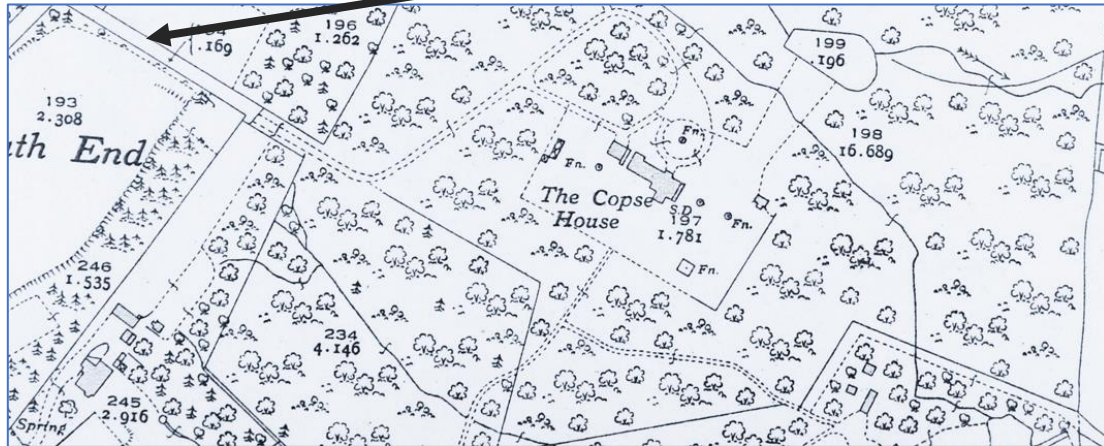
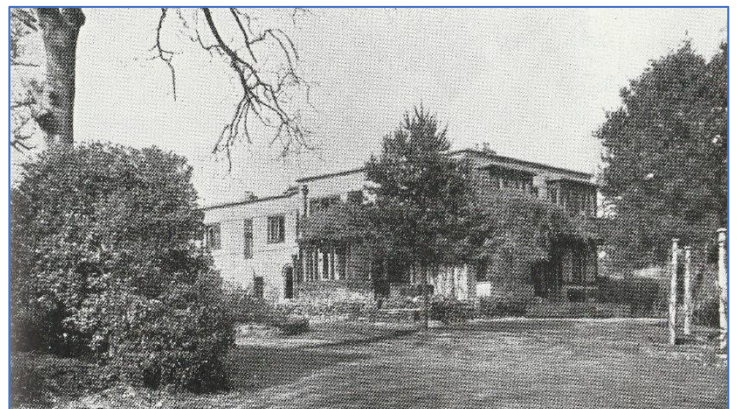


Before we visit The Warren again, perhaps it is time to visit the new property built on land behind The Warren about 1920. This grand house called The Copse House lay in eight acres of land. The carriage drive lay between The Warren and the Army College cricket field, continuing into the estate with a sweeping circular approach in front of the house.



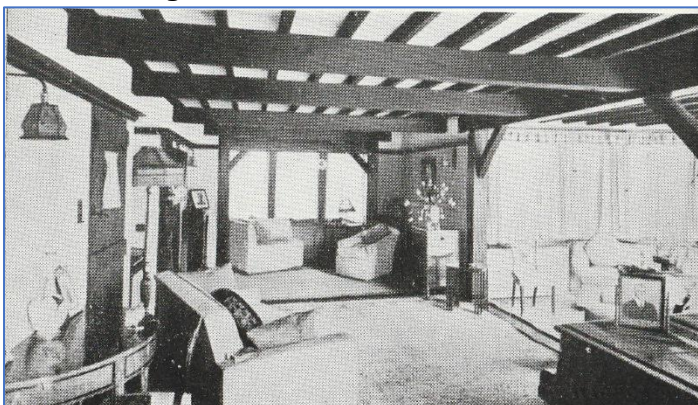
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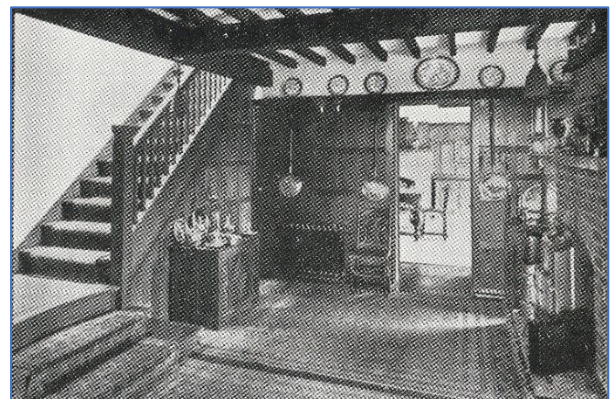
A description of the house commences from the outside.

