

## Graffiti at Mitford and Launditch Union Workhouse, gressenhall

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### Graffiti Survey - Abstract

All exterior walls around the site were surveyed for historic graffiti. All particularly notable examples or those that are isolated are reported individually, whereas dense clusters of initials (for example) are reported together. In total 80 records are present in the survey.

The density of graffiti is by far the greatest on the Yard Wall, particularly in the “Boys” area. Here there are several examples of initialled first names with complete surnames, some with dates, whilst examples on the men’s and women’s sides are mostly initials.

There are also a number of examples along the two long wings, although most of these are only initials. One notable example is present on the Archaeology Wing and reads “William Thurlow 16 1850”. Other names are present along the Long Corridor, although these tend to be located high up and are difficult to read from ground level.

The chapel is marked with a number of initials, mostly concentrated around the chancel. These appear rather official, so may be the initials of former chaplains, architects or donors to the chapel. One of the sets of initials is noteworthy as the letters are formed by hammering or chiselling dots into the wall, whereas all other examples are scratched to form complete letters.

Along the Craftsman’s Row examples of graffiti are relatively sparse and are mostly initials. One notable example however is the word “favourite” scratched onto the School Room wall.

Similarly, the external walls contain relatively few examples of graffiti, although there are several official-looking stylised letters east of the main gate.

Finally, several of the pieces of graffiti are symbols and include crow’s feet, crossed circles, crossed boxes and hash marks.

### Review of Potential Techniques

#### Raking Light Photography

Photographs of the object of interest are taken using a light source directed almost parallel to the surface of the object in order to highlight contours in the surface of the object.

#### Pros

- Simple setup – only camera and light source necessary

- Accessible – no special equipment, knowledge or computer processing required
- Fast acquisition
- Fast processing
- Low storage requirement

#### Cons

- Contrast is not as good as other techniques due to simple, unidirectional light source

#### Structure from Motion (SfM) Photogrammetry

Several photographs of the object are taken from different positions and angles in order to produce a 3D representation of the object.

#### Pros

- Minimal setup – only requires camera
- No calibration needed – essentially point and shoot
- Artificial raking light can be added digitally in any direction
- No light source needed (other than ambient light)
- Models can be rebuilt with source files and metadata

#### Cons

- Slow acquisition
- Large storage requirement
- Processing with specialist software

#### Highlight Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI)

The object of interest is sequentially lit from many different directions in order to allow artificial relighting in any direction and mathematical enhancement of colour and surface.

#### Pros

- Offers best potential for capturing all the detail of an object, including that which is invisible under physical observation
- Many digital enhancements possible

#### Cons

- Complex setup including remote triggers and well-defined light source locations
- Very slow acquisition - dozens of photographs per object and intricate setup between each

- Absolutely no motion between frames – probably not possible outside
- Very large storage requirement
- Processing with specialist software

### Preliminary Results

Of the three techniques listed above, only raking light photography and structure-from-motion photogrammetry were carried forward for testing. Given the simplicity and accessibility of the 'raking light' imaging technique, it is likely that this will be the most practical technique to carry forward into a general graffiti recording methodology. Nevertheless, the 'SfM' technique promises extra detail for relatively little additional cost and may prove invaluable for particularly difficult examples. There are freeware SfM software available, so this should present no significant barrier to implementing the technique. Although, the highlight RTI method has the potential to reveal the most information, image acquisition in this case would be impractical due to cost of physical resources and time. Therefore, it shall not be further pursued.

### Raking Light Photography

Raking light conditions were tested using a 150 lumen LED spotlight, the brightness of which was sufficient when ambient conditions were overcast. Best results were achieved by holding the spotlight at least arm's length from the graffiti. Longer distances were not tested here, but may give better results as the beam will cover more of the frame. This could be achieved by recruiting a second surveyor to control the light, or by operating the camera through a remote trigger.

The camera was mounted to a tripod during image acquisition, however there was still notable camera shake when operating the shutter release due to unstable ground. In order to achieve short enough exposure times as not to cause image blur, high ISO values (> 800) and small f-stops ( $f < 9$ ) were necessary. However these had the effect of producing grainier images and shorter depth-of-field respectively. More desirable settings may be achieved through use of a remote trigger.

Two pieces of graffiti present on the same area of the Yard Wall were used as test subjects for examples of good condition (W. Farrow) and poor condition (date) graffiti. In the case of good condition graffiti (Fig. 1), the benefits were somewhat marginal as the graffiti was already fully legible. However, the contrast between the brick surface and the grooves of the graffiti is clearly improved.



*Figure 1: W. Farrow graffiti imaged under ambient light (left) and raking light (right).*

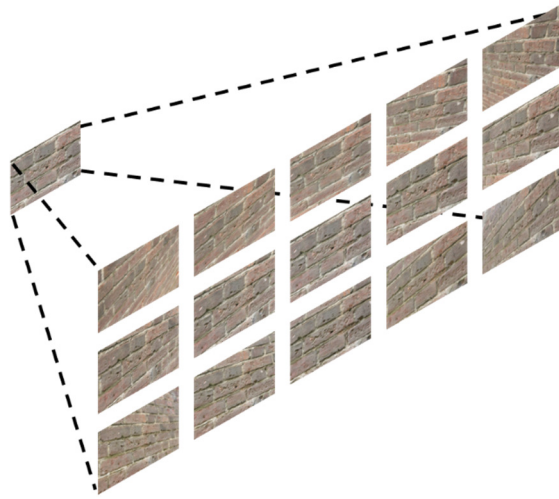
The benefits of raking light conditions are more obvious in the example of poor condition graffiti (Fig. 2). The central two digits of the year were not discernible by the naked eye nor the photograph taken under ambient light. However under raking light, although the contrast isn't as good as in the previous example, it is clear that the year reads "1883". It should be noted that the direction of raking light had to be optimised in this case, with the graffiti eventually being recorded with raking light below and to the left. In some cases it may be envisioned that several images may need to be taken with raking light coming from different directions in order to elucidate the full piece of graffiti.



