

## General Precis & observations of documents in Listing No N3583

The letters of correspondence bundled together in this file start in March 1946. Solicitors Knight Frank & Rutley, inform that they have received instructions from the Executors of Lady Louisa Kendall Butler to sell the estate. The Agents to be used are Hobbs & Chambers (HC) of Faringdon.

HC letter of 11<sup>th</sup> April 1946 informing that the whole estate has been sold for £49,500 to Cornhill Insurance Co Ltd.

9<sup>th</sup> May 1946. HC ask Solicitors Currey & Co, saying that when dismembering the estate office at Bourton House, they found two large Deed boxes, crammed full of old deeds and papers, dating back to the 1700s. (Could these be the papers we have today?) Neither Mrs Edwards (daughter of Lady KB) nor Capt. KB (son Patrick?) have any use for them. Can they be destroyed or do you think the new purchasers would like them from an interest point of view. Reply dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, it would be advisable for the two Deed boxes to remain on the premises for now.

HC. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1946. Only the old chapel is still under requisition (compulsory occupation by the military for the war effort) at a compensation rental of £20 per annum. Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946, to the Command Agent on behalf of Mrs Daphne Edwards, (daughter & Executor of Lady KB) to inform that she has sold the property, along with other property, to Cornhill Properties Ltd, effective from the 29<sup>th</sup> September (traditional Michaelmas) Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, Cornhill's Solicitors, saying that the old chapel has been recently derequisitioned.

HC letter 5<sup>th</sup> June 1946. Bourton House has been sold to Pinewood School Ltd for £11,000. (See SHS Listing N3582). Church Farmhouse has been sold to Mrs Douglas for £4,500. Two cottages have been sold to Critchley and Bourton School Trustees for £800. One cottage sold to Mr Baxter for £400

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 1946. We think you would like to know that we have now received the contract for the purchase of the Bourton estate from the Insurance Company's solicitors.

Letter by Stanley & Co, Solicitors, to Curry & Co, Solicitors. The Vendor is retaining the Statutory Declaration made by A.J. Fereman of the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1917, concerning the mortgage taken up by Cyril Kendall Butler from the Legal & General Life Assurance Society of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1917 and the transfer of that mortgage (and a further advance) to the Chisenhale March Estates Co of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1943. (That document is in this file).

HC dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 1946, is the start of quite a lot of confusion over a cottage in the grounds of Bourton Grange. The tenant of the Grange was Mr F. Southby Walker on a lease that pays £200 per annum to Daphne Edwards who wants to retain the building and not sell it as part of the estate. There was considerable correspondence on the cottage and all sorts of problems re access in and out of the Manor Farm premises and the Grange.