The Red House, Heath End, Farnham

## The Red House



The Red House was built in 1887, adjacent to the Army College land, on Weybourne Lane. When the Army College was built at that time. the upper part of Weybourne Lane became called College Road. The land gently sloped downhill but in 1896, a cricket pitch had been made on the seven acres of the college land, neighbouring the Red House.

An important addition has been recently made to the cricket grounds in in the neighbourhood of Aldershot by the preparation of a "Playing Field" in connection with the Army College, at Heath End. During the winter months the field in front of the College buildings has been levelled, no less than 6,000 cubic yards of earth having been moved in the operation. An absolutely level area, measuring 145 yards by 90, has thus been secured. To the efforts of Mr. R. Courtenay Welch, the College is chiefly indebted for its new ground.

Now for a correction from page 140 in Chapter 5 Part 7. In 1919 and 1920, advertisements in the name of Tetley had been made relating to The Red House. The advertisements were for a 1916 Peugeot Bébé car, a pram, and renting a furnished flat for August. An assumption was made that this person was Lieutenant Eric Tetley.

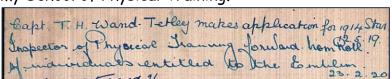




Not so, the Tetley advertisements were from Thomas Harrison Wand-Tetley (1890-1956) and his wife Cécile Florence Wand-Tetley née Tatham (1894-1980). The pram was for their son Peter Michael Wand-Tetley born in 1920 and baptised at St John the Evangelist, Hale.

1920 Fe6: 29th	Peter Michael	Thomas Harrison	Wand-Tetley	Hale	Captain
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Thomas was born Thomas Harrison Wand but changed his name after his divorced mother married Joseph Tetley, the wholesale tea merchant, chairman and director of J Tetley & Co Ltd. In 1920 Thomas was Captain Wand-Tetley of the  $1^{st}$  Wiltshire Regiment, Chief Instructor of the Army School of Physical Training.



ALDERSHOT COMMAND, 8; R.M.C., 1.

The Command Hockey Club opened its season most successfully on the 20th inst., by defeating the Royal Military College 8—1 on the Officers' Club ground. The Command has a very useful eleven, including two Irish Internationals, Toole and Rushbridge, and Captain Wand-Tetley who is an Army player. On the other hand the College

Thomas represented the United Kingdom at the 1920 Antwerp Olympic Games in fencing, individual foil and modern pentathlon. The five events for the pentathlon were revolver shooting, swimming 300 metres, épée fencing, cross-country running 4000 metres and a mounted cross-country ride across 5000 metres.



FOR Sale, Baby Peugeot Car, 1916, latest model; 4 cylinders; 3 speeds and reverse; acetylene; Stepney; speedometer; tools, jack, etc; especially fitted steering wheel and hinged bonnet; mileage 5,300; £200; trial run by appointment.—Tetley, Red House, Heath End, Farnham. Telephone: 360 Aldershot.

1916 Peugeot Bébé

Aldershot .. 360 Tatley Capt. T. A. Wand .. .. Red ho Heath End near Farnham

The Wand-Tetley family moved to the Albuhera Barracks, Aldershot by 1921. There they lived in Moore Lodge on the Stanhope Lines. Two servants Edith King as nurse and Jean Clark as maid, lived there with the family. Thomas went on to fence in the 1928 summer Olympics. He became a Brigadier in 1945.

Back to the 1930s. The owners of The Red House were the Goschen family who had moved into the property in 1923 but had been in Woolwich from 1929 to 1931 when Arthur was appointed Garrison Commander and Commandant at the Royal Artillery Depot at Woolwich.



The family consisted of Brigadier Arthur Alec Goschen (1880-1975), his wife Marjorie Mary Goschen née Blacker (1884-1976) and their five children. The Goschens took two Farnham servants with them to Woolwich. We met Iris Green in the previous chapter where she was working at the Army College as a domestic.

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Goschen, Arthur Alec	Commandant's House
Goschen, Marjorie Mary	Commandant's House
Tyler, Fanny Edith	Commandant's House
Green, Iris	Commandant's House

With the Goschens in Woolwich, The Red House was rented out in 1929 to Major Lionel Henry Torin (1887-1967) and his wife Katherine Theodora née Gordon-Duff (1903-2002).

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Torin, Lionel Henry Torin, Katherine Theodora		House, Heath House, Heath	

Katherine was the daughter of Captain Thomas Duff, 9th of Drummuir, 11th of Park Gordon Duff, Gordon Highlanders from Banffshire. She had been married in 1922 to Major Evelyn Robert Leopold Fraser-MacKenzie DSO, MC, but he had died in 1925, leaving her with an infant son Thomas Robert Duff Fraser-Mackenzie. Katherine remarried in 1927 to Major Lionel Torin, the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

To assist with domestic duties in 1930, Mrs Torin engaged nurse Nellie Ethel Budd, and domestic servants Mary Fraser and Evelyn Hannah Taylor (who became Evelyn Hannah Wright the following year).

