

The Warren, Heath End

We have been visiting The Warren since 1887 when the property was built by Colonel Wilkinson Shaw. This property had housed military personnel ever since that date. On our last visit, at the end of the 1920s, The Warren was empty but not for long.

In 1930, the Pickering family became the new residents - Colonel Charles James Pickering (1880-1951), his wife Eileen Rosetta Pickering née Reeves (1875-1965) and their adult son Charles Harold Clannalieve Pickering (1906-1976) moved in.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Charles Harold Pickering	
Farnham > 1930	
Pickering, Charles James	The Warren, Weybourne
Pickering, Eileen Rosetta	The Warren, Weybourne
Pickering, Charles Harold	The Warren, Heath End



Colonel Charles Pickering senior was born in Dewsbury, West Riding, son of a woollen manufacturer. He enlisted into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and by 1898 was a 2nd Lieutenant. He served in France in 1915, and by 1924 he was commanding the 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Own West Riding Regiment when it was stationed in Gosport. Later he became Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion in the Near and Far East. In 1929 Charles was Chief Administrative Officer to the General Officer commanding the 1st Division at Aldershot.

Charles had married the widow Eileen Rosetta Long in Bengal, India in 1904. She was the daughter of a Colonel and had previously married in Ireland in 1899. Her husband had died in India a year later. Eileen's grandmother was Lady Graham Grace-Toler, daughter of the 2nd Earl of Norbury (shot dead by his butler!) so she had a family background with peerage history.

Eileen Pickering returned to England where her son Charles was born in 1906 in Staffordshire. Eileen rented Plaw Hatch in Weybourne Road in 1927 and then the Pickering family moved into the The Warren in 1930. They moved to Vale Road, Ash Vale in 1934 then back to Plaw Hatch in 1936.

The Warren was a large establishment so live-in domestic staff were employed. Two staff in 1930 were Alice Trimming and Kathleen Sievier.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Alice Trimming	
Farnham > 1930	
Trimming, Alice	The Warren, Heath End

Alice was from a large family in Hale, born in 1891 at Vicarage Terrace, Upper Hale to parents John Earwaker Trimming and Mary Anne Trimming. Her baptism was recorded at the Farnham Wesleyan Chapel. Alice was at The Warren from 1930-1934 and then moved back to Hale.

April 28 th 1892 No. 178.	Alice	John E. Ewart ★ Mary Ann	Tremming	Keirage Terrace Upper Hale	11 th Dec ^r 1891
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It is believed that Kathleen Sievier may have been Kate Kathleen Sievier born in Lambeth in 1912. She was living at The Warren from 1930-1931.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Kathleen Sievier Farnham > 1930	
Sievier, Kathleen	The Warren, Heath End

London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1923 for Kate Kathleen Sievier Lambeth > St Mary, Lambeth > 1900-1922					
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1932 had two additional domestics at The Warren, namely Irene Bird and Ada Elizabeth Hounsham. It is not thought that Irene Bird was local to Farnham unlike Ada Elizabeth Hounsham. Ada was born in 1912 in Farnham at 1 Foots Cottage, Upper Hale to parents Edward Hounsham and Elizabeth Hounsham née Stovold. Edward Hounsham was a ballast train driver working for the London and South Western Railway in Farnham. The 3 Foots Cottages were close to the Iron Duke Hotel on Folly Hill (now the furniture showroom Neptune).

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Irene Bird Farnham > 1932	
Bird, Irene	The Warren, Heath End

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Ada Hounsham Farnham > 1932	
Hounsham, Ada	The Warren, Heath End

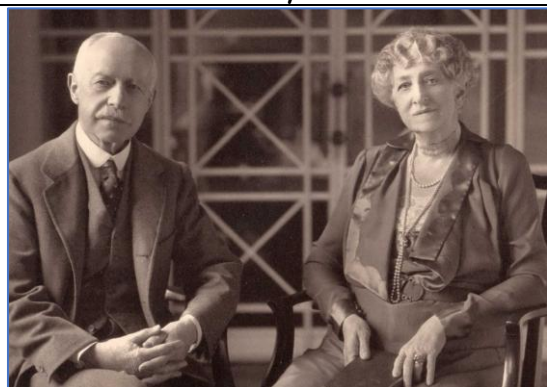
The parlourmaid in 1934 was Kathleen Gallagher who was 30 years old; she stayed just one year then moved to Ashbourne Court in Ash.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Kathleen Gallagher Farnham > 1934	
Gallagher, Kathleen	The Warren, Heath End

In 1934 there were new residents at The Warren. These were Colonel Cecil Albert Heydeman (1887-1967), his father Colonel Henry Ernest Heydeman and his mother Rose Henriette Heydeman née Ligneau-Grandcour.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 Farnham > 1934	
Heydeman, Cecil (Col.)	The Warren, Heath End
Heydeman, Henry Ernest	The Warren, Heath End
Heydeman, Rose Henriette	The Warren, Heath End

Colonel Henry Ernest Heydeman & Rose Henriette Heydeman



Colonel Cecil Albert Heydeman from a picture of Queen's Bays officers, in 1914 prior to departure to France



Cecil Albert Heydeman was born at Villers-sur-Mer, Calvados, France in 1889 and educated at Temple Grove, Harrow. By 1911 he was barracked on the Wellington Lines, Aldershot as a Lieutenant, 1st Cavalry Brigade, 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays). In the First World War, he won the Military Cross. Cecil married in 1914 and his wife Lily Edith née Offer lived in various prestigious addresses in London. On 24 Sep 1914 the award was announced: "Lieutenant Heydeman, the Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Chevalier". Cecil became Lieutenant in 1909, Captain in 1916, Major in 1919 and Lt-Colonel commanding the Queen's Bays in 1928.

