



## Pidgeon House Farm - Timeline

The farm covered 70 acres. Rising to 75 acres by 1850

### **1786**

An Enclosure Award was granted to John Hitchmore.

### **1809**

A Sale by Auction Notice appeared in the Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser on the 8th of March 1809

### **1829**

A Sale by Auction Notice appeared in the Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette on the 24th of September 1829

### **1841**

The Census returns show Ralph Wilkins as farmer here.

### **1846-1847**

About this time four two-bedroom cottages were built and sold at auction in 1847 according to the Reading Mercury dated 24th April 1847.

### **1850**

The property had increased to 75 acres and including the brewery is sold as part of the estate of Mr. William Large.

A further sale was held later in the year Lot 1 being a messuage and compact brewery. Lot 2 The Farmhouse and surrounding buildings and orchard 2 acres. Lot 3 comprised of a 6-bedroom Dwelling house with walled garden and orchard. As recorded in the Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette on the 19th September 1850.

**1851-1861**

The Census returns show Ralph Wilkins as farmer here.

**1871**

The census returns show widow Jane Wilkins as having taken on the farm and farming 70 acres

**1880**

Jane Williams is farming according to Kellys Directory. (Possible mis transcript of Wilkins)

**1881**

The census returns show widow Jane Wilkins as farming 70 acres

**1886**

The owner of the property was Thomas Day

**1890**

The North Wilts Directory shows the farmer as Fuller Fyson.

John Penney of Stratton is recorded in a local newspaper as having been charged with unlawfully wounding a mare in foal. The case was dismissed as being accidental.

**1893**

Kellys Directory Names Walter Henry Jukes as farmer here

**1896**

The owners are named as W. H. Day and Levi Morse.

**1898**

Kellys Directory Names Walter Henry Jukes as farmer here

**1901**

The Census shows Walter H. Jukes as farmer here

**1903**

Kellys Directory Names Walter Henry Jukes as farmer here

**1906**

Walter Henry Jukes was charged with arson and was sent to prison. Reports were in the Citizen dated 16th March and 9th June 1906

**1910**

Edgar Ellison was in charge (farming 81 Acres)

**1911**

The Census records Edgar Ellison as being in charge here

Edgar Ellison was charged with being drunk on the 4th of April. A news report appeared in the Citizen on the 11th of April 1911

**1928**

Swindon Directory records William George & Maud Russell as living here. Willia is listed as a cattle dealer

**1930**

Kellys Directory records William George & Maud Russell as living here. Willia is listed as a cattle dealer

**1936**

The Electoral Roll record records William George & Maud Russell as living here. Willia is listed as a cattle dealer

**1939**

The 1939 Register records William George & Maud Russell as living here. Willia is listed as a cattle dealer.

**1948**

Swindon Street Directory has A. Large and A. L. Richardson in occupation.

**1951**

Swindon Street directory records the occupants as being W. B. Tompkins and Gladys Gible.

**1953**

A Mr. Tomkins was advertising two blocks of 108 Clyde-built easy clean laying cages for sale in the Wiltshire Times dated 8th of August 1953

The current postal code for the property is SN3 4ST