

Setting the Scene

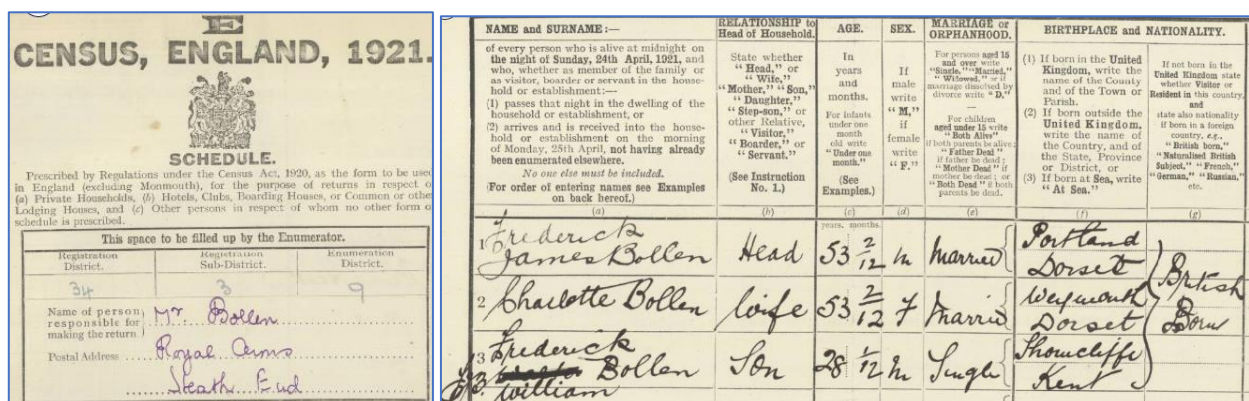
Monarch - King George V. Prime ministers David Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Stanley Baldwin, Ramsay MacDonald,

Conscripts to be replaced by a volunteer army of 220,000 men. Compulsory hand signals to be introduced for all drivers. Police patrol London on motorcycles for the first time. The British Legion is founded. The first women jury members in England are empanelled. The Irish War of Independence comes officially to an end. Ernest Shackleton sets sail on his last expedition to Antarctica. First hunger march sets out, from Glasgow to London. First outside broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company, Liquor Act makes it illegal to sell alcoholic beverages to under-18s. Archaeologist Howard Carter unseals the burial chamber of Tutankhamun. Frigidaire becomes the first make of refrigerator marketed in the UK. John Logie Baird successfully transmits the first television pictures. General Strike begins in support of the miners' strike. Electricity (Supply) Act creates the Central Electricity Board to set up the National Grid. Britain's first automatic traffic lights are deployed. The voting age for women is reduced from 30 to 21. Heinz Baked Beans are manufactured in the UK for the first time. Alfred Hitchcock's Blackmail the first British sound film.

Wilfred Owen's collected Poems (posthumous). Richmal Crompton's children's stories Just William. Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot novel, The Murder on the Links. A. A. Milne's children's book Winnie-the-Pooh. Evelyn Waugh's satirical novel Decline and Fall.

Royal Arms Hotel, Heath End

Here we are in 1921 with the Great War in the past but for some who lost loved ones, the pain is still very much in the fore. This Rowhills history has been tracking Heath End residents close to Rowhills starting at the Royal Arms and going clockwise around Rowhills.



In 1921 Frederick James Bollen from Portland, Dorset was still the Publican at the Royal Arms, on his own account. He was living with his wife Charlotte Gertrude née Burt, managing the 9 rooms. We met them before in Chapter 4 Part 1. Frederick had been a Sergeant Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

His son 28-year-old Frederick William Bollen was also living at the Royal Arms and had been born at Shorncliff Army Camp, near to Folkstone in 1891. This camp was a staging post in Kent, readying troops for the Western front. By 1921 son Frederick was a carpenter working on the Onslow estate in Guildford but he later married and moved to Kent.

| OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT. | | | Inform |
|--|---|--|---|
| Personal Occupation. | Employment. | Place of Work. | Number at under 16 Schedule this house |
| <p>If attending a School or any kind of Educational Institution for the purpose of receiving Instruction, write "Part-time," or "Whole-time," as the case may be. (See Instruction No. 2.)</p> <p>State here the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, Service, &c. Where the occupation is connected with Trade or Manufacture, the reply should be sufficient to show the particular kind of Work done, stating, where applicable, the Material worked in, and the Article made or dealt in, if any. (If retired see Instruction 6; see also Instructions 3 to 11 and Examples.)</p> | <p>(1) If working for an employer state the name and business of present employer (person, firm, company or public body) or, if at present out of work, of last employer, adding "out of work." (2) If employing persons for purposes of business, write "Employer." (3) If working on own account and not employing persons for purposes of business, write "Own Account." (Note.—For Domestic Servants and others in private personal service, write "Private.") (See Instructions 3 to 8, 11, and Examples.)</p> | <p>Give the address of each person's place of work. For a person with no regular place of work write "No fixed place." If the work is carried on mainly at home, write "At home." (No entry is required for any person who is retired or out of work.)</p> | <p>Total number under sixteen years of age. If none write "None."</p> |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| Publican | Own Account 775 | Royal Arms Heathen 673001 | None |
| Carpenter | Onslow Estate Guildford 689 | do | None |

| To be filled up by the Enumerator. | | | | Enumerator's Initials. |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|------------------------|
| Males. | Females. | Persons. | Rooms. | |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | Wm |

The Bollen family had had a funeral in 1920 when son Wilfred Charles Bollen had died aged 22 at Roehampton hospital. Wilfred, like his father served in the Royal Army Medical Corps but he had enlisted in 1912 in Aldershot aged 14 years 4 months and was referred to as a 'boy'. He had been acting Corporal by 1917, sustaining an injury, then later discharged with 100% incapacity. He had suffered a fracture of the lumbar vertebrae.

Injury, Int: Do'ryt: knee joint. P. (Acc) 26.2.17. Trivial, not on Duty, C. of B. not held.

by ...

Ad- of ...

Father, Frederick James. Sgt. Major. Camd
 Mother, Charlotte With Husband
 Brother (o) Fredrick William Bollen in A.O.L.
 Sister (o) Mrs. Patricia H. Nasson Colchester

and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses

(a) ... (b) ...

Date of being placed on Married Roll

Initials of Office

The family address was Royal Arms Hotel. Wilfred was awarded a War badge, discharged in 1919 and died in 1920.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ... | Frederick James | Royal Arms Heathen |
| ... | Charlotte | do. |
| Blood ... | Frederick William Bollen | Royal Arms Hotel Heathen Sarum Surrey |
| Half blood ... | do | |
| Full blood ... | Beatrice Lettice 31 | Garrison Long Walk Det Shorncliffe |
| ... | Clady's Anne 27 | 101 Ins Quarter Drill Hall Maidstone |
| Half blood ... | do | |

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet. Army Form B 121

(Printed in 1910.) Number of Sheet

Regiment of R. U. M. Corps. Signature of O. C. Company

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| Name | Enlistment | Trade | Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay |
| <u>Frederick Bollen</u> | Age on <u>14</u> years <u>4</u> months | <u>Nil</u> | <u>awarded 1st G.C. Badge 6.3.13. Awarded by 1st Lt. A. Co. Depot</u> |
| | Period of | Religion | |
| | with Colours <u>12</u> years. | <u>C of G.</u> | |
| | with Reserve <u>—</u> years. | | |

Character Recuplant
 Disability Q.S.M. Back with fracture of Lumbar Vertebrae.
 Incapacity 100%
 Address Royal Arms Hotel, Heath End, Wainham Surrey.
 Date of Release 10/5/19
 Ex R.O. Dehors no unid.

By 1923, father Frederick Bollen and his wife had moved to Dapdune Wharf, Guildford and then by 1939 they were retired and living in Brighton Road, Aldershot.

The new 1924 Publican at the Royal Arms was again an Army pensioner Edward Robinson (1875-1954) of Stamford Hill, London, married to Beatrice Mary née Fox. Edward had been in the 1st Kings Dragoon Guards and in 1904 when his daughter Eileen May Robinson was baptised at All Saints Garrison Church in Aldershot, the family address was West Cavalry Barracks, Aldershot. Edward was an 18-year-old labourer when he enlisted in London into the King's Dragoon Guards in October 1893 and was stationed in Colchester, Dublin and Aldershot.

SHORT SERVICE.

