

## The Story

Set amid the gentle hills and wooded lanes of East Hertfordshire, Much Hadham is a village whose past is richly woven through England's wider story. Once known as Great Hadham, the parish traces its roots to the Roman era, with coins and kilns discovered nearby, and it appears in the Domesday Book as Hadham, a possession of the Bishops of London. For nearly eight centuries, the bishops' country palace stood beside the River Ash, a site of royal significance, for it was here that Katherine of Valois, widow of Henry V, gave birth to Edmund Tudor, father of Henry VII and founder of the Tudor dynasty.

The medieval heart of the village is marked by the parish church of St Andrew, its west tower rising above a lime-lined approach. Within, lie centuries of memorials to rectors and merchants who shaped Much Hadham's long ecclesiastical and social life. The surrounding countryside, fertile and well-wooded, long supported prosperous farming and small trades.

By the 19th century, Much Hadham's manors and charitable trusts reflected a thriving rural community, while the 20th century brought wartime encampments and a new creative legacy. Sculptor Henry Moore settled at Perry Green in 1941, transforming the former Hoops Inn and its grounds into a home, studio, and later the Henry Moore Foundation, securing Much Hadham's place as both a site of deep historical continuity and a landscape of artistic and cultural life.

### THE PRIORS

The Hoops Inn, Perry Green, emerges in the historical record in 1838, when it was described as cottages and gardens owned and occupied by Mary Spencer 'and others'. By the early 1840s, the property had become home to Thomas and Ann Prior. In 1840, Ann was tried for larceny at the Hertfordshire assizes but was acquitted, with evidence suggesting she and Thomas were living at The Hoops Inn during this year.

The 1841 census lists a twenty-five-year-old Thomas Prior in Perry Green with his young family—likely at the inn, though the original record is unclear due to image quality. By 1851, the Hoops Inn was firmly established as both a family home and a local beer house, with Thomas Prior recorded as the beer shopkeeper. The census that year documents a bustling household: Thomas and wife Ann, together with their children George, Henry, Eliza, Emma, Elizabeth, Philip, Ann, and Ellen. Next door at Grinds Farm lived James and Mary Spencer, a farming couple.

By the 1850s, the Hoops Inn had become a lively village hub—sometimes attracting unwanted attention. In 1852, the inn was the scene of a fatal quarrel between two patrons, George Rowley and Edward Pyphours, which began inside the beer house and ended in the orchard, resulting in Rowley's death from injuries sustained in the fight. Thomas Prior was subsequently fined for allowing drunkenness and disorderly conduct on his premises, receiving a formal warning from the magistrates to maintain better order. Later, in 1858, the inn again featured in local records when John Martin, a labourer, was fined for assault after attempting to dunk a boy in water near The Hoops.

The 1861 census shows The Hoops Inn still at the heart of family and village life, with Thomas Prior continuing as beer house keeper alongside Ann and their eleven children. This marks the last census in which the Prior family appears at the property.



In 1863, ownership of The Hoops Inn changed hands when James Spencer, husband of the previous owner Mary, bequeathed the property to his nephew Peter Perry, though Thomas Prior remained as licensee for a time. The local area continued to see dramatic events, including a serious accident in 1864 involving Ramah Carter, who would later be a resident of The Hoops Inn, who was badly injured while trying to stop runaway horses from Old Park Farm.

## THE PERRYS

From the 1870s through the turn of the century, the Hoops Inn at Perry Green remained a central fixture in village life, consistently occupied by the Perry family. In 1871, William Perry, a local agricultural labourer and brush keeper, lived at the property with his wife Eliza and their growing family. William and Eliza's children included Charlotte, who would later take over running the beer house, and Thomas, who appears as licensee in the 1921 Census.

The inn's records capture the rhythms of everyday rural life, but also moments of drama: in 1882, The Hoops was the target of a twenty-year-old would-be fraudster passing counterfeit coins, though the family and fellow publicans were not deceived. By 1891, William was widowed, and his daughter Charlotte (now Charlotte Williams, having worked in London and later widowed herself) managed the beer house alongside him.

The property was offered at auction in 1894 as a leasehold with 13 years remaining, reflecting its continued commercial value. William Perry lived at The Hoops Inn until his death in 1902, with Charlotte and boarders such as Ramah Carter sharing the home into the new century. Throughout these years, The Hoops Inn stood as both a family residence and a community gathering place.

By 1911, the Hoops Inn was under the management of Charlotte Williams, who continued the Perry family's long association with the property. Sharing the home with farm labourer Ramah Carter, Charlotte maintained the beer house through the First World War, a period that brought new regulations for publicans. In 1916, she was fined for inadvertently serving beer to a soldier in hospital uniform outside permitted hours, a minor but telling incident reflecting the strict wartime licensing rules imposed to maintain military discipline.

After Charlotte's death in 1920, her brother Thomas Perry, the youngest child of William and Eliza Perry, took over as licensee. By the 1921 Census, Thomas was living at The Hoops with his wife Mary (originally from Edinburgh) and their daughter Winifred, while also working as a farm labourer for Old Park Farm.

## TWENTIETH CENTURY HOOPS INN

From the 1930s onward, The Hoops Inn at Perry Green continued its legacy as both a village inn and a family-run establishment. In 1939, the property was managed by Horace Gayler, a local smallholder and innkeeper whose roots traced back to the Perry family, his mother, Mary Perry, having grown up at the inn in the late 19th century.

Horace took over the licence from his uncle Thomas Perry, marking another generational handover. The inn also served as a residence for other families, including Mrs E. Forrow, who passed away there in 1949. By 1960, The



Hoops Inn entered a new chapter when Denis Humphrey Moore, then resident and licensee, formally applied to convert the premises from a restricted beer house to a fully licensed public house under the ownership of McMullen's Brewery: an important step in the property's mid-century evolution.

By the 1970s, The Hoops Inn was established as an attractive and friendly country inn, offering à la carte dining and seasonal fare in a characterful 17th-century setting. However, the property's fortunes shifted dramatically in October 1980, when a devastating fire gutted the historic building, forcing it to close for eight months. Following extensive restoration, including a new kitchen, enlarged bar, and updated facilities, the inn reopened in June 1981 under the stewardship of proprietors Alex and Coralie Ellis.

Despite the high hopes and significant investment, the business struggled to recover its former clientele, with weekly turnover falling sharply. By August 1982, The Hoops ceased trading and entered voluntary liquidation, and in 1985, former licensee Alexander Ellis was declared bankrupt, citing both the aftermath of the fire and the inn's rural isolation as contributing factors. This period marked a turbulent chapter in the property's long history.

The Hoops Inn stands today as a testament to rural Hertfordshire's enduring heritage and a symbol of renewal. The Hoops began as a purpose-built brick cottage for Hoglands Farm labourers, its prominent roadside position later making it an ideal beer house. Throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it was closely associated with the Perry family, whose name is woven into local history and may even have given Perry Green its name. Ownership and stewardship transitioned through several hands, with the inn evolving from a modest family home to a beloved public house, serving both villagers and visitors to the surrounding countryside.

Restoration work commissioned by the Henry Moore Foundation in the 1990s reintroduced historic features, such as timber casement windows and oak beams, and added subtle references to the area's artistic legacy. The 2024 Design and Access Statement again set out ambitious plans to restore and sensitively extend The Hoops, enhancing its hospitality offer while safeguarding its architectural character and rural setting.

Today, The Hoops Inn aims to offer a welcoming pub experience that honours its rich history as the watering hole of Perry Green, whilst looking to once again establish itself as a favourite amongst locals, pedestrians and equestrians, as well as attracting visitors to the Henry Moore Foundation, and friends and families from further afield.

## Sources and Findings

The sources and findings below were used to write the story of your house. You'll also find additional details and context. All images of original records viewed have been added to your digital file, and a selection of the records are also included at the end of your Storybook.

SOURCE	DATE	SOURCE DETAILS	FINDINGS & CONTEXT
Local History	n/a	Much Hadham: The village that's the former site of a World War Two Prisoner of War Camp Hertfordshire Mercury (hertfordshiremercury.co.uk)	Further reading on the history of Much Hadham.
Local History	n/a	Much Hadham, Hertfordshire A Vision of Britain Through Time (visionofbritain.org.uk)	Further reading on the history of Much Hadham in the Victorian era.
Local History	n/a	Much Hadham Hertfordshire Genealogy (hertfordshire-genealogy.co.uk)	Further reading on the history of Much Hadham.
Local History	n/a	Perry Green Uplands Hertfordshire County Council (hertfordshire.gov.uk)	Further reading on the historic area of Perry Green Uplands.
Local History	n/a	Pryor, Reid & Co. Ltd Brewerypedia (breweryhistory.com)	Further reading on the Brewing company that owned the property.
Local History	n/a	What We Do Henry Moore Foundation (henry-moore.org)	Further reading on the Henry Moore Foundation, which bought the property in 1990.

**Tithe Map & Apportionment**

1838 The Genealogist  
Original data: The National Archives, Kew, Surrey, England (TNA)  
Ref: IR 29/15/48  
(digital image of original record)

Landowner: Mary Spencer (Perry Green)  
Occupier: Mary Spencer (Perry Green) & and Others  
Parish: Much Hadham  
County: Hertfordshire  
Original Date: 4th Apr 1838  
Description of Land: Cottages and Gardens  
Quantities In Statute Measure: 0,0,37  
Plot: 264  
Reference: IR 29/15/48

**Criminal Record**

1840 England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892  
Ancestry

Name: Ann Prior  
Age: 20  
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1820  
Date of Trial: 19 Oct 1840  
Trial Year: 1840  
Location of Trial: Hertfordshire, England  
Sentence: Acquittal

**Census Returns of England and Wales**

1841 findmypast  
Original data: TNA  
Ref: HO107; Piece: 443;  
Sch: 1103  
(digital image of original record)

Thomas Prior / 25 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Mary Prior / 20 / Born: Hertfordshire  
[Unreadable] Prior / Female / Born: Hertfordshire

**Census Returns of England and Wales**

1851 findmypast  
Original data: TNA  
Ref: HO107; Piece: 1706;  
Sch: 59  
(digital image of original record)

Thomas Prior / Head / Married / 40 / Beer Shop Keeper / Born: Hertfordshire  
Ann Prior / Wife / Married / 36 / Born: Hertfordshire  
George Prior / Son / 12 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Henry Prior / Son / 11 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire  
Eliza Prior / Daughter / 10 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Emma Prior / Daughter / 8 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Elizabeth Prior / Daughter / 6 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Philip Prior / Son / 4 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Ann Prior / Daughter / 3 / Born: Hertfordshire  
Ellen Prior / Daughter / 1 / Born: Hertfordshire

**Hertfordshire Mercury - Sat, Nov 19, 1853**

1853 Newspapers.com  
(digital image of original record)

GREAT HADHAM  
FATAL TERMINATION OF A PUBLIC-HOUSE QUARREL

On Monday last an inquest was held, at the house of George Martin, Perry Green, before T. Sworder, Esq., coroner, on view of the body of George Rowley, a labourer, whose death resulted from a fight, which originated in a quarrel at a public-house, and which the deceased obstinately provoked. The following evidence was given:—



David Gillett, carter, of Sawbridgeworth, stated that on Wednesday evening last, about five o'clock, as he was going to Mr. Eve's, at the Old Park Farm, he saw a man lying in a meadow, and another man trying to set him up; he did not know the men, and he went on to Mr. Eve's. He returned in about half-an-hour, and he saw the two men still in the field. Witness was in a cart, which he drew into Mr. Thomas Prior's yard, and went across the field to the men. He found Francis Kinsey trying to raise the deceased, who was speechless, and quite helpless. Witness and Kinsey together got the deceased to a shed on Prior's premises where they laid him on a bundle of hay and left him. He (witness) thought Rowley was drunk, and had no idea that he was in a dangerous state. He thought he observed some blood about the mouth of deceased when he lifted him up, but did not take much notice of it at the time. After laying deceased in the shed, he and Kinsey went into Prior's house, a beer shop. He stopped in the house about an hour, and told Prior that Rowley was in his shed, nor did Kinsey while he (witness) was there.

