

DUMELOW APPLES

When I read the article by Chris Peat in the February edition, I instantly recognised the name Dummeller but as a second Christian name and not as a surname. During my investigations of the Ancestry website researching the history of Carlton, I had come across the name.

The Thompson family were farmers in Carlton for many years. After checking my suspicions I found a person "Richard Dummeller Thompson" had been living in Carlton only a few hundred metres from the newly planted apple tree, but over 100 years earlier.

Taking the information from the Fowler family tree, William Thompson was born in Carlton in 1773 and several of his children were born in Carlton. His son William married twice and his second wife was Ann Dummeller of Shackerstone. As in this case, it was common to use the mother's maiden name as a second Christian name. Their son Richard was named Richard Dummeller Thompson (1858-1930). His first child (1893-1983) was also given the same names and was born in Carlton. He was farming at Bufton Lodge for about 10 years at the end of the Nineteenth century and also at Westfields Farm between 1922 and 1932.

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