

NAIRN

PETER son of William Nairn

Peter Nairn should have been born between 1816-1818

1847-1852 Railway Record. Peter Nairn, Blisworth, wage £1 10s.

1851 census Blisworth RG8 107 1736

Peter Nairn	34	engineer	Wigtownshire
Elizabeth Pacey servant	23	dressmaker	Blisworth

1852 Dec Q Peter Nairn birth Birmingham 6d 53 [note this is before their marriage, think this may be John Nairn as he was later.](#)

1853 24 Jan **Peter Nairn**, 36, engine fitter, living Blisworth, s of William **Nairn**, carpenter, married Elizabeth Pacey, 26, living Wynn Street, Birmingham, d of James Pacey, boot and shoe maker Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Warks

1856 Dec Q William Nairn Towcester 3b 18

1860 Dec Q William Navin Death Towcester 3b 16 (he was their son – age 4 – accidentally drowned)

1858 Dec Q George Alexander Nairn Death Towcester 3b 12 [grave gives age as 5 weeks](#)

1858 Dec Q George Alexander Nairn Towcester 3b 19 [buried in the baptist chapel burial ground Blisworth](#)



Blisworth Baptist

1861 census Gas House Blisworth

Peter Nairne	45	manager of gas works	Scotland
Elizabeth Nairne	34	dressmaker	Northampton
John Nairne	8	scholar	Staffordshire, Birmingham

1861 Jun Q **Mary Navin** Towcester 3b 24 birth – [is this our Eliza Mary ?](#)

1868 Mar Q William Nairn Towcester 3b 23 birth

1871 6 Jan **Elizabeth M Nairn** d of **Peter** and Elizabeth, gas maker Blisworth church records

1871 9 Apr William A Nairn s of Peter and Elizabeth, engineer (gas) Blisworth church records



Blisworth St John the Baptist

1871 census Blisworth Station (Gas House)

Peter Nairn	53	gas fitter, Blisworth Station	Scotland
Elizabeth Nairn	43		Northampton
John Nairn	18	Engine fitter	Edgebaston
Elizabeth Nairn	9	scholar	Blisworth
William Nairn	3		Blisworth

1877 Mar Q **Peter Nairn** 69 Towcester 3b 15 - note age wrong – likely to be 59 not 69

1877 12 Mar **Peter Nairn** age 69 of Blistworth, gas maker, died of Anemia and general exhaustion, informant James Pacey present at death (probably his father in law)

1891 census L&NW Railway lodging house, entrance in Dumpton Place, St Pancras RG12 118 221 65

