

VELES [Tithe 439]



Detailed records of ownership and occupancy for a house on this site begin only in 1769, but one would have been built here much earlier. One cannot help but wonder whether the curious gift of 'an ancient sun dial (date 1417) by Mr. Bridge' at the opening of the New Jerusalem church actually came from the rebuilding of the Hook family house. Bridge had built the church and may also have rebuilt the house. One man who may have once lived there was Walter/Watkyn Andrew (died 1463), who certainly had 'tenements' in Burgate Street (the old name for the High Street). In his will he decreed that his wife Alice could 'live in my tenements in Burgate Street' for the rest of her life; then they were to be sold and the money 'coming to my executors was to be given to an honest priest to sing for my (and other) souls in the church of Snodland.' The Andrew family was prosperous and had many houses and much land in Snodland, Birling and Halling. Walter's sons were Robert (died 1488) and Walter (died 1512).

A more positive identification of ownership comes with the Coveney family, who were well established in the area. A William Coveney married Joan Leeds (of Court Lodge by the church) on 10 May 1572, but he seems to have died within a few years, since Joan Coveney married a John Burchett (parish unknown) at All Saints, Snodland, on 9 July 1592. A deed of 14 June 1613 suggests the sale of the house by an executor acting for Edward Coveney of Addington, deceased, perhaps William's son.¹ The property is described as a

Messuage, kitchen, malthouse, barn, stable, three gardens, orchard and 12 pieces of land, together with 3 acres adjoining the tenement. Clement Whitfield, late Edward Leedes E & S;

¹ Kent History and Library Centre, U47/T.48

Highway and lands of Clement Whitfield and Alice Forward, widow, and Henry Cheeseman W;
Highway N; in Burgate Street.

The description fits the site well, with the highway on the West being Brook Street and that on the North being the High Street.

Nothing more can yet be ascertained until the Churchwarden's accounts begin in 1769. At that time 'Mr Austin' (either Richard or Robert) was paying the rent, but on 4 May 1779 'Mr Johnson' (sometimes called Berryman and sometimes Benjamin) paid £8 'for late Austin's rent'. Land Tax records also begin in 1780, sometimes naming the occupants as well as the owners: John Alldridge (1780-3), Armigill Hadlow (1784-5), William Butler (1790), Rolfe Hutson (1791-2). However, it seems that at least in Berryman Johnson's time the property was used to house the poor – perhaps an overflow from the Poor Houses opposite. The names of John Alldridge, William Butler, and Rolfe Hutson all appear regularly in the Overseers Accounts as poor men. And in 1785 Armigill Hadlow's family were deported to Maidstone, although other Armigill Hadlows continued to prosper in Snodland.

In 1793 ownership passed to John May and the house began its association with the managers of the paper mill, beginning with Isaac Wenman the younger (1796-1806). Others who lived there were Thomas Cleaves (1807-10) - not a papermaker (but he was a beneficiary in John May's will), William Spong (1811-23), William Joynson (1824-33), John Clark (1834-41) and William Wildes (1847-1854). Ownership of the property in this period is shown as John May (1793), John Spong (1795-1801), John Spong junior (1802-7), Thomas Cleaves (1808-10), William Spong (1812-22), John Dudlow (a local lawyer and landowner) (1823-39); Henry Phelps (Rector of Snodland) (1840-65).[See A Ashbee, *The Papermakers of Snodland, c.1740-1854* for full details – also online at Kent Archaeological Society/members publications)

1841 Census:

John	CLARK	40	Papermaker	no
Susan	CLARK	40		no
Thomas	CLARK	15	Papermaker	no
Susan	CLARK	15		no
Sarah	CLARK	15		no
Jane	CLARK	14		no
Lucy	CLARK	13		no
Maria	CLARK	10		no
Joseph	CLARK	4		no
Lewis	FEULLIARD	50	Coal merchant	y

1851 Census:

WILDES	William	m	daughter	26	paper maker master	Maidstone
WILDES	Elizabeth	m	son	25	13 men; 39 women; 4 boys	Maidstone
PHILLIPS	Catherine	s		19	housemaid	Birling

1861 Census: ['Acacia Cottage']

HOOK	Samuel	Head	Marr.	62	Paper maker master, employing 66 men,	Devizes, Wilts.
HOOK	Anna Maria	wife	Marr.	58	18 women and 16 boys	Bures Hamlet, Essex
HOOK	Charles T.	s	unm.	29	Paper maker master	Norwich

HOOK	Edith A.	dau.	unm.	27		Norwich
HOOK	Maude M.	dau.	unm.	20		Chalford, Gloucs.
HOOK	Eustace	s	unm.	18	Paper maker and rifle volunteer	Stroud, Gloucs.
HOOK	Agnes D.	dau.	unm.	16	Scholar	Chalford, Gloucs.
DRUMMOND	Amelia H.	governess	unm.	38	Governess	Newport, Isle of Wight
SAMPSON	Ellen	servant	unm.	20	Domestic cook	Maidstone
WALKER	John	footman	unm.	17	Footman	Dymchurch

