

Hoop Hall Carlton

Some time ago I wrote a short article about Hoop Hall which at the time was somewhat a mystery. The article also referred to the Toll House in that area, and Cheshire's house. I have now studied more documents and was quite surprised at the outcome.

I have now discovered where Hoop Hall was positioned. The tithe map of Carlton of 1849 names the field where "Springfield" is now built, as Hoop Hall Close. An earlier map, probably late 1700's, detailing turnpike roads, covers the road through Carlton and actually marks Hoop Hall as being close to the Nailstone / Barton fork near to the Gate Inn. It appears to be closer to the boundary of the Gate Inn land on the Nailstone side, than the existing public house.

Part of the Dixie estate sale of 1885 includes the Gate Hangs Well and refers to it as "Newly built". However there was a family of licensed victuallers, the Collinton (Collington) family, living in that area from at least 1841. I have concluded Hoop Hall was positioned to the left of the existing building, where the small car park and gents toilets are now situated. I am fairly certain that Hoop Hall was demolished some years before 1885 and replaced by the existing Public house.

The Gate Hangs Well



What's more, the son of the landlord of the previous building was a wheelwright and therefore dealt with iron rims or hoops. Is that coincidence? - your guess is as good as mine.

The same tithe map actually shows the position of the Toll House. It was at the end of Main Street at the junction with Barton/ Bosworth

road. There are three barriers stretching from the building, two in opposite directions across Main Street and one across Bosworth road. These three barriers controlled traffic in opposite directions on Main Street and both directions on Bosworth road.

From a study of the turnpike road map I found the house referred to as Cheshire's house was not the one known as Mill house (Eastfields). The additional section of turnpike road went from Osbaston Toll Gate to Bufton. Cheshire's house was shown on the T junction where the cottages now stand at Bufton.

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