

1 and 2 Rowhills Cottages, Heath End

In 1928, Mr and Mrs Eltringham had moved out of 1 Rowhills Cottages to College Road, leaving the property empty. Nothing more is known about this residence until 1938 when Henry Jesse Harris (1882-1972) and his wife Emily Harris née Voice (1888-1974) registered voting at 1 Rowhills Cottages.

Henry Harris was born in Churt and his family lived in the Grayshott/Hindhead area. In 1921 Henry was an engineer working at Thornhill, Aldershot, part of the 52nd Motor Transport company, Royal Army Service Corps. He and Emily had been living at Ivyhook in Upper Hale, Farnham with their children Kathleen Jessie (born 1919) and Michael Henry (born 1922). In 1939 Henry Harris was a steam roller driver, which unsurprisingly was classified as "heavy worker", and his 17-year-old son Michael was a butcher's assistant. Henry and Emily Harris stayed in Rowhills for many years, and we will get to read about them in the 1940s.

Next door in number 2 Rowhills Cottages, we meet again William Hunter. The Hunter family first moved into one of the two semi-detached cottages back in the 1890s. The large Hunter family had grown up and moved away, with the last adult leaving being Arthur Hunter who had married in 1926. The two remaining from the family were William Hunter and his married sister Mary Eastwood. William Robert Hunter had previously been working at the Stanhope Lines in Aldershot in 1921 as a boiler cleaner.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for William Hunter				
<small>Farnham > 1930</small>				
540	R	O	Hunter, William	Rowhills, Heath End

William was still in Rowhills in 1931 but then left Surrey. His sister Mary moved out of Rowhills and in 1933 was living in a caravan in the Ash or Normandy area. By 1939, William was living in Bristol, working as a gardener and living with widowed Elizabeth Reid. William died in Bristol in 1949 and in his will, left £288 to his widowed sister Mary Eastwood. Let us hope this inheritance helped her modest lifestyle.

HUNTER William Robert of 33 Cheriton Place Westbury-on-Trym Bristol died 1 January 1949 Administration Lancaster 12 February to Mary Eastwood widow. Effects £288 1s. 3d.

By 1935, this half of the two cottages was numbered 2 Rowhills Cottages but in 1952, 1 Rowhills Cottages became number 2 and 2 Rowhills Cottages became number 4, when all of one side of Rowhills were even numbers and the other side were odd numbers.

Next in number 2 Rowhills Cottages came Arthur Saunders (1908-1988) and his wife Mary Elizabeth Saunders née Smith (1913-1993)

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Arthur Saunders			
<small>Farnham > 1935</small>			
Saunders, Arthur	2	Rowhills Cottages, Heath End	End
Saunders, Mary Elizabeth	2	Rowhills Cottages, Heath End	End

Arthur Saunders was the youngest child of 10 children living at Yew Tree Cottage, Upper Hale, Farnham. His father Levi Cornelius Saunders ran a family-owned joinery and carpentry business, from their Hale address.

Saunders Levi Cornelius, carpenter,
Upper Hale



Arthur, like his father, was a joiner and machinist. Later he became a Clerk of Works for the Royal Engineers in Aldershot. The Saunders made a brief stay in Rowhills; they were in the cottage in 1935 and 1936 but by 1937 they had moved to Patt-Norr, East Avenue, Heath End.

The new residents in 1937 were Edward King (1901-1982) and his wife Annie King née Pickering (1910-1985). Edward, a government servant, was from Farnham and had been living in Badshot Lea when he married Annie in 1937. Their son Dennis was born in 1938.

814	R	O	King, Edward	2 Rowhills Cottages, Heath End
815	Rw	Dw	King, Annie	2 Rowhills Cottages, Heath End

The 1939 register showed the couple as living at 2 Rowhills Cottages but by September 1939, Annie and her baby Dennis were tucked away in Southborough, Kent and 2 Rowhills Cottages was empty.

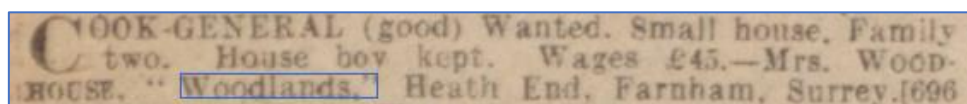
1939 England and Wales Register for Henry J Harris
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Would Mr and Mrs King return after the war? Time now to walk across the road to Woodlands where we heard there was a spot of bother in that household.