1871 Census:

HOOK	Anna M.	Head	wid.	68	Mortgagee and householder	Bures, Essex
HOOK	Charles T.	s	unm.	39	Paper maker; 129 m; 35 w; 12 b	Norwich
HOOK	Edith A.	dau.	unm.	36	Mortgagee and householder	Norwich
HOOK	Maud M.	dau.	unm.	39	Mortgagee and householder	Chalford, Gloucs.
HOOK	Agnes D.	dau.	unm.	25	Mortgagee and householder	Chalford, Gloucs.
DRUMMOND	Amelia A.	governess	unm.	48	Governess	Newport, Isle of Wight
MENDHAM	Hannah E.	visitor	wid.	75	Railway bondholder	Bures, Essex
PUGH	Charles	visitor	Marr.	55	Draper	Lewes
SCOTT	Alfred J.	servant	Marr.	35	Coachman	Margate
SCOTT	Sarah A.	servant	Marr.	40	Cook	Spalding
BURKE	Anne	servant	unm.	21	Parlour maid	Portsmouth
KING	Ellen M.	servant	unm.	22	Parlour maid	Tunbridge
CASSINGHAM	Rachael	servant	unm.	33	Housemaid	Tenterden
GOSLING	Letitia	servant	unm.	19	Kitchenmaid	not known

1881 Census:

COLEMARTEN	Hannah	serv.	unm.	28	cook	Cumberland
DRUMMOND	Amelia M.	compan	unm.	60	Companion	Newport/IoW
FORESHAM	Sarah	serv.	unm.	17	Kitchen maid	New Brompton
GREEN	John	visitor	marr.	70	Medical	Chelmsford
HOOK	Anna	Head	wid.	76	Gentlewoman	Bures, Essex
HOOK	Edith A.	dau.	unm.	46	Owners of Paper Mill	Norwich
HOOK	Maude M.	dau.	unm.	40	Owners of Paper Mill	Chalford, Gloucs.
HOOK	Agnes D.	dau.	unm.	36	Owners of Paper Mill	Chalford, Gloucs.
LAVIER	Alfred G.	serv.	unm.	20	footman	Gillingham
SYKES	Margaret K.	serv.	unm.	24	housemaid	Cranbrook
TAYLOR	Eliza E.	serv.	unm.	25	maid	Rochester

1891 Census:

DRUMMOND	Amelia H.	Head un.	unm.	70	Companion/dom.	Newport/IoW
TAYLOR	Eliza A.	serv un.	unm.	35	Housekeeper	Rochester
GRIFFIN	Jane S.			19	Housemaid	Maidstone

1901 Census:

TAYLOR	Eliza Ann	servant	S	45	housekeeper	Rochester
OLIVER	Amy Eliz.	servant	S	32	cook	Battle, Sussex

LUCK	Sarah Phyllis	servant	S	26	parlour maid	Wateringbury
SALES	Alice	servant	S	24	housemaid	East Malling
COE	Lily Kate	servant	S	17	underservant	St Osyth, Essex

1911 Census:

Eliza Ann	TAYLOR	servant	55	s	housekeeper	Rochester
Amy Elizabeth	OLIVER	servant	42	s	Cook domestic servant	Battle
Ella Louisa	KNIGHT	servant	24	s	General servant domestic	Mereworth

Maude Midsummer Hook died on 29 September 1930 at her house at Hove. She is buried with the rest of the family at Maidstone Cemetery. She was the last of them and all the properties were sold at auction at the Bull Hotel, Rochester, on 3 December 1931. Veles was bought by the Paper Mill and was demolished to be replaced by workers' houses in May Street, Brook Street and the High Street. Eight houses called Veles Gardens were built in the High Street, numbered 98-112 and were demolished around 1980 to make way for the by-pass.

The Freehold Residence

with cement stucco elevations and slated roof, known as

“*Veles*”

situate in

High Street, Snodland

to which it has a frontage of about 188-ft. and side frontage of about 177-ft. 6-in. to May Street and two frontages to Brook Street of about 47-ft. and 28-ft.

The Residence is situate in a quiet and convenient position facing garden grounds.

¶ The accommodation is as follows:—

On the Ground Floor:

Entrance Hall with marble floor.

The Dining Room

about 20-ft. 7-in. by 16-ft., with marble mantelpiece.

The Drawing Room

about 22-ft. 10-in. by 19-ft. 9-in., with marble mantelpiece. French windows lead into the Conservatory.

W.C. fitted with a lavatory basin.

Library

about 20-ft. by 17-ft. 6-in., with pitch pine panelled walls and ceiling. Fitted marble mantel and open fire. Corridor leading to Morning Room fitted cupboards.

Pantry with tiled walls, fitted sink with hot and cold supplies. **Servants' Hall** adjoining.

Morning Room

about 19-ft. 3-in. by 22-ft. 8-in. into bay window, with marble mantelpiece.

Approached from the house are

The Domestic Offices

The Kitchen, about 20-ft. 4-in. by 13-ft. 6-in., fitted kitchen range, dresser and cupboards. Approached by a Lobby is **The Scullery**, about 12-ft. by 12-ft. 6-in., with a brick and stone floor, with a range and a large stone sink with a rain water supply.

A Larder with a cement floor. Under the stairs is the entrance to an **Extensive Dry Cellar**.

Separate Meeting Room, about 29-ft. by 18-ft., approached from the street.

On the Half Landing:

Two Single Bed Rooms.

W.C.

Bath Room with hot and cold supplies.

