

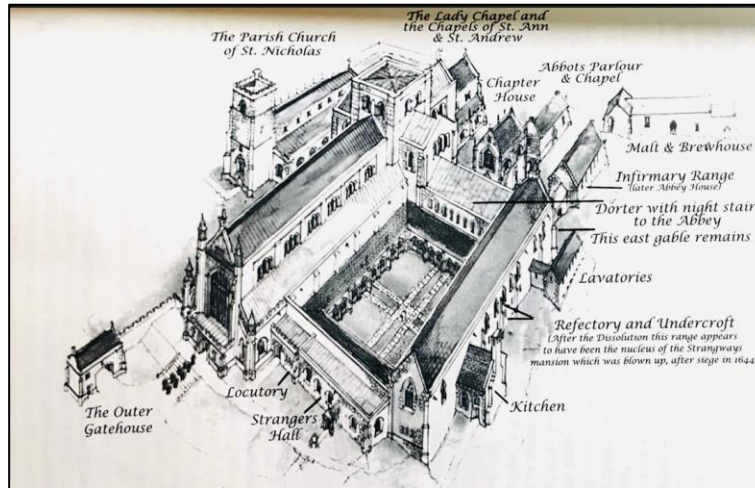
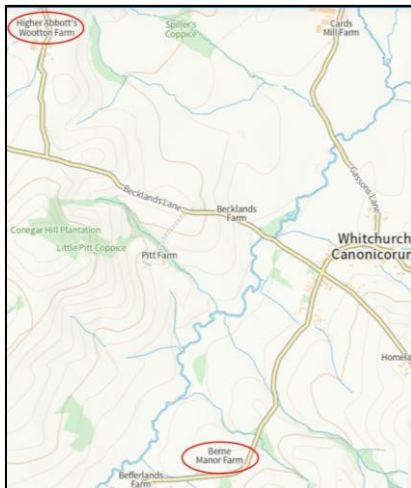
An Introduction to Abbots Wootton Manor.

Abbots Wootton was owned by the Abbott of Abbotsbury for 509 years from 1044 until 1553, when it was bought by the Sackvilles, who were there for 30 years. They sold it in 1583 to William Every, who built a new house, and it was to remain in his family for 186 years. In 1769 Lord Milton bought the Abbots Wootton Estate with 4000 acres. It was his daughter, Caroline who was to sell it in 1814 to John Morse. When he died in 1844, Edward Swan was the new owner. In 1897 Alfred Pass purchased the Estate and, on his death, passed to his son, Douglas. In 1970, the Estate was split up and sold in a number of lots.

We are very fortunate that after Lord Milton's purchase of the Estate in 1769, he commissioned John Woodward, a Surveyor from London to produce a thorough Survey of everything that he had bought. This has come down to us as the "Great Book" which was presented to Dorset Record Office by the Pass Family. It provides a marvellous illustrated record of the house and its surroundings over 250 years ago. Comparing it with today, one can clearly see the changes over that period. The following pages bring to light the scale of the Manor House and its gardens that once stood on the site. Wootton Abbas derives its name from its Wet or Woody situation. It's latter name from its being part of the Lands of Abbotsbury Abbey. Kind Edward the confessor gave the lands to the Abbey and in the Domesday Book is surveyed under the name of Wideton. After the reformation in 1553 it was granted to Sir William Cavendish and his heirs. He in the same year sold it to Sir Richard Sackville and Winifred his wife, from whom it descended to his son, Lord Buckhurst, later Earl of Dorset. The family later sold it to Alexander Every in 1583. He had made his fortune as a Clothmaker in London. The Estate consisted of over 4,000 acres and an ancient Grange, which still exists as Higher Abbots Wootton Farm dating back to 1500. He was to build a new house nearby, which existed until its demolition in 1858 and a new house was later constructed on the same site, now known as Lower Abbots Wootton Farmhouse.

Alexander Every's ancestor was John Every of Chaffcombe in Somerset and had been Sergeant at Arms for Queen Elizabeth 1st. His fortune had been inherited by his nephews, William, Alexander and John. William had grown rich as a wool merchant in Chard and owned Cothay Manor nearby. John Every owned Weycroft Castle, near Axminster and had his own coat of arms created in 1604. It was the third brother, Alexander, who had made his fortune in London as a Clothmaker and was able to afford to buy Wootton Abbot from the Sackvilles in 1583. After his death in 1589, his nephew inherited the estate and also Weycroft Castle from his father. He died in 1651 and Wootton Abbott descended through the family to John Henry who on his death left it to his sister, Barbara who was married to Sir Robert Henley of Grange in Hampshire. She was to die in 1670 and left it to her son John Henley. In due course it was inherited with the Manor of Glanville Wootton by Robert Henley. historic Estate was bought by the extremely wealthy Joseph, Lord Milton in 1768. This gentleman who lived at Milton Abbey had the estate minutely surveyed by John Woodward soon after. This volume known as the Great Book has survived and is now in the Dorset Record Office and provides a mass of information regarding all the properties on the 4000 acre estate. In 1811 and Auction was held and all the lost were sold including the Manor of Berne and its neighbour, Morcombelake. There was still 144 acres centred on the Ship tavern and farm that went with the Title. It was bought by Thomas Moor Horsford. Of Lincoln's Inn, a Barrister. The original Grange for Abbotsbury Abbey, dating back to the 15th century, still stands in a remarkable state of preservation and is known as Higher Abbots Farm. The later house built by the Every family was demolished c.1900 and was replaced with a similar building almost on the same spot, but facing in a different direction, known as Lower Abbots Farm. The Every coat of arms can still be seen above the entrance doorway.

Abbotsbury Abbey



The possessions of this abbey were much augmented in after ages down to the Dissolution. In which period these occur :

Manors.

Abbotsbury.	Belchalwel.
Tolpuddle.	Hide.
Hilton.	Stotingway, in Upway.
Portesham.	Winterborne Abbas.
Lowke.	Skilgate, co. Somerset.
Wotton Abbas.	North Porton.
Bexington.	Graveston.
Holwel, co. Somerset.	Finlegh.
Walterston.	Ramesbere.
Witherston.	Odstoke, co. Wilts.
East Elworth.	Bromleigh Castle.

Abbots Wootton Grange and Manor House in 1768



The Every family

• From a brother of this Serjeant Every issued a numerous and opulent family, seated at Chard, Wycroft Castle, Hatch Beauchamp, and Wootton Abbotts. William Every, the eldest of the four nephews of the Serjeant, acquired a large estate by commerce, and was buried at Chard in 1587, as appears by a monument to his memory still extant. Being without issue, by Agnes, his wife (who survived him) he, by will, dated 10th January, 1587, and proved 7th March, following, (*a*) bequeathed the residue of his real and personal property to his brother Alexander Every, citizen and clothworker of London. This Alexander having also purchased the manor of Wootton Abbotts, in the county of Dorset, of the family of Chidley, devised the same, by will, dated 25th Dec. 1588, and proved, with a codicil, 27th March, 1589 (*b*), together with other estates, to his nephew William Every, son of his brother John: which John, by the description of John Every, of Wycroft Castle, in the parish of Axminster, in the county of Devon, Esq. (though afterwards of Wootton Abbotts) obtained a grant of armorial ensigns, by patent, under the hand and seal of William Camden, Clarenceux, dated 21st June, 1604; and his pedigree appears entered in the Heralds Visitation of Somersetshire, anno 1623, (C. 22. p. 282) at the instance of his son and heir, William Every, then of Cotthay, in the parish of Kitesford, in that county, Esq. John Every made his will, 16th December, 1616, which was proved 26th April, 1617 (*c*). Another of the nephews of Serjeant Every was Thomas Every, of Hatch Beauchamp, in the county of Somerset, Gent. whose will is dated the 31st of August, 1592, and was proved 27th October, following (*d*).



Alexander Every, London, Broadway, Axminster, St. Michael, Cornwall, cloth maker: will made Dec. 25. 1588: proved March 27. 1589. by William Every, son of his brother; left money for the erection of almshouses in Broadway; mentioned brothers John Every and Thomas Every; John Every, son of Sergeant Every and "my aunt Everie, the Sergeant's wife:" children of "my brother, Thomas Every."

These almshouses were built in the late 16th century. In his will dated 25th December 1588, Alexander Every left £100 for the building of 7 almshouses in Broadway, near Chard They were to house 7 poor men. In 1853 the property passed to Chard District Council. It was bought back by the Trustees in 1958.

In the prerogative court of Canterbury many wills were proved from Somerset County:

Alice Avery, Yatton, 1572.
 John Avery, Westhuyake, 1571.
 William Avery, Congresbury, Barnwell and Yatton, 1580.
 John Everye, Donyett, 1568.
 Alexander Every, citizen and clothmaker of London, Bradwaye, Somerset; Axminster, Devon; St Michael, Cornwall; Bredstreete, London, 1589.
 John Every, Gent. and Sergeaunt at Armes, Chaffcomb, 1585.
 Richard Everye, Pitminster, 1587.
 Thomas Everie, Hatche Beacham, 1592.
 William Every, Chard, Somerset and Devon, 1587.

The wills of the above Somerset Averys or Everys seem to indicate a close relationship, as the following will show:—

John Every, Broadway, Somerset; in will administered, March 21, 1576, mention is made of a son Alexander.

John Every, Chaffcombe, Somerset, gent. and sergeant-at-arms; will made January 31, 1584; proved May 1, 1585. He mentioned wife Madelen; sons Thomas and John; daus, Elizabeth, Ellenor, Madelen, Agnes, and Mary; cousins, William Avery of Chard and Alexander Avery.

Mary, daughter of John Every of Chaffcombe, married William, the son of Arthur Raymond. Mary Raymond of Ilchester, widow, in will made Aug. 26, 1639, proved Nov. 15, 1639, mentioned "my cousin Simon Every and his eldest son."

In Ilchester Church is this monumental inscription:—

"Near this place lyeth the body of Mary Raymond, etc., dau. of John Every, Esq., servant to Henry VIII. & servant to Edward VI, Queen Mary, and serjant at arms to Queen Elizabeth."

John Barnarde of Downside, Somerset, in will made Sept. 9, 1622, mentioned Mary and William Raymond and "my brother Jacob Averie."

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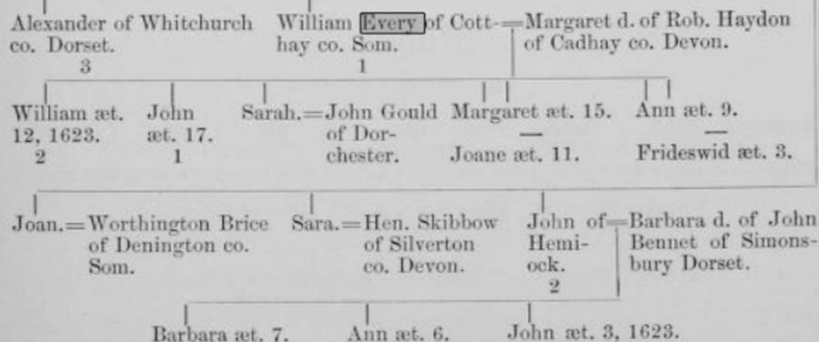
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Every.

ARMS.—*Or, four chevrons gules.* Granted 1604 by W. Camden.
 CREST.—*A demi-unicorn couped gules, armed, unguled, and maned or.*

John Every of Wycroft Castle = Frideswith d. of W. Jervice
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WILLIAM EVERY

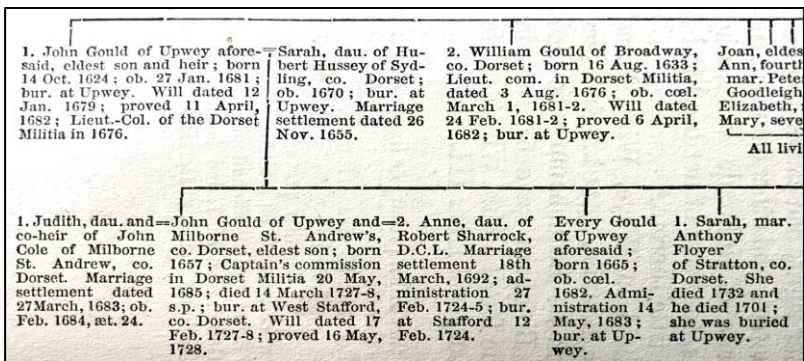
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'Farmstead or estate in or by the wood', from **wudu, widu, tūn**. The affix *Abbott's* refers to the early possession of this manor by Abbotsbury Abbey (v. Hutch3 2264) and distinguishes it (cf. also *Parva* 1240) from its larger neighbour, Wootton Fitzpaine par. *infra* which lies some ¾ mile SW (Lat **abbas**, gen.sg. *abbatis* 'of the abbot', OE **abbod**, ME **abbat**). The bounds of the Saxon manor of *Wudetune* are given in 1044 (m11) *Ilch* (S 1004): these coincide with the later manorial bounds of Abbott's Wootton shown on 1769DCMMMap, as fully discussed by Cyril Hart in DoNHAS 86 161-3. There is mention of *capelle de Wudeton* in 1224 Hutch3 2269.

MARTHA EVERY, of Wootton, in Whitchurch, Dorset, Widow. Will dated Nov. 26, 1673, proved Mar. 28, 1674, by Amy Pole. [35 *Bunce*.] Poor of Wootton Fitzpaine. My goddaughter Susanna Arundell, wife of Edward Arundell, £5, & to her daughter Susanna, £5. My sister Jane Crocker, a ring of 20/. My sister Elizabeth, a ring of 20/. My cousin William Floyer the elder, & Elisabeth Floyer, his daughter, Cousins Margaret Ivy, wife of Thomas Ivy, esq., Anthony Floyer, Edmund Walrond & his wife. My niece Jane, now wife of Humphry Sidenham, esq., £20. M^r John Gifford, of Noares, in Wellington, & his wife, rings of 20/. My sister in law, Joane Putt. My brother Sir Courtenay Pole, £200. Residue to my niece Amy Pole, *Extrix*.

Martha Every was widow of William Every, of Cothay, and daughter of Sir John William Pole, Bart.