Woodlands, Rowhills Estate

We are all aware of just how difficult it is to obtain good servants, but perhaps the solution lies in using an agency. In August 1929, Mrs Cecily Violet Woodhouse née Troyte-Bullock was living at Woodlands and wanted a cook. Well, a **good** cook, of course. An advertisement was placed in Somerset in the "Western Gazette". Woodlands was described as a small house. (The jury is still out on that moot point?)

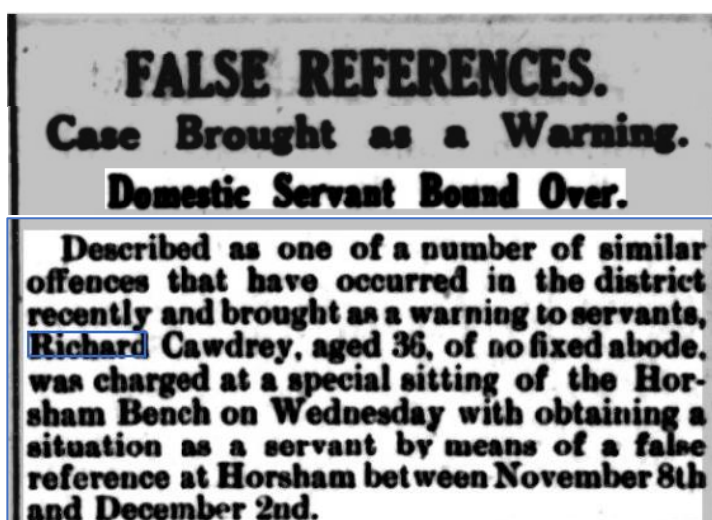


COOK-GENERAL (good) Wanted. Small house. Family of two. House boy kept. Wages £45.—Mrs. WOODHOUSE. Woodlands, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey. 1696

House boy kept! Does that help lure in a good cook or is it the £45 wages that will do the trick? Let us backtrack. In 1926, in Wiltshire, Cecily Violet Troyte-Bullock had married Richard Gordon Anthony Woodhouse, 18th Hussars, second surviving son of Colonel Woodhouse J.P. There was a Guard of Honour from the 14th and 20th Hussars. Lieutenant Woodhouse had grown up at Heatherton Park, Taunton, near Wellington, Somerset, a house of 25 rooms requiring seven live-in servants. Similarly, the bride's home at Zeals House, Bath had 20 rooms with seven live-in servants. Hence, perhaps Woodlands at Heath End, was a small house by comparison.

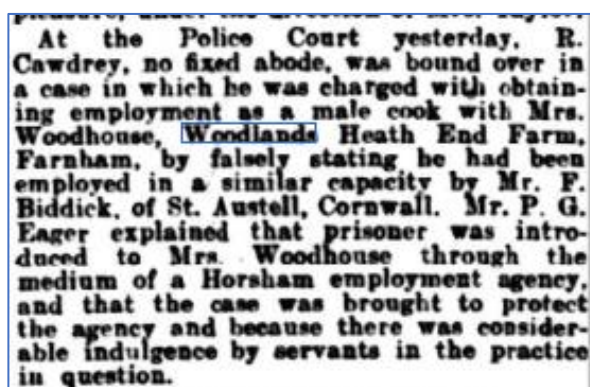
The 1929 advertisement was painful to write; the reason being that they were a family of two because their daughter Julia Jane Woodhouse had died in 1927, just days old. Replying to the advertisement, a male cook Mr Richard Cawdrey arrived, with references from a Mr Biddick of St Austell, Cornwall. Richard Cawdrey had been sent from the Horsham employment agency in Sussex, so all appeared good. Perhaps when it was discovered that the new cook could not boil an egg, so to speak, that the truth behind the blackguard was discovered.

36-year-old Richard Cawdrey, of no fixed abode, appeared in court for falsely writing references in order to gain employment. He pleaded guilty, to having never worked for Mr Biddick. He was bound over for 12 months in the sum of £10.



FALSE REFERENCES.
Case Brought as a Warning.
Domestic Servant Bound Over.

Described as one of a number of similar offences that have occurred in the district recently and brought as a warning to servants, **Richard Cawdrey**, aged 36, of no fixed abode, was charged at a special sitting of the Horsham Bench on Wednesday with obtaining a situation as a servant by means of a false reference at Horsham between November 8th and December 2nd.