A Large Double Bed Room, about 18-ft. 6-in. by 18-ft. 2-in., exclusive of bay window.

A Large Double Bed Room, about 20-ft. 3-in. by 18-ft. 2-in., exclusive of bay window.

On the First Floor:

A Double Bed Room, about 19-ft. 6-in. by 14-ft. 10-in., with marble mantelpiece.

A Double Bed Room, about 16-ft. 6-in. by 11-ft. 2-in., fitted marble mantel, cupboard, shelf and mahogany bookcase.

Linen Cupboard.

A Double Bed Room, about 13-ft. 3-in. by 16-ft. 9-in.

A Sitting Room, about 18-ft. 9-in. by 13-ft. 4-in., with marble mantel and fitted with a walnut bookcase.

A Bed Room, about 17-ft. 9-in. by 12-ft.

A Bed Room, about 19-ft. by 12-ft., fitted mantel and cupboards.

On the Second Floor:

Large Attic Bed Room, about 20-ft. 6-in. by 21-ft.

Two Box Rooms.

Three Servants' Bed Rooms.

The Brick and Slated Outbuildings

comprising:

LAUNDRY.

COAL CELLAR.

KNIFE ROOM.

W.C.

The House stands in

***Well-wooded Grounds
of about Three Quarters of an Acre***

tastefully laid out in lawns, flower beds, shrubberies, etc.

The Buildings comprise Greenhouse 20-ft. by 10-ft., Lean-to Greenhouse 30-ft. by 9-ft., Vinery 30-ft. by 8-ft., and Seven Pits.

There is a 10-ft. entrance way from May Street with ample space for the erection of a Garage.

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Separate Meeting Room, about 29-ft. by 18-ft., approached from the street.

98-112 High Street [Veles Gardens]



1939 Census:

Southern House, Brook Street

1. Frederick Verrall, b. 24 Mar 1888; married; electrician, cement works
2. Alice Verrall, b. 20 Jun 1890; married; unpaid domestic duties
3. Florence Verrall, b. 2 Nov 1920; single; laboratory assistant, paper mill [married CAPELING
4. George Capeling, b. 20 Oct 1916; married; beaterman, paper mill
5. Ruby Capeling, b. 14 Jul 1916; married; machine hand, box factory
6. Hazel Marsh, b. 21 May 1929; single; at school [married SMITH 6-10-1950]
7. Harold Marsh, b. 9 May 1932; single; at school

Northern House, Brook Street

1. Arthur W Roots, b. 15 Dec 1896; married; wood pulp labourer
2. Edith M Roots, b. 29 May 1899; married; unpaid domestic duties
3. Arthur W Roots, b. 20 Jun 1920; single; cowman
- officially closed
5. Edward P Roots, b. 2 Feb 1929; at school
6. Kenneth K Roots, b. 13 Jul 1933; at school
- officially closed

7 Veles Gardens [=100 High Street]

1. Kenneth O Wretham, b. 4 Nov 1905; married; electrician, paper mill
2. Doris R Wretham, b. 20 Dec 1908; married; unpaid domestic duties
3. Joan E Wretham, b. 11 Oct 1931; at school [married HOUCKHAM 7- 5-1953

[6 Veles Gardens? = 102 High Street] - officially closed

5 Veles Gardens [=104 High Street]

1. Thomas F Appleton, b. 26 Aug 1902; married; beaterman, paper mill
2. Ivy L Appleton, b. 14 Jan 1905; married; unpaid domestic duties
3. John Appleton, b. 27 Apr 1932; at school
4. Alfred Kingsland, b. 25 May 1915; single; paper mill chemist

4 Veles Gardens [=106 High Street]

1. Mary A Taylor, b. 13 Apr 1871; widow; unpaid domestic duties
2. Frederick Taylor, b. 3 Feb 1898; single; machine man, paper maker
- officially closed

3 Veles Gardens [=108 High Street]

1. Harry Beech, b. 30 Mar 1889; married; fitter and turner
2. Daisy Clara Beech, b. 24 Mar 1891; married; unpaid domestic duties
3. Marjorie W Beech, b. 14 Apr 1917; single shorthand typist
4. John Beech, b. 29 Dec 1920; single; apprentice fitter and turner

2 Veles Gardens [=110 High Street]

1. Ellis Williams, b. 22 Feb 1886; widower; machine man, paper mill
2. Ethel I Williams, b. 14 May 1921; single; unpaid domestic duties [marr. GROOM/EVES
- officially closed
4. Donald Wilson, b. 5 Jun 1926; at school
- officially closed

1 Veles Gardens [=112 High Street]

1. Ernest Petherick, b. 6 Sep 1893; married; engineer, paper mill
2. Barbara Petherick, b. 19 Nov 1896; married; unpaid domestic duties
3. Ernest E Petherick, b. 12 Jun 1921; single; engineer's apprentice
- officially closed
5. Irene Elizabeth Petherick, b. 26 Jan 1930; at school [married DOWNEY 10-11-1959]

