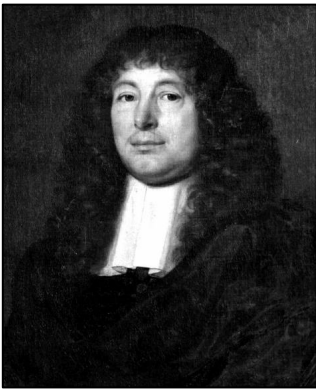


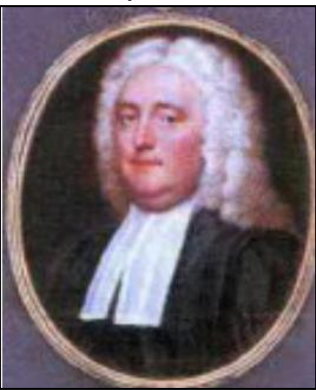
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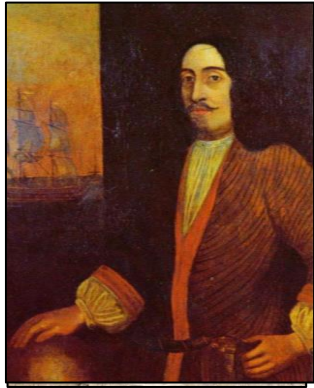
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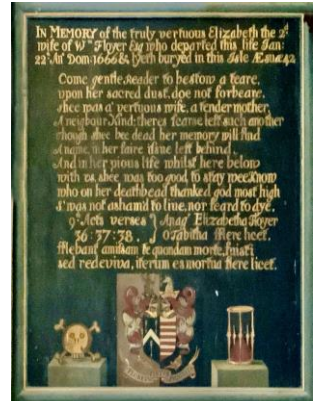
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This is the story of two Manor House's and their families whose story begins with the records held in the pages of the Domesday Book of 1085. Both still exist today, although in a much reduced and altered shape. The first of these is Berne Manor, which can be found at the end of a track off the bottom of Berne Lane, which forks off the A35 towards Bridport. The site today is occupied by a farmhouse, which was built on the original site after the earlier building was partly destroyed by lightning in 1926. The second is Abbots Wootton Manor, which occupies a mid way site on the road linking Wootton Fitzpaine and Whitchurch Canonorum. Again, the earlier building has gone and replaced by Lower Wootton Farmhouse which was built in 1858 in a similar style. They were linked in a number of ways over the centuries. The main one being that their owners would worship at the ancient church in Whitchurch Canonorum, which still has a number of fine memorials and tombs relating to them. Although both Manors were owned by many important families over their long history. Each were associated with specific families. In the case of Abbots Wootton it was Alexander Every who bought it in 1585 and was finally sold in 1768 by a descendant to Joseph, Lord Milton. It was Anthony Floyer who similarly bought Berne Manor in 1616 and it again stayed with the family until being sold in 1799 to Richard Knight.

The link between the two Manors goes back to a decision made by Sir Robert Spencer to sell the freehold of Berne Manor, which he has inherited from his mother, Mary Catlyn, to Sir George Somers for £600 in 1598. He retained the Manorial rights which his son, Sir John Spencer later sold to Anthony Flower in 1616 who had just bought Abbots Wootton Manor. As a result, the title of Lord of the Manor of Berne and its benefits would be forever separated. Both the Every and Floyer family would flourish and in time would move away. They would still retain their Manors and lease them to tenants until their eventual sale. The story of the two Manors is also that of their Estates, whose lands and tenants have been well recorded over the centuries. Abbots Wootton consisted of over 4,000 acres of land which remained as a whole until it was split up and auctioned in 1809. Berne Manor was just 200 acres, although there was an additional 100 acres known as Norchard in the neighbouring Stanton St. Gabriel that seems to have always formed part of it. Both families had other properties and would have been the two most important in Whitchurch Canonorum. This is clearly shown in the Hearth Tax returns of 1664. These show Martha, the widow of William Every living at Abbots Wootton Manor with 7 hearths and Anthony Floyer of Berne Manor also with 7 hearths. We are fortunate that a print of Abbots Wootton was commissioned by Lord Milton in 1764 after his purchase and appeared soon after in Hutchins History of Dorset. No doubt both houses were of similar Tudor styles. Although no early image has been found of Berne Manor, a later photo of 1904, before the fire shows it with a Georgian front, which would have been commissioned by Richard Knight after his purchase in 1799. A photograph of the rear is more revealing of the earlier Tudor building with its mullioned windows. Both manors provide fascinating stories of their owners over a 1000 years, which I have separated into two respective parts. The first covering Berne Manor and the second that of Abbots Wootton Manor.

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Three 'Recoveries,' dated respectively in 1600, 1602 and 1664. (See previous issues of this Magazine, Vol. VI, pp. 318 and 320, and Vol. IX, p. 212.)

A Paper on Sir George Somers in Vol. XXXII of Proceedings of the Dorset Natural History and Antiquarian Field Club.

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Michaelmas Term 12 Henry VII (1496) for the discharge of homage, relief and

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(339) WESTBROOK HOUSE (Plate I8), m. S.E. of the church, is of two storeys with stone walls and a

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File XI. cont.		
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the Countie of **DORSET.**

you not farre off in the Side of an Hill, where she lived in Prayer and Contemplation, unto whose Honour a Church beeing built was from her named *Whitechurch*; and, that you may not think they feigne all this, you shall finde her registred in your ordinarie Almanack, the third Day of *October*, by the Name of *St. Candida*. *Whitechurch* names the Hundred wherin it stands, and was antientlie reputed a Member of *Merswood*, whose Owners still owned it.

A Member of *Whitechurch* is *Barne*, late the

[14]

*V. a Fesse daunce
Erm.*

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332. WILLIAM WADHAM, esq.

Writ 26 Aug., *inq.* 4 Nov., 3 Hen. VII.

One Joan Payne, daughter and heir of John Payne, being seised of the under-mentioned manor, advowson, and lands, in fee, took to husband the said William, who survived her, and was seised of the premises for the term of his life as tenant by the curtesy, having had issue by her William, John, and other children.

He died 28 June last. William Wadham, aged 30 and more, is son and heir of the said William and Joan.

DORSET. Manor and advowson of Caterston, worth 10 marks, held of Elizabeth Colshull, widow, as of the manor of Lytton, service unknown.

A messuage, 20*a.* land, 20*a.* meadow, and 40*a.* pasture, in Hogcestre and Brodelond, in the parish of Whitechurche, worth 40*s.*, held of Cicely, Duchess of York, as of the manor of Mershehode, by 2*s.* rent yearly, for all service.

Two hundred and twenty acres of land, 22*a.* meadow, and 100*a.* pasture in Crowchelond, Hyndecombe, Cotchay, Greylesley or Greyleshay, and Blakemore, worth 6 marks, in the parish of Whitechurche, held of the said Duchess, by 12*d.* yearly rent, for all service.

Land, meadow, and pasture, worth 40*s.* yearly, in Boverhayes, held of Thomas, Marquess of **Dorset**, as of the manor of *Barne*, service unknown.

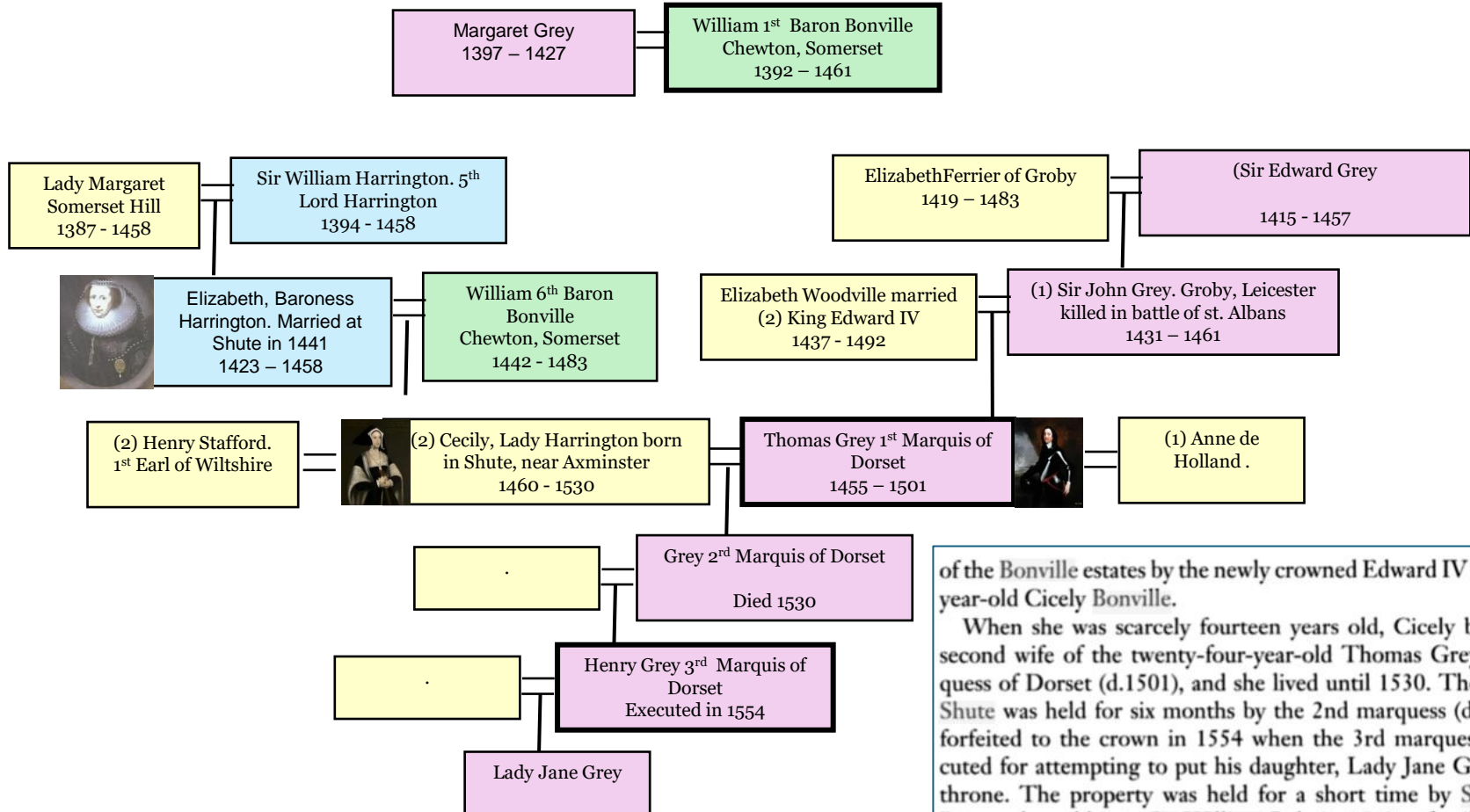
Three burgages in Charnemouth, worth 20*s.*, held of the Abbot of Ford, as of the manor of Charnemouth, by 2*s.* yearly rent and suit of court there twice yearly, for all service.

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When Cecily Bonville 7th Baroness Harington was born on 30 June 1460, in Shute, Devon, England, her father, William Bonville 6th Lord Harington, was 19 and her mother, Katherine de Neville, was 18. She married Sir Thomas Grey 1st Marquess of Dorset on 18 July 1474, in Groby, Leicestershire, England. They were the parents of at least 5 sons and 7 daughters. She died on 22 May 1529, in Astley, Warwickshire, England, United Kingdom, at the age of 68, and was buried in Astley, Warwickshire, England, United Kingdom.

1576 Grantor: John Spencer, son and heir-apparent of Sir John Spencer, of Althorp, Northants, knight, and Mary his wife, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Catelyn, knight, late Lord Chief Justice, deceased. Grantee: Paul Pope, of London scrivener. Place or Subject: Manors of Berne (Barne, Berne) and Morecombelake [both in Whitchurch Canonicorum] and site and capital messuage of manor of Marshwood Vale other lands in the same and in [East or West] Orchard; all late of Henry [Grey], Duke of Suffolk

The Bonville family ownership of Berne Manor from



of the Bonville estates by the newly crowned Edward IV to the one-year-old Cicely Bonville.

When she was scarcely fourteen years old, Cicely became the second wife of the twenty-four-year-old Thomas Grey, 1st marquess of Dorset (d.1501), and she lived until 1530. The manor of Shute was held for six months by the 2nd marquess (d.1530) and forfeited to the crown in 1554 when the 3rd marquess was executed for attempting to put his daughter, Lady Jane Grey, on the throne. The property was held for a short time by Sir William Petre, who sold it to Sir William Pole in 1560, a family who had held land at Colyton since about 1300 and owned Colcombe 'Castle' nearby. A successor, Sir John William Pole, built the Palladian house on the south-facing slopes of the park, now divided into apartments.

William Bonville and his Family (1442 – 1553)

Date: The day after Ascension, 15 Edward IV [5 May 1475].

Parties: **Thomas Stydolf**, gentleman, querent, and **Thomas Grey**, son of **Elizabeth, queen of England**, consort of the lord king, and **Cecily, lady de Haryngton** and **de Boneville**, his wife, deforciant.

Property: The manors of **Northcote**, **Ilfardecombe**, **Hedde**, **Pole**, **Colrygg**, **Clyft** [sic] **Chambernon**, **Wodebury**, **Lympston**, **Churstaunton**, otherwise called **Churchestaunton**, **Charleton**, **Kentes of the Blessed Mary**, **Blakeburgh**, **Combe**, **Peyne**, **Combe Seton**, **Otery of the Blessed Mary**, **Tourygge**, **Downe Humfravyle**, **Wodeford**, **Brendon**, **Southole**, **Knowdeston**, **Beuple**, **West Ayssheford**, **Beapleborough** and **Barnestaple** and 28 messuages, 2 tofts, 1 dove-cot, 2 gardens, 3 carucates, 4 ferlings, 680 acres of land, 57 acres of meadow, 28 acres of wood, 100 acres of moor and 16 shillings of rent in **Byrches**, **Otery of the Blessed Mary**, **Aysshe**, **Honyton**, **Elyngham**, **Fyneton**, **Kewerygge**, **Axemynstre**, **Torygge by Plympton**, **Sydeford**, **Tyderlegh**, **Membury**, **Ballishseighes**, **Kylmyngton**, **Sydeford**, **Eyrston**, **Hoggysfe** and **Plymouth** and the advowsons of the churches of the manors of **Ilfardecombe**, **Lympston** and **Churstaunton** in the county of Devon and the manors of **Trewardrayth**, **Trewallawen**, **Wylyngton**, **Northcote**, **Paddestowe**, **Tremwell**, **Wadfast** and **Wyke of the Blessed Mary** and 24 messuages, 6 shops, 3 tofts, 664 acres of land, 28 acres of meadow, 20 acres of wood, 40 acres of moor and 7 pounds, 7 shillings and 4 pence of rent in **Wyke of the Blessed Mary**, **Bremdon**, **Trowyrdowe**, **Trewcory**, **Carneworthy**, **Downemansheys**, **Jacobstowe**, **Merwynchirch**, **Portalk**, **Tresquyte**, **Lansalewes**, **Fawy**, **Tregemelyn**, **Penuarth**, **Noddon**, **Trevasse**, **Holewode**, **Millehay**, **Kylquyte**, **Seynterne**, **Polkeveys**, **Robeletisdon**, **Milhay**, **Crukenmire**, **Cruketyll** and **Padestowe** and the advowsons of the churches of the manors of **Jacobstowe** and **Merwynchirch** in the county of Cornwall and the manors of **Pokynnton**, **Yearde**, **Pyxston**, **Hunspyll de la Hayes** and **Porlokke** and 23 messuages, 3 carucates, 135 acres of land, 35 acres of meadow, 40 acres of wood and a moiety of 1 carucate of land in **West Chynnok**, **Werne**, **Thorney**, **Hwysshe**, **Pyxston**, **Taunton**, **Langport**, **Glaston**, **Halywyll**, **James**, **Yeuelchestr**, **Chafcombe** and **Drayton** and the advowson of the church of **Bokelond** in the county of Somerset and the manors of **Berne**, **Maperton**, **Sturmynstur**, **Marchall**, **Alyngton**, **Morton** and **Membury** and 16 messuages, 7 carucates [and] 90 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 6 acres of wood and 50 shillings of rent in **Whytechirche**, **Lyme**, **Shirbourne**, **Ludelynche**, **Casemyll**, **Yrdelond** and **Tyderley** in the parish of **Cherdestoke** in the county of Dorset and the manor of **Merston** in the county of Sussex and the manor of **Magna Glenne** in the county of Leicestershire and the manors of **Multon**, **Haryngton** and **Multon d'no[rum]** and a moiety of the manors of **Flete** and **Lucys** in the county of Lincoln and the manor of **Austwyke** in the county of York and the manors of **Egyrmond**, **Haryngton**, **Gosford**, **Enerdale**, **Kelton** and **Wodacre** and the offices of bailiff between **Eyne** and **Derwynt** and between **Eyne** and **Dodyn** in the county of Cumberland.

Action: Plea of covenant.

Agreement: Thomas Grey and Cecily have acknowledged the manors, tenements, offices, rents, moiety and advowsons to be the right of Thomas Stydolf, as those which he has of their gift, and have remised and quitclaimed them from themselves and the heirs of Cecily to him and his heirs for ever.

Warranty: Warranty against John, abbot of St Peter, Westminster, and his successors.

For this: Thomas Stydolf has granted to Thomas Grey the manors, tenements, offices, rents, moiety and advowsons and has rendered them to him in the court, to hold to Thomas Grey, of the chief lords for the life of Thomas Grey. And after the decease of Thomas Grey the manors, tenements, offices, rents, moiety and advowsons shall remain to Cecily and her heirs.

Sir William De Bonville, 5th Baron of Harington was born on 3 February 1423 in Shute, Devon, his father, Sir, was 29 and his mother, Lady, was 29. He married Elizabeth, Baroness Harington, Harrington in 1441 in his hometown. They had four children during their marriage. He died on 31 December 1460 in Wakefield, Yorkshire, at the age of 37.

William, Sixth Baron of Bonville, Lord Harington was born in 1442 in Somerset, his father, Sir, was 19 and his mother, Elizabeth, was 19. He married Lady Katharine, Baroness of Harington and Hastings, DeNeville in Salisbury, Wiltshire. They had two children during their marriage. He died on 13 June 1483 at the age of 41.

Lady Cecily, 7th Baroness Harrington and Dorset Bonville was born on 30 June 1460 in Shute, Devon, her father, William, was 18, and her mother, Lady, was 25. She married Thomas Grey in Temple Hirst, Yorkshire. They had 19 children in 22 years. She died on 12 April 1530 in Astley, Warwickshire, at the age of 69, and was buried there.

Bonville's father and grandfather had both had successful careers.^[1] As such, when Bonville came of age in 1414^[10] he inherited an income of approximately £900 per annum; for context, the historian Martin Cherry says this was "a figure not far short of that enjoyed by the fifteenth-century earls of Devon themselves".^[8] His lands—comprising 18 manors^[10]—were situated all over England, although concentrated in Devon, particularly around Shute in the south-east of the county, and Somerset.^[8] These lands encompassed his grandfather's patrimony, with manors in Devon, Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. The Fitzroger estates were mainly in Leicestershire, the East Midlands, and the south-east of England in Kent and Sussex.^[2] the History of Parliament, "without doubt Bonville ranked among the very wealthiest landowners of the West Country".^[2]

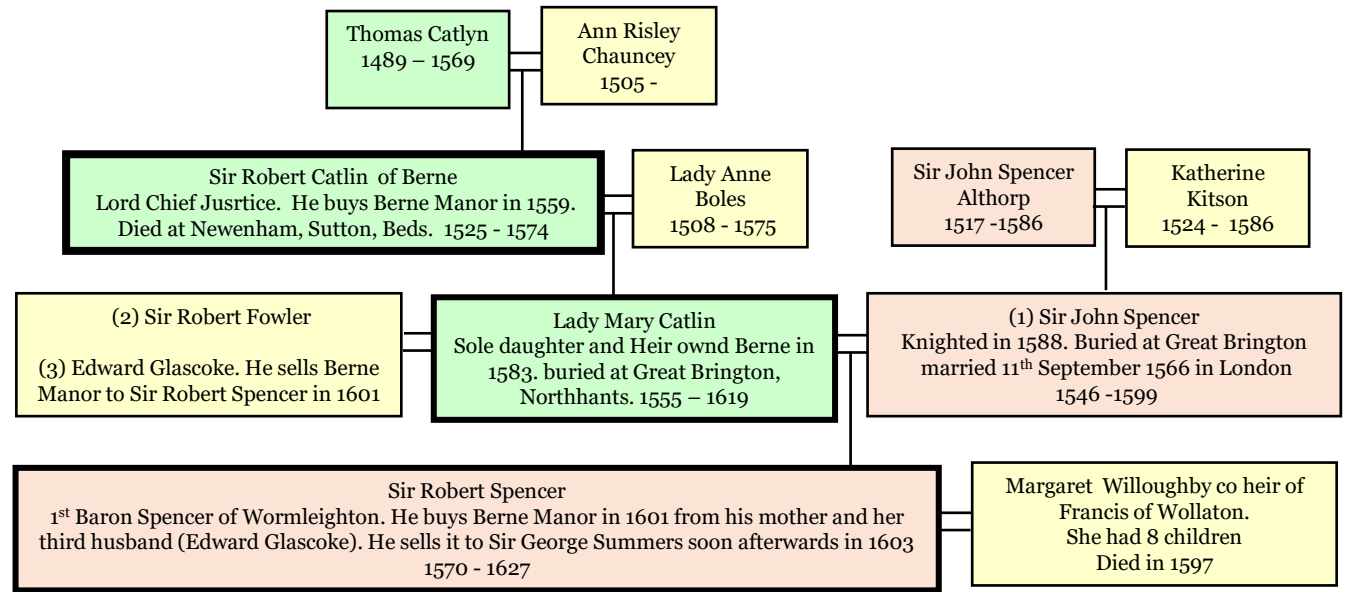
Sir Edward Grey was born on 7 February 1415 in Ruthin, Denbighshire, his father, Reginald, was 53 and his mother, Lady, was 49. He married Elizabeth De Ferrers in March 1427 in Leicestershire. He then married Elizabeth De Ferrers and they had nine children together. He died on 18 December 1457 in Ratby Leicestershire, at the age of 42.

Sir John Grey of Groby was born in 1432 in Leicestershire, his father, Sir, was 17 and his mother, Elizabeth, was 14. He married Elizabeth Woodville Queen consort of England and they had two children together. He also had five sons and seven daughters from another relationship. He died as a young father on 29 March 1464 in Towton, Yorkshire, at the age of 32.

Thomas Grey was born on 22 June 1455, his father, Sir, was 23 and his mother, Elizabeth, was 18. He married Lady Cecily, 7th Baroness Harrington and Dorset Bonville in Temple Hirst, Yorkshire. They had 19 children in 22 years. He died on 20 September 1501 in Astley, Warwickshire, at the age of 46, and was buried there.

[Sir John Grey of Groby - LifeStory \(ancestry.co.uk\)](https://www.ancestry.co.uk)

The Catlin and Spencer family ownership of Berne Manor from 1553 until 1603



Robert Catlyn or Catlin was born about 1510. He married Anne, daughter of John Boles, who lived at Wallington in Hertfordshire, and widow of Thomas Burgoyne, and they had an only child, Mary. He died on 16 Sep 1574 at Newnham Priory in Bedfordshire and in accordance with his wishes was buried at Sutton in Bedfordshire on 30 Sep 1574. He is an ancestor of Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge.

Sir Robert Catlyn (1558 - 1574) was an English judge and Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench.^[1] Sir Robert Catlyn married Ann, the daughter of John Boles of Wallington, Hertfordshire, and relict of John Burgoyne. By her he left an only daughter, Mary, who married first Sir John Spencer, and secondly Sir Robert Fowler. Her son by Sir John Spencer was Robert, who was created Baron Spencer of Wormleighton in 1603, from whom came the Earls of Sunderland and Dukes of Marlborough.

Sir John Spencer (c. 1551 – 9 January 1599) was an English nobleman, politician, landowner, sheriff, knight, and MP from the Spencer family. Spencer married Mary Catlyn, the only daughter and heiress of Sir Robert Catlyn, who brought him estates in both Leicestershire and Northamptonshire as well as Berne Manor in Dorset which her father had built up from profits of a successful career. They had one son, Robert, who became the first Baron Spencer of Wormleighton. Mary (1555 – 1619) was the sole daughter and heir of Sir Robert Catlyn of Berne, Dorset and Lord Chief Justice. she married Edward Glascoke after 1600.

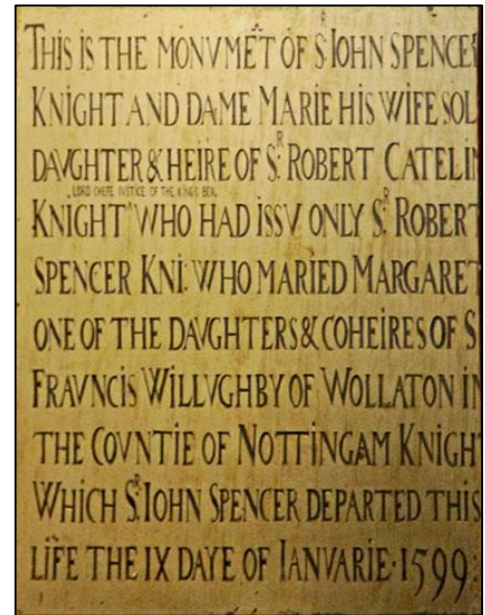
Sir Robert Catlyn paid £760 for Berne Manor in 1553. He was living there when his daughter married Sir John Spencer of Althorp in 1566 in London. In 1574 he died and Berne Manor passes to Sir John Spencer who leases it to Sir George Somers in 1587. In 1598, his son Sir Robert sell the freehold to Sir George for £600. He keeps the Manorial rights which are later bought by the Every family who live near by at Wootton Abbas.

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CATLIN, SIR ROBERT (*d.* 1574), judge, was born at Beby in Leicestershire, though his ancestry is said to have belonged to Northamptonshire. He was a member of the Middle Temple, and was appointed reader to that society in 1547. In 1553, the lordship of his native place having reverted to the crown through the attainder of the Duke of Suffolk, Catlin obtained a grant of it. In the following year he was called to the rank of serjeant-at-law, and two years later to that of king's and queen's serjeant. He was appointed a justice of the common pleas in October 1558, was re-appointed on the accession of Elizabeth in November of the next year, and in the ensuing January was created chief justice of the queen's bench in the room of Sir Edward Saunders, removed on account of his religious opinions, and was knighted. During his tenure of office he would seem to have had next to no judicial business to perform. He

presided over the judges at the trial of the Duke of Norfolk for high treason in conspiring with Mary Stuart to dethrone the queen in January 1571, and the following month sentenced one of the duke's retainers, Robert Hickford, to death as an accomplice. His judgment on this occasion is reported at some length. It is a homily on the sacredness of majesty and the heinousness of treason, and,

so regarded, not altogether a discreditable performance. The closing sentences evince an acquaintance with Chaucer's 'House of Fame.' But he does not appear to have been particularly subservient as a judge, as we find that this same year, 1571, he incurred the serious displeasure of the queen by refusing to 'alter the ancient forms of the court' in the interests of the Earl of Leicester. He was accused of denying justice and making the queen's bench 'a court of conscience' by one Thomas Welch in 1566. He married Ann, daughter of John Boles of Wallington, Hertfordshire, and relict of John Burgoyne, by whom he had one daughter, whose first husband was Sir John Spencer. He died at his seat at Newenham, Bedfordshire, in 1574.



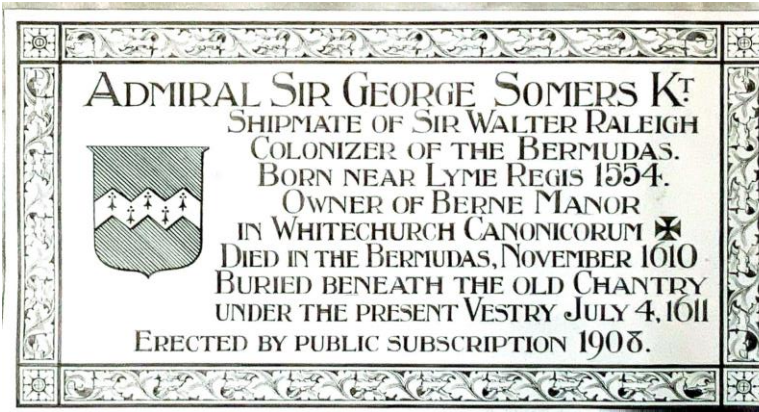
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Sir George Somers Life at Berne Manor from 1587 until 1610



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Festivities at
Berne Manor on
23rd May 2009

Some remains of the older Berne House still exist, but the greater part of it was destroyed, perhaps by fire and only one wing is now left of the residence of Sir George Somers and of the Floyers. In 1592 a Captain John Floyer is mentioned as in command of a ship on one of Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions. He was accused of having captured, contrary to the orders of the Privy Council a ship of Bayonne with a load of cod, and a "waistcoat of carnation colour, curiously embroidered."³² His precise relationship to the family has not been ascertained. An extract from the Diary of Lord Shaftesbury shows that at the time of the Great Rebellion, Anthony³³ Floyer was a Royalist, for he is mentioned as being on duty at Dorchester with Lord Shaftesbury as justice of the peace. In 1685 the Duke of Monmouth landed with his army at Lyme Regis, distant only a few miles from Berne. A notice in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1767 would seem to refer to some lost tradition of the past which Anthony Floyer, as major in the militia,³⁴ played in opposing his advance, but this is now only to be conjectured. Many notices of ordinary business transactions as justices of the peace and as churchwardens remain in the parish books of Whitechurch Canonicorum, Chideock, and elsewhere.

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[I am able to supply GENEALOGIST with the following abstract of the *Post Mortem* Inquisition of Sir George Somers, which I copied at the Public Record Office a few years since.

The Inquisition was taken at Dorchester, 26th July, 9 Jac. I., before George Estmont, gent., Escheator; and it appears that he was seised before his death, in demesne and in fee, of the Manor of Upwey *alias* Waybay House, with its members and appurtenances, in Co. Dorset, held of the King *in capite*, and worth in all profits, beyond reprises, £12. Also of a capital messuage or mansion house and farm of the Manor of Berne, co. Dorset, with orchards, gardens, a grist mill called Tuckmill, and closes or parcels of land, called respectively Brode-meud, Lower Waterletts, Higher Waterletts Wood, Waterletts Wood, Berne Orchard, Lower and Higher Longyard, Shurcombe Meade, Shurcombe, Home Byttom, New Mead, Little and Middle Home Byttom, Higher and Lower Twynewood, Brene Wood (3), and Longhoues (3), held of the King in chief by Knight's service, and worth £6 13s. 4d. Also of a messuage, mansion house, and tenement, called the Manor of Orchard, in the parish of Whitchurche [Canonicorum], Dorset, with numerous parcels of land, of which Great and Little Bynhills, Gasemore, Eastfield, Muddiford, Seymonds Lease, Bappowle Lees, Bappowle Lees Meadow, Shadesbush Meade, Litle Bappowles, Fyve Ashmead, and Highfield, are particularly named, together with common of pasture in Sharedowne *alias* Sharmendowne, and Morcomb Lake *alias* Haddon Hill. Also of a capital messuage or tenement in Marshwood, Dorset, called Harpers, with closes named Brodelay, Harpers Meade, Harpers Moore, Gybland, Hynnens, &c., held of John Pawlett, Esq., in free socage, of the Manor of Marshwood, paying a rent of 6d. for all services, and worth 15s. Also of three messuages in Lyme Regis, held by Sir George and Johanna, his wife, of the Mayor and Burgesses, paying a rent of 2s. for all services, and worth 10s. Sir George died the 9th of Novr. last. Nicholas Somers, gent., his cousin and heir, aged 26 or more. Lady Johanna his wife still living at Whitchurch.

The Inquisition contains the following extract from Sir George's will:—"I, the said Geo. Somers, do give and bequeth to Mathew Somers and his heirs all that capital messuage or farm

called Waybay House in the parish of Upwey, and all lands, &c., called Orchard, in the parish of Whitchurch, a messuage or tenement called Harper's tenement, in the parish of Marshwood, and the ground or common at the hill, purchased of Richard Mallack, gent., adjoining other lands called Berne in the parish of Whitchurch, and all other lands not bequeath, to Mat. Somers and his heirs for ever."

This Inquisition is headed "Libat' fuit in Cur' xxiiiij die Novr Anno R., Jacobi, Anglie, &c., decimo, p. manus Ric'i Warman."

EDITOR FOR DORSET.]

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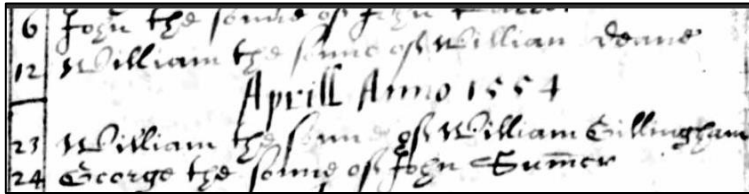
The 1844 Tithe Map shows a number of fields with the same or similar names as those mentioned in 1612. Lower Long Yard, Upper Long Yard, Upper Sharkham, Upper Sharkham Furze, Lower Sharkham, Sharkham Copse, Home Bottom, Home Bottom Copse, Treenwoods, Lower Berne Woods, Little Berne Woods, Great Berne Woods Copse, Upper Little Bern Woods, Great Berne Woods, Lower Long Yard

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Lyme Regis 24 Apr 1554



Somers was born at Berne Farm in Lyme Regis, Dorset, in the southwest of England, in April 1554. He was the third surviving son of John and Alice Somer (or Somers). Very little is known about his early life, but by the time he was in his mid-thirties, Somers seems to have been engaged in privateering missions against Spanish shipping in the West Indies. In 1587 he used the booty earned on one such mission to purchase more than one hundred acres of land near his birthplace; he called it Berne Manor. Through the 1590s, his reputation as a competent sea captain grew steadily. He was a senior officer in Sir Amyas Preston's audacious raid on the coast of South America in 1595, when English forces captured, sacked, and burned San Jago de Leon, a Spanish town on the site of present-day Caracas, Venezuela. The raid produced only a limited financial return, but was described by one of Preston's men, Robert Davie, in "The Victorious Voyage of Captaine Amias Preston now knight, and Captaine George Sommers to the West India, begun in March 1595." [Richard Hakluyt \(the younger\)](#) published the account in an edition of his *Principall Navigations, Voiages and Discoveries of the English Nation*.

In 1597, Somers took part in the Islands Voyage, in which an English fleet led by Robert Devereux, second earl of Essex, and [Sir Walter Raleigh](#) attacked the Portuguese-held Azores. Although the raid was unsuccessful, Somers managed to capture a prize while sailing back to Dartmouth. Later he was entrusted with the command of some of England's best warships, including the *Swiftsure* and the *Warspite*. He captained the former in a 1601 attack on a Spanish invasion fleet off Kinsale, in the south of Ireland, and the latter in 1602, again at the Azores. According to Thomas Fuller in his *History of the Worthies of England* (1662), Somers "was a lamb on land, so patient that few could anger him: and (as if entering a ship he assumed a new nature) a lion at sea, so passionate few could please him." As Somers's prestige in naval circles grew, so did his wealth. An inventory of his Berne Manor estate after his death included well-constructed beds, embroidered Indian coverlets, silk damask cushions, and carpets of all kinds and colors, among them a "faire Turkey carpet of greate price." In July 1603, just prior to the coronation of James I, Somers was knighted in the royal garden at Whitehall. The next year he was elected to Parliament from Lyme Regis. And in 1606 he became the town's mayor. Probably early in the 1580s, Somers married Joan Heywood, the daughter of Philip Heywood, a Lyme Regis farmer. Joan Somers died in 1618 and the couple had no children.

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Cape of Good Hope as director of hospitals. After several years he retired to England, served in the home district, and then went as staff physician to Jamaica. After two years he returned to England in ill health, and on recovery joined the army in the Peninsula, where the Marquis of Wellington in 1812 appointed him physician in chief to the allied forces. On 18 Jan. 1816 he was nominated a deputy medical inspector, and retired on half pay. He died in London in 1824.

Somers was the author of: 1. 'Dissertatio Physico-medica Inauguralis de Sonis et Auditui,' Edinburgh, 1783, 8vo. 2. 'Medical Suggestions for the Treatment of Dysentery and Fever among Troops in the Field,' London, 1816, 8vo (published in both Latin and English).

[Munk's Coll. of Phys. ii. 419; Pantheon of the Age, 1826, iii. 418-19; Army Lists.]

