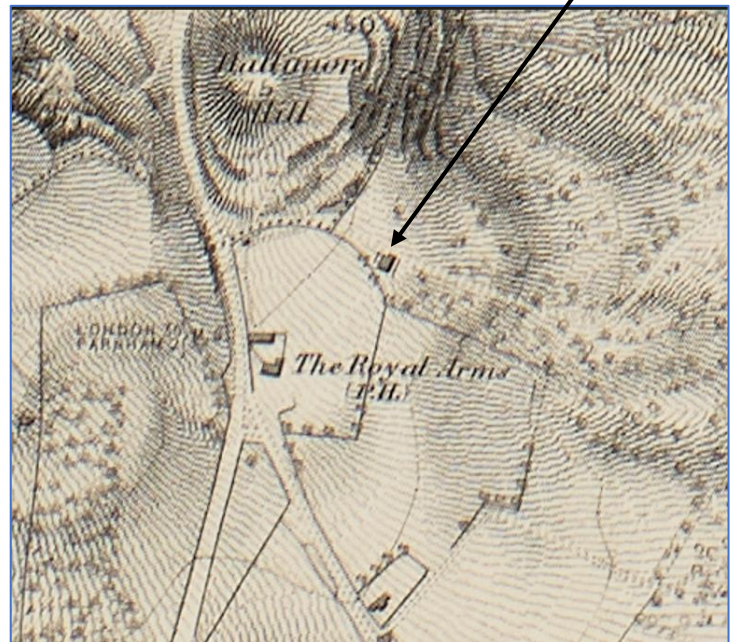


Rowhills Cottages

It has not been possible to obtain the precise origins of these two terraced cottages. An 1856 Ordnance Survey map however, shows very clearly that the area south of Hallimore Hill consisted of a building on a triangle of land. This map also shows the public house The Royal Arms and another building that subsequently became the corner property adjoining the Army College in the 1880s.

1840-ish, showing the Blackwater River

1856



Marriage in Rowhills Cottages, Rowhills

We have previously followed the large Hunter family in Rowhills Cottages right back from 1890s. Just to back-track a little from Chapter 4 Part 1, the elderly Hunters had raised their little grand-daughter Catherine/Kathleen Elizabeth Kitty Hunter (born 1900) in Rowhills until their deaths. Grandfather Robert Hunter died in 1913 and grandmother Caroline Hunter in 1918. Kitty's mother Elizabeth Sophia Hunter had married coachman James Nimmo Reid in 1902 and Kitty changed her surname to Kitty Reid. Elizabeth and James' next two children were born in Wadhurst, Sussex but the family remained united and these children were baptised in St John the Evangelist, Hale.

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Elizabeth and James Reid moved with their younger two children to Westbury-on-Trym near Bristol where their fourth baby James Nimmo Reid was born in 1909. Kitty Reid stayed at Rowhills Cottages living with her uncles Arthur and William Hunter. In 1918, Kitty Reid married engineer Percy John Parr at St John the Evangelist, Hale. Her father James Reid was now referred to as a chauffeur not coachman. Times had moved on.

| 1918 | | Marriage solemnized at <i>The Parish Church</i> | | | in the Parish | | | |
|------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | of <i>Hale</i> | | | in the County of <i>Surrey</i> | | | |
| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
| 126 | <i>May 4</i> | <i>Percy John Parr</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>Bachelor</i> | <i>Engineer</i> | <i>Heath End.</i> | <i>John Parr</i> | <i>Engineer.</i> |
| | <i>20th</i> | <i>Kathleen Reid</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>Spinster</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>Heath End.</i> | <i>James Reid</i> | <i>Chauffeur.</i> |
| | | Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by | | | | | or after <i>Banns</i> by me, | |
| | | This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>Percy John Parr</i> and <i>Kathleen Reid</i> | | | in the Presence of us, <i>E. Samuel</i> | | <i>A. Hoop 1870</i> | |

Kitty and Percy John Parr moved to Bristol to live with her parents and had children, Kathleen Parr born in 1919 and John Cecil Reid Parr in 1920. Father was a mechanical engineer.