A hard tennis court, a grass tennis court, a swimming pool, a kitchen garden, glass houses, two detached garages, woodland with a rhododendron drive, and a manicured formal garden, all on a 400-foot contour so had views of the Hog's Back.

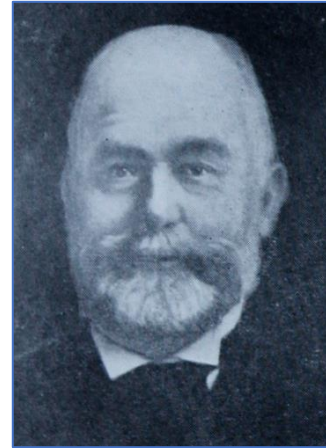
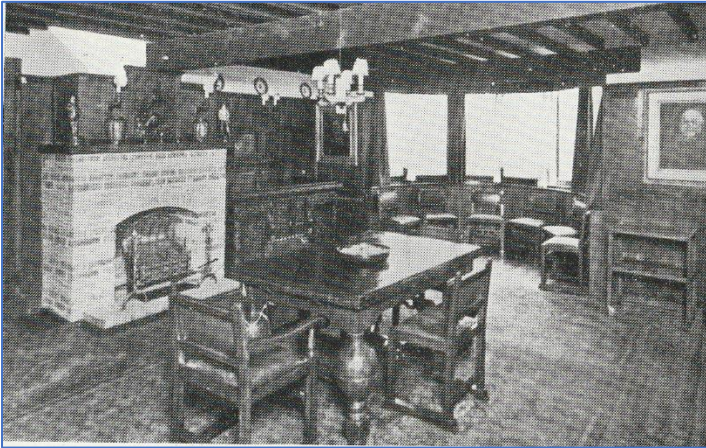
The drawing room



The hall



The dining room - on the right in the dining room hung a portrait of Henry Wells (This is currently in storage in the Aldershot Military Museum.)



Inside, The Copse House has a 32-foot-long drawing room, a large oak-panelled dining room, a study, seven bedrooms (each with a wash basin and dressing room), two well equipped bathrooms. Electricity, water and later gas and central heating were installed. Rooms had large windows to maximise the light. What more could one want?

The house and estate were established by 1921 with an address of Rowhill Estate. So, who lived here?

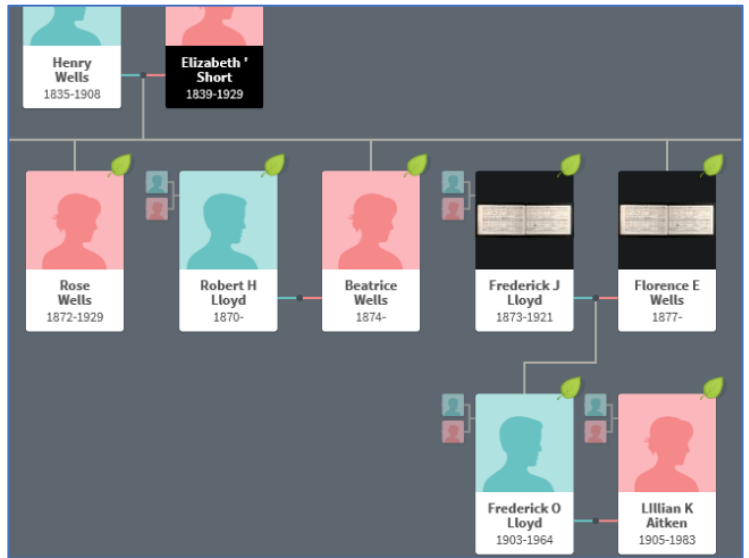
Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Frederick John Lloyd				
Farnham > 1921 Autumn				
1272	HO	HO	Lloyd, Florence Elizabeth	Rowhill Estate
1273	R	O	Lloyd, Frederick John	Rowhill Estate

