## The Copse House, Rowhill Estate

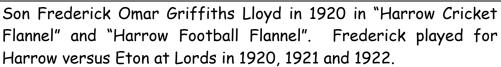




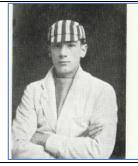
When we saw the newly built Copse House in the 1920s, we understood some of the Lloyd/Wells family who resided there through the internal and external photographs. Two of the residents, 90-year-old Elizabeth Wells and her daughter Rose Wells had died there in 1929.

Living in the house in 1930 was Florence Elizabeth Lloyd née Wells (1877-1966), who had been widowed in 1921 when her husband Frederick John Lloyd died aged 48. Also residing in the house was their only child Frederick, now an adult.

Florence and Frederick John Lloyd in 1901









Florence's son Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd (1903-1964) had as his address The Copse House during the 1930s. He had boarded at Harrow from 1917-1922 and then went on to Pembroke College, Cambridge 1922-1925 for his B.A. then later for his M.A.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Florence Elizabeth Lloyd

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Frederick had passed his Law qualifications in 1924 and commenced his career, articled to Mr C F Karuth as a solicitor/liquidator at Messrs. Kerly, Sons & Karuth in Austin Friars, London. He passed his Law Final examination in 1928, was admitted as a member of the Law Society and later became a partner in this London law firm.

Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd, B.A. Cantab.

## UK and Commonwealth, Law Examination Records, 1836-1948 for Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd Intermediate Examination List of Candidates > 1927 The Copse House, Healt End. 6.7. Karuth. 10/11 austin Friais briffeths BA. Cantas V the Farnham, Surrey, Lloyd Fredk. Omar Griffiths, M.A. (firm, Kerly, Sons & Karuth) 10 & 11 Austin Friars FC2

Frederick himself had actually appeared in court twice, as a student, the second time for a driving offence with case dismissed on the grounds that the constable had made an error about speed.

LIGHTLESS. Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd, Pembroke College, was fined £3 for being in charge of a motor car without a light at Fen Ditton. DISMISSED.

Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd, 17, Bateman-street, undergraduate, was summoned for a like offence, at Trumpington-street. on May 13th.—Mr. J. E. Few appeared for defendant, and the offence was denied.

P.C. Barrell said that at 11.25 p.m. he saw defendant's car pass another at from 35 to 40 miles per hour. He continued at that speed along the street.

Defendant said he did nothing more than 25 miles per hour. He slowed down when passing side streets. He did not see the constable, but on being told that a constable had signalled, he went back to see him.

To assist with the running of the 8-acre estate including the large Copse House were a live-in couple from 1930-1932. They were Reginald Mark Glazier and his wife Dorothy Rosaline née Robinson. Mark had been a basket maker previously. Prior to Heath End, they worked in houses as a couple in the Guildford and Woking area.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Reginald Mark Glazier The Copse House, Heath End Glazier, Reginald Mark The Copse House, Heath End Glazier, Dorothy Rosaline

Frederick first installed the telephone in The Copse House in 1928. At that time, Frederick's uncle Robert Henry (Harry) Lloyd of Spokane, Manor Road, Aldershot also had the telephone installed as did Frederick's cousin, the certified accountant Thomas William Lloyd (junior).

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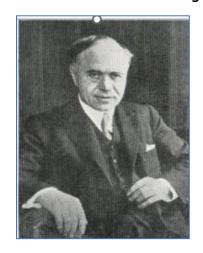
There were offices in Victoria Road, Aldershot called Arcade Chambers and Frederick had an office there. He owned part of the Arcade and also Aldershot market. It is thought that the Aldershot Arcade was built around 1897, possibly by Frederick's uncle Harry Lloyd and with other Lloyd family members.

Lloyd F. D. G, Solr, Arcade chambers ..... Aldershot

In October 1930 Frederick Lloyd went off to America for two months.

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Was this linked to his engagement one year later to (Lillian) Katherine Aitken (1905-19830)?



Katherine was born in New Brunswick, Canada, of Scottish ancestry. Her father Major Robert Traven Donaldson Aitkin was the third child of ten children with William Maxwell Aitken, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Beaverbrook being the sixth, (Lord Beaverbrook shown on the left). Lord Beaverbrook was referred to as a press baron and was the owner of the Express newspapers group in Britain.

Frederick and Katherine were married in 1932 at St Columba's church, Pont Street, London followed by a reception at Stornaway House, St James, one of the homes of Katherine's uncle, Lord Beaverbrook.