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>1919</i> | <i>June 8th</i> | <i>Kathleen</i> | <i>John Parr</i> | <i>34,</i> <i>Chariton Place.</i> | <i>Mechanical</i> <i>Engineer.</i> | <i>S. H. W.</i> <i>Hughes James</i> |
| <i>No. 655</i> | | | | | | |

For reasons of work, the Parr family moved to a 3-roomed dwelling at Main Street, Barton Under Needwood, Staffordshire where father John Parr was working as a Millwright at Messrs Crosse & Blackwell Food Preservers at Branston in Staffordshire.

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| | | years, months. | | | |
| <i>John Parr.</i> | <i>Head.</i> | <i>29 4</i> | <i>M.</i> | <i>Married</i> | <i>Dorky Street</i> <i>Hale, Wiltshire</i> |
| <i>Kathleen Parr.</i> | <i>Wife</i> | <i>21 4</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Married</i> | <i>Surrey.</i> <i>Uddest.</i> |
| <i>Kathleen Parr.</i> | <i>Daughter.</i> | <i>2 2</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Both</i> <i>alive.</i> | <i>Gloucestershire</i> <i>Bristol.</i> |
| <i>John Parr.</i> | <i>Son.</i> | <i>1 1</i> | <i>M.</i> | <i>Both</i> <i>alive.</i> | <i>Gloucestershire</i> <i>Bristol.</i> |

In 1920, Crosse & Blackwell had acquired a 150-acre site at Branston near Birmingham at a cost of £1 million. It was the largest and best equipped packaged food factory in the British Empire. The factory employed about 1500 workers, mostly women and in 1921 a new product was made called Branston Pickle. Unfortunately, this packaging and export venture failed and the factory was shuttered in 1925.

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Millwright.</i> | <i>Messrs Crosse & Blackwell</i> | <i>Branston. Staffs.</i> |
| <i>212/6</i> | <i>Food Preservers.</i> | <i>6389/03</i> |
| <i>Home Duties</i> | | |

The Reid family moved back to Bristol to seek work and it was here that Kitty died in 1931, aged 31 years. Both widowed father and son became aeronautical engineers in Bristol.

Back to Rowhills Cottages and the 1921 census. This stated that in one side of the cottage lived Kitty's two uncles and aunt, Arthur Hunter, William Hunter and married sister Mary Eastwood.

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
|---|----------------|---------|--------|---------|-----|--------------------------------|
| | | | years. | months. | | |
| 1 | Arthur Hunter | Head | 47 | 10 | m | Single } Syderstone Norfolk |
| 2 | William Hunter | Brother | 45 | 10 | m. | Single } Morston Norfolk |
| 3 | Mary Eastwood. | Sister | 35 | 8 | f. | married } Surrey Hale |

Arthur Hunter was a gardener working for the Darracotts at Aldershot Lodge, Church Lane. Brother William was a boiler cleaner working for Mr Mayne, Chief Engineer, Electric Light Station on the Stanford Lines, at the barracks in south Aldershot. Mary remains a slight mystery. Who was Mr Eastwood, when did she marry and where was he in 1921?

| (k) | (l) | (m) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gardener 013/6 | Darracotts 760 Barracks ^{main} | Aldershot Lodge ^{2/30} Church Lane ^{main} |
| Boiler cleaner 952/6 | Mr. Mayne Chief Engineer Electric Light Station 522 | Stanfords Lines 5th Aldershot |
| House Duties | | At Home. |

By 1922 Arthur and his brother William were of voting age and still living at Rowhills Cottages.

| POLLING DISTRICT K. | | PARISH OF FARNHAM (HALE WARD). | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| No. (a) Parlia- mentary. | Franchise. (b) Local Govt. | Names in full. Surname first. | Residence or Property occupied and abode of non-resident occupier. |
| | | | |

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Arthur Hunter

| | | Farnham > 1922 Spring | |
|---|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| R | — | Hunt, Walter | |
| R | O | Hunter, Arthur | Rowhills Cot., Heath End |
| R | — | Hunter, William | Rowhills, Heath End |

1926 and another wedding from Rowhills Cottages; this time at St John the Evangelist, Hale, 50-year-old Arthur married 38-year-old widowed Louisa Wright née Norris. Louisa had married Frederick Wright in 1914, they had 4 sons but her husband had died in 1924.