At the Police Court yesterday, R. Cawdrey, no fixed abode, was bound over in a case in which he was charged with obtaining employment as a male cook with Mrs. Woodhouse, Woodlands Heath End Farm, Farnham, by falsely stating he had been employed in a similar capacity by Mr. F. Biddick, of St. Austell, Cornwall. Mr. P. G. Eager explained that prisoner was introduced to Mrs. Woodhouse through the medium of a Horsham employment agency, and that the case was brought to protect the agency and because there was considerable indulgence by servants in the practice in question.

So, Mrs Woodhouse was still in need of a (good) cook. Interestingly, ten years later Richard Cawdrey was found guilty of stealing a book from W.H.Smith in Cheltenham and placed on probation for 12 months.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Richard Woodhouse				
Farnham > 1930				
1187	R	—	Woodhouse, Richard Anthony	Woodlands, Heath End
1188	Rw	—	Woodhouse, Cecilly Violet	Woodlands, Heath End

By 1931, Lieutenant Woodhouse transferred from Aldershot to India with his regiment and as was common for officers, his wife accompanied him. Their son William George Gordon Woodhouse was born in India in 1933. Hopefully the family found a good cook in India.

Woodlands, of course, belonged to John Henry Wells and his adult children but they had chosen to live a few hundred yards away at Littlecott in Rowhills and to rent out Woodlands. So, who next in Woodlands?

Gladys Maud Preston was brought to Woodlands, probably to act as a housekeeper while the property remained empty. She lived at Woodlands from 1930 to 1932.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Edith Preston				
Farnham > 1931				
			Preston, Gladys Maud	Woodlands, Heath End

The next arrivals were Captain Wilfred Seaman and his Jamaican wife Reima Seaman née de Cordova. They employed Florence Sheldon as their housekeeper/cook.

Florence Sheldon, born 1910, was local to Farnham, from a family address 13 Red Lion Lane. Her father was a steam roller driver. When she was baptised in St Andrews in 1911, her address was 4 Bridge Square, Farnham. She had been working at Burnley Villa in Tilford for three elderly sisters. Perhaps this new employment at Woodlands, Heath End was an improvement in opportunity or closer travel to her Farnham family? Her stay was brief because one year later, Florence was working in the Bourne, Farnham.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Florence Sheldon				
Farnham > 1933				
992	R	—	Seaman, Wilfred (Capt.)	Woodlands, Heath End
993	Rw	—	Seaman, Reima	Woodlands, Heath End
1003	Rw	—	Sheldon, Florence	Woodlands, Heath End



Captain Wilfred Arthur Seaman had served in the Great War in the Army Service Corps. In 1920 at the Parish Church in Kingston, Jamaica, he had married Reima de Cordova, daughter of a wealthy Jamaican, Leonard de Cordova. His wife had some schooling in Barnes, Surrey so was used to travelling between England and Jamaica.

Their first son Richard Leonard Seaman was born in St Andrews, Jamaica and soon after, the family travelled from Kingston, Jamaica to Avonmouth, Bristol and then to a family home at The Limes, Gaywood, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. The Seamans lived at Woodlands from 1931 to 1933 prior to moving to Camberley.

We are becoming used to Army personnel flitting in and out. The next couple to live at Woodlands from 1934 to 1936 were Herbert Purse Henderson and his wife Hilda Ruth Wyclif Henderson née Vasey together with Hilda's mother Eliza Vasey and a live-in servant Ivy Chandler.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Herbert Purse Henderson

Farnham > 1934

Henderson, Herbert Purse
Henderson, Hilda Ruth

Woodlands, Heath End
Woodlands, Heath End

Captain Henderson was born in Gillingham, Kent in 1892 and then the family moved to Derbyshire. Hilda was born in Ireland but the family moved to London with her father being an Inspector of Army schools and Hilda being a music student.

When Herbert married in 1917, he was serving with the Army Service Corps with the British Expeditionary Force in France. In 1921 Captain Henderson was in Rawalpindi, India with the Motor Transport companies. Prior to living at Heath End, the couple had been living in Frensham near to Hilda's parents.

In 1933 Hilda's father Charles James Vasey died at Goodfellows, Frensham so her widowed mother Eliza moved to Woodlands. Hilda's mother registered to vote at Heath End under her actual name Eliza in 1935 but in 1936, she used her preferred name Daisy. Daisy Vasey died that year in 1936.



