

REVEREND WILLIAM T WATSON 1857

William T Watson was appointed vicar of Cotterstock in 1857. He was married to Mary Ann Watson and at the time of the 1861 census they are living at "Parsonage House" in Cotterstock. William and Mary have five children: William S- 5, Marian - 4, Gertrude - 3, Helena - 2 and Catherine - 6 months. Interestingly by the time of the 1871 census Mary Ann has given birth to four more children: Harry - 8, Arthur - 5, Ethel - 4 and Edith - 2. William is still running the school in 1871 and under "occupation" he classes himself as vicar and tutor.

This is how The Parsonage/Old Vicarage looks today

They have a number of staff, a house servant, nurse, cook etc. William established a boarding school at the rectory and the staff probably helped to look after the pupils. His pupils are listed in the census of 1861. It is interesting to note that the pupils come from all over the country: Norfolk, Glamorgan, Warwickshire, Dorset, etc. Alfred James Abbey was one of the pupils at William's school, later he became Vicar of Cotterstock in 1873 and was responsible for transforming the Church House into the building we see today.



Page 2		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the									
Parish (or Township) of		City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Village Town or Hamlet or Tything, &c., of		Ecclesiastical District of	
Cotterstock						Cotterstock		Cotterstock		Peterborough	
No. of Schedules	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
		In	Estimated (Cl. or Bldg.) (R.)				Males	Females			
7	High Street	1		James Owen	Head	Man	23		Journeyman Cornmiller	Northamps Risborough	
				Mary Owen	Wife	Man	22			do Wadenhoe	
8		1		Elizabeth Smith	Head	Wm	49		House Proprietor	do Ashton	
9	Parsonage House	1		William Watson	Head	Man	33		Vicar of Cotterstock (Rector)	Dorset Dorchester	
				Mary Ann Watson	Wife	Man	31			Essex Ballemeden	
				William J. Watson	Son		5			Northamps Devalle	
				Marian J. Watson	Daughter		4			do do	
				Gertrude E. Watson	Daughter		3			do Cotterstock	
				James H. Watson	Daughter		2			do Cotterstock	
				Catherine B. Watson	Daughter		16 months			do do	
				Elizabeth Smith	Servant	Wm	25		Nurse House Servant	Norfolk Lynnh	
				Mary Ann Willmott	Servant	Wm	16		House Servant	Northamps Cotterstock	
				Elizabeth Bassett	Servant	Wm	19		do Cook	do Thake Malton	
				Charlotte Powell	Servant	Wm	14		do	do Benfield	
				William B. Evans	Pupil	Wm	17		Scholar	Glamorgan Glanvada	
				William J. Lunt	Pupil	Wm	16		do	Norfolk Welney	
				Lucy Winton	Pupil		15		do	Northamptonshire Barnwell	
				Charles Pletton	Pupil		15		do	do Barnwell	
				Joseph Scott	Pupil		14		do	Wiltshire Chippenham	
				Thomas Sibbitt	Pupil		14		do	Warwickshire Polesworth	
				Edward Steele	Pupil		14		do	Essex Dorchester	
				John W. Bumble	Pupil		14		do	Northamps Peterborough	
				Bernard Pletton	Pupil		13		do	do Barnwell	
				Edward Engelbach	Pupil		13		do	Hampshire Brompton	
Total of Houses...		3		Total of Males and Females...		13	14				