



**A SWEET AND LOVELY WALL
IN TICKENHAM**

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This is a copy of a contemporary manuscript in the Tickenham section of the Greenhill collection in Nailsea Library. The manuscript is on 'stamped' but undated paper. (The "stamp" was a watermark showing that the duty on the paper had been paid.)

Saturday May 27th 1848

Mr Coombs Jnr, agreed to rebuild the boundary wall between an Orchard belonging to and occupied by Mr Samuel Coombs Snr. and a Barton belonging to the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol and occupied by Mr Robert Evans situate in the Parish of Tickenham in the County of Somerset throughout the whole length thereof leaving no Gap, opening or Gateway and also the wall of the said Barton adjoining the Parish road leading to Clevedon with the exception of a small portion now covered with ivy and in good repair. The wall to be not less than two feet in thickness at the bottom and one foot six inches at the top and five feet in height. Also to pin up and secure the South Wall and Buttresses.

To provide all the required stone, lime and Coal Ashes and other materials required- The whole of the Walls to be well pointed and cleaned off - The coping stones to be not less than one foot in height by the width of the wall - to be well fixed and secured. The Mortar used to be carefully mixed of good lime and Coal ashes or sharp clean sand in the proportion of one third lime to two thirds Coal ashes or sand. Not less than nine tons of coal ashes being used.

To perform the whole of the work in the best manner and find all materials and labour of their respective kinds under the direction and to the entire satisfaction of Mr Thomas Ward of Bristol - and for the sum of Ten Pounds.

Ex J.W. T.W. (There are NO signatures, just these initials)

NOTES:-

A Barton was a farmyard, or more technically, that part of an estate farmed by the lord of the manor himself.

Mr Coombs Snr was probably Samuel Wedmore Coombs and Mr Coombs Jnr his son Samuel. The father is buried in the Bave Chapel (named after the family of that name), and the son under the Western yew tree at Tickenham Church.

The 1841 Census shows Samuel Coombs and Robert Evans each being 45 and farmers but not where.

The 1851 census shows Samuel Coombs a farmer of 59 acres and Robert Evans of Middletown a farmer of 55 acres.

The 1881 census shows Wm Evans (grandson of Robert) aged 41 and farming at Barn Farm - 62 acres. (See following page)

This tallies with the change to the present Triggol family in

1956 and the wall concerned would appear to be that dividing Barn Farm from the small field on its east.

In a Midsummer Night's Dream Pyramus and Thisbe in the inner play had courting troubles because there was only a chink in the dividing wall through which they could but whisper.

In spite of there being no gap, opening or gateway, here they would have had no such problem - there was a fine set of steps built into the wall.

The farm is roughly half way through Tickenham on the right hand side of the road on the way to Clevedon.

1881 Census of Tickenham

William EVANS	M	41	M	Tickenham
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Farmer 62 Acres 2 Labour			
Selina EVANS	M	49	F	Mark, Somerset,
Rel:	Wife			
Occ:	Farmers Wife			
Julia EVANS	U	20	F	Bristol
Rel:	Daur			
Occ:	Farmers Daughter			
Henry W. EVANS	U	19	M	Nailsea, Somerset,
Rel:	Son			
Occ:	Farmers Son			
Aice EVANS	U	17	F	Nailsea, Somerset,
Rel:	Daur			
Occ:	Farmers Daughter			
Sebert J. EVANS		13	M	Nailsea, Somerset,
Rel:	Son			
Occ:	Farmers Son			
Annie EVANS		9	F	Tickenham, Somerset
Rel:	Daur			
Occ:	Scholar			
Ada EVANS		6	F	Tickenham, Somerset
Rel:	Daur			
Occ:	Scholar			

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