

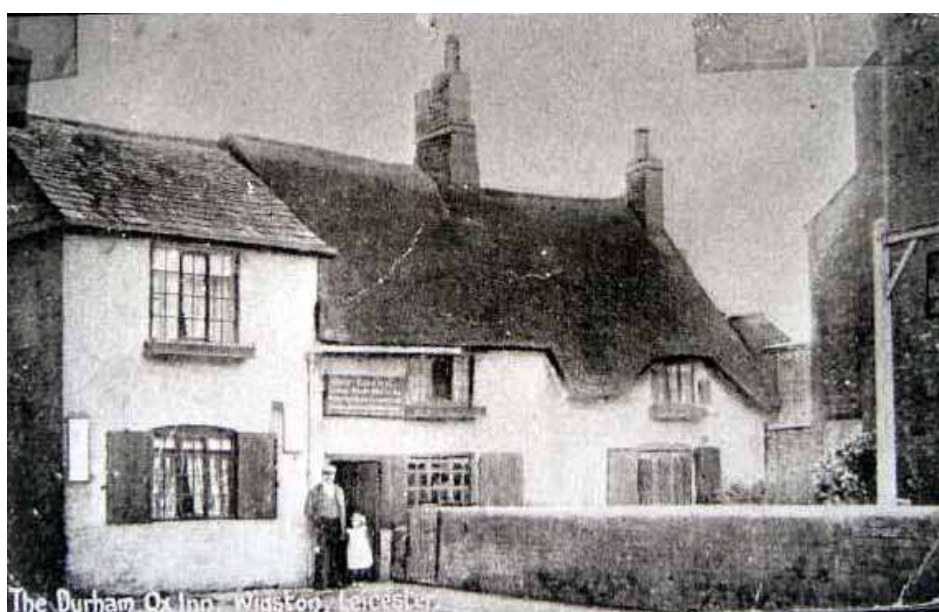
# THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## The Durham Ox Long Street Wigston Magna



Job Clark, landlord, outside his inn, The Durham Ox, in 1905. The biblical name, Job was typical of those in fashion at the time. Others included Levi (Sampson) and Zadoc (Charleton)

The pub stood at the rear of Johnson's greengrocery shop in Long Street and in 1846 the licensee was John Johnson. The shuttered windows were an essential of that age for security and warmth, and to prevent the horns of cattle breaking the windows.



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## THE DURHAM OX INN (Long Street/Blunt's Lane Corner)



Prior to 1817 this inn was named The Woolpack and from the scant evidence of an ox like head portrayed on an Inn sign in an old oil painting, suggests a transfer from premises nearer to Saint Wolstan's Church.

The local trade directories naming the landlords of the Durham Ox in its later years reveal the following:-

DIRECTORY	DATE	LANDLORD
Whites	1846	John Johnson
Drakes	1861	John Johnson
Barkers	1875	Alfred Cleveland
Barkers	1877	Alfred Cleveland
Barkers	1881	Charles Collins
Kellys	1888	Charles Collins
Kellys	1895	John Thomas Boulton
Wrights	1895	John Thomas Boulton
Wrights	1899	Job Clark

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Kellys	1916	William Edward Harrold
Kellys	1922	Alfred Gill
Kellys	1925	Alfred Gill

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## THE DANN'S AS INNKEEPERS

The land on Long Street/Blunts Lane corner where Johnson's fruit shop was (opposite the council bungalows) used to be the Durham Ox pub.



It had previously been called the Woolpack until 1817.

The name Durham Ox was perhaps taken from another inn which was in existence in 1798 in the Church Nook Oadby Lane area probably near the church.

The Dann's were owners of the Durham Ox on Long Street for many years but we don't have the exact date.

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Publicans I know of.....

Edmund Fox 1825 - married Mary Humberstone in Wigston 1.6.1803.

(Mary's mother was Ann Dand) Edmund came from Theddingworth. He committed suicide at the pub by hanging age 55 (22.11.1834 Leicester Chronicle) see below

His wife Mary became the publican.

