

Section 1: Family Histories

Many people are researching their Wilstead family trees and I have been privileged to be contacted by a few who have provided details of interest of a wider nature and these are contained below.

Section 1a: A Baking Heritage

The family recollections and photographs of the Richardson family have been kindly shared by Kenneth Richardson and his daughter Avril.

Thomas Richardson

This family history begins with Thomas Richardson. Both photographs below were taken in his garden behind the bakery in Church Road, Wilstead. On the left he is pictured in his baking attire and on the right in more formal wear.



In the 1891 census, 26 year old Thomas Richardson is listed as living with his parents and brother in Bedford and employed as a journeyman baker. He had previously worked in various London bakeries and the Langham Hotel in London.