

The only *Thomas Mitchell* in the 1851 census was 35, living at 17 Constitution Row, a solicitor's general clerk, born Sussex, Cuckfield. He is noted as married, but was living alone.

Charles Page, aged 53, of 55 Market Place, a hotel-keeper was born in Billesby, Works., married with 5 children. With his wife Elizabeth he kept the *Flying Horse* from 1841-1858. It was a busy coaching inn, with weekly services to London (22), Birmingham (19) and Oxford (12). A Page remained licensee until 1875.⁴⁶

William Hayward, aged 25; 4 High Street, Victualler, born Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, living with his mother Catherine, 57, born Boddicott, and brother Henry, 20, born Banbury. William had become licensee of the *White Horse* in 1850, succeeding his mother and father (also William) who had held the licence from c.1830 to 1850. Vera Wood describes the *White Horse* as a "very early Banbury Inn". William was succeeded in 1859 (he died aged 34) by Richard Tanner (who had played in both matches).⁴⁷

As far as I could discover, there is only one other mention of Banbury in the 16 volumes of *Scores and Biographies*, a game against Bicester played in 1878, and recorded in Vol 14, p.856.

Conclusion

Cricket is intertwined with our cultural heritage, and its history is particularly well documented, although much of that documentation is embedded in records that are neither catalogued nor indexed, or are peripheral to the record's main purpose. Many of those who have contributed to Britain's national and local life have played cricket at its myriad levels of competence. The assessment of the history of any community in England, in particular, is likely to be enhanced if its cricketing aspect can be explored and integrated with its development.

⁴⁶ Vera Wood, *Licensees of Inns, Taverns and Beerhouses of Banbury*.

⁴⁷ *ibid*. She names his wife as Ann, daughter of William and Catherine, and describes Tanner as an Inland Revenue Office(r). The 1851 census gives Tanner's wife as Fanny, aged 21, born in Hook Norton, and they have a year-old daughter. Ann and Fanny are almost certainly the same – the younger William was also born in Hook Norton. They held the licence from 1859 to 1875.