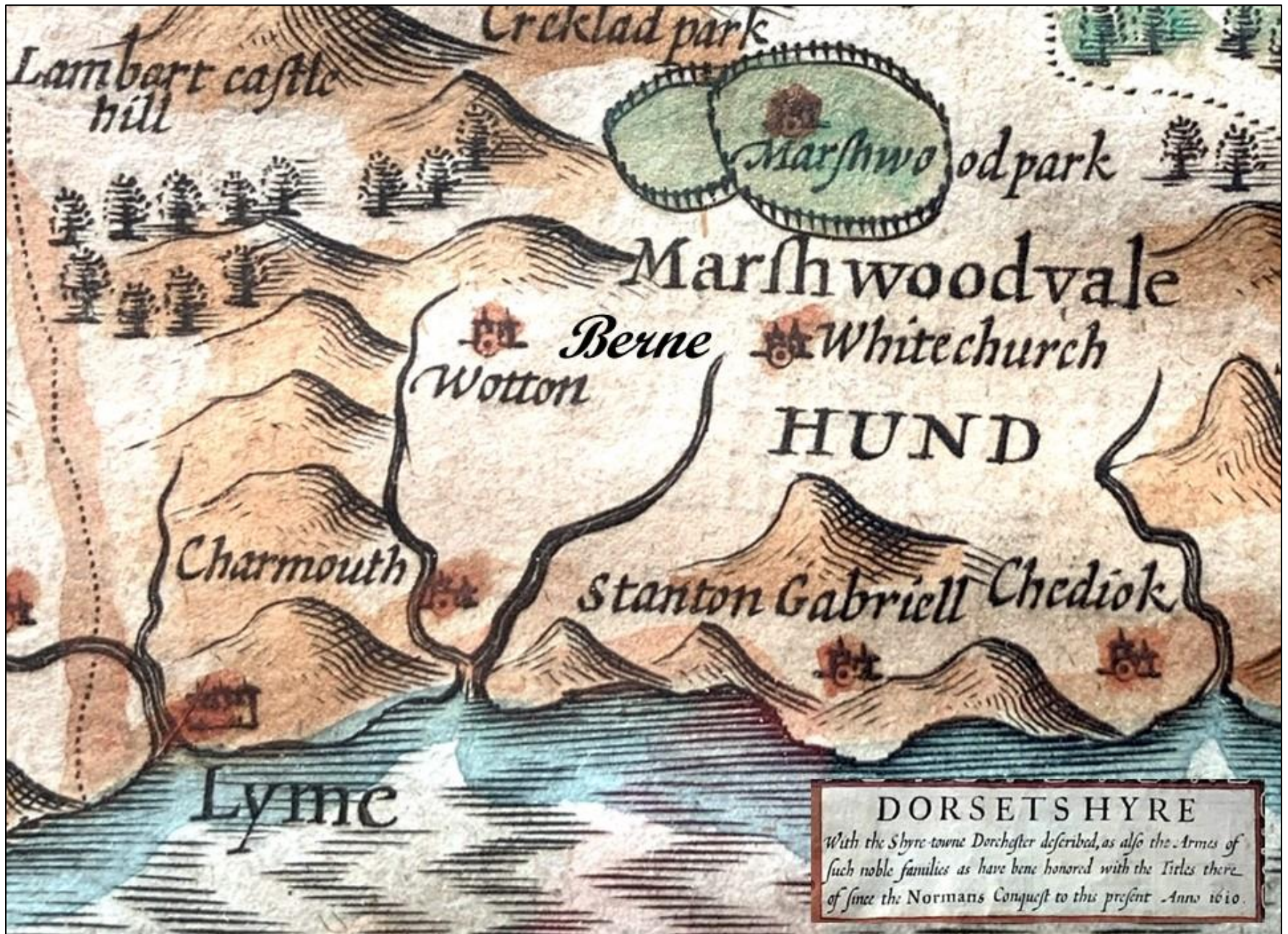


WILLIAM EVERY, of Cothens [Cothay], Somerset, Esq. Will dated July 7, 1658, proved July 4, 1661, by William Doble. [109 *May*.] To be buried at Kittisford, near my father. My mother, M^r Martha Every, of Abbots Wootton, Dorset, £1000. My cousin John Gould, of Upway, esq., £300. Children of my uncle, Charles Guilles, at Lancreate, Cornwall, by my Aunt Harnet, now his wife, £300, except to the two eldest, Charles & Margaret Guilles. My cousin M^r Henry Skibbowe, of Combe Satchfield, Devon, £200. To my cousin William Doble, of West Monckton, Somerset, Esq., all my goods, profits, &c., he to be Exör.

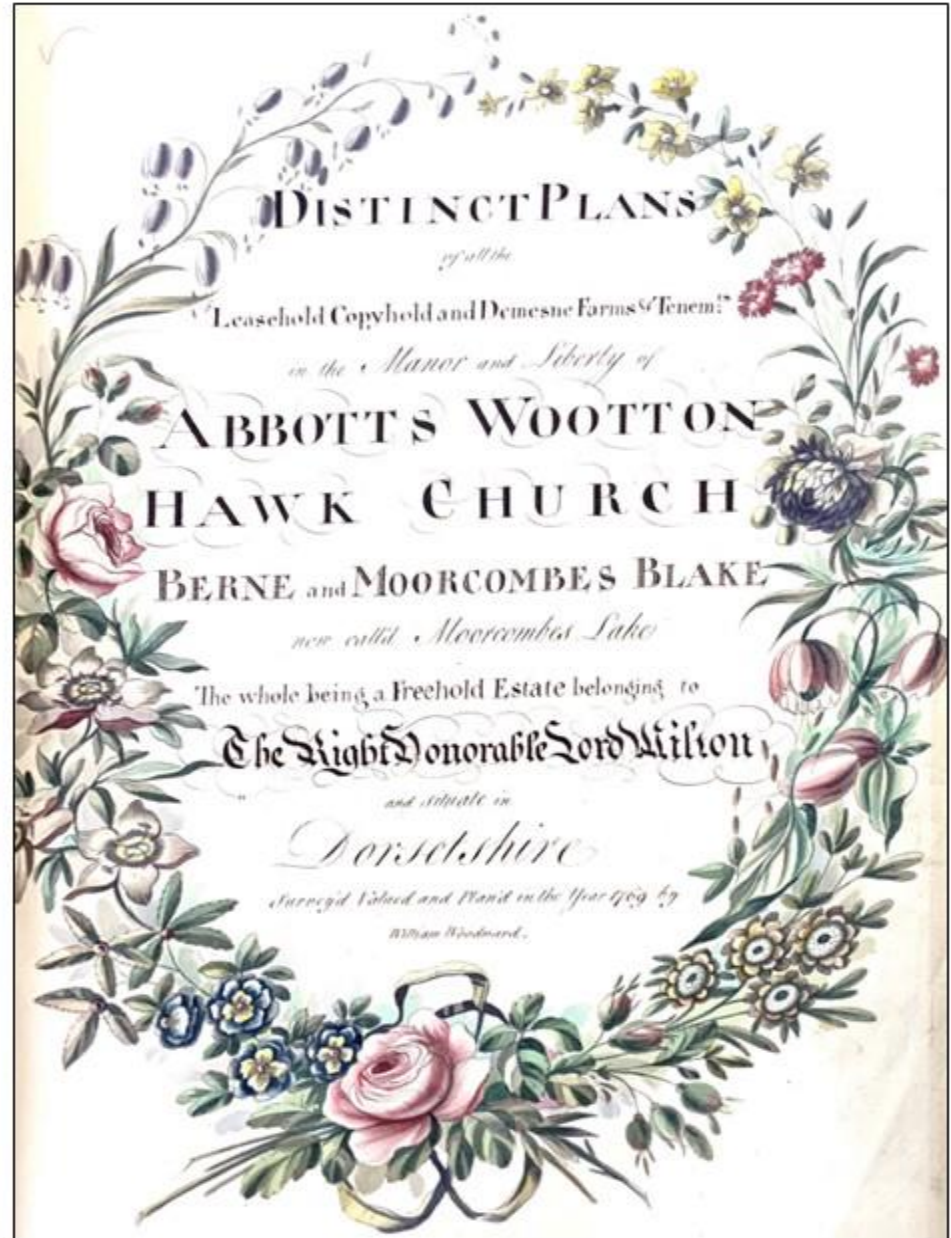
WILLIAM EVERY, of Cothay, Somerset, Esq. Will dated March 9, 1651, proved May 14, 1652, by the Exors. [105 *Bowyer*.] To be buried in Kettesford Church, near my wife, within 50 hours of my death. My manor of Abbots Wotton, Dorset. My grand-daughters, Susan & Martha Every, £1500 each. Lands in Martock. My grandson William Everie. Indentures made on my dec^d son's marriage. My grand-daughter, Margaret Grills, £100, &c. Residue to my grandsons, John Gould & William Doble, Exörs., and Guardians of my grandson William Every. To M^r Warren, Rector of Kettesford, 20/. John Whittington, a witness.

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John Speed's Map of West Dorset in 1610

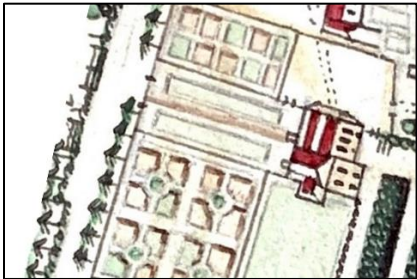
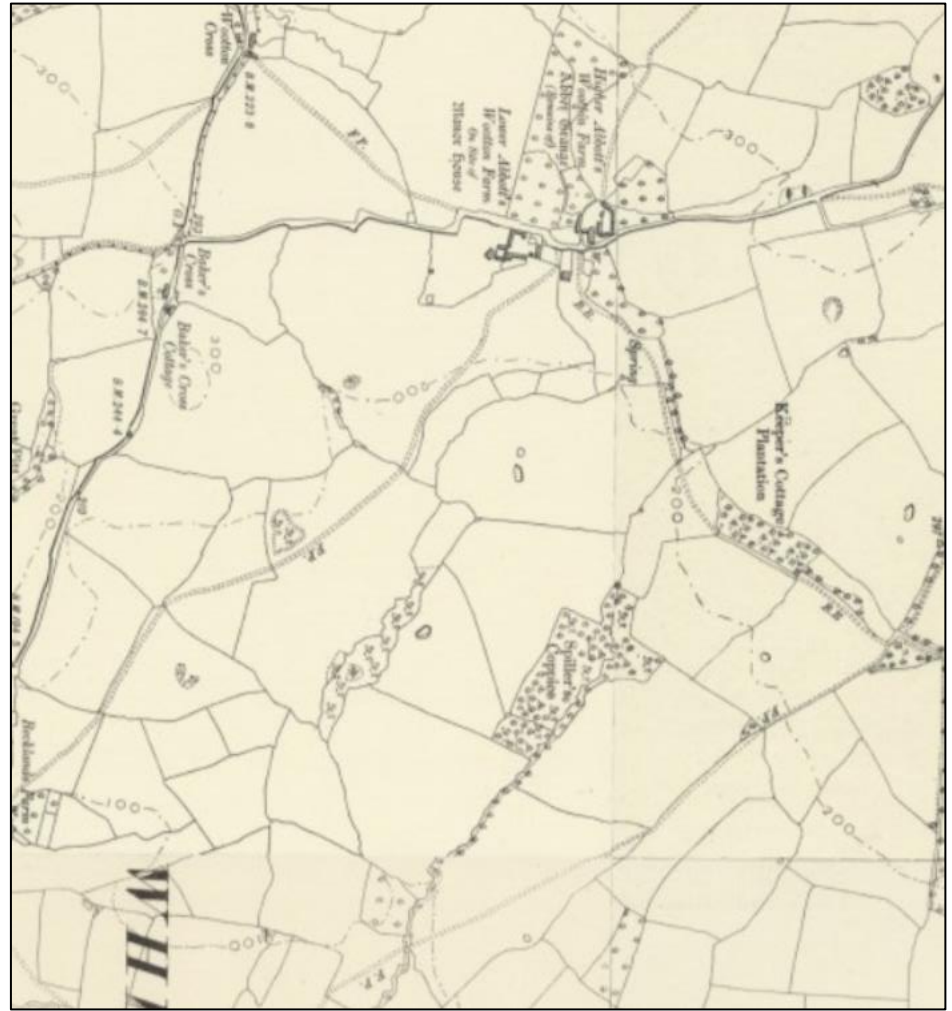


The Great Book of the Abbots Wootton Estate in 1769 (D-WFP/1)



The impressive leather bound volume containing The Estate Map and records by William Woodward . This was given to Lord Milton in 1769, a year after he purchased the Estate.

