

## Giving Glen Andrea as a Gift in 1953

Some extracts from the file

The bundle of letters start from 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1953, wherby Daphne Edwards (nee Kendall Butler) instructs her solicitors to draw up the necessary papers to gift the cottage to Edith Heath. The letters go up to November 1953 when the transaction was completed.



Faringdon, Berks.

BERNARD HAINES,  
SOLICITOR  
CONVEYANCING AND ESTATE AGENT.

TELEPHONE,  
WINDMILL FARM, FARINGDON.

21st August 1953.

Your Ref. R. 5.

Dear Sirs,

Glen Andrea, Bourton.

I thank you for your letter of the 28th ultimo and must apologise for the delay in ~~replying~~ as I have been making some enquiries as to this cottage. I understand that the cottage in question belonged to the Mortimer family and was conveyed to Sir C.K. Butler in December 1919. This appears to be confirmed from entries in my old diaries and I have looked up the bundle of the Mortimer papers as we acted for the Mortimer family, but unfortunately cannot find the draft of the Conveyance.

Messrs. Hobbs & Chambers however, have looked up their file and it appears from their correspondence that you sent a Conveyance of 1st December 1919 to them when certain properties were to be sold comprising the Bourton Estate and asked them if the cottage comprised in this Conveyance was to be included in the sale and they wrote to you on the 20th May 1946 as follows:-

"The Cottage referred to in the Conveyance of 1st December 1919 is coloured yellow on the plan of Bourton village. This, we understand, is being acquired by Mrs. Edwards from the Executors."

It would appear therefore to confirm the entries in my diary that this cottage was comprised in the separate deed of the 1st December 1919 when my Clients conveyed it to Sir C.K. Butler and perhaps you would be good enough to see if you have this Conveyance with your deeds.

I thank you for sending me photostat Probate of Lady Kendall Butler, but if my assumption is correct that the cottage was conveyed to Sir C.K. Butler in 1919 I should require to have the Title passing from him to Lady Butler. Moreover, it would appear necessary if Mrs. Edwards has acquired the property, to have it vested in her either by Conveyance or Assent before she can dispose of the cottage as I do not think she could make it over by Deed of Gift in her capacity as Executor.

OVER.....

I, DAPHNE EDWARDS of Bardingham Hall Norwich the Executrix of the Will dated the 17th February 1940 of Lady Louisa Mary Wendell Butler late of Bourton House Shrivvenham Berks who died on the 14th September 1944 and whose said Will was proved by me on the 16th March 1945 in the Principal Probate Registry HINSEBY ASSIZE to the property specified in the Schedule hereto vesting in myself for an estate in fee simple

AS WITNESSES my hand this twenty fifth day of September 1953

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT messuage or dwellinghouse premises and garden situate at Bourton in the County of Berks known as Glen Andrea and more particularly described in a conveyance dated the 1st day of December 1919 and made between Selina Annie Mortimer of the first part Arthur Henry Hawkins of the second part and Sir Cyril Kendall Butler of the third part which said premises were formerly in the occupation of William Mortimer and are now in the occupation of Edith Westh

SIGNED by the said Daphne Edwards } (sgd) Daphne Edwards  
in the presence of :

(sgd) B. Bunting  
Home Farm  
Bardingham  
Norfolk.  
Bailiff.

ALL THAT messuage or dwellinghouse premises and garden situate at Bourton aforesaid formerly in the occupation of the Reverend John Batchelor Kearney but late in the occupation of the said William Mortimer\* bounded on or towards the North by premises formerly belonging to John Tombs Panton Smith but now to Richard Sydney Panton Smith on or towards the South by the Village Street on or towards the East by premises formerly belonging to the said John Tombs Panton Smith but now to the said Richard Sydney Panton Smith and on or towards the West by a Roadway leading to premises formerly belonging to the said John Tombs Panton Smith but now to the said Richard Sydney Panton Smith.

\* I propose to add in the deed of Gift: "a man in the occupation of Mrs Edith Heath."