1926. Marriage solemnized at *St John the Evangelist* in the Parish of *Hale* in the County of *Surrey*.

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 50 | <i>February the twenty-ninth 1926</i> | <i>Arthur William Hunter</i> | <i>50</i> | <i>Bachelor</i> | <i>Gardener.</i> | <i>Rowhills, Heath End.</i> | <i>Robert Hunter (Deceased)</i> | — |
| | | <i>Louisa Wright</i> | <i>38</i> | <i>Widow.</i> | — | <i>Shirley Cottage, Upper Hale</i> | <i>Larry Porvis</i> | <i>Labourer.</i> |

Married in the *Church of St John the Evangelist* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church*, by after *Banns* by me,
Arthur William Hunter in the Presence of us, *Louisa Wright*
Louisa Wright in the Presence of us, *Louisa Louisa Meulis*
Lewis Birrell
Faust G. Phlipps
arate

Arthur Hunter now had a ready-made family of four sons and the family moved to Shirley Cottage, Heath Lane in Hale.

| Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Arthur William Hunter | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Farnham > 1926 Autumn | | | |
| R | O | Hunter, Arthur William | Shirley Cottage, Heath Lane |
| HO | HO | Hunter, Louisa | Shirley Cottage, Heath Lane |
| O | O | Hunter, Edith Sophia | Northfield, Heath End |
| R | — | Hunter, William | Rowhills, Heath End |

Four years later, after their marriage, Arthur Hunter and Louisa had a son Arthur Bernard Hunter. The couple were only to have ten years together as Arthur Hunter died in 1936 aged 63, leaving Louisa with five sons.

Meanwhile William Hunter and his married sister Mary continued living at Rowhills Cottages.

| England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Mary Eliza Eastwood | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| Farnham > 1926 Autumn | | | |
| O | O | Eastwood, Mary Eliza | Rowhills Cottages |

| Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Mary Eliza Eastwood | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------|-------------------|
| Farnham > 1929 | | | |
| Rw | Ow | Eastwood, Mary Eliza | Rowhills Cottages |

Mary is registered as voting from 1923 to 1929 at Rowhills Cottages but never a sign of Mr Eastwood, her husband.

Time now to step over the hedge to next door in Rowhills Cottages. We last learnt about Arthur Eltringham and his wife Florrie in 1911.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Registration District. | Registration Sub-District. | Enumeration District. |
| <i>34</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>9</i> |
| Name of person responsible for making the return. <i>A. Eltringham</i> | | |
| Postal Address <i>Rowhills</i> <i>Heath End</i> | | |

By 1921, Arthur Edward Altringham was 40 and working as a Costing Clerk at the Command Pay Office in Aldershot. His employer was the Command Paymaster. Florrie Rose Eltringham was 34 and her two children Agnes Muriel and Arthur Eric, aged 8 and 6 were of school age. After 10 years of living in Rowhills Cottages, the family moved round the corner in 1928 to Bradninch/Bradnynch Villa on College Road (now Upper Weybourne Lane).

This "Villa" property will have been a much larger dwelling with more modern facilities. Both the children grew up, married and moved away. Arthur and Florrie moved to Somerset in the 1940s and Arthur died there in 1945. His wife Florrie died in Wales in 1978.