The engagement is announced between Frederick Omar Griffiths, only son of Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Lloyd and the late Mr. Frederick John Lloyd, of The Copse House, near Farnham, and Katherine, second daughter of Mr. R. T. D. Aitken and the late Mrs. Agnes Jean Aitken, of Newcastle, New Brunswick, Canada.



Frederick and Katherine's son Frederick Robert Griffiths Lloyd was born in 1932 followed by the birth of Elizabeth Anne Griffiths Lloyd in 1935. Both births were in The Copse House but registered in Kensington. Maybe Kensington had a better ring about it? Son Eric Samuel Griffiths Lloyd was born in 1939 in London.

By 1934, Florence Elizabeth Lloyd was no longer on the voting list for The Copse House, but her son and daughter-in-law were.

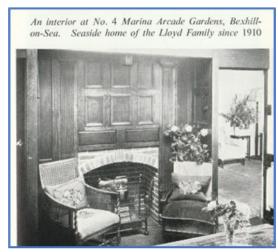
Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Frederick Omar Lloyd							
Lloyd, Frederick Omar	The Copse House, Heath End						
Lloyd, Lily Catherine	The Copse House, Heath End						

Florence had moved to 4, Marina Arcade in Bexhill-on-Sea and was enjoying seaside air. This had been the Lloyd family seaside home since 1910 so Florence was very familiar with the area.





Florence Lloyd and her brother Percy Harold Edward Wells at their beach hut, Bexhill-on-Sea. The hut was named ROBANNERIC after the three grand-children.



Frederick had also made a significant purchase. In 1934 he bought Newhouse Farm, Northington near Alresford in Hampshire. The previous owner was Lord Ashburton, Francis Denzil Edward Baring,  $5^{th}$  Baron Ashburton. The estate was about 1500 acres of farms and woodlands and the house dated from the late  $16^{th}$  century.

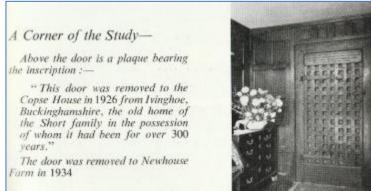
British Phone Books, 1880-1984 for FOG Lloyd

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Lloyd, Katherine	10/11	(Abode—New Hants)	House	Farm,	Northington,





By the time the 1939 register was taken on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1939, just weeks after war was declared against Germany, Frederick was in the Royal Navy Voluntary Reserve as a Temporary Lieutenant in 1939 and then in 1941 as a Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander when appointed Senior Officer on the Auxiliary Patrols in Portsmouth. He was invited to become a J.P. (Justice of the Peace) but declined due to his naval duties.

§ Acting Temporary Lieut.-Commander.

Frederick Omar Griffiths Lloyd. 1 Sept

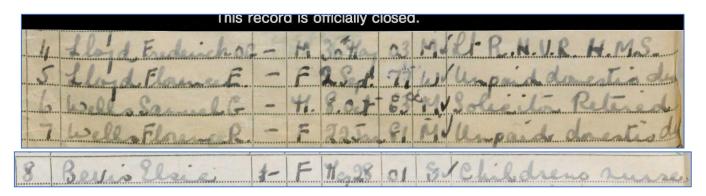


## Erroneous first name from the Harrow School register

Lloyd, Francis Omar Griffiths (Small Houses and The Grove), son of F. J. Lloyd, Esq., The Copse House, Weybourne, near Farnham. Cricket XI. 1920-22; Football XI. 1920-21; Assocn. XI. 1922; left 1922<sup>2</sup>. Pemb. Coll. Camb. Solicitor; practising in London. World War, Lieut. R.N.V.R. 1939; Lieut.-Cdr. 1941; Senior Officer, Auxiliary Patrols, Portsmouth. F. O. Griffiths Lloyd, Esq., Newhouse Farm, Northington, Hants.

Frederick, Katherine and the children lived at Newhouse Farm with his mother Florence, her brother Samuel Griffiths Wells and Samuel's wife Florence Rebecca née Short. Elsie Bevins, the children's nurse also lived there. She had been a nursery maid in 1921 so had stayed working with children.





Back to Heath End and The Copse House. Once the Lloyds had left The Copse House in 1934, a couple moved in possibly as retainers to keep the property in some sort of working order. They were John Henry Valentine Andrews and his wife Jennie Trenholm née Marshall. The couple had been married in London in 1930 and then worked in a domestic sense, first in Hendon and then in Horsell, Surrey. John worked as a gardener and did heavy-type of work. His wife took on housekeeping duties.

