

VICTORIAN HISTORY OF MOSTON



Title	Ivy House Farm, Plant Lane, Elton
Type	Farm & Land
Date Produced	15 Sep 2023
Internal Reference	E24P
1840 Owner	Lord Crewe
1840 Occupier	Ellen Turner (Widow)
Tithe Map Apportionments	100, 109-113, 115, 129, 160
1840 Area	7.0 Acres



Ivy House Farm : 1983



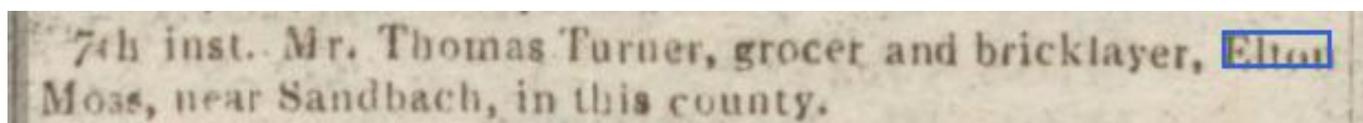
Ivy House Farm : 2021



As with virtually the whole of the township of Elton, Ivy House Farm was part of Lord Crewe's Estate so ultimately any land in the area would be returned to Lord Crewe. Many of the tenants built their own properties on the land knowing that was the case with the intention of extending the leases for further lives which Lord Crewe seemed quite happy to oblige by.

On the 1840 tithe map, Ivy House was under lease to Ellen Turner who was recorded as a widow. Her husband Thomas a builder who had built the house in about 1800 had died in 1829 and before the 1841 census was taken, Ellen had also died.

Thomas first took out the lease on the property in 1801 on the lives of himself, his wife and a young Samuel Shaw and the lease was renewed in 1828 taking on further land. This lease has Joseph Turner the son as a third name replacing Samuel and also confirms that a second property had recently been erected on the site.



Source : Chester Chronicle 17th July 1829

The Turner family had been in Elton for many years and can be traced back at least to 1780 through the land tax returns and there was a Randle Turner who died at Elton in 1719, probably the great grandfather of Thomas.

Names of Proprietors.	Names of Occupiers.	Names or Description of Estates or Property.	Sums Assessed and Exonerated.	Sums Assessed and not Exonerated.
<i>Widow Turner</i>	<i>Joseph Turner</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>5 4 1/2</i>

