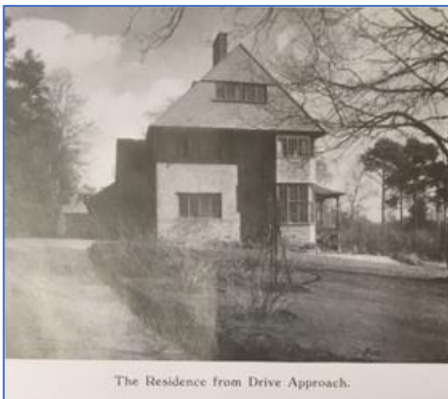


**The Red House, Weybourne Lane, Heath End**

We continue following the 1921 census enumerator to visit the next property. Following on from The Warren takes us to a dwelling not previously visited. This is The Red House, Weybourne Lane (now 84 Upper Weybourne Lane).

The Red House in 1934



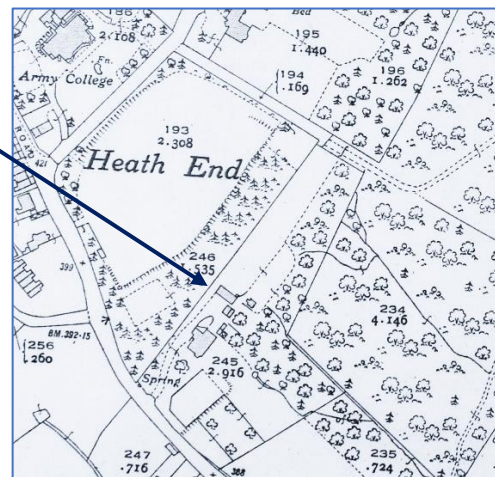
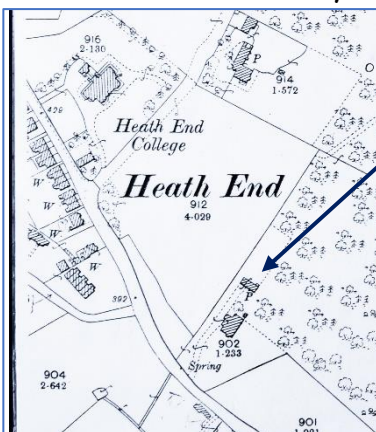
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Modernised and developed



1897 Stables away from the house



This house was built in 1887, sold in 1900 and then sold again in 1901. The latter transaction linked to a private banking business. The house was clearly an investment to rent out.

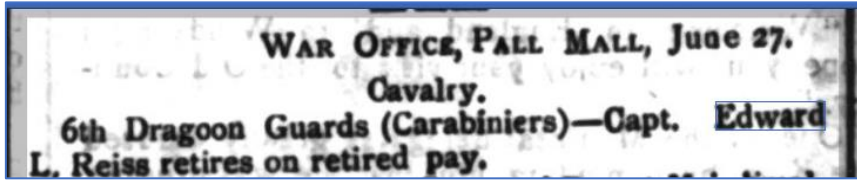
So where is the Red House? The Army cricket pitch was on Warren Road (now Heath End Recreation Ground, Rowhills) between the Victorian property The Warren and The Army College. The private cricket pitch had a spinney on three sides but was open on the side facing the College. One side became widened in 1920s to form the carriage way to The Copse House, discussed in Chapter 5 Part 5. The Red House with its stables in the rear garden, had 5 acres of land beyond the spinney and was the next property on the left, going down the hill from the Army College towards Weybourne.

An early resident in the Red House was Edward Leopold Reiss and his wife Ethel. They were there for just two years, 1899 and 1900. In the Electoral Register, Edward's surname was misspelt. He was listed as an Occupational voter not an Ownership elector. In 1902 Edward was a Captain in the 6<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards but by 1905 was retired.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Edward Leopold Reass

Guildford > 1900

G 517	Reass, Edward Leopold	The Red house, Heath end	Dwelling house	The Red house
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When the couple were listed in the 1939 register, Edward L Reiss was a retired Major.

