

Blacksmith's Ledger

The ledger has parchment-covered boards and deleted names of customers on the front cover. Inside the front cover, the price 8/6 is written. "Peter Hall, The Forge, Itteringham nr Aylsham"

The true sequence of the entries starts in 1893 with Mr Lake but as the book filled up, the empty index pages at the front were used up, so the first page gives Mr Robinson 1905.

Each customer was allotted several pages but often not sufficient, so some long-standing accounts go forwards and then hop back to an empty page and may end up in the index pages.

The notes follow the order as in the book. Only unusual words or jobs have been noted, more fully in the first few entries [as many customer have same work] and the word "shoes" means that most of the work for the customer was horseshoeing. Frost nailing happens in coldest months at least from 1895 and less frequently after c1909, although still up to 1920s. My comments are in square brackets.

1905 Mr Robinson

Shoes

Nov-Dec Journeys to Calthorpe [several], to Tuttington [1]

Jan 1906 and with luggage to Aylsham [2]

1908 Godwin

Shoes

Oct 1904- June 1910 Fowl (also spelt Fowell) see later for start of account

[5pp]

Shoes, ruffed [4 shoes =2s]

Old shoes

Colts feet pared

1 scythe stick & syth hung 1.6d

slasher put in handle 6d

scimmer repar 3d

Oct 1904-Dec 1907 Mendham

[7pp]

1 key to mill works

shoes and ruffed [throughout]

2 mill bill sharpened & repaired

Repares to plough

Plates, layered & screwed

sack barrow mended

repair to grinder

crank mended to grinder

1 clasp & 1 ringle to tees

grinder wheel drilled out

& screwed and screw bolt

1 plate and plates put on wagon

back chane mended

Carrell to grinder £1 17 6d

(Jan 1905) 1 horse frost nailed 2 essels repaired
 1 hostry ironed up irons mended to same
 new cap iron 49 harrow teeth layed
 new Esslee & screwed & fitted to cast boxes
 Iron mended to cart & screwed
 Essle & wheel repared to dray Clasp & bolt to self binder (Aug)
 Castings mended to reaper Muck croomb mended and put in tees (Sept)
 4 shoes greasy horse 3s.0 [normally 4 shoes are 2/6d]
 New blade to stable howe [harrow], 1 pr tee chaines 24 links, 2 swavell & bolt, 2 clasps
 Scrall iron mended dray tooth screwed
 irons to beetle
 iron mended to turnip harrow (Jul) 3 waggon tires
 scrall iron mended to cart
 new eye bolt to coulter, new blade to same, coulter stock drawn out & sharpened
 New tire to muck croombe & put on
 [continues with coulter, waggons, beist shere, turnip hous [harrows], lamp iron put on cart]

1907-1934 S Farrow

39 pp

Shoes & ruffed

back chane long hostry ironed up
 swalles & bolt to tee coulter leyed
 hinges to bins harrow teeth
 hempeltries ironed up rod mended to heycutter
 (1910) Muck croomb making
 handle taken out of spade & handle put in 1s
 plough
 (1912) crow bar mended and sharpened
 clasp put on tumbrell tipping iron making & put on tumbrell
 sales ironed up with new iron & repair
 making scraper to roll hostry iron repaired
 spring to wall chain Gathering fork, muck fork
 rabbit spade repaired
 (1916 linked to Miller) irons to sythe stick & sythe hung
 Jan-Feb frost nailed
 Dec 1916 Britchens mended
 4 stone of potatoes

1919 Slasher put in handle
 1920 Shoes (pony, Hackney, colt)
 gate hooks, 1 hook to shares, 2 hooks to sales
 1921 long bar to door, I hold fast to door, I long staple

1932-3 Shoes (hackney frequent)

End of use of Index pages. Original start

1893 Mr Lake (also Lake, T.Lake)

29 pp

Shoes [lots, must be many horses]]

Teeth in harrows fork Cap irons to hostry
double shares in iron hurdles, cramps to same, hooks to same
tin ware soldered to drill tire out & put on waggon wheels
gate hooks sharpened turnip drill & britchen hook
eye mended to barn door pigs rings
[Lots of implements] trumbell wheel, coulter, coal shovell mended, 2 hooks & links put on
sales, pitchen fork, ladder mended, varrell to stick

water trough put up 2 fingers to grass cutter
1896 wheel barrow new body to oven (Feb)
3 fingers to topler 1897 New steel fork
2 bushels of potatoes (March) ringles to sales
horne iron to reaper essle part new to shepherds house
1 plate to dog canell 1lb of brads
window catches 1 hook to cock chane
diller rake, horse rake, water cart, greasen dog mended
1902 new spindle to henshouse essle part new to shepherds house