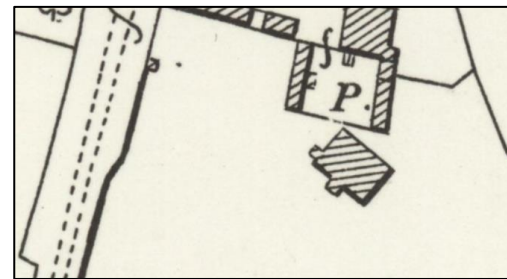
Abbotts Wootton Estate in 1769 and 1901



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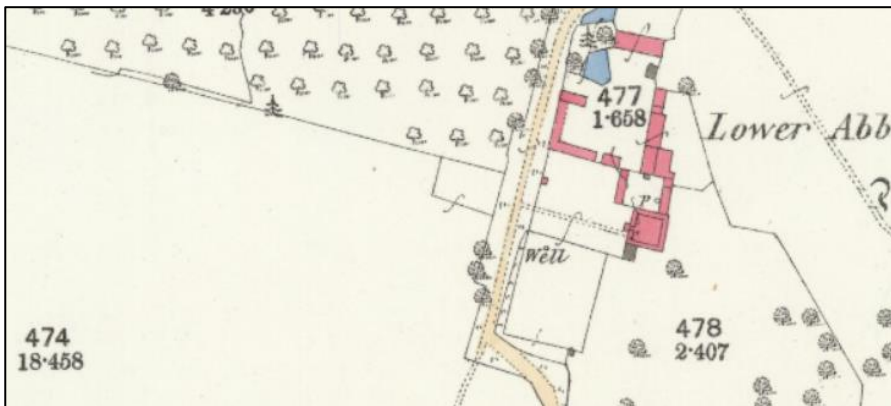
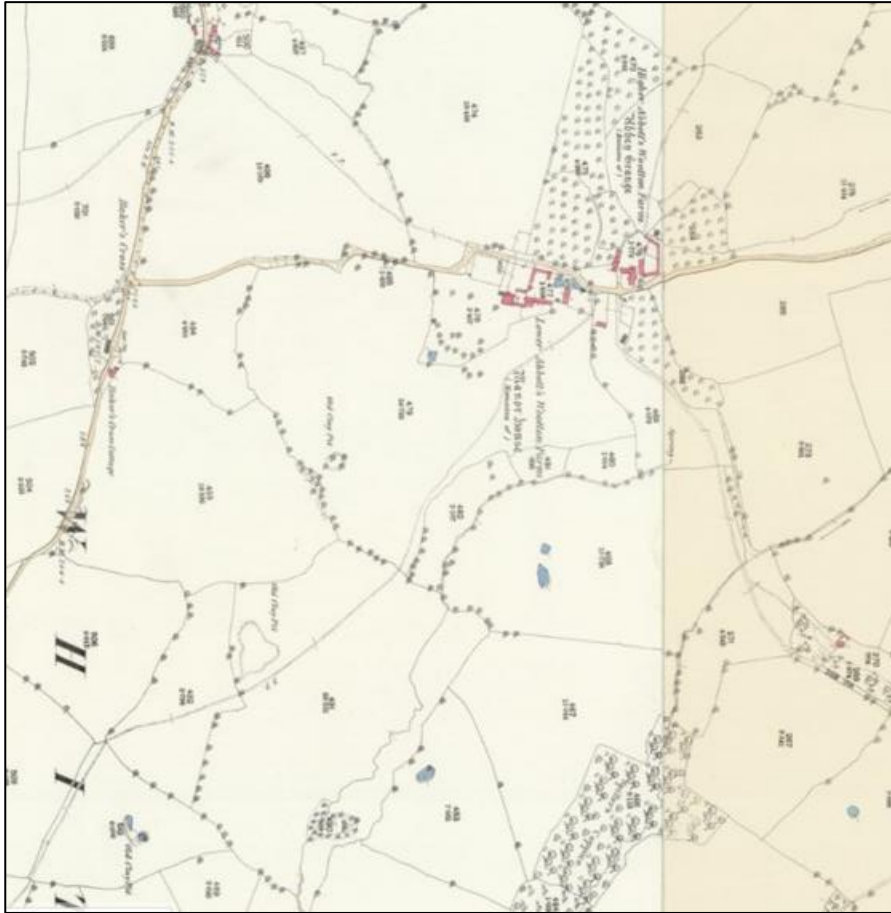


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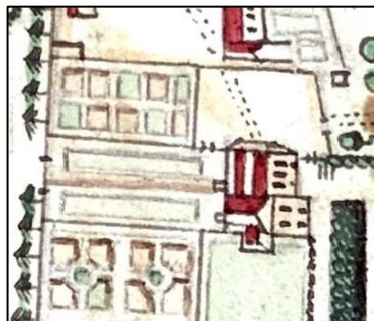
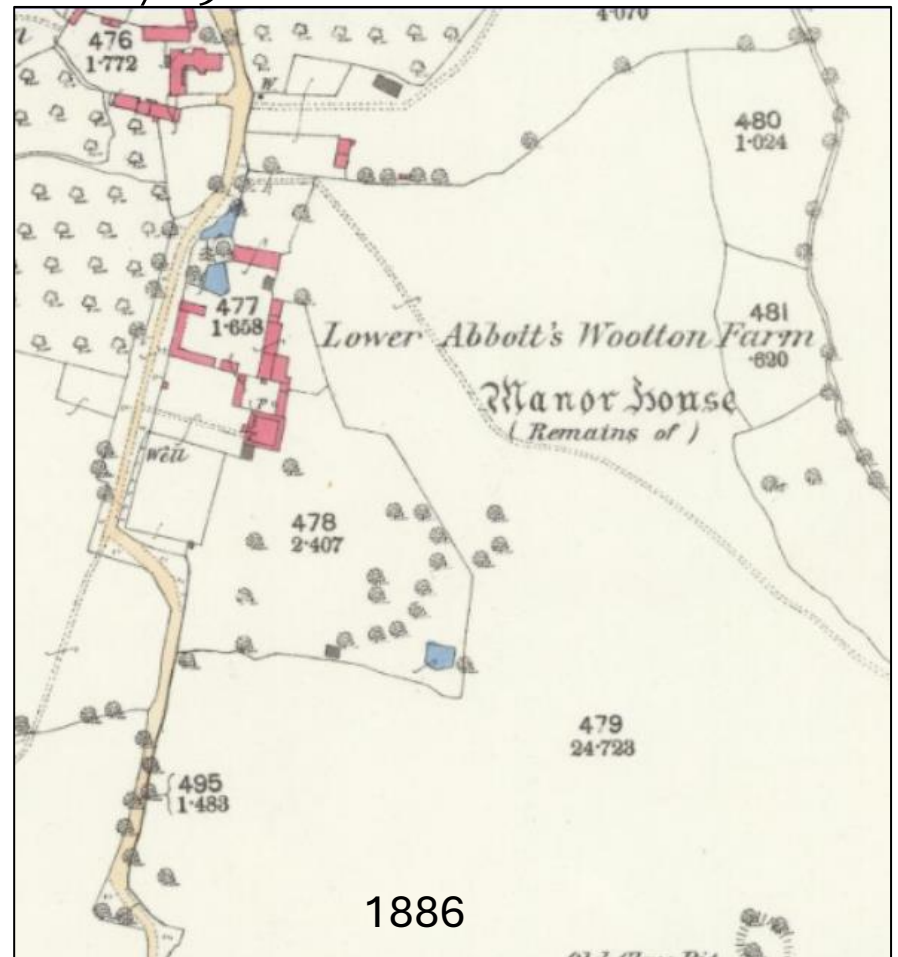


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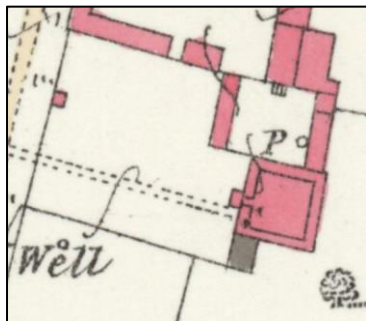
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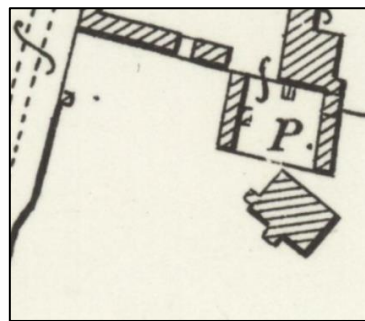
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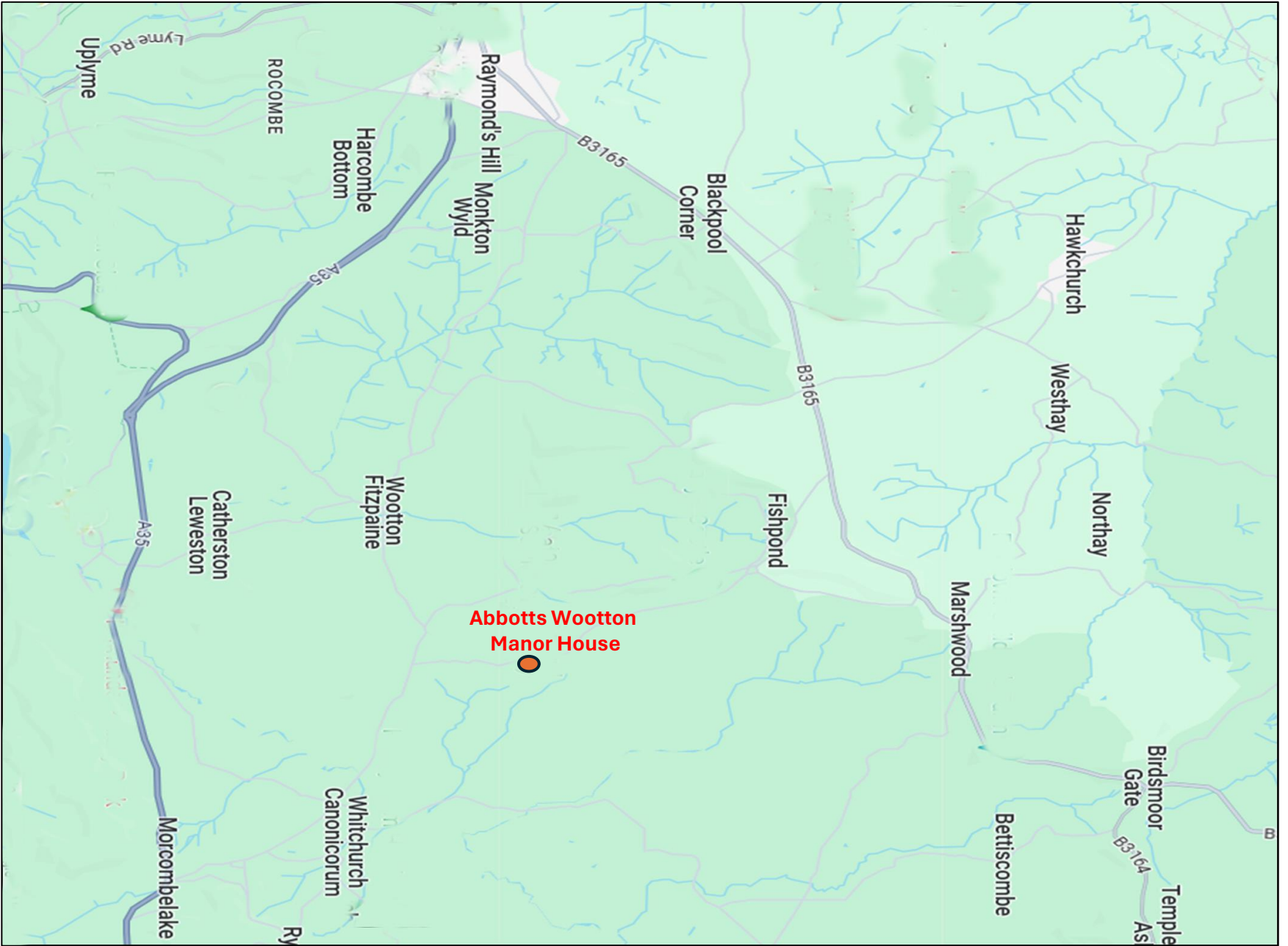


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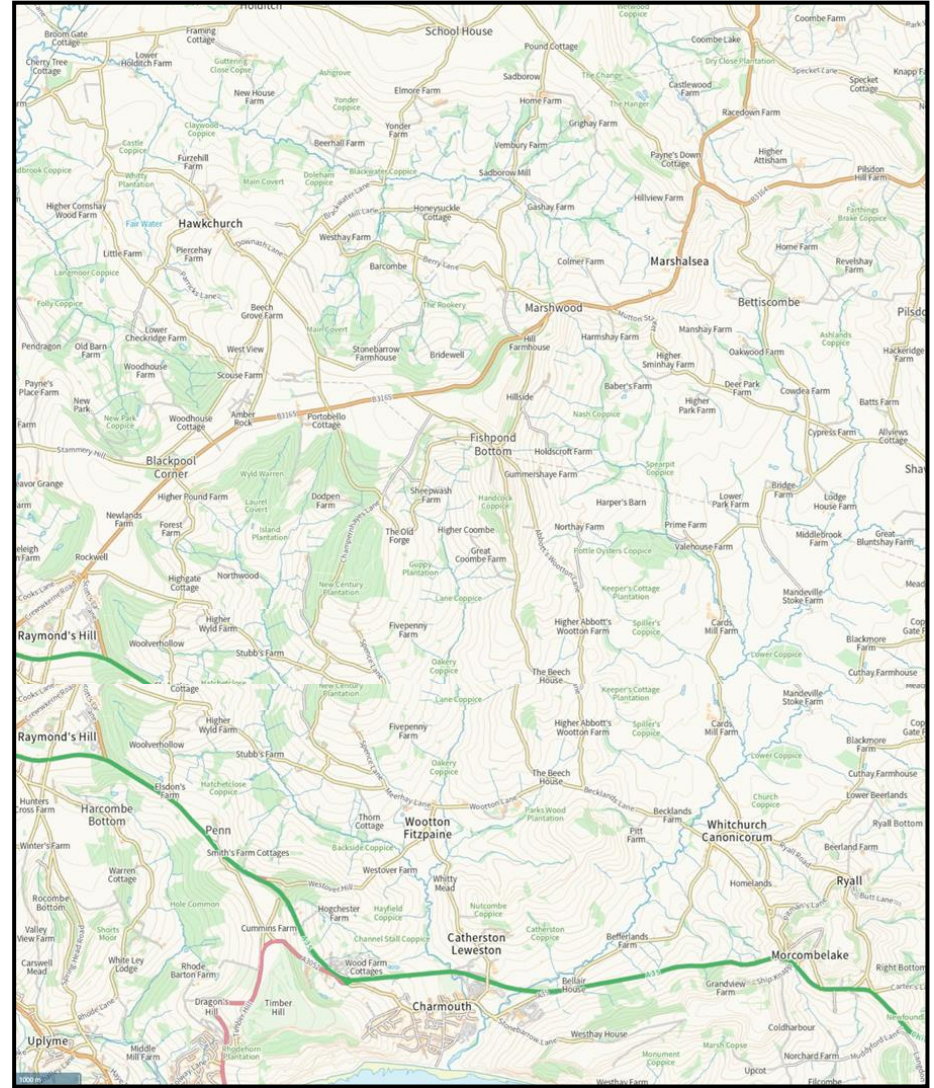


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Abbot's Wootton Estate in 2024



Abbots Wootton Estate in 1769 and 2024



An extract from “West Dorset Country Houses” by Michael Hill



Hutchins described a 'fine Elizabethan mansion' (also known as Wootton Abbas) and illustrated it in the first edition of his county history. The Every family, who owned the manor from the 1580s until the death of the last male Every (John) in 1679, probably built the house immediately after acquisition of the property. If Hutchins's view is accurate, it seems to have been small and originally built of large blocks of ashlar masonry; however, it was significant enough to be assessed for seven hearths in 1662. It was extended by a further bay in the late 18th century.

