

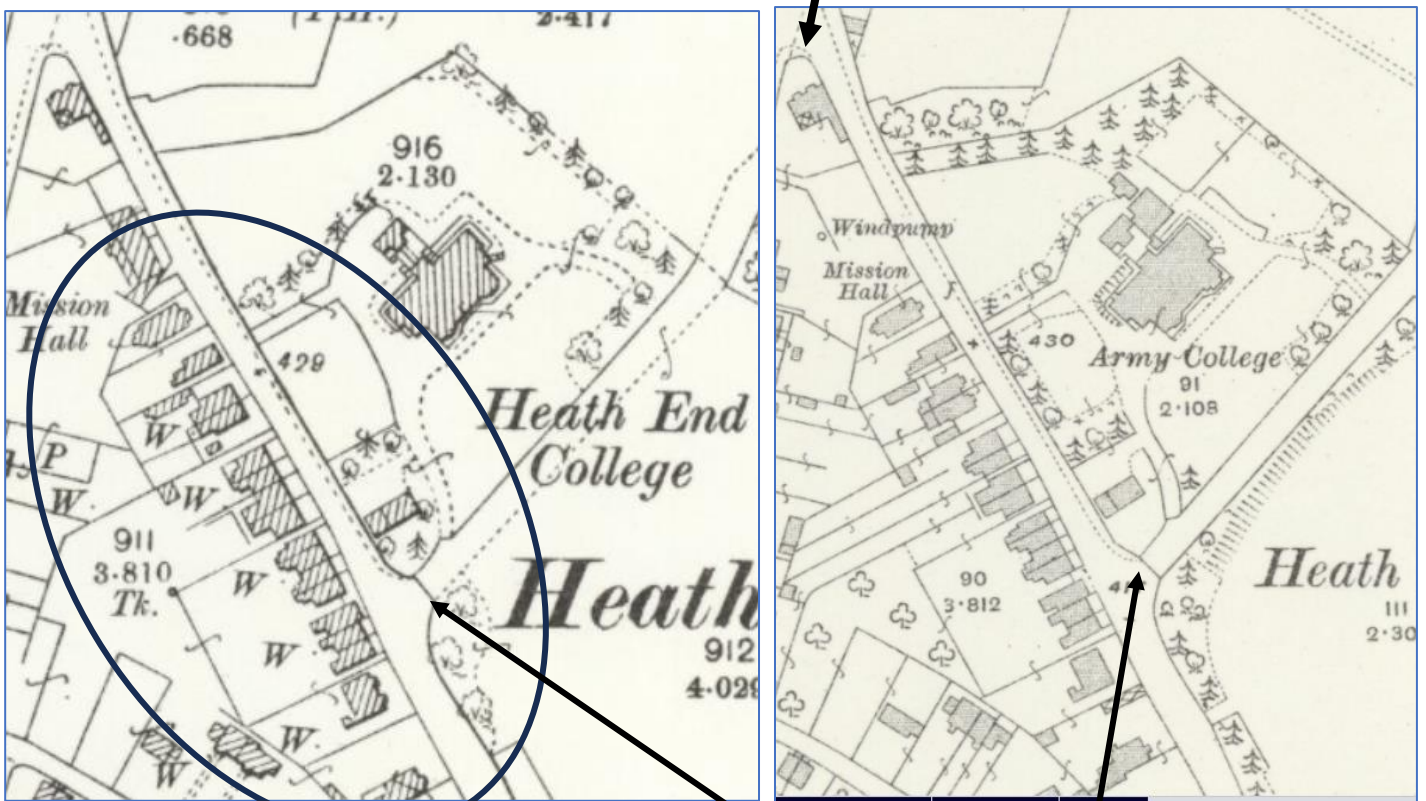
College Road, Heath End

Emily Gunner, matron at The Army College continues looking through her 1920s diaries:

A number of families had lived in College Road for a long time. Family names like Cole, Chandler, Winslade, Newman, and Stephenson come to mind. Mrs Eliza Cross had lived in the road from at least 1881. When her husband died, Eliza became a charwoman, to make ends meet so she knew many of the local families and she shared her memories with me.

Steam rollers would go up and down the road, crushing the chippings into the road surface, leaving a gravelly surface from the consolidated stones which was good for the horses' hooves. However, horses left their droppings and urine and when it rained, mud formed. This became a problem for motor vehicles. In dry weather, motor vehicles created clouds of dust from the unsealed surface and in wet weather, scattered mud. Later, there was some sort of sealant on the road to suppress the dust, mud and loose stones. In 1903, we had the Motor Car Act to limit speeds to 20 mph to stop reckless driving.