In 1932 Cecil was made Colonel and in 1935 became Commander of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade and then Assistant Adjutant & Quartermaster-General, 1st Infantry Division at Aldershot. The Heydeman's stay in The Warren was brief as so often happened.

The following two years 1935 to 1936, The Warren had new residents. These were Brigadier-General Guy Warren Meade (1882-1957), his wife May née Todd (1894-1986) and 20-year-old daughter Peggy Warren Meade.

Meade, Guy Warren (Brig-Genl.)	The Warren, Heath End
Meade, May	The Warren, Heath End
Meade, Pessy Warren	The Warren, Heath End

This family had been living in Egypt with their second daughter Joan Warren Meade. Mrs May Meade had come from a military background. She was born in Japan, her father being a Field Surgeon and Inspector General of Hospitals, working for the Royal Navy.

Guy also came from a well-educated background. He was born in Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire and his father was a medical practitioner and surgeon. It was a comfortable upbringing for Guy in large houses with many servants. By the age of 18, he was a Gentleman Cadet training at Woolwich and by 1916, Guy was a Major with the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery. Guy was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and also awarded the Military Cross.

Two servants to mention during this period are Bessie Jane Patrick and Doris Cotterill.

Patrick, Bessie Jane	The Warren, Heath End
Cotterill, Arthur	15 Coppice Cottages, Fr
Cotterill, Doris	The Warren, Heath End

As so often is the case with live-in domestics, nothing more is known about these two ladies.

1937 saw two new arrivals at The Warren, namely Brigadier Thomas George Gordon Heywood (1886-1943) and his wife Joan née Bromley-Davenport (1907-1987).

Heywood, Thomas George Gordon (Brigr.)	The Warren, Heath End
Heywood, Joan	The Warren, Heath End

Joan was widowed when she married Thomas in 1936 in Paris and Thomas had also been married previously and was divorced.

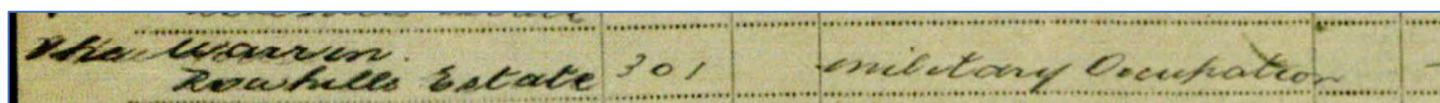
Joan Bromley-Davenport had had a sumptuous Society wedding in 1930 (she was niece of Brigadier General Sir William Bromley-Davenport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire) but there was tragedy for the family when in 1931 her solicitor husband had a breakdown and ended his life.

Joan Bromley-Davenport	Her ancestor Mrs Davies Davenport, painted by George Romney	Decorations awarded to Thomas Heywood
		

Thomas had been born in Caen, Calvados, France. His mother was Marie Madelaine Fernande Jane Reymond Robellaz married to Courtney Heywood, an Army officer. By 1905 Thomas was a Lieutenant with the Cork Artillery and served in France, Gallipoli, India and the Balkans eventually becoming Brigadier Royal Artillery, Aldershot Command from 1936 until 1939.

The promotion of Colonel A. P. Y. Langhorne to the rank of major-general necessitates his relinquishing the post of Brigadier, Royal Artillery, on the Staff of the Aldershot Command, which he has held since April, 1934. His successor will be Colonel **Thomas** G. G. Heywood, who has been military attaché in Paris since May, 1932. This officer entered the Royal Artillery from the Militia just thirty years ago. Most of his war service was spent at Salonica. After the Armistice he was employed in the British Military Mission to Turkey, following upon which he went as G.S.O.2 to Versailles. Barring the O.B.E., his decorations are all foreign : Legion of Honour, Order of the Redeemer and Order of the White Eagle.

The national 1939 record of Rowhills showed The Warren, Rowhills Estate as having Military Occupation and the electoral register for Farnham dated 15th October 1939 showed the Heywoods still resident at The Warren.



During the war, Major General Thomas Heywood became Commander of the 26th Indian Division and in 1943 was killed in an air crash at Allahabad, India; he was buried in Delhi Cemetery. Amongst his many awards was the Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) a prestigious British order of chivalry for distinguished service in the military.

Time to step across the road in Rowhills and return to the Army College. We were last there in the 1920s and there must have been many changes since our last visit. Matron Emily Gunner had been keeping a detailed diary of life in Heath End. Was she still working there?