Sir Robert Hhenley inherited Abbots Wootton through his marriage to Barbara Every, John Every's sister. They also gained Glanvilles Wootton Manor by this marriage. Their son Robert sold the estate to Joseph, Lord Milton (later 1st Earl of Dorchester) in 1768; Hutchins' print depicts the house following the alterations to the building that Lord Milton carried out shortly after. Following her death in 1828 the trustees for Lord Milton's daughter, Lady Caroline Damer, sold the property to the Morse family, who in turn sold it to an Edward Swan. Hutchins's revisers reported that it had been demolished by about 1858.

Hutchins History of Dorset (1863 Edition) The history of Wootton Abbas

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a modern parish and manor, as well as a liberty, to which the manor of Hawkchurch is a member and belongs. This latter is of great extent, reaching from the river Char to the river Axe, which bounds the counties of Dorset and Devon, and has courts leet and baron attached. The place receives its principal name from its wet or woody situation, and its latter name from its being part of the lands of Abbotsbury Abbey. King Edward the Confessor, by a charter dated 1044,^e granted five perches of land at "Wodetune," "cuidam meo fideli ministro qui juxta suæ propriæ gentis consuetudinem ab infantili ætate nomen accepit Orc," who probably gave them to the abbey of Abbotsbury, of which he was the founder. In Domesday Book it is surveyed under the name of Wideton. "The same church holds Wideton.

In King Edward's time it was taxed for two hides and a half. There is land to four ploughs. Of this there is one hide in the demesne, and therein two ploughs and four bondmen; and four villains with two ploughs. There are five acres of meadow, three quarentens of pasture, and three quarentens of wood. It is worth 40s." In 1293, the lands of the Abbot at Wodeton, valued at 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and the lands of the abbot de Natale, or Nettley, at 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*^h 54 Hen. III. Wudeton was quit of suit of court to the hundred of Whitchurch, by grant of Robert Mandeville, formerly lord of it.ⁱ See ABBOTSBURY. 10 Edw. III. the abbot had a charter of free warren in Wodeton Abbatis and its appurtenances.

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Every Tombs in St. Mary`s Church. Whitchurch Canonorum



Here lyeth the body of JOHN EYERY of Wooton Abbotts, in the county of Dorset, gentleman, who, after having lived 72 years, yielded up the ghost, and was buried the 17th of February, Anno Domni 1616.

Here lyeth the body of JOHN EVERY, junior, gent., who died the 10th day of January, Anno D'ni 1622.

Here lyeth the body of Fredeswide EVERY, late wife of John Every the elder of Wooton Abbotts, gentleman, late deceased, who after her long sickness, much patience, and constant perseverance in the faith of Christ, ended her mortal life, and was buried the XXXI of December, 1625.

Here lieth the body of CATHERINE HENLEY, who departed this life the 14th of March, 1632, aged 52. years

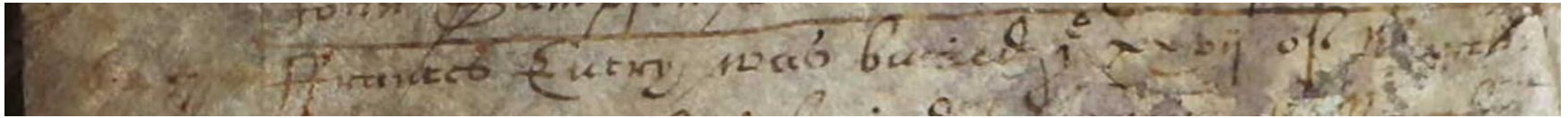
Below, in a lozenge, is a lion rampant.. Here lieth the body of JOHN HENLEY of Colmer, esq., who deceased the 19th day of Feb. in the 46th year of his age, 1682.

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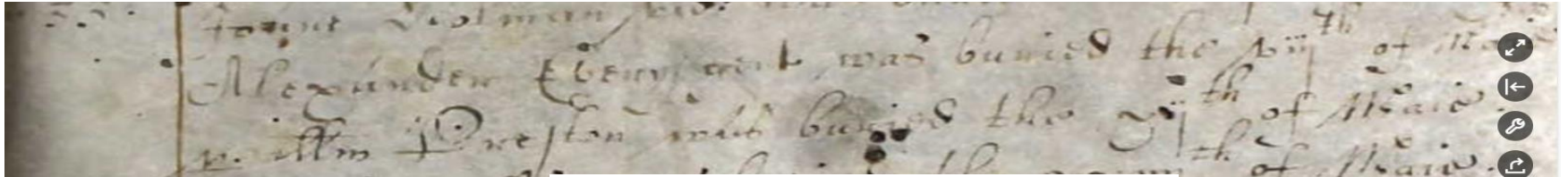
John Every of Weycroft Manor. Coat of arms in 1604. Table Tomb at Whitchurch Canonorum 1544 - 1616

John Every of Whitchurch Died 1622

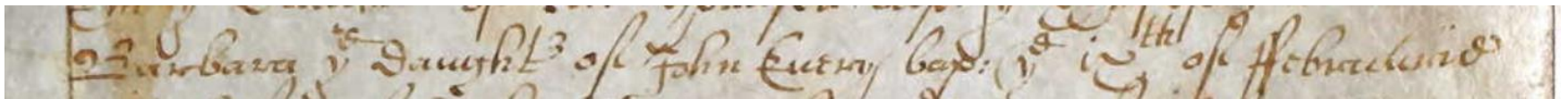
Parish Records of Every Family at St. Mary`s Church. Whitchurch Canonorum



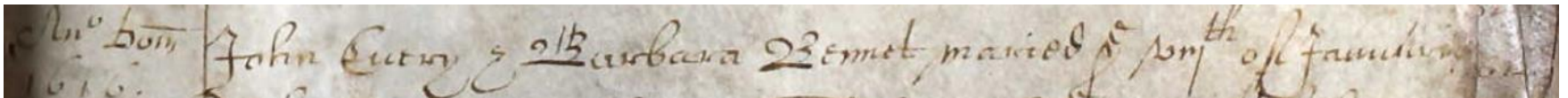
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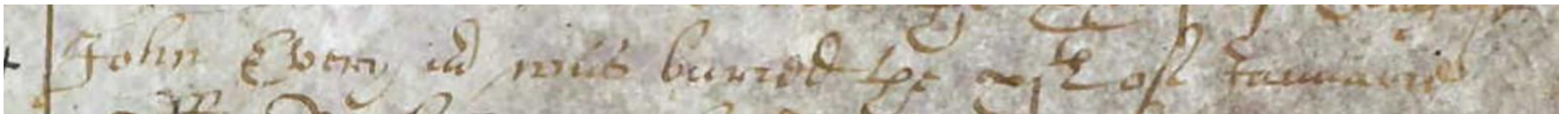
Alexander Every burial 7th May 1633



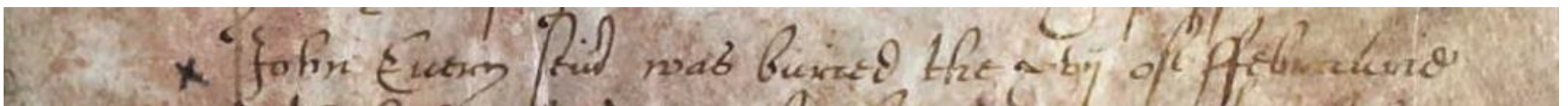
Barbara, daughter of John Every, baptised 9 Feb 1616



John Every and Barbara Bennet married 10th January 1615



John Every burial 11th January 1622



John Every burial 17 Feb 1615

Every and Henley Family in St. Mary's Church yard in Wootton Glanville



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Marriage of Barbara Every to Sir Robert Henley

To the pious memory of Dame BARBARA, relict of Sr Robert HENLY, late of ye Grange, in the county of South'ton, knt. to whom she brought a noble fortune, but in her own personal merit a much greater. For she was in all the duties of life an eminent example of true piety and virtue: a most humble and religious Christian, a most virtuous and affectionate wife, constant even to the grave, having remained 35 years an unblemished widow, a most tender and indulgent parent, a physician to the sick, a mother to the poor, and nearly related to all in distress. Thus lived Dame Barbara Henly; and if the righteous should be had in remembrance, who can have a better title to it than she, who spent a life of 73 years in doing good?

To the pious memory of Dame BARBARA, relict of S Robert HENLY, late of ye Grange, in the county of Southampton, knt. to whom she brought a noble fortune, but in her own personal merit a much greater. For she was in all the duties of life an eminent example of true piety and virtue: a most humble and religious Christian, a most virtuous and affectionate wife, constant even to the grave, having remained 35 years an unblemished widow, a most tender and indulgent parent, a physician to the sick, a mother to the poor, and nearly related to all Thus lived Dame Barbara Henly; and if the righteous should be had in remembrance, who can have a better in distress. title to it than she, who spent a life of 73 years in doing good?

Every and Henley Family in St. Mary`s Church yard in Wootton Glanville



WALL MONUMENT Phs John Every d.1679 CHANTRY W wall, S side
Anne Hurding d.1670

1 A large wall monument of painted clunch (ref. a) with a broken semi-circular pediment. At the centre of the pediment is an achievement of arms comprising an oval shield with a complex set of individual arms, including impaled arms. The details of the arms are quite crudely incised and although the colouring has faded significantly the arms are readily recognised. The overall achievement is completed by a closed helm, wreath and mantling, the mantling being significantly damaged and the crest missing altogether. Blazon: Quarterly 1 and 4 (Or) four chevrons (Gules) [EVERY] (ref. b); 2 and 3 (Argent) a greyhound (Sable) between three Cornish choughs (Proper) a border engrailed (Gules) charged with eight crosses paty and as many roundels (Or) alternately [WILLIAMS] (ref. c) Impaling (Or) four chevrons (Gules) [EVERY], impaling Per pale (Argent) and (Azure) in the first three pallets (Sable) [TRENCHARD] (ref.d) Crest: On a closed helm Azure garnished Or a wreath Gules and Azure (crest missing) Mantling: Fragment of mantling remaining coloured Gules

It is noted that the monument is a joint one to John Every of Cothay and his mother Anne Williams, who married John Hurding on the death of her first husband John Every (Senior). The regard that John Every of Cothay held for his mother comes over clearly in the inscription A. This partially explains the use of certain of the livery colours and the inclusion of the three main arms in the shield together with the impaling (ref. e) The achievement rests on a pedestal decorated with a black painted oval 'lozenge' The pediment is flanked on either side by kneeling figures at prayer in 17 c dress (ref. a). The man on the left is wearing a laced coat (ref. f) with frilled white linen shirt cuffs and jabot. He has a full-bottomed wig and court shoes. The lady on the right wears a black gown and hood with weepers (ref. f). Each kneels on a cushion at a prie-dieu with an open book. Below is an entablature with egg and dart frieze, supported by three rectangular black painted pilaster strips. On either side of the central pilaster is an oval panel set in a painted carved foliate frame.

The left hand panel contains the following biblical text:
O DEATH/ WHERE IS THY STING O GRAVE/ WHERE IS THY VICTORY. [FOR] THE / STING OF DEATH
IS SINNE AND THE / STRENGTH OF SINNE IS THE LAW / BUT THANKS BE TO GOD WHO GIVETH/
US ÿ VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD / JESUS CHRIST. 1 COR: CHAP. 15./ VERS: 55. 56. 57:

The panel on the right is a memorial to Anne Hurding, see inscription A para. 9. Both texts are in gold painted flourished roman caps with archaic spelling. The initial letters of some words are in larger caps. In inscription A the word John in both instances is spelt with an 'I' at the beginning (Iohn). The pilasters rest on an entablature, with a frieze of dentils, which is supported on each side by a free standing Corinthian column of black marble. The columns support an entablature with a mask on the right-hand side, the one on the left is missing. Beneath the entablature is a plain pink marble rectangle with a winged head of a cherub beneath. This is at the top of a shaped surround with beaded architrave mouldings; within this is a rectangular foliate frame surrounding a white marble panel with an inscription to John Every (inscription B) incised in black roman caps with archaic spelling, with some initial letters of words in larger caps. Beneath the columns are console brackets, with floral decorations on the sides, flanking two black painted panels in frames between which is a central bracket with a winged cherub looking down. Below is a scrolled apron with foliate decoration. The brackets are heavily carved with egg and dart frieze. The entablature below the kneeling figures is worn and there is some damage to the curved surround and foliate frame to the inscription tablet. The paintwork is worn. Clunch, marble Late 17th century or later

John Every (1643-79) baptised 15h November 1643, oldest son of John Every of Symondsbury, Dorset by Anne daughter and heiress of George Williams of Wootton Glanville. Educated Wadham College, Oxford, 1661. Married Elizabeth (1642-1694).

John Every Memorial in St. Mary's Church, Glanvilles Wootton. Dorset.



TO THE MEMORY OF

JOHN EVERY LATE OF **COTHAY** IN YE COUNTY OF SOMERSET
Esq* DECEASED HE WAS **SONNE** AND HEIRE OF **JOHN EVERY**
LATE OF THIS PARISH Esq DECEASED AND **ANNE HIS WIFE**
DECEASED DAUGHTER & HEIRE OF **GEORGE WILLIAMS**
DECEASED YOUNGER **SONNE OF SIR JOHN WILLIAMS** LATE OF
HERRINGSTONE IN THE COUNTY OF DORSET KNIGHT DECEASED
HE MARRIED ELIZABETH SECOND DAUGHTER OF THOMAS
TRENCHARD LATE OF **WOOLLRETON** IN YE SAID COUNTY OF
DORSET Esq. DECEASED AND **DIED WITHOUT ISSUE** THE 8TH
DAY OF JULY **1679** AND HAVING ONLY TWO SISTERS (TO WIT)
ANNE THE WIFE OF IOHN LEIGH OF NORTHCOURTE IN THE ISLE
OF WIGHT AND COUNTY OF SOUTHTON. ESQ HIS ELDEST SISTER
AND **DAME BARBARA HENLEY** THE WIFE OF **SIR ROBERT**
HENLEY OF THE GRANGE IN THE SAID COUNTY OF SOUTHTON
KNIGHT. **HIS YOUNGER SISTER** SETTLED THE PATERNALL
ESTATE LYeing IN THE SEVERALL COUNTYES OF SOMERSET
DORSET & DEVON ON THE ELDEST SONNES & HEIRES OF THE
SAID ANNE AND DAME BARBARA HIS SAID SISTERS.



