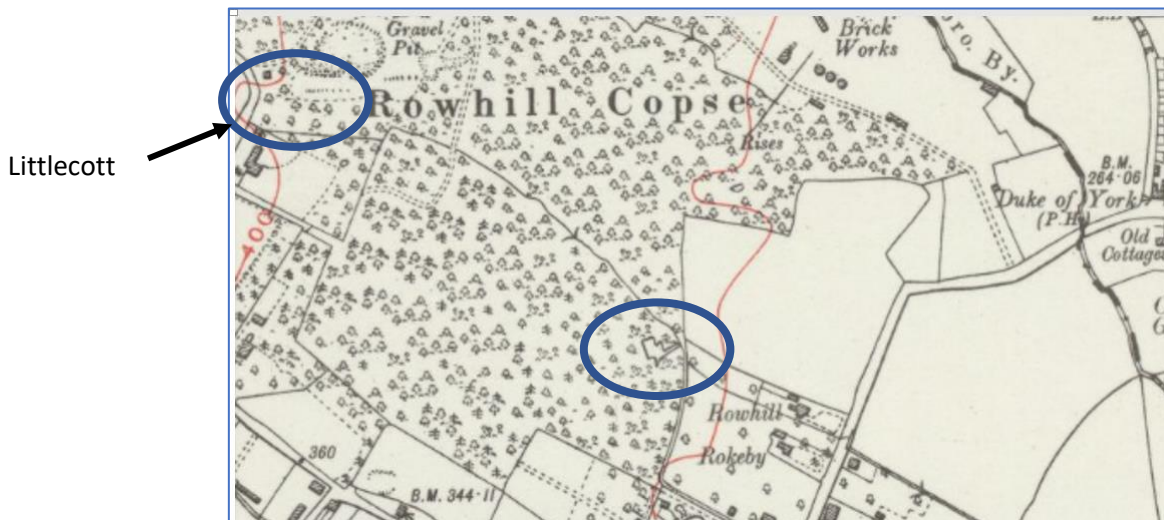


Rowhill Estate, Weybourne

In the 1921 census, the enumerator had the property Hillview following Littlecott. It was established that in the 1922 voting register, the tenants lived in a property called Hill Side View, not Hillview. The resident was Captain Hugh Edward Calvert-Jones. Residents in Heath End and Weybourne who were in the Army were frequently renting a property since military personnel might move with their regiment or they could be stationed elsewhere.

Where exactly was this property Hill Side View? There is a large expanse of water near to Rokeby and Rowhills in Weybourne which is of interest.



Later, a large area by the water is cleared, with a bathing pool and property Weywood built.



From the enumerator's route, the next property after Hill (Side) View was Mr Walter Daws living at Rowhills. Maybe Hill Side View was the adjacent property Rokeby, renamed? Since we are at Rowhills, we will look at M Daws. The house Rowhills had 10 rooms, a sizeable property. Previous tenants were Sydney Frank Charles Stephens and Captain Ernest John Norris OBE.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Florence Agnes Norris				
Farnham > 1920 Autumn				
1588	R	—	Norris, Ernest John (Capt.)	Weybourne
1589	H O	H O	Norris, Ernest John (Capt.)	Rowhill, Weybourne
			Norris, Florence Agnes	Rowhill, Weybourne

No.	Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Place of Birth
1	Walter Daws	Head	42	M	Married	Leicester Leicester
2	Eva Dorothy Daws	Wife	41	F	Married	Leicester Leicester
3	Rosalie Daws	Daughter	9	F	Both Alive	Hampshire Aldershot
4	Geoffrey Francis Daws	Son	7	M	Both Alive	Hampshire Aldershot
5	Louisa Gould	Visitor	70	F	Single	Hampshire Woodchester
6	Emily Armsworth	Servant	16	F	Single	Worcestershire Hale

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Population Total	Population Male	Population Female
34	3	9