Source : Land Tax return 1831

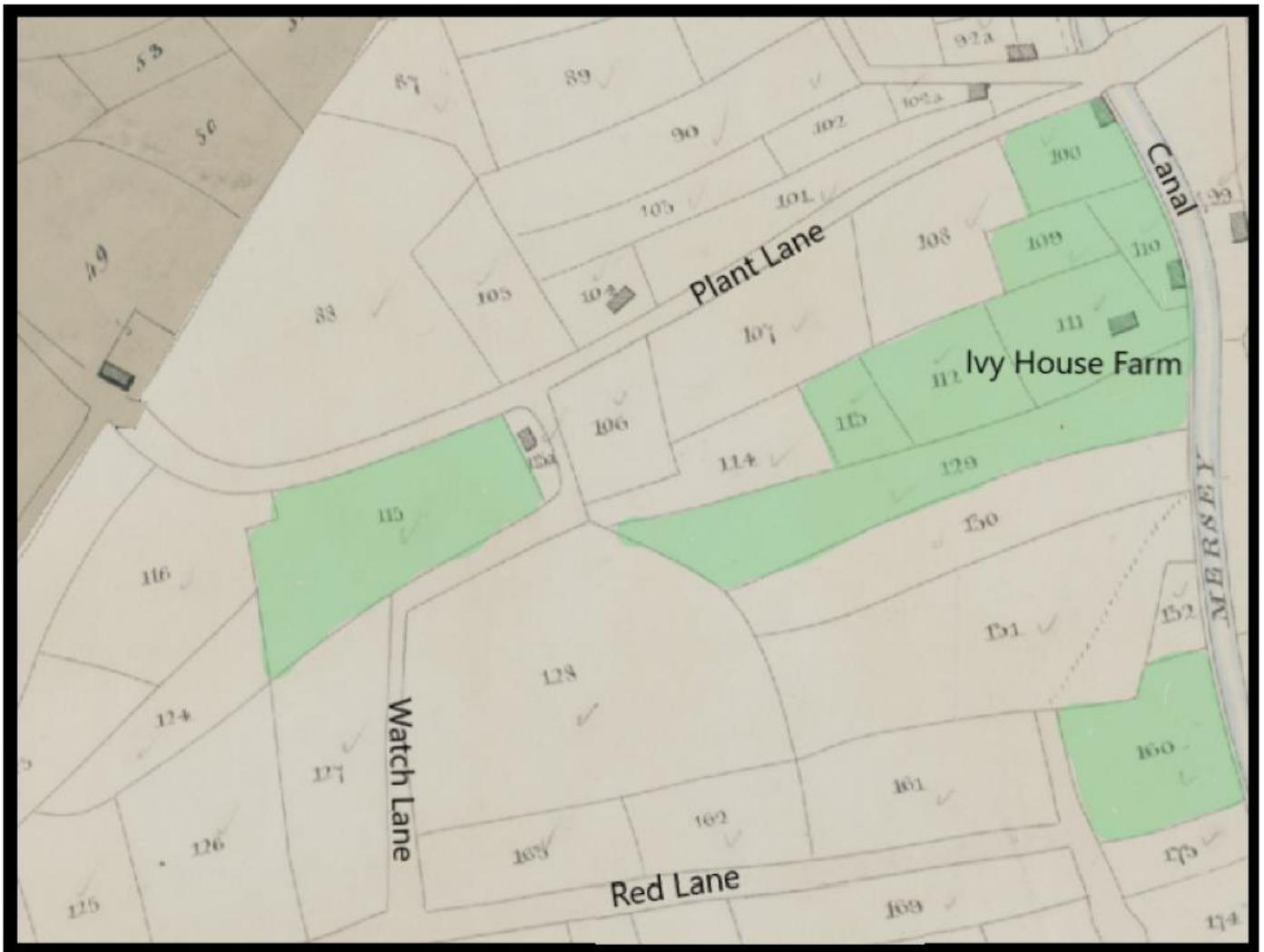
MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Warringtonham
 in the County of Chester in the Year 1823

Joseph Turner Mason of this Parish
Bachelor
 and Elizabeth Foster of this Parish
Spinster
 were married in this Church by Bezas with Consent of
Parents this eighteenth Day of
March in the Year One thousand eight hundred and 23
 By me J. S. Catter Min. of Catter Hill

This Marriage was solemnized between us { Joseph Turner
Elizabeth Foster

In the Prefence of { Thomas Hodgkinson
Joseph Marshall

No. 103.



Source : 1840 Tithe Map Ivy House Farm

In the 1841 census, Thomas and Ellen's son Joseph was recorded at the property along with his wife and six children. It is interesting to note that on the face of it there were three buildings on the land, were these all built by the Turner's themselves?

Certainly the building next to Elton Moss Bridge was a residential property in times gone by and this was split off from Ivy House some time later.

1841 England Census for Joseph Turner

Cheshire > Warmingham > Sandbach > District 21

Joseph Turner	38	Bricklayer	21
Elizabeth do	41		21

Source : National Archives 1841 census

In 1846 the property is mentioned as being on the boundary line to the new church of St Peter in Elworth with this property being just inside the St Peter parish.

