Hodgkinson</i>								

Elworth St Peter Marriages 1897

1901 England Census for Charles Brereton									
Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 18									
Red Lane	1			Charles Brereton	Head	M	45	70	General Labourer
				Jane - do -	Wife	M	44	44	
				John Thompson	Bachelor	S	56		General Labourer
				Ann - do -	Spinster	S		66	
Heidhams Bank				Mary Brereton	Daughter	S		16	

National Archives 1901 census

1911 England Census for John Thompson									
Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18									
John Thompson	Head	66		Single	-	-	-	-	Farmer 100
James Brereton	Sister		53	Married	H	None	-	-	
Charles Brereton	Servant		56	Married	-	-	-	-	Waggoner on farm 130

National Archives 1911 census

Charles was the illegitimate son of Sarah Brereton from Mow Cop near Alsager. He moved to Elworth in the 1870's when he secured work at Thomas Vickers's Bone Mill at Rookery Bridge alongside the Trent & Mersey Canal. In 1911, he was a waggoner for his brother in Law but after the sale of the estate he seems to have given up on farming, moved to Rookery Bridge and resumed his employment at the Bone Mill.

Charles outlived his wife by a couple of years and died in 1931 never having had any children of their own.

LOT 18

Coloured Pink on Plan No. 2.

A VALUABLE

Freehold Small Holding

In the occupation of Mr. Charles Brereton,
and Field No. 178 occupied by Mr. Adam Lowe,

Known as

Elton Farm, Red Lane,

Comprising an Area of

17 acres 2 roods 6 perches

Or thereabouts.

THE HOUSE

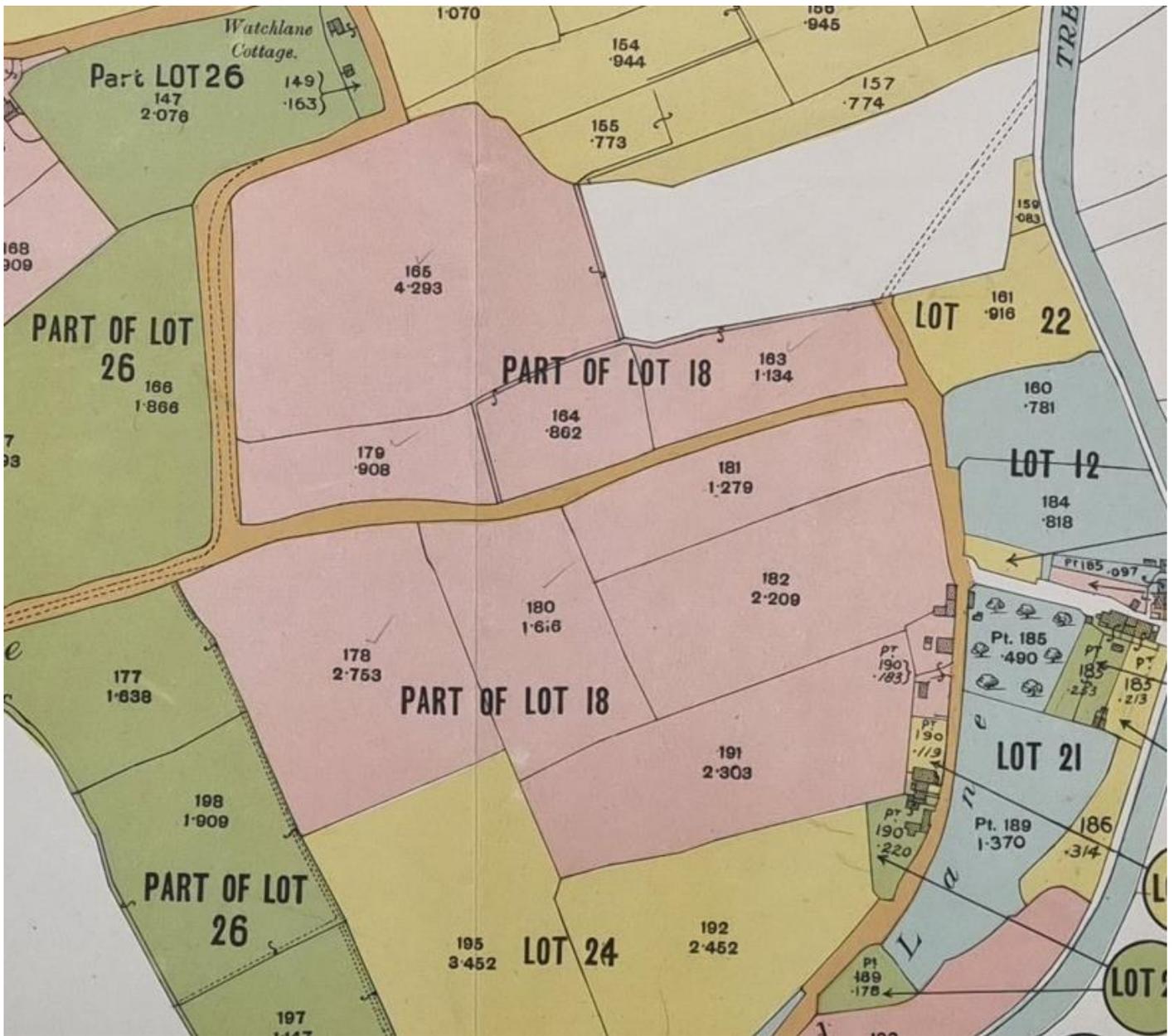
Contains Parlour, Kitchen, Lobby, Pantry, Wash-house, and 2 Bedrooms.