(7 years with the Colors, and 5 years in the Reserve, or, if the man completes his 7 years' service while beyond the seas, then for 8 years with the Colors and 4 years in the Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF **KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS**

No. 3683 Name Edward Robinson Corps —

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. What is your Name?..... | Edward Robinson |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | Stamford Hill |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | Yes |
| 4. What is your Age? | 18 Years |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | Labourer |
| 6. | No |

| | |
|--|--|
| Age physically equivalent to } <u>18</u> years <u>6</u> months. <small>(To be determined according to the instructions given in para. 809 of the Regulations for Medical Services, Part I.)</small> Height <u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches. Weight <u>125</u> lbs. Chest measurement { Minimum <u>33</u> inches. { Maximum expansion <u>35</u> inches. Complexion <u>Fair</u> Eyes <u>Blue</u> Hair <u>Brown</u> Religion Church of England <u>Yes.</u> Presbyterian | Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. <small>(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving Field Officer.)</small> <u>Special.</u> <u>Eyebrows meet.</u> <u>Star, flags, and dots, left fore arm.</u> |
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It is extremely difficult to read all the medical notes but presumably the Army medical staff could make sense of the records. Edward spent twelve days in hospital in Umballa, North India and it was here that his daughter Iris Mary was born in 1911.

| Date of arrival at the station, or of disembarkation | Name of Hospital | | | | | | Number of Days in Hospital | Remarks on nature of the disease, how induced, if military service, if completely recovered from, and any other particular incident was a soldier. In special cases, state nature of primary disease, and whether recovery has been effected. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty and whether a Grade of Injury was held. | Signature of Medical Officer |
|--|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Day | Mo. | Yr. | Day | Mo. | Yr. | | | |
| 10/2/01 | 3 | 9 | 01 | 21 | 21 | 01 | Wound | 29 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 31/03/01 | 4 | 7 | 01 | 28 | 28 | 01 | Boil | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |
| 07/05/01 | 7 | 5 | 01 | 20 | 20 | 01 | Wound (hand) | 11 | At Umballa in N. India |

| Name of Hospital | Hospital | | | Hospital | | | Disease | Number of days in Hospital |
|------------------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year | | |
| Umballa | 25 | 4 | 08 | 6 | 5 | 08 | Scarlatina | 12 |
| " | 26 | 3 | 09 | | | | Revaecumalia | |

After 18 years of service, Edward was granted an army pension at Aldershot in 1914 but re-enlisted aged 39 years and finally left the Army in 1919. His wife Beatrice and family were living at Hanover Gardens, Kennington but then moved to Heath End.

In 1921, this Robinson family of mother and three daughters had been living in Roseberry Villas, Heath End but it is not known exactly where that was. One neighbour was at Stream Cottages and then the next neighbour was living at Hale Reed, off Weybourne Road. Where in 1921 was Edward Robinson and his son William Edward Robinson?

| | | | years | months | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------|-------|--------|---|------------|--|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Beatrice Mary Robinson | Head. | 43 | 8 | F | Married | | Harfack | |
| 2 | Ivy Emma Robinson | Daughter | 20 | 4 | F | Single | | Hampshire | Aldershot |
| 3 | Eileen May Robinson | Daughter | 16 | 8 | F | Single | | Hampshire | Aldershot |
| 4 | Iris Mary Robinson | Daughter | 10 | 11 | F | Both alive | | India | British born |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | |

| Registration District | Registration Sub-District | Registration District |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 34 | 3 | 4 |
| Name of person responsible for making the return | | |
| M Robinson | | |
| Postal Address | | |
| Roseberry Villas | | |
| Heath End | | |

| Home Duties. | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Book Keeper. | Messrs Solomon Bros | 5, High Street |
| | House & Lamp Finishers | Aldershot |
| Pastry Cook. | Navy, Army & Air Force Institutes | Aldershot |

The 1921 census differed from the 1911 census by not giving the number of years married but it did provide more employment details. The document above gives some insight into the occupation of the two employed Robinson daughters. 20-year-old Ivy was working as a Book Keeper at Messrs Solomon Bros, House and Lamp Finishers at 5 High Street, Aldershot. Her sister 16-year-old Eileen was a Pastry Cook at the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, Aldershot (N.A.A.F.I.).



The advertisement of Solomon Bros on the top left is from 1966 but is an indication that from the 1900s to the 1970s, the store thrived and survived at the same address.

SOLOMON BROS.,
Contractors to H.M. Government,
5, High Street ; and Victoria Road, ALDERSHOT.
COMPLETE HOUSE AND CAMP FURNISHERS,
CABINET MAKERS AND UPHOLSTERERS,
CHINA, GLASS, EARTHENWARE & GENERAL IRONMONGERS.
Marquees, Tents, Portable Stabling, Equipment, Etc., for Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteer Encampments.
Balls and Supper Parties Supplied and Decorated throughout.
CHINA, GLASS, ETC., LENT ON HIRE.
REMOVALS by Road or Rail, by Experienced Packers. Estimates Free.