Name of person responsible for making return: *Mr. Daws*

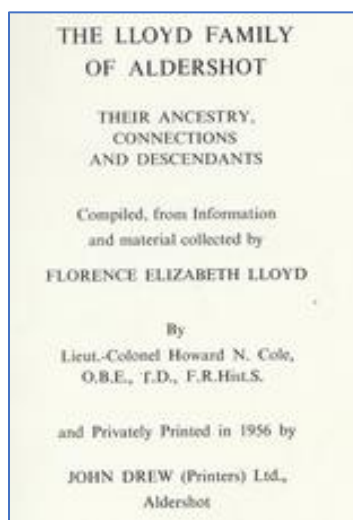
Postal Address: *Rowhills*
Aldershot

This house Rowhills was owned by the Darracott family from Aldershot and rented out to military officers from the Garrison. Mr Walter Daws was another Aldershot businessman and maybe there was a transfer of property ownership at this stage.

Walter Daws	Head	47	BORN Leicester
Eva Dorothy Daws	Wife	41 yrs 9 mths	Leicester
Rosalie Daws	Dau	9 yrs 8 mths	Aldershot
Geoffrey Francis Daws	Son	7 yrs 3 mths	Aldershot
Louisa Gould	Visitor	70 yrs 3 mths	Woodchester
Emily Armsworth	Servant	16 yrs 4 mths	Hale

Walter Daws (1880-1938) ran a printing and stationery shop on Union Street in Aldershot. He had been a manager at this stationer's shop and had progressed to be the proprietor. The stationers was called John Drew Ltd at 39 Union Street.

This title page from 1956 showed the printers John Drew. Extracts from this book by Florence Elizabeth Lloyd née Wells will be included in this and subsequent chapters.



Over the years Walter Daws became highly influential in Aldershot, becoming President of Aldershot Chamber of Commerce and heavily involved as a Director of Aldershot football club. Walter and his wife Eva Dorothy née Gould (1879-1983), had previously lived with his widowed mother at Claremont, Cargate Hill, a prestigious district of Aldershot. The Daws family remained in Rowhills until long after Walter's death in 1938 so were a well-established Weybourne family. Mrs Daws had the telephone installed at Rowhills in 1946 as Aldershot 246. An easy number to remember.

A visitor to the Daws in 1921 was Louisa Gould, (an aunt of Mrs Daws), who had spent her entire life in-service as a servant to different families. The young servant shown in the census above was Emily Armsworth, a local girl from Hale, Farnham. She came from a large family and her labourer father had become a foreman working for a road contractor.

By 1939, Emily Armsworth had become a cook/housekeeper at Trolls Hatch on Tilford Road, Farnham and then married Alfred Gill in 1941.

The next house to Rowhills was dairy farmer Fredrick and his wife Amy Lilian Attfield; their address was Oakfield, Weybourne Lane. We have now walked off the Rowhill Estate so we need to backtrack up the hill to Weywood and explore the grounds with the bathing pool.

Weywood is a property new to us, built around 1920 and certainly on the Rowhill Estate. It had six rooms, therefore of a significant size. Here in 1921 lived Percy Harold Edward Wells (1879-1970) and his wife Catherine Wells née Priest (1878-1927). Percy was a son of Henry Wells and after the death of his father in 1908, a recipient of part of Henry's large estate.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Catherine Wells					
Farnham > 1921 Autumn					
2182	H O	H O	Wells, Catherine	Weywood, Rowhills	
2183	R	O	Wells, Percy Harold Edward	Weywood, Rowhills	

1	Percy H. E. Wells	Head	47	4	M	Married	Hampshire Aldershot.
2	Catherine Wells	Wife	43	2	F	Married	Staffordshire Harborne.
3	Katherine M. Wells	Daughter	16	16	F	Single Baths Alone	Hampshire Aldershot.
4	Dorothy May Crumplin	Servant	17	1	F	Single	Surrey Farnham Heath End.

