

# THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## SHOULDER OF MUTTON INN

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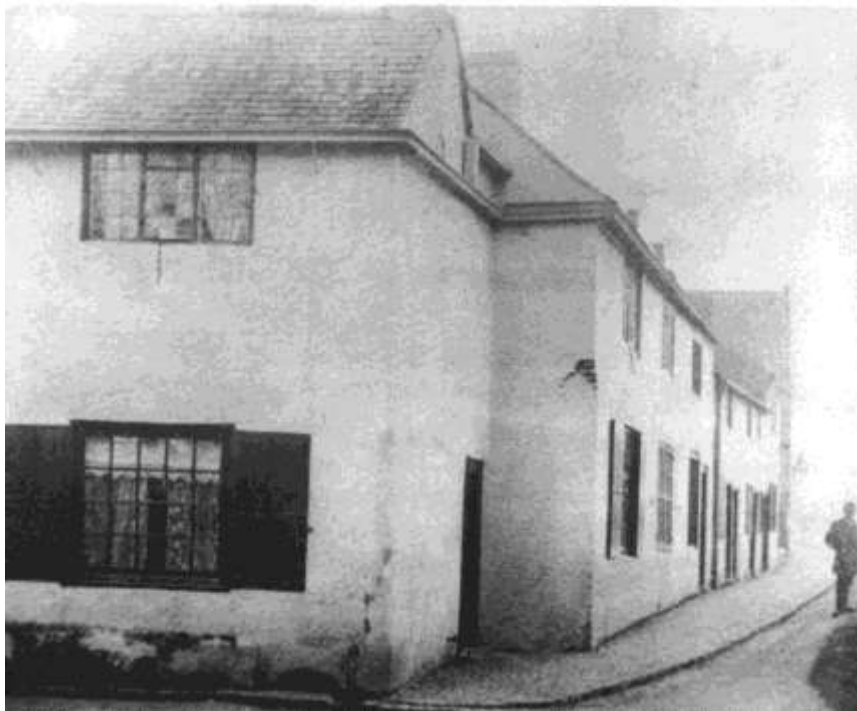
The original site of this Inn is now occupied by what has become known locally as the 'Devil House', in Long Street. The road to the left being the driveway to the garage of The Manse, and opposite, the former post office. It and the butchers shop next door were demolished in 1895.

Its last owner was John Cooper who had been there from 1846 and possibly before.

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## The Shoulder of Mutton Inn, Long Street, Wigston Magna



The Shoulder of Mutton Inn, Long Street, kept by John Cooper, maltsters, from 1846, possibly before, until 1895 when the Inn and Thomas William Dormer's adjoining butcher's shop were demolished causing Francis Freckingham, who had joined with his master in business, to build a new house, yard, slaughter house and stables next to Avenue House at a cost of £400. Mr Cooper's daughter, Mrs Jimmy Smith, lived in his new house and kept a foul-mouthed parrot which children antagonised into swearing at them. The original site is now occupied by the "Devil House" opposite the Post Office -look up and see why this nick-name is used. One can still see the location of the photograph quite clearly as the road to the left of the shuttered windows is now the drive to the United Reform manse garage, behind where Mr Freckingham stands is the site of the Working Men's Club today.



Today the property is still called "The Devil House" by the older residents of Wigston.

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