Blickling estate / Lady Lothian

1895 -1902 10 pages but in varying order. Apparently no shoeing

1902 1 chimney bar, 3 plates to oven, 1 set door irons, snecks, keeps & catches
2 ½ lbs of brads
[lots of door furniture and gate ironware]
dog anchors hook for barn door
tee anchors irons repaired to work gate [some entries marked Savory]

1901 Nov work done at Seely farm gate eyes, hooks [etc] £7 6 1
1899 Gate hook Savory farmyard
1900 bars of iron Holkings house
1 plate of iron Hookers cottage
1901 Chimney bar, window bars, water troughs

1898 2 plates of iron to water wheel, anchors to wheels B.Mill
2 shackell to B.Mills
Iron stays to granary
brass nobbs to doors repaired
1897 Chimney bars
1897 2 anchors to water wheel B Mill
1895 Stove & oven
1895 [lots of door wares & "to Front and large gates"]

Mr Lee 1893- 1900 (and see later)

30 pages

Shoes and farm implements

New tine to fork Links to harness sales
Shoeing donkey Fly link Green Farm [different site]
Gravell pick layed I shoe Green Farm
turnip choper plough etc
2 hooks to sales 1 shoe nag

[all usual]

Mr Seely 1893-1895 (and see later)

9 pp

Shoes

Mended [the following] warter pot, fish spoone, water pot soldered, egg cup

cutter, waggon, tumbrell, turnip grinder

corn scupet mended gravel pick, drain rake, new grate to copper

new burning iron

Seaman 1896

1 shoe ?savil horse

1 quarters contract for 7 horses £1 2 6d

Roper 1895-6

2 pr garden shares ground [several times]

shares

hey nives ground

new bar to cocking stove

3 ess hooks

spade

Mr Lee 1900-01

6pp

Turnip choper mended at Baugham Farm

Mr Fowl 1894-1896

4 pages (and see later)

Shares and implements

Cart, pig rings, dilling rake, horse harrow, wedges

heel Varell made bigger

poker leyd

trumbell

Mr Seely 1895-6

3pp

harrow iron, pitchin fork

grass mower sythe & grass nail

Mr Cubitt W 1895

Ruffed [lots of horses?], frost nailed
Shovell mended

new saw to box to engine, wheel & box screwed

screwhammer mended

Contract for 9 horses 1 quarter (repeated)

plate mended to alavator & brads

shoes (nag and mule)

Mrs Cubitt Barningham 1895

Shoe horse and mule

Miss Cubitt Barningham—same

Elgon Cubitt 1895-6 (Mr E Cubitt)

Shoes, mule

Seaman 1895-6

usual

4 shoes Oulton horse

hard chissle repaired

Lord Orford 1895 (no shoes)

Chimney bar furnace door repaired

window bars repaired & iron work

job to brass curton rod M Hall [Mannington]

shoting cart

key mended to parfin tub

Rabbitt traps [constantly repaired]

Seely 1896

Ld Orford

Shoes [only time?]

leather pads and stoping

Fowl 1896-1898

Shoes

[usual agricultural]

1 hesp & staples to schoolgate

[other ironware]

p.108 Ives 12pp

1895-1898

Shoes [lots]
horse tipped & feet pared & sand cracks fired
1 quarters contract £3.10s [repeated]
Donkey shoe
Ironware and usual agricultural
119 harrow teeth
sheep bin mended
corn bushell repaired

Cubitt 1896-97

Shoes—nag, donkey, mule
1 curton rod

Ives 1898

1 paddle

Seely 3 pp 1896-98

horses ruffed
Ironware
paddle in handle
-inc journey to Aylsham 2s
Water pump repaired corn riddle filed
kettle lid repaired journey to Holt
2 journeys to Cawston

1898 Seely trustee

4 shoes Bad horses 3s 4d
[normally 4 shoes were 2s 4d]

Fowl 1903-4

1897-1900 Mr Truman Lake 3pp

Shoes
harrow teeth

Fowl 1898-1902 3pp

1 hart iron & 1 runner & wedge to wheel

Ives 1898-1903 24pp

Shoes
Usual agriculture (quite a lot)

chaff cutter gravel pick
garden shere ground grassing dog
1902 Corn dresser

Lake 1902- 1907 10pp

Shoes
Ironware
reaper etc tumbrell

1906 shoes & sand cracks fired
anchors gate hooks
3 shoes Oulton Farm
scimmer repair
1907 shoes—stallion
howes altered—woolf teeth taken out

