

Oral History – Laura Annie (née Cox) Essam – Supplement

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This supplementary article clarifies the mention of a surname in the primary article.

Introduction

The primary article [*Studies in the History of Effingham*, Vol 8, Article 65, 2026] presented a transcript of the oral history interview conducted with Mrs Laura Annie (née Cox) Essam in 1970.

In the interview Mrs Essam mentioned the proprietor of The Prince Blücher inn at the Effingham crossroads, giving his surname as Chandler. In both the transcript and the commentary following it this surname is questioned, as at the time the article was written we had not encountered this surname in the course of studying Effingham's history; the possibility was raised there that she had intended the surname Challis.

However, it is now known that Mrs Essam had been correct. Joseph Chandler, baptised in Buckland, Surrey on 22 April 1849, had come to Effingham with his wife Elizabeth Jane (née Edney) around the mid-1880s to take up the position of publican at the Blücher. Electoral Registers list him there from 1886 up to 1892 although by early 1891 (as the 1891 Census shows) he had by then moved on to Stoke D'Abernon to become the publican of The Plough inn there. He stayed there for at least two decades until moving again, this time to Cobham where he became the publican of the White Lion Inn. He died in 1925.