John Every of Cotthay, esq. by Ann, daughter and heir of George Williams, had a son named John, who died without issue, and left this and the rest of his estate to the eldest sons of his two sisters, Ann, wife of John Leigh of North Court, in the Isle of Wight, and county of Hants, esq. and Barbara, wife of Sir Robert Henley of the Grange, in the same county, knt. The Leighs seem to have parted with their share at least of this manor to the Henleys, which came to Robert youngest son of Barbara, Lady Henley. He died in the year 1758. This estate was sold by his

Memorial to John Every`s mother, Ann in St. Mary`s Church, Glanvilles Wootton.



TO THE BLESSED
 MEMORY OF ANNE HURDING
 DECEASED Y LATE WIFE OF IOHN
 HURDING OF LONGBREYD IN Y COUNTY
 OF DORSET ESQ* MOTHER OF Y SAID IOHN
 EVERY DECEASED WHOM HE HONOURED
 LIVING AND IN PURSUANCE OF HIS
 WILL THIS HER STATUE AND
 MONUMENT IS ERECTED

On the left hand, in a similar compartment: To the blessed memory of ANNE HURDING, deceased, late wife of John Hurding of Longbreyd, in ye county of Dorset, esq. mother of ye said John Every, deceased, whom he honoured living, and in pursuance of her will this her statue and monument is erected. In the south aisle, at the upper end on the north side, is a small mural monument of freestone; on the top of which, on one side, is the coat of Williams, on the other side Every, in lozenges; between both, on a central shield, Every impaling Williams. Crest : An unicorn's head argent on a Wreath.



4 WALL TABLET Phs Dame Barbara Henley d.1727

CHANTRY
W wall, N side

1 A rectangular inscription tablet between fluted pilasters topped by an achievement of arms in heavily scrolled surround on a pediment. The arms are the matrimonial arms of Sir Robert Henley and his wife Barbara presented in a lozenge as appropriate for a widow.

Blazon: On a lozenge, (Azure) a lion rampant (Argent) ducally crowned (Or) within a bordure Gules charged with eight roundels Sable [HENLEY] (ref. a)
Impaling two coats in pale, in chief, Or four chevronels (Gules) [EVERY] (ref. b), and in base, Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable legged and beaked (Gules) within a bordure engrailed Gules (charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels Or) [WILLIAMS] (ref. b)

As several of the tinctures are clear they are not presented in round brackets. Also the bordure at the line of impalement is traditionally omitted as given here. (ref. c)

Below the tablet is an apron resting on a stepped and moulded bracket. The pilasters rest on tall concave reeded brackets. The inscription is in black painted incised roman caps and l/c; much of the black paint is worn away. In the inscription some letters are raised and the long 's' is used.

2 Marble and paint
3 after 1727

4 h. 170 approx. x w. 97 x d. 15cm

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7 Dame Barbara Henley had this other epitaph on the north side of the churchyard although the headstone no longer exists:

Here lye the poor remains of that pious and charitable lady, Dame Barbara Henly [sic], who departed this life the 2nd of April 1727.

Traveller, adieu:
If thou art poor, lament the loss of so good a friend:
If thou art rich, strive to imitate
So good an example. (ref. d)

Dame Barbara, daughter of John Every of Symondsbury, Dorset was born in Glanvilles Wootton in 1655 and died at Creeksea, Essex on 2nd April 1727. She was the second wife of Sir Robert Henley. They were married on 1st September 1674 in Glanvilles Wootton and had two sons and three daughters. (ref. e) She was the co-heir with her sister Anne Leigh to her brother John Every (memorial 003).

006 WALL TABLET Phs George Williams d.1660 TOWER, S wall, E end

1 A rectangular black painted wall tablet set within a Corinthian architectural surround (ref. a) which is made of clunch. The matrimonial arms of Mr John Every and Miss Anne Williams stand centrally above, between, on the left the Every arms in a lozenge representing an unknown female member of the Every family, and on the right the Williams arms representing an unknown female member of the Williams family. The details were probably lost in the repositioning of the memorial in the 1876 restoration. So, whilst this monument is formally dedicated to George Williams, it is noted that the achievements of arms have been interchanged with those belonging to wall tablet 007. (ref. b)

The tinctures of the matrimonial arms look quite bright considering their age and have probably gone through more than one restoration. (ref. b)

Blazon: Or four chevronels Gules, (here within a bordure to balance the bordure of the impaled Williams arms) [EVERY] (ref. c), impaling, Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable beaked and legged Gules all within a bordure engrailed Gules charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels all Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. d)

Crest: On a closed helm with a wreath Sable and Argent, a unicorn's head Proper [EVERY] (ref. e)

Mantling: Argent and Gules tasselled Or. (ref. b)

Lozenge - right-hand side

Blazon: Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable beaked and legged Gules all within a bordure engrailed Gules charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels all Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. b)

Lozenge - left-hand side

Blazon: Or three chevronels Gules, within a bordure Sable [EVERY] (ref. c)
(There are only three chevronels as the lower chevronel is missing due to damage)

1 General Description 2 Materials 3 Date 4 Measurements 5 Artist 6 Manufacturer 7 History
8 Donor and date of gift 9 Memorial/Dedicatory inscription 10 References

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**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
GLANVILLES WOOTTON, DORSET**

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Blazon: Quarterly of four, 1. Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable legged and beaked Gules all within a bordure engrailed Gules charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. c.) 2. Gules three stag's heads coupé Argent [DE LA LYNDE] (ref. d) 3. Gules three herrings hauriant in fess Argent [HERRING] (ref. e) *4. Argent a lion rampant Sable a chief Gules [SYWARD] (ref. f)

Impaling:
Quarterly 1 and 4, Argent three roundels Azure each charged with three chevrons Gules [CARANT] (ref. g); *2 and 3 Or four chevronels Gules [EVERY]

*4. Hutchins gives the arms as Sable, a cross patonce Argent for Syward and states 'the first and fourth quarters seem to have been clumsily changed by the painter when repainting, as hereafter mentioned, in 1806, what was perhaps obliterated at the time.'

*2 and 3. Hutchins gives these arms as 'Argent, three bars wavy Gules – Toomer of Toomer in Henstridge.

Hutchins was able to see the arms clearly; an error in repainting could easily alter the Toomer arms for those of Every, particularly as the Every family had connections with the Williams.

The whole memorial rests on a moulded shelf. The paint on the shield is very faint and the top of the square frame is eroded.

There are two inscriptions; the first is in incised black roman caps and the second being an elegy is incised in black roman caps and l/c. Both use archaic spelling and are illegible in places and the bracketed text at para. 9 has been taken from an earlier transcription by Hutchins. (ref. b).

Paint and clunch (ref. h)

After 1654

h. 122 x w. 85 x d. 15cm

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Mary Williams was the wife of George Williams. She was the daughter of William Carent, whose lands in Toomer (now part of Henstridge) were granted in 1409 to Alice, the wife of one William Carent, but sold in 1675.

John Williams of Perry Court (a sheriff of Dorset) was the first of the family to reside at Herringstone (formerly Winterbourne Herring) in 1513. His son John, married as his second wife, Alice, relict of Sir Thomas de la Lynde of Winterbourne Clenston, and his son Robert married first Anne Trenchard, daughter of Henry Trenchard and secondly Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas de la Lynde. Hutchins says 'the ancient and knightly family of Harang or Herring was of considerable note' (ref. b). John Hareng of Winterbourne Herring, died in the 34th year of Henry VI's reign (1457) and John de la Lynde, son and heir of Isabella de la Lynde, daughter of John Hareng, was found to be a co-heir. The Syward family possessed Herringstone 'in a remote period.' In the 12th year of Edward III's reign (1339) Walter Hareng enjoyed the

**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
GLANVILLES WOOTTON, DORSET**

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9 Main tablet:
WITHIN [TH]I[S] [DORMITORY RESTS THE] GRE[AT EXAMPLE OF PIETY AND] INTE[GRITY, OF HOSPITALITY, AND OF CHARITY IN THIS LIFE:] A [WORTHY MONITOR IN HIS DEATH, THAT NATURE BRINGS THEE] O[NLY TO A LIFE THAT'S MORTAL; THAT THE LI[F]E OF GRACE] O[NLY LEADS TO A BLESSED DEATH, AND THAT DEATH ONLY TO LIFE IMMORTAL.]

Small rectangular tablet:
[GEORGE] WILLIAMS GENTL[E]MAN, [DEPARTED] OVT [OF THIS LIFE THE 25th DAY OF APRIL, AN'O D'NI 1660]

- 10 a) RCHM, p.96
b) John York - Heraldry specialist
c) John York - Burke, p.334
d) John York - Burke, p.1114
e) John York - Papworth, p.334
f) Hutchins, p.747
g) W&SHC Faculty dated 1875
h) on-line: Ancestry.co.uk
i) Church Guide

007 **WALL TABLET** Phs **John Every d.1658** **TOWER, S wall, W end**

1 This memorial is similar to 006 with the following variations. The arms, crest and mantling are of Williams. The egg and tongue border is partially obliterated. The anthemion carvings are damaged. The medallions on the plinths show traces of paint.

The arms of Williams are sculpted with painted tinctures. As with 006 the tinctures look quite bright considering their age and they have probably gone through more than one restoration. (ref. a)

Blazon: Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable beaked and legged Gules all in a bordure engrailed Gules charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. b)

Crest: On a closed helm with a wreath Sable and Argent an erect right arm coupé at the elbow vested Gules (charged with a cross paty Or) the hand Proper holding an oak branch Vert, fructed Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. b)

Mantling: Argent and Gules tasselled Or. (ref. a)

The mantle has a right-hand tassel missing. The upper tablet shows some signs of lettering. The small tablet shows no signs of legible lettering although there are traces of black paint. However, as with 006, Hutchins recorded the inscriptions in 1774 and therefore the words in brackets in para. 9 are taken from his record and shows that the letter 'V' was used in place of the 'U'. (ref. c)

- 2 Clunch, metal, stone, paint
 3 After 1658
 4 h. (approx.) 214 x w.110 x d. (excluding cornice) 21cm
 5-6 -
 7 This memorial was originally in the south aisle (chantry), at the upper end on the north side (ref. c). The description of the achievements, together with that of 006, match that stated by Hutchins. The inscriptions as found do not match the achievements but enough lettering can be seen to identify them being connected to 007. It is likely that with the repositioning of memorials 006 and 007 in the 1876 restoration, the achievements of arms became interchanged. See 006 for an extract from the 1875 faculty relating to the repositioning the memorials.
- 8 Anne Every (wife)
 9 Main Tablet:
 [HERE LYETH OUR SAVIOUR'S BLESSED MAN, ST JAMES'S FAITHFULL MAN, AND DAV] ID]'S VPRIGHT MAN, WHOSE LIFE WAS JVST, WHOSE END IS PEACE; TO WHOSE PIOUS MEMORY, HIS WIFE ANNE, THE] DAV[GHTER OF GEORGE WILLIAMS,] GENT. [HAS ERECTED THIS MONV]MENT O[F HIS DESERTS AND HER AFFECTION.]
- Small rectangular tablet:
 [JOHN EVERY, ESQ. HVMBLY SVBMITTING TO THE DIVINE WILL, EXPIRED JVNE THE 8, AN'O D'NI 1658.]
- 10 a) John York - Heraldry expert
 b) John York - Burke, p.1114
 c) Hutchins, p.747

008 **WALL TABLET Phs Mary Williams d.1654 TOWER, N wall, W end**

- 1 A square framed memorial tablet of clunch beneath a shield of arms set in a deep semi-circular frame with reverse ogee ends. The frame has raised edges with a moulded surround extending back to the wall. The shield has two arabesques at the base, one on each side and is a matrimonial shield for George Williams and his wife Mary Carent presented on a full shield inferring that Mary pre-deceased her husband. The tinctures are painted but faded with time; they have probably suffered at least one refurbishment. Both halves of the matrimonial shield are quarterly of four. The various quarterings are said to be Williams, de la Lynde, Herring, Syward impaling Carent/Every (ref. a. & b.)

- 8 John Hurding
 9 Inscription 1:

HER[E] LYET[H] [ANNE THE] W[IFE OF J]OH[N HURDING OF L]ONGBREDY [DORS.ESQ. SHE WAS RELICT OF J]OH[N EVERY ESQ. D]ESC[EASED] [DAVGH]TE[R AND HEIR OF GEORGE WILLIAMS, DECEASED] FO[VRTH SON OF SIR JOHN WILLIAMS, LATE OF HERRINGSTON, KT. DECEASED. SHE DYED THE 2d MAY, ANNO D.1670, AETATIS SUAE 56.] S [HE] WAS [PIOVS TO GOD, FAITHFUL TO HER H]V[SBA[ND]S T[E]ND[ER T]O HER CHI[L]DR[E]N, [JUST] TO ALL. [H]ER [HO]VSE[WAS AN HOSPITAL TO] TH[E] SICK AND L[A]M[E] [AND AN] ALM[S]HO[VSE TO THE] POOR & [FA]THE[RLESS]. REV. [XIV.1]3 S[HE] HATH RESTE[D FR]OM HER L[ABOVRS, AND HER] WO[RK]S DO FOLLOW HER.

Inscription 2:

TO WHOSE BLESSED MEMORY
 HHER [*sic*] [SURVIVING DI]SCON-
 SOLAT[E HUSB]AND HATH
 E[R]JECT[E]D THIS
 MONUMENT.