Budd, Nellie Ethel	The Red House, Heath End	Fraser, Mary	The Red House, Heath End
Taylor, Evelyn Hannah	The Red House, Heath End	Wright, Evelyn Hannah	The Red House, Heath End

In 1931, the Torin family moved out to Colchester Garrison, Essex with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry Regiment and about that time, Arthur Goschen became Brigadier Royal Artillery at Aldershot Command.

Col. (temp. Brig.) A. A. Goschen, D.S.O., from Garr. Comdr., Woolwich (and Comdt., R.A., Depôt), to be Brigadier, R.A., Aldershot Comd. 7th June 1931.

The Goschen family returned to The Red House, Heath End, where they continued to employ Fanny Edith Tyler to assist with the daily affairs. Fanny was born in Swindon in 1879 and she had started her servant life as an under-nurse.

Tyler, Fanny	The Red House, Heath End
Goschen, Arthur Alec	The Red House, Heath End
Goschen, Marjorie May	The Red House, Heath End

In April 1932, an announcement was made about an engagement of the eldest daughter Grania Goschen (1909-1990) to Royal Artillery Captain, John Beaumont Hyde-Smith (1898-1978) whom she had met in Woolwich.

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.

The marriage took place in July 1932 at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints in Aldershot.

An Army officer and a bride were driven away at a gallop after their wedding at the Royal Garrison Church in a landau drawn by a team of six gun horses, with the outriders ridden by three officers of the Royal Horse Artillery in full dress uniform. Capt. I. B. Hyde-Smith, R.A., who is at the Royal Military Academy, was married to Miss Grania Goschen, whose father is brigadier, Royal Artillery, on the Aldershot Command staff.

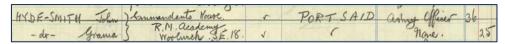


A typical landau

The bride's arrival at the church was heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, and the R.A. Mounted Band played during the service. As Capt. and Mrs. Hyde-Smith walked from the church to the landau they passed between lines of Girl Guides and Brownies and surpliced choirboys, finally walking under an archway of swords formed by sergeants of the Royal Horse Artillery. It was the most picturesque military wedding seen at Aldershot for many years.

away suit of cream satin. There were six grown-up bridesmaids—Miss Molly and Miss Diana Goschen (sisters of the bride), Miss Angela Davis, Miss Elizabeth Hyde-Smith, Miss Peggy Meade, and Miss Margaret Goldney. Their dresses of corn-coloured georgette had long, full skirts and cape sleeves, and their straw hats to match were each trimmed with a single rose. They carried bouquets of roses and wore floral necklaces. Capt. B. L. de Robeck, Royal Artillery, was best man. The Royal Artillery Mounted Band played, and a guard of honour was provided by the Royal Horse Artillery.

In 1934, Captain and Mrs Hyde-Smith left their home in the Commandants House, Woolwich and sailed from Liverpool to Egypt, where their first son Christopher John was born (1935-2024).



The Hyde-Smith family returned to Tilbury, Essex in 1937 and by 1938 had moved in to Woodlands, Rowhills, Heath End (see Page 166 Chapter 6 Part 2).

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Fanny Tyler (1879-1959) who had loyally worked for the Goschens in Woolwich followed by The Red House, Heath End, now worked in Woodlands for Mrs Grania Hyde-Smith although by 1939 she was employed as a nurse at Donnington Priory, Newbury.

Tyler, Fanny Edith Woodlands, Heath End

In 1934, Arthur became commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich and The Red House was put up for sale, "by direction of Major-General A A Goschen DSO". The Goschens were moving back to Woolwich but they also had a property called Macaroni Down Farm, at Eastleach near Cirencester.

REGULAR ARMY.

Col. (temp. Brig.) A. A. Goschen, D.S.O.,
A.D.C. to the King, is granted the temp.
rank of Maj.-Gen. 28th Feb. 1934.

Col. (temp. Maj.-Gen.) A. A. Goschen, D.S.O., A.D.C. to the King, to be Comdt., R. Mil. Academy. 28th Feb. 1934.

Col. (temp. Maj.-Gen.) A. A. Goschen, D.S.O., A.D.C. to the King, to be Maj.-Gen. 16th Mar. 1934.



A Pleasanthy Placed
Freehold Residence with Garage, Stabling,
Three Cottages
and
about  $5\frac{1}{4}$  Acres

London auctioneers Goddard and Smith produced a 12 page Sale "booklet of particulars" with the auction of The Red House taking place in London. The land size was 5 acres 1 rood and 14 poles. (a rood is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre).

About 1½ miles South from the Municipal Borough and Station of Aldershot on the Southern Railway, whence Waterloo may be reached in fifty minutes; about 2 miles North of Farnham Station, and about 37 miles from London.

Within about five minutes' walk from the Aldershot and District Traction Co. Ltd. Omnibus Services plying to Basingstoke and Petersfield.

About five minutes' walk from Post Office at Heath End, twenty minutes' walk from the Parish Church. Roman Catholic Church at Aldershot.