*Figure 2: Date graffiti imaged under ambient light (left) and raking light (right).*

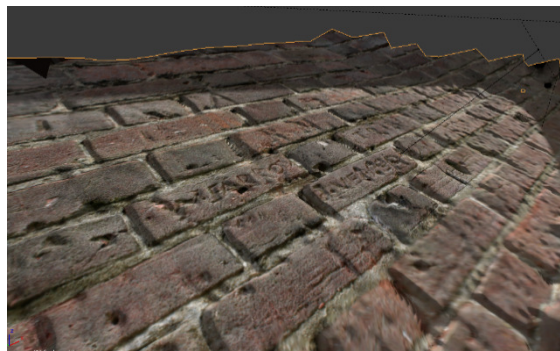
#### Structure from Motion Photogrammetry

For each SfM image set a total of fifteen images were taken at three different heights relative to the graffiti, each at 5 different angles (Fig.3). Note that for SfM to be successful each image must have a large amount of overlap (>50 %), but positions and angles need not be exact. To keep lighting as consistent as possible, the photographs were taken in quick succession under ambient light. In practice, it was much easier to hold the camera than use the tripod. The same camera settings discussed above were used here.



*Figure 3: Schematic representation of SfM image set acquisition.*

The exact process of making a 3D model is discussed in detail in “SfMNotes.docx”. The modelling software was successful in generating the 3D contours of the bricks and deeper graffiti (Fig. 4). However, results for shallower graffiti were somewhat disappointing as they were often missed from the 3D mesh. Better results may have been obtained using more input images and by generating a model with a greater number of vertices. However, this was not achievable with the given time and resources. Therefore, it was decided to use only raking-light photography in the final methodology.



*Figure 4: 3D rendering of wall section from SfM imaging*

## Final Methodology

### Image Acquisition

Images should be acquired on an overcast day or when the surface of interest is not in direct sunlight so that graffiti detail is not ‘bleached’ by the sun. Two ‘scene setting’ images must be taken in order to identify the location of the graffiti in the future. The first image should have a wide field-of-view and aim to capture as many distinctive features as possible in order to uniquely identify the location. In the second image the graffiti of interest should be clearly visible and the image should

contain distinctive features in immediate proximity to the graffiti in order to aid its location. For these images the camera may be hand-held and full automatic setting is recommended.

The graffiti of interest should then be captured under raking light conditions. The camera should face the graffiti straight-on and the graffiti should fill as much of the frame as possible. Different lighting directions may need to be tested to reveal the greatest amount of detail, but should be positioned as close to parallel with the surface as possible, preferably at arm's length or greater (if assistance is available). For this image, use of a tripod is recommended to reduce image blur and image stabilisation (IS) should be turned off (IS can actually worsen image blur when used with a tripod). In most cases the 'Program AE' camera setting should be sufficient (fully automatic is undesirable as the camera flash may be triggered). If image blur is noticeable, the camera should be switched to one of the manual modes and the shutter speed shortened and/or the f-number/ISO increased. If the image is consistently under/over-exposed, as the artificial light source may interfere with the metering, consider changing the exposure correction accordingly.

#### Data Archiving

Image files from raking light photography should be named according to the following convention:

xxxAA\_BB\_Cx.jpg

where xxx is a three-digit numerical identification number unique to the piece of graffiti being recorded and is listed in the graffiti survey, AA is a two letter code identifying the type of image (see Table 1), BB is a two letter code identifying the location of the graffiti (see Table 2), C is a single letter code identifying which direction the graffiti is facing [North (N), East (E), South (S), West (W)], and x is a single-digit index number used if multiple photographs of the same piece of graffiti are necessary. For example, the graffiti "W Farrow" has the identification number 026 and is located on the yard wall facing south. The file for the close-up image of this graffiti would therefore be named, "026GD\_YW\_S1.jpg".

If the graffiti has already been listed in the survey, then the "Recorded?" field should be updated to "Yes" upon image acquisition. If no record currently exists then a new entry should be made, giving a new unique identification number and filling in each field as appropriate.

*Table 1: Description of Image Types and their Codes for File Naming*

Image Type	Description	Two-Letter Code
Wide Scene Setting	Wide-angle shot capturing surrounding buildings and other notable features in order to locate graffiti.	WS

Narrow Scene Setting	Closer range image showing exact location of graffiti. Graffiti should be visible but need not be highly detailed.	NS
Graffiti Detail	Close-up image recording as much detail of the graffiti as possible	GD

*Table 2: Building Name Codes for File Naming*

Building Name	Two-Letter Code
Archaeology Wing	AW
Casuals Block	CB
Chapel	CP
Cherry Tree Cottage	CT
Craftman's Row	CR
Laundry Wing	LW
Long Corridor	LC
Main Building	MB
Mickleborough Bungalow	MK
North Tower	NT
Outbuildings	OB
Porters Lodge	PL
South Tower	ST
Yard Wall	YW

## Results

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
East	Wheelchair ramp, south of Yard Wall	"John Ling born in 183..."	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
East	Wheelchair ramp, south of Yard Wall	Several, illegible	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
East	North of Yard Wall	"VIH (?)"	Average	Brick	1	No	No
East	North of Yard Wall	"JT (?)"	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
East	Corner, near green door	Several sets of initials and possibly very faint words	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
South	Centre of block	"EH"	Good	Brick	1	No	No
South	Low, right of 2nd door from West	Several initials	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	Low, right of 3rd door from West	Image, crows foot (?)	Good	Brick	2	No	No
South	Left of 4th door from West	Illegible	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
West	Actually building 35, North corner	Several illegible	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
West	Actually building 35, Low	Remains of sentence, illegible	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
North	East end of wall	"NH"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	Near Honor		Good				
North	Dickerson statue	"HE"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	West end	"JD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end, above outdoor power socket	"G WHITE"	Good	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	Boys urinals	"M..."	Poor	Brick	1	No	No



Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	East end, behind rope	"G Bartle"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East end, behind rope	"T Raby 1888"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East end, behind rope	"J...B 1886"	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
South	East end, behind rope	"G Farrow"	Good	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East end, behind rope	"W Farrow"	Good	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East end, behind rope	"...1883"	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
South	East end, behind rope	"J Vergerson"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	No
South	East end, behind rope	"A J Kew 1884 (?)"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Unsuccessful
South	East end, behind rope	"E (or F?) Ward"	Good	Brick	3	Yes	No
South	East end, corner	Several very faint names and numbers	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
North	East end	"WH (?)"	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	Right of West entrance	"M 1777" "R Moore"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	No
West	South East tower	"M..."	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
West	South corner of South East tower, low	"H..."	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	West corner	"1941"	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	West corner	"W..."	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	West corner	Illegible initials	Poor	Brick	1	No	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	Right of first window from West	Illegible sentence	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
South	Right of first window from West	"TH..."	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	Between second and third windows from West	"...AE"	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	Between second and third windows from West	"WA"	Good	Brick	1	No	No
South	Between third and fourth windows from West, behind bushes	Several, unreachable	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	Between fourth and fifth windows from West	Several very faint names and initials	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
South	Left of arches, high	"B Middleton 1994"	Good	Brick	1	No	No
South	Left of arches, high	"CH 1877 (?)"	Average	Brick	2	No	No
South	Right of first arch from West, high	"R P..."	Average	Brick	3	No	No
South	Second arch from West, behind bushes	Several, unreachable	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	Sixth arch from West	"John King"	Good	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	Sixth arch from West	"...LL AGE..."	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
West	North corner	Several initials including: JF, AJ, EH	Average	Brick	1	No	No
West	North corner	"PIG"	Good	Brick	1	No	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
West	Between second and third windows from North	"Soho S"	Good	Brick	3	Yes	No
West	Between third and fourth windows from North	"W I (?) e...ts"	Poor	Brick	3	No	No
West	Between fourth and fifth windows from North	"VIIVIV"	Average	Brick	2	No	No
West	Between fourth and fifth windows from North	Several sets of illegible initials	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
West	Between fifth and sixth windows from North	"William Thurlow 16 1850"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	No
West	Between fifth and sixth windows from North	Several sets of initials and illegible names	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
East	Right of 'Village Stores' door	"T...A..."	Poor	Brick	2	No	No
West	Bricks lining doorway	"Lee Gay"	Average	Brick	3	No	No
West	Bricks lining doorway	Various illegible marks and crossed square symbol	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	West corner, high	"RWS"	Good	Brick	2	No	No
South	West corner, low	"JR..."	Average	Brick	1	No	No
East	South side of chancel/apse, high	"GM"	Good	Brick	2	No	No
East	South side of chancel/apse, high	"RB"	Good	Brick	2	No	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
	South side of chancel/apse,						
East	below window	"BG"	Good	Brick	2	No	No
East	School room	"WH"	Average	Brick	1	No	No
East	School room	"AA"	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
West	School room, South of archway	"Favourite"	Average	Brick	2	No	No
South	North Wall, near toilets, low	Crossed circle symbol, several	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	North Wall, near toilets, low	Illegible initials, several	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
East	Casuals Yard, North of North door	"TS"	Good	Brick	1	No	No
East	Casuals Yard, North of North door	Crow's foot symbol	Average	Brick	1	No	No
East	Casuals Yard, South of North Door	"WL"	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	South Wall, West corner	Several "H" symbols	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	South Wall, West corner	"JW (?)"	Poor	Brick	1	No	No
South	West corner, next to gates	"AA"	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	West corner, next to gates	Hash mark with two vertical lines and three horizontal lines	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	East of entrance sign	Several faint initials, behind bushes	Average	Brick	1	No	No
South	Between second and third windows east of entrance	Stylised lettering, unreadable as behind bushes	Average	Brick	2	No	No
North	North West corner	"Springall"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	North West corner	"KC4 A4"	Good	Brick	1	No	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
North	North West corner	"Builder"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	West end	"WD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	West end	"W"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	Centre of wall	"WD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	Centre of wall	"WH"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	Centre of wall	"WG (or C)"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	Centre of wall	"F (or A)W"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	Centre of wall	"HF"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	East end of wall	"NH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	East end of wall	"WG (or C)"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	East end of wall	"F (or A)W"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	East end of wall	"AH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	East end of wall	"AO?"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
North	East end of wall	"HE"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"R Y (?) 1887"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	Illegible date and letters	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"17"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"J (backwards) V (or U) 1887"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"J D"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"CC 1833 (!?)	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"R" followed by three vertical strokes	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"GD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"F"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"A"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"FW"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"WN"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"FHM"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"GB"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	East end of wall	"W..."	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"A Jary"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East end of wall	"JH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"AA"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	Illegible letters	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"S"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"FW"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"T (or J) I M(?)"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"Bo..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"Chubby at ..."	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"Tom"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"Lee"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"A Jary"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East end of wall	"GE"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"TXHW"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"GE...D"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"HH"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	Illegible letters	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"Jim (?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"W..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"R A 1887"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"A..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"JI"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"EH"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"B Raw...d 1887"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"A...da (?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"RG"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"HH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"RA...91" "JA KIRK"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	Yes

