Waterworks Cottages

Now a single private house, Fairfield House was originally two dwellings. The tender for the construction and erection of cottages for waterworks employees was advertised in January 1894 along with the engine and boiler house, chimney and cooling pond. The Waterworks was not fully opened until 1898 and in 1901 the census records that William Morgan, Foreman Engine Fitter and William Southern, Stationary Engine Stoker and their families lived in the cottages.

In 1939, Frank Kelham was a young man of 28 and the Assistant Waterworks Engineer in Farnsfield. He lived with his wife and family in one of the cottages. He remained at the Waterworks for many years, continuing to live in the cottage.

(right) Frank Kelham in the Waterworks grounds

Waterworks cottages (photographs courtesy of Sheila Moody)

(photo right – present day) Waterworks cottages, now Fairfield House.