Francis Kinsey, of Hadham Cross, labourer, stated that he went to Prior's house between nine and ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, and remained there till six or seven o'clock in the evening. Between twelve and one o'clock a row took place in the house. At that time the only persons present, as far as he could recollect, were Abel Brans, James Cutmore, George Rowley, Joseph Cutmore, and himself. They were drinking together all the morning. Rowley and James Cutmore began to quarrel about something, but he (witness) did not know what it was. Rowley challenged Cutmore to fight, but Cutmore said he did not wish to fight, adding, "If you hit me now, however, I will hit you again." Rowley stood over Cutmore as he was sitting on the settle, squared at him, and said he would strike him before he would be "licked by such a man." Cutmore, finding that Rowley was about to strike him, got up; he was raising Rowley up when both fell together. They got up and had a second round. Prior then went into the room, and said they should not fight there. They left off, and Cutmore sat down and smoked his pipe. Cutmore did not provoke Rowley to fight, and Pyphours came in, and, hearing them swear at one another, said, "Can't we have a glass without fighting?" Rowley said, "What have you to do with it? I'll fight the pair of you." Pyphours sat down and smoked his pipe, and Rowley squared over him, and told him to fight. Pyphours said, "I don't want to fight; what do you want to fight for?" Both Pyphours and Rowley were sober. Pyphours was very civil to Rowley, and did not call him any names or exasperate him. He appeared quite afraid of Rowley, and did not want to fight. At last, however, he said, "You won't let me have any peace; I'll go and have a brush with you." Rowley then went out, followed by Pyphours, Brans, and witness; they went across the road into an orchard in Prior's occupation. Pyphours and Rowley began to fight; Brans and witness looked on, and did not interfere. He did not see James Cutmore in the orchard at all. It was about four o'clock when the fight took place. He believed the first blow was struck

**Hertfordshire  
Mercury -  
Sat, Dec 24,  
1853**

1853

Newspapers.com  
(digital image of original  
record)

by Rowley; they had three or four rounds during the fight. Rowley took his jacket off, and Pyphours stripped to his skin. They were fighting about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. Pyphours fell once, and Rowley two or three times. Rowley was the best fighter and the strongest man. About the end of the fight Philip Martin came over the hedge into the orchard, picked Rowley up, and set him on his knees. Rowley had called for him during the fight, just before Martin came up. He (witness) was going to assist Rowley to get up, but Brans prevented him by saying, "Let him alone; the bargain was not to interfere with either side, and I'll serve you the same if you interfere." Blood or froth was running from Rowley's nose or mouth, and he could not speak. They then went into the house and left Rowley alone in the field, lying on his back. About half-past five, he went to the shed and found Rowley and Gillett there. Rowley lay on his jacket, and was shivering with cold, and there was a slight froth upon his mouth. He did not speak, but he (witness) had no idea that he was dying. He thought he was sulky. He sent up to call Mr. Bloxsome, surgeon, of Bishop's Stortford, who came on Thursday morning, about eleven o'clock. He said the man was quite dead. He found him in a perfect helpless state, with marked symptoms of compressed brain. The right side of the mouth was severely contused; the upper lip, near the middle, slightly lacerated, and fearfully swollen; and a slight laceration over the left eyelid. The other parts of the head and body presented no appearance of violence, with the exception of the hands, the fingers of which were slightly discoloured by extravasated blood. The man died between one and two o'clock on Friday, having been insensible all the time. He performed a post-mortem examination, with the assistance of Mr. Hawkes. The head and brain exhibited the following appearances:—there was a little extravasated blood on the surface of the cranium towards the back and side, and on removing the skull cap, they found as much as from six to eight ounces of extravasated blood, on the surface of the right hemisphere of the brain, extending towards the base of the skull; the left hemisphere contained no extravasated blood, the vessels were congested. The cause of death was the extravasation of blood on the brain. There was no hope of saving him from the first.

The jury returned the following verdict:—Died in consequence of wounds and bruises received while fighting with Edward Pyphours, into which fight Edward Pyphours was drawn by George Rowley.

MUCH HADHAM.  
PETTY SESSIONS, TUESDAY, DEC. 13.

Present: Thos. S. Carter, Esq., in the chair; Rev. T. T. L. Bayliff, and Richard Dawson, Esq.

THE LATE FATAL FIGHT.—Thomas Prior, beer-shop keeper, of Perry Green, in the parish of Much Hadham, was charged upon the information of Superintendent Barnes, with knowingly allowing drunkenness, fighting, and other disorderly conduct in his house and on his premises, on the 9th of

			<p>November last. The information was fully proved by the witnesses—Francis Kinsey, Philip Martin, and Thos. Parker, who gave evidence against the men now in gaol awaiting their trial at the assizes for the manslaughter of George Rowley, and the Bench inflicted a fine of 5s., including the costs. The Bench severely admonished the defendant, and recommended him to be very careful how he conducted his house for the future.</p>
<p><b>Hertfordshire Mercury - Sat, Sep 04, 1858</b></p>	<p>1858</p>	<p>Newspapers.com (digital image of original record)</p>	<p>ASSAULT.—John Martin, of Perry-green, labourer, was charged with assaulting, on Saturday, the 21st of August, a lad named Rufus Orgar by immersing him in a quantity of water near the Hoops beership, Perry-green. Ordered to pay the costs 11s.*</p>
<p><b>Census Returns of England and Wales</b></p>	<p>1861</p>	<p>findmypast Original data: TNA Ref: RG09; Piece: 809; Sch: 58 (digital image of original record)</p>	<p>Thomas Prior / Head / Married / 51 / Keeper of Beer House / Born: Hertfordshire Ann Prior / Wife / Married / 45 / Born: Hertfordshire Henry Prior / Son / Unmarried / 21 / Carter / Born: Hertfordshire Eliza Prior / Daughter / Unmarried / 20 / Dressmaker / Born: Hertfordshire Emma Prior / Daughter / Unmarried / 17 / Born: Hertfordshire Betsy Prior / Daughter / Unmarried / 15 / Born: Hertfordshire Philip Prior / Son / 13 / Plough Boy / Born: Hertfordshire Anne Prior / Daughter / 11 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire Ellen Prior / Daughter / 10 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire Charles Prior / Son / 8 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire Fanny Prior / Daughter / 7 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire Alfred Prior / Son / 6 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire Sarah Prior / Daughter / 4 / Born: Hertfordshire Mary Prior / Daughter / 2 / Born: Hertfordshire</p>
<p><b>Hertford Mercury and Reformer - Saturday 04 June 1864</b></p>	<p>1864</p>	<p>British Newspaper Archive (digital image of original record)</p>	<p>MUCH HADHAM. Shocking Accident.—On Monday afternoon an accident of a very serious character occurred to two young men named William Brace and Ramah Carter, in the employ of Mr. James Elliot Eves, of Old Park. Brace was returning home from Stansted in charge of a waggon and three horses; and while going along the lane leading from Hadham mill to Old Park farm, something started the horses, and they ran off up the narrow lane at a rapid pace. Brace tried to stop them, but the rein that he held by broke, and the poor fellow falling, one of the wheels of the waggon passed over him fearfully hurting the spine, and inflicting internal injuries. The horses continued up the lane, when Carter, who was going home with the sheep tried to stop them. He was knocked down and very severely injured on one leg, but it is hoped no bones are broken. The horses continued their course to the yard gates which they burst open, and finally stopped in the yard. Medical assistance was obtained and the poor fellows attended to, but Brace's spine is so severely injured that he is completely paralysed, and very slight hopes are entertained of his life being spared.</p>

**Census Returns of England and Wales**

1871  
findmypast  
Original data: TNA  
Ref: RG10; Piece: 1355;  
Sch: 75  
(digital image of original record)

William Perry / Head / 52 / Agricultural Labourer & Brush Keeper / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Eliza Perry / Wife / 45 / Born: Widford, Hertfordshire  
Walter Perry / Son / 23 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Eliza Perry / Daughter / 12 / Scholar / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Annie Perry / Daughter / 10 / Scholar / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Alice Perry / Daughter / 8 / Scholar / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Arthur Perry / Son / 6 / Scholar / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Henry Perry / Son / 4 / Scholar / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
William Jno Perry / Son / 1 / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire  
Charles Cutmore / Boarder / 47 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Great Hadham, Hertfordshire

**Ordnance Survey - Map**

1874  
National Library of Scotland (maps.nls.uk)  
Essex Sheet XXXI  
Surveyed: 1874, Published: 1880  
(digital image of original map)

Property visible.

**Census Returns of England and Wales**

1881  
findmypast  
Original data: TNA  
Ref: RG11; Piece: 1407;  
Sch: 648  
(digital image of original record)

William Perry / Head / Married / 60 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Hertfordshire  
Eliza Perry / Wife / Married / 50 / Born: Widford, Hertfordshire  
Harry Perry / Son / Single / 15 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Hertfordshire  
William Perry / Son / Single / 11 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire  
Thomas Perry / Son / Single / 7 / Scholar / Born: Hertfordshire

**The Herts and Essex Observer - Sat, Dec 30, 1882**

1882  
Newspapers.com  
(digital image of original record)

BEWARE OF "HANOVER JACKS" AND "RINGING THE CHANGES." — On Wednesday night Mr Deputy Chief Constable Ryder received information that a young man had been attempting to pass as a good sovereign a coin, known by the term "Hanover Jack," at Great Hadham, and had also been endeavouring to "ring the changes" at several shops and public-houses in the town of Stortford. Sergt. Hill and Constable Reynolds were sent in pursuit of the offender and they happened to come upon him near the Bell public-house. The fellow, not caring to lightly lose his liberty, made off at racing speed — with the officers in "full cry" after him — along Tallowchandler's-lane, and down the steps leading to Dovelio-lane. Possibly had he been acquainted with the locality he might have escaped for the time, but his ill-luck led him to diverge to the right, into Mr Lea's yard, and he was eventually found huddled up in Mr Beard's ship-shed. After an outlet he had found a cul-de-sac. He made a stout but ineffectual resistance and was locked up in a "durance vile." Sergt. Hill has very carefully investigated the prisoner's proceedings on Wednesday. He was first heard of at the Hoops, Perry Green, Great Hadham, where he stayed drinking from about 2 p.m. to 6 o'clock, and



afterwards visited the Prince of Wales and White Horse public-houses, Green Tye, at all of which places he attempted to pass the “Hanover Jack” and “ring the changes,” in which, however, he was not successful. Coming along to Bishop’s Stortford he met two labouring men, named Ship and Byeford, and obtained of 2 pieces from the former, leaving in its place the counterfeit sovereign. These men subsequently discovered the worthlessness of the coin and gave the same, finding him at the Green Man, Thorley Houses, where he spent 4d out of the 2s; he managed to dispose of the change (1s 8d), and again started off for Stortford. The sovereign was secured by Mrs Carter, the landlady, who, after marking it, forwarded it on to Mr Ryder. The prisoner “turned up” in due time at Stortford, and, as already stated, he visited nearly every part of the town in his effort to practise his “profession” — but fortune favoured him not. Possibly a slight description of him may lead to the bringing to light of further particulars in his past career. He gives the name of Thomas Smith, aged 20, and is apparently well acquainted with the “horseshoeing” fraternity. The middle finger of his right hand is minus the first joint — he says it was bitten off by a horse — and the formation of the nail on the forefinger of the same hand is very peculiar. He stands about 5ft. 5in. high, has blue eyes, dark brown hair, light moustache and no whiskers, and is dressed in a black twilled coat, speckled tweed trousers and vest, and has hat (brown colour), elastic spring boots. A pawn ticket was found upon him, showing that a pair of trowsers pledged for 5s. on Saturday last, the 22nd inst., at Mr Robert George’s, 124 and 125 Whitechapel-road, London, in the name of Smith, of Catherine-place. He had no money in his possession, simply a halfpenny and a farthing. He remains in custody under remand.

**Hertfordshire Archives** 1884 - 1890 DE/L/B69 Hertfordshire Archives (hertfordshirearchives.org.uk)

**Hertfordshire Archives** 1886 - 1895 DE/B1089/T10 Hertfordshire Archives (hertfordshirearchives.org.uk)

**Census Returns of England and Wales** 1891 findmypast Original data: TNA Ref: RG12; Piece: 1098; Sch: 83 (digital image of original record)

MUCH HADHAM, Hoops, Perry Green; HATFIELD, beerhouse and butcher’s shop

Title deeds concerning The Hoops beerhouse, Perry Green, Much Hadham 2 items.