Elizabeth Nairn wid 64 Matron of lodging house Northampton

1895-6 Mrs Eliz Nairn Lodging House Matron, Camden retiring gratuity £5

1901 census 44 Junction Rd, Tufnell, Islington

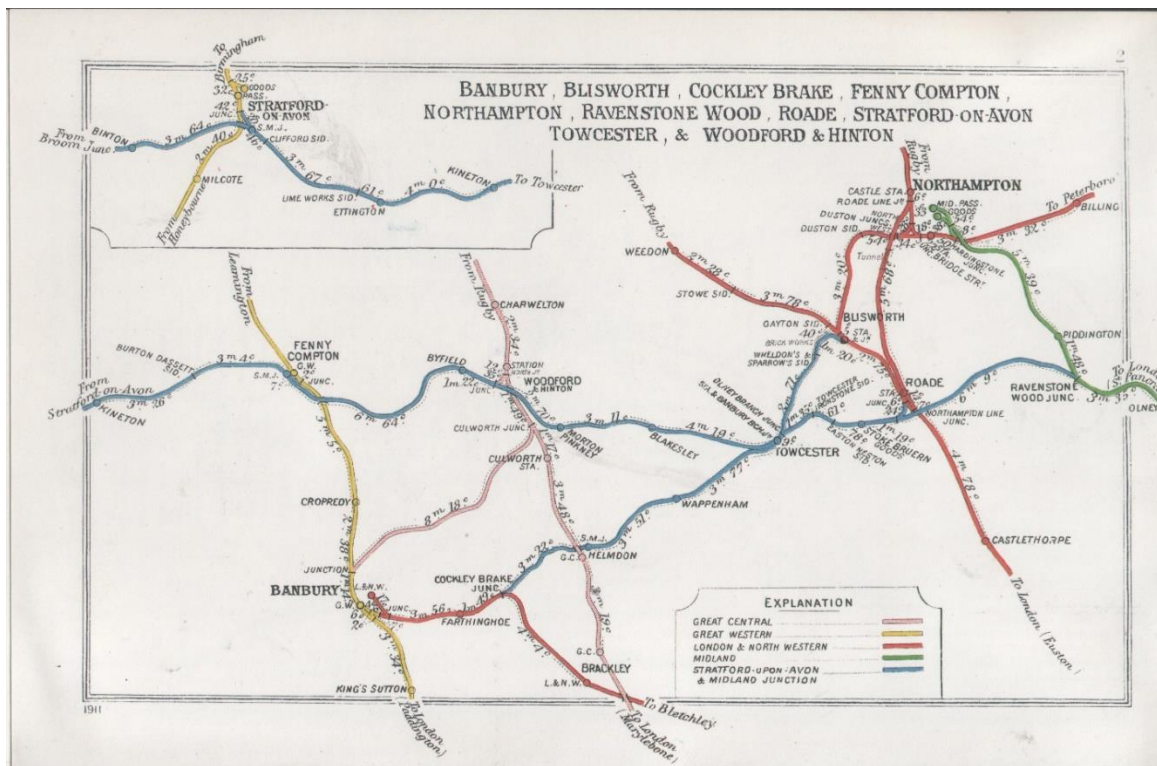
Adelaide Mead wid 65 living on own means Blisworth, Northants
 Elizabeth Nearn wid 75 living on own means Blisworth, Northants

