

In the 1851 census James is living with his uncle, Robert, Horace's brother, and working as a labourer. The census records that they are living at Lower Salters Green. This farm had a number of names. It started off as Newhouse Farm and is now generally known as Salters Green Farm. I believe it's called Lower Salters Green here because on the 1875 map there is a settlement called Salter's Green further up the hill towards Argos Hill. See the next page for a more detailed description of the farm and its history

It is an indication of his family's position that James, at the age of 12 has left home and is working for a living.

It's interesting to note the different fortunes of the two brothers; Horace is living in relative poverty as an agricultural labourer and 6 children whereas Robert is a tenant farmer with 100 acres, one daughter and a servant. I believe the difference in fortunes is down to who they married. Horace married Mary Ann Wren at a relatively young age; he was 24 she was 18. Whereas Robert married Frances Duplock when he was 23 but she was 40 and a widow. I can only imagine that she came into a significant amount of money when her first husband, Samuel Duplock died. It would be interesting to find his will to see whether or not that was true. If it is true then Robert would have the capital to set up as a farmer but didn't have the children to help him run it.

It may or may not be significant that Samuel Duplock died in January 1830 and Robert and Frances married in October the same year.

Another interesting point is that, in the 1861 census, Harriet Bailey, James's future wife, is working for Robert Cornford as a House Servant. It's quite possible that between 1851 and 1861 they were both working for Robert and obviously knew each other very well. In fact 1861 James is living quite close by in Argos Hill.

RefNo:	MES30294
Site Name:	Salters Green Farm, Mayfield And Five Ashes : C17 Farmstead
Grid Reference:	556533 127658
Civil Parish:	MAYFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX , Civil Parish
Monument Type:	1600 - 1699 (1600 to 1699)
Summary:	Partially extant 17th century farmstead.
Description:	<p>Salters Green Farm, Mayfield And Five Ashes. Partially extant 17th century farmstead. The farmstead is formed of a L-plan loose courtyard with four sides of the yard formed of agricultural buildings and additional detached elements to the main plan. The farmhouse is set away from the yard. The farmstead is in an isolated location. Large modern sheds have been identified on the site, and may have destroyed or obscured historic buildings. There has been a partial loss (less than 50%) of traditional buildings. [1] [2] [3] [4]</p> <p>The oldest reference to this attractive Sussex style farm is found in E. M. Bell-Irving's 1903 account of Mayfield, in that Ralph Saltere of Salter's Green Farm was taxed 15 3/4 pence to contribute to the cost of the "Scotch Wars" of Edward 1st reign. The current house was built in 1680 and called New House Farm, as shown on a map of 1725. Early in the 19th Century the name reverted to Salters Green Farm when Thomas Overden advertised it for sale in 1847 with 21 acres. This included stables and cattle sheds together with an oast house said to be the smallest in Sussex. In 1919 Mr Charles Hardy of Argos Hill bought the farm for £2500 with 59 acres, including Brook Cottage near the river, to add to his Argos Hill Estate. He then sold it in 1923 to Muriel Rose of the adjoining property of Holme Park. This was a valuable acreage with hop gardens and abundant south facing slopes for the grazing of cattle.</p> <p>After various owners and additions in the 1960s the current landowner bought the farm in 1979 with 62 acres, and grew barley and raised beef cattle. The outbuildings suffered badly in the great storm of 1987, which wrecked havoc to the whole Argos Hill area (not only the windmill) and the land reverted solely to cattle grazing, which continues today. [5]</p> <p>The dairy is mid 19th century and apparently purpose built. It is located approx. 2m from the farmhouse and abuts the cowhouse. It is lined internally in what appears to be zinc sheet. As a purpose built detached dairy I believe it to be a rare survival. [6]</p>

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