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SOMERS or SUMMERS, SIR GEORGE (1554-1610), virtual discoverer of the Bermudas, born at or near Lyme Regis, Dorset, in 1554, was son of John Somers of that town. He bore the same arms as those of the family of John, lord Somers [q. v.], but the exact connection has not been traced. At an early age he took to the sea. With Sir Amyas Preston [q. v.] he joined in a buccaneering voyage to the Spanish Main in 1596, and captured the town of St. Jago de Leon, an exploit in which he displayed much heroism. Somers and his companions returned to London in September (HAKLUYT, *Voyages*, 1600, iii. 578 seq.) Other expeditions of a like kind occupied him in the following years. He took part in the Island's voyage (to the Azores) in the summer of 1597. Coming back in charge of a small ship, he was separated from the main fleet in a storm in the Bay of Biscay, and was given up for lost. On 29 Oct. 1597 Sir Walter Raleigh, Lord Thomas Howard, and Charles Blount, sixth lord Mountjoy, the leaders of the expedition, who arrived before him in safety at Plymouth, wrote hastily to Essex, their colleague and commander-in-chief: 'Wee have this Saturday night received the cumfortabell newse of George Summers arrivall, whose letter we have here withall sent your lordship' (EDWARDS, *Life of Raleigh*, ii. 180-1). In 1600 Somers again sailed—as captain of the Vanguard—for the Azores, on a vain look-out for Spanish treasure-ships (MONSON, p. 196). In 1601 he was in command of the Swiftsure at the attack on the Spanish fleet in the harbour of Kinsale (*ib.* p. 197). In September 1602 he set sail for a third time for the Azores, now in command of the War-

spight. Eight other ships formed part of the expedition, which was in charge of Sir Richard Leveson. On the voyage home a carrack was seized off Lisbon (*Cal. State Papers*, Dom. 1601-3, p. 161).

Somers was knighted at Whitehall on 23 July 1603 (METCALFE, *Knights*, p. 147), and apparently remained quietly at his native place for the next five or six years. He was elected M.P. for Lyme Regis on 25 Feb. 1603-4, and in 1605 he was mayor of the town. A laudatory sonnet on Somers, by Thomas Winter, is appended to the latter's translation of Du Bartas's 'Third Dayes Creation' (1604).

In 1606 Somers was one of the chief movers in the formation of the London or South Virginian Company for the colonisation of Virginia. On 23 May 1609, when James I granted the company a new charter, he was nominated admiral of the association. He had the reputation of 'a man of good skill in all passages' (NELL, *Virginia Company*, i. 58). At the same date a fleet of nine vessels was formed under Somers's command to convey a body of settlers to the colony. His companions included Sir Thomas Gates [q. v.], lieutenant-general; Thomas West, third lord De la Warr, captain-general; and Captain Christopher Newport [q. v.] The expedition sailed from Plymouth on 2 June, Somers embarking with Gates and Newport in the Sea Venture. After some eight weeks a hurricane scattered the little fleet, and the Sea Venture was wrecked, on 25 July, off the rocky coast of some islands in mid-Atlantic. Though the identification has occasionally been disputed by Spanish writers, there seems no doubt that these islands were those that had been sighted for the first time in 1515 by a Spanish seaman named Juan Bermudes, whence they obtained the name of Bermudas. They were not known to have been inhabited by man, and Somers took possession of them in the name of the king of England. They have remained British possessions ever since. At first they were known as *Virginicola*, but afterwards they were called indifferently by their original name of Bermudas or by that of Somers' or the Summer Islands. The latter designation at once commemorated their second discoverer and their mild climate.

Somers and such of his companions as survived the shipwreck remained nearly ten months on the islands. They were troubled by hogs, which overran the islands, and by mysterious noises which they could only explain as the cries of spirits and devils. After contriving to build two small barks, Somers and his companions set out in them

for Virginia on 10 May 1610. They arrived at James Town on the 23rd. Somers stayed only till 7 June, when he embarked on the James river, intending to return to England. But before he reached the open sea he met his fellow-voyager, Thomas West, third lord De la Warr, who induced him to turn back with him to James Town. On 19 June he cheerfully offered to revisit the Bermudas, in order to procure a supply of fish and hogs for the wellnigh starving settlement in Virginia (LEFROY, i. 10-11). Sir Samuel Argall [q. v.] joined him in a second ship, but a storm soon separated them, and Somers reached the Bermudas alone early in November. There he died on the 9th of the month of a 'surfeit of eating of a pig' (HOWES, *Chronicle*, 1631). His heart was buried in the land on which the town of St. George now stands, and a wooden cross was placed above the spot (W.F. WILLIAMS, *Hist. and Statistical Account of the Bermudas*, p. 16; JOHN SMITH, *Hist. of Virginia*, bk. iii. pp. 118-19). Matthew Somers, a nephew, who was with him, brought his body to England, where it was buried with military honours in the church at Whitechurch (Whitechurch Canonicoorum) in Dorset. A memorial brass was placed in the church in 1908, and a replica in the cathedral church of the Bermudas (*The Times*, 27 July 1908). Somers's property included, besides a house and lands (Berne Manor) at Whitechurch and three messuages in Lyme Regis, the manor of 'Upwey alias Waybay House.' All his real estate he left to Matthew Somers, though Nicholas Somers, a cousin, was stated to be heir-at-law, and Sir George was survived by his wife Joanna. The will was proved by a brother John on 24 Nov. 1612.

Many accounts of Somers's shipwreck and life in the Bermudas were published by his companions (see below). The narrative of one of them, Silvester Jourdain [q. v.], is believed to have suggested to Shakespeare the setting of the 'Tempest' (cf. E. D. NELL, *Early Settlement of Virginia and Virginicola, as noticed by Poets and Players*, 1878). Matthew Somers left only three men in the Bermudas when he started with his uncle's remains for England. The three men found a quantity of ambergris, and news of the discovery increased the repute of the islands. In 1612 the Virginia Company sent representatives to re-examine them, and finally leased them in 1615 to a new company, called the Somers' Islands Company. Sir George's nephew Matthew thereupon petitioned the crown for compensation, asserting that his interests were prejudiced by the formation of the new company. His petition was

rejected as vexatious (NELL, *Virginia Company of London*, pp. 53 seq.)

A portrait of Somers by Van Somer belongs to Miss Bellamy of Plymouth, a collateral descendant. An engraving from it appeared in Lefroy's 'History of the Bermudas or Summer Islands' (Hakluyt Soc. 1882).

[A Discovery of the Bermudas, by Silvester Jourdain [q. v.], 1610, reissued, with another dedication, by W. O. in 1613 as *A Plain Description*; R. Rich's *Lost Flock Triumphant*, 1610; Strachey's *Redemption of Sir Thomas Gates from the Islands of the Bermudas*, in Purchas his *Pilgrimes*, 1625, iv. 1733-42; Lefroy's *Memorials of the Bermudas and History of the Bermudas* (Hakluyt Soc.), 1882; Hutchin-son's *Dorset*, ii. 263; Roberts's *Hist. and Antiquities of Lyme Regis*, 1834, pp. 264-71; Leardi's *Naval Hist.* i. 301, ii. 423, 430; Sir William Monson's *Naval Tracts*; *Notes and Queries*, 7th ser. x. 39; Doyle's *English Colonies in America*; Brown's *Genesis of the United States*; cp. arts. GATES, SIR THOMAS; JOURDAIN, SILVESTER; and NEWPORT, CHRISTOPHER.]

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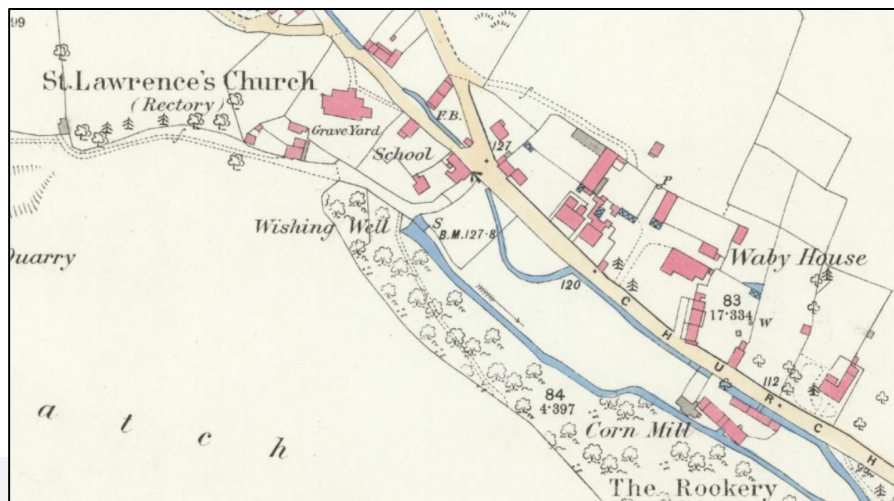
SOMERS or SOMMERS, JOHN, LORD SOMERS (1651-1716), lord chancellor of England, came of a family belonging to the rank of small landed gentry, which seated at Clifton, Severn Stoke, Worcestershire, and appears to have early conformed, as it afterwards steadfastly adhered, to the reformed faith. Its consequence was enhanced towards the end of the sixteenth century by the acquisition of the dissolved nunnery of Whiteladies, Claines, near Worcester, which Richard Somers or Sommers, as the name was popularly spelt, grandfather of the lord chancellor, settled on his daughter Mary upon her marriage with Richard Blurdon, a Worcester clothier. The lord chancellor's father, John Somers, an attorney, fought on the side of the parliament during the civil war, threw in his profession on the restoration of tranquillity, inherited the Clifton estate, and, dying in January 1680-1, was buried in Severn Stoke church, where his widow (Catherine, youngest daughter of John Severne of Powyck, Worcestershire) was also interred on 16 March 1709-10. Besides his son John he left two daughters: (1) Mary, born 1653, married Charles Cocks, M.P. for Worcester 1694-5, and afterwards for Droitwich, whose son-in-law was Philip Yorke (Lord-chancellor Hardwicke) [q. v.], and whose grandson Sir Charles Cocks, bart., was created, 17 May 1784, Baron Somers of Evesham; (2) Elizabeth, born 1655, married Sir Joseph Jekyll [q. v.], master of the rolls.

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Upwey. Raynold Keate of Cheselborne, gent, sold to George Somers of Berne, gent, and his heirs, all Keate's right and title to the manor of Upwey als Waybay howsse with appurtenances formerly the inheritance of Hugh Keate, the father of Raynold.

Upwey. Court of Wards and Liveries. Copy of a case brought by Sir Walter Pyne, attorney, on behalf of his Majesty's ward, Elizabeth Somers, by the petition of Richard Roope, esq, and Thomas Rich, gent, (pets.) against Thomas Hayne, esq., and Edward Hayne, gent (defs.) showing that Mathew Somers, the father of Elizabeth, was owner of the manor of Upwey alias Wayby house consisting of one messuage, one garden, 200 acres of land, 23 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 50 acres of furze and heath with appurtenances in Upwey. On August 1625, the lands descended to Elizabeth, his only child, aged 12yrs 3mths, by an inquisition held at Sherborne dated 19 Jan 1626. The rents were due to his Majesty during her minority. Mentions a deed dated 17 Jan 1616 whereby Mathew and Nicholas Somers leased the property to Christopher Mainwaring and others. Mainwaring and others granted the property to Richard Henning, Thomas Hayne and Robert Napper on 16 Mar 1621 for the use of Mathew Somers and his wife, Dorothy. It was claimed these deeds were unexecuted and if any were signed it was after 'a pot of ale' so his mind was not alert. When Mathew died, Thomas Hayne claimed the rents. The court decided that Elizabeth was entitled to the manor. Hilary Term 1630.

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Englishman Admiral Sir George Somers, was born in 1554 in Lyme Regis, Dorset, England, in a house on Broad Street. Lyme Regis was an-already historic town in Dorset, England. It was also, because of Somers, from where Bermuda's History began. He was one of the sons, the fourth of five, of John Somers a merchant and farm owner, of Berne Farm, situated between the Marshwood Vale village of Whitchurch Canonorum and the main road at Charmouth. Berne Farm was the long-established Somers family home. Walter Raleigh, two years George's senior, was a neighbor and boyhood friend. As Lyme Regis was conveniently situated for trade with France and Spain, complete with a unique artificial breakwater called The Cobb to shelter local shipping, Somers apparently went to sea as a boy in the early 1560s and soon became a competent mariner. He seems to have spent his early maritime career trading rather than raiding, since his name does not appear in contemporary privateering accounts. In 1582, Somers's career prospects improved hugely after his marriage, at the age of 28, to Joan Heywood, then just 19. She brought ownership of three houses in Lyme Regis into the marriage as her dowry. Rental income and his continued commercial success enabled the couple to buy Berne Manor, a 200-acre estate near Whitchurch Canonorum, and Orchard House, another 100-acre farm nearby, for the then substantial sum of £600.

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Somers is essentially a Dorset worthy. He was M.P. for Lyme Regis in 1603-4, and Mayor of that town in 1605. His heart was buried in the Bermudas, but his nephew Matthew Somers brought his body home, and the entry of its burial is clearly recorded in the Whitechurch registers. In all probability he was interred below the chantry which belonged to his manor house of Bearne or Berne, and is now used as a vestry. A great portion of Somers' s abode is still in existence, although the front is modern- ized. Besides the Whitechurch property, he left three messuages in Lyme Regis and the manor of Upwey, " alias Waybay House." His estate was bequeathed to Matthew Somers, although a cousin Nicholas Somers was stated heir-at-law. There are portraits of Somers and his wife in existence, painted by Vansomer.

net to him in 1604; M. P. for Lyme Regis in Dorsetshire, March 19, 1604, to February, 1610, when his seat was declared vacant, on account of his absence in Virginia; June, 1609, sailed for Virginia; July 28, wrecked on the Bermudas or Somers Islands; May 10, 1610, sailed from there for Virginia; May 23 arrived in Va.; June 7, abandoning the colony, was met by Lord De la Warr, and turned back; June 19 sailed for the Bermudas to obtain a supply of pork for Virginia. Was carried by the current to our New England coast; but finally reached the Somers Islands, and died there November 9, 1610, "of a surfeit in eating of a pig." His heart was buried in the island, and "his cedar ship at last with his dead body arrived at Whitchurch in Dorsetshire, where by his friends he was honourably buried, with many vollies of shot, and the rites of a souldier, and upon his tombe was bestowed this epitaph: —

"Alas Virginia's Summer so soone past,
Autumne succeeds and stormy winter's blast,
Yet England's joyfull Spring with joyfull show-
ers,

O Florida, shall bring thy sweetest Flowers." His remains reached England after February 28, 1611, probably about July 26, 1611, on which day the inquest was held.

"From the Record Office, London. Inquisitio post mortem. Inquest taken at Dorchester, July 26 (9th James) before George Estmont, gent., escheator of the King:— Sir George Somers, Knight, was seized before his death in demesne & in fee of the Manor of **Upwey alias Waybay House**, with its members and appurtenances, in Co. Dorset, &c. &c. Of one Messuage or Mansion house, called the manor of Orehard, in the parish of Whitechurche [canonicorum] Dorset, &c. &c. Of a Capital Messuage or Mansion house and farm of the Manor of Berne [in Whitechurch] Dorset, &c. &c. Of a capital messuage or tenement in Marsh wood [in Whitechurch] Dorset, &c. &c. Of three messuages in Lyme Regis, held by Sir George Somers and Johanna his wife of the Mayor & Burgesses of Lyme Regis."

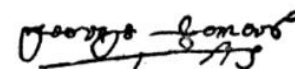
Extract from Sir George Somers' will: "I, the said Geo. Somers do give and bequeath to Mathew Somers

or farm called **Waybay House** in the parish of Upwey, all lands &c. called Oreherd in the parish of Whitechurh, a messuage or tenement called Harper's tenement, in the parish of Mersshwood and the ground or common at the hill, purchased from Richard Mallack gent, adjoining other lands called Berne in the parish of Whitechurch, and all other lands not bequeath, to Mathew Somers and his heirs forever."

"Sir Geo. Somers died 9th of November last. Nicholas Somers, gent, his cousin and heir. Lady Johanna his wife is still living at Whitechurh."

This document is headed "*Libat fuit in Cur. xxiij die Novr. anno R. Jacobi, Anglie &c decimo, p. manus Ricci Warman.*" I suppose *Libat* stands for *Liberatum*, i. e., "*It was delivered in court 24 Nov. in the 10th year of James, &c. (1612) by the hands of Richard Warman.*"

It will be noted that Matthew not Nicholas is mentioned in the extract from the will incorporated in the inquisition, and that the enrollment of the document was delayed from July, 1611, to November 24, 1612. There was probably a dispute over the will between Nicholas, the heir-at-law, and Matthew Somers, who was with Sir George when he died, and he may have been accused of using some illegal means to obtain a will in his favor.



Somers, Master (Matthew). He arrived in England, as before said, with the body of Sir George Somers, in 1611. In 1622 he has a dispute with the Va. and S. I. companies, regarding the estate of Sir George Somers. (See Neill's "Va. Co. of London," pp. 55-61.)

Somerset, Earl of.— Robert Carr. **Somerset, Edward, Earl of Worcester.** Fourth Earl, succeeded his father William, third Earl, on February 21, 1589; N. W. P. Co., 1612; died March 3, 1628; married Elizabeth, daughter of Francis, Earl of Huntingdon, and had several children.

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Constituency **Dates**
LYME REGIS 1604 - 10 Feb. 1610

Family and Education

bap. 24 Apr. 1554, 3rd s. of John Somers, mercer, of Lyme Regis, Dorset and his w. Alice. *m.* by 1583, Joan (*bur.* 16 Dec. 1617), da. of Philip Heywood, yeoman, of Lyme Regis, *s.p.*¹ kntd. 23 July 1603.² *d.* 9 Nov. 1610.³ *sig.* George Somers.

Offices Held

Capt. RN 1597-1602; adm. Virg. 1609-*d.*⁴

Freeman, Lyme Regis 1598,⁵ capt. militia ft. 1598,⁶ mayor 1604-5;⁷ j.p. Dorset by 1608-*d.*⁸

Member, Virg. Co. 1606-*d.*⁹

Biography

The youngest son of a Lyme Regis merchant, Somers went to sea and amassed a considerable fortune as a privateer, most of which he invested in property, including tenements in his birthplace. He leased Berne farm, three miles from Lyme, in 1587, and two years later captured two Spanish prizes worth £8,000, enabling himself to buy the Dorset manor of Upwey. He was again at sea regularly from 1595 to 1602, undertaking a voyage to the West Indies in 1596-7 and subsequently commanding several of the queen's ships.¹⁰ According to Fuller, he was 'a lamb on the land, so patient that few could anger him', but 'a lion at sea, so passionate that few could please him'.¹¹

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One of the chief promoters of the Virginia Company, Somers was appointed in 1609 to lead a fresh expedition to North America, and mortgaged Upwey to help finance the voyage. The fleet set sail from Plymouth in June, but was wrecked a month later in the Bermuda Islands.¹⁶ When Parliament resumed in 1610, Lyme Regis corporation petitioned for Somers' seat to be declared vacant, on the grounds that it was unclear when he might return to England. Despite some doubts being raised about the appropriateness of this request, the Commons agreed on 14 Feb. to call a fresh election.¹⁷

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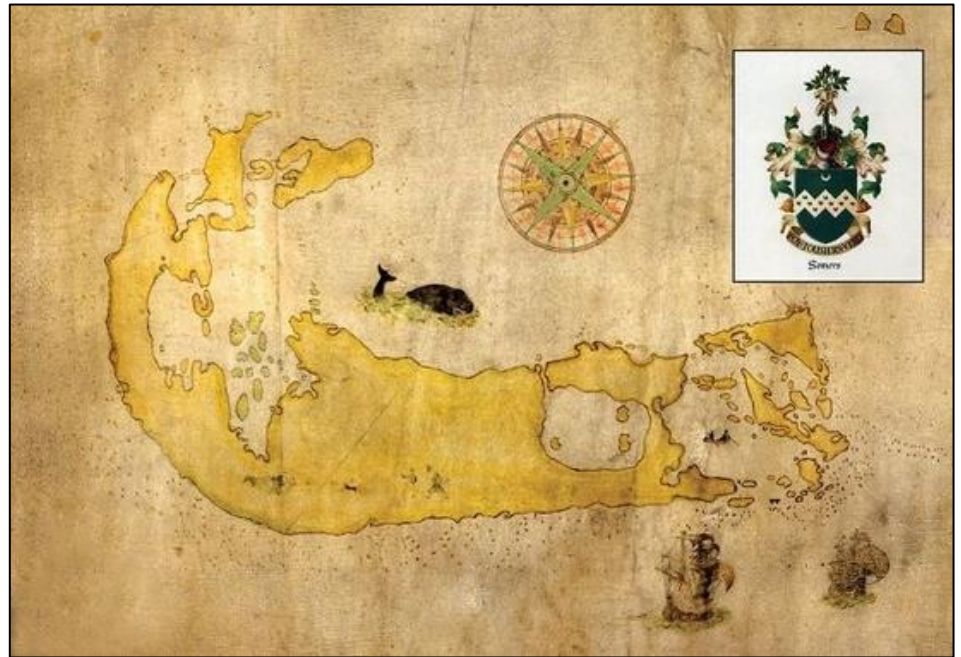
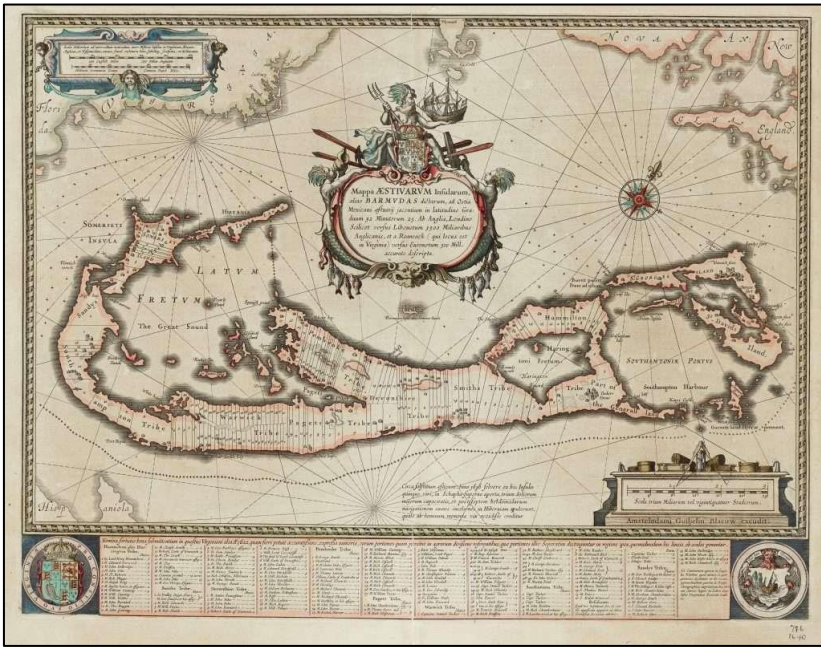
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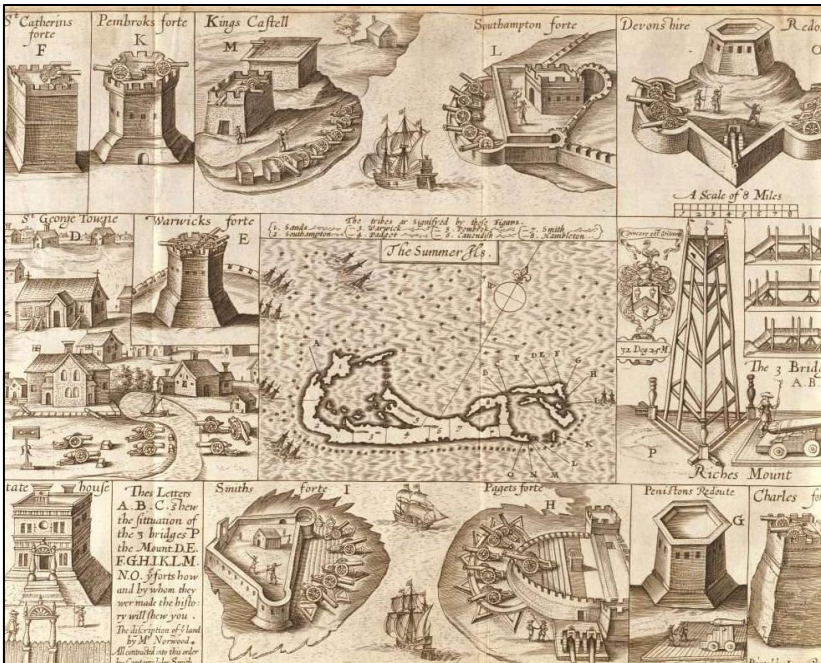
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Admiral Sir George Somers colonized Bermuda for Britain.



side of Salisbury. Sir Henry Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, was the family. George and Joane Somers had therefore become members of the landed-gentry of the West Country and through such contacts enriching avenues would now begin to open, right into the highest and most influential circles of English society.

They were, of course, already well-known to the leading families around Whitchurch Canonorum. The Coxens, Colliers and Husseys all owned property in the community. Other dignitaries had their homes in the neighbouring countryside, such as Sir John Jeffrey of Catherstone and John Wadham. Wadham had been born in Catherstone but had spent most of his life in Weymouth. He devoted his working years, however, to serving as the official Recorder of Lyme Regis—a position which had made him a longstanding associate of George Somers. (He died shortly after the Somers settled permanently at **Berne** and was buried in the churchyard at Whitchurch in 1584.) Other neighbours in Whitchurch Canonorum were John and Friediswide Every, a pleasant family who worked several acres closeby with their son, John Junior.

Whilst **Berne** Manor may have lacked the stately appearance of other large estates, it was impressive nevertheless. The main entrance to the house opened onto a long hallway, in which there were thoughtfully placed stools and side-tables upon which guests could rest their hats, gloves and cloaks. Off to one side there was a small cupboard in which the domestic staff kept their aprons, gardening boots and items for daily housework. Down at the far end of this hallway was the door leading into the kitchen.

The kitchen at **Berne** was designed so that it could serve not just the residents themselves, but was also kept in a state of readiness in the event of unexpected guests. Travel in the late Middle Ages was an eventful and demanding undertaking; a challenge with a great deal of the unexpected about it. Broken

In the peaceful seclusion of **Berne** Manor, George and Joane could enjoy the generous tranquility lavished upon them by life in the country. They socialised with the William Floyer family, rich landowners from Whitchurch Canonorum, and visited the new owners of Colway Manor. They attended St. Wita's Church regularly, prayed, listened to the sermons and in 1602 probably even congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Lacombe on the birth of their baby son. (None of them knew, of course, that he would become Lyme's most disreputable preacher! A man of the cloth whose reputation as a controversial orator of lecherous moral fibre would follow him to America later in life!)

In 1603, sitting in their usual pew in church, listening to the pleasant sounds of the brand new bells which had just been installed, George Somers must have been a contented man indeed. He had been good to life and it, in turn, was now repaying the compliment. There were obvious rewards.

Sir George Somers: A Man and His Times : David F. Raine

Somers, Sir George will dated 23 April 1609 probate 16 August 1611 (abstract)

Will of Sir George Somers of Berne in the County of Dorset, knight, intending to go to Virginia.

To the poor of the parish of Whitechurch, Dorset, 20 pounds, to be managed by the churchwardens, yearly interest to be divided equally among the poor at Christmas.

To the poor of Lyme Regis, Dorset, 10 pounds, to be managed like the legacy just above.

To John Somers and William Somers, sons of his brother John Somers, 100 pounds each, to be paid within two years after George Somer's death.

To Tobie Somers, son of the same John Somers, 100 pounds to be paid when he is 21.

To Mary Somers, daughter of John Somers, 100 pounds to be paid at her marriage or when she is 21.

To George Bird his servant 20 pounds, to be paid within two years after George Somer's death.

To Baldwyn Sanford 20 pounds as above.

To his maidservant Judith Seward 5 pounds if she remains his servant till his death.

To Nicholas Somers eldest son of Nicholas Somers deceased, his messuages at the death of Dame Joane, George Somers' wife; on condition that Nicholas Somers give his brother Mathew Somers a release of claims to the manor at Whitechurch, Marshwood, and Upwey, Co Dorset.

To Nicholas Somers 100 pounds within 2 years of the release mentioned.

If Nicholas Somers refuses to give the release, the messuages etc in Lyme Regis, occupied by Robert Barnes, shall be given to Mathew Somers, upon the death of Dame Joane Somers; and Mathew Somers shall also have the 100 pounds within 2 years of Nicholas' refusal to give a release.

Appoints his brother John Somers of Lyme Regis as his sole executor, and he shall have the rents of the tenements of Upwey for payment of debt and legacies, and like income from specified holdings in Whitchurch and Marshwood. A long and complicated section appears to name Mathew Somers as the eventual heir to all the real estate concerned.

Mathew Somers is to have half of the household stuff and plate at Berne House (set down in the inventory annexed to the will), and Dame Joane Somers is to have the other half if she gives a release to one John Gould merchant; is she refuses, her half goes to George Somers' executor.

All other goods and property to his brother John Somers. Names Richard Hodie, gent., James Heywood, gent, and Baldwyn Sanford as overseers of his will, leaves 5 pounds to each.

Signed 23 April 1609. Witnesses Thomas Moleins , Jn Boylden, Henry Corbin.

Probate 16 August 1611 to John Somers, brother of the deceased.

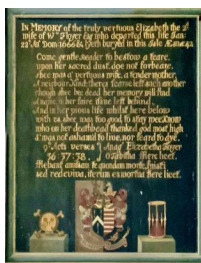
The inventory is on the 4th f. of 71 Wood. It lists goods at Berne House, Dorset as found in each of the several specified rooms. Includes furniture, draperies, rugs, bed and table linen, fire irons, pewter, silver, and clothing.

(reference: Virginia Colonial records Project, SR 3273, Principal Probate Registry, Index of Wills, PCC 1605-1619, pg 1-2)

The Flower family ownership of Berne Manor from 1616 until 1803



Front of Berne Manor House in 1904



Anthony Floyer.
Moves to **Stanton St. Gabriel** in 1591
1565 - 1608



Ann Martyn (coheir)
Athelhampton
married 1591.
1573 - 1636

53.] Catherston Lewson Tithing 44 modo 42 decre'
Anthony Floyer vij John Cultry xj Robte' Sampson iij Richard Doegood ij
idd' Hallett j Tho' Edwardes j George Salter ij Thomas Mollins j Abraham
podcocke ij Alice Bovett iij Alice Bovett iij John Long j Willm' Hodder iij John
dder j Richard Howsnell ij Richard Wondich j

Hearth Tax Returns for 1664 show Anthony Flower having Bearne Manor with 7 hearths.

[f.55d.] Wotten Fitzpaine Tithing 95 modo 94
Willm' Floyer x Richard Rose iij Samall Wackelly not wponne boocke and yet payd
to the Constab' Joan Hollard j John Crosse j George Cumminge j Ann Case iij James
Owlesley ij John Owlesley ij John Turner j John Jay j Thomas Clacy ij Alexander

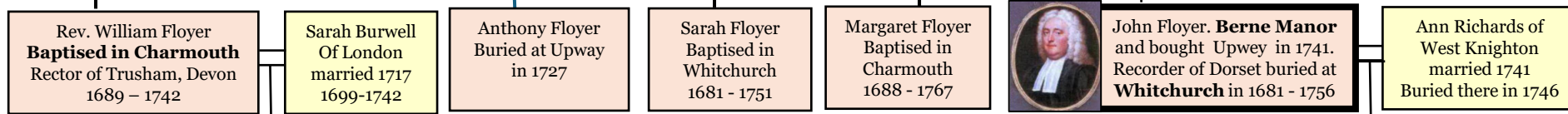
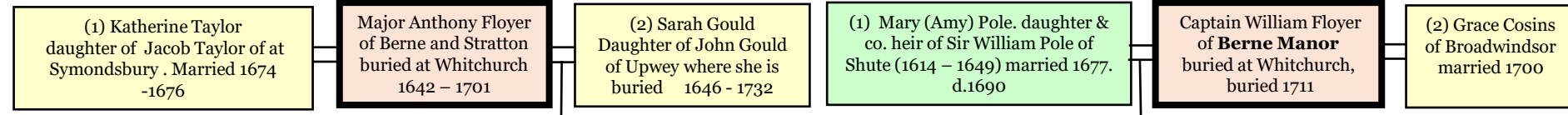
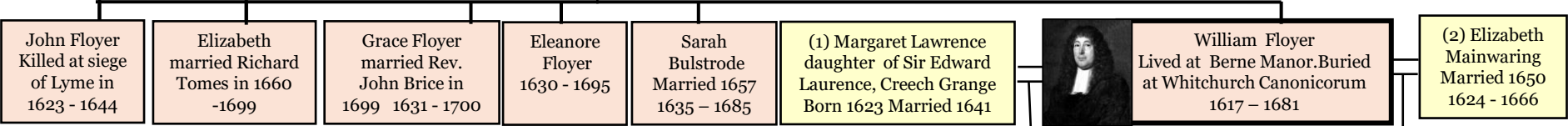
Returns in 1664 for Wooton Fitzpaine show William Flower, son of Anthony having the Manor House with 10 hearths.

