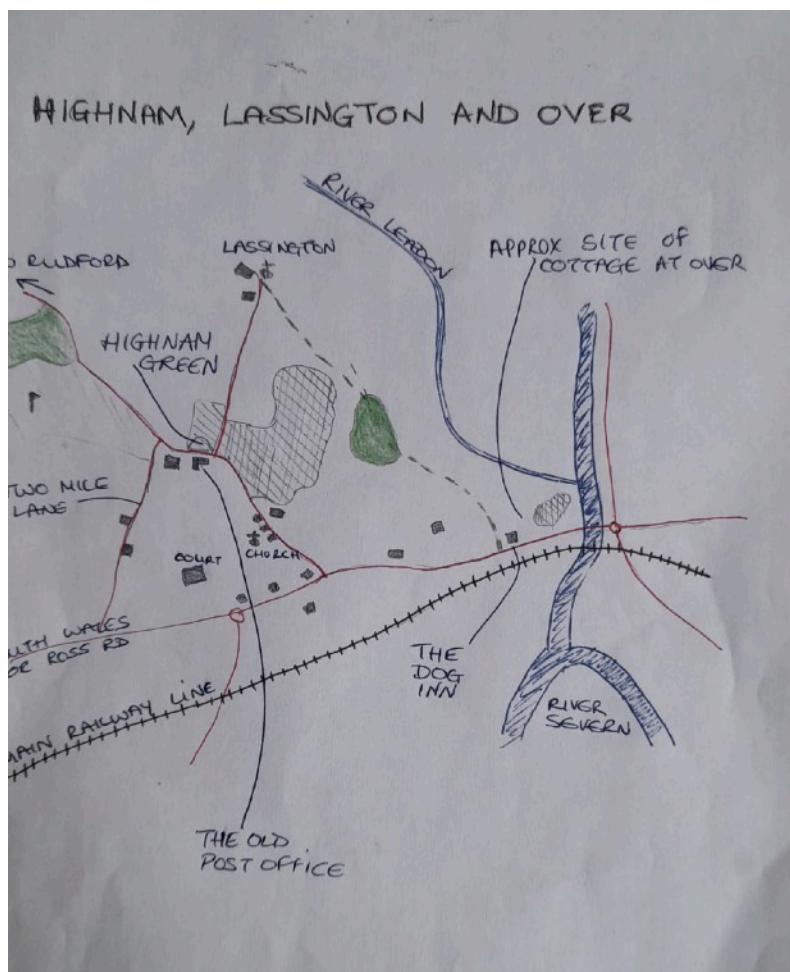


## The Trotman family of Highnam and Over

In 1861, according to the census, 25 year old Robert Trotman was living in Over in the 'cottage by the Newent Canal', which was situated between Over Farm and the Toll House. Living with him was his wife Sarah Ann (22) and 6 month old Sarah Jane.



He was a carter by trade, having come from the other side of the County and married Sarah, who was from Minsterworth, at The Church of the Holy Innocents, Highnam on 27 December 1859, only 8 years after the church was completed.

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
1859	December 27	Robert Trotman of age 25	25	Bachelor	Labourer	Highnam	John Trotman	Labourer
		Sarah Ann Russell of age 22	22	Spinster		Highnam	John Russell	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by James or after James by me, Edward Mansfield.

This Marriage was solemnized between us: Robert Trotman in the Presence of us: Thomas Russell Oliver Russell

Three more daughters and a son were born over the next 7 years, Elizabeth, George, Emma and Mary all of whom were baptised in Highnam Church.

No. 130	1853.	Nov <sup>r</sup> 29	George	Robert	Trotman	Over	Labourer	Edward	Mansfield.
No. 131	1853			Sarah					
				Anne					

By 1871 the family were listed as living on the Ross Road, still in the hamlet of Over. It's hard to say if it's the same cottage, but it is most certainly in the area between the Dog Inn and the river. Sarah wasn't working and Robert is now an 'Ag Lab' – working for the local farm probably.

By 1881 Robert, Sarah, and the children Elizabeth and George were still living in the same place on the 'S Wales Road'.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the [Page

Civil Parish (or Township) of	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Religious Parish or District of	If
				Over		Gloucester	Holywell & Highway	(1) Deaf-and-1 (2) Blind (3) Imbecile (4) Lunatic
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (1871)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
53	S. Wales Road	1	Robert Trotman	Head	Mar	40	Agri. Lab.	Widley, Chedworth
			Anne	Wife	Mar	44	Laundress	" " " "
			Elizabeth	Daughter	Mar	19	Laundress	" " " "
			George	Son	Unm	10	Agri. Lab.	" " " "
54	" " "	1	William Powell	Head	Mar	44	Ironkeeper	" " " "

Robert and George were listed as Ag Labs and Sarah Anne and Elizabeth were listed as Laundress. Maybe they took in washing from the nearby Dog Inn.

