

John GATES (1788-1870)

Stoke Parish Register – Baptisms 1788

John and Mary Gates, son and daughter of William and Ann – August 31st

Frindsbury All Saints Parish Register – Marriage 10 Sep 1825 Entry No. 173

John Gates, bachelor of this parish and Mary Webb, spinster of this parish were married in this church by Licence this tenth day of September 1825 by me R. S. Joynes in the presence of Robert Gates and Richard Gates.

1841 Census Frindsbury St, Frindsbury, Kent

John GATES	50yrs	Carpenter	born in the county
Mary GATES	40yrs		born in the county
John GATES	13yrs		born in the county
William GATES	12yrs		born in the county
Richard GATES	10yrs		born in the county
James GATES	9yrs		born in the county
Robert GATES	7yrs		born in the county
Mary GATES	5yrs		born in the county
George GATES	2yrs		born in the county

1847 Directory of Kent – Frindsbury Parish

John GATES, joiner and builder

1851 Census Home Street, Frindsbury, Kent

John GATES	Head	52yrs	Carpenter	b Stoke, Kent
Mary GATES	Wife	50yrs		b Staplehurst, Kent
Robert GATES	Son	17yrs	[unmarried]	b Frindsbury, Kent
Mary GATES	Dau	14yrs	scholar	b Frindsbury, Kent
George GATES	Son	12yrs	scholar	b Frindsbury, Kent
Sarah Ann GATES	Dau	8yrs	scholar	b Frindsbury, Kent

1855 Post Office Directory of Essex, Herts, Kent

John GATES, carpenter, Frindsbury

<i>1861 Census Hound Street, Frindsbury, Kent</i>			
John GATES	Head	72yrs	Master builder and undertaker
Mary GATES	Wife	60yrs	
George GATES	Son	22yrs	Builder and undertaker [unmarried]
John GATES	Gdson	5yrs	Scholar
			b Stoke, Kent
			b Staplehurst, Kent
			b Frindsbury, Kent
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Frindsbury All Saints Parish Register – Burial 25 Aug 1866 Entry No. 786
 Mary GATES of Frindsbury aged 66yrs

Chalk Mining and associated industries of Frindsbury (1987) by Adrian Pearce & Dave Long – Research Report 3 pages 46-49
<http://shropshiremines.org.uk/kurg/frindsbury.htm> Republished by the Kent Underground Research Group 2007
 Section 5.6 Frindsbury Road Chalkpit – In 1867, the premises were acquired by Messrs John and George Gates who were builders and undertakers. This apparently strange mix was due to the fact that John Gates (the father) had owned a carpentry business nearby since at least 1826 and it was common for village carpenters to make coffins when required. His son George joined him by 1859 and was presumably responsible for developing the building side of the business. The move was obviously to obtain larger premises and by 1871 John had retired leaving his son to operate both sides. The business was successful and George had acquired further premises at Canal Road by 1895. He was then advertising as a steam saw mills, joinery works, undertaker and house decorator. The family business carried on until just after the Second World War and the premises were acquired by M&J Engineering Ltd in the 1950s... (p49) The Gates family used the site for various sides of their business and there are local rumours that coffins were stored in holes in the chalk face. This would tie in with the adit behind the present workshop since it would be cooler in summer and could act as a temporary morgue!

Frindsbury All Saints Parish Register – Burial 19 Feb 1870 Entry No. 987
 John GATES of Frindsbury aged 82yrs