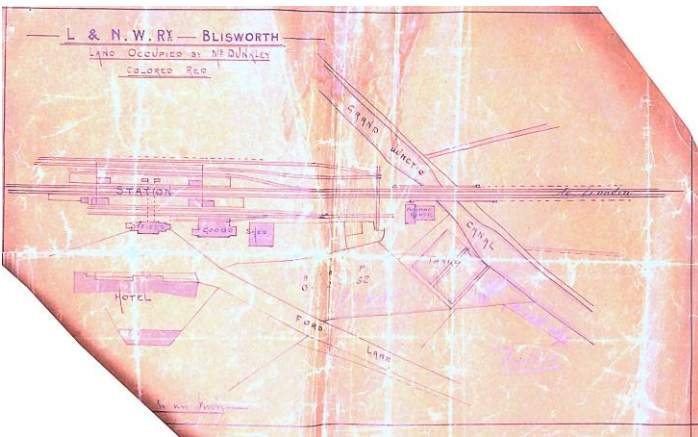
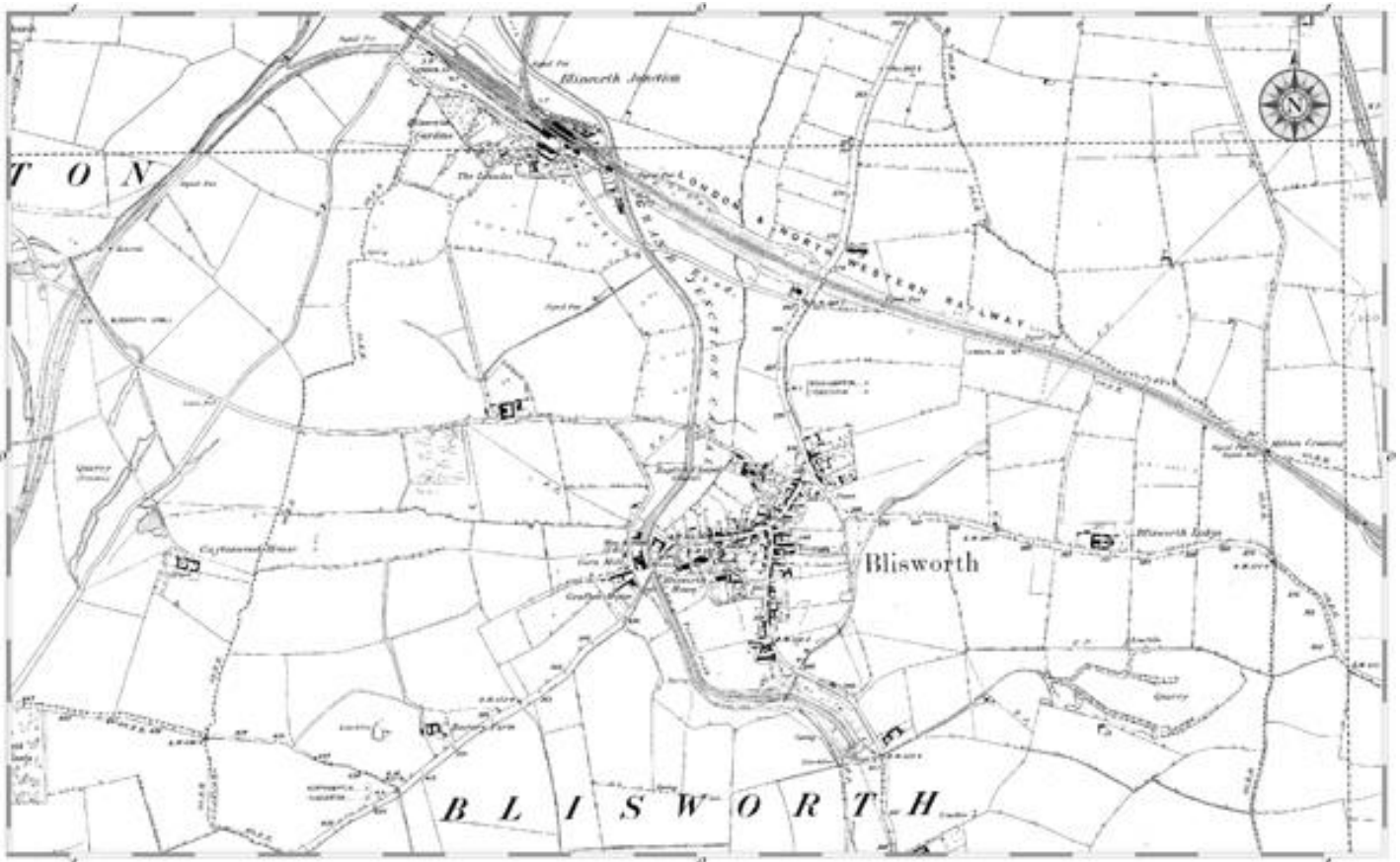
1911 census 9 Hawley Crescent, Kentish Town (7 Rooms)

William Nairn	43	engineer fitter	Blisworth Northampton
Sophia Nairn	45	Married 27 years, 11 live births, 4 died	London Kentish Town
Alexander Nairn	24	sawyer (timber merchant)	London Kentish Town
Edward Nairn	19	pipe maker	London Kentish Town
Arthur Nairn	13		London Kentish Town
Ernest Nairn	11		London Kentish Town
Millie Nairn	8		London Kentish Town
Elisabeth Nairn	84	mother widow	Blisworth Northampton

