

Webb, J. (both) John, baptised 14.9.1800, son of William and Mary, blacksmith (no address given). 50; 84 South Bar Street, White Smith, 2 apprentices, b. Banbury, m., 2d.

Or Joseph W., 42; Neithrop 2, Beerhouse keeper, b. Northants Eydon m., 3c.

Or John, baptised 13.1.1805, as for previous John⁴³, 46; Wardington, Grocer, b. Banbury, m., 2c.

The 1850 electoral register for the Grimsbury division of Banbury lists Joseph Webb of Lower Cherwell Street, property (house, Lower Cherwell Street).

White, W.E. (both) – William, 31; 74 Hardwick Road, Neithrop, Innkeeper (his wife was named Temperance), b. Wks, Shotteswell; m., 3c. No entry in 1901 census.

Wootton H. (one) – none identified.

The conclusion would seem to be that the Banbury side was composed principally of the squirearchy, professional people and shopkeepers on their own account.⁴⁴ The age of some of the players might be suspect in today's terms, but Clark was then 52, Pilch 48.⁴⁵ Players in their 40s were quite common up to at least pre-war times.

Of the others mentioned in the reports:

Timothy Rhodes Cobb features prominently in all histories of contemporary Banbury. He was President of the Club in 1851, and was then aged 53 and a banker. He was born in Banbury. His wife was then named as Margaret Jane, 50, had been born in Liverpool. As well as the three boys there were two daughters. The 1850 electoral register lists him at Horsefair, property (house) Horsefair. Rusher's 1851 Directory shows T.R. & E. Cobb as bankers of Cornhill. It also shows Alderman Edward Cobb as Mayor of Banbury in 1851.

⁴³ It seems unlikely to have two of same name unless the first died?

⁴⁴ *The Times* of 9th September 1788 censures a "certain young gentleman" for descending to the office of a coachman and driving his own carriage, and for making his lamplighter a partner at a game of cricket." This is in contrast to an account (in *The Times* of 14th August 1844) of comments of Baron Alderson [Sir Edward Hall Alderson, 1787-1857 (notable for being made a judge in 1830 having never taken silk) baron of the Exchequer from 1834 until his death. *Oxford DNB*, 2004] "to a grand jury of a recent occasion when he had had the pleasure of seeing a cricket match at which a noble earl, the Lord-Lieutenant of his county, was playing with tradesmen, the labour and all around him....they loved him the better, but they did not respect him less." *Double Century, Cricket in The Times, Vol One 1785-1934* ed. Marcus Williams Pavilion Library 1985, pp.7 and 30.

⁴⁵ Grace played his last Test match at 50, Hobbs his at 47. D.B. Close, who played his last test at 45, is the only post-war Englishman to play at that age or older.