

**HISTORY**  
**of**  
**SPRING COTTAGE, HAYE (HAY) LANE, IN THE PARISH OF OMBERSLEY,**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE**

According to a transfer deed dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 1821 (Attachment 2), an allotment of land situate in Oldfield Common was conveyed by THOMAS DALBY of Powers in the parish of Ombersley to Mrs SARAH RADFORD (a widow) of Uphampton for the consideration noted at £18 with rights to use the land for any purpose. It is assumed that the cottage was built shortly after this date.

The land and buildings then passed to JAMES MOULE (a builder) of Hay Road, Ombersley in January 1855. Records the property passed to the eldest son JONATHAN MOULE of Hadley Heath Farm Salwarp on the death of his step-mother, LETITIA MOULE who was the second wife of JAMES MOULE. She had died in March 1913. JONATHAN MOULE mortgaged the property to MISS JANETTA WARD of The Cottage, Barbourne Terrace, Worcester on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1913 for an advance of £70 with interest of £4%. (Attachment 3)

The mortgage deed states that the said SPRING COTTAGE had been occupied for 18 years by ROBERT PASSEY (as a tenant) along with his wife and nine children and a boarder, Wiliam Chance, who was a single man working as a farm labourer. It was occupied at the time of the granting of the mortgage by EDWIN COLLEY (a yearly tenant) along with his wife and two infant children.

SPRING COTTAGE was described as a double fronted detached cottage situated in HAY LANE, bounded on the west and south by a field forming part of HAY FARM occupied by a Mr WOOD and on the east and north sides by a cottage owned by MR JAMES MOULE (Rose Cottage?) with a coal house, pantry, pigsty, baking oven and detached privy.

Spring Cottage was owned by JONATHAN MOULE from 1913 until the early 1930's.