

## THE CIDER MILL

The cottages in what is now called Cidermill Lane were probably built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, extending around the corner into Leasebourne. They are shown on the **1722** estate map of Campden, the earliest existing plan of the layout of the town.



1722 map extract



Cottages in Cidermill Lane

In the 1700s there were orchards in Campden, probably growing apples and pears, enough to justify the building of a 'cyder mill' for community use.

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*To be sold FIVE Freehold Cottages or Tenements and a **Cyder-Mill house thereunto adjoining, with the Cyder-Mill upon the premises, a large Malthouse and two large Wing Stones, situate, lying and being in Chipping- Campden, in the County of Gloucester .The Cottages are let to several Tenants and bring in by the Year exclusive of the Cyder-Mill Seven Pounds and Nine Shillings.---For Further Particulars enquire of Mr. Charles Kemp, Attorney at Law, No 11. Holborn-Court, Grays-Inn, London; or of Mr. Thomas Cotterell, in Chipping-Campden aforesaid, who will shew the premises.***

It would appear that the cottages were bought by John Freeman and John Stanley as they took out a mortgage on the properties. In **1766** an indenture, now in the possession of the owner of 'The Corner House', records a mortgage between George Dowling, Chancery Lane Stationers, vendor, and 1. John Freeman, Schoolmaster of Chipping Campden and 2. John Standley[sic] Mason of Chipping Campden, purchasers.

In the Will made by John Stanley in 1807, probate in **1815**, he bequeaths '*all that messuage, cottage or tenement called the **Cider Mill**, now in the occupation of John Stanley (no relationship stated)* to his sons-in-law Job Stanley and George Tomes. The words 'messuage, cottage or tenement' do not make it clear what type of property it was, but it seems likely that it was still a cottage.

An **1827** deed shows that Job Stanley and George Tomes (trustees for Mary Tomes?) sell to John Stanley (the occupier?). They were:

George Tomes	Chipping Campden	weaver	vendor
Mary Tomes		wife	
Job Stanley	Chipping Campden	wheelwright	vendor
John Stanley	Chipping Campden	Mason	purchaser

*.....**All those four several messuages cottages or tenements together with the outbuildings gardens and appurtenances which belonging situate standing lying and being in a street called Lazebourne in Chipping Campden aforesaid and now in the several tenancies and occupations of [blank] And also all that site[?] tile of ground whereon a **Cyder House and Cyder Mill** formerly stood situate near to or adjoining the aforesaid messuages cottages or tenements and now in the occupation of [blank] together with all and singular houses outhouses edifices buildings barns stables gardens .....***

It appears that by now the cyder house and mill had been demolished.



*Cidermill Lane.*

Had Cidermill Lane been named at this time? There is no name given on the 1818 estate map. Which cottages does this deed refer to? The ones in now Cidermill Lane or those subsequently converted into the Corner House and adjoining house.

But it does seem clear that the cider house and mill were in at the back of the Corner House, and that the custom of using this for cider-making had ceased.

John Stanley was a mason and the Stanleys had a quarry so the stone was available to rebuild the cottages on Leasebourne into substantial properties.

**1841 census –**

The corner house was the Police House, so it must have been rebuilt by then.

**1851 census –** Police House – probably still owned by John Stanley.

**1852 deed**

John Stanley	Chipping Campden	1 <sup>st</sup> part	vendor
William Stanley	Chipping Campden	2 <sup>nd</sup> part	purchaser
Sarah wife of William Keyte		3 <sup>rd</sup> part	"
Richard and Elizabeth Chapple		4 <sup>th</sup> part	"
Mary wife of William Summerton the Elder		5 <sup>th</sup> part	"
William Summerton the Younger		5 <sup>th</sup> part	"

It appears that John Stanley was selling to William Stanley: the family were all interconnected.

**1861 census –** still the Police Station, Supt Makepeace and police officers with wives

**1871** census – William Hartwell, mason, was the occupier.  
The new Police Station had been built opposite the Market Hall.

**1879** deed

William Stanley	Chipping Campden	Gentleman	vendor
William Hartwell	Chipping Campden	Stone mason	purchaser

*.....five several messuages tenements xxx yards garden stable backhouse and appurtenances thereto belonging situate at Chipping Campden xxxx xxx and in and near Cyder Mill Lane.....*



*Cidermill Lane.*

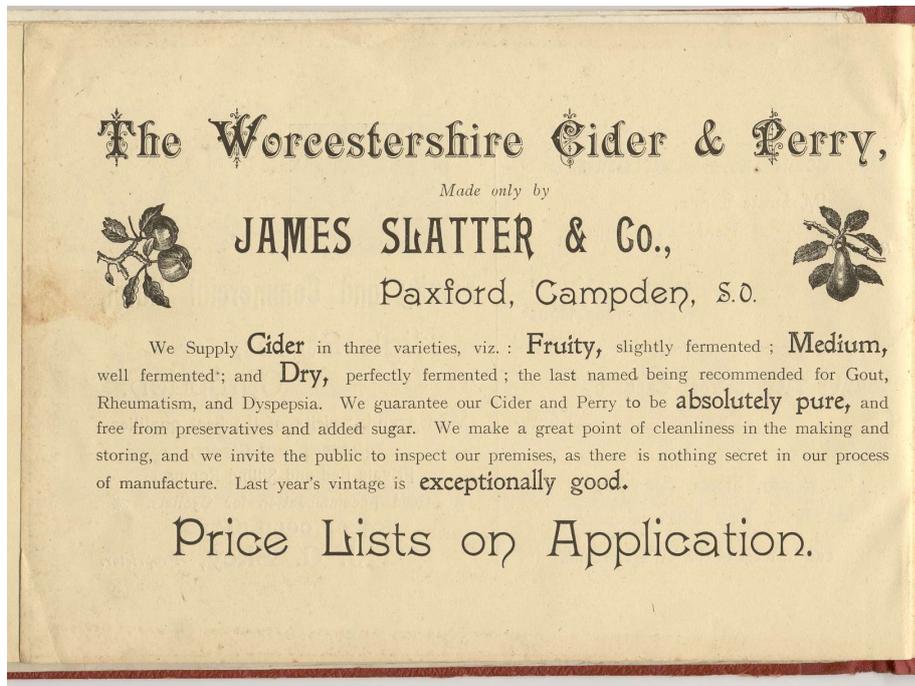
These must have been the cottages in Cidermill Lane.

Still in the Corner House -

**1881** census – William Hartwell, (owner and) occupier, mason

**1891** census – William Hartwell (owner and) occupier, mason

**1901** census – William Hartwell (owner and ) occupier builder



An advert from 1916, showing that cider mills were still in operation.



A cider mill crushing the apples in 2019



Pressing the juice out