

THE ORCHARD FAMILY, BAPTISTS & FARMERS IN LEVERSTOCK GREEN/HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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For Source references (in square brackets) See Leverstock Green Chronicle Source Ref <http://bacchronicle.homestead.com/sources.html>].

A: MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AS RECORDED BY THE HERTS FAMILY & POPULATION HISTORY SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY LEVERSTOCK GREEN:

(MI's recorded by David Browning in the 1970's not shown in the main transcription.)

ORCHARD- Francis Leonard son of Henry J & Mary aged 16 months died 1871

B: DETAILS FROM THE BURIAL REGISTER AT HOLY TRINITY 1850-1899 –TRANSCRIBED BY REV. MICHAEL ABBOTT

ORCHARD- Francis (Francis Leonard) aged 16 months date of burial 27th March 1871 Register 257 Rev Robert Helme officiating minister

C: MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS RECORDED BY W B GERISH JUNE 1894-SEPT 1911, CROWN YARD BAPTIST BURIAL GROUND HEMEL HEMPSTEAD:

ORCHARD Ann w of Francis Orchard d Nov 12 1897 a 80

ORCHARD Ann w of Thomas Orchard d Jan 29 1837 a 70

ORCHARD Caroline d April 5 1832 a 53

ORCHARD Charles d May 20 1852 a 57

ORCHARD Francis d Nov 16 1867 a 59

ORCHARD John d Jan 8 1844 a 73

ORCHARD Joseph husband of Rebecca Orchard d June 17 1877 a 70

ORCHARD Lavinia w of Thomas Orchard d June 17 1877 a 70

ORCHARD Mary d Nov 3 1822 a 9

ORCHARD Rebecca w of Joseph Orchard d March 25 1963 a 61

ORCHARD Sarah Ann w of Thomas Orchard of Hart Hall d Dec 30 1868 a 54

ORCHARD Thomas d May 12 1886 a74

ORCHARD Thomas of Hemel Hempstead d July 27 1868 a 82

ORCHARD Thomas d Jan 17 1817 a 50

ORCHARD Thomas (&) Francis s of Francis & Ann Orchard d Sept 18 1848 a 5 & 6 ch. Died in infy.

D: MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS RECORDED AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ST ALBANS AS RECORDED BY THE HERTS FAMILY & POPULATION HISTORY SOCIETY

P10 Footstone – S.O. 1861/J.O. 1867 (Gerish entry Sarah ORCHARD d 13.2.1861 age 60 w of John Orchard of the Hill Farm Redbourn, John Orchard d 14.8.1867 age 77)

E: Census details

1851:

			RELATION	CONDITION	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	BORN_CO	BORN_TOWN	PARISH
ORCHARD	Charles	Woodwells Farm	Head	Mar	52	M	Farmer of 230 acres (4 Men)	Herts	St.Michaels	Hemel Hempstead
ORCHARD	Georgiana	Woodwells Farm	Wife	Mar	46	F		Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead
ORCHARD	Mary A.	Woodwells Farm	Dau	Unm	19	F	Farmers Daughter	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead
ORCHARD	Jane G.	Woodwells Farm	Dau	Unm	17	F	Farmers Daughter	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead
ORCHARD	Thomas	Woodwells Farm	Son		14	M	Scholar	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead
ORCHARD	Elizabeth	Woodwells Farm	Dau		11	F	Scholar	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead
Orchard	Thomas	Bottom House	Head	Mar	58	M	Farmer, 90 acres emp 4 Lab	Herts	Abbots Langley	St.Albans
Orchard	Levina	Bottom House	Wife	Mar	38	F		Herts	Hemel Hempstead	St.Albans
Orchard	Thomas	Leverstock Green	Head	Mar	39	M	Mealman	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Sarah Ann	Leverstock Green	Wife	Mar	37	F	School Mistress	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Thomas Lidden	Leverstock Green	Son		6	M	Scholar	Herts	Abbots Langley	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Amelia Ann	Leverstock Green	Daur		4	F	Scholar	Herts	Abbots Langley	Abbots Langley