RESIDENTS IN 1951

- 98` Christian Morrison Hickmott; Frederick Henry Hickmott; Margaret Hickmott
100 Doris Rose Wretham; Kenneth Oliver Thomas Wretham
102 Edit Rose Wallis; Frederick Arthur Wallis
104 Ivy Louisa Appleton; Thomas Frederick Appleton; Alfred Edward Kingsland
106 Bertha Evason; George Reuben Evason; Ernest Taylor; Frederick Taylor; Mary Ann Ellis Taylor
108 Daisy Clara Beech; Harry Beech; John William Beech; Marjorie Winifred Beech
110 Evelyn Joan Roots; Thomas Roots
112 Arthur Haliday Clifford; Keith Holloman Neal; Doris Rose Swaine; John Swaine

RESIDENTS IN 1979-1980 [none remaining in 1983-4]

- 100 Joan E Houckham; Robert R Houckham; Doris R Wretham; Kenneth O F Wretham
102 Frederick A Wallis
108 Terry J Denyer
110 Arthur J Henley; Derek N Henley; Gillian Henley
112 Constance L Castle; Robert Castle; Donald D Castle

IVYMEATH

The house was built around 1878-9 by Colonel Trevenan James Holland (b. Bombay, 31 May 1854; died 12 Feb 1910 at Tunbridge Wells) when he took over the management of the Paper Mill following the death of Charles Townsend Hook in February 1877. A note in our copy of the 1906 auction says: "Ivymeath'. The name of the house is believed to have been made up from the initials of the three sisters of Charles Townsend Hook: M. E. A. standing for Maude, Edith, Agnes, T. H. for Townsend Hook and the Ivy for we cling together.

Holland's family were living there by 3 April 1881 when the census was taken, but moved to Tunbridge Wells in July 1889.



1881 Census:

HOLLAND	Trevenan J.	Head	marr.	46	Lt-Col, retired	Bombay
HOLLAND	Margaret E.	wife	marr.	41		Berlin/Brit. Guiana
HOLLAND	Mary E.M.	dau.		8		Upper Norwood/Sur.
HOLLAND	Lilian	dau.		6		Upper Norwood/
HOLLAND	Ethel M.	dau.		3		Upper Norwood/
HOSBURGH	Janet M.	serv.	unm.	19	Housemaid	Snodland
KING	Caroline J.	govern.	unm.	31	Governess	Oxford
LINES	Adelaide	E.	unm.	16	Nursery maid	Brandon Hill, Somerset
RANDELL	Caroline	serv.	unm	23	Cook	Snodland

Marr. Margaret Emma Nicholson, Karachi, Pakistan: 23 Mar 1858

1871: Tudor Rd, Penge, Surrey; Kenwin, Cintra Park, Upper Norwood

From July 1891 to death: 94 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells

Died 21 Feb 1910; estate valued at £132,174, 9s. 8d.



Col. T. J. Holland, C.B., D.L., J.P.

in 1868, the daughter of the late Peter Nicholson, of Strath, Isle of Skye, and has issue one son, Charles Trevenen, Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery, and three daughters.

Holland.—COLONEL TREVENEN JAMES HOLLAND, C.B. D.L., J.P., Mount Ephraim House, Tunbridge Wells; son of Colonel James Holland. Entered the Army in 1852; served as A.D.C. to Lord F. Fitz-Clarence, Commander-in-Chief of the Army in Bombay; also as Government Interpreter in Schindhee, Persian, Arabic, and other Asiatic tongues; was with the 10th Hussars in the Crimea; became Deputy-Assistant-Quartermaster-General at Bombay in 1854; served as Assistant-Quartermaster-General through the Persian Campaign, Indian Mutiny, China Campaign, and Abyssinian Expedition of 1867, being present at the capture of Magdala; was made C.B. in 1868, and has received many medals and orders; is a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Kent, and a Justice of the Peace for Cornwall and Sussex; Alderman of Kent County Council; contested Colchester as a Conservative in the Parliamentary Election of 1900. Married,

Unoccupied in 1891

1895 Directory: Thomas Roberts

1901 Census:

WOOD	William	Head	M	65	land agent; valuer & auctioneer	Bredgar
WOOD	Julia E.	wife	M	69		Cooling
WOOD	Stanley	s	S	37	sheep farmer	Canterbury
WOOD	Evelyn	dau.	S	34		Strood
WOOD	Reginald C.	s	S	27	clerk & insurance agent	Strood
WALES	Henry T.	s-in-law	widower	44	mining & civil engineer	Glamorgan; Dowlais
WALES	Owen M.	grandson		5		Pontypridd
WALES	Geoffrey N.	grandson		4		Pontypridd
SMITH	Annie	servant	S	20	housemaid	Rochester
FORD	Annie E.	servant	S	31	cook	Berks: Burgh Field

WILLIM WOOD. 1841: Dean's Hill, 5, s. of William and Mary,

1851: Swan St, farmer, 47, 204 acres + Mary, 34 + 4 children, 2 servants
 1861: Sturry Rd, Cantrbury, farmer, 25; 560 acres, 19 men 7 boys
 1871: Wickham Farm, Strood, 35; 700 acres (22 men, 6 boys), Julia + 8 children
 1881 West Court Cliffe, 45; farmer of 928 acres (15 men, 5 boys), Julia and 8 children
 1891 Cooling Castle, 55; farmer, auctioneer and valuer+ Julia + 3 children
 1901 + Snodland Directories: 1899; 1903