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12	R		Andrews, John Henry	The Copse House, Heath End
13	Rw	_	Andrews, Jennie Trenholm	The Copse House, Heath End

Conveniently, Frederick kept the telephone in the property under his name.

The Andrew's daughter Edith was born in 1936, maybe in The Copse House and then in 1936 they moved to Chertsey.

Cook, Doreen Andrews, John Harry V. Andrews, Jennie Trenholm	The Cottage, Lyne Hill House The Cottage, Lyne Hill House
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By 1936, Frederick Lloyd decided to rent out The Copse House. He and his family had moved out and the property was up for sale. Those who read Country Life on  $6^{th}$  April 1935 may have spotted on page 6 a property they recognised. We know who was a Director at Kerly, Sons and Keruth at 10 and 11 Austin Friars, London, acting as solicitor for the sale.



It was time to earn some income for the Lloyds. The new tenant at The Copse House was Captain Alastair Crawford (born Alexander Wardrop Euing Crawford in 1896 in Glasgow). He was the only son of Colonel and Mrs Euing Crawford of Auchentroig, Stirlingshire. Alastair had joined the Royal Scots Greys and by 1916, was serving in France and later in India.

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## REGULAR FORCES.

The undermentioned Gentleman Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 16th June, 1915:—

2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys).

Alexander Wardrop Euing Crawford.

Captain Crawford married in 1924 in Edinburgh and it was a Society wedding.



Guests included the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, the Marquis and Marchioness of Linlithgow, the Countess of Buchan, the Viscount and Viscountess Cobham. Despite all the "bling", there was no reception since Helena's family were in deep mourning, following the death of her father Charles Dundas two months earlier. Admiral Charles Hope Dundas K.C.M.G. (the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a British order of chivalry) was the hereditary 28th Chief of Dundas. He had been Aide-De-Camp to King Edward VII and King George V following a distinguished Naval career.

The Crawfords lived in London and Scotland where their daughter Rosemary Elizabeth was born. In 1936 they moved to The Copse House

S	Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Alastair Wardrop Crawford							
1	Crawford, Alastair Wardrop (Capt.)	The Copse House, Heath End						
7	Crawford, Helena Beatrice	The Copse House, Heath End						

They had living with them Elizabeth Clark and Margaret Davies, and also Mrs Rosaline Frances Maddock, married to Lance Corporal Reginald Maddock who was stationed in Aldershot,.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Margaret Davies

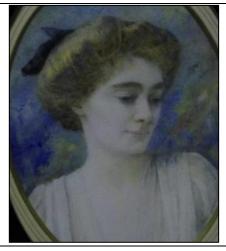
Davies, Margaret

The Copse House, Heath End

It is thought that Rosaline, Elizabeth and Margaret were live-in domestics.

By 1938, the Crawfords had moved out and in moved Colonel Andrew Russell Ross MD CM (1892-1981) with his wife Catherine/Catherina Olga Dorothy Ross née Harman (1888-1960).





Colonel Ross had been born in Edinburgh. His father was a doctor and it might not have been unexpected perhaps for son Andrew to follow his father's medical career and enter into the Royal Army Medical Corps. Catherina Harman was born in Cheltenham of Irish parents. Her father was a Major.

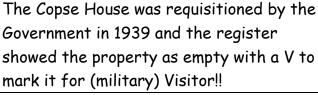
A lease was arranged for four years in 1937 between Aldershot Trust Estates Ltd and Major Andrew Rossell Ross of 3 West Lodge Road, Colchester, Essex. Also on the lease was Captain John Alexander Agnew Dunlop Wallace (9<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Craigie) stationed at Mandora Barracks.

A live-in cook was employed at The Copse House; she was widow Elizabeth Harriett Eastall née Starsmoore.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Elizabeth Harriet Eastall

Eastall, Elizabeth Harriet The Copse House, Heath End

Joining the Ross family in 1939 was Thomas Howard Weldon Adams of Royal Field Artillery (1877-1954) and his wife Emma Cecil Adams née Rossoll (1885-1958). Their stay was brief and they moved out when war was declared.









Catherine Ross and her student son Thomas Russell Clayton Ross moved to her home town of Cheltenham and her husband took on military duties. We can leave The Copse House being prepared for the arrival of Officers and move next door to The Warren. At the end of the 1920s decade, The Warren was empty. By the 1930s, has anyone moved in?