



Morse Rose Fields, Brundall 1950s -1960s

I was born on 13 December 1921 in Blofield Heath. I came to this house in Brundall in 1956. Brundall was nearly all owned by Henry Morse and Sons.

It was all nurseries – shrubs, trees. It was where I worked.

I worked on the nursery all my life practically. I did any job.

They [the nurseries] were down Strumpshaw Road, Mr Long's fields which are now built on (where the piggeries were), all Westfield Road, all this field, where Brecklands is, the plot which was owned by Dr Deacon, the small field known as Parker's Field...

The roses went all over the country. A lot went to London because of the horticultural societies. Selfridges had quite a lot and Woolworths...We packed them up and sent them from Brundall Station.

There were two or three porters at the station and two or three in the office. There were straw bundles, packed in straw [the roses]. We took them down by lorry. We very often took them down at 6 or 7 at night.

There were climbing, bush and standards... I started four years before the war, 1935.

Then I was in the forces...I returned after the war. The roses finished when the building [housing development] started. It must have been in the late 60s...when it started to run down.

The words of Gerald Stapleton, born in 1921.

He lived at 27, Blofield Road, Brundall.

This is a transcript of his spoken memories, recorded on 23rd January 2006.



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**Henry Morse & Sons rose nurseries
Brundall, c.1950-60s**

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**The Morse brothers who ran the nursery
business started by their father Henry.**

Ernest and Frederick set up the Brundall nurseries in 1924 while William continued to manage the original enterprise at Eaton.

Ernest lived at 'The Knoll,' Highfield Avenue, Brundall and founded the Westfield Mission on Golf Links Road in 1934.

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