1911 Census:

Walter	Evelyn	Head	70	m	Private means	Rochester
Kathleen	Evelyn	wife	40	m		Chatham
Ronald William	Martin	stepson	7			Wimbledon
Edith Emma	Stiyger?	servant	22		housemaid	Halling
Elizabeth	Avery	servant	29		Gen. servant	Wateringbury
Henry James	Gant	Head	37	m	Single handed gardener	Welwyn
Harriet	Gant	wife	41	m		Peasmarsh
Geoffrey Henry James	Gant	son	1			Snodland
Edith May	Playford	visitor	14		Gen. servant	Staplehurst

14 rooms; marr. under 1 yr; 1 child; Ivymeath Cottage: (Gant): marr. 15 yrs, 1 child

WALTER and **KATHLEEN EVELING**, c.1840 Rochester, s. of William and Frances Sophia; marr [!] **MARY JOLIN**, Apr 1867, Portsea, Hants; she died 1908, Edmonton Middx; he re-marr, **KATHLEEN MARTIN** at Tonbridge, Jun 1910; he died 18 Aug 1923; bur. Snodland Cem. 24th, aged 85; estate £9080; **KATHLEEN** bur Cem. 5 Nov 1947, aged 77 (from 65 Ordnance St, Chatham)
MARIANNE EVELING, bap. AS 28 Feb 1914

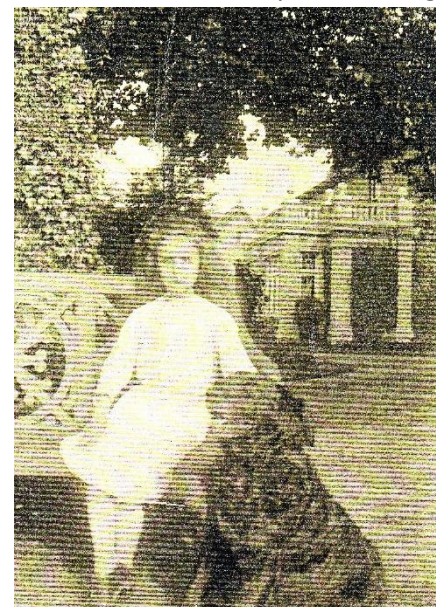


Walter Eveling (1840-1923) in his alderman's robes of the City of Rochester

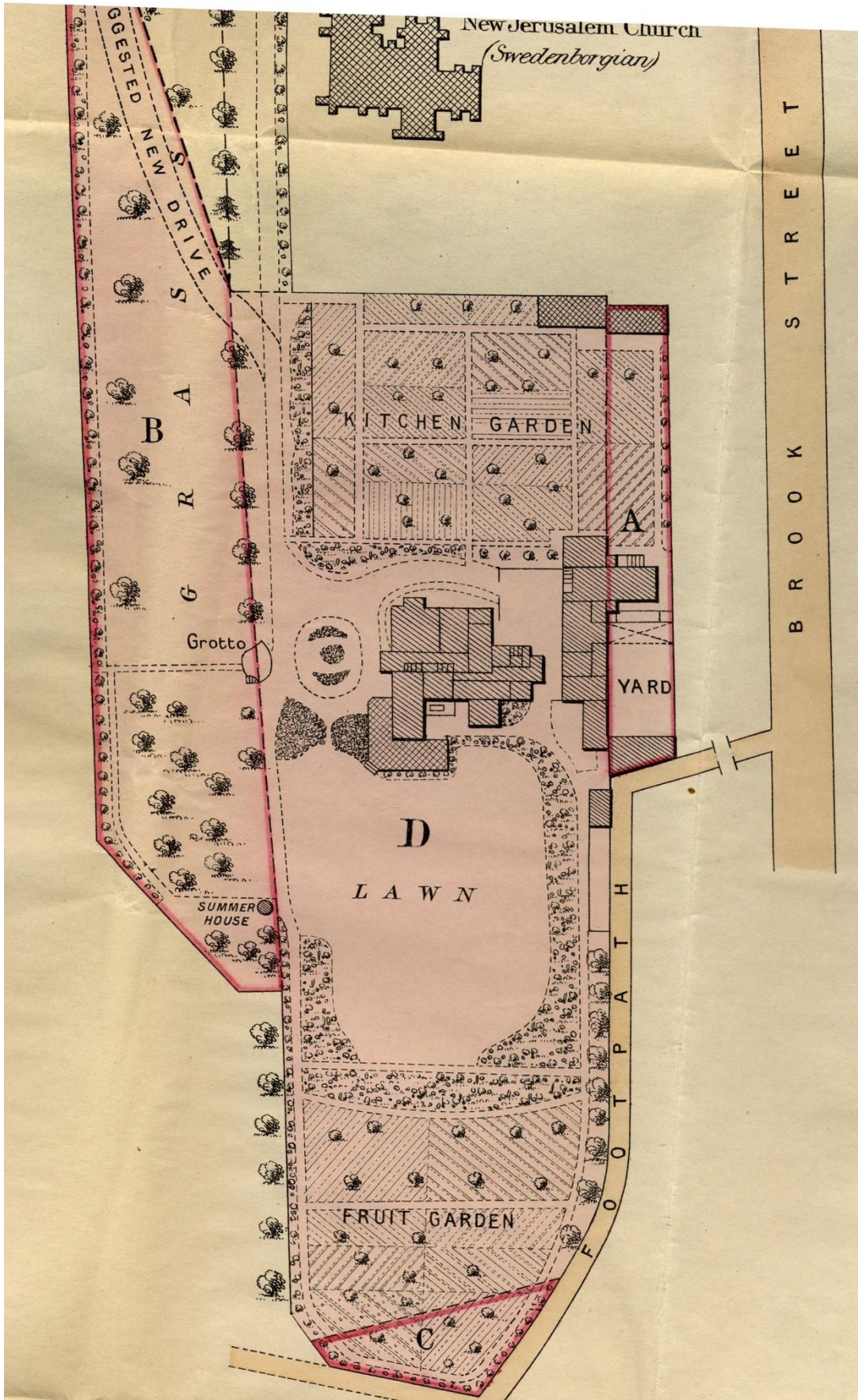
[SHS Newsletter: Dec 1998 and thanks to Dr David W Eveling]: 'Among visitors [to Snodland] were Mr and Mrs D. Eveling from Lincolnshire. Mr Eveling's great grandfather Walter Eveling was a long-time owner and resident of 'Ivymeath', we think from 1906 when the house was sold. He was also an alderman of Rochester and member of the family firm Eveling and Co., noted as 'linen and woollen-drapers, 158, High Street', Rochester in the 1838 directory. Mr. Eveling has