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South	East end of wall	"W Moore"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"IW" "EK"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East end of wall	"BALE"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"RG"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"TR 1885"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"OT"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AT"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"RM"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AB"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"J Dary"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	Illegible name "1880 (or 8)"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"J(?) A Dungar"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	Center of boys yard	"OT"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"RM 1883"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"WS"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"CHRIS"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"DAVE"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"C I(?) K"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"WH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"CO 'love heart'(!?) I..."	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"MM"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"KP"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"JD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"J D(or P)"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"JS" "JI(?)"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"D" "P I Willl"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"DR"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AD" "L..."	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"SS"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	Center of boys yard	"FT(?)H"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"ERD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"PoP"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"JK"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AD"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"KW"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"WA"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	Illegible name	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"WH"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"RC"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"I(orL) G"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"GW"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AA"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"# J" "T"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"R Chu..."	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"RM"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	Illegible letters and numbers	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"CO"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"NT"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"IC"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AWB"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"GD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"JK 1883"	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"JEKEI(or L)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"WB"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AJ"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"FW"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"AJ"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	Center of boys yard	"JS 1888"	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No



Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	Center of boys yard	"JK"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"KEV"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"07(?) 1883"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"RA"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"T..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"WB"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"HF"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"AJ"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"MO (?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"WH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"RA" + illegible date	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"CM"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"IT" "J..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"M..." "J (or T) M"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"WI"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"AD"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"C(?) M 1933"	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"WME"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"1608"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	Union flag?	Average	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"1886"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"AL"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"RR"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"TW"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"C (or G) D"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"W Jarvis"	Poor	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East of whitewash	"KM"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"SW"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	Illegible letters	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	East of whitewash	"A Jary"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Yes
South	East of whitewash	"IM... 1887"	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"R" "RIX"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Unsuccessful
South	East of whitewash	"AT"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"NS"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"IG"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	Illegible letters	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"KT"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"LG(?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"CH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"TE..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"FW..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"SV(?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"JI"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	East of whitewash	"JH"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	Illegible text	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"Lisa"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"NSM"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"CLH"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"JK"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"AK"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"AE"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"... JB"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"Yard"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"LD"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West end of wall, mens yard	"...93"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"AI" "TT"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"RH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"J HAW"	Average	Brick	3	Yes	Unsuccessful
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"1888"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"RL"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"MA (?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"PD" "FT"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"MI"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"ML"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"AWP"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"KI"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"AMYB"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"WD"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"JPI"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"A..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"SJ"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"Jason"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"Tim"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"Rick (?)"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"S1874"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"Tim"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"JK"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"Kyle"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"DW"	Good	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"HW" "HA"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"TH"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"W..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"Marek"	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No

Facing	Location	Description	Condition	Substrate	Priority	Recorded?	Case study?
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"LD 1(?)0 in King"	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"...18..."	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"John (?) ... 18 PL"	Poor	Brick	2	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"1899 (?)"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"PDC"	Average	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"...99"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	Illegible letters and numbers	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No
South	West of whitewash, mens yard	"KW"	Poor	Brick	1	Yes	No

## Case Studies

Albert Jary

Name (A Jary) written three times on boy's side of yard wall



### Timeline

- **1872** – England & Wales Births 1837-2006 Vol. 4A p.718
  - Born as Albert George Pipe to John and Mary Pipe in Blything, Suffolk
- **1881** – 1881 Census of England, Scotland & Wales RG11.1977.58.8
  - Living at 24 Dereham Rd, Mattishall, Norfolk with mother Mary Jary and step-father George Jary.
- **1884, 6 October** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - ‘Admitted 18 Union children. I have placed them as below... The following are placed in the First Standard as not one of them has any idea of Multiplication or Division... A. Jery...’
- **1884, 6 October** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO Ref. C/CP 14/105
  - 12 strokes of cane across buttocks for breaking windows
- **1844, 15 October** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - ‘Punished Alb.Jery for throwing a potato covered with treacle at the classroom wall’
- **1884, 20 October** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/30 p. 380
  - ‘The Visiting Committee reported that two boys Albert Jary (12) and Frederick Hatton (11) inmates of the Workhouse had been misbehaving by breaking windows and in other ways and the Committee recommended that the Master of the Workhouse give each of such boys a sound caning. Resolved the Master of the Workhouse cane the Boys in accordance with the recommendation of the Visiting Committee.’

- **1884, 3 November** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/30 p. 386
  - ‘Also a letter dated the 1st instant from M. Jary of Mattishall asking that Albert Jary be discharged from the Workhouse. Resolved that he be discharged forthwith.’
- **1884, 29 December** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/30 pp. 422-423
  - ‘Mrs Jary an inmate of the Workhouse applied for outrelief for herself and children. Resolved that outrelief be not granted to her until her Son Albert Jary has been admitted to some public Elementary School.’
- **1885, 27 February** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - ‘...Albert Jery...are suffering from Ringworms’
- **1885, 21 April** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - The following is a list of the children who are in the Infirmary at the Union... 10. A.Jery...’
- **1885, 21 September** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/31 p. 124
  - “Also a letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> instant from Mr. John Macey of Lowestoft stating that he had a vacancy for an apprentice. On the report of the Visiting Committee it was resolved that, subject to the consent of his Mother , Albert Jary an inmate of this Workhouse about 14 years old, be allowed to go to Mr Macey for a month on trial with a view to his apprenticeship for not more than 4 years”
- **1885, 2 October** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - ‘The Rev. J.M.Ward visited, and complained about the Union boys indecently assaulting the girls. Punished Fred Hatton, Albert Jery...’

\*The only John Macey living in Lowestoft at the time was a smack (fishing boat) owner and fisherman (1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11.1902.60.14 & 1891 Census of England, Wales and Scotland RG12.1493.109.14).



## Arthur Dunger

Name on wall in boys yard. Reads 'A Dungal'.



