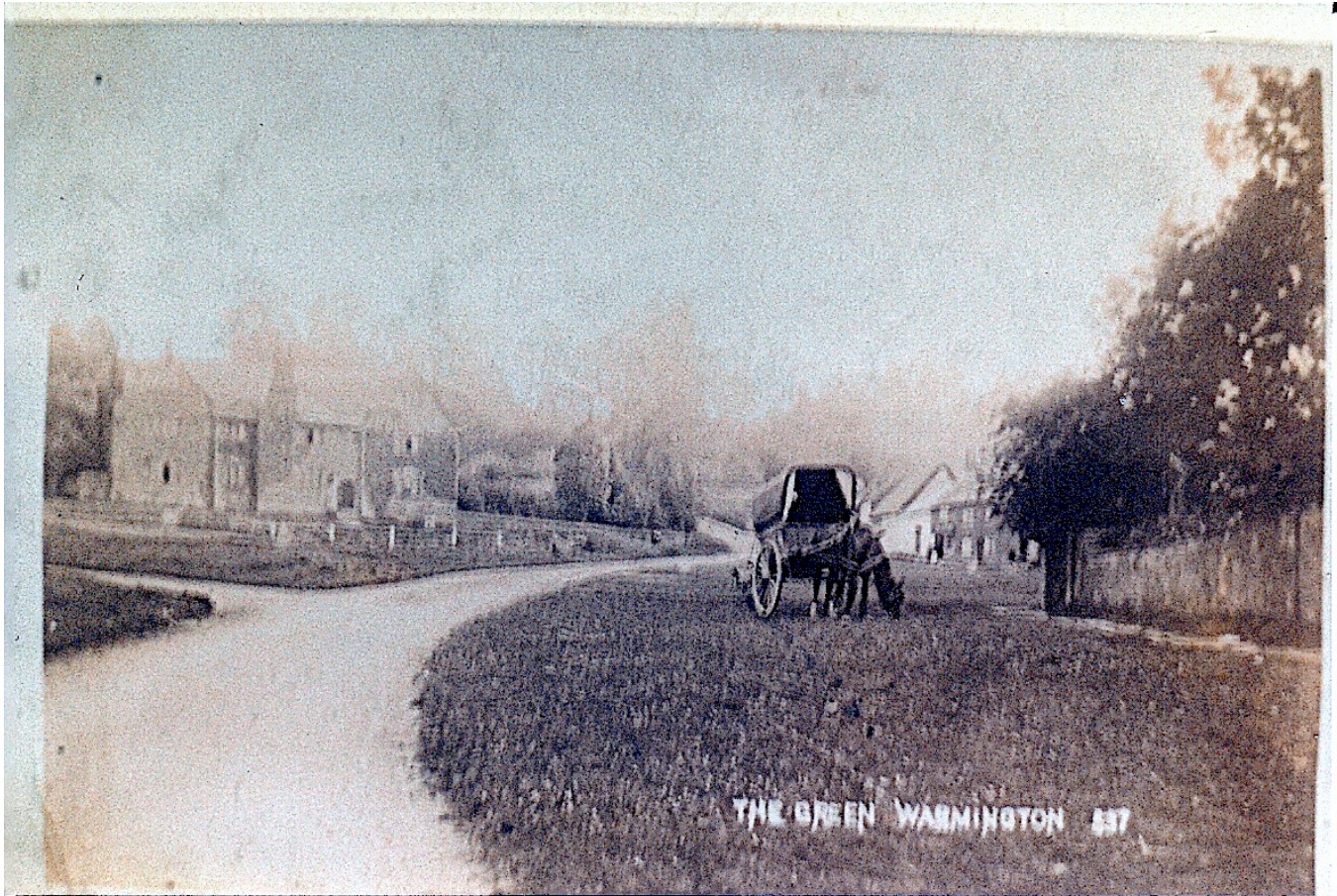


WARMINGTON VILLAGE CARRIERS

The occupation of village carriers as a trade appears to have emerged in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Most of the carriers listed below carried goods and farm produce into Banbury market on Thursdays and Saturdays and brought back goods ordered by village residents.

Many carriers had other sources of income, either from a trade or from occupying a little land. Carriers also conveyed a few passengers on their carts, a very useful service for villagers who had no transport of their own.



The following is drawn from Warmington census records and parish registers, from Warwickshire trade directories and from the Banbury Guardian Almanack 1914.

Thomas ARCHER - born in Mollington in 1835. His occupation was carrier in Warmington in 1861 and 1866.

BACHELOR - Mrs Bachelor was shopkeeper and carrier in 1883. In 1914, Bachelor's market van from Warmington put up at the Dog and Gun in Banbury on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Richard BULL - a native of Warmington, was listed as carrier in 1901 and 1908. His wife **Mrs Bull** was the carrier in 1904. In 1914 their van put up at the Dog and Gun on Thursdays.

Job CASTLE - born in Bodicote in 1816, by 1846 he was a carrier and weaver, working with John, his father, in the carrying trade. Last mentioned in 1851.

John CASTLE - was an elderly carrier of over 70 when he appeared in the 1841 census. Not born in Warmington, but believed to be a descendent of a former Warmington family.

George COGGINS - born in Warmington, he was a 33 year old carrier in 1881, living in part of the Manor House. He may have been later a tenant farmer of Manor Farm.

William DIX - his occupation was given as carrier at his child's baptism in 1838.

Thomas FURBER - in 1888 he provided a carrier's service on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

William HAWKES - a versatile man, William took on many village jobs, including Parish Clerk and school attendance officer. In 1874, his occupations were given as blacksmith and carrier.

Richard HAWTIN - Richard was born in 1846 into a Methodist family of shoemakers and was apprenticed to his father at an early age. By 1883 he was listed as shoemaker and carrier, and continued his work as carrier until at least 1914, when his service from Warmington (on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays) put up at The Reindeer in Banbury.

Richard TAYLOR - was a native of Warmington, continuing to farm the family smallholding, at the top of Warmington Hill. He was listed as a 25 year old carrier in 1851.

Sarah TAYLOR - elder sister of Richard, was listed as carrier in 1861.

William WILLIS - was born in Warmington in 1807. He is first mentioned as a carrier in 1840 and only discontinued his service in old age, after 1871. He lived in the house now known as Bachelors Cottage. In 1850 he travelled to Banbury on Mondays and Thursdays, and to Warwick on Saturdays, the only mention of a market other than Banbury.