a fine portrait of Walter in his alderman's robes and was told that a similar picture once hung in one of the Medway civic halls, at Rochester or Chatham. His aunt, now aged 93, visited 'Ivymeath' as a child and remembers the military exercises of the Volunteers which took place in the Rectory Drive during the First World War (and which are recorded in the Parish Magazine; the Rector was commandant of the Volunteers at the time.)

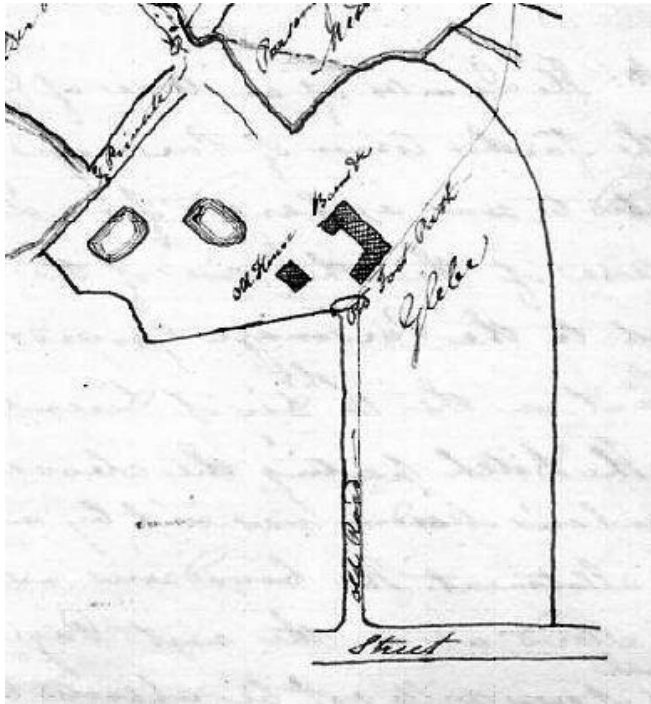
Edith Mary Eveling (b.1906), visitor to Ivymeath, c.1915



1922: acquired by the Water Company



THE RECTORY



The earliest Rectors were unmarried and either lived in the church or stayed in the homes of parishioners. It was only from the mid-16th century that they could set up a family home. The first Rectory in Snodland was situated roughly where the boundary between Ivymeath and the cricket field is today, as revealed in the sketch by Rev Phelps. [Thomas Washer (Rector 1713-1748) described it in 1724: "The Parsonage House is part old and part new. The old containing a large hall, and a small parlour, over which are two chambers, and the building is of a single brick. The new part is of the same, two bricks and a half thick, and contains a kitchen, a dairy (sic), and a cellar over which are two bedchambers, and over them two garrets." [KHL] 01-07-1725: DRb/Am 2, f.131r is a petition by Rev Washer "that the barn

belonging to the ... Parsonage House of Snodland commonly called the fother Barn is at this time very ruinous and in danger of falling down". Petition to demolish it was granted: "exclusive of the said fother Barn there is sufficient Barn Room for to hold more than all the Corn, Hay, or that grows upon the Gleab or can be presumed to be collected in any one year from the Tyth of the said Parish". The property had its own road from the High Street, but in 1814 Rev. Phelps built a new rectory, which is the one which survived until 1970, albeit with additions made by Canon Carey (see below):

1841 Census:

Revd. H. D.	PHELPS	60	Clerk	No
George	THOMAS	25	Male servant	Y
Sarah	TOPLEY	55	Female servant	Y
Katherine	WILTSHIRE	25	Female servant	No

Lost memorial at AS: **ELIZA ADAMS**, died 27th July 1832. 'This stone is erected by the Rev. H. Dampier Phelps, Rector of Snodland, in grateful acknowledgement of her dutiful and faithful conduct in his and his family's service for the long period of 30 years.'