1914 27 Dec Elizabeth Nairn nee Pacey buried age 88, Finchley Cemetry

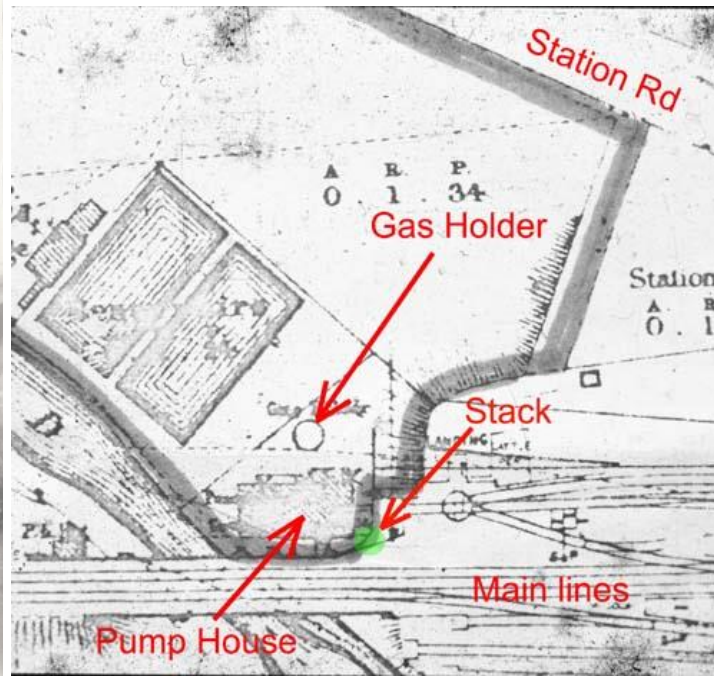
1914 Dec Q Elizabeth Navin 88 Pancras 1b 148





The original railway hotel – now the Walnut Tree

Blisworthians refer to the lost building by the railway bridge as the "Gas House" yet its function was mainly to house a steam driven water pump. The pump was built in 1846 or 1847 by Rothwell C. Ltd. - erection of pumping engine, tank and boiler. The concept for the building was originated in Robert Stephenson & Co Ltd in 1844. From the two large reservoirs at canal level water was pumped up to the large tank on the roof of the gas house. To railway people it was also known as the Tank House. From the tank, water was made available for steam locos by a large diameter pipe which passed under the ground to a suitable location near the station - presumably in a siding. The building also provided living accommodation to a family, the head of which worked for the railway with the job designation - 'Pump-House Operator'.



WILLIAM Son of Peter Nairn and Elizabeth Pacey

1884 20 Sep William Arthur Nairn 19 railway engineer of 8 Hawley Mews s of Peter Nairn deceased engine driver married Harriet Sophia Foster 19 of 8 Hawley Mews d of George Foster Holy Trinity Haverstock Hill

- 1884 Dec Q William George Nairn Pancras 1b 126
- 1910 Jun Q William George Nairn married Pancras 1b 3__
- 1886 Jun Q Peter Alexander Nairn Pancras 1b 144
- 1887 Dec Q Jessie Harriett Nairn Pancras 1b 146
- 1889 Sep Q John Frederick Nairn Pancras 1b 170
- 1891 Sep Q John Frederick Nairn 1 died Pancras 1b 95
- 1891 Dec Q Edward John Nairn Pancras 1b 165
- 1893 Dec Q Bertie Elijah Nairn Pancras 1b 176
- 1895 Sep Q Bertie Elijah Nairn 1 died Pancras 1b 53
- 1896 Sep Q Sidney Nairn Pancras 1b 125
- 1897 Mar Q Sydney Nairn 0 died Pancras 1b 84
- 1898 Mar Q Arthur Nairn Pancras 1b 117
- 1900 Jun Q Ernest Hector Nairn Pancras 1b 8

1901 census 6 Hawley Crescent St Pancras RG13 134 43 75

William Nairn	33	Railway Engineers Assis	Northampton
Sophia Nairn	35		London St Pancras
William Nairn	16	Grocer Shop Boy	London St Pancras
Peter Nairn	15	Boot Shop Boy	London St Pancras
Jessee Nairn	13		London St Pancras
Ted Nairn	9		London St Pancras
Arthur Nairn	3		London St Pancras
Ernest Nairn	1		London St Pancras

- 1902 Sep Q Amelia Rebecca Nairn Pancras 1b 115
- 1903 Dec Q George Elijah Nairn Pancras 1b 25
- 1904 Mar Q George Elijah Nairn 0 died Pancras 1b 11

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1938 Jun Q William Nairn died age 70 Pancras 1b 100

