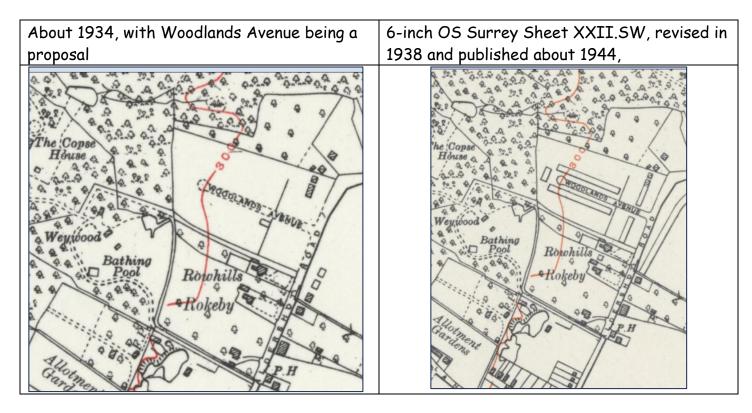
Before investigating the residents living in these three individual properties, it is worth looking at changes in Weybourne in the 1930s. Building works were slowly eating into Rowhill Copse with houses being built in Parkland Grove and Woodlands Avenue, off Weybourne Road, then called Aldershot Road. We first met the occupants of Rowhills and Rokeby in Chapter 3 Part 2 and of Weywood in Chapter 5 Part 4.



#### Rokeby, Weybourne

In 1930, there were two residents living at Rokeby - Chester-born Major Alexander Burton Hassall (1896-1976) and his wife Doris Mary née Marsden (1903-1984). In 1911 aged 14, Alexander was attending a boys' boarding school in Sedburgh, at that time a school just for 30 senior boys. Alexander served with the 9th Infantry Battalion Cheshire Regiment in the First World War and was gazetted the Military Cross in 1917 for his actions whilst 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant; and then in 1918, a bar was added to this medal whilst he was a Temporary Captain.





## BRIDAL ARCH OF HOCKEY STICKS.

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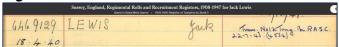
An officer of the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment and his bride had an unusual bridal arch of hockey sticks as they left the church after their marriage on Saturday. He was Captain Alexander Burton Hassall, M.C., only son of the late Mr. T. E. Hassall. of Chester, and of Mrs. Russell Woods, of "High Elms," Compton, Berks. The bride was Miss Doris Mary Marsden, eldest daughter of the Vicar of Ely, on the outskirts of Cardiff, and the ceremony took place at her father's church of St. David's, Ely. The Bishop of Llandaff (Dr. Hughes) officiated, assisted by the Venarchdeacon David Davies, Llandaff, and the Ven. Archdeacon Church Jones, Brecon.

By 1921 he was a Captain, and barracked in Alexander started Limerick, Ireland. courting Doris Mary Marsden. Llandefaelog, Breconshire, Wales although it is difficult to understand how their paths might have crossed. Her father was the Reverend Marsden and the family resided in their comfortable 9-roomed village Rectory. In 1928, the couple married at St David's, her father's church, on the outskirts of Cardiff.

# Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Alexander Burton Hassall Hassall, Alexander Burton Hassall, Doris Mary Rokeby, Weybourne Rokeby, Weybourne

A second officer joined the couple at Rokeby in 1931, namely Jack Lewis. It is possible he was Jack Lewis of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.





In same year, in August 1931 baby Jane Hassall was born. Captain Hassall was then posted out to Accra, West Africa and so the Hassalls and Jack Lewis moved out.

Mrs. Alexander Burton Hassall, the wife of Captain A. B. Hassall, gave birth to a daughter in an Aldershot nursing home on Monday. Before her marriage Mrs. Hassall was Miss Doris Marsden, daughter of the Rev. D. L. Marsden, vicar of Ely (Cardiff), and Mrs. Marsden.

In 1932, another couple linked to Aldershot Garrison town moved in. These were John Hilliard Cairns Lawlor (1897-1951) and his wife Mary Violet née Davison (1904-1998). John was born in Belfast, county Antrim, Ireland and during his senior school days, he was a boarder at St Bees, (then Cumberland), a school next door to St Bees Abbey.

