1 Willey Green Cottages, Normandy

Owner/occupier, Ashley Hoare

In 1954 Miss M Harding sold 1 Willey Green Cottages to Ashley's father. The residing tenants were the Birminghams. What follows is the salient features extracted from the abstract of title of Miss M Harding to the freehold messuage known as 1 Willey Green Cottages Normandy in the County of Surrey, a copy of which is deposited in the archives of Normandy Historians.

- By an Indenture dated 18th October 1862, William Jones conveyed part of the field called Brown's Field being part of Old House Farm to Daniel Deedman, on which he erected four messes or tenements.
- 2. Daniel Deedman, Sawyer, in his Will dated 1st July 1893 appointed his friend William Reavell and his nephew William Deedman to be Trustees and Executors.
- 3. Daniel Deedman died 22nd October 1894 and the will proved 23rd February 1895.
- 4. By an Indenture dated 24th June 1895 made between William Reavell of Aldershot in the County of Southampton, Grocer and William Deedman of Normandy, Surrey, Gentleman conveyed to William Harding of Normandy Park farm, Ash, Surrey, farmer all that parcel of land and cottages as above, then in the respective occupations of George Carpenter, James Collyer, George Bridger and (?) Patridge, for £450.
- 5. It is noted that with regard to the attached plan, the land on the eastern boundary of the described land was formerly part of Old House Farm, known otherwise as "Tickners", partly held by Friary Holroyd & Healy Brewery Co and partly by Thomas Deedman. The 1841 Tythe Map shows that triangle of land as an open green field. The cottages in Bailes Lane, built about 1870 and now known as *Fern Cottage, Sunnycot, Primrose Cottage, Fieldview Cottage, St Catherine's and Pigrims Latch* were known as "Deedman's Cottages" into the early 1900s.
- 6. William Harding, in his Will dated 21st August 1899 appointed his wife Esther as Executrix and principal beneficiary.
- 7. William Harding died 24th December 1899 and his Will proved 17th March 1900.
- 8. Esther and William Harding had two daughters Fanny Louise and Maud Mary.
- 9. By an Indenture dated 17th June 1903, Esther Harding, then living at Pine Villa, St. John's, Woking, Settlor Trustee appointed Humphrey Gardner of Badshot Farm, Farnham, Surrey, Yeoman and George William Hartnup of Sparks Hall Farm, Sutton Valence, Kent, Yeoman as trustees of a Trust for the management in all respects of this land and tenements as described above, with herself being consulted on all matters during her lifetime. Thereafter, the joint trustees had power to manage the trust in favour of her two daughters and their heirs subject to rigorous legal obligations.
- 10. Humphrey Gardner died 31st December 1917 and was succeeded by Cecil Edgar Hart of Newholme, Grosvenor Road, Godalming, Surrey. George William Hartnup voluntarily discharged himself as Trustee and was replaced by Marion Percy Dribble, spinster of Laardnells, Hanworth Road, Hampton-on-Thames, Middlesex.
- 11. In an Indenture dated 20th December 1928, Marion Percy Dribble relinquished her appointment as Trustee in favour of Maud Mary Harding. Both mother, Esther Harding and daughter Maud Mary Harding were then resident at Dormans Cottage, Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey.

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