- 10 a) John York - Heraldry Specialist
 b) RCHM, p.96
 c) John York - Papworth p.158
 d) Brown - Latin specialist
 e) British History Online: Monumental Heraldry p.40b
 f) Hutchins, p.747
 g) on-line: Ancestry.co.uk

011 **WALL TABLET Ph Ann Feltham d.1835 TOWER, N wall, E end**
James Durrant d.1845

- 1 A white marble rectangular wall tablet held in position by six metal brackets. The tablet sits on a small, black marble bracket. The lettering is incised roman caps and the top six lines are painted black. The bottom seven lines are unpainted.
- 2 Marble, metal
 3 2nd quarter of 19th c
 4 h. 42 x w. 76cm (depth inaccessible)
 5-8 -

GLANVILLES WOOTTON, DORSET

7 William Leigh was born at Glanvilles Wootton in 1678; matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford on 27th February 1693/4 aged 16; obtained a BA in 1697 and a MA in 1700; BD and DD in 1718. He was rector of Holy Trinity and St Peter's Dorchester and St Mary's, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. (ref. a)
 His first marriage was to Mary Constantine on 4th March 1728 in Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. Mary died in 1738. On 5th September 1741 he married Elizabeth Pyle at Kington Magna or Kingstone, Dorset. (ref. b)
 8 Revd. Robert Taunton LLD
 9

SACRED to the MEMORY
 of

ELIZABETH,

Wife of the Reverend WILLIAM LEIGH D.D.
 and only Daughter of William Pyle, Gent:
 of Newport in the Isle of Wight.

After a Life well spent in frequent Acts of
 Piety and Benevolence in her *Eighty fourth*

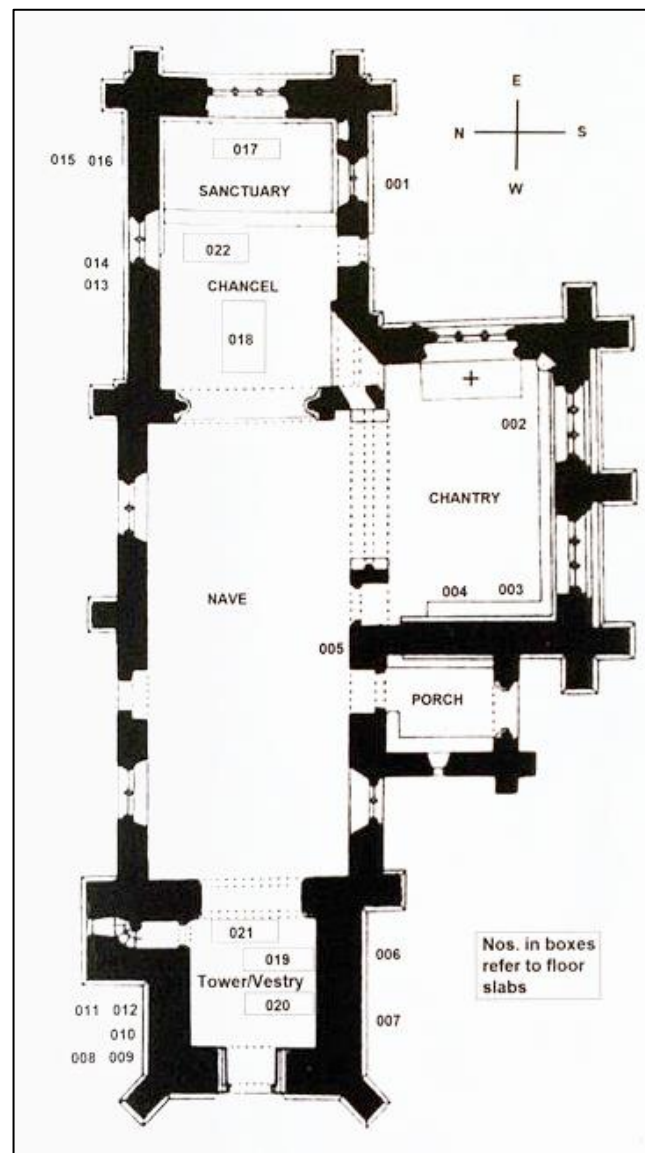
Year and on the XXIXth [29th] Day of December
 MDCCLXXXIII [1783] She at last reached that Haven
 of Rest which had long been the Object of
 her most fervent Prayers.

D^s LEIGH was Son of JOHN LEIGH Esq^r
 of Northcourt in the Isle of Wight by ANN

Daughter of JOHN EVERY Esq^r of this Place
 Besides other Preferments He was Rector of
 The Parishes of the Holy Trinity and S^t Peters
 in the Town of Dorchester: where he died the
 4th Day of January in the Year 1752, and
 was from thence removed to this Church
 for Interment.

This Monument was Erected by the Reverend
 ROBERT TAUNTON LLD. Grandson of
 M^{RS} LEIGHIS [*sic*] eldest Brother JOHN PYLE, in
 Testimony of his Respect and Gratitude.

10 a) on-line: Clergy database.org
 b) on-line: Ancestry.co.uk

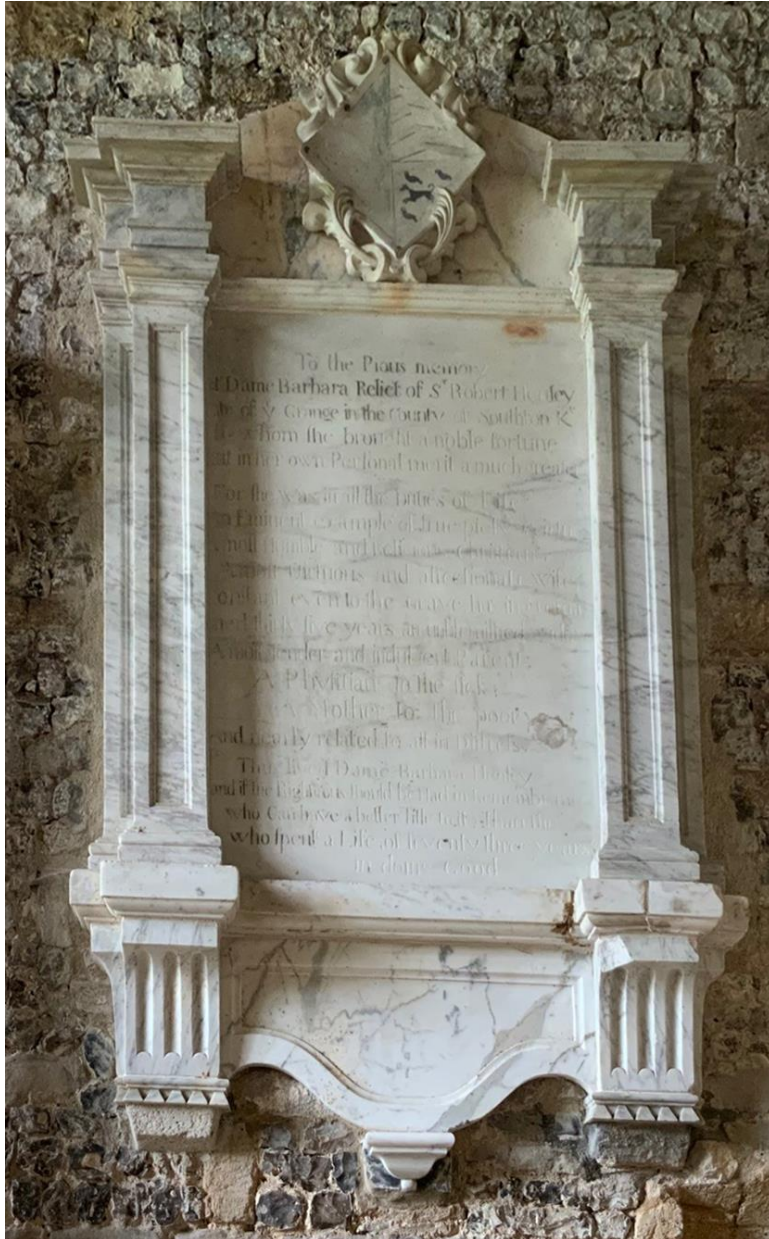


John Every Memorial in St. Mary`s Church in Wootton Glanville

John married Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Trenchard (1615-1657) of Wolverton, Dorset on 10th September 1666 at Lychett Matravers, Dorset. He succeeded his father in 1658 and his cousin William Every of Cothays in about 1660. He was commissioner for assessment for Dorset from 1664 to 1669 and Somerset 1679 and was made a freeman of Lyme Regis in 1666. From 1676 to 1677 he was Sheriff of Dorset and Sheriff of Somerset from 1678 until he died. He seems to have been an ardent sportsman, generous in his bequest to his 'quondam huntsman' and himself receiving perhaps the highest compliment one country gentlemen can pay another when John Strangways left him his pack of hounds. Every was described as 'a very loyal man', he displayed proper horror when his radical brother-in-law, John Trenchard declared that a Trenchard had as much right to the throne as any Stuart. Every warned him: Brother, have a care of speaking treason, for if you do I will be sure to inform against you'. On the other hand his step-brother John Hurding opposed the court candidate at Bridport on 1 Feb. 1677. As sheriff, Every was responsible for more than his share of contested by-elections, and his handling of the struggle between Thomas Browne and Sir Nathaniel Napier and his methodical endorsements of the Bridport writs are creditable to his judgment and commonsense, whatever the legal pundits may have thought.

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Memorial to Dame Barbara Henley, who died in 1727, aged 73, in St. Mary's Church, Glanvilles Wootton.



To the pious memory of Dame BARBARA, relict of S Robert HENLY, late of ye Grange, in the county of Southampton, knt. to whom she brought a noble fortune, but in her own personal merit a much greater. For she was in all the duties of life an eminent example of true piety and virtue: a most humble and religious Christian, a most virtuous and affectionate wife, constant even to the grave, having remained 35 years an unblemished widow, a most tender and indulgent parent, a physician to the sick, a mother to the poor, and nearly related to all Thus lived Dame Barbara Henly; and if the righteous should be had in remembrance, who can have a better in distress. title to it than she, who spent a life of 73 years in doing good ?

A rectangular inscription tablet between fluted pilasters topped by an achievement of arms in heavily scrolled surround on a pediment. The arms are the matrimonial arms of Sir Robert Henley and his wife Barbara presented in a lozenge as appropriate for a widow.

Blazon: On a lozenge, (Azure) a lion rampant (Argent) ducally crowned (Or) within a bordure Gules charged with eight roundels Sable [HENLEY] (ref. a)
Impaling two coats in pale, in chief, Or four chevronels (Gules) [EVERY] (ref. b), and in base, Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable legged and beaked (Gules) within a bordure engrailed Gules (charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels Or) [WILLIAMS] (ref. b)

As several of the tinctures are clear they are not presented in round brackets. Also the bordure at the line of impalement is traditionally omitted as given here. (ref. c)

Below the tablet is an apron resting on a stepped and moulded bracket. The pilasters rest on tall concave reeded brackets. The inscription is in black painted incised roman caps and l/c; much of the black paint is worn away. In the inscription some letters are raised and the long 's' is used.

Marble and paint
after 1727
h. 170 approx. x w. 97 x d. 15cm

Dame Barbara, daughter of John Every of Symondsbury, Dorset was born in Glanvilles Wootton in 1655 and died at Creeksea, Essex on 2nd April 1727. She was the second wife of Sir Robert Henley. They were married on 1st September 1674 in Glanvilles Wootton and had two sons and three daughters. (ref. e) She was the co-heir with her sister Anne Leigh to her brother John Every (memorial 003).

Memorial to the marriage of John Every and Anne Williams in St. Mary`s Church, Glanvilles Wootton.



TOWER, S wall, E end

A rectangular black painted wall tablet set within a Corinthian architectural surround (ref. a) which is made of clunch. The matrimonial arms of Mr John Every and Miss Anne Williams stand centrally above, between, on the left the Every arms in a lozenge representing an unknown female member of the Every family, and on the right the Williams arms representing an unknown female member of the Williams family. The details were probably lost in the repositioning of the memorial in the 1876 restoration. So, whilst this monument is formally dedicated to George Williams, it is noted that the achievements of arms have been interchanged with those belonging to wall tablet 007. (ref. b) The tinctures of the matrimonial arms look quite bright considering their age and have probably gone through more than one restoration. (ref. b)

Blazon: Or four chevronels Gules, (here within a bordure to balance the bordure of the impaled Williams arms) [EVERY] (ref. c), impaling, Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable beaked and legged Gules all within a bordure engrailed Gules charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels all Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. d)

Crest: On a closed helm with a wreath Sable and Argent, a unicorn's head Proper [EVERY] (ref. e)

Mantling: Argent and Gules tasselled Or. (ref. b)

Lozenge - right-hand side

Blazon: Argent a greyhound courant Sable between three Cornish choughs Sable beaked and legged Gules all within a bordure engrailed Gules charged with eight crosses paty alternating with eight roundels all Or [WILLIAMS] (ref. b) Lozenge - left-hand side

Blazon: (There are only three chevronels as the lower chevronel is missing due to damage) Or three chevronels Gules, within a bordure Sable (EVERY) (ref. c)

John Every 1643 - 1679 – M.P. for Bridport (1679)

Family and Education

bap. 15 Nov. 1643, o.s. of John Every of Symondsbury, Dorset by Anne, da. and h. of George Williams of Wootton Glanville. *educ.* Wadham, Oxf. 1661. *m.* 1666, Elizabeth, da. of [Thomas Trenchard](#)† of Wolveton, Dorset, *s.p. suc. fa.* 1658, cos. William Every of Cothays c.1660.¹

Offices Held

Commr. for assessment, Dorset 1664-9, Som. 1679-*d.*; freeman, Lyme Regis 1666; sheriff, Dorset 1676-7; j.p. Dorset 1677-*d.*, Som. 1678-*d.*²

Biography

Every's great-grandfather appears to have laid the foundation of the family fortune around the turn of the century by judicious land dealings with the more improvident members of the nobility and gentry. The elder branch of the family transferred themselves to Derbyshire by marriage with an heiress, achieved a seat in the Short Parliament and a baronetcy in the following year, and were notable Royalists in the Civil War and Booth's rising. The west-country branches played a much less conspicuous role in this period even though Every's father was step-son to a Cavalier sheriff of Dorset.³

Every seems to have been an ardent sportsman, generous in his bequest to his 'quondam huntsman' and himself receiving perhaps the highest compliment one country gentlemen can pay another when [John Strangways](#)* left him his pack of hounds. 'A very loyal man', he displayed proper horror when his radical brother-in-law, [John Trenchard](#)* declared that a Trenchard had as much right to the throne as any Stuart. 'Brother, have a care of speaking treason, for if you do I will be sure to inform against you,' Every warned him. On the other hand his step-brother John Hurding opposed the court candidate at Bridport on 1 Feb. 1677. As sheriff, he was responsible for more than his share of contested by-elections, and his handling of the ding-dong struggle between [Thomas Browne](#)* and [Sir Nathaniel Napier](#)* and his methodical endorsements of the Bridport writs are creditable to his judgment and commonsense, whatever the legal pundits may have thought. Every joined the Green Ribbon Club, and when he was himself returned for Bridport at the general election, Shaftesbury marked him 'honest'. He fulfilled expectations by voting for the first exclusion bill, but sat on no committees in the first Exclusion Parliament and made no speeches. Every died soon after the end of the session on 8 July 1679 and was buried at Wootton Glanville. His property was partitioned between [John Leigh](#)* and [Sir Robert Henley](#)*, the latter taking the Dorset property. His widow married [William Joliffe](#)†, who sat for Poole from 1698 to 1705.⁴

To the memory of JOHN EVERY, late of Cothay, in y^e county of Somerset, esq. deceased. He was sonne and heire of John Every, late of this parish, esq. deceased, and Anne his wife, deceased, daughter and heire of George Williams, deceased, younger son of S^r John Williams of Herringstone, in the county of Dorset, knt. deceased. He married Elizabeth, second daughter of Thomas Trenchard, late of Woollreton, in y^e said county of Dorset, esq^r, deceased, and died without issue the 8th day of July, 1679; and, having only two sisters (to wit, Anne, wife of

John Leigh of Northcourte, in the Isle of Wight, and county of South'ton, esq. his eldest sister, and Dame Barbara Henly, the wife of S^r Robert Henly of the Grange, in the said county of South'ton, knight, his younger sister), settled the paternall estate, lyeing in the severall countyes of Somerset, Dorset, and Devon, on the eldest sonnes and heires of the said Anne and Dame Barbara, his said sisters.