In 1906, John's father, the antiquarian and archaeologist Henry Cairns Lawlor published a book about the Cairns family, tracing the Ulster Cairns back to Scotland, the home of their origin. He traced Cairns' history back to 1349 and then produced further evidence of the emigrants to Ireland in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, under King James' plan for the colonisation of Ulster. John's father had also taken out an application for a patent in 1891 for bells on the handles of velocipedes.

13,213. Henry Cairns Lawlor, of Camron Place, Ballymoney, Antrim, for an invention of "The application of musical gongs or bells to cycle or velocipede handles."

With the commencement of war in 1914, John then aged 17 enlisted into the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Irish Rifles as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Then on passing out at Sandhurst Royal Military College in 1915, he was gazetted into the Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Mr. J. H. C. Lawlor, on passing out of Sandhurst, has been gazetted to a commission in the Royal Munster Fusiliers (Regulars). He is the eldest son of Mr. Henry C. Lawlor, of Windsor Avenue, Belfast, and was educated at Mourne Grange, Kilkeel; St. Bee's, and Sandhurst.



His service during 1915-18 was in France, Belgium and Macedonia in the Balkans. Then by 1921, Lieutenant Lawlor was serving in Khartoum, Sudan with the Sudan Defence Force. On the disbandment of the south of Ireland regiments, John was transferred in 1922 to the Duke of Wellington regiment.

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A wedding was planned in 1928 when Mollie, real name Mary Violet Davison of Belfast and daughter of Judge Davison became engaged to John Lawlor. She had been studying at Queens, Belfast and after one year of studying law, had given up her degree studies to travel to Egypt for her wedding.

The Lawlors had been living in Farnham initially in 1931 but then, in 1932 moved to Rokeby, Weybourne to be closer to Aldershot. They stayed here for four years.



Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Mary Violet Lawlor	Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Mary Violet Lawlor
Lawlor, John Hilliard (Capt.) The Cottage, West End Grove Lawlor, Mary Violet The Cottage, West End Grove	Lawlor, John Hilliard Rokeby, Weybourne Rokeby, Weybourne

The Lawlor's son John Michael Cairnes Lawlor was born in 1930. In 1933, the couple decided to hire as home help Nona Mary Cooper and in addition, employed her sister Constance Lottie Cooper in 1934. These sisters were from a family of six children, from Upper Hale, with father William Hayes Cooper being a joiner. Nona had been working previously as a domestic with her sisters Gertrude and Constance Cooper at Manor House, Upper Hale, the home of Major George Croft and Mrs Matilda Croft.

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Cooper, Nona Mary	Rokeby, Weybourne	Cooper, Constance	Rokeby, Weybourne

By 1934/5, all the occupants of Rokeby had moved out. The Lawlors had a second baby, daughter Margaret Mary Lawlor in 1936 and together with nurse Miss Catherine Walsh, the small group set sail for Malta to join John Lawlor. John Lawlor went on to become a Brigadier in 1942. After Mary was widowed in 1951, she returned to Queen's University, Belfast and as Mrs J H C Lawlor, she completed her Bachelor of Laws degree in 1956, a course she had started more than 25 years earlier as Miss Mary Davison.

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do	Margaret M.	do	DO		
Walsh	Miss Catherine	do	DO	Nurse /	28

Next to move in to Rokeby in 1934 was Colonel Philip Howard Evans (1884-1951) with his wife Nora Criena née de Vere (1884-1966) and their 22-year-old daughter Phyllis Nora Evans.

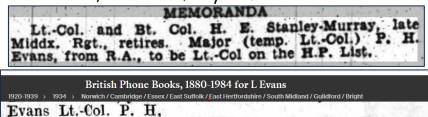
	rs, 1832-1962 for Phyllis Norah Evans
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Philip Evans was born in Clifton, Bristol. His father was a wine growers' agent/merchant in Bristol and subsequently moved the family to Ealing, Middlesex. In 1903 Philip now 19, joined the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery as Second Lieutenant. By 1911, he was in Gibraltar as Lieutenant in No 54 Company Royal Garrison Artillery and there he married Nora Criena de Vere, who had been born in Gibraltar.