College Road runs from Heath End to Weybourne crossroads with the Army College part way down on the left. Up until the 1900s, it was called Weybourne Lane but by 1910, part of the lane was renamed as College Road. This section ran from Wellington Lane junction up to the Mission Hall. The houses at the top were part of the London Road, that was previously called Heath End Hill.



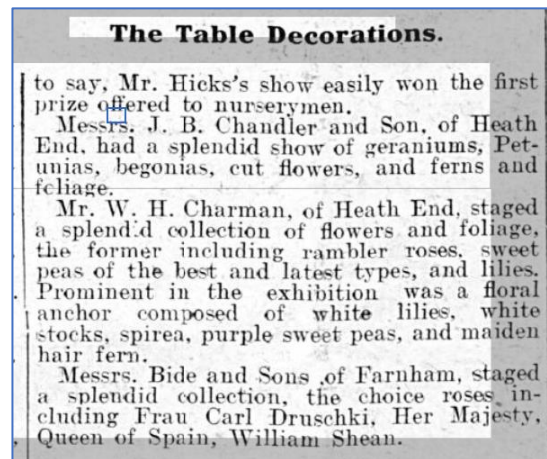
Gated into Rowhills and well fenced all around



Looking up College Road from the Army College, the protruding house opposite to Rowhills used to be called Prospect House. Its other name was Prospect Cottage. But let me start lower down the road at Wellington Lane and walk up the road. The first house on the left is called The Laurels. Mr John Boswell Chandler the nurseryman and florist, has lived there for many years.

Mr Chandler says he started living in that house with his wife Agnes and son John Norman when he was a gardener. He actually owns the house and land, freehold. John remembers starting working in horticulture at the age of nine and in 1905, when he was 40, he and his son set up Heatherfield Nursery. It is a thriving business and long may it continue.

Just like Mr Charman at Heath End Nursery and the Bide family with their roses, the Chandlers enter local competitions with their floral displays too.



The wedding I was invited to in 1918 was at St John the Evangelist in Hale when son John Norman Chandler married Ethel Toye. There were beautiful floral decorations in the church from the family business. A happy event.

On the corner of Rowhills and College Road, there is College House, a type of lodge at the entrance of the drive to the Army College. In 1890 Lieutenant James Jeffcock of the 19th Hussars and his wife Marion lived here, with a local servant Annie Hole and a groom Thomas Price.

Moving up the road from The Laurels is a house called Fairview or Fair View. There has been quite a change of residents here. Captain William English, a retired soldier, used to live here with his wife and two daughters. It is now a boarding house, home of Mr Harry Custerson, a warehouse manager who travels abroad for his work.

Mrs Custerson and her mother Mrs Spayne advertise and take in lodgers. They said No Children but I remember the Taylor family there in 1921 with a small child.

A COMFORTABLY Furnished Bedroom.
—Fair View, College-road, Heath End. 8012a

A PARTMENTS, Furnished or Unfurnished; quiet house; no children.—Fair View, College-road, Heath End. 9337a

TWO Rooms, unfurnished, with use of kitchen; no children.—Fair View, College-road, Heath End. 9417a

Continuing up the road, there is a group of seven houses opposite to Rowhills. These terraced houses are called "two up, two down" having two main rooms downstairs and two bedrooms. To the right of number 12, the protruding property, is a group of four houses which were Numbers 1 to 4 Prospect Cottages but later became 8 to 11 Prospect Cottages. Curiously, they were also called 8 to 11 College Road. The protruding house number 12 with its very large cellar, has two terraced houses to its left. In total, these houses are called 8 to 14 Prospect Cottages or 8 to 14 College Road. All very confusing.

In number 14 lives the elderly, widowed gentleman William Hollands. Mr Hollands used to work as a coachman and his son Frank, a groom. William used words such as "conveyancers" and "omnibus". In particular, he talked about the Aldershot and District Traction Company Ltd, with a motor omnibus leaving the Bush Hotel, Farnham for Haslemere seven times daily and to the Imperial Hotel in Aldershot even more frequently.



We heard terrible news in April 1915. Frank Hollands was a leading stoker on the battlecruiser HMS Queen Mary, when he and hundreds of the crew lost their lives in a battle. HMS Queen Mary exploded and went down in seconds after receiving hits from the German battle cruisers Derfflinger and Seydlitz. She lost 1,266 crew, and only 20 survived. A memorial was placed for Frank and so many others in a cemetery at Gallipoli, Turkey. Such a terrible loss of lives.

Number 13 seems to have a frequent change of residents. Can I remember them? I remember Scottish Robert Buchan McAllister and his family. He was a builder and painter. They moved to Sunnyside, Heath End.