1851 Census:

PHELPS	Henry D	s	head	73	Rector of Snodland	Sherborne
TOPLEY	Sarah			67	Cook	Rochester
WILTSHIRE	Catherine	s		34	dairy maid	Hilperton
JEMMETT	Henry	s		29	Groom	Henley

SARAH TOPLEY, dau. of Nicholas and Sarah; bap. St Margaret, Rochester, 22 Oct 1783; bur. St Margaret, Rochester 6 Aug 1851, from Delce Lane

1861 Census:

PHELPS	Henry D.	Head	unm.	83	Rector	Sherborne, Dorset
JEMMETT	Henry	servant	Marr.	39	servant	Henley, Oxfordshire
JEMMETT	Catherine	servant	Marr.	44	Housekeeper	Leigh Delamere, Wilts.

HISKETT	Charlotte	servant	unm.	18	Housemaid	Bishopshow, Wilts.
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CATHERINE WILTSHIRE. Dau. of Jacob (a farmer) and Mary, bap. Hilperton, 23 Feb 1817; she marr.

HENRY JEMMETT, 38, at Holy Trinity, Haverstock Hill, Camden, on 25 Jan 1860, she aged 43; both of 32 Ferdinand St; he s. of John a Whitesmith; he bur. Birling, 10 Nov 1873, aged 53; she bur. Birling, 28 Oct 1882, aged 66

1871 Census:

CAREY	James G le M.	Head	Marr.	40	Rector of Snodland	Cape Colony
CAREY	Anne E.	wife	Marr.	46		Ireland
CAREY	Gaspard W.	s		6		London
ELDRIDGE	Martha	servant	unm.	37	Nurse	London
BOURNE	Ellen	servant	unm.	25	Cook	Staplehurst
PUFFETT	Ellen	servant	unm.	19	Housemaid	Oxfordshire

Moved to Essex in 1874; memorial window in AS, 1885

Rev. Carey: I came to reside Oct. 17, 1865. The Parsonage at this time was inadequate to my wants, an attenuated-looking house, with two rooms, one on either side [of] the Porch, looking East, and three bed rooms over, two looking East, and one looking North: also three attics, one over each bedroom. Behind the dining room was the kitchen and adjoining this, as at present, the back-kitchen.

This attenuated house was built by Mr. Phelps in 1814. It supplanted a Parsonage that stood near the Pond, described [as above] by Thomas Washer, Rector in 1724. Finding this accommodation insufficient I borrowed £700 from Queen Anne's Bounty; and Arthur Blomfield Esq., M.A., Architect, undertook the requisite alteration. The old Porch, facing East was taken away, and the East wall divided so as to form one side to each of two new rooms: the drawing room 24ft x 20ft, the dining room 20ft x 16ft. The old dining room was divided into a pantry and a corridor, and the window made to face north. The window of the old drawing room was made to face South, and that room became the Library. Over the two new rooms, two bedrooms and a dressing room were built, one bedroom of the same size as the dining room below it; the other bedroom and the dressing room ranging with the drawing room. The windows of the two bedrooms that formerly faced East were made to face one North and the other South. The third bedroom was left unaltered. The windows of the two attics which were over the two bedrooms just named were made to face as the rooms below them. The Kitchen and back-kitchen were left unaltered, but a covered way and a water closet were built at the back of both. The stable buildings were altered, so as to form at their extremity furthest from the house, a coach house capable of holding two carriages; at the extremity nearest to the house a stable with three stalls; between the two, a harness room and short passage. Good windows were put in, and ventilators in the wall next the garden. The front which had been weatherboard, was now built of brick. A fowl house was built on the opposite side adjoining two old offices. A pond in the middle of the Stable yard was filled up with lime ashes and gravel. The whole back-yard was then divided by a pale fence from the front approach. The improvements in the stable premises cost £55 additional, and were nearly paid for by the trees which were cut down in the winter of 1865-6 by Messrs White of Maidstone. These trees were mostly Lombardy poplars, the rest firs, and a few elms: value £51.

The alterations in the house were begun Oct. 10, 1865, and we entered into it completed April 1, 1866. A large cesspool situate 12 feet from the end of the coach house towards Mr. Wood's meadow receives all the sewage of the house. The rain pipes on the North side of the house fill a sunk rain water tank also on the same side: that on the South side runs into the well in the garden.

On arriving to take up my residence I was told that the trees which bounded the pasture adjoining Mr. Gorham's field and which Mr. Phelps had always considered to belong to the Benefice, were disputed by Mr. Gorham. This dispute was subsequently referred to the arbitration of Mr. John Parker of Cuxton, and the trees assigned some to Mr. Gorham and some to myself. (The agreement, signed by myself & Mr. Gorham, is with my papers.) I put up wire fencing in such a way as to mark the Boundary: the trees tarred by the tar of the wire on Mr. Gorham's side belong to me, those tarred on my-side to Mr. Gorham. An agreement signed by Mr. Gorham & myself is with my papers.

I was also told that the trees adjoining the avenue on its Western side were disputed by Mr. Wood, and this dispute was, after much trouble and annoyance, referred to the arbitration of Messrs Toolete and Cobb. Evidence was heard on oath Sep. 15, 1868, and two months were allowed for the decision of the arbitrators: the award to be ratified, if desired, by order of H. M. Court of Queen's Bench. At the end of October the award was published, but in consequence of Mr. Wood's backwardness in paying his share it was not taken up until March 1869, when 12 trees were found awarded to him, and on Easter Tuesday March 30 the felling of these trees began. I then put up a wire fence in place of the old deal fence. The award of the arbitrators is with the rest of my papers. I planted seven trees in place of those trees taken from me two sycamores and five limes.