### Timeline

- **1868** – England & Wales Births 1837-2006 Vol. 4B p. 277
  - Born in Whissonsett, Norfolk to William and Elizabeth Dunger
- **1871** – 1871 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG10.1849.111.4
  - Living in Common, Whissonsett, Norfolk.
- **1881** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11.1982.105.6
  - Living on Tittleshall Road, Oxwick and Pattesley, Norfolk.
- **1883, 27 August** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/30 p. 131
  - 'Resolved that in consequence of misbehaviour of Arthur Dunger an inmate of the Workhouse he be not allowed to accompany the other inmates to Yarmouth.'
- **1891** – 1891 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG12.1555.104.7
  - Living in Gressenhall Workhouse. Occupation listed as 'No Calling'.
- **1897, 6 September** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/37 p.122
  - "Resolved that Arther Dunger be sent to the Eye Infirmary as an out-patient and that the master of the Workhouse pay his expenses"
- **1901** – 1901 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG13.1873.65.3
  - Living in Gressenhall Workhouse. Listed as General Labourer. Deaf.
- **1909** – England & Wales Deaths 1837-2007 Vol. 4B p.161
  - Arthur dies. Aged 40.

## George Bartle

Name written on boy's yard wall. "G Bartle"



### Timeline

- **1819** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.511.9
  - Born in Worthing, Dereham, Norfolk. Parents unknown.
- **1841** – 1841 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.778.9.31.15
  - Living with the Abbs family in Great Heath, North Elmham, Norfolk. No profession listed.
- **1851** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.511.9
  - Lodging at 30 Eastgate Street, North Elmham, Norfolk. Listed as labourer.
- **1853** – England & Wales marriages 1837-2008 Vol. 4B p. 467
  - George marries Anne Anderson
- **1861** – 1861 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG09.1244.57.19
  - Living at 105 Great Heath, North Elmham, Norfolk with wife Ann Bartle, three children and mother-in-law Alice Andrews. Listed as agricultural labourer.
- **1871** – 1871 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG10.1849.57.17
  - Living at 93 Great Heath, North Elmham, Norfolk with wife and 1 child. Listed as agricultural labourer.
- **1879** – England & Wales deaths 1837-2007 Vol. 4B p. 188
  - George Bartle dies in Mitford, Norfolk

George Farrow

Name on boys yard wall. "G Farrow".



### Timeline

- **1874** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11. 1982.26.10
  - Born in Guist, Norfolk to Ellen Farrow.
- **1881** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11. 1982.26.10
  - Living on Foulsham Road, Bintree, Norfolk with mother and step-father, William Myhill.
- **1882, 6 November** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/29 pp. 407-408
  - “Ellen Myhill Wife of William Myhill of Bintree Labourer and her four children...having become chargeable to this Union as inmates of the Workhouse. Resolved that Philip J Reynolds do take proceedings before a Justice on behalf of the Guardians against the said William Myhill...for their neglect to maintain their families”
- **1883, 9 April** – Bintree School Logbook NRO Ref. C/ED 2/125
  - ‘Readmitted George Farrow on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, William to-day. Jesse Myhill re-admitted on the 4<sup>th</sup> April’
- **1885, 7 May** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - ‘The Farrars have gone out of the Union’
- **1886, 22 November** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - ‘The Master had to expel William\* and George Farrar for open rebellion in school’
- **1886, 29 November** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896

- 'The Master went to the Union to see the Guardians and explain why the boy Farrow was punished on 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. They were of the opinion that the punishment was not too severe'
- **1886, 6 December** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - 'George Farrow returned this morning but the Master could not readmit him; having evidence that he is not a person to associate with children attending a public elementary school'
- **1892, 27 June** – British Army Service Records WO97.2770.9
  - Signed up for short service in 5<sup>th</sup> (Northumberland Fusiliers) Regiment of Foot. Previous trade listed as Seaman and had served in the militia. 'Heart and Anchor' tattoo on front, right forearm. Illegible tattoo on back, left forearm.
- **1892, 14 October** – British Army Service Records WO97.2770.9
  - Transferred to Dover. In hospital for purpura\*\*
- **1893, 19 January** – British Army Service Records WO97.2770.9
  - Transferred to Eastbourne. In hospital for purpura\*\*
- **1893, 23 May** – British Army Service Records WO97.2770.9
  - Retransferred to Dover. In hospital for purpura\*\*
- **1893, 17 June** – British Army Service Records WO97.2770.9
  - Discharged 'having been found medically unfit for service'.
- **(?) 1903, 6 July – England Deaths and Burials**
  - Possibly died in Elsing, Norfolk aged 29

\*Not same William Farrow as 1976 recording, too old.

\*\* A rash of purple spots on the skin caused by internal bleeding from small blood vessels

## George White

Name written on "men's" side of yard. "G WHITE".



### Timeline

- **1844** – England & Wales Births Vol. 13 p. 218
  - Born in Scarning, Mitford, Norfolk
- **1851** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.252.17
  - Living in Gressenhall workhouse with older brother James (10) and younger brother John (2). Listed as scholar.
- **1855, 23 July** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/12 pp.321-322
  - ‘George White belonging to Scarning and Elijah Holiday belonging to Wendling, two boys maintained in the Union Workhouse are this day brought before the Board by Mr. Harrison the Master charged with having absconded from the Union Workhouse by climbing over the wall and having taken with them the Workhouse Clothes and gone to Lynn, Norwich and other places. Ordered that the said George White and Elijah Holiday be punished by being kept on Bread and Water diet pursuant to the regulations of the Poor Law Board for the space of 48 hours during the next 4 days.’
  
  - ‘On the motion of Mr. John Porter Smith the Guardian of East Dereham a warrant is directed to be forthwith issued against the Mother of the said George White for neglecting to maintain him with the view to her being apprehended and dealt with as an idle and disorderly person under the Vagrant Act.’
- **1861** – 1861 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG09.1218.129.7
  - Lodging in the house of Marth Seaman at 26 Barn Road, St Benedict, Norwich, Norfolk. Works as both a porter and at the silk factory.

- **1863** – England & Wales Deaths Vol. 4B p. 185
  - George dies (?)

