

Jacob Marshall meets Elizabeth Swindells in Bradwell

Water Lane and Yard Head

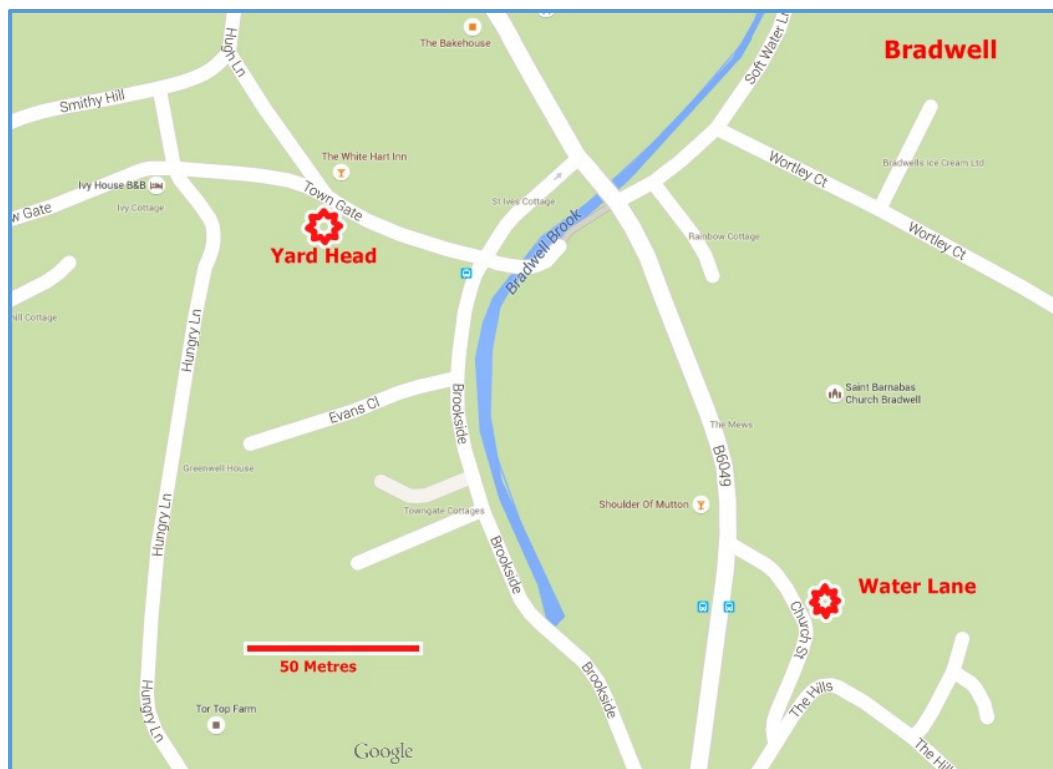
By 1871 Jacob Marshall Swindells was living at Water Lane Bradwell. His father, Joseph Swindells (b 1839) and his grandparents, Joseph Swindells (b 1800) and Mary Sidebottom (b 1809), are first recorded as living there in 1861.

The name “Water Lane” no longer exists but the Census would suggest it came after Netherside and Bridge End but before the Hills. See map. According to the Conservation Statement for Bradwell, *“The Hills lay on the route from Brough to the south-east, across Bradwell Brook, via Netherside and Church Lane, (originally Water Lane).”* I presume this is now Church Street.

During 2015, I walked along Church Street, there is an additional loop to the east comprised of old cottages. Some of these cottages bear the name of “Water Lane”. See photographs.

Jacob’s mother, Elizabeth Blanche Marshall (b 1838), was born in Bradwell and lived at Yard Head with her siblings and parents, Jacob Marshall (b 1799) and Ann Evans (b 1804). Her parents are recorded as living there in 1841, 1851, 1861.

Once again the name “Yard Head” no longer exists. However, Census records suggest it lay adjacent to Smithy Hill and Hugh Lane. See map. Only a few dwellings were recorded at Yard Head but it did include the school and chapel. See photograph. The location identified on the map is consistent with modern day estate agent sites. Furthermore, Elizabeth Blanche’s baptism record (see photograph) states her father was a carpenter. A refurbished dwelling at Yard Head bears the name “The Old Joiners Shop”, See photograph. By 1871, Elizabeth’s parents had died but her brother Absolom, a master carpenter, was still living at Yard Head.



Prior to their marriage in 1962, Joseph and Elizabeth lived in close proximity to each other (approx. 200 metres apart). One can imagine that during their courtship that they might have met at the Bridge in Bradwell and Joseph would walk Elizabeth home the short distance to Yard Head.



Water Lane, Bradwell



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House sign, Water Lane, Bradwell



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Looking East down Yard Head, Bradwell



North side of Yard Head, Bradwell



The Church and School at Yard Head, Bradwell

No. 2396.	Sept 3 rd	Hannah Isaac & Dau of Hannah	Hall	Bradwell	Labourer	S. Orton
No. 2397.	Sept 3 rd	Christiana John & Dau of Sarah	Bocking	Bradwell	Shoemaker	S. Orton
No. 2398.	Sept 3 rd	Elizabeth Jacob & Dau of Aorn	Marshale	Bradwell	Carpenter	S. Orton
No. 2399.	Sept 3 rd	Ann Robert & Dau of Mary	Nall	G th Huckles	Labourer	S. Orton
No. 2400.						Vicar.

11 New Register is John Longden.

Elizabeth Blanche's baptism records her father as a carpenter



The Old Joiner's Shop, Yard Head, Bradwell



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