

## **THE GRIFFIN INN, 1262 HIGH ROAD WHETSTONE**

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Note: In the following: admitted = registered owner of,  
mess = messuage (dwelling house),  
surr = sold,

### **1504 (20 Henry VIII)**

Thomas Sanny surr Blackwell Field and a cottage and garden to John Sanny

### **1549 (2 Edward VI)**

John Sanny surr a cottage called Bakehouse, a field of pasture and mead, Blackwell Field of 8½ acres, a cottage and garden which he lately built and a tenement and barn to Robert Sanny his son and heir

### **1587 (29 Elizabeth)**

Robert Sanny surr the mess in which he lives to William Sanny

### **1603 (1 James I)**

William Sanny surr the mess in which he lives and another cottage in occ of Thomas Atkins to Nicholas Kempe of the Middle temple

### **1693**

Ffaith, wife of Henry Kempe, adm to three tens and a close of 2 acres by will. She was lately wife of Ed Brent and is admitted under his will

### **1696**

William Sherton surr to Andrew Garland a mess or ten divided into three and two acres

### **1700**

William Garland adm to be a customary tenant of the Manor of 3 mess now 2 and a close of 2 acres on the surr of Andrew Garland who died in 1696

### **1718**

Benjamin Turbutt adm to 3 mess formerly one on surr of W Garland

### **1725**

Benjamin Turbutt adm to 3 mess on death of his father Benjamin Turbutt

### **1739**

R Brown adm to 3 mess now one and 2 acres of land on surr of R Turbutt

Richard Brown dead. Richard Broen surr three mess now one and a close of land of 2 acres to Richard Brown is son and heir. had rented it to Robert Turutt at a yearly rent of £13

### **1744**

Richard Brown dead. He surr to Elizabeth Sandys his sister, a mess with appurtenances and gardens and a close of 2 acres to which he was adm in 1739 on surr of Henry Kemp

### **1783**

Samuel Sandys surr the Griffin and a cottage adjoining in the occ Widow H

**1790**

William Nixon surr the griffin to Anne Nixon

**1813**

Anne Nixon dead, property by will to her daughter Eliz Cole

**1827**

Lease between Thomas Arms of Prat Place, London and James Watkins of Whetstone, dated 17 August 1826, all that mess or ten in Whetstone called the Griffin with barns and stables attached and also to the east end or part of the garden of the same which was fenced or partitioned from the other part of the garden of the late Eliz Cole, and also of a small piece of ground behind the said premises of 1 acre 3r 3 p for rthe residue of the term of 21 years

**1837**

Eliz Cole dead. Griffin sold to Thomas Arms for £1050 then quickly to Meux the brewers

1857

Meux purchased "a cottage adjoining formerly in occ of Widow Hows and now of ? Parker"

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## **OTHER ITEMS**

Finchley Court Rolls

**1695**

We order Henry Kemp to pull down his bakehouse in the Kings Highway in Whetstone it being an encroachment on the Lord's waste

**1787**

Field book of a survey by J Ellis – plot 116 "a mess being the Griffin ale house, a barn, 2 other ten w yards and garden 1r 20p"

**1844**

Tithe award Plot 72 owner Meux the Griffin Inn

Middlesex Sessions Book April 1697 shows Dixon living at the Griffin

Friern Barnet Church records 1697 Thos Dixon, church warden lives at the Griffin

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## **LIST OF LANDLORDS**

**1679** Thos Dixon (earliest reference to The Griffin)

**1697** Thos Nixon also churchwarden

**1815** *Attfield's survey*: Thomas Leckenvee & Eliz Cole

**1826** *Pigot*: James Watkins

**1832** *Pigot*: James Watkins

**1839** *Pigot*: James Ely

**1841** *Census*: William Filler

**1844** *Tithe*: Thos Stevens

**1847** *Pigot*: Thos Stevens

- 1859** *Pigot*: Thos Stevens
- 1861** *Census*: John Humphries
- 1862** *Pigot*: John Humphries
- 1866** *Pigot*: Ed Axford
- 1871** *Census*: Ed Axford
- 1881** *Census*: E Axford
- 1883** *Rate Book*: Ed Axford
- 1898** *Rate Book*: Mrs Sarah Axford
- 1914** *Rate Book*: Aukland
- 1939** *Rate Book*: J Moran