[f.63.] Charmouth Tithinge 63 modo 64
William Ellesdon vj Benjamin Bird ij John Davie j Thomas Holman ij Edward
Melpey j Petervell Minterne ij Christofer Humby ij George Wade v Judith Miller ij
Willm' Limbry iij Thomas Edwardes j Willm' Hinde ij John Cade j Robert Cox iij

Returns in 1664 for Charmouth show George Wade at the Abbots House with 5 hearths. Eleanore Floyer buys this in 1673

Eleanor Pole
Lived at Berne Manor until her husband died in 1671 and then buys The Abbots House in Charmouth. 1597 - 1676

Anthony Floyer
Moves to **Berne Manor** in 1616 on his marriage. He sells Floyers Hayes in 1636 to Henry Gould. 1593 - 1671



Hatchment in Whitchurch Canoncorum Church. Arms of Floyer impaling Gould for Anthony Floyer who died in 1701



Stafford House, West Stafford, Dorset



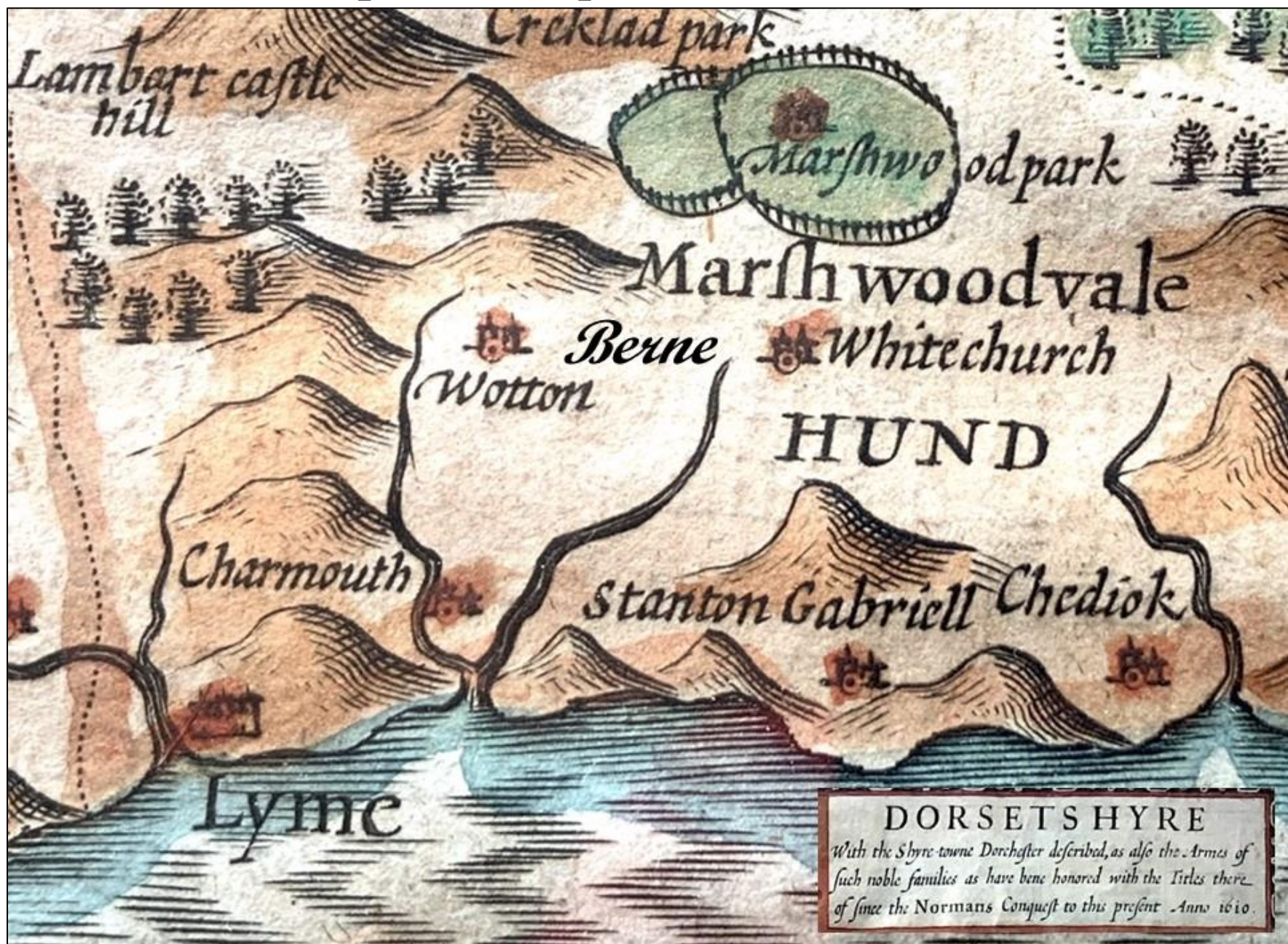
Georgina Banks, 1823 - 1903

John Floyer buys West Stafford in 1830 from the Goulds. He sells his 1/4 share in Athelhampton in 1861. 1811 - 1887

An Artists impression of Berne Manor as the time Anthony Flower owned it from 1591 until 1608



John Speed's Map of West Dorset in 1610



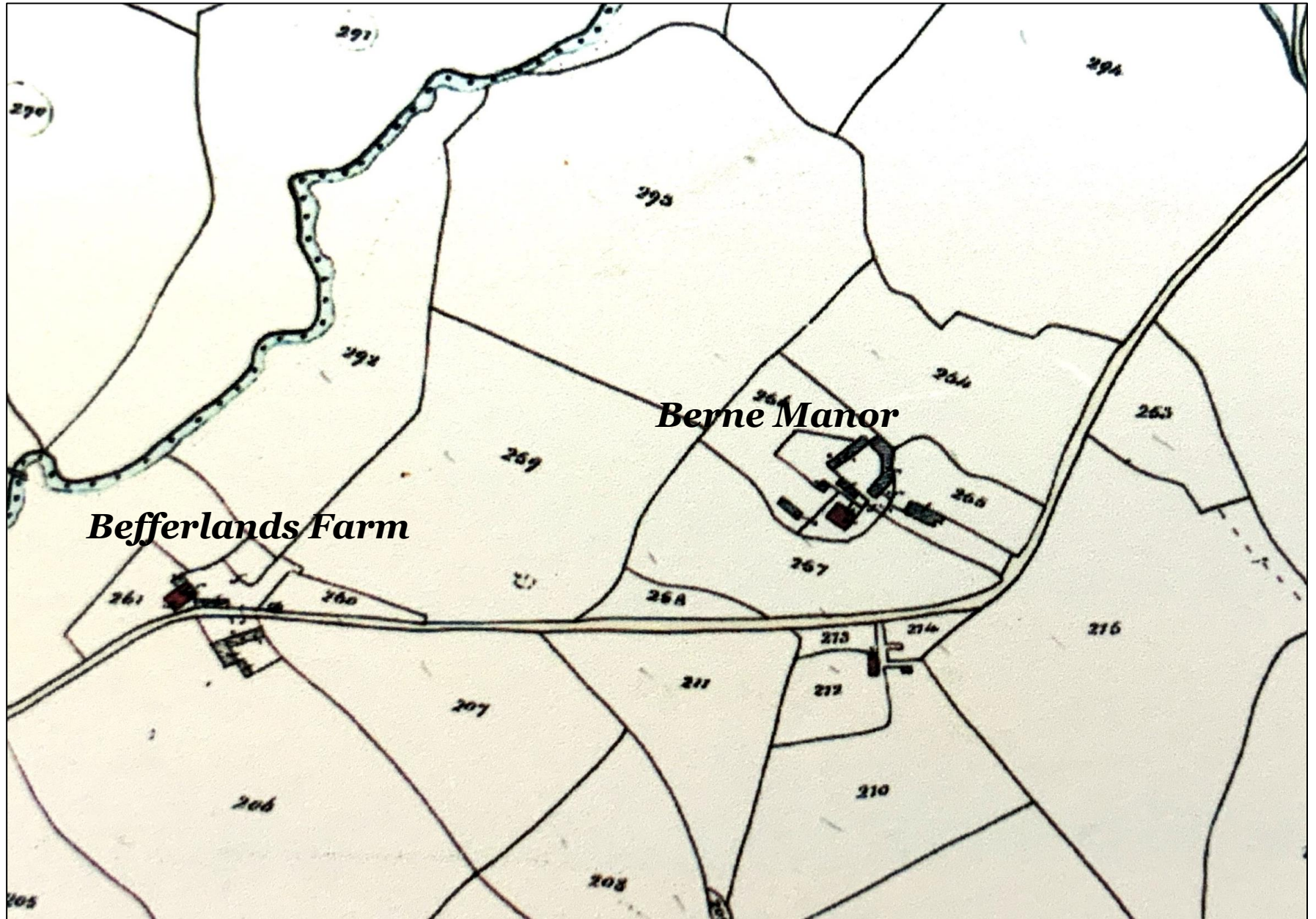
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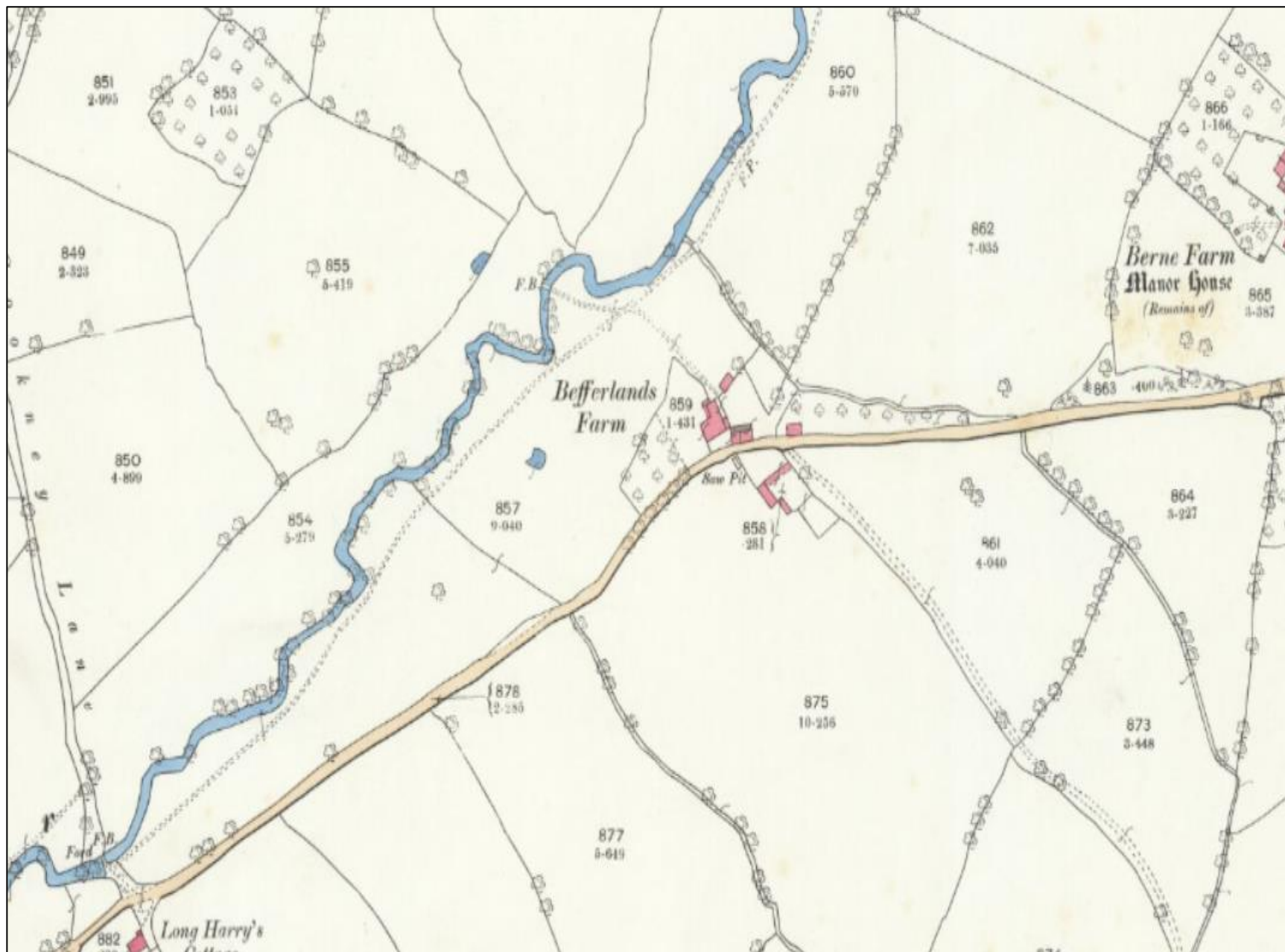
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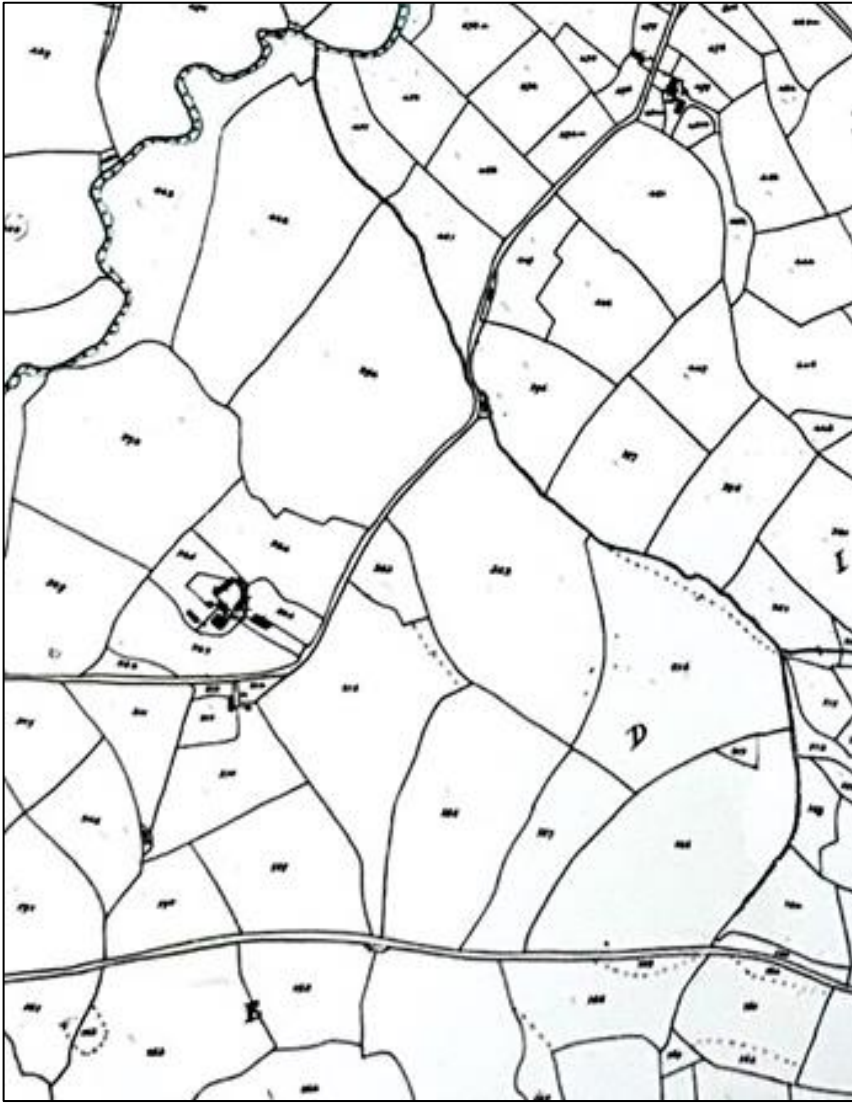
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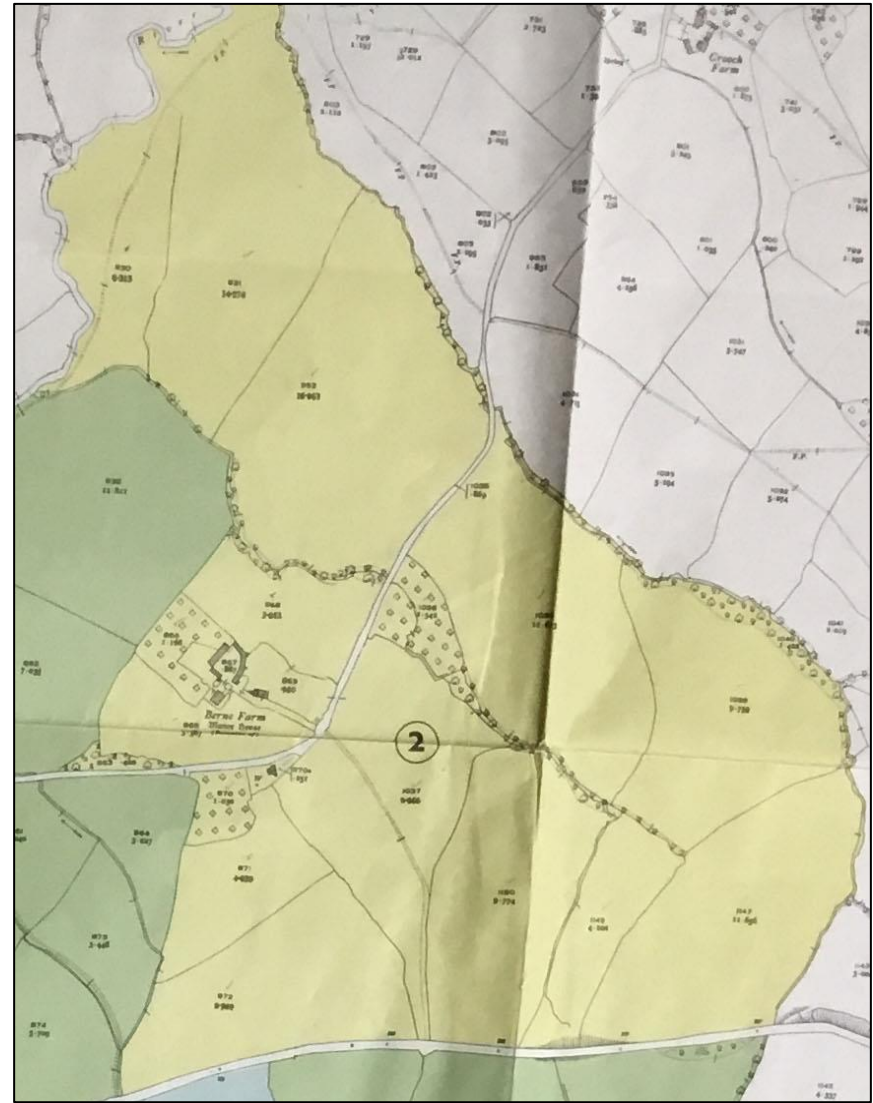
Ordnance Survey Map of West Dorset in 1887 showing Berne Farm



Map of Bullen Estate showing Berne Farm in 1957 in yellow.

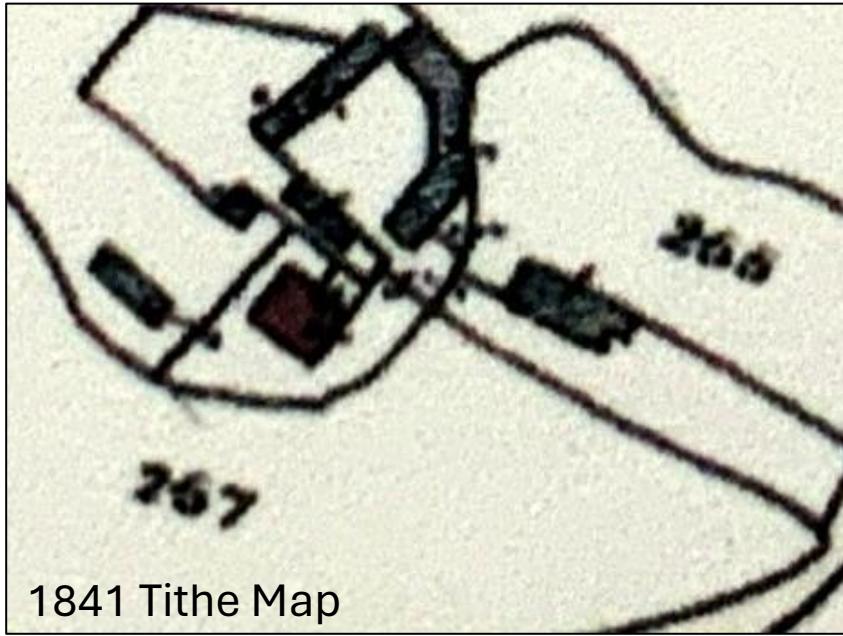


1844 Tithe Map of Berne Manor Farm

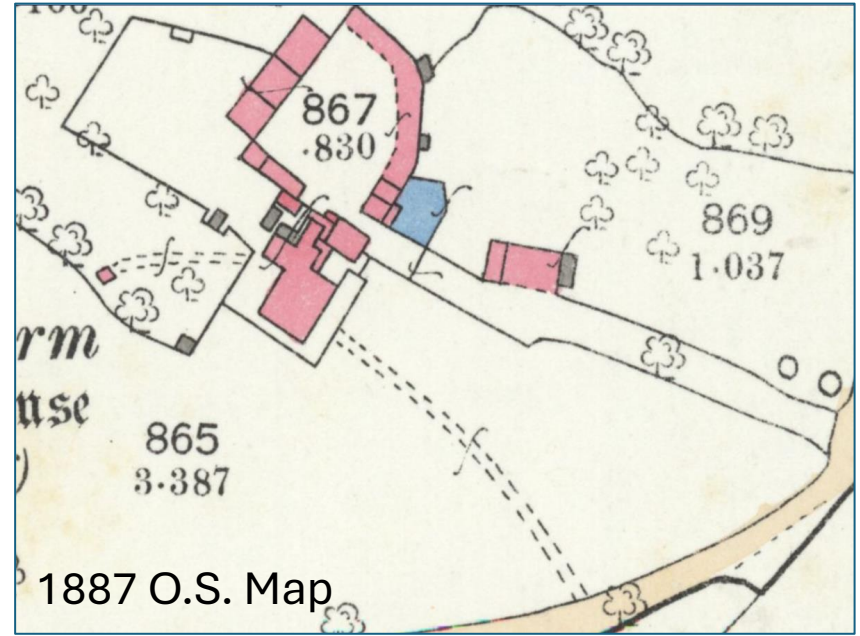


1958 Map of Berne Manor Farm in yellow

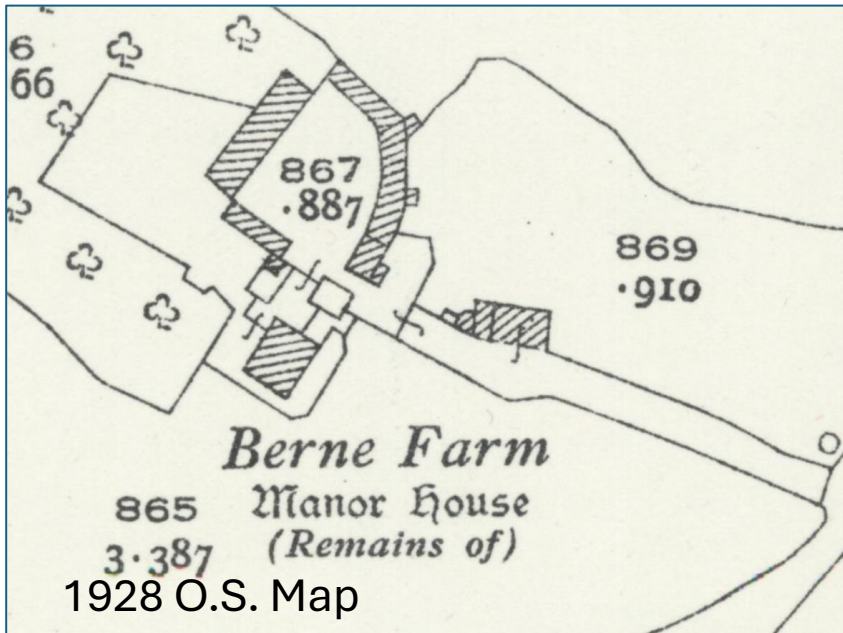
Maps showing Berne Farm



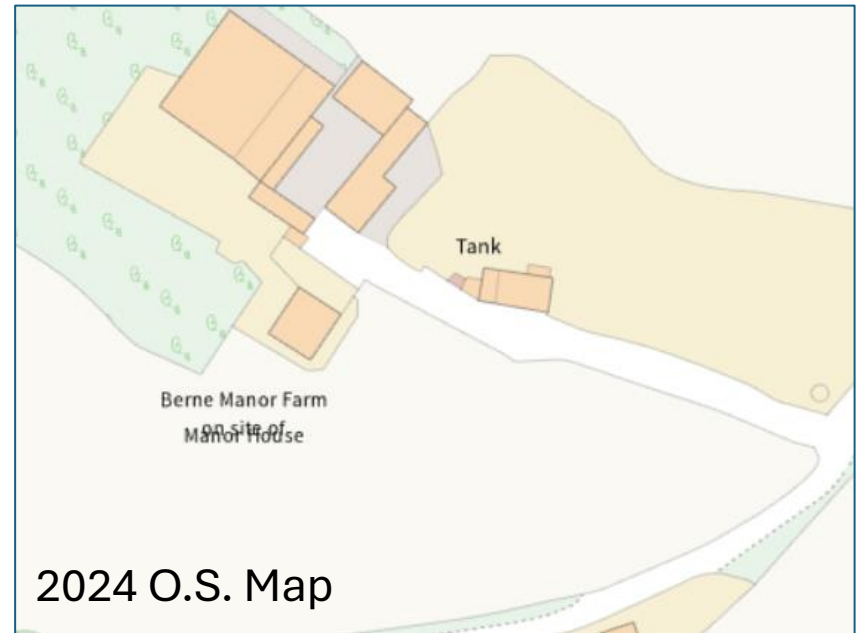
1841 Tithe Map



1887 O.S. Map

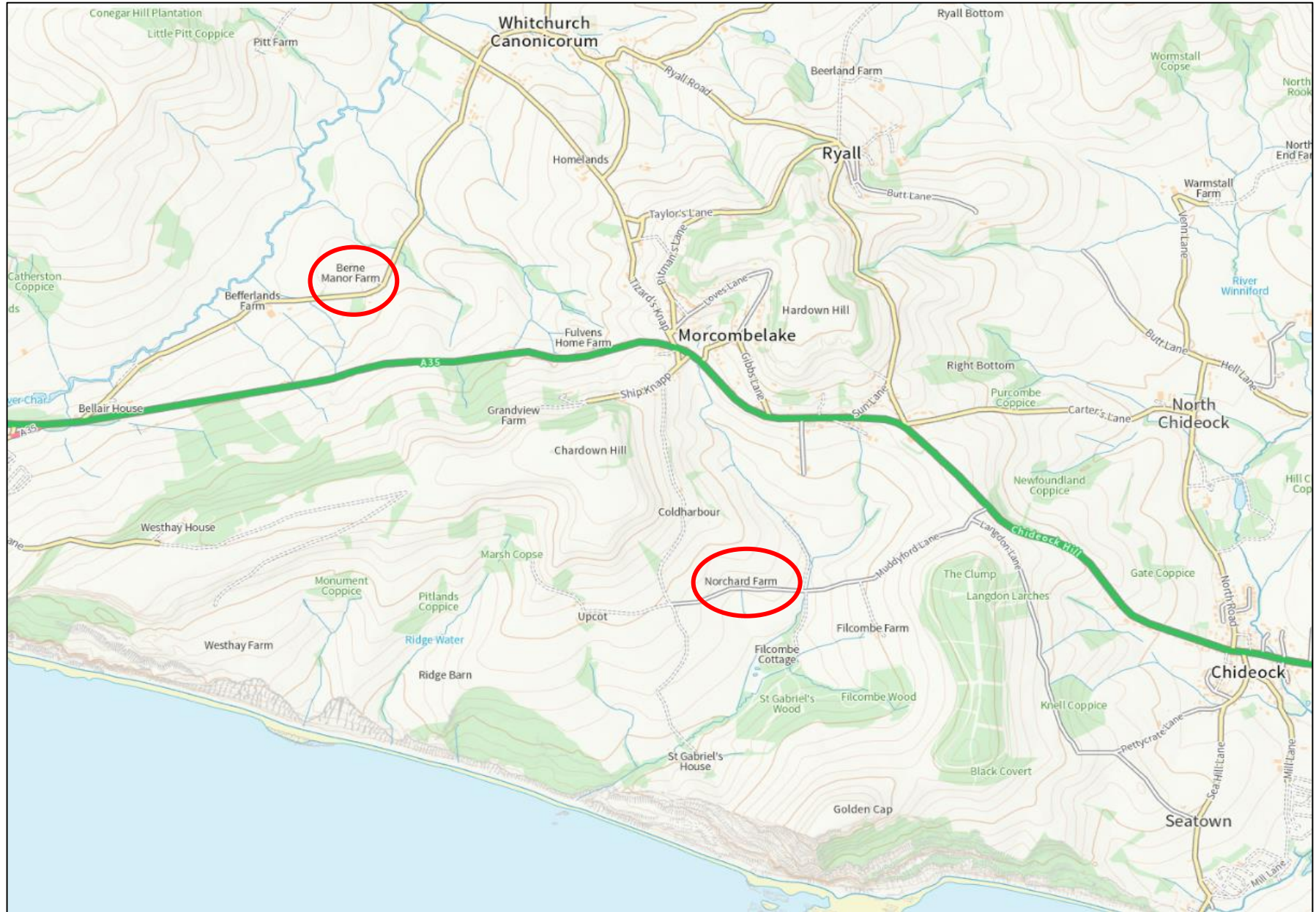


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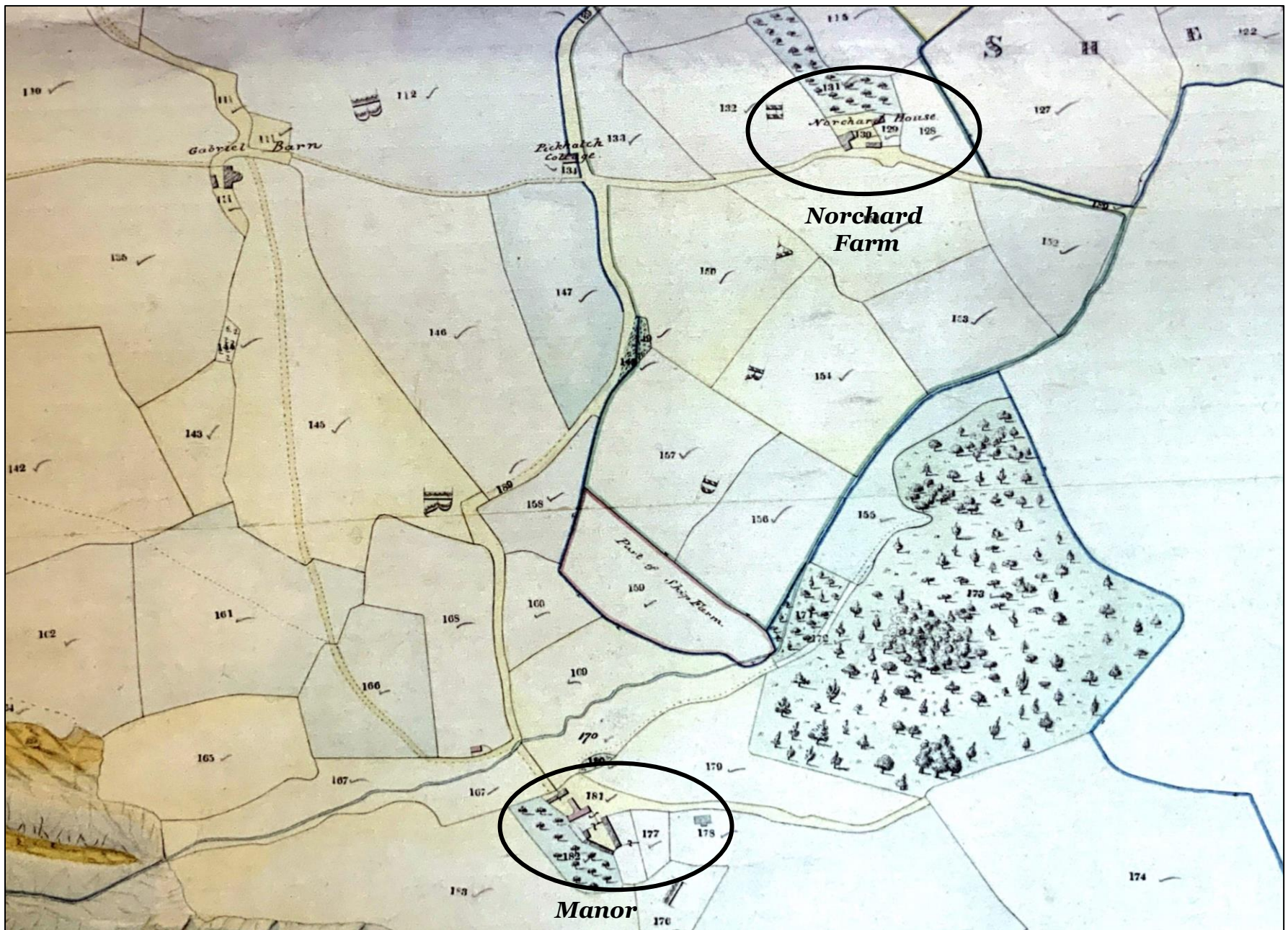


2024 O.S. Map

Map of West Dorset in 2024 showing Berne Farm and Norchard



Tithe Map of Stanton St. Gabriel's in 1841 showing Norchard Farm and Manor



Aerial View in 2024 showing Berne Farm



Stanton St. Gabriel,

a hamlet, a mile south-west from Chidiok, near the sea. 4 Edw. IV. Lord Cobham held lands of Thomas Pike, lord of this manor.

Here is a chapel of ease to Whitchurch, dedicated to St. Gabriel, whence it has its additional name. It is a building of the 13th century, but has been disused since the erection of a new chapel at Morcomlake, a neighbouring village on the great western road, where the greater portion of the population of this hamlet resides. This latter chapel was consecrated Oct. 2, 1841.

The return to the commission, 1650, was, that they had a decent chapel, with cure of souls, formerly supplied with a curate by the minister of Whitchurch, whose small tithes of hemp and wool, 16*d.* for a lamb, and 6*d.* for a cow, were in all worth 8*l.* per annum. The great tithes of corn and hay were appropriated to the deanry of Wells, in lease to Thomas Pain for two lives, worth 25*l.* per annum. The cure not supplied. The hamlet consisted of twenty-three families, distant two miles from Whitchurch or any other church, and the way, joining to the sea, exposed to all violence of wind and weather, so that they can seldom repair to any church in winter. They had maintained a curate for some time out of the arrears of the small tithes, and desire their chapel might be made a parish church, with maintenance for a settled minister. They had undergone great charge lately, on a view and order of Sir Nathaniel Brent, vicar-general to the archbishop of Canterbury, for repairing the chapel, which was much in decay.

Morcombe Lake, Morcumblake, or the Blackheath Hill,

a hamlet on the great road,^e one mile and three quarters west from Chidiok, of which it was anciently a member, and had the same lords. It was afterwards a member of Berne. Here was anciently a chapel, long since ruined. We meet with one institution to it in the Sarum registers, Berne *capella curata*, John Deneis, presented by Edward Kaleway; but, being lapsed, he was collated by the bishop, and instituted 18 July, 1362.^a The manors of Berne and Morcomblake formerly belonged to the Earl of Dorchester, who purchased them from the heirs of the Henleys of Wotton Abbas; but have now lapsed and become extinct.

The two hills, under which the hamlet of Morcombe is situated, are known by the names of Hardown and Chardown. A considerable part of the former was found by a special jury, on the trial between Lord Arundell and a tenant of the manor of Morcombe, to be included within the bounds of Chidiok. At the foot of the latter flows the river Char, which gives its name to it.

A few years ago a Chapel of ease was erected at this hamlet. See p. 265.

The Lordship of the Manor of Berne & Morcombelake

SALES BY AUCTION.

DORCHESTER WEDNESDAY'S MARKET.

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON will HOLD their NEXT SALE on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1913, at 12.15, of
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with neat Stone and Slated House and substantial Buildings,
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Also the LORDSHIP of the **MANOR** of **BERNE** and
MORCOMBELAKE, with the Lord's Rents issuing out of
Plots on Hardown Hill, and GRAVEL ROYALTIES.

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON are favoured
with instructions to OFFER the above for SALE by
AUCTION, in numerous Lots, at Morcombelake, on THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 20th, at Three p.m., in accordance with Particulars,
Plans, and Conditions of Sale, to be obtained in due
course of

MESSRS. SYMONDS & SONS,
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the LORDSHIP of the MANOR BERNE and MORCOMBELAKE,
with the Lord's Rents issuing out of Plots on Hardown Hill, and
GRAVEL ROYALTIES. MESSRS. HENRY DUKE ...

Published: Friday 24 October 1913

Small Farm	5	Higgs Lotene M	F	16/10/73	S	Civil Servant	16/10/73
ditto	103	Legg Frank A	M	30/12	M	Dairy Farmer	30/12
		Legg Violet R	F	29/12/12	M	Unpaid Domestic Debt	29/12/12

BERNE MANOR FARM.
*Five miles from Bridport, and Two from Charmouth
Dorset.*

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF AN IMPORTANT
SALE.**

MR. B. GAGE most respectfully announces that
he has received instructions from Mr. R.
FOOKS, quitting the Farm, to SELL by AUCTION,
on TUESDAY, the 6th OCTOBER, 1885, the rare herd of
about 60 DEVON DAIRY COWS, HEIFERS, YEAR-
LINGS, BULLS, Draft and Hack HORSES, APPLES,
CIDER, CASKS, &c., &c.
Full particulars in due course.
Sisterhood, Axminster, 29th August, 1885.

**SALES BY MESSRS. T. R. G. LAWRENCE
& SON.**

Recent private treaty sales by Messrs.
T. R. G. Lawrence & Son, auctioneers and
estate agents, Crewkerne, Bridport and
Chard, include the little freehold estate on
the West Dorset coast, between Bridport
and Lyme Regis, known as Littlehill, Mor-
combelake, together with grounds of
about 10 acres, and the Lordship of the
Manor of Morcombelake and **Berne** (the
purchaser being introduced by Messrs. A.
Paul & Son).

The auctioneers also report the follow-
ing private treaty sales:—Whatley Farm,
Axminster, with 10 acres; Sandycombe,
West Cliff, West Bay; 8, Magdala-terrace,
West Allington, Bridport; 159, South-
street, Bridport; 65, Victoria Grove, Brid-
port; St. Luke's Cottage, Shipton Gorge;
land on the Elwell Estate, Crock-lane,
Bridport; Roman House, Wayford, with
three acres; Magnolia House, East Lam-
brook, South Petherton; a newly-erected
(Continued at foot of preceding column).

Lyme Regis, known as Littlehill, Morcombelake, together
with grounds of about 10 acres, and the Lordship of
the **Manor** of Morcombelake and **Berne** (the purchaser
being introduced by Messrs. A. Paul & Son). The
auctioneers also report the following private treaty ...

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From Charmouth to Nova Scotia

After reading Geoff Restorick's account of 'Growing up in Charmouth' in the autumn/winter issue of Shoreline magazine, a copy of which he sent to us here in Canada, we thought we would add our two cents worth for those people with good memories.

It was with great excitement and trepidation that we made our trip back to Dorset in 2013 after a 25 year hiatus. Excitement because with Jackie my true love by my side we were coming home to my birth place and seeing my brother and family for the first time in a quarter century, trepidation because we both have a great fear of flying – we got over our fear as soon as we drove into the field in front of the house at Berne Farm and breathed in that fresh Dorset air. With family milling around and meeting nephews and nieces for the first time ever and then walking into the old house, it was as though I had never left – the same plants and trees although bigger, all still in the same places as they used to be when we were children. It was a true homecoming in every sense of the word.

Within a few days we had a visit from Richard Stirk and cousin Cedric Edwards and it was good to see and hear them just as they used to be. Richard was our drummer in the 'Undecided' band when we first played at the socials and dances in and around the west Dorset area. One of our favorite places to perform was the Youth Club hall on Wesley Close - we were just young ones having fun.

Geoff Restorick also visited us at Berne Lane with one of his daughters. We did a lot of talking and then he invited us over to his home for a barbeque and a sing song. It was good to meet Geoff's wife Pat after at least, 50 yrs. She loved the music and it was with great sadness that we heard of her passing. We're sure the music would have brought back many good memories for her. She was a sweetie. Thank you Geoff for giving us the chance to meet her.

I also used to play and sing at the George and Fernhill Hotel, as well as lots of other pubs, clubs and hotels on my own-singing Jim Reeves and other music artists' songs. I remember singing at Paul Sartor's home on Wesley Close to the early hours of the morning, lots of Donovan and Joan Baez songs. We had many good times in Charmouth with many home parties as well. I seem to remember having a crush on his daughter Pauline but I don't think she knew!

Singing on the beach at Charmouth was like being in a huge auditorium with just the waves as a backdrop - sometimes friends would join me and time and worries would just fade away. I'm 72 years

old now and I sometimes think we must have had guardian angels looking after us, when I think back to how fast I used to drive in my hotted up mini through those narrow country lanes and down the A35 to Charmouth. I thought nothing of doing a 'ton' as we used to say, but I've slowed down a bit since then!

It was a couple of days before we plucked up the courage to drive my brother Richard's Toyota Amazon into Charmouth but when we did, what a thrill - new roads and houses but still the quaintness that I remember- still the friendly people and service I used to know. It was beautiful in every way.

Also while walking up the street I saw a person I thought I knew. Sure enough, it was my uncle Peter Brooks still going strong – so it must be a special place this 'Charmouth by the sea' because people just seem to endure forever. That same day we paid a visit to my cousin Ron Oxenbury and his wife Gwen at their home on Lower Sea Lane. They were surprised to see us, that's for sure. My uncle, Douglas Legg, who farmed at Great Coombe Farm and was master of the Cotley hounds for years, came to Berne Farm with his daughters Marilyn and Heather, to enjoy some good talk and a little music. Uncle Doug was in a world of his own when we sang Pat Boone's 'Love Letters in the Sand', remembering no doubt dancing with his late wife Marjorie. We were sad to hear of his passing since returning to Canada. We would have liked to have sung in public while in Charmouth, but the opportunity didn't seem to offer itself.