Orchard	Alfred	Well Farm	Head	Mar	40	M	Farmer of 144 acres (5 Men)	Herts	Hemel Hempstead	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Louisa	Well Farm	Wife	Mar	37	F	Farmers Wife	Middx	West Drayton	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Caroline	Well Farm	Dau		9	F	Farmers Daughter	Herts	Abbots Langley	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Frances	Well Farm	Dau		8	F	Farmers Daughter	Herts	Abbots Langley	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Louisa	Well Farm	Dau		5	F	Farmers Daughter	Herts	Abbots Langley	Abbots Langley
Orchard	Alfred	Well Farm	Son		3	M	Farmers Son	Herts	Abbots Langley	Abbots Langley

(Have details of other censuses in between for the Leverstock Green area, but noticeably only Woodwells Farm still occupied by Orchards by 1901)

1901 CENSUS:

Woodwells Farm, Wood Lane	Thomas	Orchard	Head	m	64		Farmer	Employer	at home
	Elizabeth	Orchard	wife	m		59			at home
	Thomas	Orchard	son	s	30		Farmer's son	worker	at home
	Joseph	Orchard	son	s	28		Farmer's son	worker	at home
	James	Orchard	son	s	26		Farmer's son	worker	at home
	Ernest R.	Orchard	son	s	14		Farmer's son	worker	at home
	Jane	Orchard	daughter	s		22	Farmer's daughter	worker	at home

Hertfordshire	Hemel Hempstead	
Hertfordshire	Betlow, Tring	Can find no Betlow near Tring, there is a Hastoe.
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1911 Census: The census page for Woodwells Farm has been badly damaged, but close scrutiny show that with the addition of another of their children, the same family members were living at Woodwells as in 1901. Those listed in order of age (no ages given) being: Thomas, Elizabeth his wife, and 6 of their children Thomas, Joseph, James, Elizabeth, Ernest & Jane. Thomas Senior & Elizabeth are shown as having been married for 44 years, to have 9 children, all of whom are still living.

F : DETAILS OF THE ORCHARD FAMILY FROM THE LEVERSTOCK GREEN CHRONICLE. (as recorded April 2009)

18th Century:

Associated with **Lawrence Farm, otherwise known as Bottom House** this century were Joseph Kentish, Rebecca his wife, their son Joseph Kentish, Robert Jenkyn, Beversham Filmer in trust for Sir Robert Raymond, Thomas Orchard [HALS 71655 - 71674] Sir John Filmer, Thomas Orchard [HALS D/EV M39]

THOMAS ORCHARD holds a farm belonging to Sir John Filmer and consisting of the lands following:¹

House Barns Yard Garden & orchard	2.1.4
The Pightle	1.1.32
Cherry Tree Field	12.3.5
Hazle Dell	9.2.19
Broad Field	19.3.27
Blakes Field	8.1.32
Further Four Acres	5.1.2
Hither Four Acres	5.0.29
Barn Field	6.1.19
Hither Green Field alias Newlands	9.2.4
Further Green Field alias Newlands	6.3.0
TOTAL	87.2.13

20 July 1726 - Sir Robert Raymond of Langleybury let Lawrence Farm and its land to Thomas Orchard for a term of 21 years. [HALS 71674]

¹ A further homestead and fields were added at some point in the future and mentioned at the end of the estate book, giving a total of 91a 3r 34p.

SUMMARY OF LAND IN LEVERSTOCK GREEN BELONGING TO THE GORHAMBURY ESTATE, 1768.

