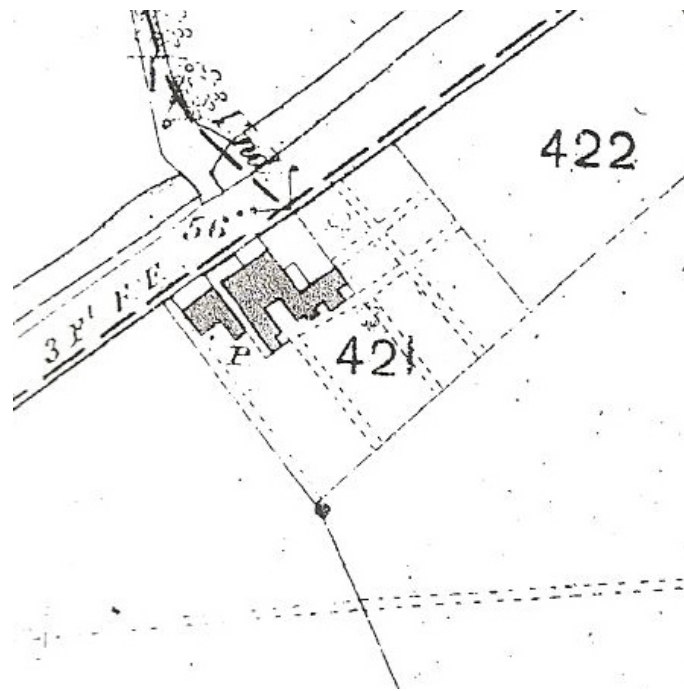


The Laundry Business

Commercial laundry work was carried on the site intermittently from at least 1851, when a laundress lived at No 22. Two laundresses lived at No 20 in 1871, and four at No 21 in 1881. The households at Nos 20 and 21 were headed by laundresses (Betsey Haulkham and Caroline Boxall) in 1891 and 1901. In 1911 Betsey Haulkham's nephew William Pinnock and his wife Lavinia were running a hand laundry (the St James's Laundry) from No 20. Caroline Boxall's Westhampnett Laundry (so-named from at least 1905), was in business from at least 1891 to 1914, nominally at both Nos 21 and 22, although it is clear that between c 1891 and c 1903, No 21 was the home of a metalworker or plumber named Henry Slaney.



8. The 1875 25-inch Ordnance Survey map.

The gridded pattern of paths shown on the 1875 25-inch map at the rear of these houses suggests that it was laid out to give access to rows of washing lines.