Friday 12 October 1906

S HORTHAND-TYPIST (male) required for general office work.—Write stating age, experience and salary required.—Solomon Bros., Ltd., 5, High-street, Aldershot. 2408a

Friday 25 August 1939, Aldershot News

- SOLOMON BROS. -
Have a very large Selection of Useful and Fancy
Goods for Xmas & New Year Presents.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| China Tea Sets | 5 4 | Silver-Mounted Salt Cellars in Finish | 4 |
| Cottage Dinner Sets | 5 11 | Case | 2 |
| Trunk Sets | 7 11 | Wicker Chairs, Upholstered | 2 |
| Silver-Plated Crocks | 1 6 | Bamboo Flower Stands, complete with | 2 |
| Silver-Plated Teapots | 6 6 | Pots | 4 |
| Oak and Silver-Plated Dinner Services | 7 11 | Bamboo Tables | 2 |
| Sets of Crocks in Glass | 6 6 | Real Stone Sella | 1 |
| Fancy Vases | from 9 6 | | |

Also Metal & Wicker Cake Stands, Music Stools, Coal Vases, Pictures, Trays, Standard & Table Lamps, Clocks, etc.

NOTE THE ADDRESS—
5, High Street, Aldershot.
CHINA, GLASS, ETC., LENT ON HIRE.

24 Dec 1909, Aldershot News

By 1921, parents and elder son William Edward Robinson were registered for voting and living at Roseberry Cottages but father Edward was marked as an absent voter, Military in 1921.

R = Residence qualification.
B P = Business premises qualification.
O = Occupation qualification.
H O = Qualification through husband's occupation.
N M = Naval or Military voter.

1921

Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for William Edward Robinson
Farnham > 1921 Spring

| | | | | |
|------|----|----|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1764 | R | — | Robinson, Beatrice Mary | Rosebery Cots., Heath End |
| 1765 | HO | HO | Robinson, Edward | Do. do. |
| 1766 | NM | O | Robinson, Edward | Do. do. |
| 1767 | HO | HO | Robinson, Florence Kate | Heath End |
| 1768 | R | O | Robinson, Henry | Heath End |
| 1769 | R | — | Robinson, James | Albert Cott., Upper Hale |
| 1770 | R | O | Robinson, Richard | Weybourne |
| 1771 | O | O | Robinson, Ruth | Laburnum Villa, Hale Reeds |
| 1772 | HO | HO | Robinson, Sarah | Weybourne |
| 1773 | R | — | Robinson, William Edward | Rosebery Cots., Heath End |

1922

Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Edward Robinson
Farnham > 1922 Autumn

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Robinson, Beatrice Mary | Rosebery Cots., Heath End |
| Robinson, Edward | Rosebery Cots., Heath End |
| Robinson, Florence Kate | Heath End |
| Robinson, Henry | Heath End |
| Robinson, Richard | Weybourne |
| Robinson, Ruth | Laburnum Villa, Hale Reeds |
| Robinson, Sarah | Weybourne |
| Robinson, William Edward | Rosebery Cots., Heath End |

1924

Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Edward Robinson
Farnham > 1924 Spring

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|----|----|--------------------------|----------------------|
| R | — | Robinson, Edward—J | The Royal Arms |
| HO | HO | Robinson, Florence Kate | Heath End |
| R | O | Robinson, Henry | Heath End |
| O | O | Robinson, Ruth | Oak Cott., Heath End |
| O | O | Robinson, Sarah | Weybourne |
| R | — | Robinson, William Edward | The Royal Arms |

Why the Robinson family only stayed at the Royal Arms for one or two years appeared unknown until the 1924 Surrey Advertiser newspaper was examined. Suddenly all was explained.

HOTEL TENANT'S FAILURE.
Liabilities amounting to £1,214 17s. 4d., and assets £331 5s. 2d., and a deficiency to creditors of £883 12s. 2d., were disclosed by the statement of affairs of Edward Robnson, licensed victualler, of the **Royal Arms Hotel**, Heath End, Farnham, who appeared for his public examination at the Guildford Bankruptcy Court before the Deputy-Registrar (Mr. G. T. Potter) on Tuesday. The examination was adjourned to June 3rd for closing.

Well, that explains that.

By the Autumn of 1925, a different local Aldershot/Farnham family had moved in, also of the surname Robinson but of absolutely no relation. The new publican was Clarence Reginald Robinson (1893-1984), married to Winifred Frances née Byrne (1889-1958). This time this family settled and stayed - for 34 years!