William Perry / Head / Widower / 71 / Agricultural Labourer & Beerhouse Keeper / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire  
 Charlotte Williams / Daughter / Married / 41 / Beerhouse Keeper / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire  
 Henry Perry / Son / Single / 24 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire  
 William S. Perry / Son / Single / 21 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire  
 Thomas Perry / Son / Single / 17 / Agricultural Labourer / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire  
 George W. Williams / Grandson / 12 / Scholar / Born: London, Middlesex



<b>The Standard Mon, Nov 19, 1894</b>	1894	Newspapers.com (digital image of original record)	<p>HERTS.—The White Horse Public-house, Wareside; and the Hoops Beer-house, Perry Green, near Hertford.</p> <p>MESSRS. ALFRED THOMAS, PEYER, and MILES will OFFER these PROPERTIES by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, on Monday, Nov. 26, in One Lot, immediately before the above-announced sale; the White Horse is of Freehold tenure, and the Hoops Leasehold for about 13 years unexpired at 20l. per Annum.—Particulars may be obtained of Messrs. Alfred Thomas, Peyer, and Miles, brewery auctioneers and valuers, as above.</p>
<b>Ordnance Survey - Map</b>	1896	National Library of Scotland (maps.nls.uk) Hertfordshire XXX.4 Revised: 1896, Published: 1897 (digital image of original map)	Property built and on map.
<b>Hertfordshire Archives</b>	1897 - 1907	DE/B1089/T1 Hertfordshire Archives (hertfordshirearchives. org.uk)	<p>Title deeds concerning The Plough, High Street, Codicote; The Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham; The Fisherman, Fishers Green, Stevenage; the White House, with cottages, Wareside, Ware; the Fox and Duck and the Woolpack, Clifton, Bedfordshire</p> <p>Description: Deeds connected with the liquidation and reconstruction of Pryor Reid and Co Ltd.</p>
<b>Census Returns of England and Wales</b>	1901	findmypast Original data: TNA Ref: RG13; Piece: 1288; Sch: 87 (digital image of original record)	<p>William Perry / Head / Widower / 82 / Ordinary Agricultural Labourer / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire</p> <p>Charlotte Williams / Daughter / Widow / 49 / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire</p> <p>Ramor Carter / Boarder / Widower / 64 / Ordinary Agricultural Labourer / Born: Much Hadham, Hertfordshire</p>
<b>Valuation Survey</b>	1910	The Genealogist (Original data: TNA) Number of Assessment: 285 (digital image of original record)	<p>Number of Assessment: 285</p> <p>Occupier: C Williams</p> <p>Address of Property: The Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham</p> <p>Reference to Map: 253-G</p> <p>Parish: Much Hadham</p> <p>Ward: Albury</p> <p>Valuation Office: Hertford</p> <p>County: Hertfordshire</p> <p>Owner Organisation: Pryor Reid &amp; Co Ltd</p> <p>Owner Residence: Hatfield</p>

<b>Census Returns of England and Wales</b>	1911	findmypast Original data: TNA Ref: RG14; Piece: 7522; Sch: 367 (digital image of original record)	Charlotte Williams / Head / Widow / 59 / Beerhouse Keeper / Born: Hadham, Hertfordshire Ramah Carter / Widower / 72 / Farm Labourer / Born: Hadham, Hertfordshire
<b>Electoral Register</b>	1912	England & Wales, Electoral Registers 1910-1932	Name: Charlotte Williams Year: 1912 Polling district/place: Great Hadham Register type: Parliamentary County (so she likely met the property or occupation qualification for voting, as this was before women had equal franchise rights)
<b>War Medal Roll</b>	1914 - 1920	UK, British Army World War I Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920 Ancestry	Name: Horace W Gayler Military Date: 1914-1920 Military Place: England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, United Kingdom Regiment or Corps: Royal Engineers Regimental Number: 25581
<b>Hertfordshire Mercury - Sat, Mar 04, 1916</b>	1916	Newspapers.com (digital image of original record)	<p>MUCH HADHAM.  BREACH OF THE LICENSING ORDER.</p> <p>At the Petty Sessions on Saturday, before Messrs W. Minet (in the chair), C. Fitzroy Doll, and J. E. Morrie, Charlotte Williams, licensee of The Hoops public-house, Perry Green, Much Hadham, appeared to answer an information for not closing her licensed premises in respect of Corporal Huntley, Grenadier Guards, who was in hospital uniform and an inmate of the V.A.D. Hospital at Much Hadham. The offence was a breach of Order No. 55 made under Regulation 7 of the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Regulations, 1914.</p> <p>In answer to the charge defendant said she was very sorry it happened, but the soldier came in with his top coat buttoned up.</p> <p>Supt. Easter produced a copy of the Order, by which, he said, all public-houses in this district were closed to the military except from 12 noon to 9 p.m., and as regards soldiers undergoing hospital treatment, clause 3 stated: "I do further order that the said licensed premises in the said area be closed as respects all members of His Majesty's Forces clothed in blue hospital uniform."</p> <p>P.C. Emerton said he served a copy of this Order on the defendant on July 27, 1915. Further, on August 30 he explained to her the letter from the Home Office giving the police power to act, and on November 16 he served upon her the revised form of the order made by Lieut.-General A. E. Codrington, whereby the word 'blue' was deleted from the original clause already quoted.</p>

			<p>P.C. Ives said that on Thursday, January 27, at 11.25 a.m., he visited the Hoops beer-house at Perry Green, and saw in the taproom a soldier in khaki overcoat and cap, and blue uniform, with a clear mug. He saw the defendant and told her she must not serve any soldier until after 12 noon, and in the case of one in hospital uniform he ought not to be there at all. The defendant said she did not notice the hospital uniform and her clerk had given the man the beer. Witness saw on the table in front of the soldier a pint mug half full of beer. Witness ascertained the soldier's name, and he said, 'Can't you let it slide, governor?' In answer to the Bench, witness said his watch, a Waltham lever, kept accurate time.</p> <p>William Warner, of Much Hadham, a special constable, corroborated.</p> <p>The defendant, in answer to the Bench, said she was very, very sorry, and it should not happen again.</p> <p>The Chairman said it was most important that these regulations should be attended to and obeyed. The Bench thought the defendant had been very careless in her business, and she would be fined 1s.</p> <p>Defendant paid the fine.a</p>
<b>Ordnance Survey - Map</b>	1919	National Library of Scotland (maps.nls.uk) Hertfordshire XXX.4 Revised: 1919, Published: 1921 (digital image of original map)	Property visible and named 'B. H.' - beer house.
<b>Hertfordshire Archives</b>	1919	63651 Hertfordshire Archives (hertfordshirearchives.org.uk)	Sale particulars of nine fully-licensed public houses and thirteen beer houses in Hertfordshire and Essex: Hoops, Perry Green
<b>Hertfordshire Archives</b>	1919	DE/By/B90 Hertfordshire Archives (hertfordshirearchives.org.uk)	Nine fully-licensed houses and thirteen beer houses, includes statement of average supplies (annotated) The Hoops Beer House, Perry Green, Tenant Alfred Hankin
<b>Probate Record</b>	1920	findmypast England & Wales Government Probate Death Index 1858-2019	

<b>Census Returns of England and Wales</b>	1921	findmypast Original data: TNA Ref: RG 15; Piece: 07051; Sch: 136 (digital image of original record)	Thomas Perry / Head / 48 / Farm Worker / Born: Hadham, Hertfordshire Mary Perry / Wife / 47 / Home Duties / Born: Edinburgh, Midlothian Winifred Perry / Daughter / 19 / Domestic Worker / Born: Hadham, Hertfordshire
<b>Ordnance Survey - Map</b>	1930 - 1959	National Library of Scotland (maps.nls.uk) TL41NW - A Surveyed / Revised: Pre-1930 to 1959, Published: 1960 (digital image of original map)	Property visible on map.
<b>Census Returns of England and Wales</b>	1939	findmypast Original data: TNA Ref: RG101; Piece: 1651C; Sch: 94 (digital image of original record)	Horace (W) Gayler / 04 May 1894 / Smallholder & Inn Keeper / Married Beatrice Gayler / 14 Dec 1879 / Domestic Duties / Married
<b>Herts and Essex Observer - Saturday 21 October 1939</b>	1939	British Newspaper Archive (digital image of original record)	Licence Transfers.  The Bench granted the full transfers of the licence of the Old Bell, Much Hadham, from Mr. Sidney Carter Stickney to Mr. Percival Thomas Johnson, and of the licence of the Hoops, Perry Green, from Mr. Thomas Perry to Mr. Horace Gayler.
<b>Herts and Essex Observer - Saturday 24 August 1940</b>	1940	British Newspaper Archive (digital image of original record)	Licensing Application An application for the transfer of the Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham, from Mr. Horace Gaylor to Mr. David George Farrow was granted.
<b>Ordnance Survey - Map</b>	1946	National Library of Scotland (maps.nls.uk) Hertfordshire Sheet XXX. NE Revised: 1946, Published: 1950 (digital image of original map)	Property visible on map.

**The Herts  
and Essex  
Observer -  
Fri, May 06,  
1949**

1949  
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record)

Mr. Forrow, Family and Mother, would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their kind sentiments and floral tributes sent in sympathy in their sad bereavement. Also Doctors Barker, Elder and Ellis, and Nurses for their unceasing attention and kindness to the late Mrs. E. Forrow, of The Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham.

**The Herts  
and Essex  
Observer -  
Fri, Feb 12,  
1960**

1960  
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I, DENIS HUMPHREY MOORE, now residing at The Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham, in the Licensing District of Bishop's Stortford in the County of Hertford, Licensed Victualler,  
Do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Second Session of the General Annual Licensing Meeting for the said Division to be holden at the Court House, Bishop's Stortford, on Thursday the 3rd day of March 1960 at 10.0 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to me of a Justices' Licence authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise Licence to sell by retail any intoxicating liquor for consumption either on or off the premises situate at Perry Green, Much Hadham aforesaid and known by the sign of The Hoops, and of which premises Messrs. McMullen and Sons Limited of The Hertford Brewery, Hertford, are the owners.  
And it is my intention at the hearing of the application for the new licence to offer to surrender the existing restricted licence in respect of the same premises.  
Given under my hand this Twenty-eighth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.  
D. H. MOORE

**The Herts  
and Essex  
Observer -  
Fri, Mar 03,  
1967**

1967  
Newspapers.com  
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record)

#### COURT TOLD HOW DOG ATTACKED BOY

An eight-year-old boy was at the head of a crocodile of epileptic boys returning to St. Catherine's Home, Much Hadham, when he was attacked by a dog, and received a wound in his face stretching from his eye to his chin, and needing 18 stitches, Mr. R. T. L. Lee, prosecuting, told Bishop's Stortford magistrates on Thursday of last week.

Arthur Wallis, of The Hoops Inn, Perry Green, pleaded not guilty to having a dangerous dog, a Dalmatian named Marco, and to failing to keep it under proper control on November 11.

Nurse Una Cremin, in her evidence, said that she was in charge of the 10 boys who were on their way back towards the home from Perry Green Church. She heard a boy scream and when she went to him he was on the side of the road, his hands were to his face and blood was streaming from it.

A 15-year-old girl said she was helping Nurse Cremin on the day in question. The boy was in front of the group. She saw the dog jump up at him and the young woman with the dog tried to get him off, she said.

