



Edward J. Smith – Builder, Contractor, Carpenter and Wheelwright

Kellys 1915 Trade Directory lists Edward John Smith as a private resident living at Ashley Villas. It also lists him in the Trade Section as “Builder, contractor, carpenter and wheelwright”.

Amongst his activities, he produced wooden caravans and the two photographs show the results of the work and skills of himself and his employees.



A van on Smith's yard, a saw mill and builder's yard, near the Northey Arms, at Ashley, which was owned by Edward Smith in 1913.

The 1911 census shows Edward Smith living with his family at 2 Ashley Villas, Box:

Edward Smith, 41, Haulage and General Contractor, an employer, born in Box, married to M. Smith, 37, and sons, Edward, 18, who assisted in the business, and Reginald, 14, at school, both of whom were born at Box.



Ashley Villas, Box, as it is today