

The Saddlers

William Morgan Gee (born 1823) was a saddler and harness maker. In 1871 he was recorded as living at Town Street, Deeping St James. This particular street name is no longer in use. However, it is highly likely that it may have been renamed Church Street, Bridge Street, High Street and Horsegate.

Could the harness makers on the right of the photograph below have been the residence of William Morgan Gee and his family?



Pic 1A: Picture of High Street / Horsegate, Deeping St James. To the right is a harness makers.



Pic 2A: Close up of the harness makers



Pic 3A: The Boundary

John King, a local historian, has commented on the above photographs. He believes Pics 1 and 3 were taken from opposite ends of High Street, Deeping St James. On the left of Pic 3 is The Three Tuns. The building on the right, with the gentleman standing outside, is The Boundary Fish and Chip Shop. He states the Three Tuns was lost in the mid-1970s and is, today, replaced by a modern block of flats

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Below are recent pictures of Deeping St James. Pic 1B seeks to replicate Pic 1A. To the right and annotated is what I believe to have been the saddler and harness makers. The configuration of doors and windows remains the same. In the distance are The Three Tuns and The Boundary.

Pic 3B seeks to replicate Pic 3A. The new apartments on the site of the Three Tuns is on the left and The Boundary Fish and Chip Shop is on the right. On the left and in the middle distance is the saddler and harness maker's property.

This suggests the Harness makers is now number 118 Horsegate



Pic 1B



Pic 3B



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