Name of Property	Owner (Copyhold if not Lord of Manor)	Tenant Farmer/Occupier	Overall Size
Lawrence Farm, otherwise Bottom House (off Green Lane)	Sir John Filmer	Thomas Orchard	87a 2r 13p

1785 - Thomas Orchard is registered as having being the overseer of Poor Law provision in the parish of St. Michael for this year, 1795, 1806, 1816 and 1832. In 1860 the Rev. Thomas Orchard is noted as being the Baptist Church minister in Leverstock Green. I cannot help wondering if they were from the same family In addition, a Thomas Orchard held Lawrence Farm, which was (if only just), within the parish of St. Michael's. [S167, p.153]

16th & 30th April 1792 - **Thomas Orchard** was admitted as tenant upon the death of his father another **Thomas Orchard** (see entry for 1821) to the property now known as No 4 Church Cottages. [S406]

19th Century:

Associated with **Great & Little Coxpond Farms**: were Paul and Philip Vaillant [HALS AH177] The Duchess of Bridgewater [Hemel Hempstead Tithe Survey 1840]; James Stewart [AH 682/683] Joseph Camfield [D/EX 7 T1]; **Thomas L. Orchard**, Mary Gardener, John Statford, Alfred Woodward, Henry & Charles Brigginsshaw. [1881 census]; John & Elizabeth George, Rebecca Hart, James Kentish, George & Matthew Tarbox, William Cook, James Catlin, James & Sarah Travell, Turner family, Kentish family [1851 census].

Associated with **Lawrence Farm (Bottom House)**: were the Orchard family and the Earl of Verulam, also Mary Moss, William Fountain and George Smith [1851 census]

Associated with a **cottage in Westwick Row** situated where Handpost Lodge (built in the 1930s) is today were Charles Burnes, George Little, and families Vines (c. 1810), Saunders (1820s-30s), Edwards (c. 1840s), Cook (c. 1850s) and Orchards (c. 1860-1880s).[S326]

Associated with **Woodwells Farm** were: **Thomas Orchard & family, Esther Gargess & Edward Parkins. [1881 census]; Charles Orchard & family, James Lee, George & William Abbott [1851 census]**

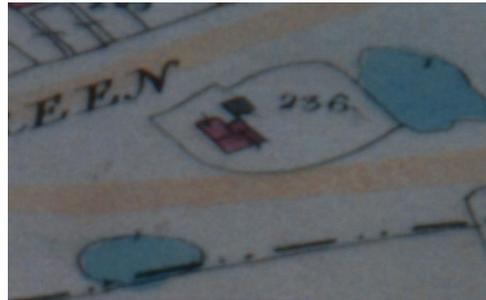
Assuming it is cottage and gardens no 238 on the St. Michael's Tithe, then 33 years after Charlotte made her sketch, (1807) the property was owned and occupied by **Thomas Orchard**. [This an extract re the cottage on the green which later became **White cottage** and was sketched by Charlotte Grimston]

2nd July 1821- **Thomas Orchard** died seised of "All that Messuage or Tenement seized of all that messuage or tenement with the Orchard & Garden thereunto belonging situate and being at Leverstock Green within the said Manor then in the tenure or occupation of the Widow Hawkins held of the Lord of the Manor by the annual rent of 1/6 to which he was admitted at Court held for said Manor on 16th & 30th April 1792 as the only son and heir of **Thomas Orchard** deceased." This was present day No 4 Church Cottages. [S406]

22nd June 1827 – Joseph Orchard was admitted as the copyholder of the original Church Cottage (Now No 4) at an annual quit rent of 1/6d. Widow Hawkins was held to have been the late occupier.[S406]

14 August 1835 - The Freehold of Bottom House Farm (otherwise known as Lawrence Farm), together with Crackabone Farm and Six Tunnel Farm in Redbourne and Great Gaddesden, were put up for sale.It is interesting to note from the original advertising material, that Crackabone Farm, which was Lot 1 in the auction, was also occupied by Mrs. Orchard, and although in the parish of Redbourne, this 53 acre farm was "Intersected by the Estates of the Earl of Verulam, and within a short distance of the park." It must indeed have been very close to Broadfield, the most northerly part of Bottom House Farm. [HALS IC12, S96, S194 & 195]1835 - Ann Field, nee Pope, and widow of Thomas Field, late of Chambersbury, died at Kings Langley. She gave the copyhold of Bunkers to her son John,(Orchard) [S366]

1840– Tithe map shows there to be two cottages built on the Green The apportionment says: Land Owned by John Orchard and occupied by



(now Church Cottages) at the time, given the number 236. John Barnes & another 236 Cottage & Gardens.