Captain H. P. Henderson, A.S.C., of Ilkeston, and his bride, Miss Hilda Ruth Wyclif Vasey, leaving St. Mary's, The Boltons.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Eliza Vasey

Farnham > 1935

Vasey, Eliza

Woodlands, Heath End

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Daisy Vasey

Farnham > 1936

Vasey, Daisy

Woodlands, Heath End

VASEY Eliza otherwise Daisy of Woodlands Heath End Farnham Surrey widow died 15 September 1936 at The Close Marlow Buckinghamshire Probate London 4 December to Muriel Prudence Fraser widow. Effects £907 0s. 5d.

Captain and Mrs Henderson then left Woodlands and moved to a small village between York and Leeds. This was typical of military life; one of being continually on the move.

The Woodlands household had one live-in servant, Ivy Chandler. Ivy from Farnham was the youngest of nine children. The father of her eight siblings had died in 1908, and Ivy had a different father. Her widowed mother remarried Lance Corporal Albert Saunders in 1912 so perhaps Albert was her father. Ivy was not to enjoy much time with her father because Albert was killed in France/Flanders in the Great War in 1918.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Ivy Chandler

Farnham > 1935

Chandler, Ivy

Woodlands, Heath End

Ivy was at Woodlands for one year only; she returned to be with her widowed mother at Lower Church Lane in Farnham. She then found work in the knitting industry.

The last residents to live at Woodlands in the 1930s link to the Goschen family. We have previously met the Goschen family at The Red House in Chapter 5 Part 7. Grania Goschen, the eldest of five children, was born in 1909 in Kildare, Ireland where her father was serving with the British Army. In 1911, the Goschen family had moved to Egypt.

By 1930, Colonel Goschen moved his family to Woolwich for a brief stay. Also living in Woolwich near the Commandant's House was the Royal Artillery Captain, John Beaumont Hyde-Smith (1898-1978).

John Hyde-Smith was born in 1898 at Worthing. His father Captain Sergison Hyde-Smith (12th Lancers) had petitioned that year for divorce from his wife Margaret Jane Hyde-Smith on the basis that their 1898 baby was the son of the Rev. John Beaumont Ludford-Astley. Sergison asked for custody of their four other children and £5000 in damages. Sergison's wife denied adultery and it seemed that the complex matrimonial matter (amazingly) became resolved!

Having met in 1930, an engagement notice was placed in the Surrey Advertiser in 1932 for Grania Goschen and John Hyde-Smith.

The engagement is announced between Captain John B. Hyde-Smith, Royal Artillery, son of the late Captain and Mrs. Hyde-Smith, formerly of Consall Hall, Staffordshire, and Camberley, and Grania, eldest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. Arthur Goschen, The Red House, Heath End, Farnham.

Grania Goschen married Lieutenant-Colonel John Beaumont Hyde-Smith in Farnham in 1932. They then moved to Egypt where their first son Christopher John Hyde-Smith was born. On their return to England, Woodlands was vacant and just around the corner from Grania's parents. The Hyde-Smith family moved in.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for John Beaumont Woodlands Hyde-Smith
Farnham > 1938
Hyde-Smith, John Beaumont Woodlands, Heath End
Hyde-Smith Prania Woodlands, Heath End

(Grania's name was erroneously Prania in the voting list.) In 1939, Grania and her son moved to Minley Grange in Farnborough and by 1941, the Hyde-Smith family had moved to Sudbury.

Fanny Edith Tyler was their live-in servant at Woodlands. She was born in Swindon in 1879 and started life as an under-nurse then became a domestic nurse. She first worked at The Red House with Colonel and Mrs Goschen in 1932 and even moved to Woolwich with them.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962
Farnham > 1938
1364 Rw — Tyler, Fanny Edith Woodlands, Heath End

By the time Fanny worked with Grania Hyde-Smith, she was 59 years old. When the Hyde-Smiths moved out, Fanny worked at Donnington Priory, Berkshire as a domestic nurse.

Strangely, also in Woodlands in 1938 was Louisa Charman, who had sold Heath End Nurseries to Stephen Capon in 1922 (Chapter 5 Part1). She had been living at The Red House in 1936 and at the Bungalow, Hale Laundry in 1937.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Louisa Charman
Farnham > 1938
Charman, Louisa Woodlands Heath End

The owner of Woodlands lives just down the road at Littlecott. John Henry Wells is now age 65. How is he? And how are his grown-up children, who live with him? Let us go and see.