After their daughter Phyllis Nora was born in Gibraltar in 1913, the family moved to England and then in 1919, Philip's regiment moved to Bombay, India. They took with them Nellie/Bessie Hull who stayed serving the family for some years.

Army Officer Philip Howard Wife 35 Mrs. Nora de Vere Daughter Phyllis Nora 1 V Nurse Miss. Nellie 1 Hall Date of Departure 10th October 1919 Where bound AT THE PORT OF

Philip became a Major in 1922 and in 1933, he was moved within the Royal Artillery to be Lieutenant-Colonel at Aldershot, on the Half-Pay list.



Although retired from the Army by 1939, many officers were brought back in to serve in some capacity during the Second World War, and Philip was placed in a Reserve List.

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War brought about uncertainties; the Evans family stayed in Weybourne for 14 years.

In digging deeper into the history of Rokeby, a correction/addition can now be made for Chapter 5 Part 4, page 120 which stated: -

"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."

Philip Reginald Goldingham (1892-1985), Captain Royal Army Service Corps was indeed in Rokeby in 1921 with his wife Phyllis Mary née Batt (1893-1973) and son John Charles Goldingham. Philip was born in Banbury, Oxfordshire and his father was a curate then vicar in the Church of England. Philip enlisted in the Army in 1914 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and was initially in an "Unattached List", swiftly followed by entering the Royal Army Service Corps.

In 1918 in Witney, Philip now Captain Goldingham serving in the British Expeditionary Force, married his fiancée Phyllis Mary Bett. The wedding was very quiet owing to the war. Nevertheless, the bride wore "an exceedingly pretty dress of golden-brown chiffon velvet and skunk furs, and a large brown hat swathed with flame-colour and silver."

By the Spring of 1921, the couple were registered in Surrey for voting, albeit a few misspellings. Their son John Charles Goldingham was born in April 1921 in Weybourne.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers,	1832-1962 for Phillis Goldingham
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Yet again, the stay in Rokeby was brief. By 1924, Philip was living in the Riding Masters' Quarters in Woolwich. He used this experience to later write a book with John Trevor Hankinson in 1948, entitled "The Horse and its Rider." Tragically, the baby John Charles Goldingham, born in Weybourne in 1921 lost his life in 1945 in Burma, serving for his country. He was buried in Htauk Kyant, Kale District, Sagaing Region, Myanmar.

GOLDINGHAM, Capt. JOHN CHARLES, EC/9579. 3rd Bn. 8th Gurkha Rifles. 19th March, 1945. Age 23. Son of Maj. Philip Reginald Goldingham, formerly of R.A.S.C., and Phyllis Mary Goldingham, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire. B.A. (Oxon.).

#### Rowhills, Weybourne

We met the Daws family previously in Chapter 5 Part 4, during the 1920s. Walter Daws (1880-1938) and his wife (Eva) Dorothy née Gould had been married ten years when they moved from Maplehurst, Vale Road, Ash to Rowhills, Weybourne with their two children Rosalie born 1911 and Geoffrey Francis, born 1914.



Staying with the family from 1929-1931 was school-mistress Dorothy Madge Mary Storey. She later lived at Delverne, Woodlands Avenue, Weybourne.



Rosalie started voting from 1933 and was joined by her brother Geoffrey in 1935.

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Daws, Walter—J	Rowhills, Weybourne
Daws, Eva Dorothy	Rowhills, Weybourne
Daws, Geoffrey Francis	Rowhills, Weybourne
Daws, Rosalie	Rowhills, Weybourne

Walter Daws continued working at John Drew Ltd, printers in Aldershot. He was President of the Aldershot Chamber of Commerce and Director and Hon. Secretary of Aldershot Football Club. He died suddenly of a heart attack in 1938 age 55 and the loss will have been felt by family, friends, business colleagues and football fans in Aldershot.