Wilkinson 1903-1906 12 pp

Shoes inc donkey
Ironware
Agricultural—hey engine, tumbrell, greasing dog, cerry coumbe
1905 “Foster Mother soldered”
new crank to coffee grinder
Coffee naill replaced
copper door mended water cart
Churns (screws)

Lee 1907-1917 47 pp

Shoes Barningham Farm and Green Farm

and shoes [main site]
usual ironware gate items
1905 Home Farm [and main]
[lots of shoes]
[less frost nailing after 1907]

p 242 Blickling Estate 1918-1921

Gate eyes Bares to fire grate
Chimney bar Gate iron Lakes farm
pump spout
[lots of repair items 1920]
iron squares [for]common cottages
gate stuff

Lord Lothian 9pp 1903-1917

gate stuff etc
1904 Locks & keys on doors Oct 1905 Lock repaired to school house
Feb 1906 new lock school house door
Chimney bar for forge Long ties B. Cottages [Blickling]
1911 pr gable anchors 1 chimney bar at Wilknsons house
1912 Crank mended to timber jack 1916 Staples Seamans Farm Oulton

Lord Orford 36pp 1903-1937

[lots of orders, firstly for shoes, leather pads, toping, 1904 rubber frog pads, then later iron work p.300]

1918 Long steel chisel to open petrol tins Wolterton engine room 2s 6d

1918 Nov-Dec Minor repairs to Mill

1919 repairs to water wheel

1921 Iron work--pump handle Gays Farm

big iron clasp to barn doors Fisher Farm

1924 Dec Horse frost cogs

1929 Mrs Walpole

Ironware---Johnsons gate, Beals, Chets farm

1930 Wolterton Estate

Iron ware=----for Mercon

1932 Lord Walpole

Water wheel repairs

Grands house

Gays farm

Marcon buildings

1935 Gays farm, Johnson house

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p.300 1903-1927 Lord Orford

26 pp [starts again for non-shoeing]

1903 Ironwork at mill

Johnson, Neal gates etc'

1903 alarm gun repaired

rabbit traps [lots of repairs]

1904 Warnes gate hook

1904 keepers horse

axe ground (Adams) dog chain (Adams)

1905 Ironwork at Mannington Hall

rabbit traps hen coop irons

dog chains mended

1906 handle to sauspan (Adams)

Iron Baxters house boat anchor M.H. [Mannington Hall]

[Various items Wolterton and Mannington]

1907 Chimney bar Hannelts house

1908 new grate school

mill, Adams etc

Estate—horse shoeing (see before)

1908 2 long cramps for chimneys Mannington Mere farmhouse

1911 1 oven cast grate "pleceman house" [policeman]

1910 4 shoes for Yeomanry
hen house

p361 A Farrow 50pp 1907-1926

Shoes, usual farm implements
hempeltries coulter cap iron tees trumbell
Shoeing and ruffed [lots] inc nag, 1919-1926 lots of "hackney"
Frost nailed 1926 (once)
[nearly all shoeing in last years]

p.413 Mr Lake 50pp 1907-1924

[Mostly shoeing in last years inc hackney]

Farming 1923 Oulton house
[Less frostnailing]

Farrow 1927-1932

Shoes and a few items
1924 frost cogs
hackneys
1929 Frost nailed

p477 Wilkinson (turns to Smith 1924) 1911-1924

Shoeing and ironwork (nag, donkey)
1912 Feb irons repaired & fixed to snow sledge
gray mare
hen house
frost nails 1916-17 but not frequent

Smith (turns into Clethero) 1924-1927
similar

Blickling Estate 1927 Jan –Mar
ironwork

Smith continues

Clethero 1927-1932

Shoes mostly

p545 1933-1936 A Farrow.

Shoes

p587 Lothian 1921-1944

Ironwork [lots of work]
1922 Lake granary

1924 long Tie anchor through Mr Wilkinson's barn

1924 Blickling estate/ Lothian

Smiths farm

Blickling mill

p 606 1929 Crockford farm

1924 Skinners farm

1932 "Brickees" "carpenters"

1933 Dunham farm

1938 Wrights cottages

(just these few entries)

Nothing between Oct 1939 -44)

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