<p><b>The Herts and Essex Observer - Fri, Nov 30, 1973</b></p>	<p>1973</p>	<p>Newspapers.com (digital image of original record)</p>	<p>Miss Heather Glosby told the court that she was employed at The Hoops Inn until recently. She took the dog, Marco, for a walk about five times a week. On the day of the incident she had the dog on a lead. She met a Mr. White and his dog had a fight with Marco. She was taking the dog away when the group of boys came running towards her and Marco went straight up at the first boy.</p> <p>She said that the dog was sometimes left alone with a baby at The Hoops Inn. She had been warned to keep the dog on a lead because an order was made that he should be kept under proper control.</p> <p>Defending, Mr. D. J. Clare said that the dog was in a state of excitement after his encounter with the other dog. It was a natural reaction to make a jump at the children running straight at him.</p> <p>The magistrates found that the dog was dangerous and not under proper control at the time of the incident. They made an order for the dog to be kept under proper control at all times, and accepted an undertaking from Wallis that he would not allow the dog outside his premises with anyone but himself.</p> <p>Wallis was ordered to pay an advocate's fee of 10 guineas, witnesses' expenses of £3 1s. 6d., and court fees of 7s.</p> <p>The Hoops Inn Perry Green Near Much Hadham</p> <p>An attractive and friendly Country Inn.</p> <p>Luncheon and Dinner A La Carte</p> <p>THE SEASONAL FAYRE As from December 11</p> <p>Enjoy a meal at the Hoops Inn</p> <p>Telephone Much Hadham 2336</p>
<p><b>Hertfordshire Mercury - Fri, Jun 05, 1981</b></p>	<p>1981</p>	<p>Newspapers.com (digital image of original record)</p>	<p>The Hoops – 17th century inn Mercury, June 5, 1981</p> <p>This week sees the reopening of the Hoops Inn, Perry Green, which lies just a mile or so to the south-east of Much Hadham.</p> <p>Reopening in the general run of things usually are the outcome of relatively minor modifications; transfer of ownership or similar changes.</p>

In the case of the Hoops Inn, it follows months of planning and frustration brought about by the devastating fire which ravaged the 320 years old inn eight months ago, and which brought an ironic relevance to the term Restoration which marked the period in which it was first built.

The work required to restore the premises' upper floor alone was sufficient to render the living quarters unusable for five months, but at ground level the degree of damage was considerably more extensive, and has necessitated virtually starting from scratch throughout the whole of the area.

In addition to the refurbishing of the premises, modifications have been made to the lay-out, and these include an extended public bar area, an entirely new kitchen, new entrance, and enlarged toilet facilities.

The restaurant in its final form will accommodate 55 persons in a setting losing nothing in comparison to that of the past, and appealing just as strongly to diners as it has in the past too.

The very best of qualified staff have been engaged to ensure the standards achieved previously, and with a brand new kitchen in which to create, a happy chef will no doubt ensure equally happy customers.

If you have never before wined or dined at the Hoops Inn, you should certainly make a special point of doing so, for the quality, service and environment will surely encourage you to make it a regular rendezvous.

For those past customers who have missed so many months of good ale, food, and company, the appeal will be obvious, and the chance to enjoy these assets once again will mean restoration in more than the Hoops Inn alone.

(Photograph caption)

Proprietors Alex and Coralie Ellis behind the bar of the reopened Hoops Inn.

Advertisements surrounding the article:

OLIVER BROWN LTD. Boiler Installation and Servicing — Tel. Harlow 410135

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MAGICHOME LTD. — 'Abra-ca-dabra The Hoops is back!'

CHRIS RICHARDSON of Andross Electrics — wishing Alex and Coralie success

JOHNSONS BUTCHERS — supplying fresh meat to The Hoops Inn

H. DONOGHUE (Fishmongers) of Ware — supplying The Hoops Inn with fresh fish

**Hertfordshire  
Mercury - Fri,  
Apr 26, 1985**

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WE'RE OPEN  
OPEN June 4th

After our extensive renovations and many improvements.  
Introducing our new A la carte menu and Special Sunday lunch  
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Tel: MUCH HADHAM 2129

Opening Times:  
Monday–Thursday 11am–2.30pm / 6pm–10.30pm  
Last orders for food: 9.30pm

Friday–Saturday 11am–2.30pm / 6pm–11pm  
Last orders for food: 10pm

Sunday 12 Noon–2pm / 7pm–10.30pm  
Last orders for food: 10pm

Large car park and garden

The Hoops  
17th Century Inn  
Perry Green, Much Hadham. Tel: Much Hadham 2129

A FIRE at The Hoops Inn, Perry Green, five years ago was the beginning of the end for the business, its former licensee told a bankruptcy hearing in Hertford on Monday.

‘The people who had come before just did not come back... The weekly turnover declined from a maximum of £2,000 down to only £700,’ said Mr Alexander Ernest Ellis.

Mr Ellis (46), now living in rented accommodation in Dorking, was appearing for his public examination in bankruptcy.

He told Registrar Mr J. S. Sennitt that his deficiency of £112,600 was probably ‘much nearer £150,000’ following the sale of the lease of the inn by Mercantile Credit.

INN LEASE

Questioned by Official Receiver Mr E. Murphy, Mr Ellis said he took on the lease of The Hoops Inn Hotel and restaurant business in October, 1977 — paying for the £65,000 lease with about £30,000 of his own money and the remainder provided by a bank.

**Design Statement**

2020s  
The Hoops Inn  
Baya Projects  
(baya-projects.co.uk)

A fire in October, 1980, gutted the inn and it was closed for eight months, and in August 1982 it ceased to trade. It ultimately went into voluntary liquidation.

Said Mr Ellis: ‘We had been in the process of re-financing with Mercantile Credit and with a bank in Bishop’s Stortford, and I went into partnership with my wife. We hoped that matters would improve but quite the opposite happened.

‘The failure really goes back to the fire,’ he said. ‘For in addition to the customers’ failure to return after the fire, there was also the “isolation factor”’

He added that he became overdependent on borrowed money, and the reduced turnover of the business meant it was not sufficient. For the last 18 months, he had traded at a loss.

Mr Ellis said that before 1975 he had been a salesman in the licensed trade, and had been a director of a wine company which went into voluntary liquidation in 1976. Following this he had been involved in civil proceedings, and had spent £7,000 to £8,000 trying to defend the action.

Now, he was employed as a salesman earning a basic salary of £11,000 a year but was making no contribution at present towards his debts.

The registrar Mr Sennitt closed the public examination.

The 2024 Design and Access Statement for The Hoops Inn, Perry Green—prepared by BAYA Projects Ltd for Windhill Investments—sets out a full proposal to restore, extend, and reopen the long-closed public house as a community asset. The Hoops, a locally listed heritage building thought to date from 1834, began as a farm labourer’s cottage for nearby Hoglands Farm before evolving into a beer house in the late 19th century under William Perry and his family. The new proposals aim to reinvigorate this heritage, providing a viable hospitality venue while respecting its rural and architectural context within the historic hamlet of Perry Green—an area long celebrated for its association with the Henry Moore Foundation, traditional timber-framed houses, and medieval landscape pattern.

The scheme involves single-storey extensions to the existing pub, partial demolition of poor-quality later additions, and the creation of new dining areas, a rear terrace, and family-friendly garden spaces. The external design draws upon local vernacular materials—red brick, lime-washed timber cladding, clay tiles, and weathered corten steel—to blend old and new. Internally, original beams and fireplaces will be retained, while circulation and service areas are modernised to ensure full accessibility and operational efficiency.



## Restoration

2020s

The Hoops Inn  
Kay Pilsbury Thomas  
Architect  
(kpt.co.uk)

Planning feedback from East Herts District Council and conservation officers supported the principle of reopening the inn and enhancing its setting, particularly the removal of unsympathetic outbuildings and fencing, though it advised sensitivity to the adjacent Grade II listed Yew Tree Cottage and moderation of the new wings' scale. Revised designs now feature a lighter, more articulated central link, improved servicing from the rear, and a boundary realignment to improve the approach from the green.

The supporting reports—heritage, ecology, and sustainability—emphasise a net biodiversity gain, sensitive landscaping with meadow planting and new trees, and low-carbon materials. The project's intent is not merely architectural renewal but the revival of a valued social and cultural landmark, restoring The Hoops as a functioning village inn rooted in its historic and aesthetic setting while ensuring its economic and environmental resilience for future generations.

Located in the heart of the picturesque Hertfordshire Village of Perry Green is The Hoops Inn. This welcoming and beautiful building was thought to have been built in 1834 and nestles alongside The Henry Moore Foundation Sculpture Gardens, Studios, Galleries and the Moores' family home, Hoglands which is across the lane.

The Inn was leased by The Henry Moore Foundation in 1990 and they recently chose Kay Pilsbury Thomas Architects in collaboration with Design LSM, to sensitively restore the Inn to create a pub dining room.

The restoration looked to create a fresh and modern Dining Room, while exposing some historic features and incorporating the subtle use of Henry Moore fabrics and etchings. The historic elegant criss-cross timber casement windows were reinstated front and back, to allow light to flood into the room; opening up views onto the outside dining terrace and Village Green. Panelled doors were hung throughout and Wainscot panelling to dado height runs along the walls. The original oak beams and posts were restored and the new bar top, tables and shelving also makes use of this traditional timber. A stove was placed inside the original inglenook fireplace for warmth in the winter, and the floors were finished in slate to compliment the Welsh Duchess Slates found on the single storey roofs.

We recommend a visit to The Hoops Inn, which is wonderfully run by Lowri and Mark Williams for The Henry Moore Foundation, with support from boutique caterers Harbour & Jones.





PLOT 264 - TITHE SURVEY MAP, 1838  
(THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)

LANDOWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	Numbers referring to the Plan.	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES.	STATE or CULTIVATION.	QUANTITIES IN STATUTE MEASURE.			Amount of Rent-Charge apportioned upon the several Lands, and Payable to the Rector.			REMARKS.
					a.	r.	p.	s.	d.	d.	
Smith Richard	Aler Scarce Charles Wright	609	Spring Mead front of	Pasture	"	2	37	"	4	11	NO.A.I. NOA19
		707	Newery and cottage		"	"	"	1	19	2	
					4	2	27	2	17	1	
Spencer James	Charles Miller	815	Cottage and Yard		"	"	9	"	"	"	
Spencer Mary (Jane bondge)	John Miles	322	Cottage and garden		"	"	10	"	"	6	NKA 7981.
Spencer Mary (Perry Queen)	Herself and others	311	Cottages and gardens		"	"	37	"	1	11	N.R.
Spencer Sarah	Herself and others Nash Camp Senior Herself Elizabeth Parker	397	Farmhouse homestead garden and Chapmans Well.	Pasture	1	3	34	"	13	5	NCR 5819
		312	Cottage and garden		"	1	"	"	"	10	NCR.
		321	Little acres	Pasture	2	"	20	"	11	1	NKA 7981.
		332	Cottage and garden		"	"	24	"	1	3	NCR 372
					3	1	31	1	6	7	
Speller Andrew	Herself	349	Cottage Washings and garden		"	"	17	"	"	3	Owned by daughter
Millsell Martha	Robert Price Senior	146	Lower Mead	Pasture	2	6	4	"	13	9	A
		147	Lower field	Orchard	3	"	10	"	0	11	A
		154	Little field	ditto	1	2	27	"	0	7	NCR
		155	Moor	Pasture	1	2	15	"	3	0	NOA 14
		156	Stewcroft Meadow	ditto	1	1	11	"	3	2	NOA 14
		157	Wood field	Orchard	7	2	23	1	11	0	NOA 14
		158	Orchard field	ditto	4	1	1	2	4	0	NOA 14
		159	Slaw Croft	Pasture	5	2	1	"	13	1	NOA 14
		164	Eight acres or Mulberry	Orchard	3	"	29	2	10	4	N
		165	Great Barn field	ditto	1	2	13	1	13	10	NOA 14
		166	Longhale	Pasture	"	2	30	"	0	1	NCR 268
		167	Farmhouse Homestead Garden or Lamb Orchard		"	3	23	"	7	1	NOA 14
		168	Little Barn field	Pasture	3	"	20	"	0	3	NCR 268
217	ditto	Orchard	"	2	24	"	3	11	A		
219	Common fields	ditto	1	"	22	"	6	7	NOA 14		
223	ditto	ditto	"	2	20	"	3	0	A		
					32	"	1	13	4	4	
Stacey James	John Stanley and crew	633	Cottages and gardens		"	"	16	"	"	6	N.R.
Stingham William and Stingham Joseph	Richard West	432	Meadows	Orchard	8	"	30	2	16	2	NCR 268
		433	ditto Spring	Woodland	"	3	32	"	1	9	119589
		434	foliack grounds	Orchard	2	1	"	"	12	4	NCR 268
				Armed forward	11	1	22	3	10	3	

