

Precis and extracts from some of the documents that are in N3582 the purchase of Bourton House by Pinewood School Ltd.

Lady Louisa Mary Kendall-Butler died on 14th September 1944. Her Will was proved on the 16th March 1945. She appointed her daughter Daphne and son Patrick as Executors.

A sentence on a legal matter noted that, power was reserved to Patrick Kendall-Butler to prove the Will but he did not do so.

There were mortgages against the property dated 28th June 1917 and a transfer of mortgage on the 28th June 1943.

There is a bundle of letters and correspondence dated from 4th September 1945 and goes up to May 1946. In the early stages, before there were any adverts about the Bourton Estate being sold by Auction, there was much interest. People from Pinewood School in Hove, Sussex, visited the house and were interested in buying at the asking price of £11,000. On the 15th September 1945, Mrs Daphne Edwards, who the daughter of Sir Cyril and Lady Louisa, an Executor and Beneficiary of the Will of Lady Louisa Kendall-Butler, instructed the agents, Hobbs & Chambers of Faringdon to accept the offer.

The Wellgarth Nursery Training College who had occupied the house through some of the war years, were given notice to quit on the 28th February 1946. (Below. Nurses at the College circa 1940. Photo courtesy of Paul Williams).



On the 11th October 1945, there was some confusion about whether the garage that was attached to the grounds of the Manse should stay with the Manse or go with the sale to Pinewood. Captain Butler thought it should stay with the Manse. 20th October 1945, Hobbs & Chambers received instructions from Capt Kendall-Butler (Possibly son Patrick).

There was considerable discussion given to not leaving any cottage unoccupied for fear of the local authorities requisitioning it which was still happening on account of the war.

29th March 1946 Daphne Edwards sold the Lodge Cottage to Pinewood School and the occupier was advised that their rent should be paid to them.

The Conveyance and Assignment selling the property was dated 29th March 1946 between Daphne Edwards of Hardingham Hall, formerly of Vine Lodge, Hardingham on the first part; Chisenhale Marsh Estates Co, 21 Buckingham Gate, London, (Mortgagees - loaned money on the property) on the second part; and Pinewood School Ltd, 94 Church Road, Hove, Sussex, (Purchaser) on the third part.