Mary Fox had a break-in (14.8.1840 Leicester Journal)

1841 Mary Fox - age 59

1845 William Cooper

1846-1861 John Johnson

1863 Isaac Hurst

1875-77 Alfred Cleveland

1881-88 Charles Collins

1895 Thomas Boulter Jnr

1899 Job Clark-photo above

1911 William Edward Harold

1922 -25 Alfred Gill

Its difficult to know which member of the Dann (Dand) family owned the Inn. However Thomas Dand who was a FWK held land and houses on Long Street/Blunts Lane. Thomas was a hosier. He had paid money for apprentices 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 1800 for Wm Sharman and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1796 for John Morton. His stocking frames were sold a year after his death 'at his shop' 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1847.

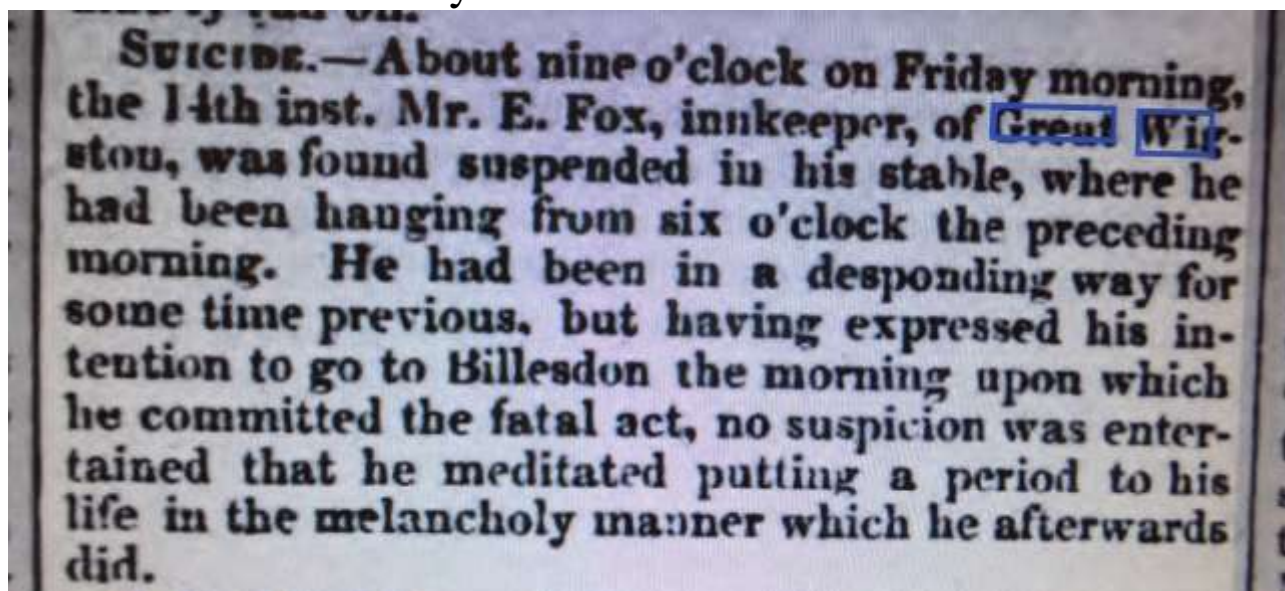
Prior to that some of their property (Thomas and William's) was bought by the Elizabeth Clarke Trust. 'Lease and release dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 1828. Susanna Davis, Thomas Dand and William Dand in consideration of £90 a messuage and garden'

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Why it was purchased I don't know as the Alms Houses were erected 1781 and 1800 respectively at a cost of £160.

However the trust held a lot of property as investment.

Thomas was a voter and was registered in the Poll Books for 1830 and in directories for 1841 as a Hosier. His business was linked to that of his brother William Dann. (William lived at Balldike House which was situated on Leicester Road near to the corner of Aylestone Lane) His other brother Joseph rented land from William but lived in Bell Street. All Three brothers were in hosiery.



Thomas's business (our direct line) went to his son Thomas but he died young (before his father) his widow re-married and the business was lost.

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