

## **Precis of documents in N1264 Church House Farm, Bourton**

The Title Deed makes the earliest reference to a transaction between a Mr Tucker and a W. Alexander, but there is no detail.

Then a transaction between Joseph Tucker Burton Alexander of the Bury Pavenham, who sells Church House Farm and it's 2 acres of land to Cyril Butler for £3350. Joseph was the Grandson of Joseph Tucker one of the original brothers who earned so much success in the silk industry. He inherited some of his late Grandfather's land at Bourton that was passed to him through his mother. It can only be an assumption that Joseph built this property circa 1870s.

There is a lease between Cyril Butler and Col. William Herbert Ames, dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 1912. He lets the Farm House to Col. Ames for 21 years at £120 per annum. We know he was a military man by other documents and his activities in the village from 1912 onwards.

There is a Rental Agreement whereby Lady Butler agrees to let the property to The British Merchants Inc Ltd for £200 per annum. They take it on from early 1940 until Michaelmas (29<sup>th</sup> Sept) 1945.

During this period, Lady Butler is required to produce a Vestry Assent, which is like a Certificate in style, dated 23/8/1943 and lays out the Lady Butler was the Executrix of the estate of Sir Cyril Butler, her husband, who died on 22/6/1936 and who's Will was proved on 19/11/1936. The document makes it clear that she was to inherit the whole of the Bourton Estate.

The property was then sold by Lady Louisa Butler's daughter Daphne Edwards, who was her Executrix and main beneficiary of the estate. The sale agreement is dated 27/12/1945 between Daphne Edwards and Constance Marjorie Douglas of Lane End House. Beenham, Berks, (Purchaser). The price is £4,500, which was completed on 1/2/1946.

There is a bundle of letters concerning the above sale, mainly between Estate Agents and Solicitors.

Bundle of letters ref a mortgage taken up by Constance Douglas