

SPRING GROVE MILL OCCUPIERS 1840 to 1940

DATE	NAME	OCCUPATION	STATED DWELLING	SOURCE OF INFORMATION	NOTES
1840	Richard Ashby		Mill	Tithe map and Award Schedule	Woodgate & Briscoe stated as owners. Plot 734 House Water and Mill
1841	Richard Ashby Richard Alchin b. Kent, c 1787	Miller	No house name Street: Hawkwell	Census 1841, Parish of Pembury	Richard Ashby is living with his wife, Jane and children including George Ashby b. 1823 and Fred Ashby b. 1828. Richard Alchin is listed in the Census as living in same household as Richard Ashby.
1851	Richard Ashby b. Heathfield, 1795 Frederick Ashby b. 1828, son of Richard George Floyd	Miller Employee Mill Servant	Mill and Great Hawk Well Farm, Spring Grove Pembury	Census 1851	Henry Ashby b. Ticehurst, older brother of Richard, is an unmarried miller living in Down, Westfield, Battle, Sussex. The 1851 Census states he was born in 1800 but he was born in 1793. Richard Ashby's wife, Jane Ashby b. Westfield, Sussex c 1799 George Ashby b. Heathfield, 1804 (Census shows 1802), younger brother of Richard is living in Brook House, Pembury with his wife Ann, children and son in law. George Ashby, son of Richard, is no longer living with his father and is a farmer at Swigs Hole, Brenchley married to Louisa. They have five servants. Richard Alchin (former miller at Hawkwell) is a widower and is a visitor to the household of Martha Lenham in Maidstone. His occupation is 'Miller' and the 1851 Census shows him as having been born in Meopham, Kent.

1861	Henry Ashby	Miller		Census 1861	<p>Henry Ashby is a boarder living at 5, Hawkwell Cottages with George Ashby and George's family. Henry's occupation is 'Miller'. Is Henry a miller at Spring Grove Mill? The 1861 Census shows Henry as being born in Heathfield in 1799 but he was born in Ticehurst in 1793.</p> <p>Richard Ashby is living at 'Farm House', Maidstone Road, Pembury with his wife Jane and no children just one servant. Is this Hawkwell Farm?</p> <p>George Ashby, eldest son of Richard is living at 'Roggs Hill, the Brook, Tudeley' as a farmer with his wife Louisa and children.</p> <p>Frederick Ashby, younger son of Richard, is now married to Kate and living in Beanleon Villa, Peckham Rye, St Giles Camberwell, London with his children and three servants. His occupation is a 'Hop Factor'.</p>
1871				Kent Marriages and Banns	Kate Lambert marries Edwin Coppard (later a miller at Spring Grove – see 1875). Kate's father is Thomas Lambert, a farmer and miller at Ramshill Farm, Horsmonden.
1871	Henry Ashby	Miller		Census 1871	<p>Henry is living at Hawkwell Cottages as a lodger and his occupation is 'Miller'. Is he a miller at Spring Grove Mill?</p> <p>Richard Ashby now living in 'Villa', Maidstone Road, Pembury, with his wife, Jane and one servant.</p> <p>George Ashby, the younger brother of Richard, is now a widower and is living in Hawkwell Cottages, Pembury. His occupation is Agricultural Labourer.</p>

1871 Cont.					<p>George Ashby, eldest son of Richard Ashby is now living in the "Farm", Maidstone Road, Pembury with his wife, son and one servant. Is this Hawkwell Farm?</p> <p>Frederick Ashby, son of Richard, is living at Perry Vale Anckwell House, Lewisham with his wife and children. He is a 'Hop Factor and Brewer'.</p>
1874					George Ashby, younger brother of Richard, dies in 1874.
1875	Edwin Coppard		Spring Grove Mill, Pembury	Electoral Register 1875	<p>'Occupation of house, mill and land'</p> <p>Richard Ashby: 'freehold house and land, Hawkwell and Lower Green'.</p>
1877	Edwin Nicholas Coppard	Miller		Kent Baptisms, Pembury, St Peter	Edwin Thomas Brenchley Coppard born 1877 in Pembury. Father: Edwin Nicholas Coppard, 'Miller'.
1880					Richard Ashby dies.

1881				Census 1881	<p>Henry Ashby, brother of the late Richard Ashby and the late George Ashby, 'Retired Miller' is living at 'Hawkwell'. He dies later in 1881.</p> <p>George Ashby, eldest son of the late Richard, is no longer living in Pembury and is now living in Ditchling Rise, Preston, Steyning, Sussex with his wife, son Henry and one servant. His occupation is 'Late Farmer'.</p> <p>Frederick Ashby, younger son of the late Richard, is living in Home Park, Lewisham and is a 'Hop Factor'. His wife, nine children and five servants are also listed including a cook.</p> <p>Edwin Coppard is now a 'Miller and Corn dealer (Master)' in High Street, Mayfield. Born in Burwash, 1844. He has one servant.</p>
1883	Fred Lawrence	Gardener			Married Mary Ann Courie, Pembury, St Peter.
1891	Fred Lawrence b. Capel, 1860	Gas Stoker	Mill House, Spring Grove	Census 1891	<p>Fred Lawrence is living with his wife, Mary and two sons.</p> <p>George Ashby, eldest son of the late Richard, is still living in Preston, Steyning, Sussex with his wife and one servant. He is a 'Retired Farmer'.</p> <p>Frederick Ashby, younger son of the late Richard, is still living at Home Park, Sydenham Road, Lewisham but is now a widower.</p> <p>Edwin Coppard is still a miller in Mayfield.</p>
1892	Frederick Lawrence		Dwelling House, Spring Grove	Electoral Register 1892	

1894 and 1897				Electoral Register 1894	Frederick Ashby, younger son of the late Richard, has a qualification to vote in Pembury because of owning the freehold in Hawkwell House.
1901	Frederick Lawrence	Gardener Domestic	Spring Grove Mill, Pembury	Census 1901	<p>Frederick Lawrence is living with his wife and five children.</p> <p>George Ashby, eldest son of the late Richard, is living in Egerton, Croft Road, Hastings, Sussex and is now a widower. He has one servant.</p> <p>Frederick Ashby is not named on the 1901 census as living with his children but his four children living at 46 Burton Road, Lambeth are referred to as 'daughter', 'son' etc which suggests Frederick was the Head but not entered on the census. Was he living there but not entered?</p> <p>Edwin Coppard is still a Miller and Farmer in Mayfield. His son, Edwin TB Coppard is a Miller and Corn Merchant.</p>
1904					Frederick Ashby, younger son of the late Richard, dies in 1904, Lambeth.
1906	Frederick Lawrence		Dwelling House, Spring Grove	Electoral Register	

1911	Frederick Lawrence	Gardener Domestic	Mill Cottage, Pembury	Census 1911	<p>Frederick Lawrence is living with his wife and five children.</p> <p>George Ashby, eldest son of the late Richard, is living in Ditchling Rise, Preston, Sussex with one servant. George dies later in 1911.</p> <p>Edwin Coppard is still a Miller and Farmer in Mayfield and is now a Widower.</p>
1919					Edwin Coppard dies in 1919.
1939	Frederick Lawrence	Gardener	Mill Cottage, Pembury	1939 Register	Widowed. Now sole occupant.
1940	Frederick Lawrence				<p>Dies in 1940. Linked person is Harriet Wilson (his daughter, Phyllis Annie Harriet Lawrence who married Thomas Wilson).</p> <p>Frederick Lawrence lived in the Mill House for almost fifty years.</p>