## John King

Graffiti found in the archway, on the south side of the long corridor. Reads "John King".



### Timeline

- **1815, 20 Dec** – Norfolk Baptisms NRO Ref. PD 442/3 p.6
  - Born in Lyng, Norfolk to Thomas and Frances King
- **1816, 28 Jan** – Norfolk Baptisms NRO Ref. PD 442/3 p.6
  - Baptised in Whitwell
- **1836, 16 June** – Board of Guardians Minute Books NRO Ref. C/GP 14/2 p.29
  - “Orders signed for the admission of the following paupers into the Workhouse...  
John King, Lyng...”
- **1841** – 1841 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.778.13.31.6
  - Living in the workhouse. Listed as pauper.
- **1851** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.251.14
  - Living in the workhouse. Listed as deaf and dumb.
- **1861** – 1861 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG09.1242.149.7
  - Living in the workhouse. Listed as deaf, dumb and an idiot. Birth place listed as unknown.
- **1871** – 1871 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG10.1847.95.7
  - Living in the workhouse. Listed as deaf, dumb and an imbecile.
- **1881** – England & Wales Deaths Vol. 4B p.197
  - John King dies.

## John Kirk

Name on boy's yard wall. "J A Kirk"



### Timeline

- **1865** – England & Wales Births Vol. 4B p.269
  - Born in Gressenhall, Norfolk.
- **1871** – 1871 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG10. 1847.29.19
  - Living as lodger in the house of James Ayres, 27 Bittering Street, Gressenhall, Norfolk with mother, Sarah Ann Kirk and four siblings.
- **1876, Week Ending 13 March** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - 'Mrs Kirk, mother of John and Sarah Kirk, died of Typhoid Fever one day last week and the family have been taken Pro. Tem. To the Workhouse'
- **1881** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11.1980.112.6
  - Inmate in Gressenhall Workhouse. Listed as farm labourer.
- **1897, 19 July** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO Ref. C/CP 14/105
  - "Abusing and using threats to the Master", "Taken before Magistrates", "Committed 7 days to Prison"
- **1898, 17 September** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO Ref. C/CP 14/105
  - "Attempting to strike the Lab Master", 24 hours on diet of Bread and Water
- **1901** – 1901 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG13.1873.19.5
  - Boarding at 34 Great Bittering Street, Gressenhall, Norfolk. Listed as agricultural labourer.



## John Ling

Graffiti found in the yard, on the east side of the main building. Reads "John Ling Born in 183...".



### Timeline

- **1833** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.413.17
  - Born in Rougham, Mitford, Norfolk
- **1851** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.413.17
  - Age 18. Living in Fincham Cottage, Rougham, Mitford, Norfolk as a servant to William Ling (Farm Steward). Working as a Team Lad.

## John Lingwood

Graffiti found in the yard, on the east side of the main building. Reads "John Ling Born in 183...".

N.B. There are two John Lingwoods in the same family. One born 1837, the other 1840.

### **John (born 1837)**

- **1837** – 1841 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.780.12.62.2
  - Born in Shipdham, Norfolk to John and Ann Lingwood
- **1841** – 1841 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.780.12.62.2
  - Living in Market Street, Shipdham, Norfolk. 4 years old.
- **1856, 20 March** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Joined the British Army. Private soldier in the 62<sup>nd</sup> (Wiltshire) Regiment of Foot.
- **1857** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Dispatched to Nova Scotia, Canada with the Regiment
- **1857, 1 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Promoted to Corporal

- **1859, 20 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Promoted to Sergeant
- **1859, 4 November** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Appointed as Color Sergeant
- **1866, 20 March** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Signed on for a further 11 years in the Regiment at Pembroke Dock
- **1866, 1 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Reverted back to Sergeant
- **1867, 1 June** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Transferred to General Staff as 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Staff Clerk
- **1873, 2 May** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Promoted to Color Sergeant by Royal Warrant
- **1877, 21 August** – British Army Service Records WO97.2157.80
  - Discharged from military service at end of contract. Awarded five good conduct badges.

#### **John (born 1840)**

- **1840** – England & Wales Births Vol. 13 p. 237
  - Born in Shipdam, Norfolk to John and Ann Lingwood
- **1841** – 1841 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.780.12.62.2
  - Living in Market Street, Shipdham, Norfolk. 1 year old.
- **1851** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107.1825.252.16
  - Living in Gressenhall Workhouse. Learning tailoring. 12 years old.
- **1852, 6 December** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/10 p.431
  - “It appeared by the Master’s report that John Lingwood of Shipdham and Frank Seaman of Bintree two Boys maintained in the Union Workhouse had during the last week absconded from the Workhouse with Clothes belonging to the Guardians. Ordered that the Master do forthwith take the necessary proceedings before a Magistrate to obtain a warrant for the apprehension of Lingwood and Seaman accordingly.”
- **1855** – England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment PCOM2.357 p.415, HO27.112.27, HO8.127 to HO8.131, HO24.6
  - Convicted of receiving stolen goods. Sent to Portland prison for 4 years. Occupation listed as ‘Marine Store Dealer’ (same occupation as Philip Duffy whom he visited on release)
- **1861** – 1861 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG09.1262.149.6
  - Visiting Philip Duffy in Back Lane, Swaffham, Norfolk. Working as a drover.
- **1874** – Marries Ann Maria Rowe
- **1881** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11.1976.66.13
  - Living in Market Street, Shipdham, Norfolk. 5 children. Farmer and dealer of 42 acres, employing 1 man.
- **1891** – 1891 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG12.1551.58.18
  - Living in Scarning Road, Shipdham, Norfolk. 8 children. Farmer and cattle dealer.
- **1901** – 1901 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG13.1869.49.9
  - Living in Farm House, Market Street, Shipdham, Norfolk. 5 children at home (oldest 3 no longer at home). Farmer and dealer.