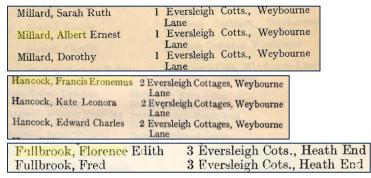
The three "brick and tiles" cottages were further down Weybourne Lane, on the corner of Brooklands Road. They were known locally as 1 to 3 Ever(s)leigh Cottages or Rices Cottages. There was vacant possession on The Red House but the cottages were let on weekly tenancies, raising an income of £55 per annum.



1 to 3 Eversleigh Cottages







The left-hand cottage was let to Mrs Millard, at 7shillings and 7pence per week. The middle cottage was let to Mrs Hancock also at 7s 7d. The cottage on the right was let to Mr Fullbrook, weekly rent of 6shillings. (There were 12 pennies in one shilling and 20 shillings in one pound £)

The Red House had six principal bedrooms and dressing rooms, with fireplaces. The second floor had four secondary bedrooms and staff bedrooms.

It is not known who purchased The Red House and Eversleigh Cottages. New tenants in 1935 were Wilson Edgington, Alice Inglis and newly-weds Captain John Baron Percy Phillips and his wife Elizabeth Lucy Mary née Cockburn. Captain Phillips was an Adjutant of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queens Royal Regiment. Also living in this house in 1936 was Louisa Charman, the retired florist, before she moved to Woodlands, Rowhills. (See page 166 Chapter 6 Part 2)

Edgington, Wilson	The Red House, Heath End
Phillips, John Baron (Capt.) Phillips, Elizabeth	The Red House, Weybourne Lane The Red House, Weybourne Lane

Inglis, Alice	The Red House, Weybourne Lane				
Charman, Louisa	The Red House, Weybourne Lane				

Next to live in The Red House in 1938 were Major Edward Shannon O'Kelly (1892-1986), his wife Marjorie Cuthbert née Moy (1899-1950) and young daughter Patricia.

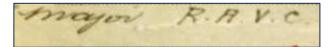
O'Kelly, Edward (Maj.) The Red House, Heath End O'Kelly, Marjorie Cuthbert The Red House, Heath End

Edward O'Kelly was born in Kingstown, Ireland and aged 27, he was in Aldershot at the Royal Army Service Corps Training Establishment.

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The Royal Air Force was formed in 1918 from two parts of the Forces:- The Royal Flying Corps (which had been part of the Army) and the Royal Naval Air Service, (which had been part of the Navy). The Royal Air Force became the third of the Armed Forces. 1918-1919 was a transitional time as people like Edward O'Kelly moved from the Army and became an Officer under instruction in the RAF. By 1921 Edward O'Kelly was a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps at Shrapnel Barracks, Charlton, near Woolwich. Edward then moved to Colchester where he met and married Marjorie Moy in 1931. The 1939 register showed Edward as Major in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.





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Also living at The Red House was Alfred Benjamin Bowhay (1885-1952), a retired Major from the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, and his wife Leslie Margaret Bowhay née Rogers (1891-1971). Alfred was born in Tavistock, Devon and initially joined the Cold Stream Guards in 1912.

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Providing domestic service for the residents was a single lady called Dorothy May Livermore and an Irish couple called Henry and Kathleen Wilgar. Dorothy Livermore was born in Cottenham, Cambridgeshire and her father was a miller of corn. She only stayed one year before moving on.

Livermore, Dorothy May	The Red House, Heath End
Wilgar, Henry	The Red House, Heath End
Wilgar, Kathleen	The Red House, Heath End

In 1938, a visitor to the house was Helen Margaret Mackworth. Who was she?

Mackworth, Helen Margaret The Red House, Heath End

There is a strong possibility, although not proven, that Helen was born in 1914, daughter of Major Francis Julian Audley Mackworth (Royal Artillery), home being Sidmouth, Devon. If this is the case then what follows is a truly tragic story. Helen was engaged to William George McClintock, Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery and the only child of Colonel Robert Lyle McClintock and his wife Jennie. Helen was regarded as being from "Society", her fiancé was Irish and the Red House was being lived in by an Irish family. William McClintock, age 24, had broken his back in a riding accident and was paralysed from the neck down. He was moved from the King Edward VIII Officers' Hospital, London to his home Dunmore House, Carrigans, Donegal, six miles west of Londonderry/Derry. Helen also travelled to Dunmore House, ready for her wedding to William. William's mother, distraught by circumstances with her son as a "cripple", disapproved of the wedding. What followed was a triple shooting. William was shot in the garden by his mother and she then shot herself. The news to Helen was so overwhelming that Helen shot herself that same afternoon. The 1938 wedding due to be two days later became three funerals.

Time to take a breath and move across the road. We visited College Road, Heath End in the 1920s. If we cross the road from The Red House, we are at The Laurels and from there we can make our way up to The Mission Hall. Have there been many changes since our last visit?