1881 Census:

BINGLEY	John G.	Head	marr.	47	Rector of Snodland	London
BINGLEY	Mary E.	wife	marr.	39		Clevedon, Somerset
BINGLEY	Ashly M.A.	dau.		15	Scholar	Colchester
BINGLEY	Arthur G.	s.		12	Scholar	Colchester
BINGLEY	Robert C.	s.		11	Scholar	Colchester
BINGLEY	John F.M.	s.		3		Snodland
BINGLEY	Ada M.	dau		1		Snodland
BOWERS	Ellen	serv.		24	Cook	Strood
CORNWELL	Amy	visitor	unm.	23	Lady Governess	Geddington, Northants
HOOK	Mary J.	serv,		15	Nursemaid	Snodland
SAWYER	Charles R.	serv.	unm.	25	Gardener	Ipswich, Suffolk

1891 Census:

BINGLEY	John G.	Head marr		57	Rector of Snodland	Middlesex
BINGLEY	Mary E.	wife marr		48		Clevedon
BINGLEY	Ashley M.A.	s.		25	Church worker/preacher	Colchester
BINGLEY	Robert C.	s.		21	Undergraduate, Oxford	Colchester
BINGLEY	Mildred A.	dau.		11	Scholar	Snodland
BINGLEY	Ruth M.	niece		25	Church worker	Braysworth
HUCKS	Mary	servant, un		25	Cook/Dom. servant	Strood
SEERS	Alice	servant, un		17	Housemaid	Snodland
CHITTENDEN	Mahala	servant, un		20	Parlourmaid	East Malling
HUNT	Arthur	servant, un		16	Groom	Snodland
WOODWARD	Mary	wife/Rect. Plumpton		42	wife/Rect. Plumpton	Springfield
WOODWARD	Mary C.	Vsr		7	child of above	Plumpton

JOHN GEORGE BINGLEY, b. 1834; d. 26 Jul 1911; marr. 12 Feb 1863 to **MARY EMMELINE ELTON**, Gt. Baddow, Essex

[ARTHUR GEORGE ELTON]: 1868-1940; ASHLEY MARY ALICE: 1866-1951; ROBERT CECIL: 1869-1914; [JOHN FREDERICK MILDRED: 1877-1906; lieutenant in South Africa (6th Middlesex Rgt attached to A S Corps), 1899-1902 [died 24 Jun 1906, Labuan, Isle of Borneo; MILDRED ADA: 1880-1973;

1901 Census:

JACKSON	Gerald H.	Head	M	51	clergyman; C of E	Hambleden; Bucks
JACKSON	Emily	wife	M	42		India
JACKSON	Francis G.	s		16		Tetherington; Gloucs.
DRUMMOND	Frances E.	visitor	S	31		Charlton
KILLICK	Florence L.	servant	S	19	housemaid	Tonbridge

HAYLER	Agnes	servant	S	22	cook	Etchingam; Sussex
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GERALD HENRY JACKSON b.27 Aug 1849, s. of George and Mary Eleanor (nee Blayney); mar. **EMILY DORA COLLUM** (1858-1943), Tytherington, Glocs., 27 Apr 1882

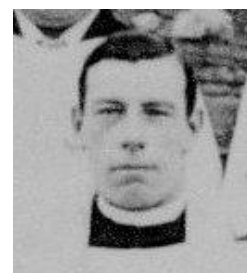
Adm./A pens. at CAIUS, Cambridge, Oct. 1, 1868. [7th] s. of George, Esq., of Westhorpe House, Marlow, Bucks. Schools, Reading and Gt Berkhamsted, Herts. B.A. 1872; M.A. 1886. Ord. deacon (Winchester) 1872; priest, 1873; Curate of Petersfield, Hants., 1872-82. Vicar of Tytherington, Gloucs., 1882-95. Rector of Snodland, Kent, 1895-1906. Vicar of Little Marlow, Bucks., 1906-8. Rector of Hasfield, Gloucs., 1908-20. Lived latterly at Cookham Dean, Berks., where he died Sept. 8, 1928.



The All Saints Boys cricket team in 1904.
With Rev. and Mrs Jackson

1906-1909: Ernest Dalby Finch Smith

'The Rev. E. D. Finch-Smith, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, sold to Mr. P. Argles the piece of glebe on which stands the Post Office and Mr. Argles' office (1908).'





View from bay window

1911 Census:

Charles de Rocfort	WALL	Head	46	m	clergyman	Brighton
Faith Constance	WALL	wife	33	m		Kensington
Jack Christopher	WALL	son	9			Ipswich
Mary Isobel	WALL	dau	6			Bromley
Ellen Elizabeth	STEVENS	servant	19	s	Cook	Bromley
Louisa May	STEVENS	servant	16	s	housemaid	Bromley



[left]: Charles
de Rocfort
Wall
Rector
1909-1930

[right]: John
Stanley
Granger
Rector
1939-1947

