

# Ivy Cottage



**Ivy Cottage** is situated at the north end of Main Street, Willerby, near to where Well Lane joins what was once the main road to Beverley. It is very near The Beeches (originally known as the Summer House) and not far from the Willerby Hall (originally known as Oak Hill House)—three large residences in a small area. The original building is no longer standing apart from some remnants in the grounds of the now Willersley House.

It is thought that '**William Mowld**, a Hull merchant, who died in 1741, bought several cottages in Willerby in the 1730s and may have built the house.' He is also regarded as the person who built Willerby Hall, known as Oak Hill House. The Beeches, formerly known as Summer House was being built at a similar time by Raspin Norrison.



In 1741 Ivy Cottage was conveyed by James Mowld, a brother of William and also a Hull merchant, to another brother, Thomas, also a Hull merchant. In 1751, on Thomas' death his heirs were four sisters: Mary Williamson, Dinah Shaw, Sarah Rooksby and Ann Mowld. Three of the shares passed to Joseph Williamson, a Hull merchant, in the 1750s and 1760s and then to his son James S Williamson of Ripon. The fourth share passed to William Williamson, also a Hull merchant.

In the 1770s the house was taxed on 18 windows. William Williamson conveyed his share to James S Williamson in 1804 and it passed to Charles Whittaker, another Hull merchant.

Did these people ever live in the house, we wonder? They are also linked to Wolfreton Hall in Church Lane, Kirkella where the pattern of inheritance is very similar.

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It appears the house was occupied by :

William Mowld,

Thomas Mowld's sister, Mary in 1755, {probably}

Stephen Rickinson, a merchant, in 1768

Mrs Ricardson and then by Mr Skirmon in the 1770s

Mr Bulmer in 1799

Andrew Hollingworth, a Hull merchant in 1804

William Thomas, another Hull merchant, from at least the 1840s.

(Hull Hull Gent Seeks Country Residence by K.J.Allison)

## 1841 England Census for William Thomas

Yorkshire > Kirk Ella > Cottingham > District 8

|    |                   |          |       |   |
|----|-------------------|----------|-------|---|
| do | Rebecca do        | 22       |       | 2 |
| do | William Thomas 66 | Merchant |       | 2 |
| do | Martha Piercy     | 20       |       | 2 |
| do | Mary Piercy       | 15       |       | 2 |
| do | Hannah Guy        | 45       | Widow | 2 |
| do | Jane Myres        | 20       | F.S.  | 2 |
| do | John Brown        | 25       | M.S.  | 2 |
| do | Jane Posten       | 78       |       | 2 |
| do | Daniel Sykes      | 35       | Ind   | 2 |
| do | Catharine do      | 40       |       | 2 |
| do | Catharine do      | 8        |       | 2 |
| do | Marian do         | 5        |       | 2 |
| do | Marriet do        | 3        |       | 2 |
| do | Isabella do       | 1        |       | 2 |
| do | Jane Lachey       | 20       | F.S.  | 2 |
| do | Abigail Bonville  | 20       | F.S.  | 2 |
| do | Elizabeth Wilby   | 15       | F.S.  | 2 |
| do | James Horsepool   | 30       | M.S.  | 2 |
| do | Mary Bromley      | 20       | F.S.  | 2 |

| Willerby |                |    |          |
|----------|----------------|----|----------|
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|          | Martha Piercy  | 20 |          |
|          | Mary Piercy    | 15 |          |
|          | Hannah Guy     | 45 | widow    |
|          | Jane Myres     | 20 | fs       |
|          | John Brown     | 25 | ms       |

William Thomas, a Hull merchant, was with Martha and Mary Piercy and with Hannah Guy, a widow. Who are these people? They are being attended to by two servants.

Unfortunately the 1841 Census is basic in the sense that it doesn't give information about people's relationship to each other.



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1851 Census:

no obvious person

1861 Census:

One possible candidate for occupation of Ivy House is **Frances Jane Barton** who is described as a widow and having own fund and is a landowner. She had one servant. She is on the same page of the Census as John Leaper of Willerby Hall which is not far from Ivy Cottage.