			years.	months.				
1	Frederick John Lloyd	Head	48	7	M	Married	Hampshire	Farnborough
2	Florence Elizabeth Lloyd	Wife	43	9	F	Married	Hampshire	Aldershot
3	Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd	Son	18	1	M	Single	Hampshire	Aldershot
4	Elizabeth Wells	Mother-in-law	82	5	F	Widow	Bucks.	Livinghoe
5	Rose Wells.	Sister-in-law	49	11	F	Single	Hampshire	Aldershot

Frederick John Lloyd (1873-1921) was from a well-established Aldershot family. In 1898, he had married Beatrice Elizabeth Wells (1877-1966), daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Wells at Holy Trinity church in Aldershot with a lavish reception being held at Henry's house, Llanover in The Grove, Aldershot. Frederick was an architect so may well have designed the house himself.

Lloyd Frederick J. architect, see Friend & Lloyd

Friend & Lloyd, architects & survyrs. 45a, Grosvenor rd



In the marriage certificate, Frederick's father Robert Lloyd was stated to be a gentleman of Campbell House, High Street, Aldershot and Henry Wells was listed as a Contractor.

1898. Marriage solemnized at <i>Holy Trinity Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Aldershot</i> in the County of <i>Southampton</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.
55	<i>September 8th 1898</i>	<i>Frederick John Lloyd</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Architect</i>	<i>Campbell House High Street Aldershot</i>	<i>Robert Lloyd</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>
		<i>Florence Elizabeth Wells</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Sladmore House The Grove Aldershot</i>	<i>Henry Wells</i>	<i>Contractor</i>
Married in the <i>Holy Trinity Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Church</i> after <i>Banns</i> by me, <i>W. Bentham</i>								
This Marriage solemnized between us, <i>Frederick John Lloyd</i> and <i>Florence Elizabeth Wells</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Henry Wells</i> and <i>Ernest James Wells</i>					

Over the years Florence gathered family information and she recorded that

"Campbell House was one of the few houses marked on the Ordnance Survey map of 1854 immediately prior to the establishment of "The Camp". It was then the residence of Dr. Shoolbraid and lay on the north side of the High Street, facing the park lands of the Manor House. It became the home of the Lloyd family when they moved from the Wellington Street house - the original farm house of Richard Lloyd - after the building up of the town centre."

In 1859, John Shoolbraid was listed as a surgeon in the Aldershot Directory and Richard Lloyd as a gardener.

1859 Jan 1	SHOOLBRAID John.....	Campbell house, Aldershot, Hants	M.D. Univ. K. Coll. Aberd. 1855. Mem. R. Coll. Surg. Eng. 1855.
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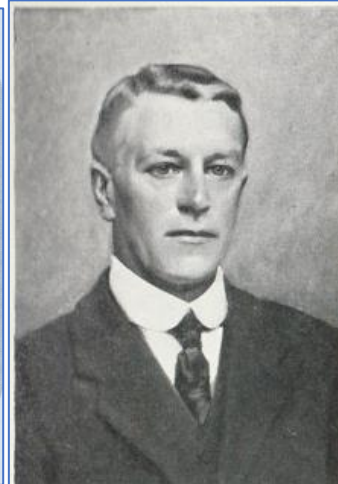
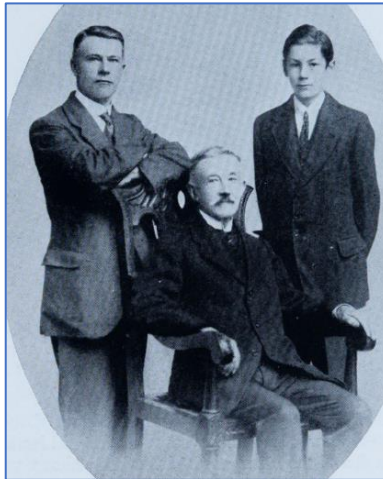


