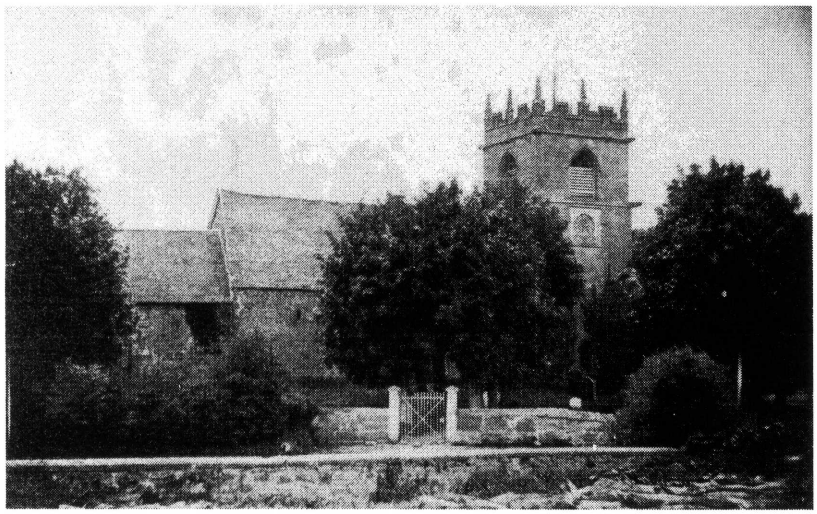
Stanton Parish History Recording Project

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Stanton Church

The top picture was taken prior to the churchyard being extended and the lychgate being added in 1921.



Caption from rear of photo

1921 Lychgate constructed – wall still under construction

Bushes flanking the path newly planted

St Andrews, Stanton



The lychgate was erected as the village war memorial to commemorate those from the parish who died in the first world war. The haystack on the left which was in the farmyard of Church Farm, where Pegasus House now stands, and on the right it is an open field before Rathbarron and Chris Leighton's new bungalow were built. The land for the extended church yard was donated by the Hayes Family of Harcourt and the photos were provided by her son the Reverend Richard Hayes.

Email from Sue (6th February 2025)

Good afternoon Claire.
Last year I was part of a U3A local history group visit to Stanton Church.
I explained to the member of the group Chris Fraser that two of my relatives had built the lych gate.
She suggested I write down what I knew.
I hope this helps with your history project.
Best Wishes
Sue Young

Stanton upon Hine Heath Lych Gate.

While researching my family history I met with a lady called Alice Spencer formerly Alice France.

She responded to a letter I put in the Shropshire Star.

Alice told me that her uncles Richard and George Burton had been involved in the designing and building of the church lych gate.

George was born 12th November 1879 the son of Adam and Sarah Burton. He became a carpenter of repute and he built his own trailer for log transport. He was known as a very good man.

Alice told me that George who was baptised George Cetewayo Burton (named after the Zulu warrior who came over to Britain) helped to design and build the church lych gate with his brother Richard. He also helped with the building of the council houses at Ellerdine.

Richard was born 8th October 1883 and baptised at Hopton Primitive Methodist Chapel on the A53.

Alice said that Richard had been born with a cleft palate. He was very close to George and they lived next door to each other in the 20's and 30's at 5 and 6 Hineheath. Richard became a bricklayer and stonemason and can be found in The British Trade Union Register for Shrewsbury in the Bricklayers section.

Alice added that the stone used came from the Grinshill Quarry.

Both brothers married and had families. Richard and his wife Mary were it seems great characters. They idolised their only son and were devastated when he was killed in the second world war.

Richard and Mary are buried at Weston Under Redcastle while George is buried at Stanton.

Alice is also in the church graveyard.