1841 - The new Baptist chapel in the Bedmond Road was certified as a 1688-1852:

"The chapel in Leverstock Green was certified to the Archdeacon of George, R. Bruce, Thomas Orchard and John Orchard."
[S49]

place of dissenting worship under the Toleration Acts of St. Albans by the Rev. Thomas Hopley and Messers John

July 1842 - William Ivey, alias Ivory, and James Dell, both labourers from Hemel Hempstead parish, were brought to trial at the Midsummer sessions of the County Court, for stealing horses from Daniel Franks of Boxmoor, Charles Orchard of Woodwells Farm, and Mark Pattison of Wood Lane End Farm. Ivey and Dell were acquitted. [S59]

At the beginning of the tithe record the principal holdings were listed along with their owners and occupiers and the "quantity" of the land. This information relevant to Leverstock Green is given in the following table.

Landowner	Occupier	Description	Quantity
John Wood	Mark Patterson Wood	Woodlane End Farm	71a 2r 30p
Rev. J. Kentish	Charles Orchard	Bunce Fields Farm	91a 3r 34p
H. Bennett	Himself & Mark Paterson Wood	Meadow & Kiln	2a 2r 10p
John Edwin & Joseph	Himself, Thomas	Tile Kiln Farm	52a 3r 37p

Finch	Franklin & others		
T. Franklin	Himself	House, Garden & Close called Pitcroft (this Orchard Lea, Tile Kiln Lane)	2a 2r 32p
John Hawkins	John Saunders	part of Westwick Farm, Westwick Row *	59a 1r 23p
Rev. J. Kentish	Charles Orchard	Woodwells Farm	97a 1r 38p
Countess of Bridgewater	John George	Cox Pond Farm (Great & Little Cox Pond Farms)	297a 1r 23p
Rev Christian Borckhardt	Elizabeth Jennings	Bennetts End Farm (in Corner Hall tithing)	92a 1r 9p
Rev Christian Borckhardt	Thomas Franklin	Bennetts End Brickworks, kiln & wood	10a 2r 20p

1843 St. Michael's Tithe Survey

The surveyor for the St. Michael's Tithe map was John Goodman of St. Stephen's, in St. Albans. In some ways the survey is of a different character to that of Hemel Hempstead; this is largely because the vast bulk of the land that falls within our area of study, and which is included in the survey, belonged to the then Earl of Verulam. In addition to this, the land itself was farmed by only a few principal tenants: George Cawdrey, Joseph Finch (Corner Farm & Blackwater Farm), Daniel Headech (Westwick Row Farm), George Danes (Westwick Hall), Thomas Orchard (Bottom House), Thomas Hollingshead (Breakspears & Megdells). Joseph Finch also owned some of his own land and property in the area, and both he and George Danes were land owners in the part of Hemel Hempstead parish within our study area. Landuse was generally categorised as either Arable or Grass, with occasional Wood.