- **1911** – 1911 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG14PN11499 RG78PN628 RD232 SD1 ED4 SN27
  - Ann Lingwood is head of household. “Husband in asylum”.
- **1916** – England & Wales Deaths Vol. 4B p. 204
  - John dies.

Thomas Raby

Graffiti found on boys side of yard wall. Reads "T Raby 1888".



### Timeline

- **1861** – England & Wales Births Vol. 4B p. 276 & Norfolk Baptisms NRO Ref. PD 271/7 p.95 & 1861 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG09.1243.130.2
  - Born to Richard and Eliza Raby, living in Godwick, Tittleshall, Norfolk
- **1861, 7 July** – Norfolk Baptisms NRO Ref. PD 271/7 p.95
  - Baptised
- **1863, 8 June** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/17 p.122
  - "It having been represented to the Board that Mr John Bear the overseer of Tittleshall had given an order for the admission of Eliza Raby and her children (now resident paupers) into the workhouse without referring the case to the Relieving Officer of the District who was on duty in the parish at the time, the Clerk is directed to call Mr Bear's attention to the subject and to request an explanation of his reasons for adopting such an unusual and improper proceeding."
- **1871** – 1871 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG10.1847.96.10
  - In Gressenhall Workhouse with older brothers Horace and James. Listed as 'deserted'.
- **1874, 3 July** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO Ref. C/CP 14/105
  - "Kicking door and disobeying orders. Confinement for 12 hours in a separate room. Bread and water diet."
- **1874, 6 July** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/24 p.204
  - "Robert Palmer and Thomas Raby, two boys in the Workhouse School are brought before the Guardians charged with gross refractory conduct and misbehaviour towards Sergeant Stinson, the Assistant Schoolmaster, and are ordered to be

punished by confinement in separate rooms and kept on Bread and water diet for twelve hours on Tuesday and the like period on Wednesday next.”

- **1874, 3 August** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/24 p. 230
  - “Mr Gale, the Schoolmaster, reported the insubordination and wilful misbehaviour of Aaron Walker, Thomas Raby, George Barnes, Robert Palmer, John Barnes and Chas March, six boys in the Workhouse School, and on the recommendation of the Visiting Committee who had investigated the circumstances it was resolved that the Boys should receive corporal punishment in accordance with Articles 137, 139, 140 and 141, as following Walker, Raby and Palmer 12 strokes each with a cane and George Barnes, J. Barnes and March 8 strokes each.”
- **1874, 22 August** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO Ref. C/CP 14/105
  - “Insubordination and Wilful misbehaviour. 12 strokes of the cane.”
- **1874, 16 November** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/24 pp.319-320
  - “Two Boys in the Workhouse School Aaron Walker and Thomas Raby having expressed a desire to enter the Sea Service, the Clerk is directed to obtain such information on the subject as he may be enabled to lay before the Guardians on Monday next.”
- **1875, 15 May** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO Ref. C/CP 14/105
  - “Insubordination in School. To be confined in a separate room till 8 pm with Bread and water diet.”
- **1875, 17 May** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/25 p.20
  - “Thomas Raby a lad in the Boy’s School having been guilty of insubordination there on Saturday last the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, it is ordered that he be this day confined in a separate room until eight O clock pm with Bread and water diet.”
- **1875, 26 July** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/25 p.73
  - “Mr Hopson having reported that Thomas Raby aged 14 years maintained in the Workhouse was suffering from Humous disease of the eye, the Clerk is directed to ascertain if such a case would be admitted into the eye Infirmary, and if so when the patient could be received.”
- **1875, 9 August** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/25 p.83
  - “Also a letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> instant from Mr Goodwin the Secretary respecting the admission of Thomas Raby into the Norwich Eye Infirmary.”
- **1876, 25 September** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/25 p.396
  - “On the recommendation of the Visiting Committee and of Dr. Vincent the Workhouse Medical Officer, it is agreed that Thomas Raby aged 15 a pauper inmate of the Workhouse suffering from Ophthalmia be sent to Guy’s Hospital at the expense of the Union as soon as the proper arrangements can be made for his journey.”
- **1877, 28 May** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/26 p.157
  - “Also a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> instant from Guys Hospital respecting the payment of 18s. required for the maintenance of the Boy Thomas Raby.”
- **1891** – 1891 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG12.3461.131.26
  - Living as a lodger in Dolphinholme Old Mill, Garstang, Lancashire. Listed as general labourer.
- **1901** – England & Wales Deaths Vol. 8E p. 498

- Thomas Raby dies in Fylde, Lancashire (?).

N.B. No record of Richard Raby after 1861. Eliza Raby died in 1866. No record of oldest brother George after 1861 either

William Farrow

Name on boys yard wall. "W Farrow"



### Timeline

- **1872, 2 February** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11.1982.26.10 & 1939 Register RG101/1787F/016/44
  - Born in Burnham, Norfolk to Ellen Farrow.
- **1881** – 1881 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG11.1982.26.10
  - Living on Foulsham Road, Bintree, Norfolk with mother and step-father, William Myhill.
- **1882, 6 November** – Board of Guardians Minute Book (Inmates) NRO Ref. C/GP 14/29 pp. 407-408
  - "Ellen Myhill Wife of William Myhill of Bintree Labourer and her four children...having become chargeable to this Union as inmates of the Workhouse. Resolved that Philip J Reynolds do take proceedings before a Justice on behalf of the Guardians against the said William Myhill...for their neglect to maintain their families"
- **1883, 9 April** – Bintree School Logbook NRO Ref. C/ED 2/125
  - 'Readmitted George Farrow on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, William to-day. Jesse Myhill re-admitted on the 4<sup>th</sup> April'
- **1883, 16 April** – Bintree School Logbook NRO Ref. C/ED 2/125
  - 'William Farrow, a 5<sup>th</sup> Standard boy has left this school and removed to Dereham'
- **1883, 6 July** – Bintree School Logbook NRO Ref. C/ED 2/125
  - '...William Farrow has been illegally employed on Mr. Cook's farm' – *Bintree School Log Book 1870 to 1914*
- **1885, 7 May** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896

