



Land & Buildings North Wraxall

The Blacksmith & Builder Daniel Simmons

During the decade between 1831 and 1841 Daniel Simmons who was a blacksmith, erected as many as sixteen cottages in the parish of North Wraxall. Of these five were in the hamlet of North Wraxall were called "The Building". He also built eleven of the twelve houses found at Mountain Bower, the twelfth building being a stable. The first of the eleven houses was built in 1835. Simmons for some time lived in the house which was later occupied by the Bartlett family. He migrated to Batheaston, Somerset where he built the "Mount" on Bannerdown Hill.

Daniel Simmons was baptised on 15th November 1778. His sister Jane was baptised on 25th February 1781. She married Samuel Wicks on 17th November 1812 and she was buried on 19th June 1864, aged 83. Samuel Wicks was baptised on 9th February 1793 and was buried on 19th September 1869, aged 77 years.

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