PLOT 264 - TITHE SURVEY APPORTIONMENT, 1838  
(THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
No. of House	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf-and-Dumb	
				Condition	Male				Female
		Jane Beach	Wife	Wid	28	Wife	Snowhill, Northants		
54	Cottages	Rebecca Cushman	Head	Wid	66	Ag. Lab.	Snowhill, Northants		
	Thorn King Green	George Cushman	Son	Wid	14		Great Hardham Herts		
55		George Pison	Head	Wid	22	Farmer 4 1/2 Acres employing 1 man	Great Hardham Herts		
59	Bar Works	Thomas Pison	Head	Wid	40	Beer Shop Keeper	Great Hardham Herts		
		Jane Pison	Wife	Wid	26	Wife	Great Hardham Herts		
		George Pison	Son	Wid	12	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
		Henry Pison	Son	Wid	11	Scholar	Great Hardham Herts		
		Elyan Pison	Son	Wid	10	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
		Emma Pison	Son	Wid	8	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
		Elizabeth Pison	Son	Wid	6	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
		Philip Pison	Son	Wid	4	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
		Jane Pison	Son	Wid	3	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
		Ellen Pison	Son	Wid	1	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
60	South Street Cottages	William Gaylor	Head	Wid	66	Ag. Lab.	Little Hardham Herts		
		Rebecca Gaylor	Wife	Wid	54	Wife	Little Hardham Herts		
		George Gaylor	Son	Wid	27	Ag. Lab.	Widford Herts		
		Charles Gaylor	Son	Wid	23	Ag. Lab.	Great Hardham Herts		
61	Cottages	Lysian Gaylor	Head	Wid	24		Great Hardham Herts		
		Emily Gaylor	Son	Wid	7	Son	Great Hardham Herts		
Total of Persons..					9	11			

THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1851 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



**GREAT HADHAM.  
FATAL TERMINATION OF A PUBLIC-HOUSE  
QUARREL.**

On Monday last an inquest was held, at the house of George Martin, Perry-green, before T. Swarder, Esq., coroner, on view of the body of George Rowley, a labourer, whose death resulted from a fight, which originated in a quarrel at a public-house, and which the deceased obstinately provoked. The following evidence was given:—

David Gillett, carter, of Sawbridgeworth, stated that on Wednesday evening last, about five o'clock, as he was going to Mr. Eve's, at the Old Park Farm, he saw a man lying in a meadow, and another man trying to get him up; he did not know the men, and he went on to Mr. Eve's. He returned in about half-an-hour, and he saw the two men still in the field. Witness was in a cart, which he drew into Mr. Thomas Prior's yard, and went across the field to the men. He found Francis Kinsey trying to raise the deceased, who was speechless, and quite helpless. Witness and Kinsey together got the deceased to a shed on Prior's premises where they laid him on a bundle of hay and left him. He (witness) thought Rowley was drunk, and had no idea that he was in a dangerous state. He thought he observed some blood about the mouth of deceased when he lifted him up, but did not take much notice of it at the time. After laying deceased in the shed, he and Kinsey went into Prior's house, a beershop. He stopped in the house about ten minutes. He did not tell Prior that Rowley was in his shed, nor did Kinsey while he (witness) was there.

HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - SAT, NOV 19, 1853 (NEWSPAPERS.COM)

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## MUCH HADHAM.

PETTY SESSIONS, TUESDAY, DEC. 13.

Present: Thos. S. Carter, Esq., in the chair; Rev. T. T. L. Bayliff, and Richard Dawson, Esq.

**THE LATE FATAL FIGHT.**—*Thomas Prior*, beer-shop keeper, of Perry Green, in the parish of Much Hadham, was charged upon the information of Superintendent Barnes, with knowingly allowing drunkenness, fighting, and other disorderly conduct in his house and on his premises, on the 9th of November last. The information was fully proved by the witnesses—Francis Kinsey, Philip Martin, and Thos. Parker, who gave evidence against the men now in gaol awaiting their trial at the assizes for the manslaughter of George Rowley, and the Bench inflicted a fine of 5*l.* including the costs. The Bench severely admonished the defendant, and recommended him to be very careful how he conducted his house for the future.

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HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - SAT, DEC 24, 1853 (NEWSPAPERS.COM)

**ASSAULT.**—*John Martin* of Perry-green, labourer, was charged with assaulting, on Saturday, the 21st of August, a lad named Rufus Orgar by immersing him in a quantity of water near the Hoops beershop, Perry-green. Ordered to pay the costs 1*l.*

HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - SAT, SEP 04, 1858 (NEWSPAPERS.COM)

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Parish (or Township) of <i>Great Radham</i>		City or Municipal Borough of <i>Bedford</i>		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of <i>Bedford</i>		Town of		Hamlet or Tything, &c., of <i>Perry Green</i>		Ecclesiastical District of	
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born		Whether Blind, or Deaf and-Dumb	
		In- habited	Un- inhabited (U.S. or Billings)				Males	Females					
56	<i>Brantwood</i>			<i>Philip Flaxington</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>37</i>		<i>Agricultural Labr</i>	<i>Parts of Bedford</i>			
57		<i>1</i>		<i>George Prior</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>Farmer, raises 2 acres 2 cows</i>	<i>Parts of Gt. Radham</i>			
58	<i>The Hoops</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>Thomas Prior</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>41</i>		<i>Keeper of Run House</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Mary Prior</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>45</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Penny Prior</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>21</i>		<i>Carter</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Eliza Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>Spess Maker</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Emma Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>17</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Betty Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>15</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Philip Prior</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>13</i>		<i>Plough boy</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Agnes Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Ellen Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Charles Prior</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>8</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Fanny Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Alfred Prior</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Sarah Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>4</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Mary Prior</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
59		<i>1</i>		<i>Robert Batmore</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>77</i>			<i>Parts Bedford</i>			
60		<i>1</i>		<i>George Cartmoe</i>	<i>Grandson</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>Agricul. Labr.</i>	<i>Ditto Gt. Radham</i>			
				<i>Charles Gayler</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>Ditto Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Mary A. Gayler</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>27</i>			<i>Boxen, Little Radham</i>			
				<i>Ann M. Gayler</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>3</i>			<i>Parts Gt. Radham</i>			
				<i>Mary Gayler</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
61		<i>1</i>		<i>Peter Perry</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>Pligler 6-2</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>Charlotte Perry</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>11</i>			<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>		
				<i>James Shepherd</i>	<i>Boarder</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>Retired. Pligler</i>	<i>Parts Thaly</i>			
Total of Houses...		<i>5</i>		Total of Males and Females...			<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>		<i>5-2</i>			

THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1861 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



## MUCH HADHAM.

**SHOCKING ACCIDENT.**—On Monday afternoon an accident of a very serious character occurred to two young men named William Brace and Ramah Carter, in the employ of Mr. James Elliot Eves, of Old Park. Brace was returning home from Stansted in charge of a waggon and three horses; and while going along the lane leading from Hadham mill to Old Park farm, something started the horses, and they ran off up the narrow lane at a rapid pace. Brace tried to stop them, but the rein that he held by broke, and the poor fellow falling, one of the wheels of the waggon passed over him fearfully hurling the spine, and inflicting internal injuries. The horses continued up the lane, when Carter, who was going home with the sheep tried to stop them. He was knocked down and very severely injured on one leg, but it is hoped no bones are broken. The horses continued their course to the yard gates which they burst open, and finally stopped in the yard. Medical assistance was obtained and the poor fellows attended to, but Brace's spine is so severely injured that he is completely paralysed, and very slight hopes are entertained of his life being spared.

HERTFORD MERCURY AND REFORMER - SATURDAY 04 JUNE 1864 (BNA)

Page 14] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Parish of Great Hadham

Civil Parish (or Township) of		City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town of		Village or Hamlet, &c., of		Local Board, or Improvement Commissioners' District of		Ecclesiastical District of	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN		Whether				
						Males	Females		1. Deaf-and-Dumb	2. Blind	3. Imbecile or Idiot	4. Lunatic			
73	Perry Green	1	David Perry	Head	Married	50		Ag. Lab.	Werts	of	Hadham				
			Rizabell D <sup>o</sup>	Wife		67									
74	D <sup>o</sup>	1	George Bulmer	Head	Married	39		Ag. Lab.							
75	D <sup>o</sup>	1	William Perry	D <sup>o</sup>	Married	52		Ag. Lab. & Bushwork Keeper							
	(The Hoops)		Riza D <sup>o</sup>	Wife		45									
			Walter D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Single	25		Ag. Lab.							
			Riza D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter		12		Widow							
			Annie D <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>		10									
			Ellie D <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>		8									
			Arthur D <sup>o</sup>	Son		6									
			Henry D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>		4									
			William J <sup>no</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>		1									
			Charles Bulmer	Widow	Married	47		Ag. Lab.							
76	D <sup>o</sup>	1	Joseph Race	Head	Married	35									
			Judith Race	Wife	Married	70									
77	W <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	1	James Elliott	Head	Married	70		Farmer of 50 A. employing 25 Lab <sup>o</sup> & 10 H. & 10 P. & 50 A. of Farm <sup>o</sup> & 10 A. of Farm <sup>o</sup> & 10 A. of Farm <sup>o</sup>							
	(Old Oak Farm)		Robert Elliott	Head	Single	38									
			Fanny Race	Wife		45		Widow							
			Fanny Race	Wife		76									
			Emily Perry	Widow		75		Domestic Servant General							
78	Sharnock	1	Lydia Gayle	Head	Married	70		6 Harrowmen							
			Arthur D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Married	25		Ag. Lab.							
			Henry D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>		8									
			Harriet D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter		5		Scholar							
Total of Houses..		6	Total of Males and Females..		13	11									

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THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1871 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



OS MAP - ESSEX, 1874 (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND)



Page 16]										The undermentioned Houses are situated within the Boundaries of the									
Civil Parish [or Township] of		City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town or Village or Hamlet of		Urban Sanitary District of		Rural Sanitary District of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of					
St. Andrew										B. of Bedford									
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES (Inhabited or not)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If									
						Male	Female			(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	(3) Imbecile or Idiot	(4) Lunatic						
80	Old Southwell	1	William Kincaid	Head	<del>X</del>			Boundary	Herts. St. Andrew										
			George do	Son	<del>X</del>	78		Agricult. Labourer	" do										
81	Old South Lane	1	William Egmont	Head	<del>X</del>			Farmer (of 220 acres employ 6 men & 4 boys)	Leathwell										
			Martha do	Wife	<del>X</del>	42			" do										
			Martha do	Daughter	<del>X</del>	23			Leathwell										
			Lily M. do	Daughter	<del>X</del>	21			Leathwell										
82	Sunny Green (Houses 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)	1	William Perry	Head	<del>X</del>	60		Agricult. Labourer	Herts. St. Andrew										
			Elizabeth do	Wife	<del>X</del>	57			" do										
			Henry do	Son	<del>X</del>	15		do	" do										
			William do	Son	<del>X</del>	11		Schooler	" do										
			Thomas do	Son	<del>X</del>	7		do	" do										
83	Sunny Green	1	Benjamin Howe	Head	<del>X</del>	44		Agricult. Labourer	" do										
			Joseph do	Wife	<del>X</del>	32			" do										
			Henry do	Son	<del>X</del>	10		Schooler	" do										
			Edith do	Daughter	<del>X</del>	4		do	" do										
			Andrew do	Son	<del>X</del>	3		do	" do										
			Oliver do	Son	<del>X</del>	1		do	" do										
84	do	1	Mary Perry	Head	<del>X</del>		38		" Leathwell										
			Edith do	Son	<del>X</del>	11		Schooler	" Leathwell										
			Peter do	Son	<del>X</del>	8		do	" do										
85	do	1	Mary A. Gough	Head	<del>X</del>		46		" St. Andrew										
			George do	Son	<del>X</del>	11		do	" do										
			Mary do	Daughter	<del>X</del>	9		do	" do										
			Charles do	Son	<del>X</del>	6		do	" do										
Total of Houses...		6	Total of Males and Females...		14	10													