THE BUILDINGS

include Shippens for 6 Cows, Three-stalled Stable, Calf Cote, and Pigsty.

SCHEDULE

No. on Ordnance Survey.	Description.	Acres.
165	Field.	
179	do.	4.293
164	do.	.908
163	do.	.862
180	do.	1.134
178	do (A. Lowe)	1.616
181	do.	2.753
182	do.	1.279
191	do.	2.209
Pt. 190	House, Garden, &c.	2.303
		.183
	Total Acres ...	17.540



List of Owners and Occupiers

Year	Source	First Name	Surname	Lived	Age	Years at		Rent	Occupation	Status	Other
						Property	Acres				
1746	Lease	Daniel	Bromfield	1728-1798	18	52	1			Tenant	
1762	Crewe Estate	Daniel	Bromfield	1728-1798	34			1s 8d		Tenant	
1766	Wyatt Survey	Daniel	Bromfield	1728-1798	38					Tenant	
1795	Crewe Estate	John	Lloyd	1769-1843	26	47		3s	Bricklayer	Tenant	son of John Lloyd (Lightfoots)
1840	Tithe	Hungerford	Crewe	1812-1894	28	n/a			Gentleman	Owner	
1840	Tithe	John	Lloyd	1769-1843	71		2		Bricklayer	Tenant	
1841	Census	John	Lloyd	1769-1843	72				Bricklayer	Tenant	
1843	Crewe Estate	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	35	49		£10pa	Bricklayer	Tenant	Reputed Son of John Lloyd
1851	Census	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	43				Bricklayer	Tenant	
1861	Census	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	53				Bricklayer	Tenant	
1871	Census	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	63				Bricklayer	Tenant	
1881	Census	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	73				Bricklayer	Tenant	
1885	Crewe Estate	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	77		11	£28pa	Bricklayer	Tenant	
1891	Census	John Lloyd	Thompson	1808-1892	83				Farmer	Tenant	
1901	Census	John	Thompson	1845-1913	56	68			Labourer	Tenant	Son of John Lloyd Thompson
1910	Crewe Estate	John	Thompson	1845-1913	65		20	£60pa	Farmer	Tenant	
1911	Census	John	Thompson	1845-1913	66				Farmer	Tenant	
1918	Crewe Sale	Charles	Brereton	1850-1933	65	c25			Farmer	Tenant	Brother in Law of John Thompson