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Registration District	Registration Sub-District	Enumeration District
34	3	9

Name of person responsible for making the return: *H. P. Wells*

Postal Address: *Weywood, Aldershot*

Percy H E Wells	Head	47yrs 4 mths	BORN Aldershot
Catherine Wells	Wife	43 yrs 2 mths	Harborne, Staffs
Katherine M Wells	Dau	16 yrs	Aldershot
Dorothy May Crumplin	Serv	17 yrs 1 mth	Heath End

Percy was one of the twelve children of Henry and Elizabeth Wells. He attended a boarding school at St Mary in the Castle, Hastings at the age of 12. By the age of 22, Percy was a builder/contractor, like his father and was living with his parents at Llanover House, The Grove, Aldershot, near to the railway station. This house no longer exists.

In 1903, Percy married Catherine Priest in the Birmingham area and it begs the question of how did he meet her? Her father Thomas Priest was an overseer and collector of local taxes, so that wasn't a link with Aldershot. The answer probably lies with her elder brother Alfred Priest (1874-1929). Alfred had studied art at the Royal Academy with, amongst others, a famous instructor John Singer Sargent. Alfred became a well-known portrait painter and since Henry Wells had his portrait painted by T. C. Lawrence, maybe portrait painting was the link?

(The reproduction of the portrait of Henry Wells once hung at Aldershot Town Hall and is now - where??)



Alfred Priest, R.P., the brother-in-law of P. H. E. Wells, with a section of the original paintings by him, from which the tapestries for Cardiff Castle were made (see

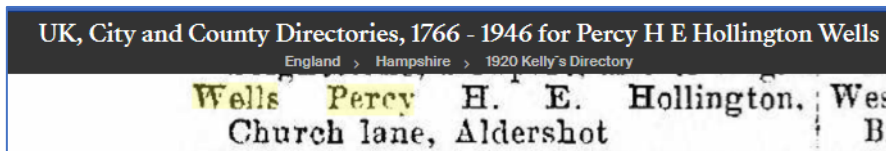


HENRY WELLS, J.P., C.C.*

Reproduced from the original painting by T. C. Lawrence, a reproduction of which now hangs in Aldershot Town Hall.

So Henry Wells had a son who was looking for a suitable wife and Alfred had a younger sister who was seeking a well-to-do husband? Albert Priest died young, age 55 after suffering a stroke in November 1929. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Priest_\(portraitist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Priest_(portraitist)))

The young Wells couple moved to Aldershot and their children Katherine Margaret and Thomas Percival were born there in 1905 and 1906 respectively. Home was Hollington in Church Lane, Aldershot and Percy worked as an employer, a building contractor.



Records for St Michael the Archangel in Aldershot in 1914 show the baptism of Percy Harold Edward Wells, of address Hollington, Church Lane and now an architect.

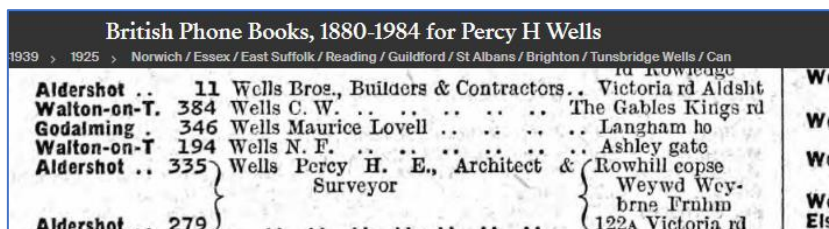
Military records show Percy Harold Edward Wells entering H M Forces service in July 1917, age 38 and played his part for King and country. Records show his enlistment was to the Royal Flying Corps and then transferred in April 1919 to the Royal Air Force, which was established in 1918. Percy's civilian occupation was architect and surveyor.