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 Arthur Edward Eltringham | Head | years. months. 40 10 | M | married | London Hornsea |
| 2 Florrie Rose Eltringham | Wife | 34 3 | F | married | London Woolwich |
| 3 Agnes Muriel Eltringham | Daughter | 8 10 | F | Both alive | Dublin Dublin |
| 4 Arthur Eric Eltringham | Son | 6 4 | M | Both alive | Dublin Dublin |

| (a) | (b) | (c) |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Posting Clerk. | Command Paymaster Aldershot Command | Command Pay Office Aldershot |
| 800/6 | 701 | 2/30 57 |
| Home duties | | At home |

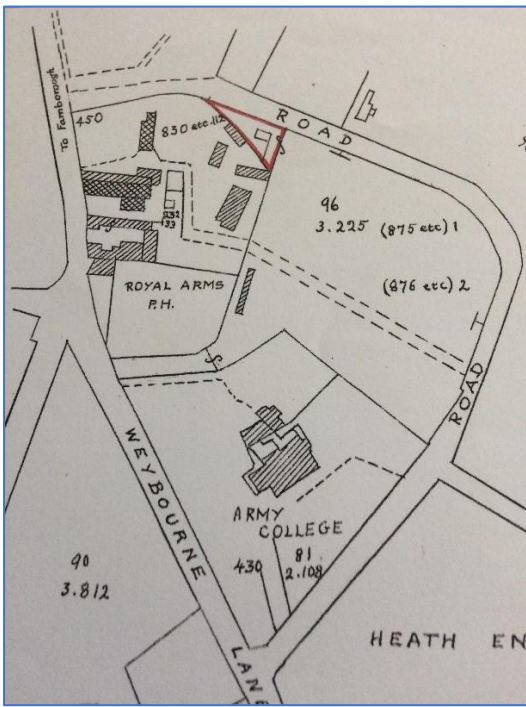
Before we next cross the road to Woodlands, perhaps we should look at the ownership of this Rowhills Cottages? Without doubt, the cottage always seemed to be linked to the Heath End Nursery. A document appertaining to Rowhills Cottages' deeds much later in time, included a 1922 sale between Louisa Charman and The Witley Nurseries. We have just met Louisa Charman and Stephen Capon from Witney Nurseries in Chapter 5 Part 1. In 1922, Louisa sold the nursery, originally owned by her husband's father, William Heath Charman. In 1922, Stephen Capon had taken out a loan with the London Joint City and Midland Bank Ltd.

made between Louisa Charman of the first part Richard Simmonds of the second part and the Vendor (therein described as The Witley Nurseries Limited) of the third part.

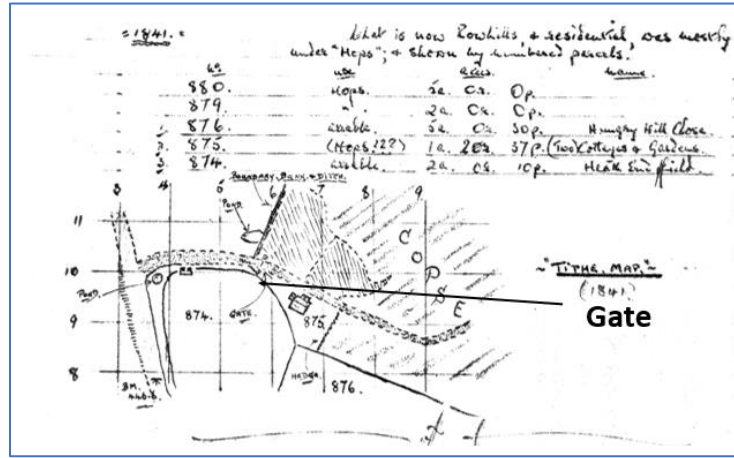
| THE SCHEDULE before referred to. | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>6th October, 1922.</u> | CONVEYANCE | made between Louisa Charman of the first part Richard Simmonds of the second part and the Vendor (therein described as The Witley Nurseries Limited) of the third part. |
| <u>28th December, 1922.</u> | MORTGAGE | The Vendor of the one part and Lond Joint City and Midland Bank Limited of the other part. |

Woodlands

The road Rowhills couldn't have two more contrasting dwellings, just a stone's throw apart. The two humble (1840s or so) combined Rowhills Cottages and the grand 10-roomed 1907 Edwardian family home Woodlands built by John Henry Wells across the road, were close neighbours.