Reiss Edward L	-	M 20 Jan 19	M	Major in army - retired
Reiss Ethel	-	F. 13 Jan 78	M	Private Means

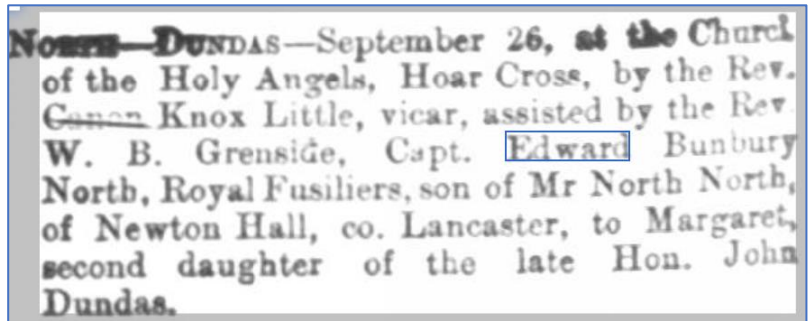
Residents in The Red House from 1911-1912 were Major Edward Bunbury North (1869-1944) of the Royal Fusiliers and his wife Margaret North née Dundas (1875-1954), daughter of the Hon. John Dundas.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Edward North

Guildford > 1911

H 554	Norris, Robert	Upper Hale	Dwelling house	Upper Hale
H 565	North, Edward, Major	Red-house, Heath end	Dwelling house	Red house

Edward was born in Thurland Castle, Lancashire son of North Burton North.



Their marriage in 1900 was followed by the births of Marjorie in 1902 in Bawtry Hall, Doncaster, Sylvia Myra in 1904 in Hounslow and Myles Edward Wentworth North in 1908 in Japan. The 1911 census shows Major and Mrs North having five live-in servants at The Red House but where were their three young children? Myles was too young to be at boarding school.

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

14.

Name of Head of Family or Separate Occupier. } Major E North

Postal Address } The Red House,  
Weybourne Lane,  
Farnham

Edward Bunbury North.	Head.	42	
Margaret North	Wife		36
Edith Monica North	Visitor	-	21
Mary Horsley.	Servant		37
Emily Jaggott.	Servant.		25
Edith Margaret Samuels	Servant.		22
Miss Grand Veitch	Servant		25
Sidney Herbert Tubb.	Servant.	24	-

Let us look firstly at the servants, Mary Horsley - the Ladie's Maid from Malton, Yorkshire, Emily Raggett - the cook from Bentley, Edith Margaret Samuels - the parlourmaid from Fulham, Alice Maud Leach - the housemaid from Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire and Sidney Herbert Tubb - the Coachman from The Bourne, Farnham.

Worry not about the three North children. They were staying at The Hall, Bawtry with their aunt Evelyn Mary Peake, wife of Major George Herbert Peake (Sherwood Rangers). Twenty-six people were living in the 42-roomed dwelling on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911; one adult owner Mrs Peake, six children and 19 servants. One has visions of sliding down bannisters and playing hide and seek. There were three laundry maids to deal with the washing. Two footmen and a pantry boy made up the male servants. Even by 1939, the Peakes still had 12 servants at Sutton Hall, Yorkshire.



MALES.	FEMALES.	PERSONS.
3	3	6
2	18	20
5	21	26

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

~~42~~ 42

Now back to The Red House in Weybourne Lane, Heath End with apparently a new resident, Lady St. John. Janette Ormond had married Oliver Beauchamp Coventry St. John in 1869. Her husband Colonel Sir St John (1837-1891) had a distinguished military career and was a Knight Commander of the Star of India KCSI and Commander of the British Empire. He had died from pneumonia in Quetta, Bengal, India in 1891. Lady Janette St. John (1843-1921) had three children but by 1919, they were grown up.

<p>In 1919, in the Aldershot News, Lady St. John advertised a first floor flat of the Red House to let:</p>	<p>Then Southwark and Bermondsey Recorder had another of her advertisements.</p>
<p><b>TO Let, at the Red House, Heath End, a first floor Furnished Flat, in private house and garden, containing large dining and drawing-rooms, two double-bedded, one single bedrooms, kitchen, larder, bathroom, and lavatory; incandescent lighting; private electric bells; vacant February 24th; plate, linen, and brushes not provided.—Enquiries Lady St. John, Red House, Heath End.</b></p>	<p><b>WANTED, Good Cook General, £30; understanding all duties, or Young Girl, willing to learn, or Married Couple; useful gardener and wife cook; no children; one lady.—Lady St. John, Red House, Heath End, Farnham. 654.13.6</b></p>

Widowed Janette had actually been living in The Red House in 1901 with a live-in cook, parlour maid and house maid. So, was she the owner who had bought the property as an investment?