This was my first actual holiday in 25 years and we feel privileged to have spent the best eight weeks we ever had 'honeymooning' in such a beautiful part of our homeland. (Jackie was born in Kent but loved the south coast.) We hope many other people get to share your world and enjoy it as we did.

We spent endless hours exploring the farm again, walking Berne Lane and following the river Char to Charmouth and



Jackie and Bernard at home in Nova Scotia



Bernard Legg, Richard Stirk and Ambrose Legg at Wootton Hall

the joy! oh the joy of walking amongst the bluebells of Dorset, just soaking up all that beautiful scenery.

So you see, we will always be a part of Charmouth and the surrounding area. Even though we live in Canada, our hearts will forever be hooked to that gem of Dorset on the most beautiful coastline in England. Cherish it well. We have very much the same atmosphere here in rural Nova Scotia but somehow the oldness and charm is not here. We live on a quiet country lane on the south mountain of the Annapolis Valley, very country with maybe six or seven cars a day passing our house and just the birds and bees to keep us company – beautiful, but in a different way.

This is the country where the tuition of Mr. Richards at Lyme Regis School woodwork classes came to fruition for me. I spent most of my working life here in Canada, firstly building houses and then graduating into building kitchen cupboards, furniture and my speciality long curved staircases. We still sing a lot but mainly now sing as volunteers to the people in the old folks' homes around the valley, giving them much joy and us much satisfaction.

We have enclosed photos for you to print if you wish for those interested. I'd love to know who all the people are in the dance photo. I'm also enclosing the words to three of my songs written from a sometimes homesick heart, of memories of living in the Charmouth area. Feel free to print them if you like and if anyone is interested in hearing these songs, I'm sure my brother Richard at Berne Lane or Geoff Restorick, both of whom have private copies of our CDs, would not mind playing them to those who asked.

On another topic, we picked up a copy of Shoreline while in Dorset and have worn it out by reading it cover to cover over and over again.

Bernard D B Legg

If you would like to read the words of Bernard's other two songs, please email editor@shoreline-charmouth.co.uk and we will send them to you.



Some of the large numbers of young people who attended a fancy-dress dance on a Saturday c1965 in the Women's Institute Hall, Charmouth, organized by the Badminton Club in aid of the Charmouth Church Hall Fund.

An Article that appeared in the Summer issue of Shoreline in 2017 by Bernard Legg which refers to his family at Berne Manor Farm.



A History of the Floyer Family

. At Sotrebroc, or Floyer's Hayes, the Floyer family lived continuously until about 1580.

The position and influence of the family was increased at this period by alliances with the Carews, the Martins of [Athelhampton](#), through whom the connection with Nicholas Wadham, the founder of [Wadham College](#), was established, and with the Poles of Colcombe.

Soon after these events, and possibly in consequence of them, the family removed from the estate which they had occupied for some five hundred years, and went to live at Stanton S. Gabriel, near Charmouth. The last burial entry in the register of S. Thomas', Exeter is that of William Floyer, in 1579, a few days later than the marriage of his eldest daughter there.²³

The house of Floyer's Hayes passed by purchase to the Goulds, and subsequently to Thomas Templar, who is said to have partly destroyed it and divided the property. Anthony Floyer, in whose lifetime the migration was made, inherited through his wife a fourth part of the large estates of the Martins at Athelhampton, in Dorsetshire, and elsewhere. He seems never to have lived at Athelhampton, for the estate was so exactly divided that only a fourth part of the house fell to his share.

There are a few remains of the manor house at Stanton S. Gabriel embodied in a farmhouse which still exists near the sea. Anthony's widow lived at Llanteilo Portholley, in Monmouthshire,²⁷ a property inherited or acquired by the family about this time; but her son Anthony, between 1616 and 1626, purchased the estate of Berne, in the same parish, and distant only a few miles from Stanton S. Gabriel. Berne House is described by Coker, writing 1622-35, as "late the house of Sir George Somers." Sir George, in fact, lived there at some period of his life, and possessed it at his death in 1610.²⁸ He was the discoverer of the Bermudas, and on his death at Somers Island, his body was brought home and buried at Whitechurch Canonicorum, the parish in which Berne is situated.²⁹ Anthony Floyer the younger attained his majority in 1625 or 1626, and either on that occasion or on his marriage took up his residence at Berne, which became the seat of his descendants for about eighty years, though his grandson Anthony lived for a time at Stratton, in Dorsetshire. Anthony Floyer, of Berne, sold Floyer's Hayes to Henry Gould, of Lew Trenchard. Portions of the estate, however, remained in the family, and were finally disposed of towards the end of the 18th century.

Some remains of the older Berne House still exist, but the greater part of it was destroyed, perhaps by fire and only one wing is now left of the residence of Sir George Somers and of the Floyers. In 1592 a Captain John Floyer is mentioned as in command of a ship on one of Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions. He was accused of having captured, contrary to the orders of the Privy Council a ship of Bayonne with a load of cod, and a "waistcoat of carnation colour, curiously embroidered."³² His precise relationship to the family has not been ascertained. An extract from the Diary of Lord Shaftesbury shows that at the time of the Great Rebellion, Anthony³³ Floyer was a Royalist, for he is mentioned as being on duty at Dorchester with Lord Shaftesbury as justice of the peace. In 1685 the Duke of Monmouth landed with his army at Lyme Regis, distant only a few miles from Berne. A notice in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1767 would seem to refer to some lost tradition of the past which Anthony Floyer, as major in the militia,³⁴ played in opposing his advance, but this is now only to be conjectured. Many notices of ordinary business transactions as justices of the peace and as churchwardens remain in the parish books of Whitechurch Canonicorum, Chideock, and elsewhere.

Berne House passed to the Stafford House line, and Anthony Floyer, the representative of the elder family, soon after 1700, and possibly on his father's death, moved with his mother to a house in S. Peter's, Dorchester. He died young and unmarried, and the property passed to his brother William, Rector of Trusham, through whom at his matriculation in 1708 the connection with the founder of Wadham College was first registered, a connection which gave advantages to many of his descendants.



Catherston Manor



Athelhampton Manor

John Wadham of Merryfield held the Manor of Catherston in 1558 buried at Whitchurch in 1584

Joan Tregarthan, widow of John Kellaway



Sir William Petre Buys the Manor of Charmouth in 1564 Secretary of State to 4 Monarchs 1505 - 1575

Gertrude Tyrell died 1541 (2) Ann Browne (1508 - 1580)



Shute Manor

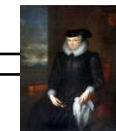


Stanton St. Gabriel Manor

Sir Nicholas Martyn Athelhampton Manor. Left his Estate to his 4 daughters 1530 - 1596

Margaret Wadham 1540 - 1611

Nicholas Wadham Co Founder of Wadham College 1532 - 1609



Dorothy Petre Co Founder of Wadham College 1534 - 1618



Sir John Petre Sells the Manor of Charmouth in 1575 1549 - 1613



Sir William Pole of Shute Manor & Charmouth Manor 1561 - 1635

Mary Periam 1567 - 1605

Anthony Floyer. Moves to **Stanton St. Gabriel** in 1591 1565 - 1608

Ann Martyn (coheir) Athelhampton married 1591. 1573 - 1636

Elizabeth Martyn (coheir)

Jane Martyn (coheir)

Francis Martin (coheir)



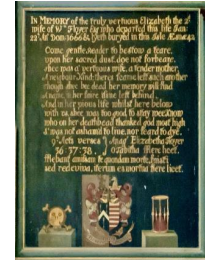
The Abbots House, Charmouth

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Anthony Floyer Moves to **Berne Manor** in 1616 on his marriage. He sells Floyers Hayes in 1636 to Henry Gould. 1593 - 1671



Berne Manor, nr. Charmouth



Plaque in Whitchurch to Elizabeth Floyer who died in 1666 aged 42



John Floyer Killed at siege of Lyme in 1623 - 1644

Elizabeth married Richard Tomes in 1660 - 1699

Grace Floyer married Rev. John Brice in 1699 1631 - 1700

Eleanore Floyer 1630 - 1695

Sarah Bulstrode Married 1657 1635 - 1685

(1) Margaret Lawrence daughter of Sir Edward Laurence, Creech Grange Born 1623 Married 1641



William Floyer Lived at Berne Manor. Buried at Whitchurch Canonorum 1617 - 1681

(2) Elizabeth Mainwaring Married 1650 1624 - 1666

(1) Katherine Taylor daughter of Jacob Taylor of at Symondsburry. Married 1674 - 1676

Major Anthony Floyer of Berne and Stratton buried at Whitchurch 1642 - 1701

(2) Sarah Gould Daughter of John Gould of Upwey where she is buried 1646 - 1732

(1) Mary (Amy) Pole. daughter & co. heir of Sir William Pole of Shute (1614 - 1649) married 1677. d. 1690

Captain William Floyer of **Berne Manor** buried at Whitchurch, buried 1711

(2) Grace Cosins of Broadwindsor married 1700

Rev. William Floyer **Baptised in Charmouth** Rector of Trusham, Devon 1689 - 1742

Sarah Burwell Of London married 1717 1699 - 1742

Anthony Floyer Buried at Upwey in 1727

Sarah Floyer Baptised in Whitchurch 1681 - 1751

Margaret Floyer Baptised in Charmouth 1688 - 1767



John Floyer. **Berne Manor** and bought Upwey in 1741. Recorder of Dorset buried at **Whitchurch** in 1681 - 1756

Ann Richards of West Knighton married 1741 Buried there in 1746

Frances Ayscoghe of Louth. Lincs Married 1752

William Floyer of Reesby, co. Lincs and Athelhampton 1723 - 1782



Hatchment in Whitchurch Canonorum Church. Arms of Floyer impaling Gould for Anthony Floyer who died in 1701



Stafford House, West Stafford, Dorset

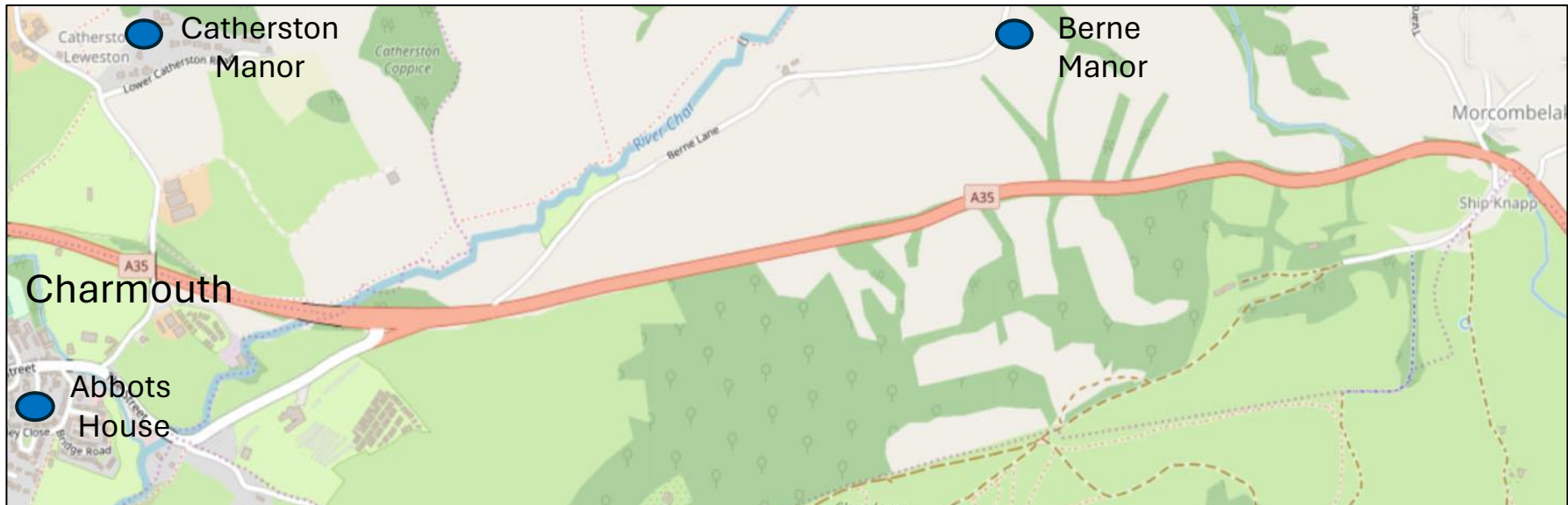


Georgina Banks, 1823 - 1903

William Floyer Rector of West Stafford and Vicar of Stinsford He sells **Berne Manor** to Richard Knight in 1800 1745 - 1819

Elizabeth Barton Married 1801 died 1847

John Floyer buys West Stafford in 1830 from the Goulds. He sells his 1/4 share in Athelhampton in 1861. 1811 - 1887



The inter family links of the Martyn, Wadham, Petre, Pole and Floyer families with the village of Charmouth

John Wadham of Merryfield held the Manor of Catherston in 1558. He died in 1584, buried at Whitchurch

Joan Tregarthan, widow of John Kellaway

Ann

Sir William Petre Buys the Manor of Charmouth in 1564. Secretary of State to 4 Monarchs 1505-1575

Sir Nicholas Martyn Athelhampton Manor. Left his large Estate his 4 daughters 1530-1596

Margaret Wadham 1540-1611

Nicholas Wadham 1532-1609

Dorothy Petre Co Founders of Wadham College 1534-1618

Sir John Petre Sells the Manor of Charmouth in 1575 1549-1613

William Pole Shute Manor near Axminster inherits Charmouth in 1587 1561-1635

Mary Periam 1567-1605

Anthony Floyer. Moves to Stanton St. Gabriel in 1591 1565-1608

Ann Martyn (coheir) 1559 born at Athelhampton married 1591. Died in 1636

Elizabeth Martyn (coheir)

Jane Martyn (coheir)

Frauncis Martin (coheir)

Eleanor Pole Lived at Berne Manor until her husband died in 1671 and then buys The Abbots House in Charmouth 1597-1676

Anthony Floyer Moves to Berne Manor, near Charmouth in 1616 1593-1671

Sir Nicholas Martyn lived at Athelhampton House 1530-1596
 John Wadham lived at Catherston Manor 1558-1584
 William Pole lived at Shute Manor 1561-1635
 Anthony Floyer Senior lived at Stanton St Gabriel 1591-1636
 Anthony Floyer lived at Berne Manor 1616-1671
 Eleanor Floyer lived at The Abbots House 1671-1676

Stanton St. Gabriel

The house of Floyer's Hayes passed by purchase to the Goulds, and subsequently to Thomas Templar, who is said to have partly destroyed it and divided the property.⁶ Anthony Floyer, in whose lifetime the migration was made, inherited through his wife a fourth part of the large estates of the Martins at Athelhampton, in Dorsetshire, and elsewhere. He seems never to have lived at Athelhampton, for the estate was so exactly divided that only a fourth part of the house fell to his share.⁷ He is noticed in the public records as having on one occasion, about 1580, been to Southampton with one Henry Carewe, and opposed with weapons the mayor and his brethren when they attempted to hold an "admiralle courte" at Keyhaven. Carewe claimed some ancient right in the place against the people of Southampton, and he and Floyer had to appear before the Privy Council to make good the claim and answer for their conduct.⁸

There are a few remains of the manor house at Stanton S. Gabriel embodied in a farmhouse which still exists near the sea. Anthony's widow lived at Llanteilo Portholley, in Monmouthshire,⁹ a property inherited or acquired by the family about this time; but her son Anthony, between 1616 and 1626, purchased the estate of Berne, in the same parish, and distant only a few miles from Stanton S. Gabriel. Berne House is described by Coker, writing 1622-35, as "late the house of Sir George Somers." Sir George, in fact, lived there at some period of his life, and possessed it at his death in 1610.¹ He was the discoverer of the Bermudas, and on his death at Somers Island, his body was brought home and buried at Whitechurch Canonicorum, the parish in which Berne is situated.² Anthony Floyer the younger attained his majority in 1625 or 1626,³ and either on that occasion or on his marriage took up his residence at Berne, which became the seat of his descendants for about eighty

years, though his grandson Anthony lived for a time at Stratton, in Dorsetshire. Anthony Floyer, of Berne, sold Floyer's Hayes to Henry Gould, of Lew Trenchard.⁴ Portions of the estate, however, remained in the family, and were finally disposed of towards the end of the 18th century.

Some remains of the older Berne House still exist, but the greater part of it was destroyed, perhaps by fire, and only one wing is now left of the residence of Sir George Somers and of the Floyers. In 1592 a Captain John Floyer is mentioned as in command of a ship on one of Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions. He was accused of having captured, contrary to the orders of the Privy Council, a ship of Bayonne with a load of cod, and a "waistcoat of carnation colour, curiously embroidered."⁵ His precise relationship to the family has not been ascertained. An extract from the Diary of Lord Shaftesbury shows that at the time of the Great Rebellion, Anthony⁶ Floyer was a Royalist,

for he is mentioned as being on duty at Dorchester with Lord Shaftesbury as justice of the peace. In 1685 the Duke of Monmouth landed with his army at Lyme Regis, distant only a few miles from Berne. A notice in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1767 would seem to refer to some lost tradition of the past which Anthony Floyer, as major in the militia,⁷ played in opposing his advance, but this is now only to be conjectured. Many notices of ordinary business transactions as justices of the peace and as churchwardens remain in the parish books of Whitechurch Canonicorum, Chideock, and elsewhere.

It is remarkable that up to the latter part of the 17th century no cadet branches of the older house established themselves. The name is on the records of no county but that of Devonshire and those immediately adjacent, and there is scarcely a mention of anyone of the name at any period up to this time whose immediate connection with the main line cannot be readily established. In Staffordshire, it is true, there are traces of the rise of a family called Flyer in the 16th century, who afterwards took the name and arms of Floyer;⁸ but no connection with the Devonshire Floyers has ever been proved. A younger son from time to time took up his residence in a place not far distant from the family seat, but after a generation or two his descendants are no more heard of.

About the middle of the 17th century, however, a large and distinguished branch, originating through a younger son, settled at Moorlinch, in Somersetshire, and afterwards in Monmouthshire, where they dwelt at the "White House," in the parish of Llanteilo Portholley.⁹ This branch seems now to be quite extinct, and to have become so at the end of the last century.¹ Towards the end of the 17th century other branches are formed in the descendants of the second wife of William Floyer, of Berne, who survive still at Stafford House, near Dorchester.² Many members of another offshoot attained to high office in the East India Company, but seem now to have died out.³

Berne House passed to the Stafford House line,⁴ and Anthony Floyer, the representative of the elder family, soon after 1700, and possibly on his father's death, moved with his mother to a house in S. Peter's, Dorchester. He died young and unmarried, and the property passed to his brother William, Rector of Trusham, through whom at his matriculation in 1708 the connection with the founder of Wadham College was first registered, a connection which gave advantages to many of his descendants.⁵

Anthony, the eldest son of the Rev. William Floyer, of Trusham, also lived at Dorchester, and died young and unmarried. He was succeeded by his brother, the Rev. John Gould Floyer, Rector of Esher, in Surrey, and sometime Fellow of Wadham College, and Moderator in Philosophy.⁶ A story is told of his quiet retirement at Esher, that he was so engrossed in listening to the song of a robin that he forgot his congregation waiting in the church close by.⁷ Two letters from him are preserved among the Duke of Newcastle's letters—one dated at Esher, 11th January, 1760,

FLOYER OF STAFFORD HOUSE, CO. DORSET.¹

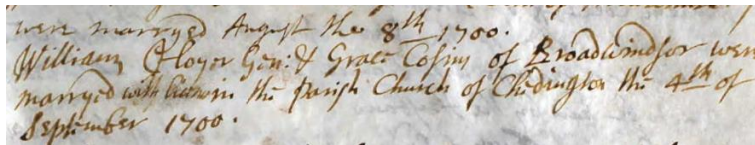
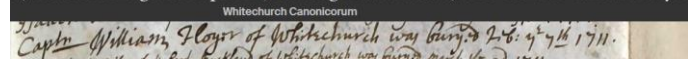
THIS branch had its origin in the second marriage of William Floyer, of Berne House, whose eldest son by this marriage inherited Berne and was captain in the Militia.

John Floyer, grandson of William of Berne, lived at Upwey, where he had some property, and for some time in London, as a barrister of the Inner Temple. He was also Recorder of Dorchester.

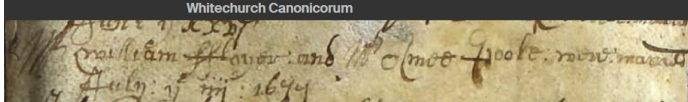
Catherine, sister of the above John Floyer, married Humphrey Sydenham, of Dulverton, and became the mother of Floyer Sydenham, a man of great attainments, Fellow and sometime Moderator of Philosophy at Wadham College, Oxford. He was afterwards Rector of Esher until 1744. He published Notes on Plato, edited the Greater and Lesser Hippias; also a Dissertation on the Doctrine of Heraclitus, and *Onomasticon Theologicum*. He was so small a gainer in money by these works that he died in great poverty. The sympathy aroused for poor authors by his death led to the formation of the Literary Fund.

His grandfather, Humphrey Sydenham, was one of the original Fellows of Wadham College, and the first to take the degree of Master of Arts from that college. John Floyer, eldest son of John Floyer, of Upwey, dying without issue, the property devolved upon William, brother of the younger John, Rector of Stinsford, in Dorsetshire. William, son of this last William, became a midshipman in the Royal Navy, and served in H.M.S. *Revolutionnaire*, under Captain the Hon. Fleetwood Pellew. He was upset in a pleasure boat off Portland on the way home from Plymouth, in July, 1822, and drowned. His only companion was saved. His brother and

d, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 for William Floyer



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Wadham, Floyer and Cornish Families - The Archers, the Goodmans and Associated Families (archerfamily.org.uk)

[Floyer Photo Gallery \(rootsweb.com\)](http://rootsweb.com)

[Annals of the Family of Floyer \(rootsweb.com\)](http://rootsweb.com)

[William Floyer of Berne House, Dorset \(1617 - 1680\)](http://stirnet.com)

William married his second cousin, Margaret Lawrence; by her, he is ancestor of the Floyers of Horncastle, Northampton and New South Wales. By his second wife, Elizabeth Mainwaring, he is ancestor of the Floyers of West Stafford

William Floyer

Born 1617 in Berne, Dorset, England

Son of [Anthony Floyer](#) and [Eleanor Pole](#)

Brother of [John Floyer](#)

Husband of [Elizabeth Mainwaring](#) — married [date unknown] [location unknown]

Husband of [Margaret \(Lawrence\) Floyer](#) — married 22 May 1641 in Steeple, Dorset, England

Father of [Anthony Floyer](#) and [Elizabeth Floyer](#)

Died 7 Jan 1681 at about age 64 in Berne, Dorset, England

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Biography

He the son of Eleanor Pole and Anthony Floyer. He was born in 1617 in Berne, Dorset, England. He was married twice, firstly to Margaret Lawrence on the 22nd of May 1641, at Steeple, Dorset, England.^[1] He married secondly, Elizabeth Mainwaring on the 19th of Aug 1650, at Kensington, Middlesex, England. He died the 7th of Jan 1681 at Berne, Dorset, England. He died on the 7th of Jan 1681 at Berne, Dorset, England.^[2]

C
John Floyer of Moorlinch, co. Somerset, and of The Anne Bower of Moorlinch. Will dated 13 April 1637, proved 5 May 1637 by executor and heir to his uncle, William Floyer, 18 November 1623. (Ing. p. m. taken at Weobley, co. Hereford, 27 August 1632.)

D
Jane Floyer, bapt. at Whitechurch Canonorum, co. Dorset, 9 May 1626.
Richard Tomes of London, merchant; died before 17 January 1672.
Elizabeth, marr. at Whitechurch Canonorum 16 August 1660; mentioned in her father's will 17 January 1672, and in will of her sister, Eleanor Floyer, 10 January 1692; executrix to her mother's will 12 June 1676; bur. at Whitechurch Canonorum 27 September 1699.
Eleanor Floyer of Topsham, co. Devon; bapt. at Whitechurch Canonorum 13 January 1628; mentioned in her father's will 17 January 1672, and in her mother's will 26 September 1674; bur. at Whitechurch Canonorum 17 January 1692. Will dated 10 January 1692, proved 16 March 1692 (P.C.C. 209 Irby).

E
Mary Pole, dau. and co-heir of Sir William Pole of Shute, co. Devon; marr. in 1677. 1st wife.
William Floyer of Berne, co. Dorset; mentioned in his father's will 19 November 1680, in will of his aunt, Eleanor Floyer, 10 January 1692, and in will of Sarah Floyer 29 August 1702.
Grace Cossins of Broad Weston, co. Dorset. 2nd wife.
Randle Floyer of Topsham; mentioned in will of his grandfather, Anthony Floyer, 17 January 1672, and in his father's will 12 November 1680; executor to will of his aunt, Eleanor Floyer, 16 March 1692; died before 10 October 1740; marr. Mary Ely, dau. of Thomas Ely. She marr. 2ndly . . . Morley of Topsham, and was living 10 October 1740.

F
Anthony Floyer of St. Peter's, Dorchester, co. Dorset; mentioned in his mother's will 29 August 1702; bur. at Upway, co. Dorset, 30 December 1727. Administration granted 9 July 1728, to sister, Margaret Floyer (P.C.C.)
John Young of Trent, co. Somerset.
Sarah, bapt. at Whitechurch Canonorum 10 February 1682; marr. at Stratton, co. Dorset, 1 December 1699; mentioned in will of her uncle, John Gould, 17 February 1722, and in will of her sister, Anne Floyer, 15 September 1751; administratrix to estate of her sister, Hussey Floyer, 24 September 1742.



Signature to a Deed dated 20 May 1709.

Land Tax showing owners and tenants for Berne Manor Farm and other Properties

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
Rev. M. Sayer	John G. Sayer	100	1782
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1782

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1784

1784

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1789

1789

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1790

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Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1793

1793

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1799

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Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1802

1802

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1812

1812

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1823

1823

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1830

1830

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1831

1831

Name of Proprietor	Name of Tenant	Value	Year
...	1798

1798

Land Tax showing owners and tenants for Berne Manor Farm and other Properties

	1781	1784	1789
Berne	Floyer/Noah Gay	Floyer/Noah Gay	Floyer/Noah Gay
Catherston Lewston	Mrs Henvil/James dare	Francis Phipps Henvill/Widow White	William Drewe/Samuel Paul
Little Catherston	Mrs Henvil/Elizabeth Legg	William Drewe/Samuel Paul	William Drewe/Samuel Paul
Newlands	Mrs Henvil/Samuel Paul	Francis Phipps Henvill/Widow White	Mr Coade/Benjamin Bowring
Beffersland	Lord Milton/ Edward Gollop	Lord Milton/ James Dare	Lord Milton/ James Dare
Stanton St. Gabriels	Richard Coffin/Thomas Farwell		
Norchard	Rev Floyer/ Thomas Farwell		Mrs Floyer/ Thomas Farwell
Stone barrow	Mr. Channon/Channon		Daniel Channon/Channon
Charmouth	Mrs. Durston/John Bowditch	Mr Henvill/John Bowditch	James Warden/John Bowditch
Wootton Fitzpaine	Thomas Rose Drewe	Thomas Rose Drewe	Thomas Rose Drewe

	1793	1799	1800
Berne	Floyer/Thomas Roper	Robert Knight/Thomas Roper	Robert Knight/Thomas Roper
Catherston Lewston	William Drewe/Samuel Paul	William Drewe/Samuel Paul	William Drewe/Samuel Paul
Little Catherston	William Drewe/Samuel Paul	William Drewe/Samuel Paul	William Drewe/Samuel Paul
Newlands	Mr Coade/William Johnston	Samuel Coade/William Johnston	Samuel Coade/Francis Denning
Beffersland	Lord Milton/ James Dare	Lady Danvers/ James Dare	Lady Caroline Damer/ Robert Reader
Stanton St. Gabriels		Richard Coffin/ Thomas Farwell	
Norchard		Mr. Knight/Thomas Farwell	
Stone barrow		Mr. Coombs/ Mr. Gerrard	
Charmouth	Mrs. Warden/Dare		
Wootton Fitzpaine	Thomas Rose Drewe	Thomas Rose Drewe	Thomas Rose Drewe

	1812	1816	1820
Berne	Robert Knight/Robert Knight	Robert Knight/Robert Knight	Robert Knight/Robert Knight
Catherston Lewston	William Drewe/Joseph Gould	William Drewe/Joseph Gould	William Drewe/Joseph Gould
Little Catherston	William Drewe/Joseph Gould	William Drewe/Joseph Gould	William Drewe/Joseph Gould
Newlands	Samuel Coade/Robert Haden	Samuel Coade/Robert Haden	Samuel Coade/Robert Haden
Beffersland	Lady Caroline Damer/ Robert Reader	Lady Caroline Damer/ Robert Reader	Lady Caroline Damer/ Robert Reader
Stanton St. Gabriels			Samuel Gundry/Thomas Alton
Norchard			Richard Knight
Stone barrow			Mr. Warren/John Harris
Charmouth	Mrs Liddon/Sladder		Ann Liddon/John Harris
Wootton Fitzpaine	Thomas Rose Drewe	Mrs Betty Drewe	Mrs Betty Drewe

	1823	1830	1831
Berne	Richard Knight/Richard Knight	Richard Knight/Richard Knight	Thomas Hodges/ William Hodder
Catherston Lewston	William Drewe/Joseph Gould	James Ross/ Daniel Stone	James Ross/ Daniel Stone
Little Catherston	William Drewe/Joseph Gould	James Ross/ Daniel Stone	James Ross/ Daniel Stone
Newlands	Miss Tozer/Samuel Culverwell	Samuel Culverwell/John Harris	Samuel Culverwell/John Harris
Beffersland	John Bullen/ William Follett	John Bullen/ George Baker	John Bullen/ George Baker
Stanton St. Gabriels			
Norchard			
Stone barrow			
Charmouth			Ann Liddon/James Powell
Wootton Fitzpaine	Mrs Betty Drewe	Mrs Betty Drewe	Mrs Betty Drewe

The Pedigree of the Floyer family

Arms.—Sable, a chevron between three arrows argent.

Crest.—A buck's head erased or, holding in the mouth an arrow.

Motto.—"Floret virtus vulnerata."

This Pedigree is authentically compiled from public documents in the Record Office, from the Visitation Books in the Heralds' College, from Parish Registers, Family Deeds, and other sources.



Floher, living 1085, held the manors of Sotrebroc and Suetona, co. Devon, at the time of the Domesday Survey. [A]

Richard, son of Floher, held Floier's lands or hayes of Richard, son of Baldwin "the Sheriff," living 1131. [B and C]

Nicholas, the son of Richard, the son of Floher, living 1158. [D]

Richard, the son of Nicholas, obtained a confirmation of the lands beyond the Exe from Robert Fitzroy, Earl of Gloucester, natural son of King Henry I. Renewed by Reginald de Courtenay. [E]

Floyer, called Floridus of Floyer's Hayes. [F] Sabina, daughter and heir of Geoffrey de Dunstanville of Ernscombe, co. Devon, a widow anno 48 Hen. III.

John Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, living 1307. [G] Marriott. Roger, 41 Hen. III. William, living 1263. [H]

William Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, living 1307. [I] Fina, dau. of John Hereward the elder, of Hayes, in Great Torrington, co. Devon. [I] Ellen, mar. John son of John Hereward.

John Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, living 1329 and 1374. [K] Joan.

John Floyer of Floyer's Hayes. [L] Margaret, dau. and heir of Richard Clive. William, living 1418, "clericus." [L]

John Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, liv. 1433. [M] Alice, dau. and heir of Thomas Bashe of Ottery Saint Mary.

William Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, living 1434 and 1448. [N] Thomasia, dau. of John Hache of Woolley, co. Devon.

William Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, attended George Duke of Clarence to Normandy, with three archers and thirty spears, anno 14 Edw. IV. [O] Philippa, dau. and heir of John Croke of Box, co. Wilts. Will dated 18 April, 1511.

John Floyer of Floyer's Hayes; marriage sett. bears date 10 Apr. 2 Hen. VIII. 1511. [P] Joan, dau. of John Carew of Anthony, co. Cornwall, Esq.

William Floyer of Floyer's Hayes [Q] Elizabeth, dau. and heir of Gilbert Kirk, Mayor of Exeter 1531. Thomas. Antony. Joan, wife of John Maynard. Elizabeth.

Antony Floyer of Floyer's Hayes and Stanton [R] Anne, 4th dau. and coheir of Nicholas Martin of Athelhampton, co. Dorset, by Margaret, one of the three sisters and coheirs of Nicholas Wadham of Merrifield, founder of Wadham College. William of Merlinch, co. Somerset, died unmarried 1623.

Antony Floyer of Floyer's Hayes, of Berne, in the parish of Whitechurch Canonicorum, of Stanton Close, Oakland Moor, and Eastfield Moor, 1612. [S] Eleanor, 5th dau. of Sir Wm. Pole of Colcombe, in the parish of Colyton, co. Devon; bap. at Shute, 22 May, 1597. William of Merlinch, ancestor of the Floyers of Whitehouse, in Landilio Pertholly, co. Monmouth.

Margaret, 1st wife, daughter of Sir Edward Lawrence of Creech Grange, in the Isle of Purbeck, Kt. by Grace, 3d dau. of Henry Brune of Athelhampton, Esq. by Elizabeth, eldest dau. and coheir of Nicholas Martin, Esq. before mentioned; bap. at Steeple, 13 Oct. 1623, mar. at Steeple 22 May, 1641. [T] William Floyer of Floyer's Hayes and of Berne aforesaid, died 7 Jan. 1680-1, aged 63, bur. at Whitechurch. Will dated 19 Nov. 1680, prov. 22 Feb. following. [U] Elizabeth, second wife, dau. of Randle Mainwaring, b. at Whitechurch 24 Jan. 1666-7, aged 42.

The Pedigree of the Floyer family continued

Katharine, dan. of Jacob Taylor of Symondsburry, mar. there 1674, bur. at Whitechurch Ap.7,1676.
 Anthony Floyer of Floyer's Hayes and Stratton, co. Dors. bp. May, 1642, b. at Whitechurch 17 Nov. 1701.
 Sarah, dan. of John Gould of Upway, Esq. bur. at Upway, 9 Dec. 1732.
 Amy, dan. and coh. of Sir Wm. Pole of Shute, co. Devon, Kt. son of Sir William Pole, Bart. mar. at Whitechurch Aug. 16, 1677, buried there 21 April, 1699.
 William Floyer, 2d son of Berne aforesaid, bur. at Whitechurch, 13 Jan. 1711.
 Grace Cosins of Broadwindoor, m. at Chiddingtun 4 Sep. 1700.

Anthony Floyer, bn. 1676, M.A. of Floyer's Hayes, bur. at Upway 30 Dec. 1727, ob. s. p.
 William Floyer of Wad. Coll. Oxf. Rector of Trusham, co. Dors. bp. at Trusham, Sept. 1742.
 Sarah, d. of John, bur. at Stratton, Oct. 17, 1697.
 Sarah, married at Stratton, Dec. 1, 1699, John Young of Trent, co. Somerset.
 William, bp. at Whitechurch 18 July 1689; bur. there 16 Jan. 1697.
 Mary, dan. of John Ellis of St. James's Westminster, mar. 22 July, 1714, bn. at Kensington, 31 Aug. 1755.
 John Floyer and Lincoln's Inn, Recorder of Dorchester, bur. at Whitechurch, 25 Feb. 1756.
 Anne, dan. of James Richards of West mar. to Humphry Stinsford 14 Apr. 1741, bur. at Knighton Dec. 15. 1746.
 Catherine, mar. to Sydenham of Dulverton, co. Somerset, Esq.

Anthony Gould, Rector of Esher, co. Surrey, d. 1777, un-married.
 William Floyer of Resby, co. Linc. and Athelhampton, co. Dors. baptised at Trusham 12 May, 1723, died at Paris 11 June, 1782.
 Frances, dan. and coh. of Edward Ayscoghe of Louth, co. Lincoln, mar. 4 Nov. 1752.
 John Floyer of W. Staff. barrister-at-law, b. 25 Aug. 1744, mar. 20 Dec. 1776, buried at West Knighton, 6 Dec. 1789, ob. s. p.
 Jane, only dan. of Samuel Davison, Rector of Dal-bury, co. Derby, by Elizabeth, sister of Sir Edward Stinsford, Bt. mar. 5 Jan. 1746, d. 29 Dec. 1819, aged 74, bur. at Scins-Knighton, 9 Aug. 1808.
 William Floyer, M.A. Rector of W. Staff and Vicar of Blandford, m. 3 Feb. 1801, died 20 Feb. 1847.
 Anne, b. 28 Feb. 1742.
 Charles Russell, Rec-tor of Thurlbear and Thurlaxton, and Vic-ar of Lydiard Saint Lawrence, co. Somers-et, d. Jan. 1832, issue three daugh-ters.