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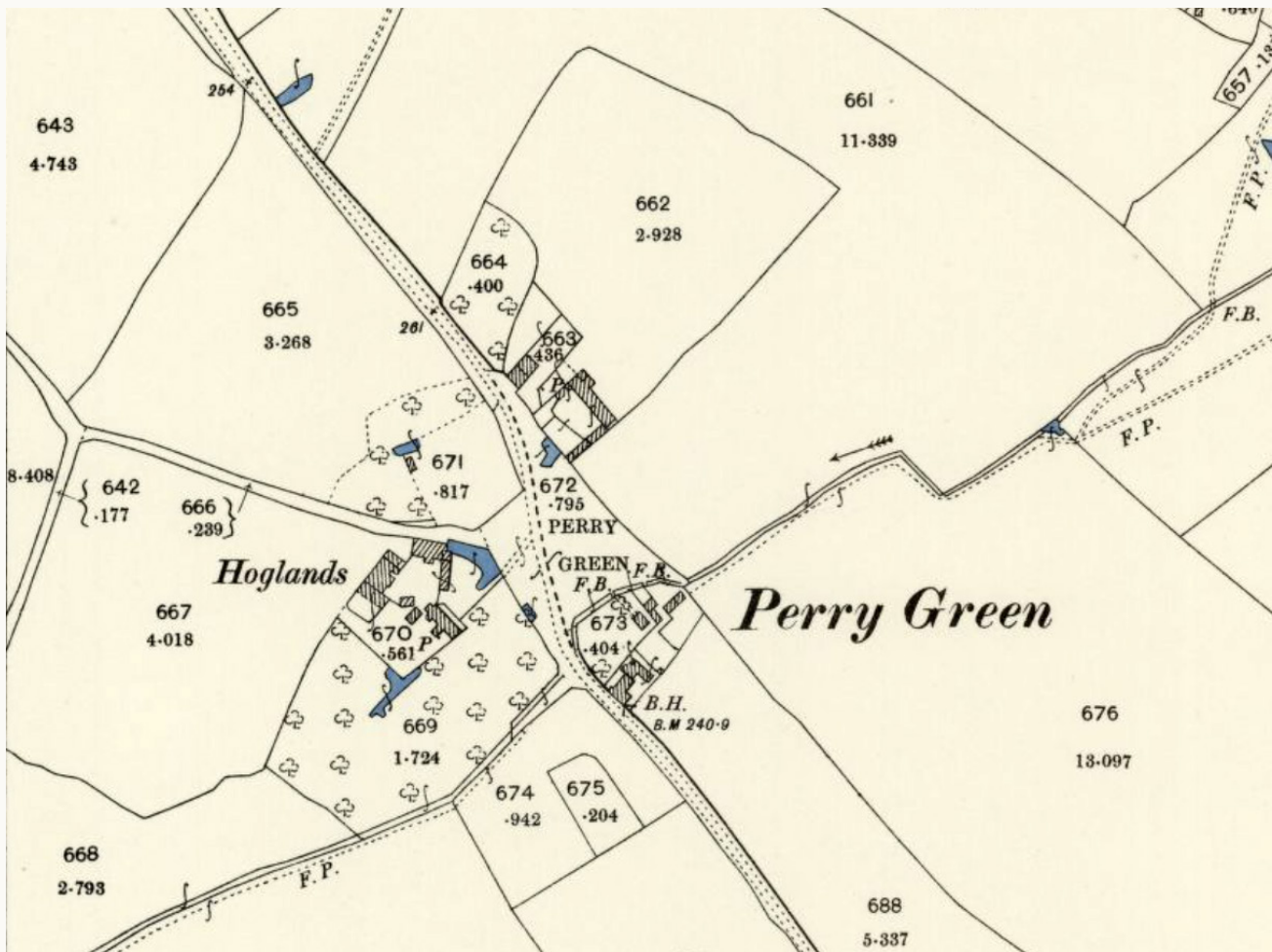
THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1881 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



**Beware of "Hanover Jacks" and "ringing the changes."**—On Wednesday night Mr Deputy Chief Constable Ryder received information that a young man had been attempting to pass as a good sovereign a coin, known by the term "Hanover Jack," at Great Hadham, and had also been endeavouring to "ring the changes" at several shops and publichouses in the town of Stortford. Sergt. Hill and Constable Reynolds were sent in pursuit of the offender and they happened to come upon him near the Bell publichouse. The fellow, not caring to lightly lose his liberty, made off at racing speed—with the officers in "full cry" after him—along Tallowhandlers-lane, and down the steps leading to Devolle-lane. Possibly had he been acquainted with the locality he might have escaped for the time, but his ill-luck led him to diverge to the right, into Mr Lee's yard, and he was eventually found huddled up in Mr Beard's ashpit—instantly an outlet he had found a cul-de-sac. He made a stout but ineffectual resistance and was locked up in "durance vile." Sergt. Hill has very carefully investigated the prisoner's proceedings on Wednesday. He was first heard of at the Hoops, Perry Green, Great Hadham, where he stayed drinking from about 2 p.m. to 6 o'clock, and afterwards visited the Prince of Wales and White Horse publichouses, Green Eye, at all of which places he attempted to pass the "Hanover Jack" and "ring the changes," in which, however, he was not successful. Coming along towards Stortford he met two labouring men, named Ship and Bayford, and obtained a 2s piece from the former, leaving in its place the counterfeit sovereign. These men subsequently discovered the worthlessness of the coin and pursued the scamp, finding him at the Green Man, Tharley House, where he had spent 4d out of the 2s; he was made to disgorge the change (1s 8d), and again started off for Stortford. The "sovereign" was secured by Mrs Carter, the landlady, who, after marking it, forwarded it on to Mr Ryder. The prisoner "turned up" in due time at Stortford, and, as already stated, he visited nearly every part of the town in his efforts to practice his "profession"—but fortune favoured him not. Possibly a slight description of him may lead to the bringing to light of further particulars in his past career. He gives the name of Thomas Smith, aged 20, and is apparently well acquainted with the "horse-coping" fraternity. The middle finger of his right hand is minus the first joint—he says it was bitten off by a horse—and the formation of the nail on the fore finger of the same hand is very peculiar. He stands about 5ft. 8in. high, has blue eyes, dark brown hair, slight moustache and no whiskers; and is dressed in a black twilled coat, speckled tweed trousers and vest, hard felt hat (brown colour), elastic side spring boots. A pawn ticket was found upon him, showing that an overcoat had been pledged for 8s, on Saturday last, the 23rd inst., at Mr Robert George's, 124 and 125 Whitechapel-road, London, in the name of Smith, of Osterham. He had no money in his possession except a halfpenny and a farthing. He remains in custody under remand.

THE HERTS AND ESSEX OBSERVER - SAT, DEC 30, 1882  
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OS MAP – HERTFORDSHIRE, 1896 (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND)

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 15				
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet				
of <i>Stuck Heatham</i>		of <i>Stuck Heatham</i>		of		of		of <i>Stuck Heatham</i>		of <i>Stuck Heatham</i>		of <i>Stuck Heatham</i>				
Coln 1	2	HOUSES			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No. of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	In occupation	Number of Rooms	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday	Profession or Occupation	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded			
83	<i>Bowmans</i>	1		1	<i>John Cartton</i>	Head	♂	30	<i>General Labourer</i>	Worker		<i>Camble Heath</i>				
					<i>Rebecca do</i>	Wife	♀	26				<i>do</i>				
					<i>Frederick do</i>	Son	♂	10				<i>London</i>				
					<i>James do</i>	Son	♂	8				<i>Camble Heath</i>				
					<i>Charles do</i>	Son	♂	5				<i>Stuck Heath</i>				
					<i>Leah do</i>	Son	♂	3				<i>do</i>				
84	<i>Old Park</i>	1		4	<i>Arthur Cook</i>	Head	♂	21	<i>Wharfman on Farm</i>	do		<i>St. Andrew's</i>				
					<i>Emily do</i>	Wife	♀	24				<i>St. Stuck Heatham</i>				
85	<i>do</i>	1		7	<i>Charles Blackley</i>	Head	♂	56	<i>Part-time Agric. Labourer</i>	do		<i>St. Andrew's</i>				
					<i>Mary do</i>	Wife	♀	57				<i>do</i>				
					<i>Miss M. do</i>	G. Daughter	♀	5				<i>St. Stuck Heatham</i>				
86	<i>Old Park Farm</i>	1			<i>William A. Rogers</i>	Head	♂	39	<i>Farmer</i>	Employer		<i>St. Andrew's</i>				
					<i>Ann do</i>	Wife	♀	32				<i>St. Andrew's</i>				
87	<i>The Hoops</i>	1			<i>William Perry</i>	Head	♂	22	<i>Part-time Agric. Labourer</i>	Worker		<i>St. Andrew's</i>				
	<i>Perry Green</i>				<i>Charles W. Williams</i>	Son	♂	49				<i>do</i>				
					<i>Ramon Carter</i>	Boarder	♂	64				<i>do</i>				
88	<i>Perry Green</i>	1		4	<i>Arthur Gyles</i>	Head	♂	54				<i>do</i>				
					<i>Ann do</i>	Wife	♀	49				<i>do</i>				
					<i>Arthur do</i>	Son	♂	24				<i>do</i>				
					<i>William do</i>	Son	♂	20				<i>do</i>				
					<i>Henry do</i>	Son	♂	13	<i>Song Boy Domestic</i>	do		<i>do</i>				
					<i>George do</i>	Son	♂	10				<i>do</i>				
89	<i>do</i>	1		3	<i>George Head</i>	Head	♂	46	<i>Wife Bone Collector</i>	Own account		<i>St. Peter's</i>				
					<i>Eliza do</i>	Wife	♀	44				<i>St. Andrew's</i>				
					<i>George do</i>	Son	♂	18	<i>General Labourer</i>	Worker		<i>St. Peter's</i>				
90	<i>do</i>	1		3	<i>Mary A. Gyles</i>	Head	♀	65	<i>Labourer</i>	do		<i>St. Stuck Heatham</i>				
					<i>Mary A. do</i>	Son	♂	29				<i>do</i>				
					<i>William do</i>	Son	♂	6				<i>do</i>				
8	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	8		6	Total of Males and of Females			16	12							

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THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1901 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



285 Reference No. Map No. **253-9.**

Situation *Perry Green, Much Hadham*

Description *"The Hoops"*

Extent *12/3.*

Gross Value (Land, £) Rateable Value (Land, £)

Buildings, £ 20 Buildings, £ 16

Gross Annual Value, Schedule A, £

Occupier *Mrs C Williams*

Owner *Pryor Reid & Co Ltd, Hatfield*

Interest of Owner *freehold*

Superior interests

Subordinate interests

Occupier's tenancy, Term *agmt. 1 yr* from *10 April 1909*

How determinable

Actual (or Estimated) Rent, £ *7*

Any other Consideration paid

Outgoings—Land Tax, £ *charged on 1/9* paid by *owner*

Tithe, £ paid by

Other Outgoings

Who pays (a) Rates and Taxes (b) Insurance (c) occupier

Who is liable for repairs *(b) owner*

Fixed Charges, Easements, Common Rights and Restrictions *10 April 1909 to be tied back*

*none known of*

Former Sales. Dates *not known*

Interest

Consideration

Subsequent Expenditure

Owner's Estimate. Gross Value

Full Site Value

Total Value

Assessable Site Value

Site Value Deductions claimed *yes*

Roads and Sewers. Dates of Expenditure

Amounts

*mins. yes if there are any*

Reference No. **285**

Particulars, description, and notes made on inspection

*Brick tiled House in P.P.C. containing on 1<sup>st</sup> floor:*

*3 Bedrooms + on Ground floor:—Taproom, Kitchen, Beer*

*cellar and Brick & Slated Sitting Room, adjoining.*

*Large timber built & vaulted tiled V.P.R.*

*low: iron built E.L. F.G.R.*

*Water laid on.*

Charges, Easements, and Restrictions affecting market value of Fee Simple

Valuation.—Market Value of Fee Simple in possession of whole property in its present condition

*See page 500*

Deduct Market Value of Site under similar circumstances, but if divested of structures, timber, fruit trees, and other things growing on the land

*12/3 @ 15/- = say* £ *10*

Difference Balance, being portion of market value attributable to structures, timber, &c. £ *490*

Divided as follows:—

Buildings and Structures.....£ *490*

Machinery.....£

Timber.....£

Fruit Trees.....£

Other things growing on land.....£

Market Value of Fee Simple of Whole in its present condition (as before).....£ *500*

Add for Additional Value represented by any of the following for which any deduction may have been made when arriving at Market Value:—

Charges (excluding Land Tax).....£

Restrictions.....£

GROSS VALUE...£ *500*

VALUATION SURVEY, 1910 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



VALUATION MAP, 1910 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

*Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.*

Number of Schedule 119  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator when collected.)