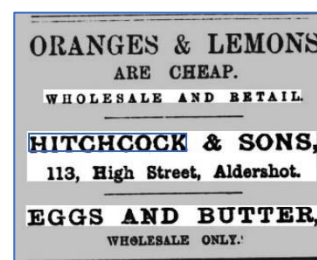
Then came Mr Charles Varney in 13 College Road, his wife Lilian, who preferred to be called Bessie, and daughter Mabel. Charles is a labourer and works long hours in Aldershot at Mr James Attfield's farm. Hard work, yes, but the family are grateful for the employment. Mr Attfield is a dairy farmer at the York Road Westend Farm. He is also a blacksmith and a farrier, so there is always plenty of work. Mrs Varney, however, is the district nurse for Hale.

Next, we come to the house opposite to Rowhills. An elderly gentleman, John Beauchamp Wigmore and his family lived at Prospect House for over ten years. His story was interesting. He had been a policeman and when he lived at a mill at Freefolk Manor, near Whitchurch in Hampshire, two of his teenage children were papermakers, with the mill making bank notes for the Bank of England.

In 1881, the Wigmore moved to Badshot Lea where he was a publican. I cannot remember if it was The Crown or The Cricketers but there was an off-licence as well. In his seventies, Mr Wigmore moved the family from Badshot Lea to Prospect House, Heath End. His wife Eliza died in 1902 and John Wigmore died in 1904; they were buried at the cemetery in Hale.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for John Wigmore				
<small>Guilford > 1893</small>				
G * 770	Wigmore, John Beauchamp	Prospect cottages, Heath end, Farnham	Dwelling house	Prospect cottages

Leonard Southon, a shop keeper, took over the property of 12 College Road in 1904 and ran the business as a general shop. His wife Lillian helped as his assistant. Later Mr Southon became a motor carman, working for Hitchcock & Sons, 113 High Street Aldershot delivering eggs, butter and fruit, and Southon family then moved to Aldershot.



After the Southons, the general shop became a butcher's shop. And very welcome that was too. Mrs Alice Rummey moved in with her 16-year-old son Harold about 1919. She told me she was widowed in 1918 when her family was living in Basingstoke. She took in boarders in Heath End and they were butchers William and Maude Teers with their son 16-year-old William.

Maude had years of experience in the butchery trade. Her father was an Army pensioner and butcher. She had one brother as a journeyman butcher and another worked as a butcher when he was a Lance Corporal in the Army Service Corps. Maude, born in North Town, Aldershot, had married Private William Teers of the Royal Army Service Corps.

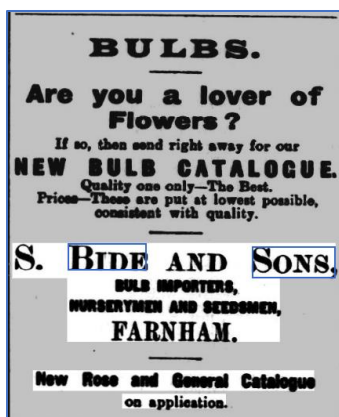
Both healthy young men, Harold Rummy and William Teers became errand boys, working for the shop, making it a real family business. Maude told me a tale, when she and William both ran into trouble in 1904 with the local constabulary and stood before a magistrate at the Bench over their dog licence. Her then fiancé had to pay a fee of thirteen shillings and a fine of sixpence for not having paid for the licence that year. She called it a 'dog wag'.

At the end of 1921, Mrs Alice Rummey married a widower Mr Hooker and she moved to Woodham, near West Byfleet. Much later, I met Maude Teers one day in Aldershot and her news was that they had moved to North Lane, Aldershot, her husband working as a butcher and being in the Territorial Army. She showed me a letter from Canada from her son William. She was glad for his pioneering spirit but sad she might never see him again.

Luckily for us in Heath End, number 12 has stayed as a butcher's shop. Next in 1922 came William Vincett. William was born in Peasmarsh, Sussex and like his father, had run a butcher's shop for over ten years in the main street in Beckley, Sussex. William decided to become a journeyman butcher and moved to work in Basingstoke for F. Strafford in Church Street. His wife Annie had stayed behind in Sussex, moved to Kent and had died.

William Vincett then met Dora May Trimmer from Alton, who was working as a cook for Major Edward Moss in Cargate, Aldershot. William and Dora married in 1929, by which time William had a very well-established butchery business.

William Brooks lives to the right of the butcher's shop at 11 Prospect Cottage. Mr Brooks is a tailor, making gentleman's clothes. He works for Mr Lee, a master tailor who has a shop in Downing Street, Farnham. I don't have to go far if I run out of thread whilst I am sewing. The 16-year-old son Reginald Brooks is a clothier's assistant, working for Mr Jayes, the clothier in Aldershot High Street.