Anthony Floyer of Resby and afterwards of Ketsby, co. Linc. bn. at Resby, d. at Ketsby 8 Mar. 1814, bn. at South Ormsby.
 Elizabeth, d. of Geo. Bra-bins of Ben-nington Hall, co. Linc. mar. 24 Jan. 1784, bn. 8 Oct. 1814, at South Ormsby.
 Other issue.
 William of West Stafford, a mid-shipman Roy. N. born 29 Oct. 1803, drowned off Port-land, 11 July, 1822, aged 19.
 John Floyer of W. Sta. b. 26 Apr. 1811, J.P. and D.L. High Sheriff 1844, M.P. for Dorset-shire, Dep. Chairman of Qr. Sess. and Cap-tain in the Queen's Own Yeomanry.
 Georgina-Charlotte Frances, eldest dan. of Rt. Hon. Geo. Bankes, sometime M.P. for Dorset, by Georgina, dan. and heir of Sir Charles Edmund Nugent, G.C.H. Admiral of the Fleet, mar. 20 Feb. 1844.
 Elizabeth, b. 11 Feb. 1805, bur. March 9, 1807.
 Elizabeth, b. 11 Aug. 1809, mar. 24 July, 1831, died 18 July, 1834.
 Charles Wriothsley, eldest son of Rev. Chas. Digby, Rec. of Bishop's Caundle, Dorset, Canon of Windsor.

John-Gould Floyer of Ketsby and Athelhampton, b. 16 July, 1785, d. 20 Nov. 1841.
 Sarah, dan. of Richard Wright of Wrangle, co. Lincoln, clerk, Vicar and Impropiator of that parish, hap. 22 July, 1789, mar. 25 May, 1815, died 22 Jan. 1841.
 George-William Floyer, b. 23 July, 1851, a student at Eton College 1866.
 Mary Elizabeth, b. 26 July 1833, d. 12 July, 1856.
 Henry-Maitland Wil-son, esq. of Stowlang-toft Hall, co. Suffolk.

John Wadham Floyer of Martin, co. Linc. and Athel-hampton, b. 23 Aug. 1818, mar. 19 April, 1843.
 Augusta, dan. of A. J. Gilliat, Esq. of Scrayfield, co. Lincoln.
 Richard-Ays-coghe Martin, bn. 21 June, 1820, d. unm. 26 Sep. 1843.
 Ayscoghe, b. 26 Nov. 1821, M.A. Perpetual Curate of Marsh Chapel, co. Lincoln, mar. 12 April, 1849.
 Louisa-Sarah, eldest dan. of Hon. Frederick John Teignmouth.
 Mary-Digby-Wilson, born 30 July, 1855.

1. Alice-Matilda, born 27 Feb. 1844.
2. Agnes, born 28 Oct. 1845.
3. Hubert-Wadham, born 26 Dec. died 29th 1847.
4. Augustus-Wadham, born 12 Dec. 1850.
5. Hubert-Martin, born Jan. 9, 1852.
6. Richard-Gould, born 29 May, 1853.
7. George-Ayscoghe, born 10 Nov. 1854, died 18 March, 1855.
8. William-Ayscoghe, born 25 March, 1856.
9. Arthur-Herwards, born 18 June, 1857.
10. Eric-Randolph, born 27 Nov. 1858.
11. George-Frederick, born 15 March, 1862.
12. Sydenham-Ernest, born 21 March, 1864.
1. William, born 3 Feb. 1850, ob. 22 May, 1861.
2. Edith, born and died 16 April, 1851.
3. Ernest-Ayscoghe, born 4 July, 1852.
4. Edith-Louisa, born 13 Feb. 1854.
5. Margaret-Sarah, born 8 Sept. 1855.
6. Frederick-Anthony, born 25 Aug. 1858.
7. Mabel-Frances, born 29 Apr. 1862.
8. George-Wadham, born 19 Nov. 1863.
9. John-Kestell, born 28 June, 1865.

The 1662 Hearth Tax returns for Berne Manor

The 1662 Hearth Tax Returns for Catherston show Anthony Floyer at Berne Manor with 7 chimneys. Hi son, William then living at Wootton Fitzpaine has 10 hearths.

[f.55d.] Wotten Fitzpaine Tithing 95 modo 94

Willm' Floyer x Richard Rose iij *Samall Wackelly, not wpone boocke and yet payd to the Constab'* Joan Hollard j John Crosse j George Cumminge j Ann Case iij James Owlesley ij John Owlesley ij John Turner j John Jay j Thomas Clacy ij Alexander Greedy ij John Tanner senr' j John Keeredge iij Willm' Phillipps iij [f.56.] John Tanner ij Richd' Cload iij Nichas' Whore j Robert Whore j John Alford j James Alford ij Anthony Goodwin j David Wilson ij Joan Crosse j Wm' Borcombe iiij Joan Dare ij John Bowditch ij MathewWhite iij Eliz' Orchard iij John Bingham j Joan Oliver j Francis Hodder iij [f.56d.] Robert Davie iij Willm' Dare j John Partridge ij Mary Dare ij Elias Loveridge j Mary Crosse j Richd' Orchard ij Robert Bowditch ij Simon Guffey ij John Forrest j Tristram Crosse ij Tristram Crosse junr' j Elias Loveridge junr' j Stephen Longe j Thomas Paine j Joan Dare j Elizabeth Paine j

The Hearth Tax Return for Wootton in 1662 listed fifty names. The highest number of fireplaces was ten in the name of William Floyer. That year a Richard Rose had three hearths but in the return for 1677 a Richard Rose had twelve hearths, this second Richard could have been another relative as the Richard Rose who built the first Manor House died before this date.

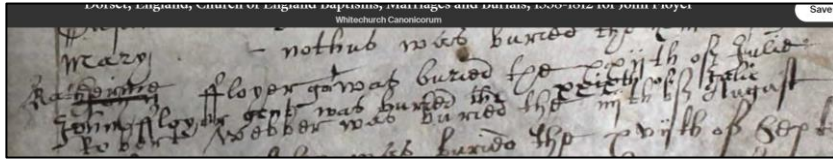
53.] Catherston Lewson Tithing 44 modo 42 decre'

Anthony Floyer vij John Cultry xj Robte' Sampson iij Richard Doegood ij Hidd' Hallett j Tho' Edwardes j George Salter ij Thomas Mollins j Abraham Woodcocke ij Alice Bovett iij Alice Bovett iij John Long j Willm' Hodder iij John Hodder j Richard Hownsell ij Richard Wondich j

[f.51.] Gabriells Tithings 30 modo 27

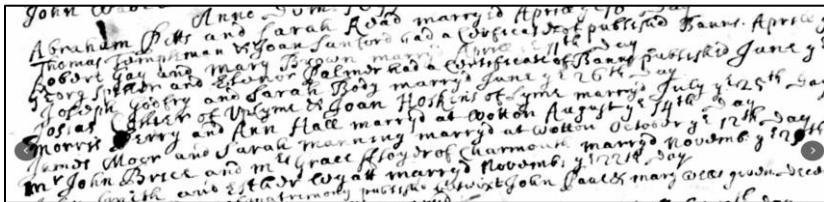
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1643 John Floyer Gent buried at Whitchurch

In 1689 at the **Lyme Regis** Election of the 29 votes for Sir Wm. Drake, five were foreign Freemen who were Francis Alford, William Bragge, John Fry, Antony **Floyer** ...



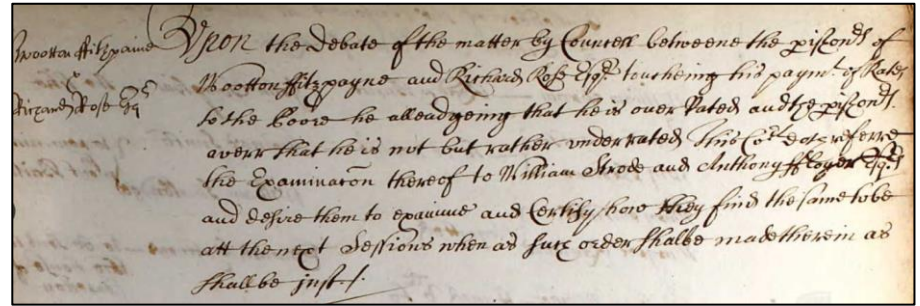
Marriage in Lyme Regis of Mr. John Brice and Grace Floyer of Charmouth in 20th November 1699

FLOYER, 23
 Floyer, 23
 Floyer, Amy, 24; Anne, 23, 24; Anthony, 23*, 24*; Benjamin, 24; Catherine, 24*; Charles, 24; Edmund, 24; Eleanor, 23, 24; Elizabeth, 24*; George William, xi; Grace, 24; Jane, 24; John, 24; Margaret, 24, 40; Mary, 24*; Randolph, 24; Sarah, 24*; Thomas, 24*; William, 24*, 40, 90; ... , 24*
 Floyer-Acland, Arthur, xi

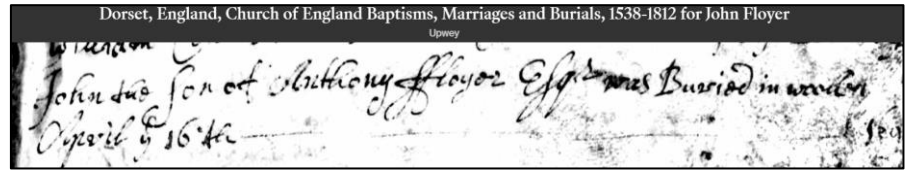
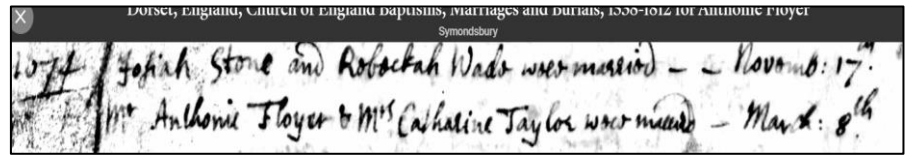


1694 wife of Captain William Floyer

Stafford House, Dorset was the home of a branch of the Floyers until the death without issue of George William Floyer in 1927. The estate passed to the Acland family on condition that they assume the name Floyer-Acland. The house has since been sold.



1686 Anthony Floyer Esq



Floyer

Captain. References to his command of Trained Band Company, 31 Aug.-2 Sept. 1643. Not a captain pre-war, 5.503. Possibly of family of Floyer of Floyers.

References: Hayes, *Vis. Dorset*, 1677, 23-4.

Floyer family records in Charmouth

The Twentie Sixth day of Elmora Floyer.
 September in the year of our Lord God our Thousand Six hundred Seventy
 and fower I Elmora Floyer of Charmouth in the County of Dorset being
 weak of body but of good and perfect memory (Thanks be to God) do
 make and ordaine my last will and Testament in manner and forme follow-
 ing As for my goods and Chattells and other thinge I hat God hath bestowed
 upon me I doe will devise and bequeath them in manner and forme en-
 following I doe give myne fower and bequeth unto my Sonne William
 the summe of Twentie Shillings to buy a mourning Ring of the same I doe
 bequeth unto my Daughter Gippinge the summe of fower poundes more in the
 hands of Michael Wyatt And after her deathe to be disposed of to her son
 Summitt if he have need of it otherwise to her Sonne I foyre Burghood
 Myne foyre unto her the bid that my daughter Comyn now by on
 and a Dorsetshire and my foyre Ridinge Rides And my foyre un-
 colonned Maulte Myne foyre unto her the foyre and the best thinge
 belonging to the bid the new watter of foyre with the bid dead
 and the bid the child by on what he will it in the house of my foyre
 unto my daughter Elmora the summe of Twentie Shillings to buy a mourning
 Ring of the same I doe give unto my daughter Gwene my best that stand by my
 Chamber door and what it will And my foyre that is with my
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father in the Vault belonging to the Floyer family at or in the so
 parish church of Whitechurch Canonorum in the said County
 of Dorset and my Will and devise is to leave no part put over so

Eleanor's Will Abt 1676

1631
 When the Daughter of Henry Dreyer
 Baptized the 17th of May
 the Daughter of Anthony Floyer
 Baptized the 17th of August

Maria's Daught^r of Dott Woodcock bap^t 20th of April
 Samuel son of walter wickly bap^t 26th of May
 Quennell's Daught^r of walt^r Long bap^t 17th of June
 Katherine's Daught^r of Antho^r floyer bap^t 24th of June

Whitechurch Canonorum
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Dorset, England, Church of England baptisms, marriages and burials, 1558-1812 for William Floyer
 Whitechurch Canonorum
 Hadak widow of William Floyer was buried on 31-1-1711.
 Captⁿ William Floyer of Whitechurch was buried Feb: 4th 1711.
 the wife of Robert Buckland of Whitechurch was buried March the 2d 1711.

1688
 Margaret of Anthony Floyer Esq^r & Sarah his wife was
 Baptized the 30th of April

Margaret Floyer Charmouth 1688

Whitechurch Canonorum
 1691
 Elizabeth's Daughter of Robert humbuger was buried April 10th 1691
 William's Daughter of William Floyer of Charmouth was buried March 22nd
 the 10th of June son of Dreyer

1690
 William of Anthony Floyer Esq^r & Sarah his wife
 was Baptized the 16th of November

William Floyer Charmouth 1689

The mayor, with Captain William Floyer, of Berne, near Charmouth, Dassell, and two or three others, retired to a tavern to consider what course should be taken. Dassell thought the ships meant ill, and that the men on board might be rogues, and requested the mayor that a great gun might be fired off the shore to command the King's boat on shore, or answer, if friends, the salute. The mayor thought this reasonable, had there been any powder and shot; but that being wanting,

Stratton
 October 17 day was Baptized John the
 Son of Mr Anthony floyer in stratta
 and Sarah his wife

John Floyer 17 Oct 1696 Stratton

The Life, Progresses, and Rebellion of James

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FLOYER –Marriages at Whitchurch Canoncorum

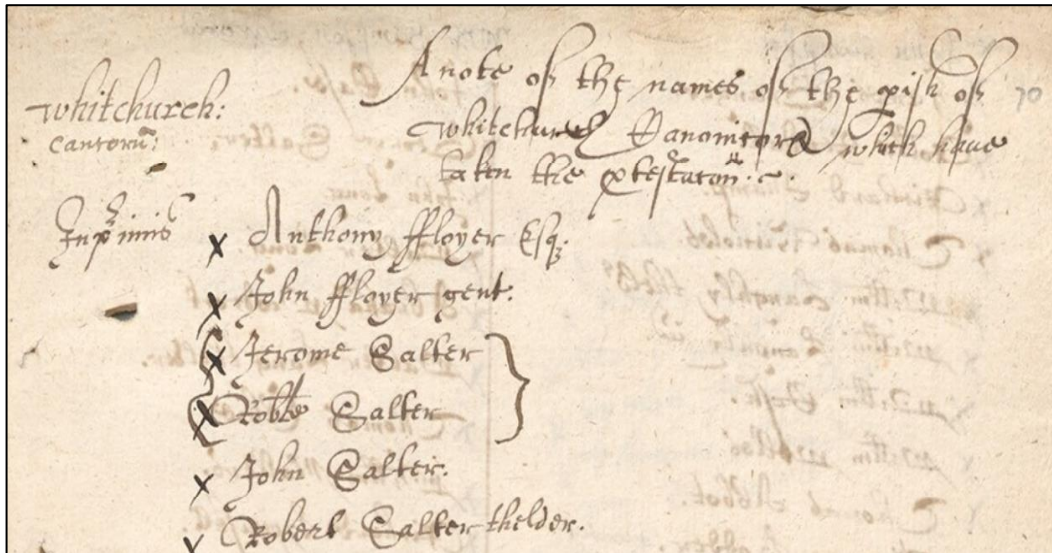
Richard **TOMES** of London Marchant & Elizabeth **FLOYER** married 16-Aug 1660 daughter of Anthony FLOYER esq.
 Thomas **IPSLEY** gent. & Mrs. Mary **FLOYER** married 23-Jan 1648
 James **HOLWELL** esq. & Elizabeth **[FLOYER]** married 20-Sep 1677 daughter of Wm. Floyer esq.
 Samuell **BULLSTRODE** gent. & Sara **FOYER** gent. married 8-Oct 1657
 Mr. William **FLOYER** & Mrs. Ameer **POOLE** married 4-Jul 1677
 William **FLOYER** gent. & Grace **COSINS** of Broadwinsor married 4-Sep 1700 married with licence at Chedington

FLOYER – Baptisms at Whitchurch Canoncorum

Anthony son of Anthony FLOYER baptised 28 Nov 1624
 Jane daughter of Anthony FLOYER baptised 9 May 1626
 Katherine daughter of Anthony FLOYER baptised 24 Jun 1628
 Elinor daughter of Anthony FLOYER baptised 13 Jan 1629
 Frances daughter of Anthony FLOYER baptised 6 Aug 1631
 Raindoll son of William FLOYER baptised 8 Jul 1656; Esquire
 Benjamin son of William FLOYER baptised 13 Apr 1655; Esquire
 Katherine daughter of William FLOYER baptised 13 Mar 1678
 William son of William FLOYER baptised 18 Jul 1680; Junior
 Sarah daughter of Anthony FLOYER baptised 10 Feb 1680; Gent

One (folio 12) was an invitation from the Floyer then reigning at Berne Farm, Whitchurch, to our Mayor of the Restoration Year (1680), John Ellesdon and his wife to come and eat a haunch of venison.

Borough finances Lyme Regis leaflets Cyril Wanklyn
 In 1662 William Floyer has 10 hearths at Berne Manor. In comparison The abbots house has 4 and Charmouth Manor has 6



The Protestation was an attempt to avert the English Civil War. In July 1641, Parliament passed a bill requiring those over the age of 18 to sign the Protestation, an oath of allegiance to King Charles I and the Church of England. I was drawn up on 3 May of that year. No one could hold a Church or state office without signing. Top of the list is Anthony Floyer. Esquire and his son John Floyer, Gentleman, who was to die soon after in 1643 at the Siege of Lyme Regis.

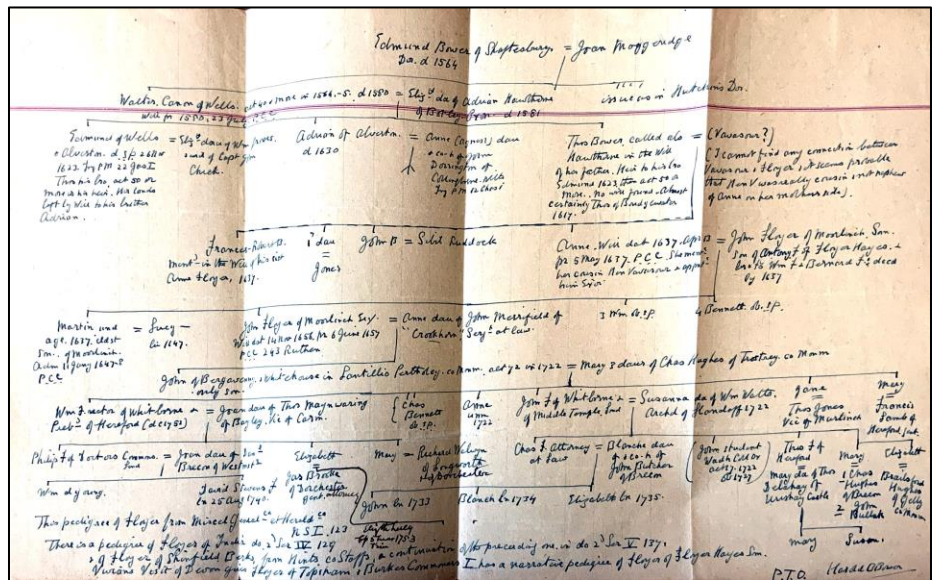
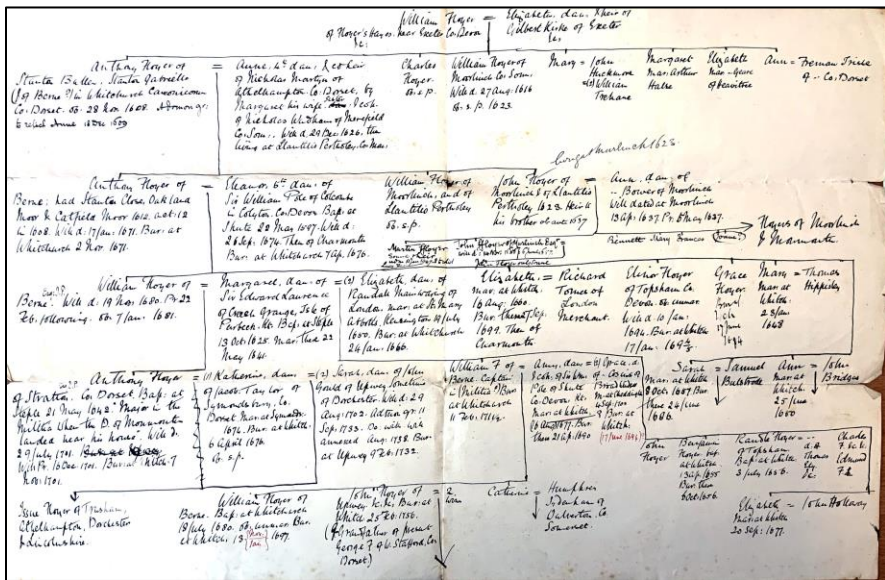
Portraits of members of the Floyer family.



William Floyer of Berne House,
Dorset (1617 - 1680)



Rev. William Floyer, Rector of Stinsford,
Dorset, 1745 - 1819.



Family of Flower
 From whom in local
 William Flower of Deptford
 Major of Devon

Anthony Flower of Stanton Bullen
 28 Nov 1608 Devon to Whitechurch
 1613

Anthony Flower of Berne in Whitechurch
 Esquire act 12 in 1608
 17 Jan 1671 Bur at Whitechurch 1671

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Anthony Flower of Stratton
 Esq. J.P. 136 1746
 Major in Militia as Duke of Devonshire's Col. d. 29 July 1701
 P. 16 Dec 1701 Bur at Whitechurch
 7 Nov 1701

William Flower of Trusham
 Esq. Devon
 From Whitechurch
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The Floyer family and their links with the Rev. John Brice

a parishoner of Whitechurch Canonicorum, as lecturer of Chideock. After that Benjamin Bird, Minister, receives £12 for half a year from the fund formed by the confiscation by the Parliament of the annual tenths paid by parochial incumbents. In 1655 the Minister of Whitechurch receives £20 out of the amount received by the sale of the lands of the Cathedral churches, and in the same year Argentore Bazeley is Minister of Marshwood, a district of Whitechurch. Since the Book of Common Prayer was prohibited in 1645, it would appear that these Ministers officiated in the churches. Bazeley was succeeded in 1659 by John Brice, son of Nathaniel Brice of Netherbury, by his second wife Joan Stone. John was baptised at Netherbury 12th Feb., 1635/6, educated at the Grammar School there and proceeded to Magdalen College, Oxford in 1653/4. He took his Bachelor of Arts degree four years later, and then at the age of twenty three became Minister at Marshwood. After the Restoration he was episcopally ordained by Dr. Ironside, Bishop of Bristol (Deacon, March 2nd, 1660/1 and Priest eight days later). After the act of Uniformity he was ejected (August, 1662) and twice imprisoned in Dorchester gaol for non-conformity. The persecution to which he was subjected seems to have excited the compassion of Mrs. Floyer, widow of Anthony Floyer of Berne in Whitchurch, and a daughter of Sir William Pole of Colcombe House, the Devonshire antiquary. This lady, after the death of her husband had gone to live in the house at Charmouth, now known as the Manse, which was formerly the Inn, in which Charles II slept in 1651. A label on the front of the house records this. Mrs. Floyer gave Brice shelter in the house. At the east end of this was a thatched cottage with mud walls, which was converted into a chapel in the form of a T. At the end of one of the galleries were folding doors leading into the dwelling house. These, when the congregation was assembled, were opened, and Brice preached. Upon the appearance of an informer, he retired and the doors were closed. Brice took the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1665.

In 1673, the State Papers tell us that he was formally licensed to the house of Mrs. Elinor Floyer, Presbyterian. Mrs. Floyer's younger son had been killed in the siege of Lyme, and she had had eight daughters, two of whom, Mrs. Tomes and Mrs. Bulstrode, and an unmarried daughter Grace, lived with her in the house at Charmouth. Mrs. Floyer died in 1675, at the age of 79. In her will she gives "John Brice, my chaplain £10, and two paire of sheets and a bed, bolster and down pillow that belongs to it, and two books." She also

mentions a deed she had executed in 1673, making over the house to her daughters.

Mrs. Balstrode died in 1686 leaving Brice £4 to buy mourning. Mrs. Tomes died in 1699, leaving John Brice, clerk, £20 and making him residuary legatee. At her death Brice married the remaining sister Grace, on Nov. 20th 1699, at Lyme Regis. This is the explanation of the entry in Bishop Kennett's Register (1728), which states that Brice in his later years "married Mrs. Floyer, a gentlewoman of good family, by which means he lived and died in plenty."

In 1699 he would have been aged 63, and Grace Floyer about 66. Brice built the first chapel in Charmouth in 1686. It stood behind the house on the same site as the existing one. This might be seen as late as 1815, when it was pulled down and a substantial one of stone was built instead. Brice died March 15, 1716/7. In his will, dated 8 Nov., 1716, (91 Whitfield P.C.C.) he bequeaths to Mr. John Floyer, formerly of Berne in Whitchurch and to his sister Mrs. Katherine Sydenham £50 each. To Mrs. Sarah Bulstrode, daughter of Mr. Floyer Bulstrode, dec^d, £100, also £20 more to the said Sarah Bulstrode. Then follow a number of bequests to relatives. Lastly there is the following list of persons to whom he leaves £200 "to the intent that they ... shall lay out and dispose of the said sum upon such trusts as by a writing bearing date 17 October 1716 is limited and declared": Thomas Dare and John Eaton of Whitchurch; Samuel Dare son of Bernard of Whitchurch, yeoman; Arthur Bond, of Wootton Fitz Pain; William Head of the same, blacksmith; Thomas and Robert Slader of Stanton St. Gabriel, yeomen; Wrath Idaton of Uplyme, Devon. These are probably the representative non-conformists of the district in 1716. It is worth noting that the Minister of Charmouth who was deprived when Brice had to leave Marshwood was Bartholomew, a direct ancestor of John Wesley. Calamy† states that John Brice brought up two of his wife's nephews to the ministry. One of these would surely have been Floyer Bulstrode of Frampton to whose daughter Brice makes a legacy. This daughter Sarah married Samuel Wilmot of Beaminster and Lambroke 1732 and their sons were Henry, Floyer, Thomas and Samuel. The latter left a son Samuel Wilmot who by his wife Elizabeth (married 28 May, 1792) daughter and heir of Edward Bellamy had three daughters, married to three sons

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warrior, who attended George, Duke of Clarence, to Normandy, with three archers and thirty spears, 14 EDWARD IV. He *m.* Philippa, dau. and heir of John Croke, of Box, co. Wilts, by whom (who survived him) he left

JOHN FLOYER, of Floiers Hayes. This gentleman *m.* about the year 1511, Joan, dau. of John Carew, Esq. of Anthony, in Cornwall, and was *s.* by his son,

WILLIAM FLOYER, Esq. of Floiers Hayes, who *m.* Elizabeth, dau. and heir of Gilbert Kirk, Esq. mayor of Exeter, *anno* 1531, and had two sons, ANTHONY, and William, of Merlinch, co. Somerset. The latter *d. unm.* in 1623. The former,

ANTHONY FLOYER, Esq. *s.* his father at Floiers Hayes, and was likewise of Stanton Gabriel, co. Dorset. He *m.* Anne, fourth dau. and co-heir of Nicholas Martin, Esq. of Athelhampton, in Dorsetshire (by Margaret, his wife, one of the three sisters and heirs of Nicholas Wadham, Esq. of Merrifield, co. Somerset, founder of Wadham College, Oxford,) and had two sons,

ANTHONY, his heir.

William, of Merlinch, ancestor of the Floyers, of Whitehouse, parish of Landilio, co. Monmouth.

He *d.* prior to 1616, and was *s.* by his elder son,

ANTHONY FLOYER, Esq. of Floiers Hayes, and likewise of Berne, in Monmouthshire. He *m.* Eleanor, fifth dau. of Sir William Pole, Knt. of Colcombe, co. Devon, (baptized in 1597), by whom he had, with other issue, a son and heir,

WILLIAM FLOYER, Esq. of Floiers Hays and Berne, who *m.* 1st, in 1641, Margaret, second dau. of Sir Edward Lawrence, Knt. of Creech Grange, in the Isle of Purbeck, co. Dorset, and had

ANTHONY, of Floiers Hayes, bapt. 31 May, 1642, *d.* in 1701, leaving by Sarah, his 2nd wife, dau. of John Gould, Esq. of Upway, three sons, ANTHONY, *d. s. p.*, WILLIAM, and Hubert-Charles. The second, the REV. WILLIAM FLOYER, *b.* in 1676, rector of Trusham, co. Devon, *m.* Sarah, dau. of Amy Burwell, of London, and dying in 1742, left with other issue, 1. ANTHONY, of Dorchester; 2. John-Gould, in holy orders, rector of Esher, in Surrey, *d. unm.* in 1777; and 3. WILLIAM FLOYER, Esq. of Reesby, in Lincolnshire, and of Athelhampton, co. Dorset, *m.* in 1752, Frances, dau. and co-heir of Edward Aiscough, Esq. of Louth, co. Lincoln, and dying in 1759, was *s.* by his son, ANTHONY, who *m.* in 1784, Elizabeth, dau. of George Brabines, Esq. of Blannington Hall, in Lincolnshire, and dying 8 March, 1814, left an only son and heir, JOHN-GOULD FLOYER, Esq. of Ketsby, co. Lincoln, *b.* in July,

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Mr. Floyer *m.* 2ndly, Elizabeth, dau. of Randle Mainwaring, Esq. of London, by whom (who *d.* 22 June, 1667) he had with other issue,

WILLIAM FLOYER, Esq. of Berne, co. Monmouth, who *m.* 1st, in 1677, Mary, dau. and co-heir of Sir William Pole, Knt. of Shute, co. Devon, eldest son of Sir John Pole, Bart., and 2ndly, in 1700, Grace Cossins, of Broadwindson, in Dorsetshire, by the former of whom he left, at his decease in 1711, a dau. Catherine, *m.* to Humphrey Sydenham, Esq. of Dulverton, and a son,

JOHN FLOYER, Esq. of Upway, co. Dorset, and of Lincoln's Inn, barrister-at-law. This gentleman *m.* 1st, 22 July, 1714, Mary, dau. of John Ellis, of St. James's, Westminster, but had no issue. He *m.* 2ndly, 11 April, 1741, Anne, dau. of James Richards, Esq. of West Knighton, co. Dorset, and co-heir of her brother. By this lady he had two sons, and a dau., Anne, wife of the Rev. Charles Russell, of Bath. The elder son,

JOHN FLOYER, Esq. of Upway, *b.* 28 May, 1744, *m.* Jane, only dau. of the Rev. Samuel Davison, rector of Dalbury, in Derbyshire, (by Elizabeth, his wife, sister of Sir Edward Wilmot, Bart. of Chaddesden, and relict of James Acton, of West Stafford.) He *d. s. p.* in 1789, when the estates devolved upon his brother,

THE REV. WILLIAM FLOYER, *b.* 5 Jan. 1745, rector of West Stafford, and vicar of Stensford, co. Dorset, who *m.* 3 Feb. 1801, Elizabeth, youngest dau. and co-heir of Stephen Barton, Esq. of Blandford, and had issue,

WILLIAM, his successor.

JOHN, heir to his brother.

Elizabeth-Margaret, *b.* 11 Aug. 1805, *d.* in 1817.

Elizabeth, *m.* in July, 1831, to Christopher Wriothsley-Digby, Esq., eldest son of the Rev. Charles Digby, rector of Bishop's Caundle, in Dorsetshire, and canon of Windsor, and *d.* 18 July, 1834, leaving a dau., Mary-Elizabeth.

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Mr. Floyer *d.* 29 Dec. 1819, and was *s.* by his elder son,

WILLIAM FLOYER, Esq., *b.* 29 Dec. 1803, of West Stafford, a midshipman in the royal navy, drowned off Portland, 11 July, 1822, and was *s.* by his brother, the present JOHN FLOYER, Esq. of West Stafford.

Stafford House – home of the Floyer family from 1830



STAFFORD HOUSE.
THE SEAT OF JOHN FLOYER, ESQ.

Dorset and Upwey. Hilary Term 1693: George Gould, gent, and Simon Beale, gent, vs James Gould, gent, for a moiety of 9 messuages, 18 gardens, 160 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 400 acres of pasture, 100 acres of furze and heath with appurtenances in Upwey, Wayby house, Whitechurch Canonicorum and in their respective parishes; Michaelmas Term 1694: Thomas Cooper vs George Arnold, gent, for one messuage, one garden, 40 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 340 acres of pasture, 50 acres of furze and heath, common of pasture and common of turbary with appurtenances and, also, a moiety of the manor of Bearne otherwise **Barne** with appurtenances, and, also, 10 messuages, a water corn mill, 250 acres of land, 120 acres of meadow, 450 acres of pasture, 200 acres of furze and heath and 15 acres of wood with appurtenances in Holworth, Milton Abbas, Upwey, Broadway, Tottingway, Wayby, Wayby House, Bearne or **Barne** and White Church Canonicorum, 1693-1694

Annals of the Family of Floyer

STAFFORD HOUSE, DORSET—II

THE HOME OF SIR PHILIP GREY EGERTON, BT. < By ARTHUR OSWALD

Between 1848 and 1850 John Floyer, M.P. for Dorset, added a new entrance front to the Goulds' house, following the suggestions made by Humphry Repton about 40 years earlier. Stafford House now contains many of the pictures formerly at Oulton Park, Cheshire

THE report that Humphry Repton wrote about Stafford House for its owner, Nicholas Gould, when he consulted him on "improvements," contains some interesting remarks about the house as well as the grounds. Nicholas Gould succeeded his eldest brother in 1805. He was then 60, but he had another 18 years of life ahead of him. As we have seen, the house was then known as Frome Billee, being the manor house of the former village of that name, which had lost its identity as a separate parish before the end of the 15th century and now forms part of West Stafford. Frome House is the name used by Repton in his report. This is printed in his *Fragments on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening*, which appeared in 1816, but one would suppose that it dated from soon after 1805, when Nicholas Gould came into the property.

"Having too frequently regretted the demolishing of old mansions, it is a peculiar satisfaction to me," Repton wrote, "to be called upon to improve the ancient mansion of an ancient family. . . . The south-east front of Frome House is a specimen of regular, but not enriched, house-gothic; and in such state of repair as makes it unnecessary to take it down, and unpardonable to replace it by any modern style of building. What remains, however, of the old house, is neither large enough, nor sufficiently convenient for the modern residence of a gentleman's family; being only a single house, without access to any room, except that which was formerly the hall, but now destroyed, as such, by an intermediate ceiling."



1.—THE SOUTH-EAST FRONT OF JOHN GOULD'S HOUSE (1833). It was described by Humphry Repton as "a specimen of regular, but not enriched, house-gothic."

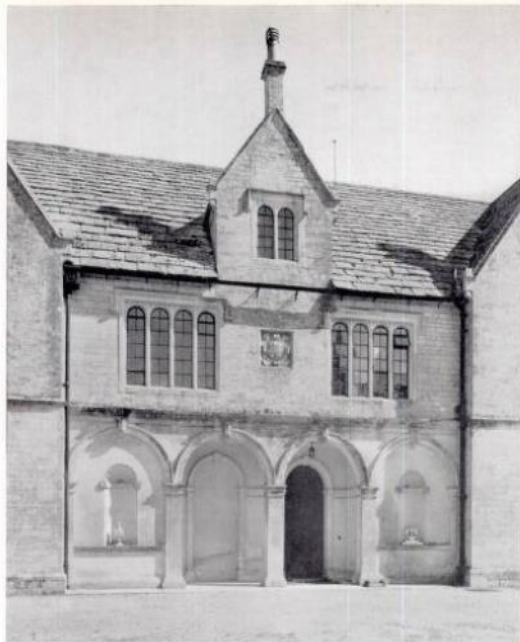
By "a single house" Repton meant that it was only one room deep and without communicating passages. He appears to have thought that it was once larger, but it seems unlikely that it was. It would be interesting to know whether he just assumed that a ceiling had been inserted in the hall. There is no visible evidence now to show that there ever

was a high, open hall, and in 1833, when John Gould rebuilt the house, the hall in nearly all manor houses had become merely a ground-floor room with a flat ceiling and rooms over it. The present morning-room, illustrated last week, is the shrunken representative of John Gould's hall, but it has been diminished in area, not in height, by the subtraction of the



2.—THE ENTRANCE FRONT OF THE NEW RANGE BUILT BY JOHN FLOYER IN 1848-50 AT THE BACK OF THE OLD BUILDING. "The architect took pains to keep to the general style of the old house."

Stafford House – home of the Floyer family from 1830



3.—THE CENTRE OF JOHN FLOYER'S ENTRANCE FRONT WITH ITS ARCADE AND RECESSED PORCH

The Floyers are an ancient Devon family, who claim descent from one Flobor, Domesday tenant of two manors near Exeter. For centuries their home was Floyer's Hayes, just outside the city. About the beginning of the 17th century they moved into Dorset, settling at a farm called Berne in the parish of Whitechurch Canonica, near Lyme Regis. John Floyer's great-grandfather, William, of Berne, was a younger son, half-brother of Anthony Floyer, who married a Gould, of Upway. William's son, John, was a lawyer of some distinction and Recorder of Dorchester; in 1741 he bought the Freke estate in Upway, and his wife brought him the manor of West Knighton, which is a village little more than a mile south of West Stafford. His son of the same name, also a lawyer, lived in West Stafford itself, in a house that represented the ancient Bingham's manor in the parish and belonged to his wife. He left no children, and so his considerable property came to his younger brother, William, the rector, who also held the living of Stinford, across the river, where he was buried when he died in 1819.

