



Tommy Friday

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"My grand-father, Charles James Tattam (Jim) was a butcher and ran a shop from the house where I now live at 3 High Street. My father, Fred, also worked in the trade for a while. My current kitchen was the site of the original shop and I still have some of the old butcher's steels, meat tickets dating from the 1930s and weighing scales. There was a doorway through to my grand-father's house next door (where Clifford and Anne Cheshire now live) and from those premises my great-grandfather Thomas Ward (known as 'Tommy Friday') had worked as a coffin-maker and carpenter. This house where I now live used to have two stair-cases and Tommy 'Friday' built his coffins in the room up above my present kitchen.

The story goes that he acquired his nickname because his wife was a very religious woman who always had her women friends round on Fridays for prayer meetings at their house; Tom became so fed up with this happening every Friday that one day he nailed up the door and secured the windows to shut them all out!"