*The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.*

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE last Birthday and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.			PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employee, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.				
1. <i>Charlotte Williams</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Bookbinder</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Hadham, Herts.</i>		
2. <i>Mamie Carter</i>		<i>42</i>	<i>Widow</i>				<i>Iron Labourer</i>		<i>Hadham, Herts.</i>		
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—		
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.	Total.	
(2) I have entered the males and females in Column 3 and 4 respectively, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.	Males.	Females.
(3) After making the necessary corrections, I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appear to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Initials of Enumerator	<i>4</i>	

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Charlotte Williams*

Postal Address *Perry Green Much Hadham*

THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1911 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)

**362 Williams, Charlotte ..... Great Hadham ..... House ..... Perry Green**

ELECTORAL REGISTER, 1912 (FINDMYPAST)



Name.	Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
GAYLER	RE	Spr	25581
H. W.	— " —	— " —	— " —
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	RE/101 397	20610	
BRITISH	Do	Do	
14 STAR	RE/19	954	
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein	22 - 11 - 14		

K. 1380.

WAR MEDAL ROLL, 1914-1920 (ANCESTRY)



## MUCH HADHAM.

### BREACH OF THE LICENSING ORDER.

At the Petty Sessions on Saturday, before Messrs. W. Minot (in the chair), C. Fitzroy Doll, and J. E. Morris, Charlotte Williams, licensee of 'The Hoops' public-house, Perry Green, Much Hadham, appeared to answer a summons for not closing her licensed premises in respect of Corporal Huntley, Grenadier Guards, who was in hospital uniform and an inmate of the V.A.D. Hospital at Much Hadham. The offence was a breach of Order No. 54 made under Regulation X of the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Regulations, 1914. - In answer to the charge defendant said she was very sorry it happened, but the soldier came in with his topcoat buttoned up.

Supt. Foster produced a copy of the Order, by which, he said, all public-houses in this district were closed to the military except from 12 noon to 9 p.m., and as regards soldiers undergoing hospital treatment clause 3 stated: 'I do further order that the said licensed premises in the said area be closed as respects all members of his Majesty's Forces clothed in blue hospital uniform.'

P.c. Emerton said he served a copy of this Order on the defendant on July 27, 1915. Further, on August 30 he explained to her the letter from the Home Office giving the police power to act, and on November he served upon her the revised form of the order made by Lieut.-General A. E. Codrington, whereby the word 'blue' was deleted from the original clause already quoted.

P.s. Lee said that on Thursday, January 27, at 11.25 a.m., he visited the Hoops beer-house at Perry Green, and saw in the taproom a soldier in khaki overcoat and cap, and blue uniform, with other men. He saw the defendant and told her she could not serve any soldier until after 12 noon, and in the case of one in hospital uniform he ought not to be there at all. The defendant said she did not notice the hospital uniform and her clock had gone 12. Witness saw on the table in front of the soldier a pint mug half full of beer. Witness ascertained the soldier's name, and he said 'Can't you let it slide, governor.' In answer to the Bench witness said his watch, a Waltham lever, kept accurate time.

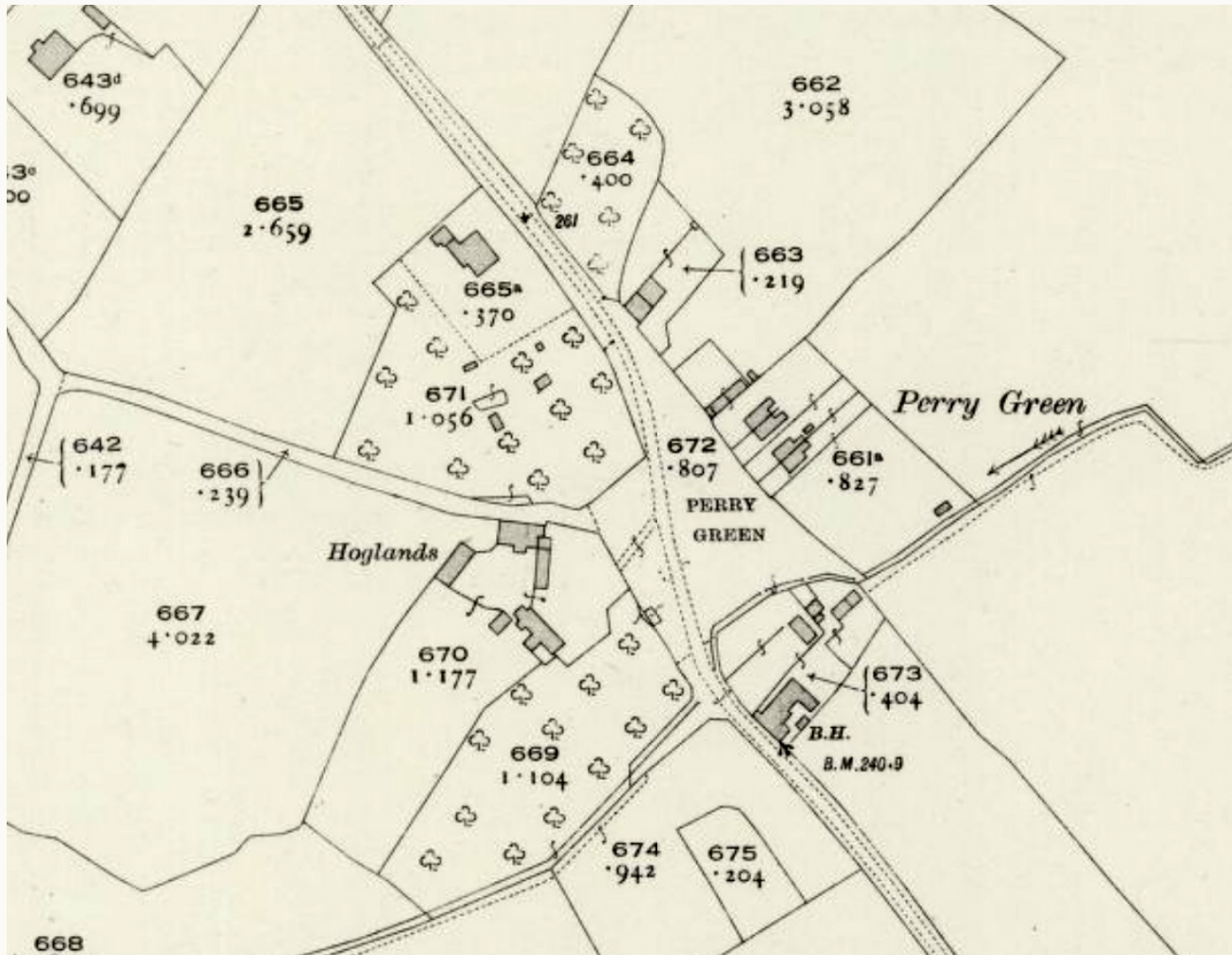
William Warner, of Much Hadham, a special constable, corroborated.

The defendant, in answer to the Bench said she was very, very sorry, and it should not happen again.

The Chairman said it was most important that all the regulations should be attended to and obeyed. The Bench thought the defendant had been very careless in her business, and she would be fined 15s.

Defendant inquired whether her licence could be renewed, and was informed that she must apply for a renewal on the next Bench day.

HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - SAT, MAR 04, 1916  
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OS MAP – HERTFORDSHIRE, 1919 (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND)

**WILLIAMS** Charlotte of The Hoops Perry Green Much Hadham **Hertfordshire** widow died 18 Ostober 1920 Administration **London** 5 November to George Wesley Williams engine driver. Effects £195 gs. 1d.

PROBATE RECORD, 1920 (FINDMYPAST)



ADDRESS.		SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.		O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH- Day. Year.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.	See INSTRUCTIONS.
1.		No.	Sub. No.	4.		5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	Yasmin Perry Green	89	3	Reckitts, Elizabeth L.		-	F	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	61	S	Domestic servant (Retired)	
	Chestnut Perry Green	90	1	Parsons, Rosa S.		-	F	1 <sup>st</sup> June	45	W	Housewife, unpaid domestic duties	
			2	Parsons, Rosa Emma		-	F	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	04	S	Incapacitated	
			3	Gillard, Annie		-	F	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	02	M	Housewife, unpaid domestic duties	
			4	Gillard, Jeffrey H.		-	M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	30	S	At school	
			5	Gillard, Dennis S.		-	M	16 <sup>th</sup> June	33	S	do. do.	
V.	Perry Green N. Heatham	91	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
	ditto	92	1	Forrest, William		-	M	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	90	M	Construction Labourer, heavy work	
			2	Forrest, Emma		-	F	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	58	M	Housewife	
	Yellow Cottage Perry Green	93	1	Cooper, William H.		-	M	20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	04	M	General Labourer	
			2	Cooper, Rivers C.		-	F	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	00	W	Housewife	
	The Hoops 1. H. CR 282. 2. CR 304. 3. CR 304	94	1	Guyler, Horace W.		-	M	4 <sup>th</sup> May	94	M	Smallholder & Luncheon	
			2	Guyler, Beatrice		-	F	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	49	M	Household duties	
	Shirley Perry Green	95	1	Smith, Thomas		-	M	10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	63	M	Tennis grounds, Retired	
			2	Smith, Agnes		-	F	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	41	M	Domestic unpaid	
	Munford Perry Green	96	1	Tarbank, Frank J.		-	M	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	13	M	Bookbinder and printer	
			2	Tarbank, Ellen B.		-	F	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11	M	Unpaid domestic duties	
V.	Blarney Perry Green	97	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
		98	1	Hudson-Gard, Charles		+	M	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	00	M	Managing Director, The Works	
			2	Hudson-Gard, Marjorie		-	F	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	08	M	Unpaid domestic	
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	Hoglands Perry Green	99	5	Dodson, Harold P.P.		-	M	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12	S	Gardener	
			1	Summons, John L.		-	M	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	98	M	Cardboard Box Manufacturers (H.A.)	
			2	Summons, Dorothy C.		-	F	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	99	M	Unpaid domestic duties	
			3	Summons, Joan D.		-	F	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	25	S	Student	
			4	Summons, John P.		-	M	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	24	S	At school	
	ditto	100	1	Kurros, R. Hon. John R. Baron		-	M	25 <sup>th</sup> June	04	M	Journalist	
			2	Kurros, M. Hon. Angela M. Baroness		-	F	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	12	M	Unpaid domestic duties	
			3	Stowe, Harold E.		-	M	6 <sup>th</sup> June	93	M	Domestic Servant	
	Clavers Perry Green	101	1	Shaw, Clara J.		-	F	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	68	W		
			2	Shaw, Joyce A. P.		-	F	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	44	S	Lady Gardener, unemployed, formerly stenographer, music teacher, now training a deafblind unpaid domestic	
			3	Shaw, Susan A. P.		-	F	29 <sup>th</sup> May	00	S		
V.	Hopshall Farm Perry Green	102	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hempstead Perry Green	103	1	Ostrome, Charles H.		-	M	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	81	M	Workman	
			2	Ostrome, Minnie U.		-	F	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	84	M	Hotel Dealer, General Store	
			3	Darby, Daisy		-	F	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	05	M	Unpaid domestic duties	
			4	Darby, Helen L.		-	M	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	32	S	At school	
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	ditto	104	6	Taylor, Beatrice		-	M	8 <sup>th</sup> July	25	S	Seamstress, not previously employed	
			1	Clarke, Alice D.		-	F	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	46	S	Housekeeper, private	
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			3	Adams, Doris P.P.		-	F	8 <sup>th</sup> May	02	S	Housekeeper, private	
			4	Corby, Mary P.		-	F	11 <sup>th</sup> July	19	S	Domestic Servant	

THE HOOPS INN - CENSUS RETURNS OF ENGLAND & WALES, 1939 (THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES)



### **Licence Transfers.**

**The Bench granted the full transfers of the licence of the Old Bell, Much Hadham, from Mr. Sidney Carter Stickney to Mr. Percival Thomas Johnson, and of the licence of the Hoops, Perry Green, from Mr. Thomas Perry to Mr. Horace Gayler.**

HERTS AND ESSEX OBSERVER - SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 1939 (BNA)

# Much Hadham PETTY SESSIONS

SATURDAY

Before: Mr. J. S. Symons (chairman), Commander Langton, Messrs. W. J. Hart and Victor Thomson.

## Licensing Application

An application for the transfer of the Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham, from Mr. Horace Gaylor to Mr. David George Farrow was granted.