The map on the left shows the triangle of land for the cottages, with Woodlands across the road. The 1841 tithe map below, shows the triangle of land for the cottages and hops on the parcel of land next to it. The gate into the estate was owned by the Knight family.



At Woodlands in 1921 we are expecting to meet the widowed John Henry Wells with his ten children. But not so. In fact, 1921 had a Captain Heyman and family living in Woodlands shown by an advertisement for a cook wanted "at once" in December 1920.

The Wells family had certainly been in Woodlands on 29 May 1917 when the house had a dramatic fire. (See separate document - The Deluge.)

Struck by Lightning.
 During the height of the storm lightning struck the house of Mr. J. Wells, "Woodlands," Heath End, occasioning considerable alarm to the family and causing some damage. The lightning struck the front gable, and after smashing several ridge tiles and slates, set fire to the rafters. It then appears to have passed down the wall and entered a bedroom on the top floor, passed along a brass curtain rod above the window, and struck a large mirror on a dressing table, smashing it to atoms. It then appeared to have struck upwards to the electric light pendant, the lamp being smashed and the wires fused, and finally ran down the wires through the house to earth. There is no doubt that this saved the house from grave disaster. The family were thrown violently together by the shock, and were greatly alarmed, but escaped injury.

Meantime Mr. Wells had proceeded to the top of the house, and at once detected the fire which had broken out in the roof, and gave the alarm. Mrs. Charman, of Heath End Nursery, promptly telephoned to the Aldershot Fire Brigade, and Mr. Charman ran to the scene of the fire with a chemical extinguisher. Other neighbours were quickly on the spot, and with the aid of buckets of water kept the fire in check till the arrival of the Brigade, who quickly extinguished it.

Mr William Henry Charman of Heath End Nursery was 68 at the time of the fire and died later that year. Let's hope the strenuous nature of putting out the fire had not caused him to have a heart attack.

The Charmans had installed a telephone in 1910. Telephone Aldershot 170 for the shop and Aldershot 170a for their residence.

Aldershot .. 170 CHARMAN W. H., Florist. .. Heath End nurseries
 Aldershot .. 170a do. W. H. (Private Residence) Heath End nurseries

John Henry Wells had a new house Littlecott built for himself and his family around 1919/1920, just down the track of Rowhills. This would have been after the Great War when materials were more available. They clearly still had extensive gardens at Woodlands with rather a lot of apples in the Autumn of 1920.

APPLES.—Four Bushels of gathered Apples for Sale, perfect condition; what offers?—Apply Woodlands, Heath End.

(A bushel was a measure of capacity equal to 8 gallons, equivalent to 36.4 litres.)

John Wells would have been well aware of The Warren in Rowhills, the large house called Rowhills in Weybourne, and The Red House next to the Army cricket ground that had a continuing stream of senior Army officers renting and living there. Stabling, garages, later a telephone, spacious grounds, space for servants to live-in, close to Aldershot Garrison - the Wells' family home ticked all the boxes. Renting out Woodlands would have been a new investment venture for John Wells and that was what he did in 1920. The 1921 census for Woodlands shows Captain William Heyman with a bevy of others, 4 males and 5 females.

Captain William Alfred Courtney Alexander, later Major, was born in Grahamstown, South Africa (1892-1969). His father Alfred Alexander died in 1892 when William was an infant and two years later, his mother Frances Patton née Impey re-married Lt-Colonel Sir (Herman) Melville Heyman, thus becoming Lady Heyman. William's surname was changed to Heyman by deed poll.

