

Updated History of Yeoman's Cottage, Shearsby

A number of opinions, including the original English Heritage Listing of 1955, speculate that Yeoman Cottage is older than the 1669 date inscribed on the front gable tie-beam. The basis for this view is the jettied upper storey amongst several other features that are from an earlier period.

Mr. Cross (senior), who was a Vice President of the Leicestershire Local History Council chaired by Professor W G Hoskins of Leicester University, purchased Yeoman Cottage in 1966 and was always of the same opinion.

A firm specialising in dendrochronology and accredited by Historic Britain (Part of English Heritage) dated Yeoman Cottage by scientific means. Their 23-page report concludes that Yeoman Cottage was originally built in AD 1453.

Historic Britain will receive a copy, and it looks likely that the historic listing will be updated to read "15th Century Standing Building".