Red House	Janette St John	Head	Wid	57	Living on own means
	Oliver Helen de	Daughter	S.	30	Living on own means
	Muriel de	Daughter	S.	27	Living on own means
	Emily Steers	Serv.	Wid	44	Cook - domestic
	Ellen M. Edwards	Serv.	S.	27	Parlour maid - domestic
	Mat. S. Pierce	Serv.	S.	27	House-maid - domestic

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962  
 Farnham > 1919 Autumn  
 1429 St. John, Lady Jeanette Red House, Heath End O O

Around 1919, Janette moved away from the area and died in Kent in 1921.

**ST. JOHN** dame Janette of the Red House Heathend Farnham Surrey widow died 16 June 1921 at the Boundary House Orpington Kent Probate London 7 September to Muriel

After the death of Dame St John, further advertisements went out in the Aldershot News, again for the furnished flat, from Mr Tetley and Mrs L. Bosanquet.

**A**LDERSHOT.—Furnished Flat for month of August; use of large garden and produce; 2 sitting-rooms, 4 bedrooms, etc.; telephone. — Apply Tetley, Red House, Heath End. 7476a

**W**ANTED at once single-handed Cook for flat; two maids kept; good references required.—Apply Mrs. L. Bosanquet, The Red House, Heath End. 6949a

Mr Tetley had already placed more advertisements in the Aldershot News.

November 1919

**F**OR Sale, Baby Peugeot Car, 1916, latest model; 4 cylinders; 3 speeds and reverse; acetylene; Stepney; speedometer; tools, jack, etc; especially fitted steering wheel and hinged bonnet; mileage 5,300; £200; trial run by appointment.—Tetley, Red House, Heath End, Farnham. Telephone: 360 Aldershot. 4257a

June 1920

**L**ARGE pram mail cart; good condition; ball bearing wheels; newly painted navy.—Tetley, Red House, Heath End, Farnham. 7348a

It is possible that Mr Tetley was Eric William Tetley (married to Rotha Troutbeck MacIver), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1916 South Lancashire Regiment and a motor agent by 1929. In 1915 he was 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kings Royal Rifles, receiving a Bar to the Military Cross in 1918.

A fresh start took place in 1921. The new residents in The Red House were Captain Robert Bruce Stephen Reford, his family and live-in servants.

1	Robert Bruce Stephen Reford	Head	26	2	M	Married	London
2	Emily Margaret Reford	Wife	21	7	F	Married	London
3	Robert William Reford	Son	0	1/2	M	Single	London
4	Berta Smalley	Visitor	35	0	F	Single	Flintshire
5	Elizabeth Gasbill Price	Servant	43	2	F	Single	Cheshire
6	Borothy Caroline Rose	Servant	17	3	F	Single	Hampshire
7	Katherine Elizabeth Annie Rowland	Servant	20	3	F	Single	Wiltshire

To be filled up by the Enumerator.				Enumerator's Initials.
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.	
2	5	7	10	W.M.
Registration District.		Registration Sub-District.		Enumeratio District.
34		3		9
Name of person responsible for making the return. <u>Capt. Reford</u>				
Postal Address <u>The Red House</u>				



Captain Robert Bruce Stephen Reford, who used the name Bruce, was a Lieutenant in the Irish Guards in 1921. He was born in Canada in 1895 and married Evelyn MacInnes in Montreal in 1920.

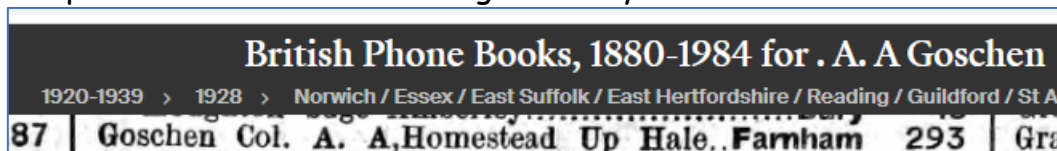
Their stay in The Red House was brief and like previous residents, will have linked to military service in Aldershot.

It is no surprise that The Red House had three live-in servants, coming from Cheshire, Wiltshire and more locally Crondall in Hampshire.