Round the verge of a blue gravestone on the floor at the east end is this inscription :

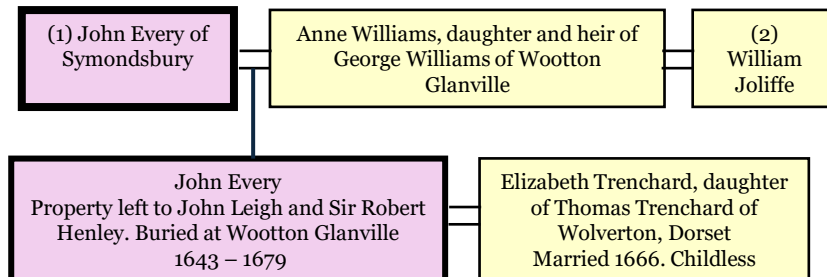
Here lieth the bodies of JOHN, only son and heire, and of ANNE, daughter of Mary EVERY, grandchild,^a daughter of George Williams, gent. interred together here the 28th of December, anno Dom. 1647, et ann. ætat. filii 28°, filiæ 24° et infant 2^{do}.

Parallel with the last :

Here lieth the body of MARY WILLIAMS, wife of George Williams, gentleman, who dyed the 30th day of March, an^o Dⁿⁱ 1631, and MARY, their second daughter.

Hodie mihi, cras tibi.

Memorials in Wootton Glanville Church, near Sherborne



Family and Education

b. bef. 1655, 1st s. of [Andrew Henley](#)*. *unm. suc. fa.* 17 May 1675.¹

Offices Held

Biography

Henley was probably only just of age when he succeeded to an estate worth £4,000 p.a. but heavily encumbered with his father's debts. He paid off few or none of these, but mortgaged the property for £20,000. On 4 Dec. 1678 his sister commenced a Chancery suit against him for the £3,000 portion bequeathed her by their father. No answer survives on the file; probably Henley's cousin, [John Trenchard](#)*, who was also the family lawyer, suggested that Parliament would provide a useful refuge. Henley owned considerable property in West Dorset, and in August 1679 he was elected for Bridport in succession to Trenchard's brother-in-law, [John Every](#)*. He was presumably attached to the country party, but it seems probable that the references in the second Exclusion Parliament are to his unyle, [Sir Robert Henley](#)*. The intervention of a second country candidate at Bridport in 1681 thrust Henley to the bottom of the poll, and his petition was never heard. He died on 7 Aug. 1681 and was buried at Eversley. His brother and heir served as sheriff of Dorset after the Revolution, but completed the ruin of the family by an unfortunate homicide. Bramshill was sold to [Sir John Cope](#)*, and in 1740 the baronetcy became extinct.²

John Henley 1677 – 1732 – M.P. for Lyme Regis (1715 -1722)

Family and Education

b. 1677, 2nd s. of Sir Robert Henley, M.P., of the Grange, Northington, Hants, being 1st s. by his 2nd w. Barbara, da. of John Every of Cothay, in Kittisford, Som., sis. and coh. of John Every of Cothay; bro. of [Robert Henley](#)*. *educ.* Winchester; M. Temple 1695; Trinity, Camb. 17 June 1695, aged 17; Ch. Ch. Oxf. 22 Oct. 1695, aged 18. *m.* Hester, da. of James Bagwell, 3s.

Offices Held

Biography

John Henley, who inherited Wootton Abbots from his mother's family, was the grandson of Sir Robert Henley, master of the King's bench, and kinsman to the Henleys of Lyme Regis.¹ His elder brother, the well known Anthony Henley, M.P., was father of another [Anthony](#)* and of [Robert Henley](#)*, 1st Earl of Northington. After unsuccessfully contesting Milborne Port in 1702, he was returned unopposed as a Whig on his family's interest at Lyme Regis in 1715. He voted for the Administration in all recorded divisions but did not stand again. On his death on 25 Apr. 1732 he left Wootton Abbots away from his wife and sons to his 'dear and only friend and brother [Robert Henley](#)* of Glanville Wootton ... begging him for God's sake not to refuse the care of his unfortunate brother's children.'²

Family and Education

b. ?1682, 3rd s. of Sir Robert Henley, M.P., of the Grange, Northington, Hants, being 2nd s. by his 2nd w.; yr. bro. of [John Henley](#)*. *educ.* Winchester 1696-1701; New Coll. Oxf. 3 Dec. 1701, aged 19. *unm. suc. e.* bro. [John](#)* at Wootton Abbots 1732.

Offices Held

Mayor, Lyme Regis 1745-6.

Biography

Robert Henley inherited Glanville Wootton from his mother's family. On the death of his kinsman [Henry Holt Henley](#)* in 1748, he was returned for Lyme Regis, presumably as a stop-gap, by [John Scrope](#)*, 'quite contrary to the inclinations of one so advanced in years.'¹ The last of several members of his family to represent the borough, he did not stand again, dying 2 Sept. 1758.

Robert Henley –1708 – 1772 – M.P. for Bath (1747 -1757)

Family and Education

b. c.1708, 2nd s. of Anthony Henley, M.P., and yr. bro. of [Anthony Henley](#)*. *educ.* Westminster 1720; St. John's, Oxf. 1724; fellow of All Souls 1727; I. Temple 1729, called 1732. *m.* 19 Nov. 1743, Jane, da. of Sir John Huband, 2nd Bt., of Ipsley, Warws., sis. and coh. of Sir John Huband, 3rd Bt., 3s. 5da. *suc.* bro. 1748. *kntd.* 29 Oct. 1756; *cr.* Baron Henley 27 Mar. 1760; Earl of Northington 19 May 1764.

Offices Held

K.C. 1751; recorder, Bath 1751; solicitor-gen. 1751-4, attorney-gen. 1754-6, to the Prince of Wales; attorney-gen. 1756-7; P.C. 30 June 1757; ld. keeper 1757-61; ld. high steward for trials of Lord Ferrers 1760 and of Lord Byron 1765; ld. chancellor 1761-6; ld. lt. Hants 1764-71; ld. pres. of the council 1766-7.

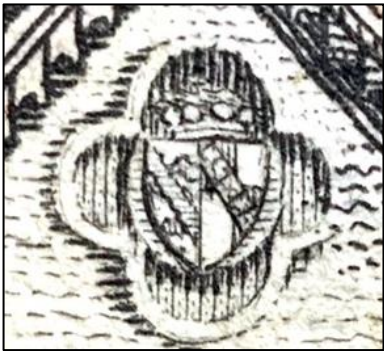
Biography

Though returned for Bath on Ralph Allen's interest (see under Bath constituency) 'as a favourite of the Ministry', Henley spoke against them immediately after taking his seat. Described by Horace Walpole as 'a lawyer in vogue' whose 'abilities did not figure in proportion to the impudence of his ill nature',¹ he was introduced to Leicester House in 1749 by his friend [Bubb Dodington](#)*, who was authorized by the Prince of Wales to promise him the solicitor-generalship in the next reign.² In the list of the future government approved at the Carlton House meeting in April 1750, he figures as attorney-general. In a debate on [General Philip Anstruther](#)* in April 1751, Horace Walpole reported that 'Henley (the profession out-weighting the faction in him) declared the House could exercise no jurisdiction in this case'. On Frederick's death, he went over to the Administration, spoke for the regency bill, and was made solicitor-general to the young Prince of Wales.³ In January 1753 he was offered a puisne judgeship by Hardwicke, but declined on the ground that he had a large family and that it was 'more for their interest for me to continue in my present condition'.⁴ In May 1753 he spoke for Hadwicke's bill against clandestine marriages.⁵ After representing Bath for ten years he vacated his seat on becoming lord keeper in 1757. He died 14 Jan. 1772.

Houses associated with the Every family



The Every Manor House



Every Coat of Arms from earlier Manor House above present doorway



Abbots Wootton Manor, near Whitchurch

The Sale of Abbots Wootton Estate by the Trustees of Robert Henley in 1768

To be Peremptorily Sold

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Robert Pratt, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn, Chancery Lane, London, on Tuesday the 26th Day of April next, in eight separate Lots, the two first of which are to be sold between the Hours of Eleven in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, and the six remaining Lots between the Hours of Five and Eight in the Evening,

THE ESTATES late of Robert Henley, Esq;

Deceased, in the County of Dorset, consisting of the valuable and extensive Manors of Abbots-Wootton, Berne and Morecombe's Lane, in the said County of Dorset, extending over the greatest Part of the Parish of Whitchurch Canonicorum, and Paramount over the whole of the Parishes of Hawkchurch and Gabriels, in the same County. The Royalty extends near seven Miles in Length and four in Breadth, and abounds with the greatest Plenty of Game and Fish.

The capital Mansion-House, Gardens, &c. of Abbots Wootton, and likewise of very large and valuable Freehold Estates, in the Parishes of Whitchurch, Hawkchurch, Marshwood, Gabriels, Symondsbury, Stoke, Atrim, Hermitage and Folke, in the same County.

The yearly Rents of such Part of the Freehold Estates as are now let to Tenants at Will, amount to about 1200l. per Ann. but will bear very considerable Improvements.

The present Rents reserved upon such Part of the Freehold Estates as are out upon Leases for Lives, amount to upwards of 1000l per Ann. and upon the Expiration of the Leases are likewise capable of very great Improvement.

The Timber on the Estate is of very considerable Value.

N. B. Some Alterations having been made in the Particulars of the Estates as first printed, corrected Particulars may be had of Messrs Woodcocks and Barnard, in Lincoln's Inn, London; of Henry Edwards, Esq; at Sarum; and of Mr. Samuel Foote, at Sherborne

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The yearly Rents of such Part of the Freehold Estates as are now let to Tenants at Will, amount to about £1,200 per ann. but will bear very considerable Improvements.

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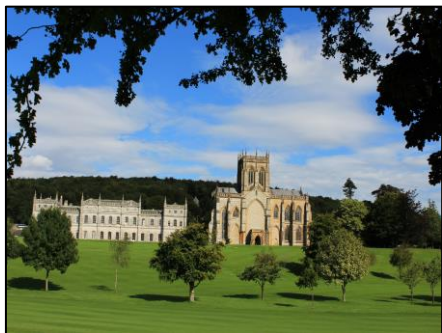
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Joseph Damer, Lord Milton (1718 – 1798) of Abbots Wootton



Joseph Damer mourning his wife, 1752.



Milton Abbey



Milton Abbas

1 Earl of Dorchester. He was a wealthy landowner particularly associated with the reshaping of Milton Abbey and the creation of the village of Milton Abbas in Dorset. Born into a wealthy family, he was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and became Member of Parliament (MP) for Weymouth in 1741 at the age of 21. He later represented Bramber in Sussex (1747) and Dorchester (1754). He was created Baron Milton of Shrone Hill, Tipperary, Ireland on 30 May 1753 and Baron Milton of Milton Abbey on 10 May 1762. He married Lady Caroline Sackville, daughter of the 1st Duke of Dorset on 27 July 1742. Ten years later, he purchased Milton Abbey and embarked on an ambitious project to reshape the surrounding valley. He replaced some existing buildings at the Abbey with a mansion house, which was designed initially by architect John Vardy, then by Sir William Chambers, and completed by James Wyatt for his own use. Landscape gardener Capability Brown was commissioned to remodel the surrounding grounds. His income was variously estimated at between £15,000 and £30,000 a year. Damer's wife Lady Caroline died on 24 March 1775 at the age of 57, and he commissioned the Italian sculptor Agostino Carlini to create a magnificent tomb to her memory in the Abbey Church at Milton Abbey. After Damer's death in 1798, at the age of 80, the estate passed to his son, George, and then to Damer's daughter Caroline. When she died in 1828.

[William Woodward – surveyor and map maker | Milton Abbas Local History Group.](#)

Click on link above to find out more about more about William Woodward
"William probably arrived in Milton Abbas sometime in early 1769 and was walking the boundaries of the manor with the parish worthies at the end of April. Yet, by early August, Lord Milton had dispatched him to west Dorset to survey the estate that his Lordship had bought there the year before. All of Woodward's Dorset survey books are now in the care of the Dorset History Centre, and, comparing the two surveys he completed for Lord Milton between 1769 and 1771, it is apparent that he was asked to approach them differently. The Milton Abbas estate had been in Lord Milton's hands for more than fifteen years and Milton's priorities for it were already set. William was required to do little more than map and value the estate. In West Dorset, however, he was asked to make urgent recommendations for improving the land holdings and his survey of Abbots Wootton was presented as a "Scheme to facilitate the Uniting the small Farms and Tenancies... According to this Scheme the Estate which now consists of near one Hundred Tenements herein itemised will be reduced to twenty excellent Compact Farms."

