

Butchers Arms in Westgate Street, Southery, for 42 years. The Butchers' Arms was a thatched building standing on the site of Pembroke House.

Mr. Buckenham was one of a family of thirteen of whom only seven grew up, and now he has only one brother alive - Mr. Fred Buckenham, of Westgate Street.

On leaving school William was a blacksmith for ten years with his uncle Mr. J. Attlesey. For the next nine years he was a carrier with a horse-drawn cart from Ely to Downham and for two years had a pork butcher's business at Southery. He has also been a farmer. His wife died 24 years ago leaving him with a son and daughter, Mr. George Buckenham, of Stow Bridge, and Mrs. Nora Lincoln, of Southery. He has six grandchildren.

With a little help, Mr. Buckenham runs a public house and intends to carry on. He enjoys the life his customers are all most kind and he says it is a pleasure to run the business. Through his association, and his father before him, with public house life he is extremely well known in Southery and neighbouring districts.