Clarence Robinson had been the publican at Uncle Tom's Cabin, High Street, Aldershot (to the left of The Queen Hotel) for 9 years from 1916-1925 so will have been used to a full range of military and local drinkers. Clarence said it was not unusual for a man to drink 6-8 pints in a night!!!

| Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 | | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Farnham > 1926 Autumn | | | |
| R | O | Robinson, Clarence Reginald—J | The Royal Arms, Heath End |
| HO | HO | Robinson, Winifred | The Royal Arms, Heath End |

Before we move next door to Heath End Nurseries, it might be worth reflecting on the stabling at the Royal Arms Hotel. There had originally been stabling for 7 horses because it was an important establishment on the London Road but, by 1911 there were no grooms living on the premises and the 1904-1907 advertisements in the Aldershot News showed that stabling was no longer required:

STABLING to let; 7 stalls, loose box, coach-house, etc.—**Royal Arms**, Heath End, 1 mile from Aldershot.

Clearly by the 1920s, a hotel was not needing stabling due to the growth of motor transport so maybe turn the stabling into a garage on the Aldershot turn-pike road might be a possibility?

Heath End Nurseries

Let's do some gardening next and move along the main road. We first met the Charman family at the Heath End Nurseries from 1876 when they took over from a landscape gardener William Dean. This nursery covered many acres and originally had been used for growing hops. William Henry Charman had died in 1917 leaving a widow Louisa to carry on the business. Their son William Edward married to Ella Marjorie Stewart was a motor mechanic, after he returned from serving in France, and seemed to have no interest in the floristry/nursery business. So where was Louisa Charman in 1921? She was in the same location with the same servant.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------|----|----|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Louisa Charman | Head | 63 | 67 | Widow | Florist | 770/3 |
| 2 | Florence Williamson | Servant | 31 | 67 | Single | General Domestic Servant | |

1921

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| District. | Sub-District. | District. |
| 34 | 3 | 9 |
| Name of person responsible for making the return. Mrs. Charman | | |
| Postal Address Heath End Nurseries | | |

1911 Florence Williamson

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|----|
| William Henry Charman | Head | 62 | |
| Louisa Charman | Wife | | 51 |
| William Edward Charman | Son | 17 | |
| Florence Williamson | Servant | | 22 |

The accommodation had 6 rooms.

1921 saw widowed 63-year-old Louisa Charman still working as a florist but with loyal Florence Williamson to help her as a general domestic servant. Florence had been with the family since at least 1911. Was it time for Louisa to retire?

By 1922, Louisa was still at the Nursery but her son and daughter-in-law were living at College Villa, 2 College Road (now Upper Weybourne Road). Grandchildren were Marjorie Babette Charman born 1916 and William James Charman who had been born at Kings Norton, Warwickshire in 1920 but sadly died in Heath End in 1922.

| Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Louise Charman | | | |
|--|-----|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Farnham > 1922 Spring | | | |
| H O | H O | Charman, Ella Marjorie | 2 College Road |
| O | O | Charman, Louise | Heath End Nursery |
| R | O | Charman, William Edward | 2 College Road |

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| R. = Residence qualification. |
| B.P. = Business premises qualification. |
| O. = Occupation qualification. |
| H.O. = Qualification through husband's occupation. |

Louisa Charman eventually retired in 1923 and 'went under the radar' but re-appeared in the Surrey voting in the 1930s. We'll meet her another time and discuss her son again in chapter 5 Part 3. So now a change in Heath End Nurseries and this time, it was a horticulturist with a completely different background and set of business skills - Stephen Capon (1877-1945).



Stephen started his career in Kent with a 5-year apprenticeship specialising in grapes, hardy fruits and specimen foliage plants. He then went to Wimbledon, (specialising in orchids) followed by Coventry, Chelsea and Elvetham Hall, Hampshire. Then he worked for Lord Calthorpe in Ryde by 9 years working on walled fruit and kitchen gardens. Wargrave Manor, Berkshire came next followed by Hethrop, Oxfordshire (from where grapes were sent to the troops in France). Apthorpe, Northamptonshire was followed by Witley in Surrey.

Witley Nurseries, Wheeler Street, Witley, (3 miles from Godalming and 8 miles from Farnham) were well-established, and famous for their roses. In 1826, the business was advertised as 40 acres. The 1916 owners Kordes and Krause were regarded as 'the enemy' since the country was at war. Hence, Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act 1916. The nurseries went under the hammer in 1918 and in stepped Stephen Capon.

