

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL: GEORGE GRIMSHAW FILES

'We see Devon' 1950 Val Drone (author ? Visitor ?)

A little inland, in the centre of the high ground between Avon and Erme stands Ringmore, a thatched and rambling village for which we have particular ripened affection. It rambles, it has no focal point unless it be its inn, the Journey's End, but its cottages are among the most charming in Devonshire to picture and many pleasant and curious things stay in our memories about the place. We remember, for instance, the slow confident craftsmanship of its thatcher. We remember that until quite recently it housed a reputed witch and that at summer dusk the long lane leading up to Kingston is luminous with glow worms.

DIRECTORY GAZETEER OF DEVON 1857

Ringmore, in ancient evidences Redmore, is a small parish about 4 1/2 miles from Modbury, containing 1128 acres of land and a population in 1851 of 337 souls. The number of voters in 1851 was 13. The living, a Rectory, valued in the King's Book (?) / Bond (?) at £19.10. 7 1/2 is in the patronage and incumbency of Rev. B. Butland, B.A.

Mr.J.E.Hooppell, Clerk

It is unclear why the following has been copied from the Directory

Rev. Gilbert Butland	William Luscombe, Farmer, Renton	1862
John Ham, Blacksmith	William Martyn, Farmer, Middle Farm	
James Cocker, Senior Carpenter	Peter Randle, Farmer, Higher Farm	1862
James Cocker Junior	Robert Randle, Farmer, Cottage Farm	1862
John Crimp, Farmer, Lower Farm	Thomas Randle, Shopkeeper	1862
James Farley Thatcher	John Benjamin Sparrow, Great and Little	1862
Thomas Forbes Coal Merchant	South Langston	1862
Robert Gay, Victualler and		1862
Shopkeeper New Inn	James Triggs, Farmer	1862
John Hodder, Farmer Marwell	John White, Okenby	
John E. Hooppell Shoemaker (1862	The Rising Sun)	

The Directory should be consulted as to the significance of the dating

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Look for
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(Porch Room)

Homestead, now known as Walnut Tree Cottage.
About 1900's Mr. Mrs. Ash with daughter Connie, and son William
Also living with them was Miss Nellie Giles, village
schoolteacher, she taught Alice at school. The Ash's farmed
Higher Manor Farm. William was a good horseman but was
unfortunately killed being thrown over the horse's head. This
happened on the flat by Houghton Farm. The collie dog stayed
on his grave ~~gore~~reiving for a long time.
House was eventually joined into one by the Ash's.
Mr. Mrs. Shinner, Nellie and Sam. They were quite poor
and had many children, all went to village school. He worked
at the farm and she did cleaning jobs. He also worked in the
pub.

1920's A. Mr. Mrs Ward. Rather fancied themselves as
aristocracy, but it didn't quite come off. He always wore plus
fours. She was a tallish woman with very dark hair.

1930's Mr. Mrs. Spooner, very attractive woman, related to
Spooners who owned a department store in Plymouth. Doris
Parker and Alice (aged 15) worked there. Doris lived in. They
didn't have any children, and they often gave dinner parties to
out of town people. They kept alsations and were in the
hunting set. He went to Plymouth daily and worked at the
Store.

1935. Major Mrs. Rolleston. (He was called back to army
service during the war) Both young, just married. They were
very well connected and were related to the Queen Mother.
She was a Strickland, and a lovely person. Very petite and
was for a short time Churchwarden. Iris Triggs was a live in
maid, and Alice also helped there. They eventually had a baby
boy, George, and Margaret's mother helped with fine washing.
They moved to Yelverton about 1940's.

It was requisitioned by the army, and a Mr. and Mrs. Nash
with seven children were moved in. They were something to
do with the theatre. She was a rather gaunt thin lady.
One evening when they were out a fire started and one of the
children (aged about 6) died. She was buried in the Church
Yard. This was a great tragedy, felt by all the village, as
well as the family. They moved away soon after.

Mr. Mrs. Winstanley, rather fancied her chances, rather
snooty. He was a keen gardener, and gave talks at the W.I.
She always insisted the house full of fleas. A. Col. and
Mrs. Cowley, didn't stay long. Nothing really to say about
these two families, except the women were more Townies.
Mr. Mrs. Baughan, and son. Lived there for some time.
Mr. Mrs. Patterson.

Hill Cottage (Two cottages, one very small)

Mr. Mrs. Karen Coker, he was a farm worker. She had a remedy
for everything, dried herbs on the beams, and used them in her
remedies.,

144 Land 267
266

278 Hill Cottage
(Land 280/281)

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Annie and Ernest Freeman, he had asthma and used to burn Potters Asthma cure, and you couldn't see across the kitchen for smoke and steam. They lived there for many years. They died there. Alice used to have to sing "Forever with the Lord" for them on a regular basis. When alive he worked as a gardener for Mr. Atkins at Bigbury. She was a very pleasant woman, she had rather prominent nose, and her glasses were always dirty.. After Ernest died her sister Lily came to live with her and keep her company. They also had a lodger a Mr. Parsons, and he always gave all the children in the village shoes at Christmas. He went to live at Bigbury with Mr. Bardens. Annie died at Hillcottage and Lil stayed on and eventually sold. The very small cottage. Miss. Potter, she did a lot of knitting. Miss Francis, village schoolteacher until the school closed in 1929, she then returned to Bristol. Mary and Wallace Freeman, father of Viv Freeman, lived there in the thirties. Miss Francis returned for a few years before returning to Somerset. The two cottages were joined together by Mimi Shorthouse and her husband. They had been publicans in Ivybridge. They were a very lively couple, and they had a very large poodle. They left and started a bus and taxi service in Kingsbridge. They were followed by a Mr. Mrs. Foster, followed by Peggy and Leslie Hoare who had The Exeter Inn in Modbury. Miss Hilton and Mrs. Bennett, who are still there at the time of writing.

Sea View.

It was owned by The Manor, and the village was being sold off and in 1915 Margarets Great Uncle David bought it for He was a carpenter and undertaker. He rather fancied himself, and he also owned a donkey. His wife was called Ellen. He was Church Warden, and always had to clear his throat as he went into Church. They had two daughters Miriam who married an Olver (mother to Dorothy Rogers) and Maude who married farmer Holman (they had 3 sons and 1 daughter) Miriam was widowed early, her husband dying very young. She ran the Post Office from the front room. In 1925 Stan and Lily Triggs bought the house from Maude for £500. Margaret was only a baby, and in due course was married from there, and had a baby Michael. Margaret is still living there, but mother father and husband Eric all died, and Michael married and moved to Ivybridge.