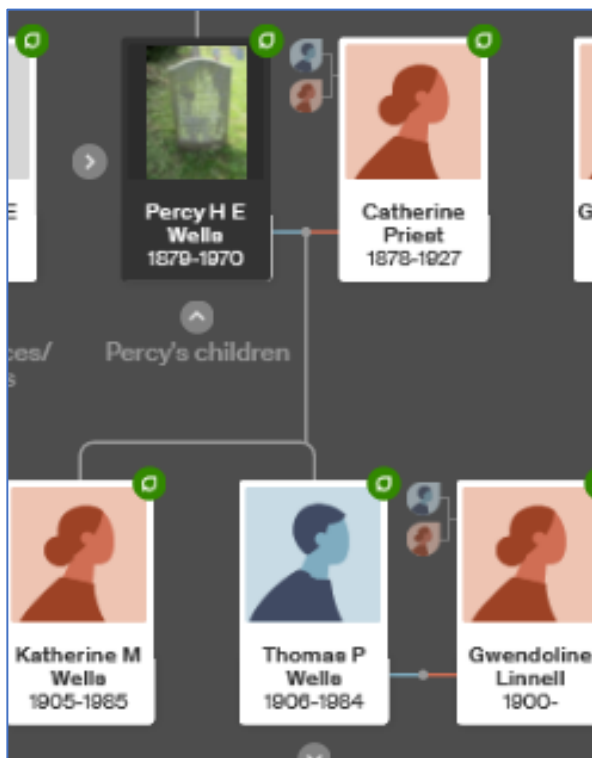
3 CURRENT ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES:—

(a) State whether in Army, Navy or R.A.F. Army

(b) Period:—	Date Current Engagement commenced	Age at that Date	Duration of Period of Engagement
Boy Service			
Man Service	6-7-17	38 1/2	9 1/2 10

(c) Date of actual entry into { R.F.C. 6-7-17
R.N.A.S.
R.A.F. 1-4-19.





The servant in the 1921 Rowhill's census Dorothy May Crumplin born 1903 was local to the area coming from Badshot Lea. Her parents were married in St Andrews, Farnham and her father was a farm labourer. She may have worked with the family for some years; she later married in 1935.

Catherine Wells died in 1927 at the young age of 49 and by then her children were grown up. Both Katharine and Thomas Wells initially stayed living with their father at Weywood, Weybourne. They had family nearby and no doubt there was sufficient work to keep Percy Wells occupied. We will meet these people again in the 1930s.

Returning to the property called Rowhills in Weybourne, its adjacent neighbour was Rokeby. We first looked at the Rokeby residents in the 1901 census but the house originated a little earlier in 1899 with the owner being Stewart Harborough Pollard. He also owned a cottage in Hale.



Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Stewart H Pollard				
Guildford > 1899				
G 492	Pollard, Stewart H.	Rokeby, Weybourne	successive Dwelling house, successive Dwelling house	Hale cottage and Rokeby Guildford road

The property Rokeby may have been built as an investment for Stewart Pollard to rent out to senior officers at Aldershot but at the age of 41, he died. Probate was administered by his relative, retired Major Cary Hampton Borrer and also the Right Honorable Gathorne Gathorne-Hardy M.P. who was a son of the 2nd Earl of Cranbrook. Stewart's mother was Henrietta Borrer hence a link to the retired major, who was also a magistrate.

POLLARD Stewart Harborough of Chartham Kent died 3 March 1900 Probate **London** 21 May to Cary Hampton Borrer retired major in H.M. army and the honourable Gathorne Gathorne Hardy Effects £5052 9s. 7d.

Hardy Right Hon. Gathorne, M.P., P.C. 17 Grosvenor cres. SW; Carlton club SW; & Hemsted park, Staplehurst, Kent

The property was on the Rowhill Estate but from its inception, the property always linked to rentals for army officers.

Time now to return to the 1920s and the Younger family at Rokeby.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Rhoda Younger					
Farnham > 1920 Autumn					
2447	NM	—	aYounger, Allen (Major)	Do.	
2448	HO	HO	Younger, Rhoda	Rokeby, Weybourne	Rokeby, Weybourne

In 1920 Marjorie Rhoda Younger née Halliley (1889-1970) was living at Rokeby. Major (later Brigadier) Arthur Allan Shakespear Younger (1881-1960) of the Royal Field Artillery was marked as absent on the voting list. Their baby Allan Elton Younger had been born the previous year in Farnham district so it may well have been at Rokeby.