From all this it will be seen that John Floyer, the rector's son, who bought Frome Bilet, that is to say, Stafford House, was no newcomer. He was old enough to have remembered Nicholas Gould, with whose family, moreover, he had a marriage connection, if a rather remote one. There is every likelihood that he will have known Gould's intentions and Repton's proposals, and indeed the Red Book, which it was Repton's practice to draw up for his clients, was probably in the house when Floyer bought it. Then, in 1840, the proposals were printed a second time when Loudon collected Repton's works in his omnibus volume. In 1844 John Floyer was Sheriff of Dorset, and in that year he married the eldest daughter of Kingston Lacy, Georgina Charlotte Frances Bankes. Her father, George Bankes, was one of the M.P.s for Dorset, and for many years Floyer himself was the other. Having become so important in the county, he must have felt the need for a larger house than Frome Bilet then was.

The dates for the addition that he made are given by John Pooley, of Dorchester, the

portion entered from the porch. The pair of three-light windows seem to the right of the porch in Fig. 1 belong to it.

Repton proposed to add "so much as will double the present building" and to make the new part "corresponding in style with what is left of the old original mansion." He then enumerated, and answered in turn, three possible objections to preserving the old house: that the site was too low, that it was too near the water, and that the house stood "on the verge of the estate." Its setting in flat meadowland beside the Frome, delightfully protected by trees, is to-day one of its principal attractions, but the surroundings when Repton wrote were more open. Since his time the wide valley of the Frome east of Dorchester has certainly been made more beautiful by planting on both sides of the river.

Repton's proposals for enlarging the house were carried out, but not by Nicholas Gould and not until 1848. In his will Nicholas Gould directed his executors to sell the estate and divide the proceeds between his sons, but one of them, the Rev. John Gould, decided to buy it. He found himself obliged to part with it, however, and in 1830 sold it to John Floyer, son of a former rector of West Stafford.



4.—THE DRAWING-ROOM, WHICH IS AT THE NORTH-EAST END OF THE OLD PART OF THE HOUSE

early photographer, in his *Dorsetshire Photographically Illustrated*. He records that a cinerary urn, deposited in the county museum, was found "in making excavations for the new building in the west front, in the year 1848" and that Floyer was able to take up residence in 1850. Some 40 years had passed since Repton had made his report, but both of his two architect sons, John Adey and George Stanley, were still living, and when one sees how precisely his recommendations were carried out by Floyer, one wonders whether he went to one of the sons for designs. John Adey assisted in the architectural alterations of many of the houses whose grounds were improved by his father, but if either of the brothers acted as Floyer's architect, it is more likely to have been George Stanley. In 1817 he had secretly married the elder daughter of Lord Eldon, the Lord Chancellor, to his extreme displeasure, but after the birth of their eldest child, the parental wrath abated.

George Repton was permitted to visit Enccombe, and later on he designed for his father-in-law a church at Kingston that still stands, though it has been superseded by Street's noble building erected for the third Earl. He was one of the architects who popularised the inane style for country houses, favouring adaptations of Tudor. His practice seems to have been principally in the west of England, and he must have got to know Dorset well. There were other architects who could have designed the additions to the house—Rios, J. C. Buckler, or, conceivably, Salvin—but their works are better documented, and if Stafford House had been among them it would probably have been recorded. But someone less known, perhaps living in the county, may have been employed.



6.—THE DINING-ROOM IN WHICH HANG PORTRAITS FORMERLY AT OULTON PARK, CHESHIRE



7.—THE NORTH END OF THE DINING-ROOM, SHOWING PORTRAITS OF LORD HILL, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND MAJOR-GENERAL RICHARD EGERTON, ALL BY GEORGE DAVE. On the left is a copy of Romney's portrait of Lady Eroughton



5.—THE STAIRCASE HALL AND GALLERY

The architect, whoever he was, took pains to keep to the general style of the old house, to have windows of the same type (though of different proportions) and to use the same kind of stonework for the walls and Purbeck stone slates (not Welsh ones) for the roofs (Fig. 2). The local peculiarity of placing chimneys on the gables, to which attention was called last week, was repeated on the new front. As the addition is shorter than the old building, the west end of the latter's south wing is exposed. The front is symmetrical except for the two-bay bay (another Dorset feature), which gives more emphasis to the left-hand gable end. A recessed centre for a front that is also in a sense the lack of the house has much to recommend it, and the arcade gives it an architectural emphasis that is yet subtle and restrained (Fig. 3). Two open bays between blind ones provide a recessed porch, almost a loggia, which again plays down the idea of an entrance front, and the entrance itself is not central but axial to the right-hand opening, almost giving the impression of a *gravel drive*. The idea of the recessed porch was probably derived from the one at Warmwell, only a few miles away. For the shell-headed niches placed in the blind bays there are many precedents in Dorset. The carved panel set between the two first floor windows contains a cartouch displaying the arms of Floyer impaling Bankes.

Inside the new part of the house there is nothing to detain one long about the decoration of the rooms. Those on the ground floor are loftier than in the old part, occasioning some ups and downs on the floor above. The entrance door opens into a staircase hall (Fig. 5), which has the dining-room (Fig. 6) to the right of it and a library to the left. Double doors in the latter open into the drawing-room (Fig. 4), which will originally have been the parlour of the Goulds' house. The fireplaces are of a Tudor character, except in the drawing-room, where one in the Adam style has been substituted. The architect's Tudor and Jacobean predilections did not prevent him from introducing quite a respectable Georgian type of cornice for the rooms. The staircase is a Victorian version of Jacobean (Fig. 5). Although the new rooms are plain, they are spacious, and they provide ample wall-space for displaying a fine collection of pictures such as the present owner has brought to Stafford House.

John Floyer died in 1887, his son and successor, George William Floyer, in 1927. The latter's cousin, now General Arthur Nugent Floyer-Acland, then succeeded to the estate and for a time lived at Stafford House before making his home at the Manor House in the village. Sir Philip Grey Egerton, who bought the house in 1954, has always had connections with West Stafford through his mother. She was a daughter of Canon Reginald Soutwell Smith, who was the rector for nearly 60 years, and sister of Reginald Bosworth Smith, of Bingham's Melcombe, the Harrow master and naturalist whose *Birds and Eggs of Looz* contains a delightful account of the old thicket

Auction of Abbots Wootton including the Manor of Berne and Morcombelake in 1807

PARTICULARS of sundry capital and most eligible **FREEHOLD ESTATES** in the county of Dorset; comprizing the extensive **Manors** of **ABBOTT'S WOOTTON**, **HAWKCHURCH**, **BERNE** and **MORECOMBE LAKE**, situate near Charmouth, in the county of Dorset (the conspicuous hill called Lambert Castle, being part of and nearly in the centre thereof); and several other **FARMS** and **ESTATES** in the contiguous parishes of Marshwood, Whitchurch-Canonicorum, and Symondsbury; containing in the whole, by statute-measure, upwards of 4100 acres, whereof 3200 are let at rack rents, and the remaining 900 acres are granted out for life or lives, together with the extensive **Wastes** and **Rights** of **Common** thereto belonging; and the whole of which are divided, for the convenience of purchasers, into 19 lots, each of which is so arranged as to make one or more compact and convenient **Farms**, with suitable and convenient **Buildings** thereto; and which will be **SOLD** by **AUCTION**, at the **BULL INN**, in **BRIDPORT**, on **Tuesday** the 13th and **Wednesday** the 14th of **October** next, subject to the conditions to be then and there produced.

Particulars of the Lots.

	Let at Rack Rents.	Out on Lives.
IN ABBOTT'S WOOTTON.	<i>Measure.</i>	<i>Measure.</i>
Lot 1. Abbott's Wootton Farm, Card's Mill, Coombe, Nettlemoor, Sheepwash, and Street's Farms, containing	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Also the Reversion in Fee of the several Lifehold Tenements in Abbott's Wootton, the whole containing...	887 0 29	278 2 18
N. B. The whole of the above is within a ring fence.		
Also the Royalties, Wastes, and Manorial Rights of the Manor of Abbott's Wootton.		
IN HAWKCHURCH.		
Lot 2. Wadbrook Farm and Colwell Coppice.....	190 0 8	8 3 22
And the Reversion of a Lifehold Tenement adjoining.....		
Lot 3. Buddlewall Farm.....	180 2 30	
Lot 4. Tilworth and Bramley Farms, and Lands called Tudhay, Folly, Guppy's, Mitchell's, &c.....	209 1 0	
And the Reversion in Fee of some Cottages and Gardens within the boundary of this lot.....		0 2 36
Lot 5. Woodhouse Farm and William Hoare's holding adjoining.....	176 1 23	
And the Reversion in Fee of some Lifehold Tenements adjoining thereto.....		26 3 27
Lot 6. Cowse Farm.....	125 3 5	

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Lot 7. Pound Farm and Cottages adjoining.....	158 2 17	
And the Reversion in Fee of Lifehold Land adjoining to the Farm.....		1 9 2"
Lot 8. West-hay and Berry Farms, Sidwell, and divers small Tenements adjoining.....	357 1 37	
And the Reversion in Fee of Philly Mill, and divers small Lifehold Tenements connected with this lot...		29 1 20
With this lot also will be sold the Chief Rents, Royalties, Wastes, and Manorial Rights of the Manor of Hawkchurch.		
Lot 9. The two Northay Farms, in Hawkchurch.....	143 3 8	
And the Reversion in Fee of Hoskin's Lifehold Tenement adjoining.....		14 1 3
Lot 10. Gillett's, Berry, part of Sidwell, and late Battiscombe's.....	78 2 26	
And the Reversion in Fee of part of a Copyhold Tenement adjoining, called Hawkmoor.....		120 1 26
Lot 11. Gashay and Marlis Farms, and Hawkmoor Marsh.....	170 3 5	
And the Reversion in Fee of some Copyhold and Leasehold Tenements adjoining the said Farm.....		5 2 37
Lot 12. Wellfield and the Bottle Tenement, and Lands adjoining.....	95 1 38	
And the Reversion in Fee of the House late the Bottle Ale-house, with the Fair-house and Tolls of Lambert Castle Fair, and divers other small Lifehold Tenements adjoining.....		9 2 9
Lot 13. Divers Lands called the Hill Grounds, formerly part of the Waste and the Reversion in Fee of divers other Lands of the same description, held by Leases for lives.....	55 3 38	
IN MARSHWOOD.		
Lot 14. Harmshay Farm.....	102 0 22	
IN WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM.		
Lot 15. Gerrant's Farm.....	109 0 3	
IN STANTON ST. GABRIEL'S, (near Charmouth).		
Lot 16. The Reversion in Fee of a Farm called Stoneharrow Farm, on Lease to Rev. Brian Coombe, for three Lives...		141 0 34
Lot 17. Bafferland's Farm.....	144 1 26	
And the Reversion in Fee of a Cottage and Garden adjoining, on Lease for Lives.....		0 2 6
MANOR of BERNE and MORECOMBE LAKE, (near Charmouth).		
Lot 18. The Reversion in Fee of the Ship Inn and Lands belonging, and of divers Tenements held by Lives, as parcel of the Manor of Morecombe Lake, containing in the whole.....		125 1 2
With this lot will be sold the Manor		

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With this lot will be sold the **Manor** and **Royalty** of **Berne** and **Morecombe Lake**, with the **Royalties** and **Wastes** thereof.

IN SYMONDSBURY and STOKE ATRIM, (near Bridport).

Lot 19. The Reversion in Fee of a Farm called **Stoke Atrim Farm**, on Lease to **Mr. Samuel Symes**, for two Lives....
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Richard Knight`s Ownership of the Manor of Berne from 1799 until 1830

... and after the above ... Richard Knight ...
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Richard Knight of the County of Dorset Gentleman do declare this paper to be
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 July instant and to be deemed and taken as part thereof ...
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County of Dorset
 The Return of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of St Nicholas, in the County of Dorset, in the said County of Dorset, who are qualified to serve on Juries

Parish	Name	Rank	Rank
Berne	Richard Knight	Yeoman	Per Rotes
Little	Richard Knight	Yeoman	Per Rotes
Calde	Edward	Yeoman	Per Rotes
Uresh	Dave	Yeoman	Per Rotes
Newlands	Francis	Yeoman	Per Rotes
Hacombe	Francis	Yeoman	Per Rotes
Crookard	Francis	Yeoman	Per Rotes

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Name of Proprietor	Occupiers	Estates	Amount
Richard Knight	R. Knight	Berne	19 0 8
William Drewe	Jr. Gold	Catherston	15 12 9 1/2
ditto	ditto	Little ditto	4 5
ditto	ditto	Edwards	1 1
ditto	Geo. Cox	ditto	1 6
Miss Eger	C. Calverwell	Newlands	8 12 6
ditto	ditto	Hocombe	15 2 1/2
Miss Buller	M. Buller	Bullerland	9 2 3
ditto	ditto	Longhams	1 7
Mr. Horsford	Mr. Hoskins	Millers	3 1/2

Catherston Land Tax for 1811 showing William Drewe as the major Land Owner and Richard Knight second. Richard Knight has a brother, Floyer Bulstrode Knight, which must be relation of Flower family.

An Act passed in the 35th Year of His Majesty King George the Third, for the better Assessment of the several Parishes in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year 1799.

No. of Parishes	Names of Proprietors	Names of Occupiers	Sums Assessed	Time of Contract
32069	Mr. Champ	John Champ	3 12 0	25 June 1799
32077	Mr. Bulstrode	One parcel 1. 6 0	2 12 0	9 Dec 1798
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1832

Richard Knight`s Ownership of the Manor of Berne from 1800 until 1830

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.
ALL Persons having any Claim or Demand on the Estate of Mr. RICHARD KNIGHT, late of Berne, in the parish of Whitchurch Canonorum, Dorset, are desired to send the particulars thereof to Mr. TEMPLER, Solicitor, Bridport, in order that the same may be examined and discharged; and Persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to Mr. TEMPLER, who is authorised by the Executors to give receipts for the same.
Bridport, 9th September, 1830.

In 1831 this farm was purchased of the executors of Richard Knight, esq. by the Rev. Thomas Hodges of Charmouth, who afterwards settled it, together with another estate in Stanton St. Gabriel's called Norchard, on his only surviving child Elizabeth, on her marriage with the late Rev. Thomas Bennett Edwards, vicar of St. Stephen's by Saltash, Cornwall.

The farm of Berne belonged to the Floyers of Devon for several descents, some of whom resided here, and had their place of burial in the south aisle of the parish church. It afterwards came to the Rev. William Floyer, vicar of Stinsford. Of the Floyers a further account will be given in West Stafford and Athelhampston.

Some remains of the older Berne House still exist, but the greater part of it was destroyed, perhaps by fire and only one wing is now left of the residence of Sir George Somers and of the Floyers.

DORSETSHIRE.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
 By Messrs. JOHN and RICHARD WARR,
 At the GREYHOUND INN, in BRIDPORT, Dorset, on the 5th day of October, at four o'clock in the afternoon, subject to such Conditions as will be then produced;
THE FEE-SIMPLE and INHERITANCE of the
 Undermentioned MANOR and FARMS, situate in the Parishes of WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM and **STANTON ST. GABRIEL'S** in the County of Dorset, called *Berne* and *Norchard*, late the Property of RICHARD KNIGHT, Esq., deceased; in the following Lots, viz. :
Lot 1. A very desirable and compact Estate, called *Norchard* consisting of a Farm House, Barn, Stable, and Outbuildings and 72 Acres, and 15 Perches, statute measure, of excellent Arable, Meadow, Pasture, and Orchard.
Lot 2. All that Manor or reputed Manor of *Berne*, comprising a Farm House, Garden, Barn, Stable, and all other necessary Outbuildings, and 208 Acres, 1 Rood, and 32 Perches, statute measure, of rich Meadow, Pasture, Arable, and Orchard.
 The Farms are in an excellent state of Cultivation, having been in the occupation of the Owner upwards of Eley en Years, and the Orchards are thriving, and in full bearing, and there is a considerable quantity of fine Young Timber growing on both Estates.—The Land Tax is redeemed, and the Poor, Highway, and Church Rates, as well as the Tythes, are very moderate, and a small customary Payment or Modus, in lieu of the Tythe of Milk and Calf, exists throughout the Parishes of **Stanton St. Gabriel's** and Whitchurch Canonorum.
 The Estates lie within a short distance of the Sea, about two Miles from the delightful marine Village of Charmouth; about four Miles from Lyme Regis, a much frequented watering place; about seven Miles from Axminster; and five Miles from Bridport; and are intersected by the great Western Road, leading from London to Exeter.
 To the Capitalist, the Property offers an eligible opportunity for Investment, and, being devised by the late Proprietor for the Payment of Debts and Legacies, will be sold without reserve; whilst to the Sportsman it presents peculiar attractions, being favourable for the preservation of Game, and situated in the centre of extensive Preserves.
 For a view of the Estates, apply to Mr. James Aston Hunt, of Whitchurch, and for Particulars, either to him, or to Mr EDMUND WATSON, 10, Commercial Sale Rooms, Mincing Lane, London, or to Mr. TEMPLER, Solicitor, Bridport.
BRIDPORT, 2nd September, 1830.

September 2nd 1830

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Tithe Maps showing fields and acreage of Berne Manor and Norchard Farms in 1844

Lot no.	Description	Acres	Record
16	Doney Down	12	View Record
17	Large Clamers	20	View Record
111	Berne Hill	18	View Record
112	Clamers Copse	4	View Record
150	Great Berne Woods Copse	1	View Record
152	Great Berne Woods Copse	1	View Record
153	Great Berne Woods	11	View Record
154	Beat	5	View Record
155	Upper Little Bern Woods	3	View Record
156	Home Bottom	15	View Record
157	Home Bottom Copse	1	View Record
158	Upper Sharkham	3	View Record
159	Upper Sharkham Furze	1	View Record
186	Lower Sharkham	12	View Record
187	Stall Plot	4	View Record
188	Treenwoods	9	View Record
189	Lower Berne Woods	5	View Record

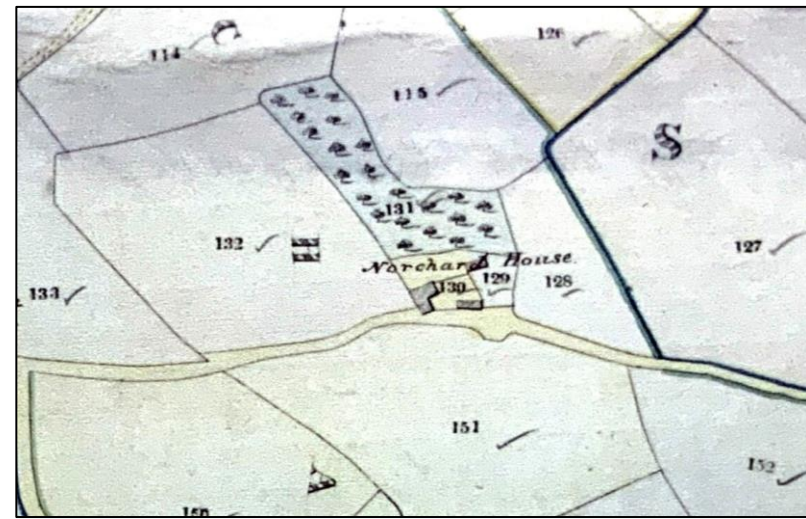
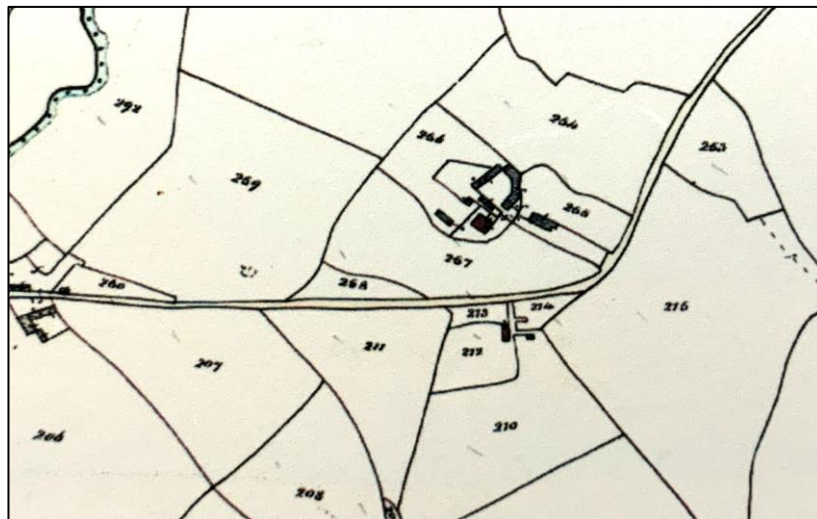
190	Little Berne Woods	3	View Record
202	Garden	1	View Record
210	Cottage Plot	4	View Record
212	Cottage Orchard	1	View Record
213	Cottage and Garden	1	View Record
214	Garden	1	View Record
215	Tweenholds	10	View Record
216	Upper Long Yard	11	View Record
217	Sharkham Copse	1	View Record
252	Lower Long Yard	13	View Record
253	Sheepwash Orchard	1	View Record
254	Stall Plot	3	View Record
255	Homestead, Garden and Dro	1	View Record
256	Orchard	1	View Record
257	Home Plot	3	View Record
294	Cowleaze	15	View Record
295	Orchard	1	View Record
452	Meadow	11	View Record
453	Lower Meadow	7	View Record
Total acres		214	

Lot no.	Description	Acres	Record
74	Cradle Close	5	View Record
74			View Record
75			View Record
75			View Record
76			View Record
113			View Record
114			View Record
114			View Record
115			View Record
115			View Record
128			View Record
128			View Record
129			View Record
130	Homestead Norchard Farm	1	View Record
131			View Record
131			View Record
132			View Record

132			View Record
133			View Record
149			View Record
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Thomas Turner is renting Berne Manor Farm from Mrs. Marianne Edwards in 1844

Thomas Turner is renting Norchard Manor Farm from Mrs. Marianne Edwards in 1844



John Morse `s Ownership of the title of Lord of the Manor of Berne from 1809 until 1844



Sacred to the memory of John Morse, Esq. Late of Abbots Wootton, in the County of Dorset, and of Kessingland in the County of Suffolk, and formerly of Sprowston Hall and Bagthorpe in this county; in 1807 he was High Sheriff of the County of Norfolk, and for many years a Deputy Lieutenant and Magistrate of the same county. He departed this life at Ingonville near Havre in France on the 28th. day of February A.D. 1844, in the 68th. year of his age. His mortal remains lie interred in a vault at the East end of this church. This monument is erected to his memory by his only son and daughter.

Mr. Morse d. 29 Nov. 1837, and was s. by his eldest son, JOHN MORSE, Esq. of Sprowston Hall, and Bagthorpe, co. Norfolk, and Abbots Wootton, co. Dorset, High Sheriff for Norfolk 1807, b. 12 Oct. 1776; m. 21 June, 1800, Elizabeth Anne, only dau. of Gen. Thomas Hall, of Wrating Park, co. Cambridge, by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of John Carter, Esq. of Weston Colville, and granddau. and heir of Maurice, 2nd and last Lord Haversham (see BURKE'S Extinct Peerage), and had issue,
 JOHN HALL, his successor.
 Elizabeth Anne Ella, b. at Catton aforesaid, 30 Nov. 1805; m. 7 June 1830, Simon Digby, Esq. of Oberstown, co. Kildare. He took the additional surname of MORSE-BOYCOTT. He d. 26 Oct. 1859, leaving Edward Essex, b. 12 Oct. 1838, and three daus.
 Mr. Morse d. 28 Feb. 1844, and was s. by his son, JOHN MORSE-BOYCOTT, Esq. of Sennowe, Sennowville, b. 26 Sept. 1801; m. 1849, Matilda, dau. of Thomas Alger, and and by her (who d. 18 July, 1878) had an only child,

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Morse formerly of Sprowston Hall near Norwich in the County of Norfolk after wards of Mount St. in the same County and late of Mount St. in the County of Middlesex as in and above said the first part of the said Will and several and testamentary expressions to be paid and satisfied as soon as can be after my decease I give and devise and by virtue and in execution and execution of every power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf appoint all that my manor or reputed Manor of Wootton otherwise Wootton Abbots otherwise Abbots Wootton in the County of Dorset with the rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging and also all my messuages tenements cottages farms lands and hereditaments parcel and parcels or reputed to be in part and parcel of the said Manor and situate lying and being within the Parish of Wootton Bassett in the County of Dorset parcelled thereto adjoining or near in the said County of Dorset and in the County of Devon or either of them containing eight hundred acres or thereabouts and also all those my manors or

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
422	July 26	John Hall Morse Boycott Alger	Full Married	gentleman	St. Pancras	John Morse	Dead	
		Matilda Alger	Age Single		St. Pancras	Thomas Alger	gentleman	

Married in the *St. Pancras Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *James* as *Minister* in the presence of *John St. A. Morse, Esq. & Matilda Alger*

Marriane Elizabeth Edwards ownership of Berne Manor in Dorset from 1831 – 1882?

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of *Charmouth*
in the County of *Dorset* in the Year 1832

Thomas Bennett Edwards Bachelor of the Parish
of *St. Stephens* in the County of *Cornwall*
and *Marianne Elizabeth Edwards* Spinster of this Parish

were married in this *Church* by *Licence* with Consent of
Parents this *Eighth* Day of
December in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *Thirty two*

By me *Fraser Gopforth* Officiating Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us *Thomas Bennett Edwards, Clerk*
Marianne Elizabeth Edwards

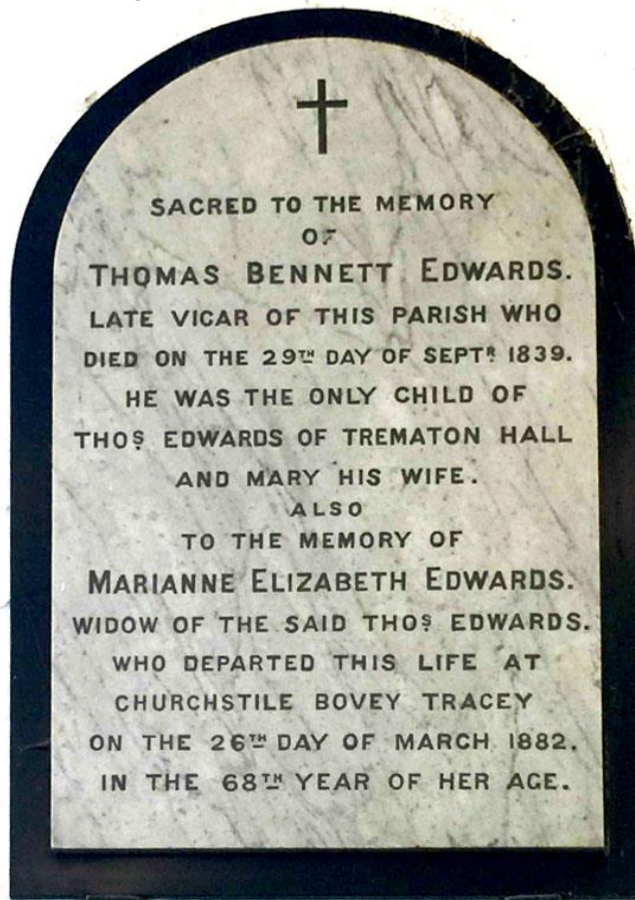
In the Presence of *Richard & Aunt Beaton*
the Ladies
of George

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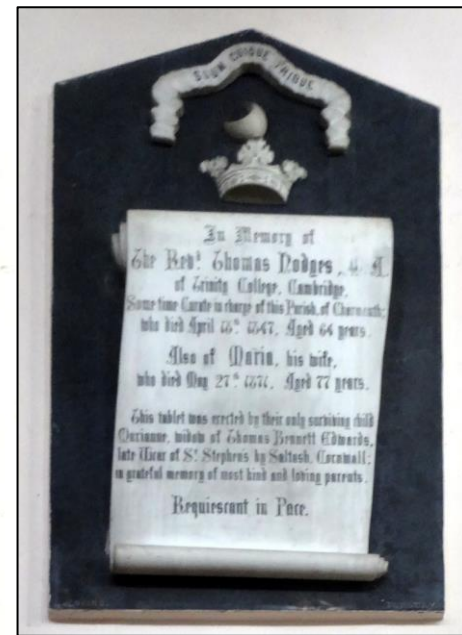
1	<i>Marianne Edwards</i>	1	28	<i>Jan</i>	11
	<i>Thomas De</i>	6			11
	<i>Marianne De</i>	5			11
	<i>Henry De</i>	4			11
	<i>Marianne De</i>	2			11
	<i>Mary Bate</i>	1	25	<i>to S</i>	11
	<i>Maria De</i>	17		<i>to S</i>	11
1201	<i>Robert Bate</i>	50		<i>Mar De</i>	1

et, England, Electoral Registers, 1839-1922 for Thomas Bennett Edwards
Bridport > 1840

Christian Name and Surname of each Voter at full length.	PLACE OF ABODE.	Notes of Qualification.	Street, Lane, or other like Place, in this Parish where the Property is situate, or Name of the Property, or Name of the Tenant.
Domett, Edwin	Uplyme, Devon.	Freehold House and Land,	{ Fishpond Bottom, William { Boveidge.
Dening, Richard	New Park Farm, Amminster, { Devon.	{ Lease of House & Land; { for years,	Pound Plain.
Durrant, Silas	Butt Farm, in this parish,	Land as Occupier,	Royal.
Durrant, Reuben	Vale Division, Whitchurch,	Land as Occupier,	Middle Range.
Eveleigh, John	Royal, in this parish,	Freehold House and Land,	Royal.
Eveleigh, Robert	Morcombe Lake,	Freehold House and Land,	{ Morcombe Lake, Dorset { Eveleigh & Tenniss { Goppy's Hill. <i>Jed</i>
Eveleigh, James	Gallop's Hill, in this parish,	Freehold House and Land,	Gallop's Hill.
Edwards, Thomas Bennett	{ St. Stephen's Vicarage, near { Saltash, Cornwall.	Freehold Land,	Berne Farm.
Eveleigh, George	Morcombe Lake, in this parish,	Freehold House & Garden,	Royal.
Fletcher, Nathaniel	Southampton,	{ Freehold Lease of the { great or Rectorial Tithe of { this parish belonging	<i>Rectorial Tithe 1/2d</i>



EDWARDS Marianne Elizabeth. 19 May. The Will with a Codicil of Marianne Elizabeth Edwards late of Church Style Bovey Tracey in the County of **Devon** Widow who died 26 March 1881 at Church Style was proved at **Exeter** by William Cornish Cleave of Shobrooke in the said County Esquire James William Grant Wollen of Torquay in the said County Solicitor and Weston Joseph Sparkes of Crediton in the said County Solicitor the Executors.



Memory of/The Revd. THOMAS HODGES, M.A./of Trinity College Cambridge,/Sometime Curate in charge of this Parish of Charmouth;/who died April 18th 1847 aged 64 years/Also of MARIA, his wife,/who died May 27th 1871,aged 77 years/This tablet was erected by the only surviving child/MARIANNE, widow of THOMAS BENNET EDWARDS,/late Vicar of St. Stephen's by Saltash, Cornwall/in grateful memory of most kind and loving parents/Requiescant in Pace/ +Jenkins, Torquay.

L.1 North Wall of the Nave, turning left on entering by the North door. White scroll on black marble backing Over the scroll is a swag "Suum Cuique Tribue" over a moon, itself over a crown. In Memory of/The Revd. THOMAS HODGES, M.A./of Trinity College Cambridge,/Sometime Curate in charge of this Parish of Charmouth;/who died April 18th 1847 aged 64 years/Also of MARIA, his wife,/who died May 27th 1871,aged 77 years/This tablet was erected by the only surviving child/MARIANNE, widow of THOMAS BENNET EDWARDS,/late Vicar of St. Stephen's by Saltash, Cornwall/in grateful memory of most kind and loving parents/Requiescant in Pace/ +Jenkins, Torquay.

L.13 On the South wall of the Sanctuary. In relief, a picture of a skeleton wearing a crown and holding a spear in one hand and an hour glass in the other. The spear is being directed towards an ill boy lying between his father and mother The caption beneath reads - Sacred to the memory of JOSEPH, /only son of the Rev T HODGES of Trin. Coll.Camb.A.M./and MARIA his wife./"Forgive,blest shade! the tributary tear that mourns thy exit from a world like this; /Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here,/And stayed thy progress to the realms of bliss".

Thomas Hodges and his wife Maria
Thomas Hodges was curate in charge of Charmouth when Audain, the Rector, went to the West Indies until October 1826. He and his family lived in a house opposite the Church. Thomas died on 18th April 1847, aged 64 and Maria, his wife on 27th May 1871 aged 77. Their son Joseph died when he was 9 1/2 and a tablet to his memory is on the south wall of the Sanctuary.

Joseph Turner – Tenant of Berne Manor Farm Will of 1853

This is the last Will and Testament of me Joseph Turner late of Totton, Pilsburys in the County of Dorset Yeoman and now residing at Berne Farm in the Parish of Whiteburch Common in the said County of Dorset. I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas Turner my Son of Berne Farm executor of this my Will. I do give and bequeath my said Executor as soon as convenient after my decease to sell and dispose of and convert into money all that my Copyhold Estate being part of Chard Common and situate in the Parish of Whiteburch and after said sale and conversion into money as aforesaid I order and direct my said Executor in the first place to pay thereout all my just Debts funeral and Testamentary Expenses and Legacies hereafter named And my Will is that whatever comes Goods or Chattels either of my Children may have thereto had or received from me during my lifetime My said Executor shall be allowed to retain and that either of them shall be chargeable as accountable to my said Executor for the same And I now give and bequeath unto my Son Stephen Turner the sum of one Shilling Also I give and bequeath unto each of my Grandchildren (viz) Mary, Thomas, Fanny, Sarah, Edward and Anne Barr, Children of my deceased Daughter Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Barr the sum of one Pound each to be paid to them as soon as convenient after my decease provided my said Estate and Effects shall realize sufficient after the payment of my just Debts and funeral and Testamentary Expenses And I order and direct my said Executor to collect and get in all Debts which may appear due and owing to me (as aforesaid) at the time of

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my decease and after reimbursing himself ~~and~~ all expenses attending in the proving and carrying out the Duties of this my Will then I will and direct that the residue (if any) shall go and be divided between and amongst my Children hereafter named - (that is to say) Thomas Turner of Whiteburch Common aforesaid My own Mary the wife of Isaac Fry and Samuel Turner now residing abroad (in America) the said Mary the wife of Isaac Fry only to become entitled to her share of the residue in case her said Husband shall pay unto his Mother in Law Thomas Turner the sum of one hundred Pounds and said advanced on a joint Bond of her and herself and her Father Charles Fry. And my Will lastly is that my said Executor shall be entitled to deduct and retain out of any monies to which my said Son Samuel may be entitled (as his share of my the residue of my said Will and Effects) the sum of forty pounds and ten shillings been and not advanced by my said Executor to the said Samuel Turner during my lifetime and at my request to Mr. Topham whereof I have executed set my hand this Fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

The above written Will of the above named Joseph Turner Testator was signed at the Parish of Whiteburch by the said Joseph Turner the Testator and next executor was made by the said said Turner and acknowledged by the said Joseph Turner in the presence of and being both present at the same time who in the presence of the said Joseph Turner and of said Her and at the request of the said Joseph Turner, have hereto subscribed our names as Witnesses having also appeared our selves opposite the Testator in the said Will

Attest in the County of Dorset
Thomas Turner of Whiteburch Common Testator

On the Twenty second day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, the within Will of Joseph Turner late of Berne Farm in the Parish of Whiteburch Common in the County of Dorset Yeoman deceased was proved by the said Thomas Turner of Berne Farm executor of the said deceased herein named to whom administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased was granted the being first duly sworn well and lawfully to administer the same to wit the said Joseph Turner of Berne Farm into the Registry of the Court of the Archdeacon of Dorset and received a just account wherein the said Joseph Turner and the Archdeacon of the said Court and Creditors of the said deceased did not amount in value to the sum of one thousand Pounds and lastly that the said deceased did on or about the thirty first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Brentley Buckle
Archdeacon of Dorset

1853
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No. 1
James Joseph
Berne Farm Whiteburch Common
1853
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This is the last Will and Testament.
of me Thomas Hodges of Charmouth in the County of Dorset Esquire the twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six and seven my reverend and lawful executor in the double execution on the death of my daughter Maria Anne Elizabeth Edwards and failure of issue by her lately deceased husband of and in all her real and personal estate and lands called by the several names of Berne and as an estate situate in the several parishes of Whiteburch Common and Stanton Saint Gabriel in the said County of Dorset to the effect following

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Edward Shepherd Croft - Clerk No. 372.	Wotton Pilsbaine	Jan 9 th 25. 1853	29	A. Tucker Rector
Joseph Turner No. 373.	Whiteburch Common	February 7 th	29	A. Tucker Rector

Tenants of Berne Manor Farm

Parish or Township	Christian and Surname at full length	Title, quality, calling, or business	Nature of qualification
Berne	Thomas TURNER	Head	48 M Farmer
	Sarah TURNER	Wife	48 M
	Thomas TURNER	Son	18 U
	Sarah TURNER	Dau	12
	Fanny TURNER	Dau	5
	Joseph TURNER		85 Widow Rtd Farmer
	James NEWTON	Servant	14 Farm lab
	William LOVING	Servant	27 Farm lab
	Thomas HARRIS	Head	29 M Ag lab
	Jane HARRIS	Wife	27 M
	Emmily HARRIS	Dau	6
	Robert HARRIS	Son	4
	Thomas HARRIS	Son	2

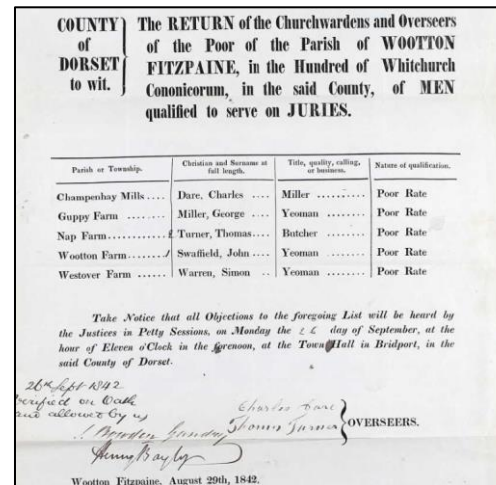
1851 Census

35; Barne Cottage; Thomas LANGDON ; Head; Mar; 37; Cartear; Devon, Honiton ; ; Rebecca LANGDON ; Wife; Mar; 37; Work on the Farm; Devon, Honiton;; ; Job LANGDON ; Son; ; 14; Work on the Farm; Stanton St.Gabriels;; ; George LANGDON ; Son; ; 5; ; Stanton St.Gabriels36; Barne Cottage; Edward BRIDEL ; Head; Un; 53; Farm labour; Whitechurch; 37; Barne Farm; Thomas TURNER ; Head; Mar; 26; Farmer 208 acres ; ; Harout TURNER ; Wife; Mar; 21; ; Whitechurch;; ; Ann CASE ; Servant; Un; 18; Servant; Somerset, Winsham; ; Gavis POWELL ; Servant; Un; 17; Servant; Whitechurch;

1861 Census

Parish or Township	Christian and Surname at full length	Title, quality, calling, or business	Nature of qualification
Berne	Lucy A. Case	Wife	46
	Robert Case	Son	21
	Ann Case	Daughter	13
	James Case	Son	10
	Thomas Case	Son	7
	John Case	Son	4
	William Case	Son	2
	Elizabeth Case	Wife	46
	Thomas Case	Son	21
	Ann Case	Daughter	13
	James Case	Son	10
	Thomas Case	Son	7
	John Case	Son	4
	William Case	Son	2

1881 Census



Wootton Fitzpaine, August 29th, 1842.