ABBOTS LANGLEY TITHE APPORTIONMENT:

At the beginning of the Tithe apportionment there was a list of the various farms, their owners and occupiers, which I have listed in the following table.:

Tithe Owner	Landowner	Occupier	Property	Quantity
S. Reynolds Solly	John Field	Himself	Pt. of Chambersbury	126/2/10
S. Reynolds Solly	John Field	Himself	Pt. of Bunkers Fm	81/0/4
S. Reynolds Solly	Christopher Thomas Tower	Thos. Smith	Leverstock Gr. Fm	47/1/3

S. Reynolds Solly	Charles Longman	Henry Smith	Pt. of Northend Fm.	69/0/14
S. Reynolds Solly	John Orchard			
S. Reynolds Solly	Himself	John Orchard	Well Farm	140/3/1
John Dickinson	Himself	Himself	Pt. of Chambersbury Fm	32/0/17
John Smith	Himself	John Saunders	Highwoodhall Farm	80/2/15

Land Owned by John Field (This originally was listed after field no. 912 owned by John Dickinson.)

Occupier	Field No.	Field Name	Land Use
John Orchard	846	Baldwins Orchard	Meadow
	854	Little Baldwins	Arable
	856	Great Baldwins	Arable
	867	Hither Six Acres	Arable
	868	Middle Six Acres	Arable
	869	Further Six Acres	Arable
	868	Bottom Field	Arable
John Orchard	828	Spring Wood	
	829	Lower Popes Field	Arable
	830	Upper Popes Field	Arable
	847	Orchard	Meadow
John Orchard	849	Well Field	Meadow
	850	Little Upper Field	Arable
	851	Walnut Tree Field	Arable
	852	Homestead	Arable
	857	Barwicks	Arable
	858	Lower Litter Field	Arable
	864	Well Farm Lane	
	865	Little Spring	Wood
	866	Long Field	Arable
	870	Lane & Field	Arable
	874	Long Field Spring	Wood
	875	First Hanging	Arable
	876	Lane	Arable
877	Fifteen Acres	Arable	

879	Nine Acres	Arable
880	Six Acres	Arable
881	Little Wood	Wood
882	Ten Acres	Arable
885	Further Langings	Arable
886	Hangings Spring	Wood
913	Piece of Winchdell Cmn.	Arable
915	Piece of Winchdell Cmn.	Arable
916	Dell in Winchdell Cmn.	Wood
924	Market Oak	Arable

From Kelly's Directory 1850:

Charles Orchard, farmer, Wells Farm (This should read Woodwells Farm, see entry for 1842)
 Thomas Orchard, Bottom House;

The following information appeared in the 1855 Kelly's Directory:

Individual Gentry & Traders listed in the Abbots Langley and Hemel Hempstead sections are as follows:

GENTRY: Rev Charles Thomas Framton, Leverstock Green;

TRADERS: Sarah Cartwright (Miss), schoolmistress Leverstock Green; Thomas Cooper, hay dealer, Leverstock Green; Thos Mawe, The Rose & Crown, Leverstock Green; Alfred Orchard, farmer, Well Farm; Thomas Orchard, farmer, Hart Hall Farm; Thomas Pointer, blacksmith, Leverstock Green; William Sherwood, farmer Hill Farm; Joseph Smith, farmer, Leverstock Green; William Smith, farmer, Northend Farm.

PLACES OF WORSHIP: Baptist Chapel , Leverstock Green, Rev Thomas Orchard, minister;

1860 Kelly's: the Rev. Thomas Orchard, the Baptist minister.

21st October 1868 - John Heabben and Joseph Orchard were admitted as Trustees of John Orchard deceased . Upon the instructions of his heir Rose Hannah Orchard, the **copyhold** for the cottages (Church Cottages) was sold for £250 to Frederick Gray of the New Drop St. Albans. "All that messuage cottage or tenement with the orchard and garden thereto belonging situate and being in Leverstock Green which said three cottages now or are late in the occupation of Joseph Smith Junior Jeremiah Muckle and John Dolt. The sale also included all outhouses etc. [S406]

18th February 1870 – Frederick Gray of the New Drop in St. Albans bought the **freehold** of the then three cottages on the common (Church Cottages) for payment of £75 to the Earl of Verulam with the consent of Jacob Earl of Radnor and Frances Laybourne Popham who were interested parties. The copyhold had previously been vested in John Orchard, and was at this time under the auspices of the trustees of his estate namely John Steabban and Joseph Orchard. [S406]