By 1923, the telephone listing for the Red House showed Lieutenant-Colonel A A Goschen (1880-1975) with a telephone number of Aldershot 379. This time, the resident was the owner Arthur Alec Goschen (nickname Jumbo). He and his wife Marjorie Mary Goschen née Blacker (1884-1976) lived in the house from 1923 to 1925. but rented the property out when they did not require to live in it themselves.



Arthur also appeared to have another property Homestead in Upper Hale, Farnham around 1928. They also purchased three flint cottages in Weybourne Lane.



Arthur had served in the Second Boer War in South Africa. By February 1901, Arthur was listed in the Royal Horse and Field Artillery and by December 1901 he was listed as Lieutenant.



National Portrait Gallery, 1935



Arthur married Marjorie Mary Blacker in Ireland in 1908 and they went on to have 5 children. By 1911, Arthur was Captain Goschen serving in Egypt.

We will meet this Goschen family again when Arthur Goschen became a Brigadier, in Command of the Royal Artillery at Aldershot and was Aide-de-Camp to the King George V from 1932-1934. Arthur Alec Goschen went on to be a Major General.

## The Army College

Time now to cross the cricket ground and Warren Road to the Army College, College Road (now Upper Weybourne Lane). We last heard from Emily Gunner when she was assistant Matron recording in her diaries the years of the 1910s. **Emily takes up her story in 1920s:**

In my role as matron, I meet a wide variety of people. The gentlemen Army candidates, aged 16-18 mostly, think nothing of crossing the Atlantic first-class. Some come from families of extraordinary wealth but contrast this with our garden boy at the College who is paid sixteen shillings a week. However, if he requires board, that is charged to him at ten shillings a week.

**G**ARDEN BOY Wanted, immediately; strong, and good worker; wages 16s. per week; comfortable board lodging can be obtained for 10s. weekly.—Apply, stating age and experience, to Secretary, **Army College**, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey.

17-year-old Albert Millard replied to this advertisement. The Millard family live in one of the beautiful flint cottages on Weybourne Lane at 3 Eversleigh Cottages although the family changed the name to Rice's Cottage. Albert's father James and his brother William Millard are both dairy farm labourers at Ravenswood Farm, Hale, the large dairy farm owned by Mr Maurice Rice of Ravenswood (who also owns the nearby laundry).

4	Albert Millard	Son	17	4	M	Single	Beauworth British Hampshire Boys
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Gardener	Mr Welch Heath End College	7/60
013/6	Gardener	private

I used to keep in my diary, cuttings of newspaper advertisements for staff required, just to keep a check on wages. In 1918, the wages for a pantrymaid and under-parlourmaid started at £20 a year.

**H**OUSEMAID (THIRD) wanted, age about 16. Good wages. Usual outings and good holidays. The arrangements are those of a private household, the numbers averaging 16.—Apply Housekeeper, **Army College**, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey.

**P**ANTRYMAID Wanted, under parlourmaid; age about 18; good wages; seven servants and boy kept; usual outings and good holidays; the arrangements are those of a private house, the numbers averaging 16.—Apply, Housekeeper, **Army College**, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey. 4799

**P**ANTRYMAID Wanted; age about 18; wages £20 to commence; usual outings and good holidays; seven servants and boy kept; average number in college 16.—Apply, **Housekeeper**, Army College, **Heath End**, Farnham, Surrey. 3774

By August 1928, the West Sussex Gazette had:

**H**OUSEMAID (SECOND of three) wanted at once. Age not under 20. Wages £30, and good outings.—Apply Matron, **Army College**, Heath End, Farnham.

Here is a very old advertisement from the Morning Leader, from 1894:

**L**ADY Partner (£50) offered share in business to extend; office duties; £1 weekly; residence with advertiser & sister optional. Principal, 1, College-villas, Heath-end, Farnham, Surrey.

Moving on - the enumerator for the 1921 census needed many rows on the form for the Army College because there were so many of us.

3. The Schedule will be called for on Monday, April 25th, by the appointed enumerator; in order that he may not be delayed it must be ready with the answers written in the proper columns early on the morning of that day. If the answers are incomplete or inaccurate, the enumerator must ask any questions necessary to enable him to correct the Schedule.

