

Precis of documents in file N354 The Grange, Bourton

There is a Conveyance between Henry Arkell and Cyril Butler in excellent condition

Bundle of letters mainly between solicitors, Fuller and Cyril Butler

Documents with regard to Mrs Edward Fuller, from Neston Park, Corsham

There is a draft lease dated 1919.

She is offered a lease for 7 or 14 years at £120 per annum

Letter dated 6th August 1919 to say Edward Fuller has taken the house

Letter dated 28th October 1919. As regards the request that Mrs Fuller should be allowed to put a few things into the house this week, she has already been acting as though she were tenant giving permission for the late tenants employees to remain on in the cottage and to use the garden and the house.

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Mentions a Mrs Gooch who are referred to as previous tenants

Copy of a lease dated 10th May 1914 for 14 years at a rental of £120 per annum to Captain Alexander Bingham Turner of Baulking, Capt in the Rifle Brigade. He was killed later in 1914 in action.

Lease for Francis Southby-Walker of Littleton, Winchester

He leases the Grange for £200 per annum payable quarterly from July 1929

There is a bundle of letters that date from 28th July 1929

The letters are mainly between solicitors, FSW and Cyril Butler

The Bourton Estate Agent James Albert Fereman had an office in the Hight St at Shrivenham

Francis SW is not happy that the Paddock he is renting has not been included in the draft lease.

There are numerous agreements and bundles of letters dating from 1950 from John Cornthwaite Welburn, a Harrogate Electrical Power Engineer, who had a rental agreement for the Grange and the cottage adjacent. There are similar documents concerning a Mary Ellen Poucher who took on the Grange and cottage but there were problems when her husband was discharged from the Royal Navy with health problems in 1954

Trying to sell the house the Grange was put up for auction at The Goddard Hotel in Swindon, scheduled for April 1954 - but nobody turned up for it - there was no interest.

Agents Jackson Stops (Cirencester) letter dated 15th May 1954.

We are glad to say a sale has been agreed this morning, by Mr Harding, an Optician of Regent St, Swindon for £4,500.

17th May 1954. Mr Harding of The Mall, Swindon, will probably buy the Grange jointly with Mr CC Teesdale of 53 Corby Ave, Swindon. They paid a deposit of £50

By June an inspection of the roof carried out by local builder Mr Knapp of Ashbury Rd, Shrivenham, that all the lead gulleys need renewing at a cost of £400. Through their agents Morrison Masters, they withdraw their offer of £4,500 but are willing to pay £4,100. A deal was reached of £4250.

MM send letter 24th June 1954 saying that Harding & Teesdale are pulling out of the deal altogether because of the high outgoings. Subsequent row over the returning of the £50 deposit but it is returned - eventually

Jackson-Stops, Cirencester. A deal has been agreed with Mr J.L. Edgell of 111 Old Church St, Chelsea, SW3 but he doesn't proceed because an inspection commissioned by a firm of Insurance and Mortgage Brokers, discovered water in the cellar that they attributed to old Wells. Therefore Edgell backs out

Hobbs & Chambers of Faringdon write on 28th October 1954 that they have paid Mr Knapp, local builder to have a look at the cellar and discover it's nothing to do with Wells just a leaky tank that takes water from the roof which has been fixed .
Meanwhile, they have received an offer of £3,000.

Sale agreed of £3,00 from a Mr E.C. Simmons but wished the purchase to be in the names of Miss E.T. Simmons (Elizabeth) and Mr M. Jacobs (Mark) both of 90 Queens Rd, Richmond, Surrey. The contract was received on 30th December 1954 and a deposit cheque for £300. The sale was finally completed in Feb 1955.