Between 1876 & 1882 - At some point, a house & premises in Leverstock Green, previously belonging to **Joseph Orchard** was sold under the terms of his will. [HALS: Sale particulars **DE/Ls/B589 1876 – 1882**]

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

WELL & HIGH WOODHALL FARMS

Near Hemel Hempstead

Orchard & Proctor

Are Instructed by **Mr Alfred Orchard,**

(whose tenancy has expired) to Sell by
Auction at the Well Farm Homestead
ON FRIDAY JANUARY 29TH 1886

5 RICKS of splendid CLOVER MIXTURE AND
SAINFOIN HAY (containing up
Wards of 120 loads)
4 COOKS OF Capital WHEAT
8 ACRES OF WHEAT in the barn with the
whole of the straw to go off. Also
2 RICKS OF CLEAN WHEAT STRAW tied
with one band

January 9th 1886 - Advert again for sale at High Woodhall Farm, but with additional information. [Gazette Saturday January 2nd 1886]

Tuesday January 12th 1886 - 12th a fancy dress ball was given by Captain & Mrs Cooper at Lockers. There was a long list of those attending and their costumes, which included some of the children of the Rev. G. Finch (see Funeral entry for July 1st 1899)

Miss S Finch – fairy
Mr H Finch – Venetian fisherman
Mr C Finch – Cook
Mr C R Finch – Tudor Finch
Mr R Finch – Little Boy Blue
Miss B Finch – Winter
[Gazette January 16th 1886]

WESTWICK ROW & BUNKERS FARMS

Near Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead

Orchard & Proctor

As favoured with instructions from Mr. Joseph Bailey, to sell by auction at the Well Farm homestead, on Friday Jan 29th (immediately after the sale of **Mr Alfred Orchard's** Hay)

A RICK OF FIRST CLASS CLOVER HAY,

About 40 loads well got and secured in glorious weather, standing in the rickyard at Bunkers Farm, also a RICK OF FIRST CUT SANFOIN HAY, about 30 loads, and stump of ditto, about 25 loads, well got and secured from the weather, standing at Westwick Row Farm.

Note, intending purchasers are requested to view these ricks prior to the auction.

Conditions will be produced at the time of sale. The usual credit will be given on approved security. Catalogues obtained of Mr Joseph Bailey, Chambersbury, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead and of the Auctioneers, at Gt. Berkhamstead, Herts, & Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

January 16th 1886 - Advert as previous week advert re

High Woodhall Farm also new advert for Westwick Row Farm (See next page)

May 15th: 1886. -

Death was announced of **Thomas Orchard** of Hart Hall Farm on Wednesday after a week's illness.

HE WAS AT Watford Market on the 4th inst and it is supposed that on that day he took a chill which ledto death. The Church at Marlowes has sustained another loss in th4e death of Mr Orchard he having been a prominent member of that church for 50 years, and a deacon for 40 years. He conducted most of the services at Leverstock Green chapel where he was greatly beloved and respected.

Saturday January 2nd 1886 – The advert shown to the right appeared in this issue, and the following three issues of the Gazette. [Gazette Saturday January 2nd 1886]

June 1886: (See advert right)

Sept 11th 1886 – The Gazette reported that at the Divisional sessions, George Steers of Leverstock Green was charged with trespassing in search of game and with killing a hare, and also of keeping a dog without a license on the 23rd October.

Mr Thomas Orchard of Woodwells said that he was with his thrashing machine in a field when the defendant came to him and offered him a hare. The Defendant had a dog with him. The Defendant said he was standing against a gate when the hare ran along and his dog ran after it and caught it.

George Sage said he was working at the machine when he saw the dog catch the hare. Defendant had no business in the field. It was a lurcher dog. The Defendant said the hare was hurt by the mowing machine, but that was not true.