1851 England Census for Joseph Turner

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > 13

No. of House	On the Right of the	Name	Sex	Age	Profession
Elton No 13		Joseph Turner	Head	48	Bricklayer Grocer and Farmer 7 1/2 acres Employing 1 Labourer
		Elizabeth do	Wife	51	
		Sarah do	Daughter	20	Domestic
		Jabez do	Son	18	Learning the trade of a Bricklayer
		Elizabeth do	Daughter	15	
		Martha do	Daughter	13	
		Thomas do	Son	9	
		Emily do	Daughter	6	

Source : National Archives 1851 census

A few years later, Joseph's eldest son Jabez married and once his family was started, he moved to Crewe

1855. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Warrington in the County of Chester

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.
163	Sept 24 th	Jabez Turner Emily Davies	about age under age	Bachelor Spinster	Bricklayer Fellon	Elton Fellon	Joseph Turner Thomas Davies	Bricklayer Bookkeeper

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me, Michael Parkinson

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Jabez Turner and Emily Davies in the Presence of us, Thomas Arden and Mother Turner

Ten years later, Joseph was also noted as a farmer and a grocer, so he will have been making full use of the 7 acres of land that he leased, then after a further ten years, he seems to have given up the bricklaying probably as a result of his age.

1861 England Census for Joseph Turner

Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 17

Name	Sex	Age	Profession
Joseph Turner	Head	58	Bricklayer and Farmer
Elizabeth Turner	Wife	61	do Wife
Thomas Turner	Son	19	Printer and Compositor
Martha Turner	Daughter	23	Milliner
Emily Turner	Daughter	16	House Maid
Ellen Arneston	Daughter	32	Mechanics Wife

Source : National Archives 1861 census

1871 England Census for Joseph Turner

Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18

Name	Sex	Age	Profession
Joseph Turner	Head	68	Farmer (of 7 acres)
Elizabeth do	Wife	71	Farmer's Wife
Emily do	Daughter	26	General Servant

Source : National Archives 1871 census

Source : Alderley Advertiser 18th August 1887

1891 England Census for Jabez Turner					
Cheshire > Coppenhall Monks > ALL > District 9					
Jabez Turner	Lodger	M.	58		General Labourer. Foreman bricklayer.
1	Emily Turner	Wife	M.	57	Husband away from home

Source : National Archives 1891 census

1901 England Census for Jabez Turner						
Cheshire > Elton > Sandbach > District 18						
Jabez Turner	Head	M	68		Blacklayer	Worker
Emily - do.	Wife	M.	63		Blacklayer	
Mesley - do.	Son.	S.	24	24	Blacklayer	Worker

Source : National Archives 1901 census

1911 England Census for Emily Turner						
Cheshire > Elton > ALL > 18						
Emily Turner	Head	70	Widow			Turner 100
William Beaze	Servant	17	single			Working on Farm 40

Source : National Archives 1911 census

Jabez Turner died in 1906 having lived his whole life at Ivy House (as with his father) besides some time he spent in Crewe. His wife Emily stayed there for the rest of her life until she died in 1920.

Accident to a Sandbach Lady.—An accident occurred on Monday afternoon to Mrs. Turner, of **Elton** Moss, Sandbach, on Chester Bridge, Crewe, as the result of which she sustained an injury to her leg, which necessitated her removal to the Cottage Hospital. It appears the lady was driving a horse and trap down the slope of the bridge, when the horse slipped and fell over. The trap was capsized and Mrs. Turner, who was thrown out, was picked up in an unconscious condition. She was taken into Messrs. Kendall's shop, and first-aid was rendered by a constable.