Charles Jones
James Jones
James Jones

OVERSEERS.

1911 Census with 12 rooms

an ancient entrenchment. Maj. George Tolley T.D. is lord of the manors of Berne and Morcombelake. The principal landowners are A. D. Pass, esq. J.P. and Col. John B. S. Bullen D.L., J.P. and there are several smaller owners. Large numbers of cows are kept in

1931

CONSERVATIVE FETE IN DORSETSHIRE.

On Friday, the 22d inst., J. Horsford, Esq. Lord of the Manor of Berne and Morcomb Lake, in the county of Dorset, and a party of Lord Ashley's conservative friends, gave to the freeholders of the manor a dinner and entertainment on Hard-down Hill. The morning was ushered in by a merry peal from the bells of the parish church, and the sun, although obscured in the early part of the day, at length broke through the clouds, and lent its cheering rays to aid the festivities of the day. The arrangements were of the most complete kind—profusion of beef, pork, mutton, plum-puddings, and other good cheer, were provided in large booths erected for the occasion. A band of music was in attendance, and the feast went merrily on. After dinner,

Mr. Thomas Moor Horsford addressed the freeholders at some length, and concluded by proposing, "Three cheers for Lord Ashley and the Conservatives, the true friends of the people." (Great cheering.)

Mr. J. Tucker, of Bridport, also spoke at considerable length on conservative principles, showing what the country had been, what it now was, and what he feared it was likely to be.

Dancing and merriment were kept up till "Night's shade closed around them," when all departed much pleased.

Release of commonable rights on Hardown [Haddon] Hill, Morecombelake, between Esau Tucker of Whitchurch Canonorum, smith, and Thomas Moor Horsford of Weymouth, barrister at law and Lord of the Manor of Berne and Morecombelake. 21 Nov 1854

With the exception of two small areas, the land in question was conveyed to the National Trust by a deed of gift made 5 April 1967 between (1) Angela Scott-Nicholson (2) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty. This land, with other land, is described in the parcels as the donor's estate, title and interest in those parts of the manor or lordship or reputed manor or lordship of Berne and Morcomblake which are identified on the plan attached to the deed. Mrs Scott-Nicholson had a good root of title to the lordship of the manor in a conveyance made 6 February 1914 between (1) George Thomas Moor Alphonse Horsford (2) George Tolley.

Four Martyn Daughters inherited equal shares of Athelhampton, which passed to their husbands, the elder married Henry Brune, another to Chideock Tichborne and the youngest married Anthony Floyer through marriage the Brunnes acquired two more shares. Much of the Floyer family lineage died out with the last share passing between distantly related cousins. In 1661, heiress *Mary Brune* married *Sir Ralph Bankes* from Corfe Castle, and a few years later the three shares of the house were sold to *Sir Robert Long*. In 1683 his Grandson *James Long* a gambler avoided losing Athelhampton to some creditors by hiding out in the house. His son, *James Long esq* inherited Athelhampton in 1710. The Estate was occupied by Tenant Farmers, and was the heart of a thriving community with their families farming some 12,000 acres The House was passed down through further generations, not often visited and falling into disrepair until it was inherited by *William Pole-Tylney-Long-Wellesley* in 1825. In 1848 following years of disagreement with his father over family debt *Long* sold the house to *George Wood*, with the Floyer share being purchased, re-uniting the house.

Lot 10.

The Lordship of the Manor of Berne and Morcombelake,

With the Rights and Privileges appertaining thereto. These now produce a YEARLY INCOME of £10 1s. 9d., as follows:—

The Reversion to Plots on Hardown Hill, let on Leases for 1000 years and Two for terms of 99 years, the Lord's Rents from thirty-three of these Plots now produce an aggregate Yearly	£	s.	d.
Rental of	..	..	7 6 9
In addition, three Rents for Gravel Pits amount per Annum to	..	..	2 0 0
And a supply of Water from spring to the Ship Inn is let on lease to Messrs. Whetham and Nantes for 21 years from 1st July, 1894, at the Annual Rent of	..	..	0 15 0
Present Gross Yearly Income	..	..	£10 1 9

A Schedule of the Tenants paying Lord's Rents in respect of Plots on Hardown Hill, and Plan marked by the Vendor indicating such Plots, also the Counterpart Lease for Water Supply with Plan showing position of spring, may be inspected at the Offices of the Vendor's Solicitors in Dorchester, or at the time of Sale.

Berne Cottage	22	1	Sealey Charles	-	M	18 th Sep 82	M	4 th arm Carter
		2	Sealey Kathleen	-	F	12 June 90	M	Unpaid Domestic work
		3	Sealey Emily E.	-	F	9 Feb 20	S	Domestic work
This record is officially closed.								
		5	Sealey Charles Jun	-	M	2 Aug 28	S	At School
Ditto Farm	23	1	White Harry	-	M	22 Feb 66	W	Dairy Farmer
Birdsey Farm	24	1	Adams Edward	-	M	23 Aug 97	M	Dairy Farmer
		2	Adams Lucy	-	F	14 Feb 01	M	Household Duties

1939 Census. Berne Farm Henry White born in 1866, a Widow. Dairy Farmer.

BERNE FARM, WEST DORSET,

In the Parish of Whitechurch Canonicorum, Five Miles from the Market Town of Bridport, Seven from Axminster, and about a Mile from the pretty, quiet, seaside Village of Charmouth.

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON are favoured with instructions to prepare for SALE by AUCTION, early in MAY next, either in one or more Lots (unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty) the above

ATTRACTIVE FREEHOLD ESTATE OF ABOUT 225 ACRES,

practically ALL SOUND, WELL-WATERED GRASS LAND, LYING WITHIN a RING FENCE, the Main Portion of the Dairy Lands being in that Fertile Valley through which flows the River Char, together with a PLEASANTLY-PLACED ROOMY, OLD-STYLE FARMHOUSE, AMPLE COW STALLS, PIGGERIES, STABLE, BARN, and a MODERN-BUILT COTTAGE.

Agriculturally, or purely as a Landed Investment, the PROPERTY is of the SIZE and CHARACTER NOW SO MUCH IN DEMAND, and, in addition to its intrinsic qualities, BERNE MANOR FARM HAS MANY RESIDENTIAL FEATURES, being in a GOOD SOCIAL and VERY HEALTHY DISTRICT, amidst some of the MOST BEAUTIFUL SCENERY of the WEST COUNTRY, NEAR the SEA, YET SHELTERED, whilst on the Southern Boundary towards the Coast it possesses a STRETCH of NATURAL SPORTING LAND with Brakes and Sheltered Coverts.

It is also of HISTORIC INTEREST as the Home of Admiral Sir GEORGE SOMERS, the First Coloniser of the Bermudas.

Further particulars and Orders to View may be obtained of the AUCTIONEERS, Dorchester; or of

MESSRS. DYMOND & FINDEISEN,
Solicitors,

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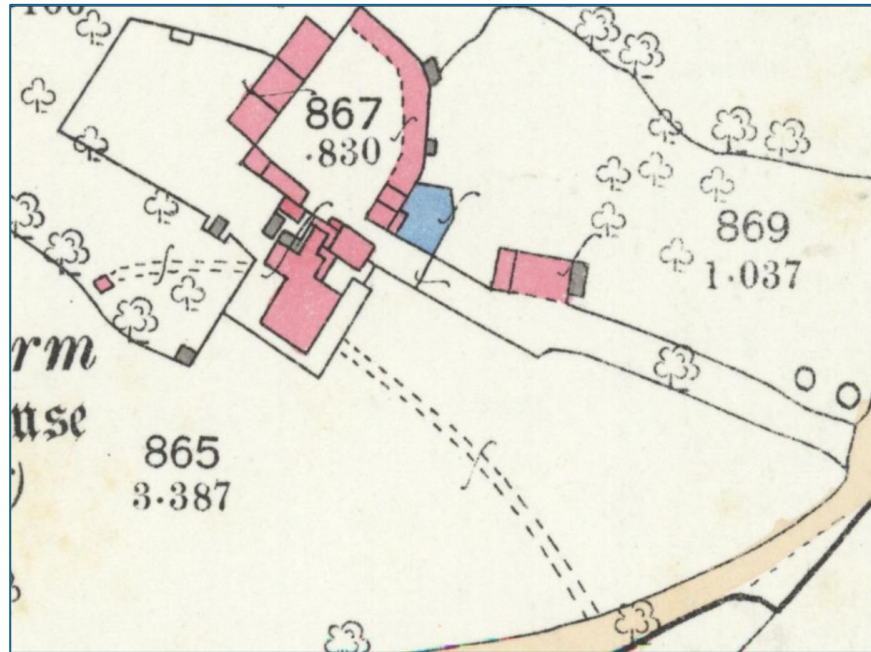
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Friday 26 February 1909

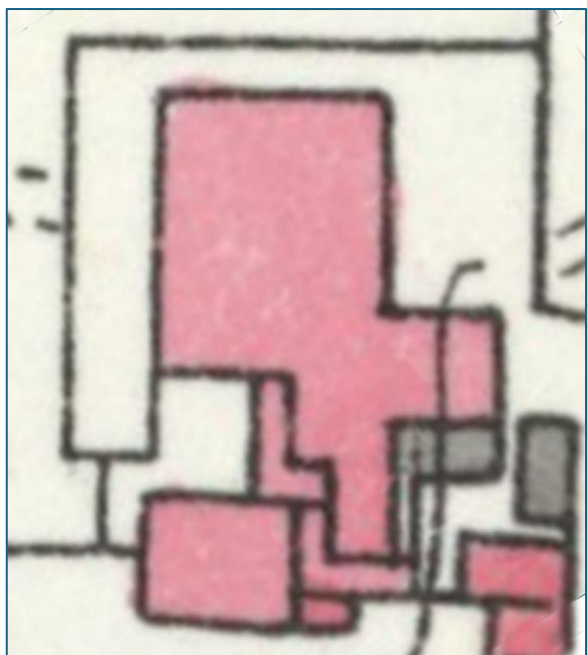
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A Photograph taken in 1904 of the back of the former Berne Manor House

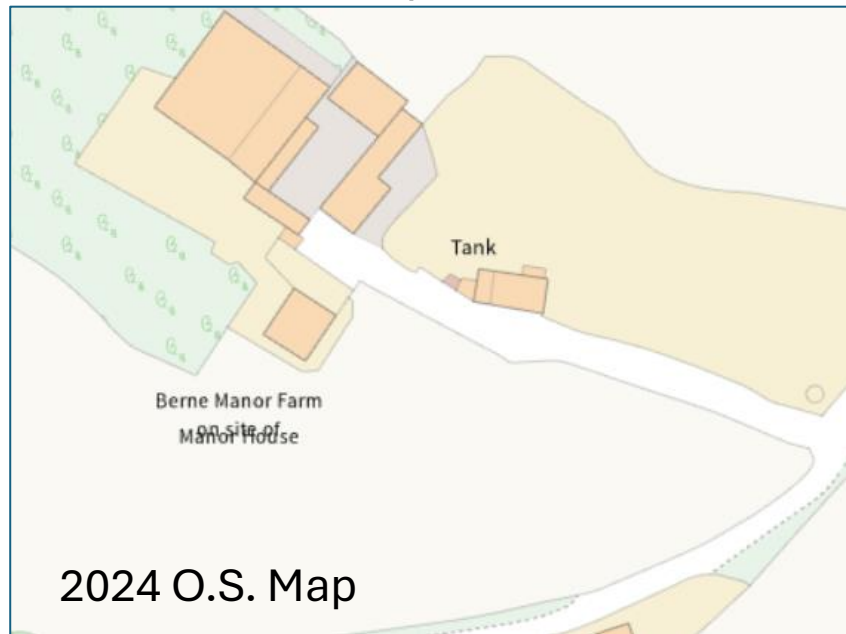


1887 O.S. Map



Front
entrance

Side
elevation



2024 O.S. Map

A Photograph taken in 1904 of the former front of Berne Manor House



A Photograph taken in 1904 of the former rear of Berne Manor House



A Photograph taken in 1910 of the former front of Berne Manor House



A Photograph taken in 1959 of Berne Manor House and farm buildings



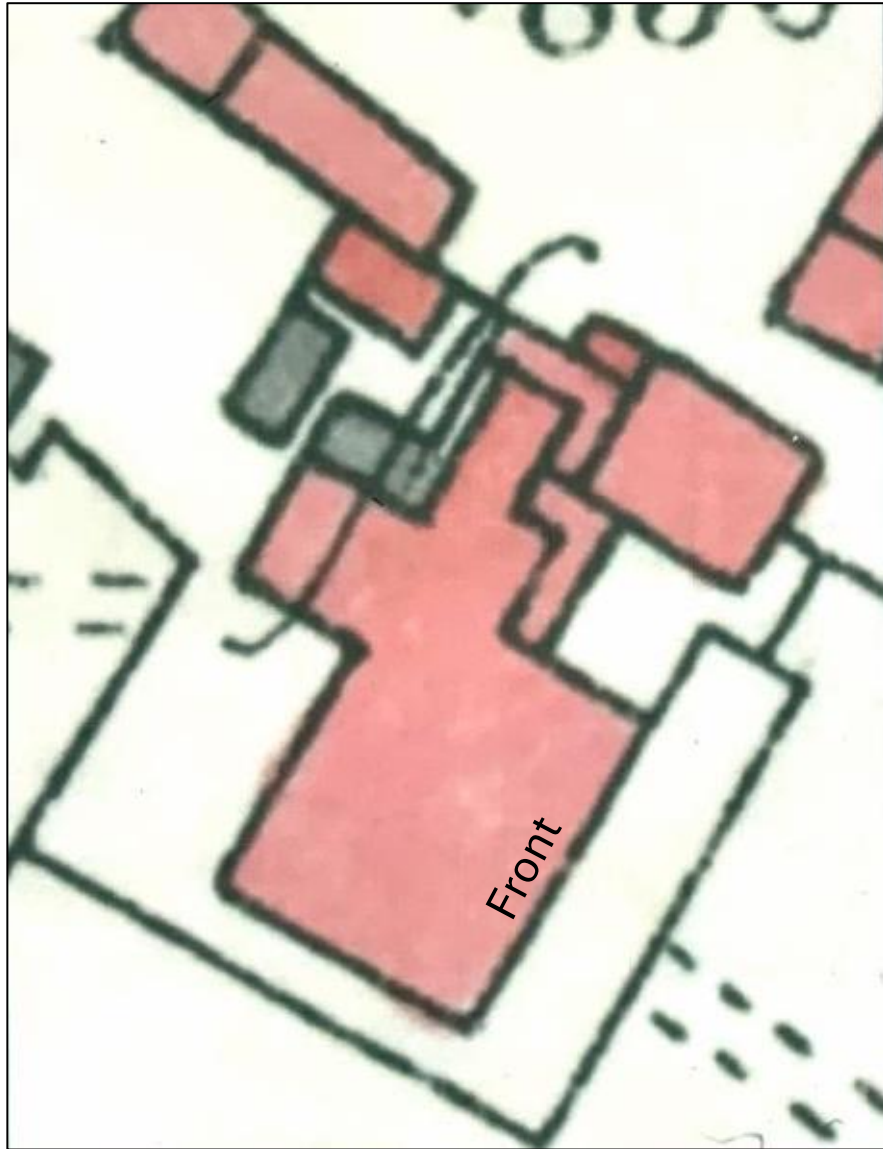
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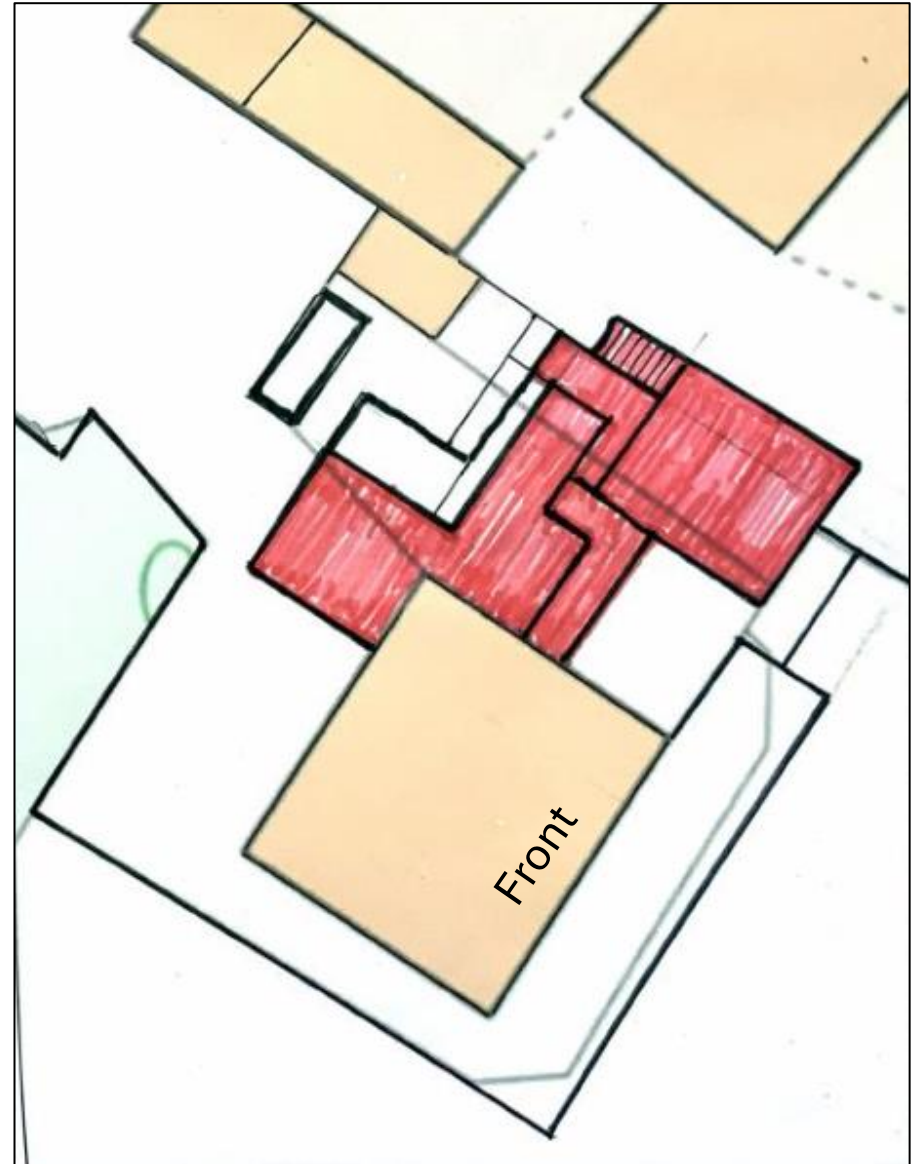
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A comparison of Berne Manor House in 1886 in red with the house and outbuildings today in orange.

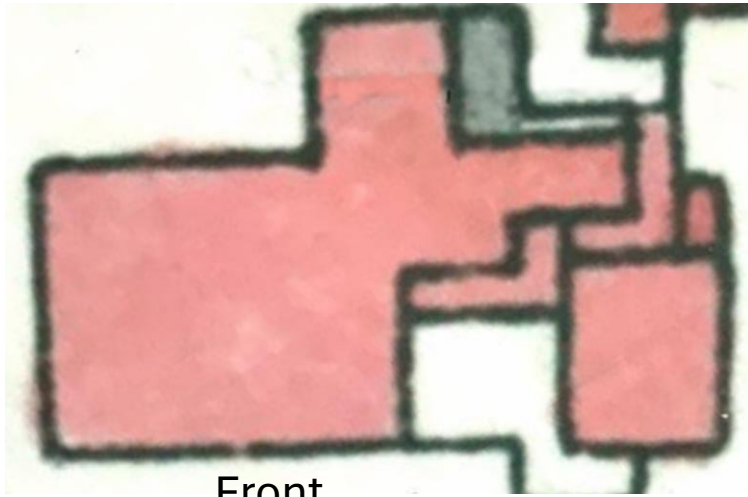


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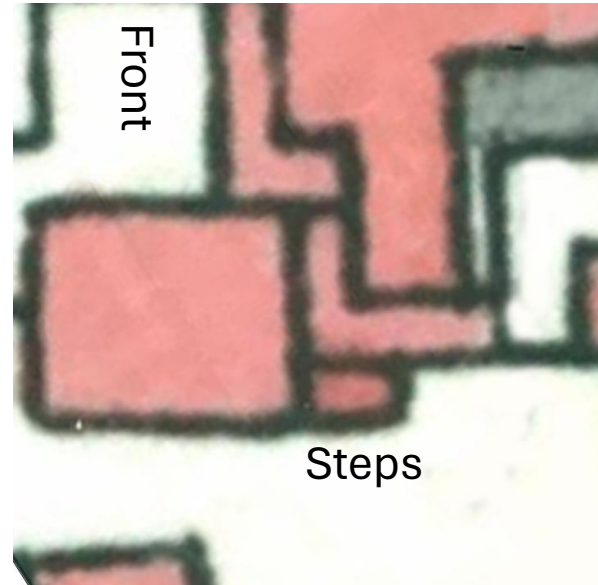


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A comparison of the front and rear of Berne Manor House in 1904



Front



Steps

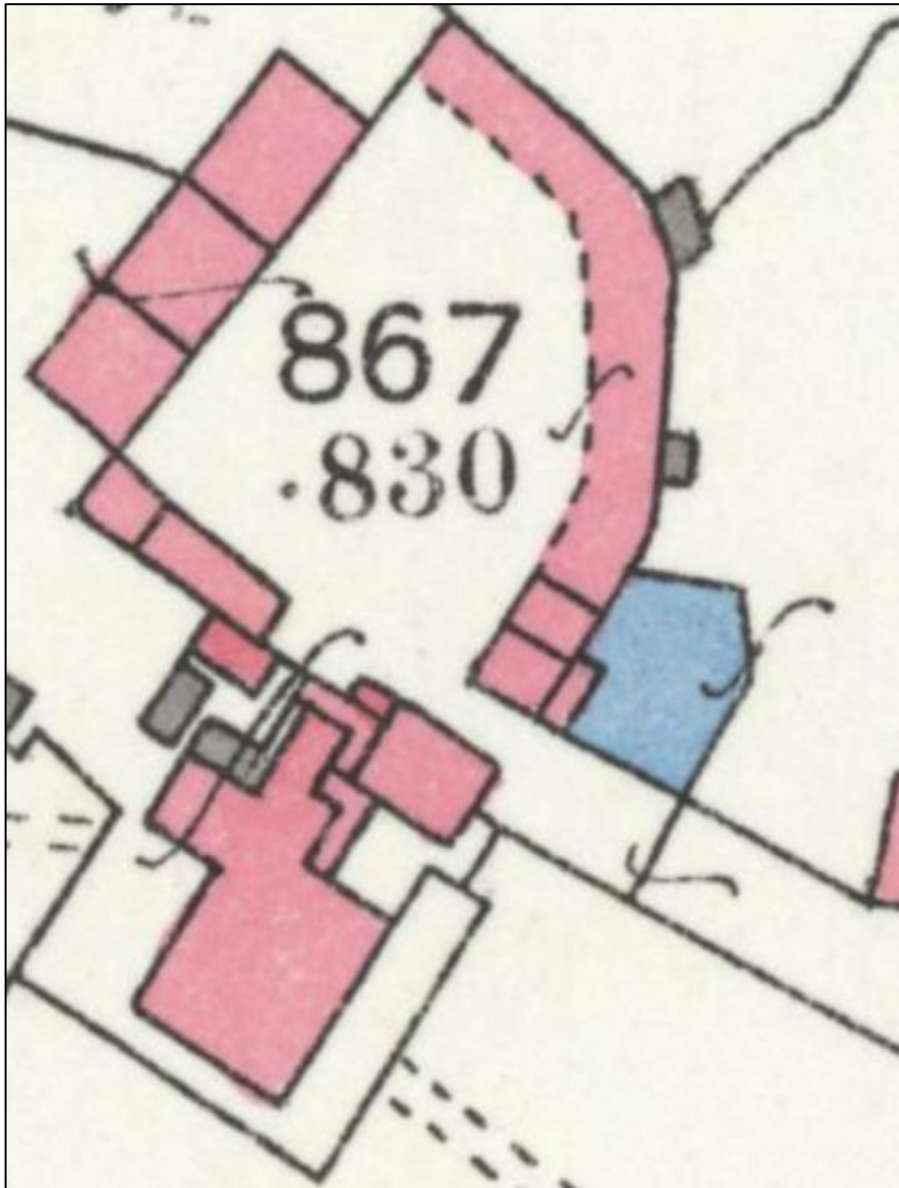


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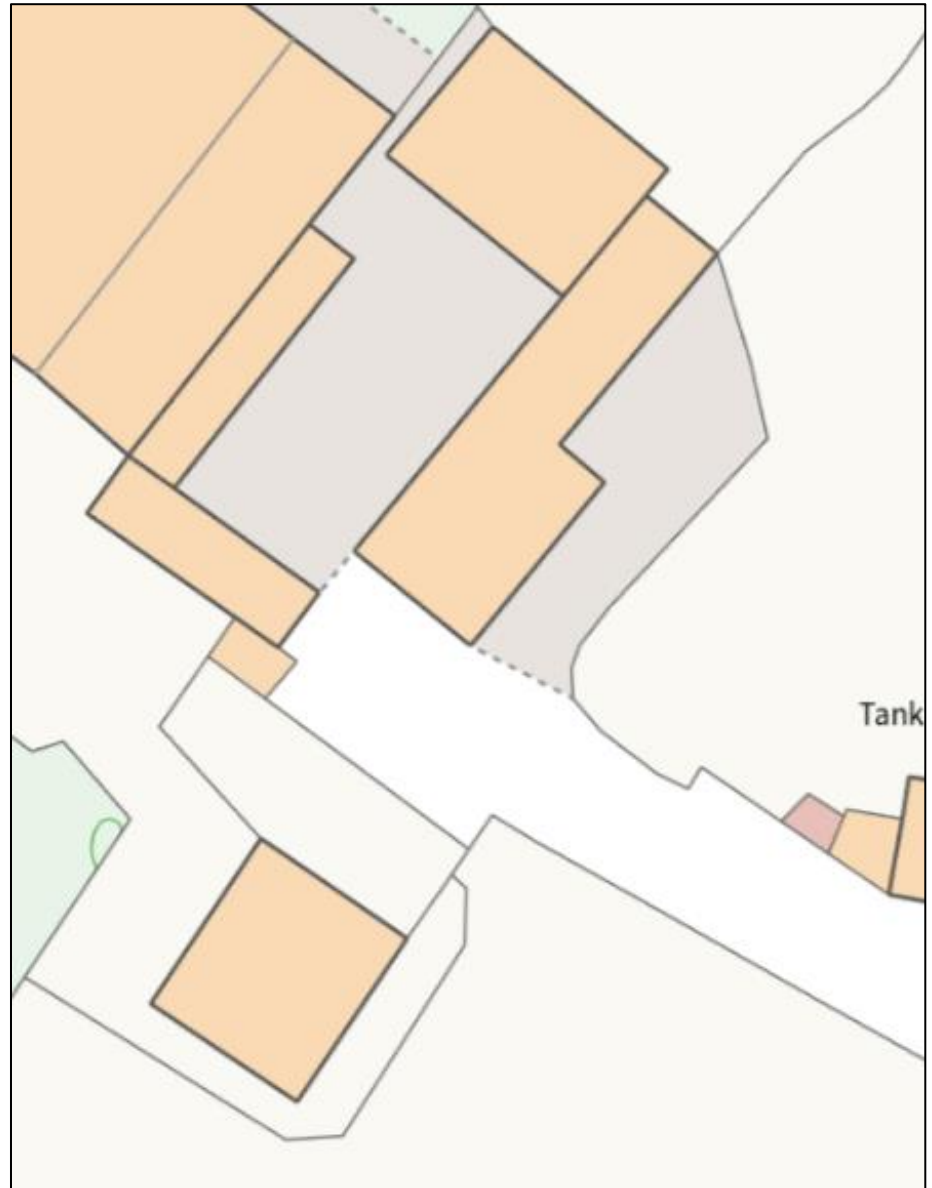


Rear of Berne Manor House in 1904

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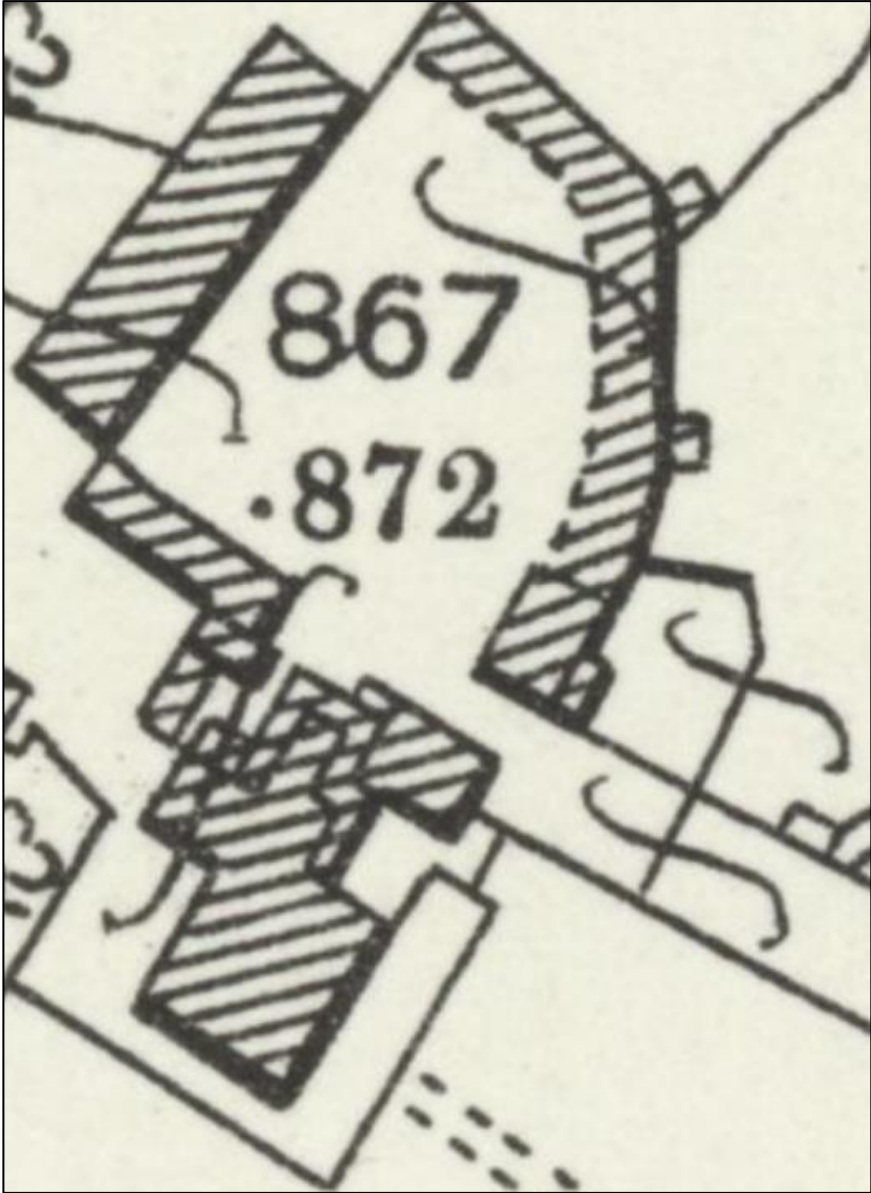


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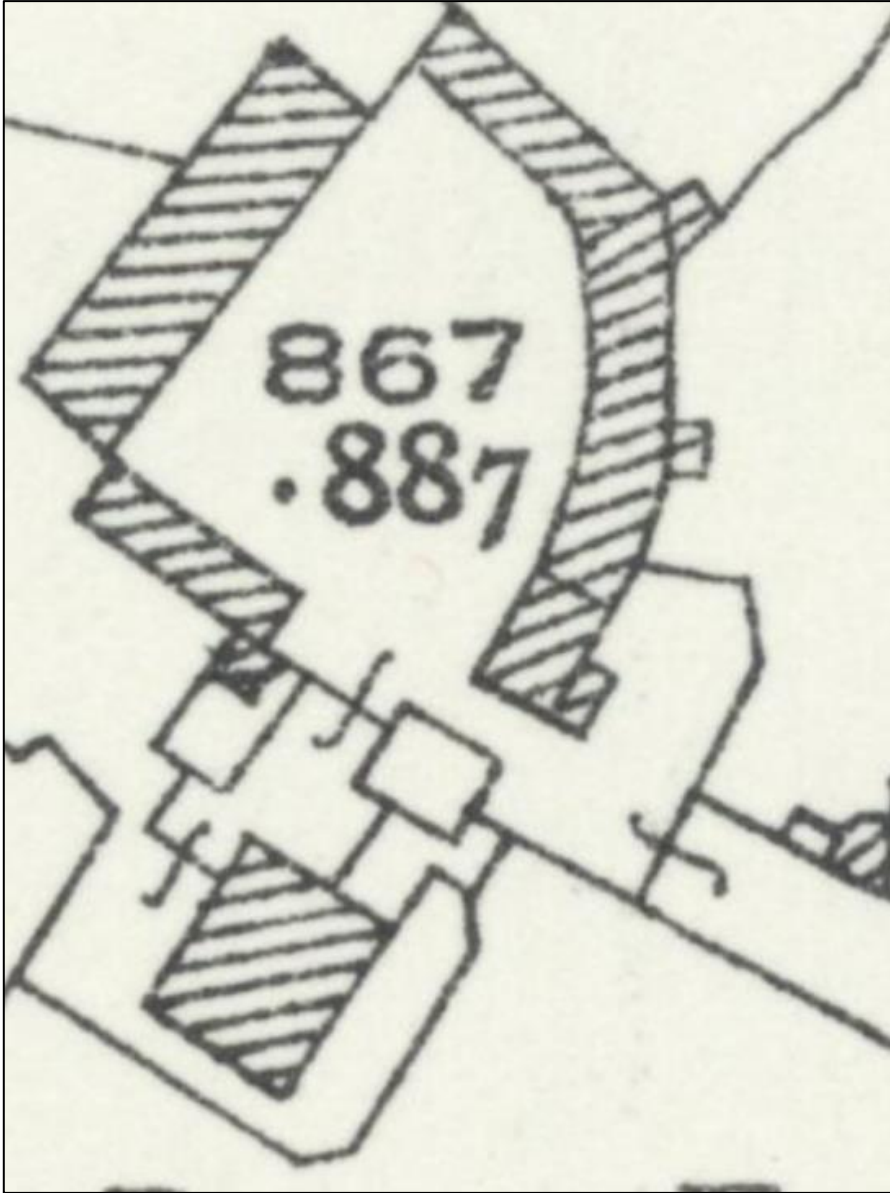


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A comparison of Berne Manor House in 1901 and 1928 after being struck by lightning in 1926



1901



1928

LOT 2

Coloured Yellow on Plan

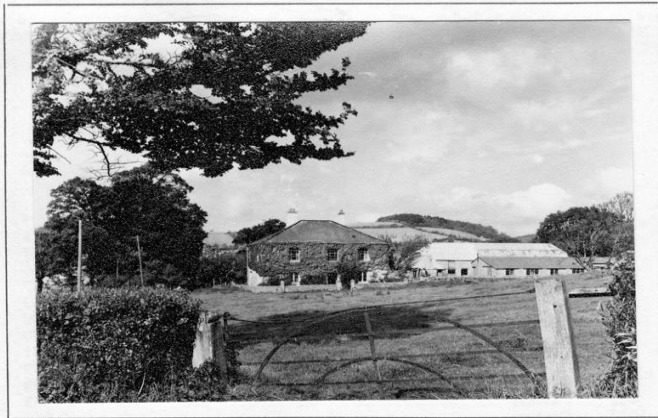
Area 122.500 acres

A VALUABLE T.T. AND ATTESTED DAIRY FARM

known as

BERNE FARM

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM



This is a most useful farm possessing as it does a house of some historic interest and lands that are particularly well roaded.