JOHN Son of Peter Nairn and Elizabeth Pacey

1852 Dec Q Peter Nairn birth Birmingham 6d 53

1870 5 Nov accused of stealing a gold watch – not sure of verdict

1878 20 Apr Assault at Towcester – Samuel Hall shoemaker was summoned for assaulting John Nairn gas engineer on 2nd Apr, fined 1s 6d and costs 10s 6d

1878 Mar Q John Nairn married Mary Jeffery Towcester 3b 33

1878 3 Jul General Quarter Sessions Northampton, John Nairn, larceny as a servant, not guilty

1881 Dec Q Ernest Alexander Nairn Pancras 1b 79

1884 Jun Q Annie Elizabeth Nairn Pancras 1b 199

1904 Dec Q Annie Elizabeth Nairn married Southwark 1d 69

1887 Dec Q Maggie Frances Nairn Pancras 1b 154

1891 census 44 Stanmore Cot, St Pancras note comes up as Marin

Henry Nairn	39	machineman	Edgbaston
Mary Nairn	33		Towcester
Ernest Nairn	9	scholar	St Pancras
Elizabeth Nairn	6	scholar	St Pancras
Maggie Nairn	3		St Pancras
Bertie Nairn	1 m		St Pancras

1891 Jun Q John Hubert Nairn Pancras 1b 135

1910 Sep Q John Hubert Nairn married Emily E Livermore Shoreditch 1c 168

1894 Dec Q Rose Mary Nairn Winchester 2c 131

1896 Sep Q George Frederick Nairn Winchester 2c 139

1901 census 10 Eagle Wharf Road, Hoxton, Shoreditch note comes up as Navin

John Nairn	48	engineers fitter	Birmingham
Mary Nairn	43		Towcester
Ernest Nairn	19	improved ?trus	St Pancras
Maggie Nairn	13	leather worker apprentice	Kentish Town
Hubert Nairn	11		Kentish Town
Rosie Nairn	6		Allbrook Hants
George Nairn	4		Allbrook Hants

1910 Jun Q Mary Nairn died age 52 Shoreditch 1c 35

1911 census 33 Bracklyn St, Hoxton (1 room)

John Peter Nairn wid	59	engineers millwright	Edgbaston
George Nairn	14	hat maker's assistant	Otterbourne Hants
Married 33 years, 7 children, one died			

1914 Mar Q John Nairn died age 64 Fulham 1a 489

ELIZABETH daughter of Peter Nairn and Elizabeth Pacey

1871 6 Jan **Elizabeth M Nairn** d of **Peter** and Elizabeth, gas maker Blisworth church records

1881 census Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, Cheshire

Eliza Mary Nairn 20 Barmaid Blisworth

1861 Jun Q Mary Navin Towcester 3b 24 birth [think this is mistranscription on the BMD index](#)

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St Martin Kentish Town

1889 27 Oct **Henry Bode** waiter 29 of 35 Warden Road son of Lawrence Bode waiter married Elizabeth Mary Nairn 28 of 35 Warden Road d of Peter Nairn engine driver, wit George and Harriet Sofiah Foster, St Martin Kentish Town

1891 census 42 Crogsland Rd, Kentish Town, St Pancras (2 other families in house, 6 people)

Henry Bode	30	Waiter	Germany (11 years residence in England)
Elizabeth Bode	29		Blisworth Northants
Arthur Bode	1		St Pancras
Louis Bode	2 mon		St Pancras

1889 12 Dec Arthur Percy s of Henry and Elizabeth Bodé of 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 1894 18 Jul

1891 13 Feb Louis Henry August s of Henry and Elizabeth Bodé of 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 1894 18 Jul

1892 24 Jan **Gertrude Elizabeth** d of Henry and **Elizabeth** Bodé of 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 1894 18 Jul

1894 10 May Christina May d of Henry and Elizabeth Bodé of 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 1894 18 Jul

1895 15 Jan Alexander William s of Henry and Elizabeth Bode 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 24 Jul 1896



St Mark Regents Park

1897 22 Mar Henry Ernest s of Henry and Elizabeth Bodé of 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 1897 2 Jun