Source : Nantwich Guardian 6th October 1914

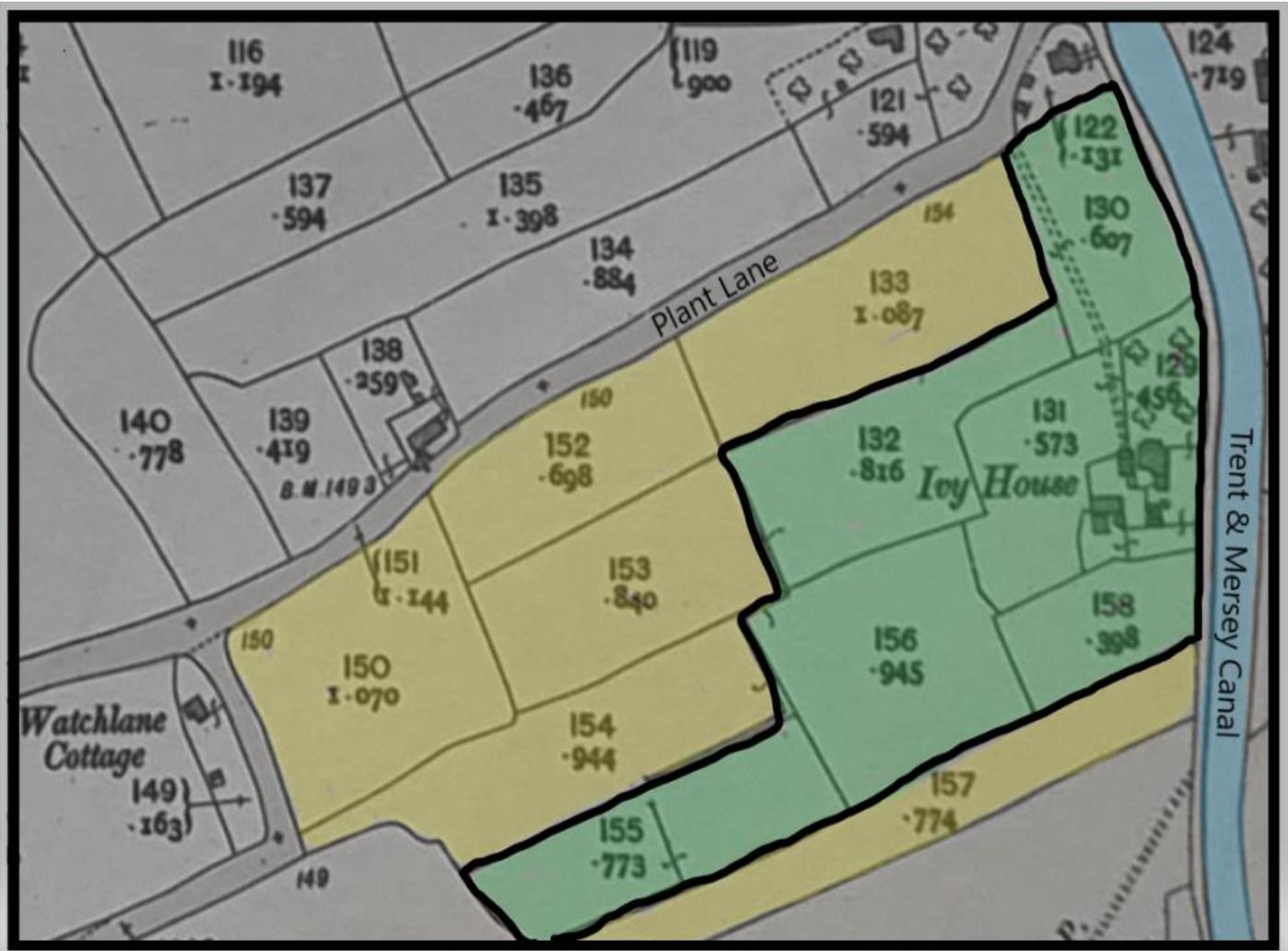
In the meantime, as the war approached, Lord Crewe decided to sell his estate. The Turner's had in their time at least three Lord Crewe Landlords but due to diminishing returns from agricultural land and financial difficulties, Lord Crewe started off the process of selling the estate. This process was completed in 1936 with the sale of the hall.

The Estate in Warmingham, Tetton and Elton was first put up for sale in 1915 where it failed to sell with the land around Ivy House Farm being put up in four separate lots.