1823 Five Days Sale

FIVE DAYS SALE.
NURSERY STOCK, WITLEY SURRY.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
By MESSRS. PEACOCK,
On the Premises, on MONDAY, 13th of OCTOBER, 1823, and
Five following Days, by order of the Trustees,
THE ENTIRE STOCK of this Extensive NUR-
SERY, which for the convenience of purchasers, will
be offered in small lots, and comprises a great variety of
bedded, seedling, and potted plants, larch, Scotch spruce,
and silver fir, alder birch, ash, holly, quickset, and horn-
beam, trained and untrained peaches, nectarines, apricots,
plums, and cherries, apples, pears, medlars, quinces, grape-
vines, gooseberries, and currants, rhododendrons, azalias,
magnolias, andromedas, red cedars, cedars of Lebanon, ar-
butus, arbor vitæ, pyrus, clematis, and creepers of sorts,
Spanish and horse chesnuts, walnuts, elm, ash sycamore,
acacia, and beech, of various sizes, striped holly, honey-
suckles, roses, evergreens, and flowering shrubs, in great
variety, with several acres of potatoes.
The Sale to begin each day at Eleven.
Catalogues to be had Ten Days before the Sale, at the
Mart; the principal Inns at Kingston, Epsom Dorking, Rip-
ley, Leatherhead, Farnham, Arundel, Horsham, Petworth
Chichester, Guildford; at Lasham's, Witley Nursery; and of
the Auctioneers, Godalming.

Saturday 27 April 1918

By order of the Comptroller,
 Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act,
 1916.
 Re Kordes and Krause.
WHEELER STREET, WITLEY, SURREY.
H. B. BAVERSTOCK is instructed to Sell
by Auction at the ANGEL HOTEL,
GODALMING, on
FRIDAY MAY 10th, 1918,
at three o'clock punctually the
FREEHOLD PROPERTY,
known as
WITLEY NURSERIES,
in WHEELER STREET, WITLEY, SURREY.
Also 11a. 1r. 19p. of
MEADOW and NURSERY LAND,
between Wheeler Street and Milford Station.
Possession on completion of purchase.
A Plan of the Properties may be inspected
at the Office of the Auctioneer.
Particulars and conditions of sale may be
had of the Hon. Watler Boyle, 132, York Rd.,
London S.E.; of Messrs. Almond and Co., 233,
Blackfriars Road, London, S.E.; and of H.
B. Baverstock, Estate Office, 72a, High Street,
Godalming.

By 1923, Stephen and his wife Lucie Eliza née Holley moved from Witley to Heath End but they weren't to stay long.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Stephen Capon

| | | Guildford > 1921 Autumn | |
|----|----|-------------------------|----------------|
| R | O | Capon, Stephen | Wheeler Street |
| HO | HO | Capon, Lucie E. | Wheeler Street |

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Stephen Capon

| | | Farnham > 1923 Autumn | |
|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| H | O | Capon, Lucie Eliza | Heath End Nurse |
| R | O | Capon, Stephen | Heath End Nurse |

The lure of working in large estates proved to be too compelling and four years later Stephen Capon and family left Heath End for the gardens of the Earl of Pembroke in Salisbury and finally to Goodwood, Chichester under three successive Dukes of Richmond and Gordon.

Who would follow in Heath End Nurseries? After all the stability with the 40 years of the Charman family, it was all change again.

George Holmes and his wife Louisa Annie Holmes arrived in 1926. Their daughter Doris Holmes married Geoffrey Woodward in 1928 and he ran the nursery from 1927 to 1929.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for George Holmes

| | | Farnham > 1926 Autumn | |
|----|----|-----------------------|--------------------|
| R | O | Holmes, George | Heath End Nurserie |
| HO | HO | Holmes, Louisa Annie | Heath End Nurserie |

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Geoffrey Woodward

| | | Farnham > 1928 Autumn | |
|---|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| R | O | Woodward, Geoffrey | Heath End Nurserie |

Next in 1929 came nurseryman Thomas Myhill Fletcher, and his second wife Cornelia Harriett Viola née Bond with his two daughters, who had lost their mother in 1926. Will they stay longer?

We can tarry awhile on the corner of Rowhills watching the horse-drawn vans and the motor vehicles approach us up the hill. Our next stop will be at the Rowhills Cottage in Rowhills to visit the adjoining neighbours, the Eltringhams and Hunters. Let's hope they are at home.