## Pilot Saw Flames in Field

Henry John Harvey, farmer, of Exnalls Farm, Much Hadham, was fined £5 for allowing flames and sparks to come from a rubbish fire on open ground during the black-out, at Much Hadham on July 11th.

Evidence was given by an R.A.F. officer, who saw flames and sparks coming from a field just after black-out. He caused enquiries to be made and the fire was located.

Evidence was also given by P-c. Webb, who inspected the fire.

Defendant said that rubbish was carted from the stack yard to a piece of waste land to be burnt. It was fine when the fire was lit but it rained soon after, and subsequently the rubbish smouldered instead of burning out. It did not break into flames until it was being disturbed to be put out.

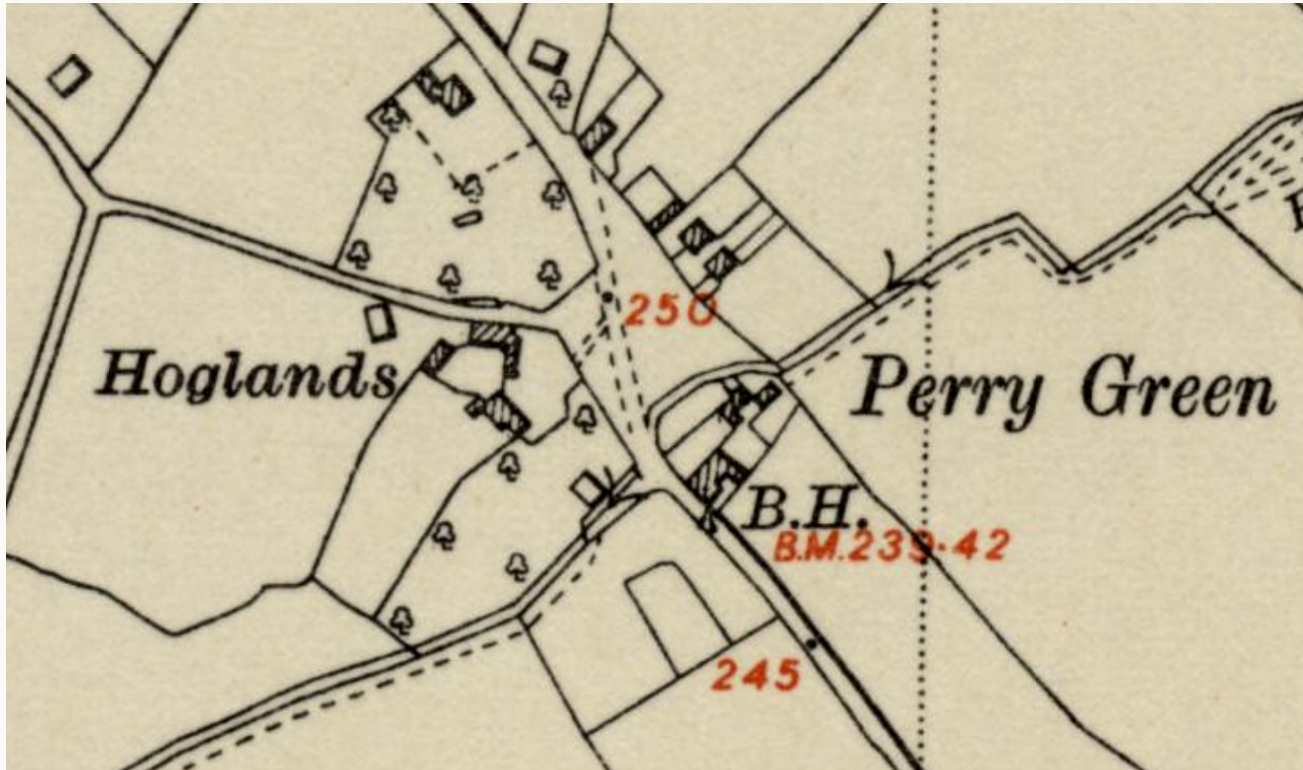
## Two Motoring Offences

Gerald Naylor Swift, fruit farmer, of Old Hall Farm, Much Hadham, was summoned for driving a motor-car without a licence at Much Hadham on July 27th, and further for failing to immobilise the car while it was unattended on the same date.

P-c. Brain said the car doors were unlocked, the ignition key was in the switch and no part of the mechanism had been removed. Witness waited by the car until defendant returned: he said he had not expected to be away from the car for more than a few minutes and forgot to take the necessary precautions. His driving licence had expired in August, 1938.

He was fined 10s. for having no driving licence and £1 for the second offence.

HERTS AND ESSEX OBSERVER - SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 1940 (BNA)



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**Mr. Forrow, Family and Mother, would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their kind sentiments and floral tributes sent in sympathy in their sad bereavement. Also Doctors Barker, Elder and Ellis, and Nurses for their unceasing attention and kindness to the late Mrs. E. Forrow, of The Hoops, Perry Green, Much Hadham.**

THE HERTS AND ESSEX OBSERVER - FRI, MAY 06, 1949 (NEWSPAPERS.COM)

**I. DENIS HUMPHREY  
MOORE** now residing at  
The Hoops Ferry Green Much  
Hadham in the Licensing Dis-  
trict of Bishop's Stortford in  
the County of Hertford Licen-  
sed Victualler.

Do hereby give notice that it  
is my intention to apply at  
the Second Session of the  
General Annual Licensing  
Meeting for the said Division  
to be holden at the Court  
House Bishop's Stortford on  
Thursday the 3rd day of March  
1960 at 10.0 o'clock in the fore-  
noon for the grant to me of a  
Justices' Licence authorizing  
me to apply for and hold an  
Excise Licence to sell by retail  
any intoxicating liquor for con-  
sumption either on or off the  
premises situate at Ferry Green  
Much Hadham aforesaid and  
known by the sign of The Hoops  
and of which premises Messrs.  
McMullen and Sons Limited of  
The Hertford Brewery Hertford  
the owners.

And it is my intention at  
the hearing of the application  
for the new licence to offer to  
surrender the existing restricted  
licence in respect of the same  
premises.

Given under my hand this  
Twentyeighth day of December  
One thousand nine hundred and  
fifty nine.

**D. H. MOORE**

THE HERTS AND ESSEX OBSERVER - FRI, FEB 12, 1960  
(NEWSPAPERS.COM)

# COURT TOLD HOW DOG ATTACKED BOY

**A**N eight-year-old boy was at the head of a crocodile of epileptic boys returning to St. Catherine's Home, Much Hadham, when he was attacked by a dog, and received a wound in his face stretching from his eye to his chin, and needing 18 stitches. Mr. R. T. L. Lee, prosecuting, told Bishop's Stortford magistrates on Thursday of last week.

Arthur Wallis, of The Hoops Inn, Ferry Green, pleaded not guilty to having a dangerous dog, a Dalmatian, named Marco, and to failing to keep it under proper control on November 11.

Nurse Una Cremin, in her evidence, said that she was in charge of the 10 boys who were on their way back towards the home from Ferry Green Church. She heard a boy scream and when she went to him he was on the side of the road. His hands were to his face and blood was streaming from it.

A 15-year-old girl said she was helping Nurse Cremin on the day in question. The boy was in front of the group. She saw the dog jump up at him and the young woman with the dog tried to get him off, she said.

Miss Heather Glosby told the court that she was employed at The Hoops Inn until recently. She took the dog, Marco, for a walk about five times a week.

On the day of the incident she had the dog on a lead. She met a Mr. White and his dog had a fight with Marco. She

was taking the dog away when the group of boys came running towards her and Marco went straight up at the first boy.

She said that the dog was sometimes left alone with a baby at The Hoops Inn. She had been warned to keep the dog on a lead because an order was made that he should be kept under proper control.

Defending, Mr. D. J. Clare said that the dog was in a state of excitement after his encounter with the other dog. It was a natural reaction to make a jump at the children running straight at him.

The magistrates found that the dog was dangerous and not under proper control at the time of the incident. They made an order for the dog to be kept under proper control at all times, and accepted an undertaking from Wallis that he would not allow the dog outside his premises with anyone but himself.

Wallis was ordered to pay an advocate's fee of 10 guineas, witnesses' expenses of £3/1/6 and court fees of 7/-.

THE HERTS AND ESSEX OBSERVER - FRI, MAR 03, 1967 (NEWSPAPERS.COM)



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THIS week sees the reopening of the Hoops Inn, Perry Green, which lies just a mile or so to the south-east of Much Hadham.

Reopenings in the general run of things usually are the outcome of relatively minor modifications; transfer of ownership or similar changes.

In the case of the Hoops Inn, it follows months of planning and frustration brought about by the devastating fire which ravaged the 320 years old inn eight months ago, and which brought an ironic relevance to the term Restoration which marked the period in which it was first built.

The work required to restore the premises' upper

floor alone was sufficient to render the living quarters unusable for five months, but at ground level the degree of damage was considerably more of course, and has necessitated virtually starting from scratch throughout the whole of the area.

In addition to the refurbishing of the premises, modifications have been made to the lay-out, and these provide for extended space in the bar area, an entirely new kitchen, altered entrance, and new toilet facilities.

The restaurant in its final form will accommodate 48 persons in a setting losing nothing in comparison with the original and appealing just as strongly to diners as it has in the past.

The very best of qualified staff have been engaged to ensure the standards achieved previously, and with a brand new kitchen in which to create, a happy chef will no doubt ensure equally happy diners!

If you have never before dined or wined at the Hoops Inn, you should certainly make a special point of doing so, for the quality, service and environment will surely encourage you to make it a regular rendezvous.

For those past customers who have missed so many months of good ale, food, and the company, the appeal will be obvious, and the chance to enjoy those assets once again will mean restoration for more than the Hoops Inn alone.



Proprietors Alex and Coralie Ellis behind the bar of the reopened Hoops Inn.

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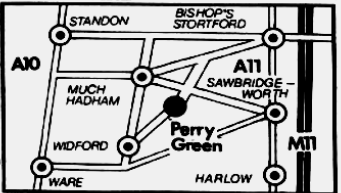
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**A FIRE at The Hoops Inn, Perry Green, five years ago was the beginning of the end for the business, its former licensee told a bankruptcy hearing in Hertford on Monday.**

**"The people who had come before just did not come back . . . The weekly turnover declined from a maximum of £2,000 down to only £700," said Mr Alexander Ernest Ellis.**

**Mr Ellis (46), now living in rented accommodation in Dorking, was appearing for his public examination in bankruptcy.**

**He told Registrar Mr J. S. Sennitt that his deficiency of £112,600 was probably "much nearer £150,000" following the sale of the lease of the inn by Mercantile Credit.**

#### **INN LEASE**

**Questioned by Official Receiver Mr E. Murphy, Mr Ellis said he took on the lease of The Hoops Inn Hotel and restaurant business in October, 1977 — paying for the £65,000 lease with about £30,000 of his own money and the remainder provided by a bank.**

**A fire in October, 1980, meant the inn had to close for eight months, and in August 1982, it ceased to trade. It ultimately went into compulsory liquidation.**

**Said Mr Ellis: "We had been in the process of re-financing with Mercantile Credit and with a bank in Bishop's Stortford, and I**

**went into partnership with my wife. We hoped that matters would improve but quite the opposite happened.**

**"The failure really goes back to the fire," he said. For in addition to the customers' failure to return after the fire, there was also the "isolation factor."**

**He added that he became overdependent on borrowed money, and the reduced turnover of the business meant it was not sufficient. For the last 18 months, he had traded at a loss.**

**Mr Ellis said that before 1975 he had been a salesman in the licensed trade, and had been a director of a wine company which went into voluntary liquidation in 1976. Following this he had been sued in civil proceedings, and had spent £7,000 to £8,000 trying to defend the action.**

**Now, he was employed as a sales manager earning a basic salary of £11,000 a year but could make no contribution at present towards his debts.**

**Registrar Mr Sennitt closed the public examination.**

HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - FRI, APR 26, 1985 (NEWSPAPERS.COM)





FRONT (EXISTING KEG STORE TO RIGHT)



FRONT (ROOF DETAIL)



EXISTING SERVICE DOOR



SIDE, SOUTH ELEVATION



REAR



REAR (ROOF / EXISTING LEAN TO)



SIDE, NORTH ELEVATION (MECHANICAL PLANT)



SIDE, NORTH ELEVATION

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