The baby grew up to become Major-General Tony Younger. The Imperial War Museum has three audio interviews with him in their Oral History series. Wikipedia states:

Major-General **Allan Elton Younger** DSO OBE (**Tony Younger**, 4 May 1919 – 5 July 2010) was a British soldier and author, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Engineers from 1974 to 1979. Younger's family has a long military tradition. His father was Brigadier Arthur Allan Shakespear Younger, and his grandfather was Colonel John Younger, Royal Artillery. He was a maternal first cousin of Dad's army actor, John Le Mesurier Halliley. Younger belonged to a branch of the Younger Brewery family of Edinburgh, founded by his 3x great-grandfather William Younger (1733-1769)

WANTED now, or before October 1st, small Furnished House in Farnborough, 2 to 3 reception, 4 bed, bathrooms. —Full particulars to Major Younger, Rokeby, Weybourne. 7632a

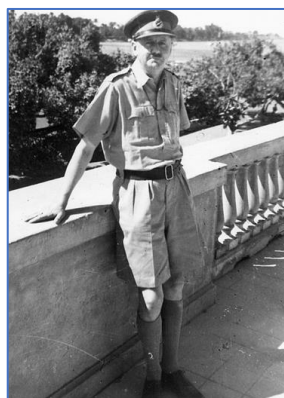
Major Arthur Younger clearly felt an urgent need to move to Farnborough when he posted the Wanted advertisement in June 1920.

We will post his cricket score before Major Younger departs from Weybourne.

1st K.R.R.C. v. 37th BRIGADE, R.F.A.
 Played on the upper ground at the Officers' Club on Thursday, and won by the Rifles by 53 runs. Lieut. Maudit was not out for the K.R.R.'s with 48, and Lieut. Matthews carried his bat for the Gunners with 41. Austin was in fine form with the ball against the Artillery, his eight wickets costing only 38 runs. For the losers Major Younger took three for 27, and Colonel Bartholomew four for 66. Scores:—



So out moved the small Younger family and in moved Major Henry Banard Wylde Hughes CB, DSO, OBE (1887-1953) and his wife Nora Beatrice née Hickson who lived at this property from 1923 to 1928.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962					
Farnham > 1927					
R	O		Hughes, Henry (Major)	Rokeby, Weybourne	
HO	HO		Hughes, Nora Beatrice	Rokeby, Weybourne	



1911 England Census for Henry Bernard Wilde Hughes		
Surrey > Aldershot > ALL > 13		
11	Frederick Cavason Broome Witto	Lieutenant
12	Edward David Carden	— " —
13	George Cecil Campbell	— " —
14	Alward Gordon Glenday	— " —
15	Henry Bernard Wilde Hughes	— " —

Major Hughes had been a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers at Gibraltar Barracks, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot in 1911 when he was 23. He met and married Nora Beatrice Hickson in 1920 in Chertsey, Surrey.

<p>Nora Beatrice Hughes née Hickson (1890-1968)</p>	<p>Henry Banard Wylde Hughes CB, DSO, OBE (1887-1953)</p>
	 <p>From the National Portrait Gallery</p>

Their first son Richard Charles Hughes was born the following year in Jhansi, India from where the family returned in 1922 to the White Cottage, Hale, Farnham where their second son Geoffrey Bernard Hughes was born.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Henry Bernard Hughes

Farnham > 1922 Autumn

R	O	Hughes, Henry Bernard	The White Cottage, Hale
		Wylde	
H O	H O	Hughes, Nora Beatrice	The White Cottage, Hale

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

30th December, 1941.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East (including Egypt, East Africa, The Western Desert, The Sudan, Greece, Crete, Syria and Tobruk) during the period February, 1941, to July, 1941:—

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Major-General John George Walters Clark, M.C. (15708), late Cavalry.

Major-General (temporary) Henry Bernard Wylde Hughes, D.S.O., O.B.E. (3590), late Corps of Royal Engineers.