THE FARMHOUSE

Originally "Berne Manor" the farmhouse is noteworthy as being the former house of Admiral George Somers, a colonizer of the Bermudas to whose memory there is a memorial in the nearby Church of Whitchurch Canonicorum. Constructed of stone, rendered over and slated, it comprises:—

GROUND FLOOR:

- HALL.
- DINING ROOM, 18ft x 16ft 2in with fireplace and casement doors to garden.
- LOUNGE, 14ft x 13ft with fireplace and door to garden.
- KITCHEN, 19ft x 12ft with inter-oven range.
- SCULLERY having sink (h. and c.) and old corner fireplace.
- LARDER.

FIRST FLOOR:

- Landing and FIVE BEDROOMS measuring 20ft x 18ft, 11ft x 9ft, 16ft x 15ft 2in, 14ft x 12ft 6in and 20ft x 12ft 6in—the last named is "L" shaped and the maximum measurements are given.
- BATHROOM with bath (h. and c.), basin (h. and c.), and W.C.

SERVICES: Main Electricity.

Farm Water supply from tanks and springs in O.S. 1154 (Lot 24) to reservoir in O.S. 1037 (See Special Condition of Sale No. 16)
Drainage to Cesspit.

THE FARM COTTAGE

Built of stone and slated, situated just opposite the farm. It contains Sitting Room, Kitchen and Scullery with, on the first floor, three Bedrooms.

SERVICES: Main Electricity. Estate Water Supply.

THE FARM BUILDINGS. Conveniently situated near the house the buildings include: Modern T.T. Cow Stall to tie twenty-four, constructed of block and asbestos with Lean-to Dairy and Food Store, stone and galvanised iron Barn, Stable (now used as Loose Boxes), Pig Houses, galvanised iron roofed Garage and Tractor House.

THE LAND. Lies to the east of the farmhouse and buildings. The lands are mainly pasture and are on both sides of the secondary road to Whitchurch Canonicorum and adjoin the main Bridport-Lyme Regis (A.35) road in some cases. Some fields are watered by the River Char.

SCHEDULE — LOT 2

O.S. No.	Description	Area
Parish of Whitchurch Canonicorum		
830	Pasture	6.313
831	Pasture	14.278
865	Pasture	3.387
866	Orchard	1.166
867	Farmhouse, Buildings and Yard ... ..	.887
868	Pasture	3.863
869	Pasture ... ..	.980
870	Orchard	1.030
870a	Pasture ... ..	.251
871	Pasture	4.039
872	Pasture	8.989
952	Pasture	16.063
1037	Pasture	9.966
1038	Pasture	12.873
1039	Pasture	9.759
1147	Pasture	11.656
1149	Pasture	4.102
1150	Pasture	9.774
863	Pasture ... ..	.400
1036	Pasture	1.542
Pt. 1040	Pasture	1.182
		<u>122.500</u>

OUTGOINGS. Rateable Values: Farmhouse £21.
Cottage £5.

Tithe Redemption Annuity £22 2 6.

TENANCY. Let on a yearly Lady Day tenancy to Mr. F. A. Legge at a rental of £308 per annum.



PLAN OF
THE CATHERSTON MANOR
ESTATE
CHARMOUTH DORSET
 FOR SALE BY AUCTION, 1958

AUCTIONEERS
JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF
 30, HENDYARD, YEovil (Telephone 1066) and 14, CURZON STREET, LONDON W.1 (Telephone GROOMING 6292)

Scale: 1" = 100 yds. (1:3300)



The Povey Group

Plot No.	Area (Acres)	Area (Sq. Yds.)	Remarks
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END



The church at Whitchurch Canonorum
from *The Church of England Magazine*, 1858

Dorset, England, Electoral Registers, 1839-1922 for Whitchurch Berne

Dorset > 1877

1922	Fooks, Henry	Berne, Whitchurch Canonorum	Occupier of House and Land	Berne Farm
1923	Fooks, Robert	Berne, Whitchurch Canonorum	Occupier of House and Land	Cockwell Farm
1924	Fooks, Thomas Turner	Berne, Whitchurch Canonorum	Occupier of House and Land	Besserlands Farm
1925	Fooks, Charles	Besserlands, Whitchurch Canonorum	Occupier of House and Lands	Gummershay

and in 1086 by William (*de Estre*) (VCHDo 387); the identification of this manor with Knighton is suggested by the fact that 2½ hides in *Knicteton* were held by Richard *de Estre* in 1212 Fees (87) (Eyton 131-2, VCHDo 360).

A HISTORY OF DORSET

two men, both named Schelin, should each have a son named Robert. Moreover, a connexion can be established between the manor of Okeford and *Nategrave* at a later date. In 1166 John Eskeling held 4 fees of the honor of Gloucester,⁷⁶ and in 1201 John son of John Eskelling held 4 fees at Okeford and 1 fee at *Attegrave* of the honor of Gloucester.⁷⁷ Okeford continued to be part of the honor,⁷⁸ and some time during the 13th century passed to the family of Turberville who held it in 1303.⁷⁹

Descendants of some of the tenants of the Count of Mortain can also be traced to the 13th century. The evidence of the Geld Rolls indicates that *Cerneli* and Corscombe were held in 1086 by William de Estra. A man called William de Lestra gave two-thirds of the tithes of Durweston (no. 193), held by William in 1086, to the priory of Montacute.⁸⁰ Richard del **Estre**, presumably a kinsman, returned a *carta* in 1166,⁸¹ and in 1212 Richard *de atrio* held Durweston and Cerne (probably the *Cerneli* of Domesday).⁸² He also held 2½ hides at Knighton (in Durweston) in *Hunesberge* hundred.⁸³ Durweston, which William held in 1086, lay in *Hunesberge* hundred, and was assessed at 2½ hides. William de Lestre, who may have been Richard's son, held 1 fee of Mortain

With regard to the Bicknell family origins, Bicknoller manor was held in 1086 by William de Estre under Robert, count of Mortain. From William the manor descended to his son Jordan and then grandson Richard de Estre (Som. Rec. Soc. viii, pp.168-9). From them was clearly descended a further William de Estre, whose daughter and heiress Joan had married Robert de Paveley by 1243

William Floyer of Floyers Hayes (a 1474) - continued above

m. Philippa Croke (dau/heir of John Croke of Box)

1. John Floyer of Floyers Hayes

m. (c1511) **Joan Carew (dau of John Carew of Anthony)**

A. William Floyer of Floyers Hayes (bur 24.04.1578)

m. (1531) Elizabeth Kirk (bur 18.07.1566, dau/heir of Gilbert Kirk, Mayor of Exeter)

i. Anthony Floyer of Floyers Hayes & Stanton Gabriel (Dorset) (d 28.11.1608) **the first mentioned by BLG1952**

m. Anne Martin (a 1608, dau of Nicholas Martin of Athelhampton by Margaret, sister/coheir of Nicholas Wadhams of Merrifield)

a. Anthony Floyer of Floyers Hayes & Berne (Dorset) (b c1596, d before 11.10.1672)

m. Eleanor Pole (bpt 1597, dau of Sir William Pole of Colcombe)

(1) William Floyer of Floyers Hayes & Berne (c1618?; a 1695 (or d 07.01.1681?))

m1. (22.05.1641) Margaret Lawrence (dau of Sir Edward Lawrence of Creech Grange)

(A) Anthony Floyer of Floyers Hayes (bpt 31.05.1642, bur 17.11.1701)

m1. (08.03.1674/5) Katherine Tayler (bur 07.04.1676, dau of Jacob Tayler of Symondsburly)

m2. Sarah Gould (a 1723, dau of John Gould of Upway)

Commoners identifies Sarah Gould as Anthony's 2nd wife and mother of Anthony, William & Hubert Charles. Visitation (Dorset) shows only his marriage to Katherine Tayler, who we presume was his 1st wife, but shows her as mother of William. Vivian shows only the marriage to Sarah Gould.

(i) Anthony Floyer of Floyers Hayes (sap)

(ii) William Floyer (b 1676, d 1742, rector of Trusham)

m. Sarah Burwell (dau of Hamey (not Amy) Burwell of London)

(a) William Floyer of Reesby (Lincolnshire) & Athelhampton (Dorset) 'of Louth' (bpt 18.08.1726, d 1759, youngest son)

m. (1752) Frances Aiscough (dau/coheir of Edward Aiscough of Louth)

(11) Anthony Floyer (d 08.03.1804) generation omitted by Vivian

m. (1784) Elizabeth Brabines (dau of George Brabines of Blanning Hall)

((A)) John Gould Floyer of Ketsby, Lincolnshire (b 07.1785, d 11.1841) **had issue**

m. (1815) Sarah Waight (d 01.1840, dau of Rev. Richard Wright of Wrangle)

(b) Elizabeth Floyer (bpt 10.11.1737, a 1742) probably the Elizabeth (d 05.1749) who married ...

m. (1719, sp) Henry Walcott of Colmington or Callington, later of Bradford (d 1724)

(c) Margaret Floyer (a 1728) probably the Margaret (b 1722, bur 1806) who married ...

m. (12.02.1743) James Cornish (bpt 02.01.1720, d 18.10.1785)

(bpt 12.01.1735-6, d 24.01.1738-9)

(iii)+ other issue - Hubert Charles, Hussey, Margaret

(B) Elizabeth Floyer

m2. (19.08.1650) Elizabeth Mainwaring (b c1624, d 22.06.1667, dau of Randle Mainwaring of London)

(C) William Floyer of Berne (d 13.01.1712)

m1. (04/16.07.1677) Amy Pole (bur 21.04.1690, dau of Sir William Pole of Shute)

(i) John Floyer of Upway (Dorset) & Lincoln's Inn

m1. (22.07.1714, sp) Mary Ellis (dau of John Ellis of Westminster)

m2. (14.04.1741) Anne Richards (dau of James Richards of West Knighton)

(a) John Floyer of Upway (b 28.05.1744, dsp 1789)

m. Jane Davison (dau of Rev. Samuel Davison of Dalbury by Elizabeth, sister of Sir Edward Wilmot, Bart of Chaddesden)

(b) William Floyer of Upway (b 05.01.1746, d 29.12.1819, rector of West Stafford, vicar of Stensford) **had issue**

m. (03.02.1801) Elizabeth Barton (d 1847, dau/coheir of Stephen Barton of Blandford)

(c) Anne Floyer (b 28.02.1742)

m. Rev. Charles Russell of Bath

(ii) Catherine Floyer (bpt 130.3.1678/9)

m. Humphrey Sydenham of Dulverton

(iii)+ other issue - William (bur 13.11.1697), Sarah (bpt 10.02.1679/80)

m2. Grace (bur 17.06.1694) this marriage mentioned by Visitation (Dorset)

m3. (04.09.1700, sp) Grace Cosins of Broadwinser (Brose Windsor)

(D) Randolph Floyer of Topsham, Devon (bpt 03.07.1656, 4th/5th son)

m. Mary Ely (dau of Thomas Ely of Topsham)

(i)+ issue (a 1695) - Anthony, Mary

(E) Charles Floyer, later of Richmond, Surrey (d 30.04.1731, Lt. Colonel)

The following comes from MGH (NS2, vol 4 (1892), Pedigree of Floyer of India, etc', p129).

m. (1714) Jane Turner (d 08.08.1759, dau of Nathaniel Turner of London)

(i) Charles Floyer of Hollin Close Hall (Yorkshire), Governor & CIC of Madras (b 1714-5, d 07.09.1766)

m. Mary Berriman

(a) Charles Floyer of Madras (a 1782, Member of the Council)

m. Catherine Cavallo

((1)) Sir Augustus Floyer of Madras (d 17.10.1818, Colonel) **had issue**

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((1)) Sir Augustus Floyer of Madras (d 17.10.1818, Colonel) **had issue**

((2)) Charles Floyer (d 01.05.1794)

(b) Robert Floyer

(c) Augustus Floyer

m. Anne Lisle (b c1741, d 14.01.1774, dau of Warren Lisle)

((11))+ issue - Edward Augustus (bpt 02.05.1768), Whichcote

(d) Frances Floyer (d 20.12.1798)

m. (17.03.1770) John Francis Erksine of Mar

(ii) Wills Floyer (b c04.1717, d 31.01.1738)

(iii) Jane Floyer (b c1718, d 20.01.1800)

m. Norton Nicholls

(a) **Norton Nicholls (Rector of Lound & Bradwell)**

(F) Elizabeth Floyer

m. James or John Holwey

(GF+ other issue - John (a 1670), Benjamin (bpt 13.04.1655, bur 16.10.1656), Edmund

(2) Mary Floyer

m. (23.01.1648/9) Thomas Hippsley

(3) Anne Floyer

m. (25.06.1650) John Bridges

(4) Sarah Floyer

m. (08.10.1657) Samuel Bulstrode of Charmouth

(5) Elizabeth Floyer

m. (16.08.1660) Richard Tomes of London

(6)+ other issue - Anthony (bpt 28.11.1624), Jane (bpt 09.05.1626), Catherine (bpt 20.06.1628), Eleanor of Topsham (bpt 13.01.1629-20, d before 16.03.1694/5), Grace (bpt 15.08.1631, a 1695, d unmf)

b. **John (probably not William) Floyer of Merlinch or Moorlinch, Somerset**

Commoners (605) names the 2nd son as William of Merlinch, "ancestor of the Floyers, of Whitehouse, parish of Landlilo, in the county of Monmouth". This appears to be the same person as John of Moorlinch, identified by MGH as 3rd son of Anthony by "a coheir of Nicholas Martin".

b. c.1645, 1st s. of John Beare of Bearscombe by Elizabeth, da. and h. of Matthew Somers of Upwey, Dorset.

R A D LEGG

[Livestock Farming](#), [Mixed Farming](#)

Berne Manor Farm, Charmouth, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6RD ([Show me directions](#))[Show Map](#)

[01297 560372...Landline](#)

RICHARD ANTHONY LEGG, aged 22, of Berne Manor Farm, [Charmouth](#). Admitted driving a vehicle on the A35 at Chideock at a speed exceeding 30mph. Fined £220 and to pay costs of £85. Driving record endorsed with 4 penalty points. 11 Jan 2020

Legg, Ambrose B. J. – Age 74, passed away August 28, 2022, due to complications from melanoma cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Ambrose is predeceased by his father, Alex; mother, Ruth (Brooks); sister, Janet; and sister-in-law, Rose.

He is survived by wife, Maureen, Elmsvale; daughter, Claudia, Dartmouth; sons, Glenn-Arron (Alanna), Elmsvale and Tristan, Elmsvale; family friend, Lindsay, Labelle, QC; siblings, Richard, Dorset, UK; Bernard (Jackie), Inglisville; Naomi (Malcolm), Brook Village; nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Ambrose was born and raised in Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dorset, England. He continued the family farming tradition, first working alongside his father and brothers at Berne Manor Farm and then with his wife and children at Little Dorset Farms.

21 Jun 1769; Edward Augustus son of Augustus & Ann **FLOYER**

16 Jun 1772; Anna daughter of Augustus & Ann **FLOYER**; private

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3. Near this place, in hopes of a joyful resurrection, lies the body of SARAH FLOYER, widow of Anthony Floyer, esq. and

daughter of John Gould, of Upwey, esq. who departed this life the 5th day of February, 1735, aged 75. To whose memory her daughter Hussey Floyer, spinster, who also lies buried near this place, by her last will and testament ordered this monument to be erected.

There are several wall monuments, including a white marble tablet at the W end of the N aisle, to Anna Floyer, 1774, and a fine baroque tablet at the E end of the same, to Sarah Floyer, 1733.

Sir Nicholas Martyn took the decision Athelhampton, equally on the four daughters, distant male relatives, as sometimes happened. Martyn Sisters were now highly desirable and began to be married. Elizabeth, the eldest, around 1570; Frances, the third, married Thomas second, married Chidioc Tichborne, probably the youngest Martyn sister, Anne, married from a Catholic family that had been based in his mid-60s, and in 1596 he died. The estate p Lady Margaret lived on for 15 more years.

As the Tudor era drew to a close, with the ownership of the house was divided four ways, the three older sisters were gradually amalgamated and then sold as one unit, while the share of her descendant's hands for a quarter of a century. Partly reflecting this split ownership, the house

Arms in p[er]chelet vij arms etc.

Family of Floy

From whom in line

William Floyer of Floyris -
Esq. co Dorset

Anthony Floyer of Staunton Bullen
Staunton, Gabriell, Whitechurch, co Dorset
d. 28 Nov 1608 Admon to relict Anne
Dec 1609.

Anne 4 d.
Nicholas Mar-
co Dor. Esq. of
Wadhams Esq.

Anthony Floyer of Berne in White-
church co Dorset Esquire act 12 in 1608
17 Jan 1671 Bur at Whitechurch 2 Nov 1671

Eleanor
Wm Pole of
B. 1577

William Floyer of Berne Esq. J.P.
died 19 Nov 1680 l. 22 Feb 1683; ob 7 Jan

Margt
of Sir Edw
Lawrence
Neechpange

Er of Berne + Staunton esq. Dor.
of Floy or hayes co Dorset
descent from remote ages: -

Elyzth 2 shep of Gilbert Kypke
of Exeter co Dorset

1. Heir of Charles Wm Floyer, Mary = John Hucknure
Esq. of Littlehampton Floyer of Murlinch = (2) Wm Trehane
sister wch of Nich o. s. p. co Dorset Esq (1) Margt = Arthur Hales
Founder of Mad. Coll o. s. p. (3) Elyzth = Grace of
(4) Ann = Thomas Tresse
of co Dorset

5. dau of Sir Wm Floyer John Floyer = Ann sister of
Colecombe co Dorset of Murlinch of Murlinch
ob. ap. 1676. Burd W. o. s. p. of Lantlio Rotholey of Murlinch
Esq. ob ante 1637. Burd 13 Oct 1637.

2. Elyz of Randal
Nimwaryng of London
marat S Mary Albolls 19
Jul 1633 Bur at Whitechurch
24 Jan 1666

6. dauo # = Rich^d Toms of London
1. Elyz = Rich^d Toms of London
 2. Elinor of Topsham co Dor. o. s. p. 1694
 3. Grace ob. p. June 1694. Bur at W.
 4. Mary = 1648. Thos. of p. of co Dor
 5. Sarah = Samuel Bullthorpe
 6. Ann = 1650 John Bridges

Anthony Floyer of Stratton
co Dor Esq. J. P. Bp. 21 May 1642
Major in Militia ag. Duke of
Monmouth killed 29 Jul 1701
P. 16 Dec 1701 Bur at Whitechurch
7 Nov 1701

2nd Sarah 2 of John
Gould of Upwey
co Dor. d. 1732

William Floyer
of Trusham co Dorset
From whom Floyer
of Lincoln etc. + my
friend the Rev John

William Floyer
of Berne Bp of B.
o. s. p. 13 Nov 1697

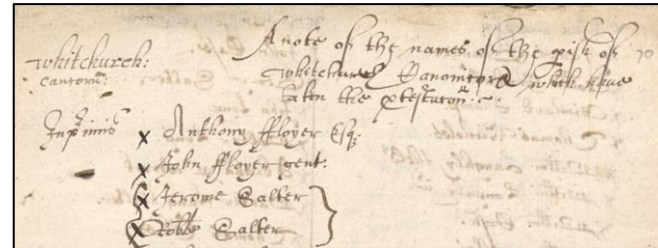
William Floyer
of Berne Captain
Floyer Bur at
Whitechurch 11 Feb
1712

Martin Floyer 1647
John of Murlinch
Esq. 1667
John Floyer sch.
B. 1677 Bur 12 p. 1691
1. Mary 2. Frances

John Floyer of Upwey
Esquire Bur at Whitechurch
26 Dec 1756. From
whom Esq. Staffw.
Floyer of Stafford co Dor Esq.

Katherine
wife to Thom
of Murlinch
of Dulverton
Esquire

Wootton Abbots Tithing 42
 Martha Every vij Henry Pittfeild iiij Swithen Bond ij George Dare iij Spese
 bilman ij John Long j John Orchard ij Richard Orchard j [f.52d.] John Spiller j
 mon Orchard ij Willm' Orchard iij Swithen Bond junr' j Walter Trocke iij Mary
 Rockett j Humphry Rockett j Willim' Turner j George Cheeke j Walter Rockett j
 seph Knight ij Elizabeth Rockett j Alexander Bevell j John Rockett j



Top of the Protestation list of 1642 is Anthony Floyer, Esquire and his son John Floyer, Gentleman, who was to die soon after in 1643 at the Siege of Lyme Regis.

Berne Manor, nr. Charmouth

Plaque in Whitchurch to Elizabeth Floyer who died in 1666 aged 42

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Hearth Tax Returns for 1664 show Martha Every having Wootton Abbots Manor with 7 hearth.

Catherston Leweston :: Survey of English Place-Names (nottingham.ac.uk)

The present par. name is a combination of two originally distinct names, probably for adjacent estates. Catherston is 'estate of a family called *Charteray*', v. **tūn**, cf. Robert *Charteray* 13 (15) *Forde* (a witness in a Charmouth deed), Robert *Chartrei* 1327 SR (a taxpayer in Lodors), and, for the same family, cf. Chart Knolle in Stoke A. par. *supra*: the surname probably originates from the French p.n. Carteret (La Manche), v. Tengvik 81–2. Leweston is 'estate of a family called *Lester (de Lestre)*', v. **tūn**, cf. Richard *del Estre* 1204 (1313) Ch (held in Charmouth *infra*) and William *de Estra* (for *Lestra*) named c.1086 GeldR in an entry recording that the king had never had tax from one hide held by him from the Count of Mortain: this holding is identified with *Cerneli* (Catherston Leweston) by Eyton 141–2 and by ThornDB, note to 26, 64. This surname is also from a French p.n., Lestre (La Manche), v. Tengvik 94–5.

The references to *villa que dicitur Cernia* and *ten' de Cern(e)ia* associated with Ace *de Lestre* or *del Estre* n.d. (15) *Forde* (ff. 32–3) probably also belong here (*Cern(e)ia* is from R. *Cerne* (Char) with Brit *-i* suffix commonly found in r.ns., v. RN lxxvii). For the identification of the DB form *Cerneli* (likewise 'estate on R. Char, earlier *Cerne*'), v. Eyton 141–2, VCHDo 3 88, ThornDB 26, 64; this R. *Cerne* (forming the SE bdy of the par.) gives name to Charmouth par. *infra* (earlier *Cearn* (æll)) and is identical in origin with the R. *Cerne* which gives name to Cerne A. par. *supra* q. v. for discussion of the suffixed form *Cerneli*, v. also RNs. *infra*. There was a mill at *Cerneli* in 1086 DB.

Berne Fm :: Survey of English Place-Names (nottingham.ac.uk)

Berne Fm (SY 388944), *Berne Farm* 1769DCMMap, *La Berne* 1281 lpm, 1340llch, 1376 FF, 1422Ct, *terr'...iuxta l' Berne* 1327 (15) *Poul*, *Le Bernes* 1431 FA, *Berne* 1462 Pat *et passim*, (*manerium de*) *Barne* 1488 lpm, 1558Val, *Barne alias Berne* Hutch3, *Bern* 1795 Boswell, cf. also William *atte Berne* 1280 FF, 1318HarlCh, William *de la Berna* 13 (15) *Forde*, William *de la Berene* 1291 Pat, William *de la Barne* c.1300 (15) *Poul*, William *de la Berne* 1304AD, Geoffrey *de la Barne* 1327 SR, Geoffrey *atte Berne* 1332 SRet *freq* to 1364Weld 2, Geoffrey *de (la) Berne* 1338HarlCh, 1340llch, 'the barn or storehouse for barley and other grain', from **bere-ærn**, with ME **atte** 'at the' in the surname forms.

Stanton St Gabriel :: Survey of English Place-Names (nottingham.ac.uk)

'Stone farmstead', that is either 'stone-built farmstead' or 'farmstead on stony ground', v. **stān**, **tūn**. The current affix is from the dedication of the church here, v. St Gabriel's Church (in ruins) *infra*. The 13th-cent. form *Stanton Oydrock*, confirmed as belonging here by Drew, is almost certainly a misreading for *Stanton Cydiock*, a reference to Chideock which borders Stanton on the E (both places having been anciently within Whitchurch C. par.). The 14th-cent. affix *Pyk'* is manorial, cf. Thomas *Pike*, lord of the manor in 1464 Hutch3 2265. The tithing of Stanton is *Gabriells Tithing* 1664 HTax, cf. also *Gabrielleslane* in Chideock par. *supra*.

Hearth Tax Returns for Whitchurch Canonorum and surrounding Villages in 1664

Wotton Abbots Tithing 42

Martha Every vij Henry Pittfeild iiij Swithen Bond ij George Dare iij Spese
Holman ij John Long j John Orchard ij Richard Orchard j [f.52d.] John Spiller j
Simon Orchard ij Willm' Orchard iij Swithen Bond junr' j Walter Trocke iij Mary
Rockett j Humphry Rockett j Willim' Turner j George Cheeke j Walter Rockett j
Joseph Knight ij Elizabeth Rockett j Alexander Bevell j John Rockett j

[f.55d.] Wotton Fitzpaine Tithing 95 modo 94

Willm' Floyer x Richard Rose iij *Samall Wackelly, not wpone boocke and yet payd
to the Constab'* Joan Holland j John Crosse j George Cumminge j Ann Case iij James
Owlesley ij John Owlesley ij John Turner j John Jay j Thomas Clacy ij Alexander
Greedy ij John Tanner senr' j John Keeredge iij Willm' Phillipps iij [f.56.] John
Tanner ij Richd' Cload iij Nichas' Whore j Robert Whore j John Alford j James
Alford ij Anthony Goodwin j David Wilson ij Joan Crosse j Wm' Borcombe iiij
John Dare ij John Bowditch ij Mathew White iij Eliz' Orchard iij John Bingham j
Joan Oliver j Francis Hodder iij [f.56d.] Robert Davie iij Willm' Dare j John
Partridge ij Mary Dare ij Elias Loveridge j Mary Crosse j Richd' Orchard iij
Robert Bowditch ij Simon Guffey ij John Forrest j Tristram Crosse ij Tristram
Crosse junr' j Elias Loveridge junr' j Stephen Longe j Thomas Paine j Joan Dare j
Elizabeth Paine j

BOROUGH OF LYME REGIS 485 is but 475

John Eymes Mayor vj Henry Henley Esqr' xiiij Angell Hart senr' vj John Ellesdon
[f.33.] John Davy iij Ignatius Turner iij Walter West iij Robert Burridge viij
Fell West v Soloman Andrewes vj Walter Tucker ix Gregory Alford viij Robert
v Mrs. Alford x Willm' Dare iij Ann Whetcombe iij James Gaich vj Mary
v iij [f.33d.] Susan Newell iij Benjamin James senr' ij Daniell Follett iij John
ij Joan Somers iiij Nichas Stocker ij Amy Serle j Paup' Mary Dare ij Elianor
ij John Burton iij Willm' Tricky ij Benjamin Stone iij Abraham Pitts v
Way iij [f.34.] John Williams x Edward Keetch ij Mathew Baily j George
ij Thomas Taylor vj John Whetcombe iiij John Tucker iij John Bragg ij
ert Holden ij Tho' Way senr' ij Willm' Coggan iij Willm' Smith iij Mary
er vj Patience Cogan j Sarah Deane j [f.34d.] Nichas Wiscombe iij Edward
ory iij Angell Hart junr' iij Robert Coade ij Hugh Cox ij Hugh Cox of Lanche-
ej Thomas Cox ij Richard Woodford iij Edith Harvey j Edward Edwardes iij
d' Stone ij James Pattison vj James Minson ij Elias Sparke j John Cawly ij
j Edward Boddy iij Robert Rea j Anthony Braddicke iij Edw' Bonner senr' j
Courtney ij Richard Sparke j Richard Damer ij Branch Pitts iij Wm' Pickrell
Thomas Orchard v John Edwardes ij Robert Cawly ij Wm' Parricke ij Wm'
bry j Nathall' Titherley v [f.35d.] John Collier iij Ye Wid' Tucker at Cobgate vj
m' Whetcombe ij Willm' Podbury ij John James iij Abell Thomas ij Richard
h iij Richard Bacon ij Theophilus Bacon iij Thomas Hellier ij Richard Wilson
hn Billen iij Robert Carswell ij John Guy ij Willm' Coxhay ij [f.36.] Richard
ber ij Samuel Pitts ij Thomas Wise ij Edward Besse ij Robert Podbury j John
timore vj Robert Davy ij Humphrey Limbury ij John Stoakes ij John Hawker j
n Hussey ij Dorothy Stansby j Hugh Loud j John Cox ij Willm' Cottle iij
d.] Willm' Marten iij John Squire ij Ann Samford iij George Luce ij Willm'
me iij John Crew ij Mary Newell j John Arden ij Christofer Smith j Mr.
ij George Templar ij Andrew Tucker ij William Gatch ij Wm' Burges ij John
well iij [f.37.] Gregory Varder j Josua James iij Thomas Godfry j John Grobham j
Cockney ij John Keeredge ij John Wills ij Samuell Whitefeld j Mary Larkham
George Alford vj Tho' Ferry ij John Thomas ij Thomas Burridge v Sam'
combe vj Zaphany Smith j [f.37d.] Widd' Newell ij Robte' Brage senr' j John
e ij Mrs. Keeredge vj Mr. Short viij Elias Daniell j Samuell Lacy j Tho'
as ij Nichas Squire ij Mrs. Fry ij John Okeshare ij Arrabella Samford ij Ann
feild j Mrs. Dare ij [f.38.] John Tuchin j Richard Snooke ij John Palmer j
en Henly j Anthony Thorold j Widd' Hockett j Willm' Burrow j John Biggs j
Podbury j Ben' James junr' j Josias Hart ij Mr. John Godwin iij

Marshwood Tithing 148 modo 141†

Walter Long ij Paup' Richard Tobee j John Snooke j Widd' Phelpes ij Joseph
Warren ij Paup' Willm' Coward j Abraham Bodger iiij Swithen Bond ij
Widd' Reckett j Thomas Bragg ij [f.49.] Willm' Holman ij John Fry vij Roger
Hillary j Edward Butler ix Thomas Hallett ij John Ellwell j Paup' George Paull j
Paup' Anne Loringe j Nichas Fill j Paup' Widd' Webber ij Elizabeth Gayland ij
Thomas Lockyer ij Willm' Barker iij Richard Sipicke j John Barker j Giles Chade j
Paup' [f.49d.] Gregory Felly j Robert Crocker j Robert Sweete j Richard Paull j
Paup' John Sprake j Tristram Eyren j John Gardiner ij Roger Chapman ij John
Snooke j Richard Drayton iij Ellis Sweete j Joseph Newbury j John Hellier ij John
Hellier junr' j Jonas Turner ij Willm' Maior ij Mathew Wade ij [f.50.] Henry
Bishopp j Humphrey Chaffe iij Tristram Studley j Walter Studely ij Edward Studeley
j Thomas Turner ij John Sampson ij Nichas' Orchard iij Tristram Dalliber ij
Giles Walkly j James Studly j John Baggwell ij John Bull ij Thomas Clerke ij
Henry Fowler ij John Roper v Robert Smith ij [f.50d.] Stephen Munden ij Widd'
Roper ij Anthony Gibbs v John Brine ij Thomas Senior v George Lacke ij Edward
Godwin j Widd' Hunt ij Robert Snooke ij John Taylor j John Willett iij Willm'
Traite iij Jacob Taylor j John Roper j

Whiddicke Tithing 124

John Orchard ij Willm' Alford iij Eme Beare j Anthony Meare ij Stephen
Willm' Colefox iij Willm' Orchard v Widd' Orchard ij Ralph Bartlett ij
Bartlett j John Fisher j Lawrence Waldron j John Chicke j Widd' Knight j
Bartlett ij John Collmor ij John Readwood j John Paine ij [f.54⁽¹⁾.] John
ij Jane Young ij Willm' Clap iij Robte' Ackerman j Tho' Daniell iij Tho'
Bevett Carpenter ij Francis Morris ij James Stone ij Wm' Woodcocke ij
Comyarde j Wm' Woodcocke junr' iij 1 *dest' by fire* Richard Orchard ij
Orchard ij Widd' Crabb ij Hugh Gollop ij John Crabb ij [f.54⁽¹⁾d.] Mathew

Gollop j Willm' Edwardes j Willm' Lush j John Short ij John Holcome ij *no distresse*
Osmond Wackley j Widd' Lush ij Roger Shaue iij Thomas Dullinge ij John Alford
ij John Limbry iij Willm' Oliver ij Robte' Constable vj Katherine Tatershall ij
Thomas Parsons j Harvy Rocke ij [f.55.] Richard White j Henry Berdens j Widd'
Bullee iij Nichas' Gay j Richard Maines iij Willm' Woodman j Widd' Knight j
Samuell Downe ij Widd' Reedwood ij Tho' Woodcocke j John Lush j Robert Lush j

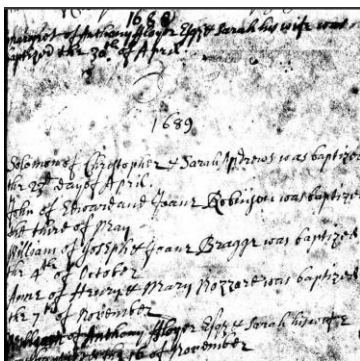
[f.63.] Charmouth Tithing 63 modo 64

William Ellesdon vj Benjamin Bird ij John Davie j Thomas Holman ij Edward
Melpley j Petervell Minterne ij Christofer Humby iij George Wade v Judith Miller ij
Willm' Limbry iij Thomas Edwardes j Willm' Hinde iij John Cade j Robert Cox ij
Elizabeth Melpley ij John Defcoate iij [f.63d.] John Osborne j Stephen Edwardes ij
Robert Tanner j Hugh Cox ij Robert Way iij John Checkley j William Cox j Vrsula
Woode j Edward Mable iij Stephen Limbry j John Bartram j Nichas' Wolmanton j
Richard Baily j Andrew Lymbry iij

Sarah MEDICAL: totally deaf for 60 years
 Her father was major in the area where the Duke of
 Monmouth landed. She had been totally deaf for 60
 years; her friends conversed with her by their fingers.
 Ancestry.com reference from Gentleman's
 Magazine, Feb 1767



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Four Martyn Daughters inherited equal shares of Athelhampton, which passed to their husbands, the elder married Henry Brune, another to Chideock Tichborne and the youngest married Anthony Floyer through marriage the Brunes acquired two more shares. Much of the Floyer family lineage died out with the last share passing between distantly related cousins. In 1661, heiress *Mary Brune* married *Sir Ralph Bankes* from Corfe Castle, and a few years later the three shares of the house were sold to *Sir Robert Long*. In 1683 his Grandson *James Long* a gambler avoided losing Athelhampton to some creditors by hiding out in the house. His son, *James Long esq* inherited Athelhampton in 1710. The Estate was occupied by Tenant Farmers, and was the heart of a thriving community with their families farming some 12,000 acres The House was passed down through further generations, not often visited and falling into disrepair until it was inherited by *William Pole-Tydney-Long-Wellesley* in 1825. In 1848 following years of disagreement with his father over family debt *Long* sold the house to *George Wood*, with the Floyer share being purchased, re-uniting the house.

Floyer, Anthony, gent. EXETER COLL., matric. 9 Dec., 1659; perhaps of Abbots Wooton, Dorset (son of William), and father of William 1708.

Floyer, John, s. William, of Charmouth, Dorset, gent. HART HALL, matric. 12 July, 1670, aged 18.

Floyer, William, s. Ant., of Charmouth, Dorset, gent. or arm. WADHAM COLL., matric. 27 March, 1708, aged 17, B.A. 1712; M.A. from ST. EDMUND HALL 22 Feb., 1714-15, rector of Trusham, Devon, 1715, until his death; buried there 1 Sept., 1742. See *Gardiner*, 434; & *Foster's Index Eccl.*