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| Registration District. | Registration Sub-District. | Enumerat District |
| 34 | 3 | 9 |
| Name of person responsible for making the return. <i>Capt. Heyman</i> | | |
| Postal Address <i>Woodlands</i> <i>Rowhills</i> | | |

Clearly Captain Heyman and his wife required a nurse, cook, housemaid and undermaid to assist with running a house and caring for 4-year-old Peter born Ware, Hertfordshire and 18-month-old David born in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

| No. | Name | Relationship | Age | Sex | Marital | Place of Birth | Occupation |
|-----|------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Capt. W. Heyman | Head | 20 | M | Married | Grahamstown S Africa | Officer, H.M. Forces |
| 2 | Katie E. Heyman | wife | 26 | F | Married | Ceylon India | |
| 3 | Capt. E. Austen | Visitor | 51 | M | Married | Chiltenham Glos. | |
| 4 | Lily E. Gosley | Servant | 32 | F | Single | Wantage Bucks | Nurse |
| 5 | Joy Osborn | Servant | 23 | F | Single | Woolwich | Cook |
| 6 | Winnie Mitchell | Servant | 30 | F | Single | Bushy Park Hants | Housemaid |
| 7 | Dorothy Barnwell | Servant | 18 | F | Single | Fleet | Under-nurse |
| 8 | Peter Heyman | Son | 4 | M | Partially | Ware Herts. | |
| 9 | David Heyman | Son | 1 | M | Partially | Fleet Hants. | |

William had married in Ware, Hertfordshire in 1915 and his bride was Kate Elizabeth Farquharson (1887-1926). Their son Peter Basil Melville Heyman arrived a year later, son David Francis was born in 1919 and daughter Elizabeth Frances in 1922. William Heyman entered the 4th (Queen's Own) Hussars.

Now some early aviation background. In 1912 at Upavon on Salisbury Plain, a Central Flying School was set up to train Royal Flying Corps pilots. By 1914 there had been difficulty in training sufficient pilots there because the number of pilots required exceeded the training facilities. Diversification of sites was required and so the No 1 Royal Flying Corps Flying School was established at South Farnborough in 1915.

For anyone with money, time and inclination, nearby Farnborough was a suitable place to obtain a Royal Aero Club aviator's certificate, which were first granted in 1910. (We had already met a reference to the Army Balloon Factory, relocated from Aldershot to the edge of Farnborough Common in a previous chapter. This was renamed the Royal Aircraft Factory in 1912 and later in 1918 as the Royal Aircraft Establishment.)

At the military school in Farnborough, William Heyman obtained his aviation certificate, giving his address as Cavalry Club, 127 Piccadilly in August. This was before his marriage later in the year. (As an aside, the Cavalry Club had 23 live-in servants on the 1901 census.)

Maurice Farman Biplane

HEYMAN, William Alfred Courtenay
 Cavalry Club, 127, Piccadilly, W.
 Born 9th Sept. 1892. at Grahamstown, South Africa.
 Nationality British
 Rank or Profession Lieut.4th (Queen's Own) Hussars.
 Certificate taken on Maurice Farman Biplane
 At Military School, Farnborough
 Date 13th August, 1915.



So why four servants at Woodlands in 1921? The life style of both William and Kate would have come from a background of having servants. William was from South Africa. Kate and many of her siblings had been born in Ceylon (Sri Lanka). It is perfectly possible that the new bride did not know how to cook and with two young infants, it was decided that a nurse was needed.

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|---------------------------|-----------|
| Lily E Goodey | 32 | Wantage, Berkshire | Nurse |
| Ivy Osburn | 23 | Plumstead, Woolwich, Kent | Cook |
| Winnie Mitchell | 30 | Basingstoke, Hampshire | Maid |
| Dorothy Barwell | 18 | Fleet, Hampshire | Undermaid |

In 1911 Lily Elizabeth Goodey had been a domestic nurse, one of 10 servants to a Bavarian stockbroker Mr Dettelbach in Portland Place, London. Why move to Farnham? Possibly her new employment as Nurse paid more and she was moving closer to her family's home in Berkshire.