1898 1 Apr Sidney s of Henry and Elizabeth Bodé of 3 Eton St, waiter, St Mark Regents Park bpt 1898 10 Aug
Eton Street renamed Edis Street

1899 29 Dec Lina Minnie d of Henry and Elizabeth Bodé of 53 Leopold Road, waiter, St Matthew Willesden bpt 1900 2 Mar



53 Leopold Rd

1902 15 Apr Horace Edwin Willesden

1903 Sep Cecil Ludwig, died same time Willesden



St Matthew Willesden

1901 census 94 Brownlow Road Willesden St Matthew 4 rooms

Henry Bode 40 Waiter Germany (german subject)

Elizabeth Bode 39 Blisworth Northants

Arthur Bode 11 St Pancras

Louis Bode 10 St Pancras

Gertrude Bode 9 St Pancras

Chrissie Bode 7 St Pancras

Alexander Bode 6 St Pancras

Henry W Bode 4 St Pancras

Sydney Bode 2 St Pancras

Lina Bode 1 Willesden

1909 29 Sep 18 Henry Bode died age 48 Brownlow Road



18 Brownlow Road

1911 census 18 Brownlow Road Willesden 4 room tenement

Elizabeth Bode wid	49	10 live births, one died	Blisworth Northampton
Arthur Bode	21	shop assistant (provision merchant)	London St Pancras
Louis Bode	20	apprentice (music Tranfera) Litho music printers	London St Pancras
Alexander Bode	16	assistant electrician metropolitan railway	London St Pancras
Henry Bode	14	errand boy (milliner and draper)	London St Pancras
Sidney Bode	12		Willesden Middlesex
Minnie Bode	10		Willesden Middlesex
Horace Bode	8		Willesden Middlesex

Signed by Arthur Bode

1935 21 Feb **Elizabeth Bode** died Willesden

BODE - recollections by Alec Luker, 1986, many dates from Vera Luker's diaries

slight similarity - all had dark hair and dark complexion

Grannie Bode Elizabeth Mary Nairn

she was an awe-inspiring old lady - viewed with trepidation by Alec. His brother Arthur fell foul of her and was told off for saying 'isn't granny grumpy' - encouraged to annoy her by one of the uncles. She appeared to rule the family with a rod of iron - especially the daughters. She was very dictatorial even when they had left home. Alec stayed with her in the school holidays and had to get her a jug of ale from the off licence at lunchtimes (so did his brother Bob), he also helped her with the housework - they used to sit and talk. She had lots of beads that she made into patterns - butterflies and beetles - showed Alec how to do it.

She got more cantankerous as she got older. She stayed with Gertie for a while, but when she got ill she became so irritable that Gertie couldn't cope and asked Tom to take her mum home. She didn't like Tom, and he was always in trouble with her. Gertie went to stay with her for few days at a time after that because she was bedridden.

Alice Maud Lily Bode (daughter of Sid) remembers her gran Elizabeth Nairn - she used to visit her every Thursday with her mother (Sid's wife) and used to take her some whiskey. She could be a bit insulting but used to mellow slightly when she had a drink. she was supposed to be very pretty when she was a young girl.

Family legend

Sir ~ Nairn, some relation. Scottish engineer who built bridges in Britain and abroad, particularly India. Knighted for his work. Also said to Have built one of the early bridges over the Menai Straits – Query – could this possibly be Thomas Telford ? - he came from the Scottish Borders.

Family legend - Peter Nairn came from Kirkudbright (from Gertrude Bode Luker) or Lake District (from Alex Luker)

Note the station, pumping house and bridges at Blisworth were built by Stephenson – this may be the famous engineer who built bridges.

Only Peter of right age in Scotland.

1841 census Warroch St Barony St Marks Lanarkshire (Barony is now part of Glasgow to the north)

Janet Nairn	1781		Scotland
Peter Nairn	1816	Labourer in Foundry	Lanarkshire
Ann Nairn	1821	PLW	Lanarkshire

1841 Birmingham General Hospital

Peter Nairn	28	patient – vitriol maker	I
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