Auction of Abbots Wootton including the Manor of Berne and Morcombelake in 1807

PARTICULARS of sundry capital and most eligible **FREEHOLD ESTATES** in the county of Dorset; comprizing the extensive **Manors** of **ABBOTT'S WOOTTON**, **HAWKCHURCH**, **BERNE** and **MORECOMBE LAKE**, situate near Charmouth, in the county of Dorset (the conspicuous hill called Lambert Castle, being part of and nearly in the centre thereof); and several other **FARMS** and **ESTATES** in the contiguous parishes of Marshwood, Whitchurch-Canonicorum, and Symondsburly; containing in the whole, by statute-measure, upwards of 4100 acres, whereof 3200 are let at rack rents, and the remaining 900 acres are granted out for life or lives, together with the extensive **Wastes** and **Rights** of **Common** thereto belonging; and the whole of which are divided, for the convenience of purchasers, into 19 lots, each of which is so arranged as to make one or more compact and convenient **Farms**, with suitable and convenient **Buildings** thereto; and which will be **SOLD** by **AUCTION**, at the **BULL INN**, in **BRIDPORT**, on **Tuesday** the 13th and **Wednesday** the 14th of **October** next, subject to the conditions to be then and there produced.

Particulars of the Lots. Let at Rack Rents. Out on Lives.

	<i>Measure.</i> A. R. P.	<i>Measure.</i> A. R. P.
IN ABBOTT'S WOOTTON.		
Lot 1. Abbott's Wootton Farm, Card's Mill, Coombe, Nettlemoor, Sheepwash, and Street's Farms, containing also the Reversion in Fee of the several Lifehold Tenements in Abbott's Wootton, the whole containing...	887 0 29	278 2 18
N. B. The whole of the above is within a ring fence.		
Also the Royalties, Wastes, and Manorial Rights of the Manor of Abbott's Wootton .		
IN HAWKCHURCH.		
Lot 2. Wadbrook Farm and Colwell Coppice...	190 0 8	8 3 22
And the Reversion of a Lifehold Tenement adjoining...		
Lot 3. Buddlewall Farm...	180 2 30	
Lot 4. Tilworth and Bramley Farms, and Lands called Tudhay, Folly, Guppy's, Mitchell's, &c...	209 1 0	
And the Reversion in Fee of some Cottages and Gardens within the boundary of this lot...		0 2 36
Lot 5. Woodhouse Farm and William Hoare's holding adjoining...	176 1 23	
And the Reversion in Fee of some Lifehold Tenements adjoining thereto...		26 3 27
Lot 6. Cowse Farm...	125 3 5	

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Lot 7. Pound Farm and Cottages adjoining	158 2 17	
And the Reversion in Fee of Lifehold Land adjoining to the Farm...		1 9 2
Lot 8. West-hay and Berry Farms, Sidwell, and divers small Tenements adjoining	357 1 37	
And the Reversion in Fee of Philly Mill, and divers small Lifehold Tenements connected with this lot...		29 1 20
With this lot also will be sold the Chief Rents, Royalties, Wastes, and Manorial Rights of the Manor of Hawkchurch .		
Lot 9. The two Northay Farms, in Hawkchurch...	143 3 8	
And the Reversion in Fee of Hoskin's Lifehold Tenement adjoining...		14 1 3
Lot 10. Gillett's, Berry, part of Sidwell, and late Battiscombe's...	78 2 26	
And the Reversion in Fee of part of a Copyhold Tenement adjoining, called Hawkmoor...		120 1 26
Lot 11. Gashay and Marlis Farms, and Hawkmoor Marsh...	170 3 5	
And the Reversion in Fee of some Copyhold and Leasehold Tenements adjoining the said Farm...		5 2 37
Lot 12. Wellfield and the Bottle Tenement, and Lands adjoining...	95 1 38	
And the Reversion in Fee of the House late the Bottle Ale-house, with the Fair-house and Tolls of Lambert Castle Fair, and divers other small Lifehold Tenements adjoining...		9 2 9
Lot 13. Divers Lands called the Hill Grounds, formerly part of the Waste and the Reversion in Fee of divers other Lands of the same description, held by Leases for lives...	55 3 38	
IN MARSHWOOD.		
Lot 14. Harmshay Farm...	102 0 22	
IN WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM.		
Lot 15. Gerrant's Farm...	109 0 3	
IN STANTON ST. GABRIEL'S, (near Charmouth).		
Lot 16. The Reversion in Fee of a Farm called Stoneharrow Farm, on Lease to Rev. Brian Coombe, for three Lives...		141 0 34
Lot 17. Bafferland's Farm...	144 1 26	
And the Reversion in Fee of a Cottage and Garden adjoining, on Lease for Lives...		0 2 6
MANOR of BERNE and MORECOMBE LAKE , (near Charmouth).		
Lot 18. The Reversion in Fee of the Ship Inn and Lands belonging, and of divers Tenements held by Lives, as parcel of the Manor of Morecombe Lake , containing in the whole...		125 1 2
With this lot will be sold the Manor		

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Printed particulars may be had at **Frampton's** and **Clark's** Libraries, in **Dorchester**; at the **Bull Inn**, at **Bridport**; the **George Inn**, at **Axminster**; the **Mermaid Inn**, at **Yeovil**; of **Mr. Langdon**, **Printer**, **Sherborne**; and of **Mr. Collins**, **Printer**, **Salisbury**; and any further information may be had, by personal application to **Mr. Manfield**, **Solicitor**, **Dorchester**, or by letter, post paid, to **Mr. Alexander**, No. 9, **Bedford-row**, **London**; or to **Mr. Davis**, at **Horningsham**, **Wilt.**

With this lot will be sold the **Manor** and **Royalty** of **Berne** and **Morecombe Lake**, with the **Royalties** and **Wastes** thereof.

IN SYMONDSBURLY and STOKE ATRIM, (near Bridport).

Lot 19. The Reversion in Fee of a Farm called **Stoke Atrim Farm**, on Lease to **Mr. Samuel Symes**, for two Lives...
 29 0 81 || And the Reversion in Fee of a Farm called **Lower Mowerby** (adjoining to **Stoke Atrim Farm**), on Lease to **Mrs. Eliz. Young**, for one Life... | 80 2 22 |

Total, exclusive of Commons & Wastes 3225 3 29 910 0 7.

John Woodman, of **Hawkchurch**, will attend to shew the premises.

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John Morse `s Ownership of the title of Lord of the Manor of Berne from 1809 until 1844



Sacred to the memory of John Morse, Esq. Late of Abbots Wootton, in the County of Dorset, and of Kessingland in the County of Suffolk, and formerly of Sprowston Hall and Bagthorpe in this county; in 1807 he was High Sheriff of the County of Norfolk, and for many years a Deputy Lieutenant and Magistrate of the same county. He departed this life at Ingonville near Havre in France on the 28th. day of February A.D. 1844, in the 68th. year of his age. His mortal remains lie interred in a vault at the East end of this church. This monument is erected to his memory by his only son and daughter.

Mr. Morse d. 29 Nov. 1837, and was s. by his eldest son, JOHN MORSE, Esq. of Sprowston Hall, and Bagthorpe, co. Norfolk, and Abbots Wootton, co. Dorset, High Sheriff for Norfolk 1807, b. 12 Oct. 1776; m. 21 June, 1800, Elizabeth Anne, only dau. of Gen. Thomas Hall, of Wrating Park, co. Cambridge, by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of John Carter, Esq. of Weston Colville, and granddau. and heir of Maurice, 2nd and last Lord Haversham (see BURKE'S Extinct Peerage), and had issue,
 JOHN HALL, his successor.
 Elizabeth Anne Ella, b. at Catton aforesaid, 30 Nov. 1805; m. 7 June 1830, Simon Digby, Esq. of Oberstown, co. Kildare. He took the additional surname of MORSE-BOYCOTT. He d. 26 Oct. 1859, leaving Edward Essex, b. 12 Oct. 1838, and three daus.
 Mr. Morse d. 28 Feb. 1844, and was s. by his son, JOHN MORSE-BOYCOTT, Esq. of Sennowe, Sennowville, b. 26 Sept. 1801; m. 1849, Matilda, dau. of Thomas Alger, and and by her (who d. 18 July, 1878) had an only child,

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Morse formerly of Sprowston Hall near Norwich in the County of Norfolk after wards of Mount St. in the same County and late of Mount St. in the County of Middlesex as in and in the first part of the said will and several and testamentary executed to be paid and satisfied as soon as can be after my decease I give and devise and by virtue and in execution and execution of every power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf appoint all that my manor or reputed Manor of Wootton otherwise Wootton Abbott otherwise Abbots Wootton in the County of Dorset with the rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging and also all my messuages tenements cottages farms lands and hereditaments parcel and parcels or reputed to be in part and parcel of the said Manor and situate lying and being within the Parish of Wootton Bassett in the County of Dorset parcel thereto adjoining or near in the said County of Dorset and in the County of Devon or either of them containing eight hundred acres or thereabouts and also all those my manors or

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
422	July 26	John Hall Morse Boycott Alger	Full Married	gentleman	St. Pancras	John Morse	St. Pancras	gentleman
		Matilda Alger	Age Spunster		St. Pancras	Thomas Alger	St. Pancras	gentleman

Married in the *St. Pancras Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *James* in the presence of *James* by me *John H. M. Morse Boycott* and *Matilda Alger* in the presence of *James* and *James*

By Direction of the Pass Family Trust

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**A fine Agricultural Investment property extending
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AUCTION AS A WHOLE OR IN 3 LOTS (Unless previously sold)

at the

WEST MEAD HOTEL, BRIDPORT

on

Thursday, 24th May, 1973 at 3 p.m.

Rear Hall with understairs cupboard.

Rear Porch

Living Room 15' 6" x 10' 3" (4.72m x 3.12m), tiled fireplace, large built-in airing cupboard housing the copper hot water cylinder heated from the back boiler and an auxiliary immersion heater.

Kitchen 15' 3" x 10' 6" (4.65m x 3.20m), twin drainer stainless steel sink unit, electric cooker point.

FIRST FLOOR

Bedroom 1 14' 3" x 13' 3" (4.34m x 4.04m).

Bathroom with panelled bath, low level WC and wash-hand basin.

Bedroom 2 13' 6" x 12' 6" (4.12m x 3.81m).

Bedroom 3 15' x 13' 9" (4.57m x 4.19m).

Bedroom 4 16' x 13' 6" (4.88m x 4.12m).

SERVICES

Main electricity is connected. Water is from the Estate supply as set out under the General Remarks and Stipulations. Drainage is to a private system. Telephone at present connected.

Particulars of

LOT 1 (coloured yellow on the plan).

**LOWER ABBOTTS WOOTTON FARM,
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM,
CHARMOUTH**

Extending to about 224.54 acres (see detailed schedule of Lots).

THE FARMHOUSE



This faces almost due south and is substantially constructed of stone externally partly rendered under a slated roof. It has been well modernised and offers spacious and well maintained accommodation. The approach is over a good private drive from the Council maintained road.

The Accommodation

GROUND FLOOR

Entrance Porch

Entrance Hall

Drawing Room (south) 18' including bay x 13' 9" (5.49m x 4.19m), tiled fireplace.

Dining Room (south) 17' x 15' (5.18m x 4.57m), massive open fireplace in brick surround.

LOT 2 (coloured blue on the plan)

HIGHER ABBOTTS WOOTTON FARM, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, CHARMOUTH

Extending to about 259.14 acres.

THE FARMHOUSE



This is a charming old stone-built house dating from the fifteenth century and possessing a number of notable features. The roof is mainly tiled and partly slated. Complete modernisation has been carried out and the house offers extensive accommodation of a most attractive nature. The house is scheduled as a building of architectural and historic interest under Section 30 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1947.

The Accommodation

GROUND FLOOR

Entrance Porch

Entrance Hall

Store Room

Sitting Room 15' x 15' (4.57m x 4.57m), tiled floor, tiled fireplace with built-in shelved alcove to one side, window seat.

Living Room 16' 6" x 16' (5.03m x 4.88m) Rayburn Royal range for the domestic hot water, built-in cupboard to one side. Most attractive heavy beamed ceiling.

Study 12' 9" x 11' 6" (3.89m x 3.51m), fireplace.

Kitchen 15' 6" x 12' (4.72m x 3.66m), door to –

Utility Room with door to –

Large Store Room with WC off.

Side Hall with large built-in shelved airing cupboard housing the copper hot water cylinder.

FIRST FLOOR

Bedroom 1 17' x 15' 6" (5.18m x 4.72m), door to two large store rooms suitable for further bedrooms and measuring 21' x 13' 6" (6.40m x 4.12m) and 32' x 21' (9.75m x 6.40m).

Bedroom 2 15' 8" x 10' (4.80m x 3.05m).

Bedroom 3 12' 3" x 10' (3.73m x 3.05m).

Bedroom 4 17' x 10' 6" (5.18m x 3.20m).

Bathroom with panelled bath, WC and wash-hand basin.

SERVICES

Main electricity is connected, water is from the private supply as set out under the General Remarks and Stipulations. Drainage is to a private system. Telephone at present connected.

THE BUNGALOW

This is of recent Woolaway construction and is situated opposite the farmhouse on the other side of the road. It is in excellent condition throughout and offers good, three-bedroomed accommodation. The bungalow is occupied under a service licence by a farm worker.

THE FARM BUILDINGS

These are partly of modern construction and partly traditional design and comprise the following:

Stone and tiled range providing two loose boxes with loft over. Adjoining timber and GI garage. Further brick and tiled loose box with loft over and adjoining stone and tiled calf house. Timber and GI open fronted implement shed, brick and GI barn, concrete block, stone and asbestos and GI range, comprising dairy, store room for bulk milk tank, motor room, milking parlour, two loose boxes and hay store. Modern concrete and asbestos silage building 60' x 30' (18.28m x 9.14m) plus covered yard area 60' x 45' (18.28m x 13.72m), concrete and asbestos Dutch barn 70' x 20' (21.33m x 6.10m).

THE LAND

This is principally laid down to grassland and the unit forms a productive dairying farm with a milking herd of about 76 with some 50 followers. At the lower levels the land is slightly heavy becoming lighter green-sand in the higher parts.