The 23-year-old cook, Ivy Kate Alice Osborn had been at school in Aldershot so was local. Her parents were born in Gravesend, Kent and when her father was in the Army Service Corps at Woolwich, Ivy had been born in Plumstead. Kent.

The Osborn family moved to Aldershot with the Army and then when her father became an Army pensioner, the family address changed from Barracks to No 1 Ferndale Villas, Holly Road, Redan Hill, Aldershot. Father Henry Osborn worked for the Government, as a labourer in a garage and Ivy probably left school at 14 and went into service. She will have seen the advertisement in the Aldershot News on Friday 31 December 1920.

WANTED good Cook at once; good wages and outings for suitable girl; references must be excellent.—Write, or call, "Woodlands," Heath End. 9630a

Next the maid. Winifred Amelia Mitchel was born at Cround Hill, Bishop Stoke near Basingstoke in 1890. By 1911 she was working as a general servant in the Post Office in Hale, with widowed ladies. The address was Albion House, Upper Hale. The Sub-Postmistress and Grocer was widow Martha Woodhams. She had her widowed sister-in-law working in the grocery trade with her and Lawrence Henry Jerome serving as the Post Office Clerk.

Finally, the Undermaid, Dorothy May Barwell born 1902 in Privett, near Alton. Her birthplace was recorded as Fleet which is vaguely correct. Dorothy's father was a licensed victualler so no doubt, Dorothy had made herself useful working in their licensed premises. Privett would have had a very small population and Dorothy will have been widening her experience by working at Woodlands in Heath End with other servants.

By 1922, the servants will have been given notice to quit, when William Heyman's company 4th Hussars were deployed to India. From India came sad news. The elder 5-year-old son Peter Heyman died and was buried in May 1922 in Ranikhet, Bengal, India. Mrs Heyman returned to England with son David and gave birth to her daughter Elizabeth Frances in the Chertsey area. Kate Heyman died in 1926 age 39. William Heyman later remarried and became a gentleman farmer.

Who next from the Army rented Woodlands? Captain Sydney Vincent Kennedy and his wife Millicent Jane née Collier were living at Sunny Corner, The Bourne in 1921 with servants Grace Blackman and Percy Green. Once Woodlands became available in 1923, the Kennedys moved in.

In 1911 the Regiment of the 13th Hussars were in India with a complement of 298 plus their wives and children. 22-year-old Sydney was a 2nd Lieutenant.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Sydney Vincent Kennedy</i> | | <i>2nd Lieut</i> | <i>22</i> |
| <i>K/1/21</i> | <i>10 Star 13 War Medals & Emblems</i> | <i>13th Hussars Regt</i> | |
| Name. | Corps. | Rank. | |
| <i>KENNEDY</i> | <i>13. Hussars.</i> | <i>2nd Lieut</i> | <i>India</i> |
| <i>M.C.</i> | <i>do</i> | <i>Capt</i> | |
| <i>Sydney Vincent</i> | | <i>Major</i> | <i>Lt Col A. H. M. Taylor D.S.O</i> |

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----|
| 34 | 3 | 13 |
| Name of person responsible for making the return. | Capt Kennedy | |
| Postal Address | Sunny Corner The Priory Farnham | |

In 1921, Captain Kennedy was with the 13th Hussars, stationed in the East Cavalry Barracks, Aldershot. Percy Green was a Private in the 13th Hussars, an Officers' 1st Servant.

| | | | years | months | | |
|---|------------------------|---------|-------|--------|---|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Sydney Vincent Kennedy | Head | 32 | 9 | M | married { Brighton & Sussex |
| 2 | Millicent Jane Kennedy | wife | 30 | 6 | F | married { London W.C. |
| 3 | Grace Blackman | Servant | 17 | 9 | F | single { Surrey, Farnham. |
| 4 | Percy Green | Servant | 31 | - | M | married { Dorset, Twerne, morden, Blandford. |

| | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| Army. | 8/12/6 | Captain - 13 th Hussars | 701. | East Cavalry Barracks Aldershot | Home |
| Home Duties | | | | at home | - |
| General domestic | 9/00 | General Domestic Servant | | Sunny Corner | - |
| Servant | | Private | 760 | 6796-03 Farnham | |
| Army. | 8/13/4 | Officers 1 st Servant | 701 | Sunny Corner | None |
| | | Private - 13 th Hussars | | 49923 Farnham | |