By 1891, 26 year old George and 28 year old Elizabeth were still living in Over, still probably in the same cottage. George and his father Robert were listed as Agricultural Labourers, no professions for the ladies.

In 1894 George married Harriet Shail from Herefordshire at St Mary The Virgin Church in Rudford (about a mile away from Highnam towards Newent)

In 1901, George now 36 had moved to Highnam Green (a couple of miles from Over) and was living with his wife Harriet (35) and children Annie and Doris (3 and 1).

			Edward	Son	2	3	Butcher on Railway	Widley	Do	Highnam
5	Do	1	William Inghitt	Head	Mar	35	Wagon + Labour	Widley	Do	Do
6		1	George Trotman	Head	Mar	36	Butcher on Railway	Widley	Do	Over
			Harriet	Wife	Mar	35			Herefordshire	Rudford
			Annie	Daughter	Unm	3			Gloucestershire	Highnam
			Doris	Daughter	Unm	1			Do	Do
7	Highnam Green	1	George Fanni	Head	Mar	30	Gardener (Domestic)	Widley	Do	Highnam

Their son Ernest was born in 1901 after the census had been taken. All three children were baptised in Highnam Church.

No. 442	1901	December 16	Ernest	George	Trotman	Highnam	Plate-Layer	P. L Park
No. 443	1902							

George was now a platelayer on the Railways and in 1901 Harriet was busy looking after the children and had no occupation listed.

In 1911, George and Harriet with two of their children Doris and Ernest, are listed as living on Highnam Green and George was a farm labourer. Maybe the work on the railways had dried up or maybe he preferred to work on the land rather than the railways.

Annie Trotman was aged 13 now and sadly currently residing in the Hospital for Infectious Diseases which had been built in Over some years before. She survived though and married Henry John Hawkins in 1938 and lived until she was 82.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
212	September 24th 1938	Henry George Hawkins	33	Bachelor	General labourer	Limetree Cottage Tibberton	George Stuart Hawkins	General labourer
		Annie Trotman	41	Spinster	-	Post Office Highnam	George Trotman	Farm Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by licence or after — by mt. —

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Henry George Hawkins in the Presence of us, Ernest Trotman and Doris Trotman

Her ashes were buried in Highnam Churchyard in 1979, the same year that her brother Ernest was also laid to rest in the same Churchyard.

*George and Harriet (nee Shail) Trotman at Highnam Post Office c 1930. Picture kindly supplied by Gina Davey.*



From 1914 to 1948 Harriet was the Sub Postmistress at Highnam Post Office which was one of the cottages on the south side of the current B4215 on Highnam Green.

In 1939 just as the war started, George and Harriet were living with their daughter Doris, a postwoman and also Frank Newland, a fruit dealer. At the age of 40, Doris married Frank in 1948 at Highnam Church, three years after her father died.

		4	Craig, Peter F.	-	M	26	S	At School
Highnam Green P.O.	60	1	Newman George	-	M	10	Oct 63	Retired
		2	NEWLAND Harriet	-	F	12	June 67	Sub Postmistress
226.48		3	NEWLAND Doris	-	F	6	Aug 39	Post Woman
ODG	M	4	Newland Frank	-	M	1	Sept 87	Fruit Dealer

Doris took over the running of the Post Office and in 1956 was still listed as living at Highnam Post Office.

246	Neville, Arthur, Over Cottage, Over
247	Neville, Lydia A., Over Cottage, Over Bridge
248	Neville, Sylvia B. A., Over Cottage
249	Newland, Doris, Highnam Post Office
250	Newland, Frank, Highnam Post Office
251	Newman, Fanny, Yew Tree Cottage, Over
252	Newman, George R., Yew Tree Cottage, Over
253	Nobbs, Kathleen M., Keepers Lodge, Lassington
254	Nobbs, Sidney A., Keepers Lodge, Lassington

Ernest married in 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1927 at Highnam Church to Cecilia Andrews and maybe his descendants still live in the village.

1827. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Highnam in the County of Gloucesters

When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
193 April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1927	Ernest Trotman	25	Bachelor	Farm hand	Highnam Green	George Trotman	Farm hand
	Cecilia Louisa Andrews	24	Spinster	—	Littleford House Newent	Richard James Andrews	Miner

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by — or after Wanns by me,  
Alan M. Maclean

This Marriage was solemnized between us, ~~Ernest Trotman~~ in the Presence of us, Fred G. Hooper  
Cecilia Louisa Andrews Doris Trotman  
of us, — —  
Vicar

Doris died 16<sup>th</sup> March 1972 and was buried in Highnam Churchyard aged 73. Her Brother Ernest and sister Annie both died in December 1979 within a week of each other and are also buried in the local churchyard.

At least three generations of the Trotman/Russell family lived in Over and Highnam throughout the years - they lived to see 6 Kings and Queens, 2 World Wars, the birth of the motor car, space travel, and a boom in technology their ancestors couldn't have dreamt of.