After the 1898 marriage, the Lloyd couple resided at Ivinghoe, Church Lane, Aldershot, near to St Michael's church (the road was later called Church Lane East). Their only child Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd was born there in 1903. Florence's father Henry Wells died in November 1908, leaving his wife Elizabeth Wells, living with her spinster daughter Rose Wells. Henry's estate of some £58,000 included the family home Llanover in The Grove, Aldershot. This had 13 rooms so the family were certainly used to comfort. The estate also included 100 acres of woodland, known then as Wells Copse. It is not surprising that the first family house to be built within eight acres of this woodland was named The Copse House.

3 generations in 1918

Left:

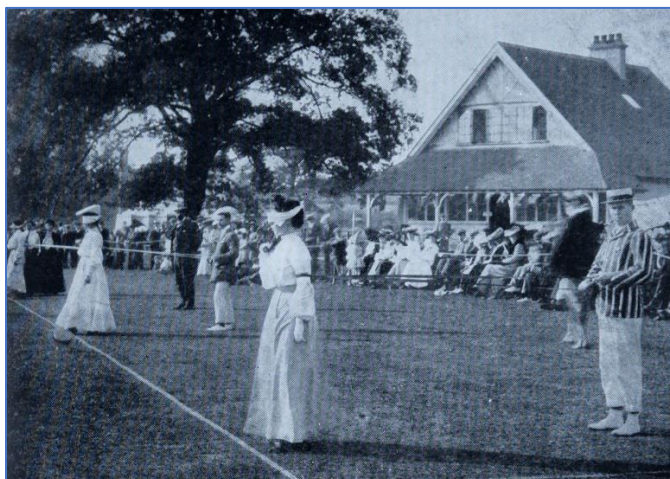
Frederick John Lloyd
(1872-1921),
his father, seated,
Robert Lloyd (1840-
1919)
and his son Frederick
Omar Griffiths Lloyd,
age 15



At the age of 48, Frederick Lloyd died at The Copse House in November 1921.

LLOYD Frederick John of Aldershot **Hampshire** and of The Copse House Weybourne Farnham **Surrey** died 17 November 1921 at The Copse House Probate **London** 6 February to Florence Elizabeth Lloyd widow and Rose Wells spinster. Effects £9068 5s. 2d.

Florence Lloyd was now head of household. Sharing the house with her and able to support her, were her mother Elizabeth Wells and sister Rose Wells. Nearby at Spokane, Manor Road, Aldershot off Eggars Hill was her sister Beatrice who in 1894 had married Robert Henry "Harry" Lloyd. Two Lloyd brothers had married two Wells sisters.



1903

Annual Sports Meeting at the Athletic Club, Boxalls Lane.

Robert Henry "Harry" Lloyd in the blazer on the right. He was a playing member of the cricket and hockey section. Frederick John Lloyd in the white flannels.

Although it is side-tracking a little, it is worth looking in a little more depth at the Lloyd family and some background to the house in Manor Road called Spokane. Robert Henry "Harry" Lloyd had the house built in Manor Road, Aldershot in 1909 and had a telephone installed there.



The Aldershot house was named after Spokane in Washington, USA where he had spent three years from 1889 to 1891. He was there with his mother's brother Peter Hughes who was a property developer. Spokane, Manor Road sat on a generous plot of land, certainly suitable for Christmas hunt meets.