Millicent had 4 sisters and in 1911, all the 5 sisters were each shown to be an Actress. Sydney Vincent and Millicent Jane Collier had married in 1917 in London and in 1919 they were on a voting list in Kensington and Chelsea with Sydney registered as an absent voter.

Electoral Registers, 1832-1965 for Jane
Kensington and Chelsea > Kensington > 1919

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| Kennedy, Jane Millicent | 181 |
| Kennedy, Sydney Vincent | 181 |

Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Millicent Vincent Kennedy
Farnham > 1928

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| Kennedy, Millicent Vincent | Woodlands, Rowhills |
| Kennedy, Sydney | Woodlands, Rowhills |

By 1921 Sydney's regiment was at Aldershot and the Kennedy family rented Woodlands from 1923 to 1928. It is not understood why Sydney's second name Vincent was always placed after Millicent's name in the records. The Kennedys moved to Reigate then their marriage ended and Sydney later re-married with Millicent Kennedy living in a variety of locations.

1928 saw a new couple arrive in Woodlands but they only stayed about one year.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962
Farnham > 1928

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| R | — | Tarleton, Jerrie (Capt.) | Woodlands, Rowhills |
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Captain Jerrie (1893-1955) was Gerald Weldon Browne Tarleton who later became a Brigadier. In 1915 when Jerrie was a Lieutenant, he received the Military Cross.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

The Military Cross has been conferred on the undermentioned officers and warrant officer in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty whilst serving with the Expeditionary Force:—

Lieutenant **Gerald Waldon Browne Tarleton**, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

This was followed in 1916 by

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers—The undermentioned to be Temporary Captains—Temporary Lieutenant George Hare, Lieutenant James MacN. Dickie, Lieutenant **Gerald W. B. Tarleton**.

Gerald "Jerrie" had married Jessie Violet Melrose in 1926 and had then been posted to Shanghai, China.

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| SHANGHAI | " 61 | Frederick Taylor. | 23 Beaumont St Oxford. | 2nd. | British Amer. Tobacco Coy., | 22 |
| " | " 62 | Gerald Tarleton | H.Q. Aldershot Command Aldershot. | 2nd. | British Army Officer | 33 |

1929 voting register

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| R | — | Tarleton, Gerald (Capt.) | Woodlands, Rowhills |
| Rw | — | Tarleton, Jessie Violet | Woodlands, Heath End |

Jessie Violet had come from a comfortable background and had grown up in a large house Holgate Hill, near York with live-in servants. Not surprisingly, Jessie's two children (Shelagh Mary in 1930 and Michael Weldon Melrose Tarleton in 1935) were also born at her parent's home, a comfortable property where servants could do the running around. Their voyage from Liverpool to Bombay, India in 1935 showed:

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| TARLETON | Jessie V. | } 40, No. 1 Holgate Hill York. | Do. | Do. | None None None. | 36 | 5 2/11 |
| do. | Shelagh | | Do. | Do. | | | |
| do. | Michael | | Do. | Do. | | | |

A 1937 report on Lieut-Colonel Tarleton indicated a move from the Royal Dublin Fusiliers to becoming a battalion commander of the Border Regiment at Carlisle, then Cumberland (now Cumbria). Yet another career progression.

To summarise, Woodlands had as rented residents the families and servants for Captain William Heyman, Captain Sydney Kennedy and Captain Gerald Tarleton during the 1920s.

Time now to stroll down the track of Rowhills to the new house Littlecott. Let us see how the Wells children have grown up and how their father John Henry Wells is coping. No doubt, the family kept a watchful eye on Woodlands, their original childhood family home.