There were several previous convictions of different kinds against Mr Sears.

The police informed the court, that the defendant's father keeps the PLOUGH PH in Leverstock Green. George Steers was found guilty as charged and fined 13/- plus costs of 17/-. [Gazette 4th Sept 1886]

28th February 1903 - On Thursday evening at the Baptist Chapel a lecture was given by Mr G Putnam of Canada illustrated with 67 lantern slides kindly lent by the Canadian High Commission before a crowded attendance.....The exceptionally fine views of the towns, industries, and magnificent scenery of Canada were much enjoyed. Votes of thanks to the lecturer and the chairman **Mr. Alfred Orchard**, closed the meeting.

Saturday 3rd December 1904 – The funeral of Matthew Leno senior took place at Holy Trinity Church.

*Amongst the numerous body of gentlemen present were the mayor of Hemel Hempstead (Alderman Maitland Thompson) the town clerk of Hemel Hempstead (Mr Lovel Smeathman), Messrs E H Woodman (Woodman & Sons) J K Hart, J Bailey, W Saunders, W H How, W J Williams, C Beamant, T D Cox, R Bowers, G Atwood, **A Orchard**, W Parkins, A Seabrook, W Child, W Wright etc.*

1906-1959

TRACTION ENGINES OWNED BY THOMAS & JOSEPH ORCHARD - WELL FARM LEVERSTOCK GREEN								
Date aquired	New/2nd Hand	Registration -This was required by Act of Parliament in 1923	Make	Works Number	Type/Class	Build date	Name if applicable	Further Sale Details if known
Aug 1906	new	NK911	Fowler	10855	Class "R" Traction Engine 7 n.h.p.compound 2 cylinder	Aug/1906	PRIDE OF HERTS/ FARMERS FRIEND*	Sold 1959 to A.HG. Evans Wigginton
Nov 1907	new	NK910	Fowler	11353	Class "R" Traction Engine 7 n.h.p.compound 2 cylinder	Nov/1907	PRIDE OF HERTS/ FARMERS FRIEND*	Sold 1959 to A.HG. Evans Wigginton
Sept 1909	new	NK914	Fowler	11842	Class B5 7 n.h.p. compound 2 cylinder engine	Sept/1909	DREADNOUGHT	Sold 1943 to F J Ginster, Moxley Street, Staffs.
October 1911	new	NK915	Fowler	12232	Class B5/B6 Traction Engine boiler 8 n.h.p. Single cylinder	October 1911	KING GEORGE	Sold 1943 to F J Ginster, Moxley Street, Staffs.
1913	2nd hand - - ex E.T. Hooley, Pabworth, Everard Coombs	NK912/NK913	Fowler	2623/2687	12 n.h.p Ploughing engines	1875	PAPWORTH & RISLEY	Both for sale April 1943, no further history, probably sold for scrap as 68 yrs old
by 1937	2nd hand - ex Cocks family Litery Farm, Little Munden	?	Aveling & Porter	?	?	?	?	Sold 1943, new owner unknown.

1907 - At about this time (certainly before 1911 when this account was first published), the following account of the state of worship at the Baptist Chapel in Bedmond Road was made. However, the text is referring to the mid 19th century when the Chapel was established:

"As to the branch at Leverstock Green, the work progressed favourably, with thankful remembrance of when the lithe cause was advantaged by the Orchard family, then resident at Well Farm and Harthall Farm nearby. At that period the preaching was mainly sustained by the three Orchard brothers - Thomas, Alfred and Stephen. Likewise brethren Wilkins, and Heling with their families, rendered faithful service. There too was in Elder Squires a fine venerable sample of village nonconformity - patriarchal in the little band, the G.O.M. of the

chapel. The services were conducted by a staff of brethren and by Mr.B.T. Parris, the church secretary, a preacher much sought by many churches and the popular sector of West Herts School Unions." [S49]