In 10 Prospect Cottage is the plumber, John Coulter. He works in Guildford for the Onslow Estate. He has one son in the Royal Navy and another son working as a gardener for the market gardener Bide & Sons, on the Guildford Road, Farnham. Bide & Sons is a well-known nursery, a very old family firm, possibly many generations of hard-working sons and other family members. John Coulter's wife Emma is keeping busy looking after the toddler grandchild, son of their daughter who later married and is now Mrs Sims, living down in Weybourne Lane with her new baby. Mr Sims is a labourer for the Royal Engineers on the Wellington Lines at Aldershot.

Something long forgotten was that we once had a Surrey Constabulary County Police house in the road. Constable Jesse Halliday and his wife Lucy lived at 9 Prospect House from 1893 to 1895. All five children were baptised at St John the Evangelist, Ralph Frank (1885), Henry Hayden (1887), Andrew (1890), Effie Maud (1892) and Grace Lucy (1894). Constable Halliday was promoted to Police Sergeant at Cranleigh, Surrey but the house was barely empty before the next resident moved in.



The replacement policeman at 9 Prospect Cottages was Constable John Bridgland with his wife Esther and three children. This constable had been moved from West Clandon to Heath End in 1895 and then in 1906, he was moved again, this time to Epsom, Surrey.

Policing arrangements changed and the house became empty. In moved Mrs Alice Andrews. Mrs Andrews, who lives alone, said her husband was once a farmer at Coxbridge and then moved to run a dairy farm at Wrecclesham. At this point she swiftly changed the subject.

Mr Stephen Mordecai Stephenson, who calls himself Mordecai, lives with his wife Hannah and daughter Dora at 8 Prospect Cottage or 8 College Road. He had previously been a waiter at an inn in Aldershot, then an insurance agent for Prudential and is now a jobbing gardener. Grown up Dora is a music teacher and, in the summer, we sometimes hear her pupils doing their best at her piano.

Number 6 and 7 College Road are also known as 1 and 2 Bradnych Villas. When George Bryce and family lived in Number 6, they ran 6 and 7 together as a lodging boarding-house. Nowadays in Number 7 is the gardener James Keyte who works for Mr Charman at Heath End Nursery, next to the Royal Arms.

Samuel Atkins, the painter is in number 6. He works for Onslow Village Ltd, in Guildford. The family seat of the Earls of Onslow is the 1000-acre Clandon Park, a few miles east of Guildford.

Number 5 is called Rose Cottage and here lives Mr David Hatt. He has been a gardener and agricultural labourer most of his life, a common occupation in this road. David now works as a gardener for the Army College and has done so for many years.

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Gardener	R Country Welsh	Army College
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Mr Henry Newman, the haulage contractor, lives next door in Fir Cottage. He works on road construction for the Royal Engineers within Aldershot Command.

We are nearly reaching the Mission Hall. The next pair of dwellings are called 1 and 2 College Villas, which are 2 and 3 College Road. Mr William Winslade lives on one side. He is a bricklayer and builder's scaffolder working on engineering type construction. Mr Winslade and his wife Catherine/Kate have been living in these villas certainly since 1900. They have five daughters and three sons so plenty to keep them busy.

1901 England Census for William Winslade									
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College Villa 1	1			William Winslade	Head	M	41		Scaffolder (Builder)
				Catherine de	Wife	M	42		

Charles and Dacia Clifford and their family live in the other College Villa. They used to live in Grays, Essex when Mr Clifford worked as a ship's clerk for the Bibby shipping line.

Elderly 80-year-old Mrs Eliza Cross lived next to the Mission Hall in Hardiant Cottage. She had lived there from at least 1881 with her husband, who was a carpenter. Eliza thought some houses were built about 1873.



Mrs Eliza Cross died in 1928. It was her house, next to the Mission Hall, which became empty and was put up for sale.

An advertisement appeared that year for the Presbyterian Mission Hall, set up by Miss Charman and then run by her father Mr Charman as a Sunday School.

VACANT, MISSION HALL, about 40ft. x 22ft. 6in., with a room behind, lavatories, Freehold, situated College-road, Heath End, Farnham, suitable for shop or bungalow, etc. HOUSE, four rooms, washhouse; garden; vacant; phone 562 Farnham.—R. Lamport, Lawday House, Hale, Farnham. 18405

The property was called Church Hall/Room or Heath End Chapel. It was Mr Charman's widowed daughter-in-law Louisa Charman who was selling the Mission Hall with Mr Lamport acting as an agent. The Lamports were a well-established family at Lawday House Farm, Upper Hale. I knew that Mr Welch, Principal of the Army College might take an interest in this sale.