The following articles from Aldershot News provide an illustration of the contrasting events undertaken by the Lloyd and Wells families: 1904 December had £10 donations to local causes published in long subscription lists:

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lloyd, Ivinghoe	10 0
Mrs. Lloyd, Sen., Spokane	10 0

1905 showed:	
That the harriers' meet at "Spokane" was most successful.	
26th.—Ripley and Knaphill Harriers met at "Spokane."	Mr. R. H. Lloyd had invited the Ripley and Knaphill Harriers to meet at his house Spokane, Manor-road, on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. They arrived, but, owing to the frost and fall of snow, the hunt had to be abandoned.

1906 had eight-year-old Nora Phyllis Lloyd raising money for charitable causes:

Little Phyllis Lloyd has good reason to be very pleased with the result of a small sale of work which she held last Friday at her parent's house, Spokane Aldershot. Many friends attended, and there was a considerable demand for the goods, and as the result she has £4 for the Children's League of Pity, £3 for the Hungry Hill Sunday Schools, £1 for her brother's Young Helpers' League box, and £1 for her mother's box for the Aldershot Hospital. The children and their friends present all enjoyed the effort, and so many good purposes were pleasantly served.

1909 had an Aldershot police constable on the beat checking Manor Road out-houses, in the middle of the night. Those were the days of a police constable with a whistle.

ASLEEP IN OUTHOUSE.
Frank Lynch, an elderly man, was charged with lodging in a shed without visible means etc., in Manor-road, Aldershot, on the 1st October.
Police-constable Bungay said he found prisoner asleep in an outhouse at Spokane House at 2.30 a.m. He had 2d. on him.
Lynch, it appears, only came out of prison the day before he was arrested.
He was discharged on promising to leave the town.

In 1909, Harry and Beatrice Lloyd took their children Harry Edward and Nora Phyllis to Spokane for a two-year visit. They travelled from Liverpool to Quebec, Canada on the steamship S.S. Empress of Ireland and they named F. J. Lloyd of Aldershot, England as their nearest relative. The ship's manifest had the occupation of Harry as 'none' yet when the family did a border crossing from Canada to the USA, Harry gave the intended occupation as mining, with an intended destination as Spokane.

Lloyd	Robert Jy.	39	✓	M	None
" do	wife Beatrice	35	✓	F	wife
" do	son Harry Edward	14	✓	M	child
" do	daughter Nora Phyllis	11	✓	F	child

The relative they were going to visit was given as Uncle, Peter Hughes (1846-1914). Peter had been in Canada from before 1870 as a carpenter then builder/pioneering contractor.

The 1910 American census showed Harry Lloyd and family at Spokane with Harry being shown as a capitalist. The couple had been married 17 years and of the four children born, two were living.

Lloyd, Robert H ^o	Head	M	W	39	M		
Beatrice	Wife	F	W	35	M	17	4 2
H. Edward	Son	M	W	15	S		
N. Phyllis	Daughter	F	W	11	S		

The Lloyd family returned to Aldershot in 1911. Beatrice's father Henry Wells had died in 1908 so her mother Elizabeth and sister Rose Wells moved to Spokane in Manor Road and were listed on the 1911 census. (Elizabeth Wells was called Mrs Henry Wells on the census.) Beatrice was absent on this listing as she was staying with her sister Lily Willcox at Fowgay Hall, Solihull.



Harry and Beatrice's son Harry Edward Lloyd crossed the Atlantic again in 1913 from Liverpool to Portland, Maine, calling himself a labourer. His destination was Abbotsford, British Columbia for ranch farming. In 1914 he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and tragically died on the 15th April 1915 in the trenches in front of the Gravenstafel Ridge, near Ypres. He had been badly wounded by shrapnel.

Harry Lloyd's name is on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres and is inscribed on the Aldershot Parish Church Memorial.