Three years later in the Summer of 1915, the Elton portion of the Estate was sold by Robert Offley Ashburton Crewe-Milnes, the nephew of Hungerford Crewe who by then had been elevated to the title Marquiss of Crewe for sale, only for it to be withdrawn at the last moment and privately sold to Francis J Poole.

TUESDAY'S SALE.
The remaining portions of the Marquis of **Crewe's** property at Sandbach were offered for **sale** by auction at the Institution on Tuesday, the auctioneers being Messrs. Frank Lloyd and Sons. Four lots only were offered, Mr. Lloyd announcing that the **Elton** portion of the **estate** had been withdrawn, having been disposed of privately in one lot.

Source : Chester Chronicle 3rd August 1918



Source : OS Map 3rd Edition 1910 and Crewe Estate Sale Catalogue 1918 (Turner Land in Green, others in Yellow)

LOT 13

Coloured Yellow on Plan No. 2.

A Valuable Freehold SMALL HOLDING

Known as IVY HOUSE

In the occupation of Mrs. Emily Turner and others, situate close to Elton Moss Bridge.

Comprising an Area of

9 acres 3 roods 36 perches

Of exceptionally good Market Garden Land.

The HOUSE contains 2 Parlours, Kitchen, Back Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and Store-room.

The BUILDINGS contain Two-stalled Stable, Shippon for 2 Cows, and Barn.

The Green house and Wooden Erections are the property of the Tenants.

SCHEDULE.

No. on Ordnance Survey.	Description.	Acres.
130	Field.	.607
129	House, Orchard, Buildings and Garden.	.456
131	Field.	.573
132	do.	.816
156	do.	.945
157	do. (J. Proctor).	.774
155	do.	.773
158	do.	.398
133	do. (J. Elsby)	1.087
152	do. (A. Lowe)	.698
153	do. (A. Lowe)	.840
150	do. (A. Lowe)	1.070
154	do. (J. Proctor)	.944
Total Acres ...		9.981

In the 1918 sale, Ivy House was sold as a single smallholding of about 10 acres. The two fields from the 1840 tithe map, one behind Watch Lane Cottage & one off Red Lane were sold separately.

The private sale was made to Francis J Poole a local businessman solicitor who had married one of the daughters of Edwin Foden. His name lives on today as Poole Alcock

Francis Poole then set about selling on the estate generally back to the existing tenants, no doubt with a markup for himself. In total 20 properties over 93 acres of land were sold.

THE LATE MRS E. D. TURNER.
 The funeral of the late Mrs Emily D. Turner, widow of the late Mr Jabez Turner, of **Elton Moss**, took place at St. Peter's Church, Elworth, on Saturday. The deceased lady, who was 82 years of age, was one of the oldest residents of the district. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Lunt.
 The mourners were Mesdames M. Dean, E. Moores, and K. Potts (daughters), Messrs J. E. Turner, W. Turner, and J. F. Turner (sons), W. Dean, and S. Moores (sons-in-law), Mesdames J. E. Turner and W. Turner (daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Proudman, Mr and Mrs A. Turner, Mr W. Dean, Messrs A. Hulme, J. Cowapp, J. Broster, and G. Grisdale.

Source Alderley Advertiser 11th June 1920

SATURDAY, July 17th. at 2 p.m.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Small TRAP, HARNESS and Effects, at IVY HOUSE, ELTON MOSS, by order of the representatives of the late Mrs. Turner.
 Full details in Posters.
C. J. HUGHES & SONS, Auctioneers.

Source : Crewe Chronicle 17th July 1920

Emily Turner was the purchaser of Ivy House and she continued to live there until she died in 1920, followed by her son Wesley who eventually moved out in 1931. Wesley continued the family tradition working as a bricklayer.

