

Clopton People

Lizzie Lankester





SUFFOLK AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Established 1831

FOR THE AID AND ADVANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SKILL, INDUSTRY AND GOOD CONDUCT,
AMONG COTTAGERS, SERVANTS AND LABOURERS IN HUSBANDRY,
FOR THE EXCITEMENT OF ENTERPRISE AND EMULATION AMONG
THE OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND.

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LORD LIEUTENANT OF THE COUNTY.

This is to Certify that a sum of £20.0.0 was awarded to
James Carpenter
on the *20* day of *June* 1883
for bringing up *15* legitimate children
to the age of 6 years

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Sue Watts
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Dear Sue,

Lizzie Lankester and the Post Office, Clopton

I have managed to find some fragments for you (literally).

First the maps. I work for the County Council and have access to current and old maps. I have enclosed four maps of this part of Clopton, known as Clopton Corner: a current map, and Ordnance Survey maps from 1927, 1904 and 1885 (before the house was built). The 1904 map has the house labelled as P.O. but the 1927 does not. However, I think it was the Post Office and shop in 1927 and later. Note the OS Parcel Numbers 281a for the land the house is on and 294 for field to the west. The field to the east is 281.

When we bought this house in 1979 I made a note of some information from the deeds. They do not go all the way back to the building date of 1897 and they show that the total holding of land and property was added to and subtracted from over time. There are only two mentions of Lizzie Lankester. In 1928 OS parcel 294, which was known as "Irelands" was conveyed from Charles Ostinelli Jessupp to Lizzie Lankester. Whether she purchased the house and OS parcel 281a earlier or at the same time is not clear. Then in 1958 she sold the house, OS parcel 281a and OS parcel 294 to R J Hudson for £1250. At that time the house seems to have been known as "The Old Post Office". This suggests that Lizzie was here between 1928 and 1958, though she may have come here earlier.

The shop was the front room on the east side of the house which seems to have had a shop door in the east wall. Behind this there seem to have been store rooms. When we did some building work in about 1981 we stripped wallpaper off the back room which we think was a store and found some old bills stuck to the wall, apparently patching up the paper. These are to C Lankester at The Shop, Clopton and are dated 1940. One of them has a signature. These are of more interest to you than to us so I am enclosing them for you.

I don't know if you had any luck with the contacts we suggested in the village. There are quite a lot of people here who have good memories back to the 1940s and earlier. Do call again if you visit and if you turn up anything about the house we would be most interested.

Yours sincerely,