It would appear her daughter, Martha Dorothea married John Boulderson Barkworth, a timber merchant. They lived very comfortably at Brough and at Raywell House. Martha's daughter Dora married into the Pease family, Henry Joseph Robinson Pease, the nephew of Arthur Burton Pease who lived at The Beeches from 1868 into the 70s.

|                    |               |   |                               |         |     |       |                                |                      |
|--------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 40                 | Willerby Hall | 1 | George Poffuth                | Head    | Mar | 35    | Ag. Lab                        | Yorkshire-Holdham    |
|                    |               |   | Elizabeth Poffuth             | Wife    | Mar | 28    | do                             | do Willerby          |
|                    |               |   | Charles Poffuth               | Son     |     | 6     | Scholar                        | do do                |
|                    |               |   | William Poffuth               | Son     |     | 3     | Scholar                        | do do                |
|                    |               |   | John Poffuth                  | Son     |     | 1 1/2 | do                             | do do                |
| 41                 | Cille         | 1 | Joel Calyforth                | Head    | Mar | 62    | Ag. Lab                        | do Kirk Wm           |
|                    |               |   | Eliza Calyforth               | Wife    | Mar | 34    | do                             | do do                |
| 42                 | Cille         | 1 | James Popham                  | Head    | Mar | 60    | Saundress                      | Yorkshire-Barnes     |
|                    |               |   | Elizabeth Popham              | Wife    | Mar | 30    | do                             | do do                |
| 43                 | Cille         | 1 | Frances Jane Barton           | Head    | Mar | 64    | Land & Landholder              | Yorkshire-Wharfedale |
|                    |               |   | Elizabeth Barton              | Servant | Mar | 27    | do                             | do do                |
|                    |               |   | Elizabeth Barton              | Servant | Mar | 19    | do                             | do do                |
| 44                 | Cille         | 1 | Samuel Longhorn               | Head    | Mar | 41    | Gardener                       | Yorkshire-Wharfedale |
|                    |               |   | Ann Longhorn                  | Wife    | Mar | 39    | do                             | do do                |
|                    |               |   | Thomas Longhorn               | Son     |     | 10    | Scholar                        | do do                |
|                    |               |   | George Longhorn               | Son     |     | 8     | Scholar                        | do do                |
|                    |               |   | Henry Longhorn                | Son     |     | 4     | do                             | do do                |
|                    |               |   | John Longhorn                 | Son     |     | 1     | do                             | do do                |
| 45                 | Cille         | 1 | John Longhorn                 | Head    | Mar | 53    | Gardener (Master) (Cultivator) | do do                |
|                    |               |   | Ann Longhorn                  | Wife    | Mar | 46    | do                             | do do                |
| 46                 | Willerby Hall | 1 | John Longhorn                 | Head    | Mar | 57    | Mini Merchant                  | do do                |
|                    |               |   | Ann Longhorn                  | Wife    | Mar | 44    | do                             | do do                |
|                    |               |   | John Longhorn                 | Son     | Mar | 14    | do                             | do do                |
|                    |               |   | Ann Longhorn                  | Son     | Mar | 12    | do                             | do do                |
| Total of Houses... |               | 7 | Total of Males and Females... |         | 10  | 15    |                                |                      |

1871 Census:

no obvious candidate



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The 1881 Census shows that **Alexander Strachan** was living at Ivy Cottage. The Strachans were coal merchants in Hull doing business under the name of M Strachan & Son.

Alexander, born in 1846, grew up on Anlaby Road and married in 1870 to Tacy Eleanor Hearfield. In the 1881 Census we can see that Alexander's sister, Wilhemina Mary and her husband, had come to visit and were staying in Ivy Cottage. Coincidentally his brother John Cariss Strachan was living next door at the Beeches while his sister Frances Briggs also lived at The Beeches in the 1900s until her death in 1932.

Alexander was still in Ivy Cottage in 1891. His wife was in Bournemouth visiting her mother. There is an 11 year old visitor in the house, Eva Laybourn. She appears to be the daughter of the coachman, John Laybourn.