Name of person responsible for making the return	R. Courtenay Welch Esq.
Name, Description, and Postal Address of Institution	Army College Heath End FARNHAM

To be filled up by the Enumerator.			
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.
20	4	24	44

No.	Name	Description	Age		Sex	Married	Place of Birth
			years	months			
1	Reginald Courtenay Welch	Principal	69	8	M	Married	London Paddington
2	William Peile Steen	Tutor	60	4	M	Married	Coleraine Belfast

The College Principal Mr Reginald Welch is nearly 70 now and the instructor Mr William Peile Steen is 60. Mrs Steen and their three children live in Cambridgeshire. I am now Matron, 43 years old. I managed to get a job for my older sister Annie Gunner as a parlourmaid; Annie has always worked in-service. Forty-four rooms here - such a lot of cleaning required.

21	Emily Gunner	Parlourmaid	43	7	F	Single	Hants Havre
22	Annie Gunner	do	48	5	F	Single	Hants Havre

There are too many young gentlemen to write about in detail but some from far afield were Denys Herbert Vincent Buckle from Cape Town, Hubert Nuttall Burr from Buenos Aires, Harold St George Gilmore from Dacca, India and Geoffrey Ellis Goodbody from Limerick. Geoffrey was 18 when he was studying here and after he passed his examinations, he joined the Royal Tank Corps. His Regiment had only been in India a few days, when poor Geoffrey accidentally drowned at Quetta whilst bathing. How my heart ached when I read this.

Some of our gentlemen candidates may well go on to become great Major Generals and Colonels but even though the newspapers say there will be no more World Wars, I know the possibility that some might die in action.

The Principal, Mr Reginald Welch still mourns for his son Walter George Frederick Welch, fallen in the Great War at Ypres on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1914. In 1915, he put out a plea for the return of his deceased son's sword which was missing.

MR. R. COURTENAY WELCH, of the Army College, Heath End, Farnham, writes to say that he would be glad to hear from anyone into whose possession may have come his late son's (artillery) sword, which was supplied by the Wilkinson Sword Company and was numbered 42,606. Another sword, returned to him in mistake,

I kept a copy of Mr Welch's 1917 letter about remembering the first battle of Ypres.

*"It is generally felt that on the 31<sup>st</sup> October in each year - the anniversary of the climax of the first great battle of Ypres - some step should be taken to do honour to the officers and men of the first seven divisions who, at the opening of the war, alone stood between us and defeat...The fact that upwards of a thousand of these officers had - at one time or another - read at the Army College, may perhaps be held to justify me in making the suggestion."*

**THE FIRST BATTLE OF YPRES.**  
**Lest we Forget.**  
 TO THE EDITOR OF THE BELFAST NEWS-LETTER.  
 SIR—It is generally felt that on the 31st October in each year—the anniversary of the climax of the first great battle of Ypres—some step should be taken to do honour to the memory of the officers and men of the first seven divisions who, at the opening of the war, alone stood between us and defeat. I think that a graceful tribute would be paid to the memory of these brave officers and men if the "In Memoriam" notice below were to appear in your issue of Wednesday. The fact that upwards of a thousand of these officers had—at one time or another—read at the Army College, may perhaps be held to justify me in making the suggestion.—Yours, &c.  
 R. COURTENAY WALSH, Principal.  
 Army College, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey,  
 29th October, 1917.

It is interesting that so many of our gentlemen scholars ended up in the magistrate's court at some point, fined for speeding in their automobiles. Once in 1928, Master Paul Rycant de Shoreditch Churchward, known as Robert, got himself into real bother by lying to a police constable. Robert said that a revolver in the car was his when actually it belonged to his friend Lieutenant Randall Charles Skeffington-Smyth of the Coldstream Guards. Robert had been summoned for having a firearm and ammunition without a licence.

**Cars Without Licences.—Robert de Shorditch Churchward, of the Army College, Heath End, Farnham, was fined 10s. for failing to produce a driving licence at Pangbourne on September 30th.—William E. Fulier, of 33, Eastern**

**Men Who Spent Night in Barn.**  
 The adventures of two men who, having trouble with their car, abandoned it and spent the night in a barn, were described when Robert de S. Churchward, of the Army College, Heath End, was summoned at Reading for being in possession of a firearm and ammunition without a certificate.

**Army Officer Mistaken for Burglar.**  
 An ARMY officer, 2nd Lieut. Skeffington Smyth, stationed at Derby, and a college friend, Robert Churchward, of the ARMY College, Heath End, Surrey, figured in a remarkable case before the Reading County Magistrates on Saturday. Churchward was summoned for having firearms and ammunition without a license. A police-constable said he found the revolver in an unoccupied car the previous morning. Defendant and a companion approached from a farm and when they saw him they hid. Witness mistook them for burglars and took them into custody.  
 At the police station they explained matters, Churchward saying the revolver was his. The car had broken down so they had spent the night in a barn covered with straw. Churchward now said the revolver was not his, and Smyth admitted that it was his.—Churchward was fined 5s.