On the eve of their F.A. Cup-tie with Guildford City, in what is their most successful season since entering the Football League. Aldershot Football Club have suffered a big blow by the death on Friday night, following a heart attack, of Mf. Walter Daws, a director of the club and hon, secretary for many years. Mr. Daws lived at Rowhills, Weybourne, near Aldershot, and was abourne, near Aldershot, and was abourne.

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UK, Dentist Registers, 1879-1942 for Geoffrey Francis Daws

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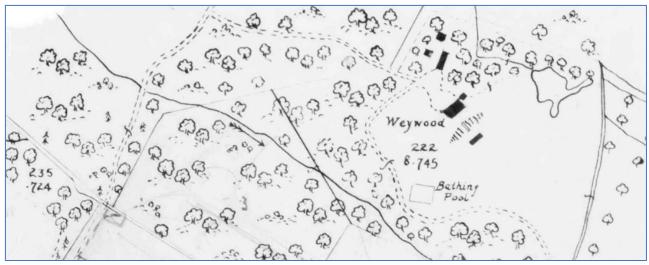
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By 1939, both of the grown-up children had left the area, leaving Mrs Daws the sole resident in Rowhills.



#### Weywood, Weybourne

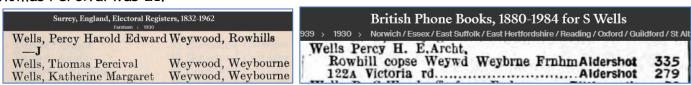
Weywood first appeared about 1920 on the Rowhill Estate on land of size 8.745 acres, according to the map. Its boundaries were The Copse House to the west and Rokeby and Rowhills to the east.



Before having the 6 roomed Weywood built, Percy Harold Edward Wells (1879-1970) and his wife Catherine née Priest (1878-1927) had been living at Hollington, Church Lane East, Aldershot.

Wells Percy H. E. Hollington, Church lane, Aldershot

Percy was a builder, surveyor and architect and along with his siblings had been a recipient of a large part of his father Henry Well's large estate in 1908. Some seven years after moving in to Weywood, Catherine Wells died in 1927, age 40. Daughter Katherine Margaret was 22 and son Thomas Percival was 21.



Percy's brother John Henry Wells and some of John's grown-up children were living just a stone's throw away in Heath End at Littlecott, Rowhills. A story from 1919 is worth telling how Percy supported his brother John in a court action.

Percy had been to court in 1919 in support of his brother John Henry Wells who was trying to evict his tricky tenant, Alfred Kinge, for not paying the rent of a Rowhills property on the grounds of Woodlands.

### EJECTMENT ORDER.

#### A COOL TENANT.

On behalf of Mr. John Henry Wells, of Aldershot, Mr. J. T. Coggins asked for a warrant of ejectment against Alfred Kinge, from a house at Rowhills.

Mr. Coggins said that the application was made on two grounds—first, that the landlord required the house for his own occupation, and secondly that defendant owed £15 9s., nearly a whole year's rent. Even in these democratic days, when practically all legislation was in favour of the tenant, he (Mr. Coggins) did not think that they had yet arrived at the stage when one man could live in another man's house rent free.

Mr. Percy Wells (Aldershot) gave evidence in support of the application.

Defendant urged that he took the house three years ago, not for himself, but for his step-daughter's children. The step-daughter's husband, who was in the Army, had written that he would be glad to get home, when he would see everything was squared up.

Alfred was a labourer and had married a widow Mrs Annie Cranham. She had several grown-up children of which one, daughter Ellen Maud had her own four children. Ellen's husband was in the Army but he had listed himself as Single on the Army census record. He had written to his wife to say he would "see everything squared up" but his forwarding of money didn't happen. Alfred Kinge was successfully evicted from Rowhills and he then lived in one room in Aldershot on the Western Road, with his wife, stepson and one of Ellen's children, a step-grandchild.

Percy's son Thomas Percival Wells married in 1932. Thomas' wife was Violet Gwendoline Linnell, whose mother was an art jeweller, making gold and silver pendants. Widowed Percy Wells and daughter Katherine Wells stayed in Weywood until 1938 then moved to Truro for some of the war. Staying with them in Truro was their domestic help Bessie Southgate née Gatfield who had married William Southgate in April 1939. Bessie was from a large family in Hale. Her mother was Rose Caesar and her father Albert Gatfield was a house painter working for the well-known building firm Caesar Brothers.