7 January 1911 - The Gazette carried an advert as follows:

"Sale of live & dead stock and effects at Bennetts End Farm comprising two capital cart horses, Kerry Cow, shorthorn steer (a show animal), Seven farm carts, carts, galvanised water cart, and dog cart, also a good assortment of implements, rick cloths, weighing machine, &c &c 25 qrs. oats, in sacks, two ricks of straw, and ten tons of mangolds, to be sold by auction by Mr. Orchard upon the premises Friday January 20 1911 at 12 for 1 o'clock, by order of Mr. Thos Doult." NB the above Mr Orchard is no doubt of the firm Orchard & Proctor - see previous adverts.)

25th April 1918 - The records of Horn & Co, Undertakers from Marlowes show the following entry:

REF 28/Deceased / farmer : Orchard, Thomas

DATE OF DEATH: 25.4.1918

NOTE: He was 81 years old and the funeral took place at the cemetery on 30.4.1918

ADDRESS: Woodwells Farm, Hemel Hempstead

Relative: Orchard, Elizabeth

[DCHT Undertaker's Records, Horn & Co , DHT]

12th February 1919 - An army hay bailer, which had been *"fixed in Bennetts End Lane near Leverstock Green"* for over a fortnight owing to heavy falls of snow, was finally *"drawn out.....by one of Mr. T. Orchard's traction engines."* [Gazette 15/2/1919 p.8]

Saturday 31st May 1919 - There was a presentation in the village, reported the following week as follows:-

"On Saturday 31st May a presentation was made to Mr.. W.C. Child as an appreciation of his good work in the parish of Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green , as Sunday School teacher, people's warden, and organist for many years. The presentation took the form of a gold watch, with inscription, and an illuminated address, with list of subscribers as follows:

The Rev. & Mrs... Durrant, Mr.. Orchard,.....

13 August 1921 - Gazette carried an article under the following headlines:

ROBBERY FROM APSLEY BANK HOUSE
LEVERSTOCK GREEN MAN CHARGED
WITH THEFT OF RINGS

“At an Occasional court at Hemel Hempstead on Thursday, Frederick Owen Orchard, a window cleaner of Blacksmiths Row Leverstock Green was charged with stealing from the house of Ivan White 2 rings valued at about £27, the property of Mrs white of the Bank House Apsley.....”. [Gazette 13 August 1921]

Further details followed of the happenings in the court when it became obvious that Orchard -who had after his arrest admitted possession of the stolen property when questioned by Police at his home -was the culprit.. Orchard was remanded until the court on Wed in Hemel Hempstead when further charges might be proffered.

20 August 1921 - THE APSLEY BANK CASE - ORCHARD AGAIN REMANDED Following an almost identical account to that given previously, (see 13 August) Orchard was again remanded for a week as further investigations were being made by the Police. [Gazette 20 August 1921]

27 August 1921 -

THREE MEN SENT FOR TRIAL
FROM THE BERKHAMSTED SESSIONS
EXTENSIVE THEFT OF RINGS
By Leverstock Green Window Cleaner
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD MAN REFUSED BAIL
SATURDAY AFTERNOON ESCAPE ON FELDON COMMON
Motor Drivers Fined

Under the above headings and then the following subheading: THE APSLEY BANK CASE AND MORE, further information was given on the Apsley Bank robbery and other cases. Eventually five different charges of thefts of rings from houses where he had cleaned windows were brought against Orchard. He was committed for Trial at the Quarter sessions. [27 August 1921]

3rd June 1923 - The records of Horn & Co, Undertakers from Marlowes show the following entry:

Ref 244/ Deceased: Orchard, Elizabeth

DATE OF DEATH: 3.6.1923

NOTE: She was 80 years old and the funeral took place at the cemetery on 6.6.1923.

Husband (late): Orchard, Thomas

ADDRESS: Woodwells, Hemel Hempstead

[DCHT Undertaker's Records, Horn & Co, DHT]