- 'The Farrars have gone out of the Union'
- **1886, 16 November** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - 'Punished William Farrar for impertinence and making a noise' – *Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896*
- **1886, 22 November** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - 'The Master had to expel William and George Farrar for open rebellion in school'
- **1887, 22 February** – Gressenhall V. A. School Log Book 1875 to 1896
  - 'The Farrars have gone out of the Union'
- **1889, 4 January** – British Army Service Records WO96.1409.209
  - Signed up to the militia (Eastern Division Royal Artillery). Figure 4 tattoo on left, back forearm. Living in Aldborough, Aylsham, Norfolk.
- **1889, 5 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Signed up for short service in the Royal Artillery. Previous trade listed as Horse Slaughter. Tattoo on left forearm, "Ada Reynolds", in addition to above.
- **1899, 1 July** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Reorganisation of Royal Artillery, transferred to East Division Royal Artillery
- **1889, 29 November** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Received a certificate of 3<sup>rd</sup> class education.
- **1891** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Living at the Grand Depot Barracks, New Road and Mill Lane, Woolwich, London. Claims to be from Lowestoft.
- **1891, 5 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Granted Good Conduct Pay.
- **1895, 5 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Granted Good Conduct Pay.
- **1896, 5 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Transferred to Army Reserve.
- **1898, 10 August** – Canterbury Marriages U3/163/1/8
  - Married Caroline Dorcas Newman in Barham, Kent. Profession listed as policeman. Father listed as deceased and first name unknown.
- **1899, 22 December** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Recalled to army service
- **1901** – 1901 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG13.834.36.3
  - Living in Upper Street, Tilmanstone, Eastry, Kent with wife Caroline and daughter Gladys (1). Listed as police constable.
- **1902, 4 April** – British Army Service Records WO97.4815.2
  - Discharged (end of agreed service). Paid a gratuity of £3:0:0.
- **1904** – England & Wales Deaths Vol. 2A p. 510
  - Wife Caroline dies.
- **1905** – England & Wales Marriages Vol. 2A p. 1365
  - Married Florence Hubbard in Medway, Kent.
- **1911** – 1911 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG14PN4472 RG78PN183 RD62 SD2 ED3 SN51
  - Living in Rose Villa, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, Kent with wife Florence and children, Gladys (12, from previous marriage), William (3), and James (0). Listed as police constable.
- **1939** – 1939 Register RG101/1787F/016/44



- Living alone at 24 King Street, Sheerness, Kent. Police pensioner.
- **1940, 15 February** – England & Wales Deaths Vol. 2A p. 3723 & National Burial Index for England & Wales
  - William dies in Sheppey, Kent.

Listed as James William Farrow in above documents (army and later censuses), but age, place-of-birth and next-of-kin all match that of the 1881 in which he is referred to only as William.

## William Jarvis

Graffiti on yard wall, "W Jarvis". However, given his age at the time he was recorded at the workhouse, it may have been made by a different person.



### Timeline

- **1839** – Norfolk Baptisms NRO PD 539/4 p.91
  - Born to James and Frances Jarvis in Swanton Morley
- **1841, 7 June** – 1841 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107/26/5/3
  - Living at Green Gate, Swanton Morley, Norfolk
- **1851, 30 March** – 1851 Census of England, Wales & Scotland HO107/1824/381/8
  - Living at Green Gate, Swanton Morley, Norfolk. Mother no longer at home.
- **1870, 29 January** – Norfolk Marriages NRO PD 539/9 p.74
  - Married Elizabeth Birch
- **1871, 3 April** – 1871 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG10/1845/81/12
  - Living at Green Gate, Swanton Morley, Norfolk with wife Elizabeth, son James, and mother-in-law Hannah Birch. Listed as agricultural labourer.
- **1872, 10 July** - England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment HO140/19
  - Sentenced to 6 months hard labour in Swaffham Prison for stealing a Calico sheet and several other cotton articles with the value of 20s.
- **1878 2 January** – England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment HO140/43
  - Sentenced to 18 months hard labour for stealing two tame hens of the value of 5s.
- **1884, 8 November** – England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment HO140/75
  - Sentenced to 5 years penal servitude for stealing 11 stone 4lbs of barley with a value of 14s.
- **1891, 5 April** – 1891 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG12/1555/105/9
  - Living in Gressenhall workhouse with daughter Eliza Ellen (11) and son Henry (7)

- **1894, 23 March** – Mitford and Launditch Union Punishment Book NRO 14/105
  - Imprisoned for 7 days for assaulting an inmate Robert Pitcher
- **1894, 26 March** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO 14/33 to 14/38
  - “Resolved that the Workhouse Master take proceedings before a justice against Robert Pitcher and William Jarvis two inmates of the Workhouse for misconduct.”
- **1895, 20 May** – Board of Guardians Minute Books (Inmates) NRO 14/33 to 14/38
  - “Resolved that the Clerk enquire as to the whereabouts and means of George Daws and William Jarvis whose respective families are in the Workhouse.”
- **1899** – England & Wales Marriages Vol 4B p.595
  - Married Emma Phillips
- **1901, 31 March** – 1901 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG13/1871/67/4
  - Living in Town Street, Swanton Morley, Norfolk with wife Emma, daughter Lily (1), and step-children George (8) and Ann Phillips (4). George and Ann are born in Gressenhall. Listed as agricultural labourer.
- **1911, 3 April** – 1911 Census of England, Wales & Scotland RG14PN11521 RG78PN631 RD232 SD4 ED7 SN77
  - Living in Beetley, East Dereham, Norfolk with wife Emma and 4 children. Listed as farm labourer.