

Precis of the documents ref The Manse

The main documents are letters concerning the requisitioning of the old Baptist Chapel next door to the Manse. Military personnel occupied the chapel and grounds and dug latrines and were generally spoiling the quiet life of the occupier of the Manse, a lady called Evelyn James. The letters and correspondence are between solicitors, the army land agent, Lady Louisa Kendall Butler. The dates of the correspondence range from Feb 1940 to Feb 1941. Other buildings have been requisitioned, the Long Room and The Barn. Compensation of £50 was agreed to be paid ref damage to the Manse ground.

There is a copy of the lease from 1933 when Sir Cyril Butler was alive, and she took the lease for 7 years at £80 per annum. There is a series of letters leading up to the signing of the lease and James Fereman, the Estate Manager notes that the electric lighting has been installed in the Manse.

There was a brief period in 1941 when Patrick Butler, Cyril & Louisa's son, was going to lease the Manse but decided not to.

A series of letter starting on 24/12/1941 and go on to February 1942 with regard to the letting the property to Capt. WTP Bryce RA at £125 per annum. He does take the occupancy on but there is nothing to suggest as to how long he was there.