Every family up and down the country could relate to this tragedy at that time. Harry's father Harry Lloyd senior, had also served in the First World War. He had been with the 6th Royal Sussex regiment, and served in India attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

Back in Heath End, it is not known exactly when The Copse House of Rowhills was built but certainly by 1921, 82-year-old Elizabeth Wells, mother-in-law and 50-year-old sister-in-law Rose Wells were there, having moved out from Spokane. Both establishments were large and comfortable. The 1921 census stated that The Copse House had 6 rooms which seemed far from reality; Spokane had 12 rooms. People in this position had telephones installed as a matter of course.

British Phone Books, 1880-1984 for F O G The Lloyd			
1920-1939 > 1928 > Norwich / Essex / East Suffolk / East Hertfordshire / Reading / Guildford / St Albans / Brighton / T			
Aldershot ..	117	Lloyd F. O. G. ..	The Copse ho Heath EndFruhm
Aldershot ..	21	Lloyd R. H.	Spokane Manor rd

In 1923 and 1924, Florence's brother-in-law Harry Lloyd (1870-1954) was using her address during his travels west. Harry set sail from Bristol in February 1924 heading for Kingston, Jamaica. Harry also gave The Copse House as his address when he returned in 1924 from Havana, Cuba to Liverpool on the steamship Oropesa, which had started the voyage from the west coast of South America. Why not use his address of Spokane, Aldershot?

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Florence Elizabeth Lloyd				
Farnham > 1923 Autumn				
1252	O	O	Lloyd, Florence Elizabeth	Rowhill Estate
1254	R	—	Lloyd, Harry	Rowhills

UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960 for Robert Henry Lloyd						
Bristol > 1924 > Feb						
<i>Lloyd</i>			<i>The Copse House,</i>			
<i>Robert Henry</i>			<i>Weybourne, Surrey.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>None</i>
						53
Havana	do	131	LLOYD, Mr Robert Henry.	The Copse House. Weybourne Surrey.	2nd	None
		130				53

Harry gave the address as Weybourne and this is not so surprising since the estate of The Copse House lay equally between Weybourne and Heath End.

From 1925 to 1928 the electoral list showed Beatrice's son Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd (1903-1964) now voting, as was his first cousin Thomas William Lloyd, junior (1900-1989). Son Frederick stayed on the Farnham voting list even though he was living away at Cambridge for his studies. He entered the law profession and eventually became a solicitor.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Florence Elizabeth Lloyd				
Farnham > 1926 Autumn				
487	O	O	Lloyd, Florence Elizabeth	Cops House, Rowhill Estate
488	R	O	Lloyd, Frederick Ome Griffith	The Copse House, Rowhills
489	R	—	Lloyd, Thomas William	The Copse House, Rowhills

Rose Wells was also on the electoral list.

O	O	Wells, Rose	The Copse House, Rowhills Weybourne Lane
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The Wells sisters remained close and a group photograph of mother and four daughters reflected this.



Left to right: Rose; Florence Elizabeth, married to Frederick John Lloyd in 1898; mother Elizabeth Wells; Beatrice, married to Robert Henry Wells in 1894 and Lily, married to Harry Percy Willcox of Fowgay Hall, Solihull in 1890.

By 1929, cousin Thomas Lloyd, now a qualified accountant, was back living with his parents at Spokane, Manor Road in Aldershot. So, The Copse House would have been a little quieter. Later that year on 5th December, elderly Elizabeth Wells died at The Copse House. She was 90. Elizabeth was buried at Redan Road, Cemetery in Aldershot in her husband's grave. Henry and Elizabeth Wells were together again.



Just days after the funeral of their mother, Beatrice's sister Rose died on 11th December 1929, also at The Copse House.

WELLS Rose of The Copse House Heath End near Farnham Surrey spinster died 11 December 1929 Probate London 26 February to Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd solicitor. Effects £10907 14s. 11d.

We will now leave the Lloyd and Wells families and return by the carriage drive back to Rowhills. Here awaits The Warren, the 1887 house that we have visited many times before.