(a)	(b)	(c) years, months	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	Wesley Davies Turner	Head 43	M	Married	Cheshire			Brick Layer 565/6
2	Emma Turner	Wife 43	F	Widow	Cheshire			
3	Edith Mary Turner	Daughter 14	F	Single	Cheshire			
4					Cheshire			

Source : National Archives 1921 census

So after in excess of 250 years, the Turner family moved out of Ivy House to be replaced by the Underhills who in turn stayed there for 50 years until the 1980s when the property was put up for sale with the need for "modernisation"

1939 England and Wales Register for Clement Underhill

Cheshire > Congleton Rd > Lgfj

Grey House Farm, Two Bridges	38	1	UNDERHILL, Clement	-	M	18 th Oct	74	M	Retired Bricklayer, Smallholder
		2	UNDERHILL, Blanche V	-	F	15 th May	78	M	Farm Work
		3	UNDERHILL, April	-	M	6 th Oct	61	S	Steel Works Maintenance Bricklayer, Heavy timber
	M	4	JONES UNDERHILL, Doris	-	F	6 th Nov	09	S	Salt Packer

Source : 1939 National Register

MR. C. UNDERHILL

The funeral has taken place of Mr. Cyril Underhill, aged 79, of **Ivy** House, Moss Bridge, **Moston**, Sandbach. A service at the graveside in Sandbach cemetery was conducted by the Rev. O. Jones.

Mr. Underhill was born at Longton, moved to **Moston** in 1931, and was employed at British Salt for about 35 years until his retirement.



IVY HOUSE, MOSS BRIDGE, MOSTON. A detached cottage standing in approximately 10 acres in need of modernisation but full of potential. The property is spacious and provides three double bedrooomed accommodation with three reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and utility room.

For sale by Tender. Closing date midday 18th November.

Source : Crewe Chronicle 30th April 1981

Source : Nantwich Chronicle 3rd Nov 1983

Chronological list of Owners and Occupiers

Year	Source	First Name	Surname	Lived	Occupation	Status	Other
1840	Tithe	Hungerford	Crewe	1812-1894	Gentleman	Owner	
1840	Tithe	Ellen	Turner	1775-1841	Farmer	Tenant	Widow
1841	Census	Joseph	Turner	1802-1887	Bricklayer	Tenant	Son of Ellen
1851	Census	Joseph	Turner	1802-1887	Bricklayer	Tenant	
1861	Census	Joseph	Turner	1802-1887	Bricklayer	Tenant	
1871	Census	Joseph	Turner	1802-1887	Bricklayer	Tenant	
1881	Census	Jabez	Turner	1833-1906	Bricklayer	Tenant	Son of Joseph
1891	Census	Jabez	Turner	1833-1906	Bricklayer	Tenant	
1901	Census	Jabez	Turner	1833-1906	Bricklayer	Tenant	
1911	Census	Emily	Turner	1838-1920	Retired	Tenant	Wife of Jabez
1921	Census	Wesley	Turner	1877-1961	Bricklayer	Owner	Son of Emily
1939	Register	Clement	Underhill	1874-1949	Bricklayer	Owner	died at Ivy House
1950	Inherited	Cyril	Underhill	1901-1981	Salt Brick Worker	Owner	Son of Clement
1983	Sale						Property Sale

List of 1840 Field Names

Township	Parish	Ref	Owner	Occupier	Name	A	R	P	Total Acres
Elton	Warmingham	100	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner	House and Croft	0	1	21	0.4
Elton	Warmingham	109	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner		0	1	1	0.3
Elton	Warmingham	110	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner		0	1	1	0.3
Elton	Warmingham	111	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner		0	2	11	0.6
Elton	Warmingham	112	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner		0	2	6	0.5
Elton	Warmingham	113	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner		0	1	0	0.3
Elton	Warmingham	115	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner	Moss Piece	2	0	29	2.2
Elton	Warmingham	129	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner	Moss Piece	1	2	0	1.5
Elton	Warmingham	160	Lord Crewe	Ellen (Widow) Turner	Moss Piece	1	0	8	1.1
									7.0