P.C. Hatch said he found the motor car in the early morning in Church Lane, Basildon, and on searching it discovered a revolver with four rounds in the magazine in the inside pocket by the door.  
 Just afterwards he saw Churchward and a companion coming from the direction of a farm at the end of the road. When they saw witness they ran away and hid behind the farm. Witness thought they were burglars, but they explained that they had trouble with their lights and had spent the night in a barn.



We had the telephone installed some while ago. We had to use a mouthpiece and a receiver initially before the design changed. I used to pick up the receiver, ask the operator to connect me to a particular number, wait for the operator to plug it in, then wait for the ring to bring someone to the other phone.



By 1926, we were listed in the book as Army College Ltd and the telephone number was Aldershot 115, with Mr Welch being Aldershot 116 and Mr Frederick J Lloyd in The Copse House being Aldershot 117.

**Aldershot... 115 Army College Ltd. ... .. Heath end Farnhm**

**Aldershot .. 116 WELCH R. Courtenay (Army Collge) Heath end**

**Aldershot .. 117 Lloyd F. J. ... .. The Copse ho Wey-  
bourne Farnhm**

We used to have a directory in 1910 and then after I started writing numbers in a book, somehow the numbers seemed to be in my head. The Heath End Call Office was Heath End 1.

**British Phone Books, 1880-1984 for End Heath**  
 1920-1939 > 1924 > Norwich / Essex / East Suffolk / Reading / Guildford / St Albans / Brighton / Tunsbridge Wells / Can  
**Heath End .. 1 Heath End Call Office .. .. Aldershot**  
**Aldershot .. 170 Heath End Nurseries Ltd., Nursery-  
men & Florists**

Mandora Barracks Officers Mess was Aldershot 278. My dentist Mr Marshallsea, who had bought Mr Henry Wells house, Llanover House in The Grove Aldershot about 1915, his number was Aldershot 163. Captain Sydney Kennedy at Woodlands had the number Aldershot 399.

**British Phone Books, 1880-1984**  
 > 1924 > Norwich / Essex / East Suffolk / Reading / Guildford / St Albans / Brighton / Tunsbridge Wells / Can  
**Aldershot .. 399 Kennedy Capt. Sydney .. .. Woodlands Heath end**

Our Principal Mr Welch had previously run Army tutoring from Cranmore House on Cranmore Lane and by 1924, Captain W Guy Horne had the telephone installed.

**British Phone Books, 1880-1984**  
 1920-1939 > 1924 > Norwich / Essex / East Suffolk / Reading / Guildford / St Albans / Brighton / Tunsbridge Wells / Can  
**Aldershot .. 124 Horne Capt. W. Guy .. .. Cranmore ho**

In 1928, we had an unfortunate incident between Mr and Mrs Welch. Mrs Welch still had her name registered for voting at the Army College even though she was living elsewhere and the couple had a legal separation.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962					
Farnham > 1927					
809	HO	HO	Welch, Adelina	The College, Heath End	
810	R	O	Welch, Reginald Courtenay	The College, Heath End	

The altercation between Mr and Mrs Welch appeared in the West Sussex Gazette in July 1928.

Mr Reginald Courtenay Welch, Army tutor, Principal of the Army College, Heath End, and his wife Mrs Adelaide Charlotte Welch, who lives in Aldershot, were parties in cross-summonses for assault, heard at Farnham Petty Sessions on Thursday. Mrs Welch stated that after telegraphing to her husband her intention to visit him, she motored from Aldershot to Heath End, and he met her at the gates of the college with his arms outstretched and refused her entrance. When she got out of the taxicab, he put his hands on her shoulder and said "I won't have you in my place".

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Well, it's a terrible to-do that seems to go on and on. No wonder Mr Welch looks so ragged nowadays. I do try to stop the tittle-tattle in the staff kitchen but maybe enjoying some gossip is part of some people's lives here.

It is over twenty years since I came to this Army College. How the college and the world has changed around me. In all that time, I have never told you about College Road in Heath End and who lives there now. There is a lot to remember so I had better get pen to paper.