## 1881 England Census for Alexander Strachan

Yorkshire > Willerby in Sculcoates > District 10

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| The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the |                                             |                                      |                                 |                              |                            |                            |                                      |               |                                                                  | 165 [Page 5] |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |               |                                                                  |              |
| Willerby                                                           |                                             |                                      |                                 | Willerby                     |                            | Sculcoates                 | St. Andrew's Willerby                |               |                                                                  |              |
| No. of Schedule                                                    | ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE | HOUSES Inhabited (U) or Building (B) | 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 (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      |                                 |                              |                            | Males                      | Females                              |               |                                                                  |              |
| X 21                                                               | Willerby                                    | 1                                    | Alexander Strachan              | Head                         | Mar.                       | 35                         |                                      | Coal Merchant | Willerby Northallerton                                           |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      | Tacy E. Str.                    | Wife                         | Mar.                       | 24                         |                                      | do Hull       |                                                                  |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      | William Str.                    | Serv                         |                            | 9                          |                                      | do Hull       |                                                                  |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      | Thomas E. Bennett               | Serv                         |                            | 20                         |                                      | Yorkshire     |                                                                  |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      | W. Mary Str.                    | Wife                         | Mar.                       | 24                         |                                      | do Hull       |                                                                  |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      | Wilhemina Strachan              | Serv                         |                            | 24                         |                                      | Serv dom      | Northallerton                                                    |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      | Elizabeth H. Jones              | Serv                         |                            | 26                         |                                      | do "          | Northallerton                                                    |              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                                      |                                 |                              |                            | 23                         |                                      | do "          |                                                                  |              |

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| Civil Parish of <u>Willerby</u>      |                                             |                                      | Municipal Borough of <u>Willerby</u>                               |                                 | Municipal Ward of <u>Willerby</u> |                           | Urban Sanitary District of <u>Willerby</u> |                          | Town or Village or Hamlet of <u>Willerby</u> |          | Rural Sanitary District of <u>Sculcoates</u> |          | Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>Northallerton</u> |          | Ecclesiastical Parish or District of <u>St. Andrew's</u> |  |
| 1                                    | 2                                           | 3                                    | 4                                                                  | 5                               | 6                                 | 7                         | 8                                          | 9                        | 10                                           | 11       | 12                                           | 13       | 14                                                        | 15       | 16                                                       |  |
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| 20                                   | Ivy Cottage                                 | 1                                    | 1                                                                  | Alexander Strachan              | Head                              | M                         | 45                                         | Coal Merchant            | Yorkshire Northallerton                      | X        |                                              |          |                                                           |          |                                                          |  |
|                                      |                                             |                                      |                                                                    | Lucy A. Thompson                | Serv                              | S                         | 18                                         | Domestic Servant         | do Northallerton                             |          |                                              |          |                                                           |          |                                                          |  |
|                                      |                                             |                                      |                                                                    | Eva Laybourn                    | Serv                              | S                         | 11                                         |                          | do Willerby                                  |          |                                              |          |                                                           |          |                                                          |  |

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|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Willerby     | Alexander Strachan | Head                              | m                    | 35         | Coal Merchant     | Northallerton     |
|              | Tacy Strachan      | wife                              | m                    | 37         |                   | Hull              |
|              | William Strachan   | son                               |                      | 9          |                   | Hull              |
|              | Henry E Barrett    | visitor                           | m                    | 30         | visitor           | Durham            |
|              | W. Mary Barrett    | visitor                           | m                    | 25         | visitor           | Hull              |
|              | Jemima Barker      | serv                              | unm                  | 27         | Dom. servant      | Lincolnshire      |
|              | Elizabeth M Tudor  | serv                              | unm                  | 21         | Dom.. servant     | Burstwick         |

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| Willerby     |                    |                                   |                      |            |                   |                   |
| Ivy Cottage  | Alexander Strachan | Head                              | S                    | 45         | Coal Merchant     | Northallerton     |
|              | Jane A Thompson    | serv                              | S                    | 19         | Dom servant       | Cottingham        |
|              | Eva Layburn        | visitor                           | S                    | 11         |                   | Willerby          |