A sad event had been held at the Church Room in 1920. This was an inquest for one-year-old Douglas William Haig Roberts who had been scalded with boiling water and had died. His parents John and Laura Roberts lived at 1 Bank Cottages, Wellington Lane and Douglas was the youngest of six children.



DEATH FROM SCALD.
At the inquest on Douglas William Haig Roberts, aged one year, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts, of 1, Bank Cottages, Heath End, on Monday, it transpired that about three weeks ago deceased was sitting on a rug in front of the fire when a saucepan of water boiled over, and scalded the baby's left foot. His mother treated it, but after a time it got worse. Dr. Sloman was called, but the child died on Thursday week. The Coroner returned a verdict of death from natural causes. The funeral took place at Hale Cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. A. H. Starkey officiating.

Where are the six Bank Cottages on Wellington Lane? The address was frequently given as College Road because the gardens back onto College Road.



The Roberts family live in 1 Bank Cottages with Mrs Robert's mother, Mrs Clara Larby. Mr Roberts is a carman, working for the Aldershot Council surveyor Mr Neaves. Mr Theophilus Richard Sims and his wife Louisa live at number 2 Bank Cottages on Wellington Lane. Mr Sims calls himself Richard and says he is a painter with the Royal Engineers on the Wellington Lines.

The labourer Mr Albert Cousins lives at number 3 with his wife Alice and son Albert. Albert is an errand boy in Aldershot. Next door at number 4, Mr John Lewis is also a labourer, working for the Royal Engineers in Aldershot. Mr Lewis is from Suffolk and his wife Alice is from Devon, she told me.

Three more cottages. In number 4 lives Mr Frank Chillman. He is a clerk at the Army Field Stores and is called a Day Book clerk. He is married to Florence Cox and this was the family home for Florence, her mother Mrs Susan Cox and family. The son of Mr and Mrs Chillman, Thomas Chillman, had been born at Stratford in Ontario, Canada. In 1915 when he was one year old, they returned to Heath End. Frank had been the Canteen Manager at the Tournay Barracks on the Marlborough Lines in Aldershot in 1911, then had gone out to Canada. He had married Florence in Toronto, Canada.

Number 5 Bank Cottages houses the painter Mr Charles Payne, his wife Helen and daughters. Their neighbours at number 6 are the Javes family. Charles Javes is a builder's labourer.

Some advertisements showed the sale of 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Prospect Cottages in College Road.

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10th, 1905,
at 3 for 4 o'clock precisely, the following
FREEHOLD PROPERTY,
in three lots, viz.:
Four recently erected BRICK-BUILT and
SLATED HOUSES, being Nos. 8, 9, 10, and
11, Prospect Houses, with gardens, situate
at Heath End, Farnham, adjoining the road
leading from Heath End to Weybourne, and
now let to weekly tenants at rents amount-
ing to £54 12s. per annum.
THREE BRICK-BUILT and SLATED
HOUSES, with gardens, being Nos. 12, 13,
and 14, Prospect Houses; No. 12 is in hand;
Nos. 13 and 14 are let to weekly tenants, the
estimated annual value being £50.
TWO BRICK and STONE-BUILT and
SLATED COTTAGES, with gardens,
situate in Wellington Lane, Heath End,
let to S. Hobbs and E. Edgeler, weekly
tenants, at rentals amounting to £18 4s. per
annum.

BY PRIVATE TREATY:
CRANHAM, WOODFIELD LANE, ASHTEAD
TUDOR COTTAGE, SHAMLEY GREEN.
12, 13, and 14, COLLEGE ROAD, HEATH
END, FARNHAM.

Messrs. Chas. Osenton and Co report sales
by auction of a pair of cottages, The Street,
Ashtead; and an old cottage in Rectory-lane,
Ashtead, and private treaty sales of Cran-
ham, Woodfield-lane, Ashtead; Tudor, Cot-
tage, Shamley Green; 12, 13 and 14, College-
road, Heath End, Farnham; and 9, Malor
Way, Onslow Estate, near Guildford.

Here was an opportunity for families now to buy their own homes in College Road and maybe pass the houses on to their families. In 14 College Road now lives George and Daisy White, their children and his brother Harry White. Charles and Bessie Varney live in number 13. Finally in number 12 are William and Dora Vincett. Will William buy number 12 and keep it as a butcher's shop?

These houses were supposedly built to last. Will these houses still be there in one hundred years' time, I wonder?