In 1938, was it thought that war might be looming? Some might say Yes but that it was hoped war would never happen. Father and daughter left Weywood and in moved Colonel Frank Albert Hilborn (1882-1957) and his wife Ada (1888-1973).

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Frank Albert Hilborn

Hilborn, Frank Albert (Col.) Weywood, Weybourne
Hilborn, Ada Weywood, Weybourne

Frank had been in the Machine Gun Corps and then the Tank Corps at Bovington. His mechanical and civil engineering records were recorded in detail in 1920.

Age 37, born 7 September 1882, London. UK, Mechanical Engineer Records, 1847-1938 for Frank Albert Hilborn General Education: - Westbourne School, 1889-97. HILBORN, FRANK ALBERT, Major, Tank Corps, Wareham, Technical Education: -King's Coll., London, 1897-98-Civil Eng. Dorset. Apprenticeship (Age 151/4):-3 years 3 months; Major, Tank Corps (workshops), to date. 3 years, 1898-1901; articled to Prof. Henry Robinson, M.I.C.E., late Prof. of Civil Eng., King's Coll., London. During my service in the Tank Corps my exp. of I.C. Engines has been considerably enlarged especially as regards 105-HP. Daimlers and 120-HP. Ricardos. I assisted with the water supply and pumping plant of Christ's Hosp., Horsham, Kings Lynn Elec. Lighting, Malling sewage plant. Brief details of most important Mechanical Engineering work for which Candidate has been personally responsible:—Instln. of new pumping plant, Lucknow Water Works, India. Subsequent Career :-Menniupal 12 years, 1901-13; Eng. Asst., Willesden D.C. 22 years 3 months. TOTAL. I was Eng.-in-Charge of the sewage farm and responsible for plunger, Worthington and centrifugal pumps, also the instln. of steam heating plant to the large Isolation Hosp. Membership in other Societies: - A.M. Inst. M. and C.E. 4 years, 1913-17; Res. Eng., Lucknow, India.

In 1919, Frank married widow Ada Lazonby née Swindells. Her husband had been killed in action in France in 1917. Frank and Ada then had a daughter Joan, born in Middlesex in 1920. By 1925 Frank gained the MBE (Military Division) and was gazetted as Major in 1927.

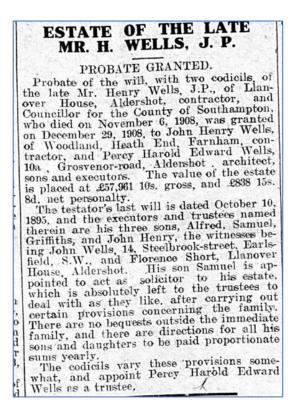
Captain Frank Albert Hilborn, A.M.I. MECH. E., Royal Tank Corps, son of Mr. F. Hilborn, builder, of Belsize-road, Kilburn, has had the order of M.B.E. (Military Division) conferred upon him.

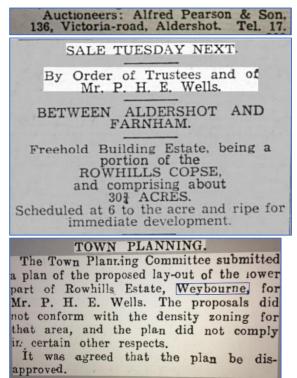
Colonel Hilborn and his wife travelled from Liverpool to Bombay, India in 1933,

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and then when back in England stayed briefly in Aldershot at Weywood, Weybourne.

Time to end this decade with a reminder of Percy Harold Edward Wells' involvement as Executor of his father's 1908 will (covered previously in Chapter 6 Part 3 page 169). By 1939, there were some 31 acres left of the original 85 acres bought in 1902 which was felt "ripe for immediate development." However, Town Planning did not approve the 6 dwellings to the acre so it was back to the drawing board.





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Interestingly, Percy's Weywood address in the telephone directory was Rowhill Copse.

Time now to walk to the neighbouring property The Copse House and visit Percy's relatives.