Hughes, Henry Bernard Wylde

Major-General

* 8th of May 1887

† 22nd of February 1953

Service

1935-XX-XX - 1936-XX-XX	Instructor at Senior Officers' School Sheerness
1936-XX-XX - 1939-XX-XX	Assistant Adjutant-General, War Office
1939-XX-XX - 1940-XX-XX	Chief Engineer Western Command
1940-XX-XX - 1942-XX-XX	Engineer in Chief Middle East Command
1943-XX-XX - 1944-XX-XX	Chief Engineer Supreme Headquarter Allied Expeditionary Force
1944-XX-XX	Chief Engineer 21st Army Group
1944-12-17 - 1945-XX-XX	Engineer in Chief, War Office
1944-12-17 - 1945-XX-XX	Director of Royal Engineers, War Office
1946-XX-XX	Retired

Major-General Hughes and his wife both died in Aldeburgh, Suffolk in 1953 and 1968 respectively.

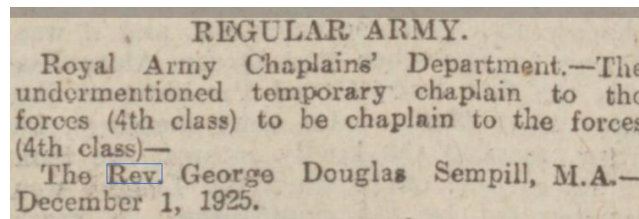
In 1929 there were new residents at Rokeby: Army Chaplain George Douglas Sempill, his wife Katherine Sempill née Batchellor and live-in servant Mary Blanche Kinnear.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for George Douglas Sempill				
<small>Farnham > 1929</small>				
875	R	O	Sempill, George Douglas	Rokeby, Weybourne
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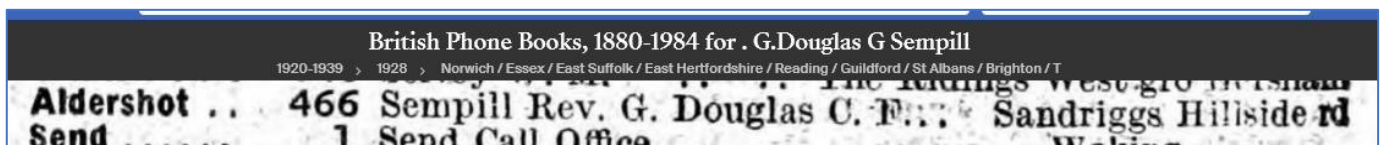
Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Mary Kinnear				
<small>Farnham > 1929</small>				
552	Rw	—	Kinnear, Mary	Rokeby, Weybourne

Mary Kinnear's family lived locally at 1 Yew Cottages, Weybourne Lane with her father being a local painter and decorator. Mary married Geoffrey Dew at St John the Evangelist in May 1929. She and her husband stayed locally, living initially with her parents and then at 2 Briar Cottages, Weybourne Lane, so she may have continued working for the Sempill family.

George Douglas Sempill was born in Stirling, Scotland in 1890 and gained his M.A. at the University of St Andrews. This was followed by his licence to preach by the Presbytery of Stirling in 1920. George had married Katherine Batchellor in 1918 and by 1921, he was serving as a temporary chaplain in Egypt, with rank Captain KOSB (King's Own Scottish Borderers). Their son Jock Douglas Sempill was born in 1925 and in that year, Rev Sempill became a force's chaplain, part of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department.



The Sempills had previously been in Winchester but their return from Egypt was to Hillside Road, Aldershot in 1928 which was less than a mile from Rokeby, Weybourne in 1929.



Their stay in Weybourne was brief before the Sempill family were moved elsewhere by the Army.

We started this history section on a mission to find Hill Side View where Captain Calvert-Jones had been in 1921 and 1922. It was the next property to Littlecott in the 1921 census. Strangely, Rokeby never appears in the 1921 census even though the property has military residents in 1920 and from 1923 onwards. Also, Rokeby has no residents accounted for in 1921 and 1922 voting register. Maybe the mystery is solved and there was some confusion on house name.

Time to move on to two large houses in the Rowhill Estate. We are returning to The Warren on Rowhills but via a new woodland property, one which will appear in a fancy, glossy magazine for drawing room coffee tables.

Curious? Follow me - back towards Heath End.