

## "COMPTON" 14, ST MILDRED'S AVENUE

Notes abstracted from the deeds of "Compton", kindly lent to me by  
Mr David and Mrs Clare Larkins, the present owners

**1869** - Earliest date of land transaction in real estate "in the Isle of Thanet" between E Breton and H Breton.

**1870, 1871** - Further transfers between the Breton family and the Norton family, but still only involving land.

**1871** - The piece of land is now designated as piece of arable land with a cottage thereon - Little Gore End Cottage (now 91 Minnis Road) adjoining James Taddy Friend's land on the E., later belonging to St John's College Cambridge, the public highway on the S. leading from Birchington to the seashore (Minnis Rd) and late in the ownership of John Watton Rammell (of 'Rammell's Land', shown on various maps from 1688) and later owned by David Henry Sondes - also a piece or parcel of arable land containing 14a. 15p. being part of Great and Little Gore End Farms, bounded on the north by the railway.

**1886 - 89** Mortgages involving the land between H Breton and W S Norton through Francis Cresswell's Mortgage firm

**1893** - Henry Breton and William South Norton and Wigan, Mercer Tasker & Co, Bankers in Maidstone - indenture

**1894** - By indenture between Francis Cresswell (surgeon) of Winchmore Hill and Firm and others in Maidstone (John Cresswell recently deceased)

**1895** - Indenture between 1<sup>st</sup> Part - Theodore Norton of Grantham, Ada Mary Norton of Sutton, Herefordshire and George Breton Norton of Sutton (vendors) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Part - Elizabeth Norton wife of Rev John Norton, clerk in Holy Orders and John Norton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Part - Ada Mary Norton, Bertha Harriet Beddoe, wife of James Brindley Beddoe and Owens Clara Smith Bushbridge, wife of Gerald Paul Bushbridge of East Malling, and the Nortons of 23 Princes Square, Bayswater.

**[1860** - There had been a number of marriages and in one instance in the Norton family there had been ten children, which complicated the inheritance somewhat.]

**1896** - Transfer of the one fourth of the land via the Norton family to Richard & Theodore Morris

**1900** - Sale of land around Little Gore End, including the cottage itself (90 Minnis Rd), now containing 21a. 1r. 14p. Mortgage arranged with Lands Syndicate Limited

**1901** - Land now divided up into small plots. Some of the plots of land sold

**1903- 4** - A group of gentlemen in London (p.17 of first Abstract) had possession of some of the plots. S. G. Wheatley asked for a loan to forwarded to the Syndicate 'for the purpose of completing the said houses'

Part of the agreement stated that 'no portion of the said hereditaments should be used for sewage farm, factory, hospital, asylum, laundry, dying works, tannery, soap-works, chemical works, infirmary, slaughter house, bone grinding, or soap boiling works or any offensive trade or business'.

The Syndicate had offices in Poole, Dorset and at 28 Chancery Lane, London.

**1910** - A dispute about the ownership of the land arose, but was resolved by this date.

**1912** - Mortgage for Mrs CF Edmonds for **land** - plots 252, 253 and 254 in St Mildred's Avenue from the Isle of Thanet Building Society

**1917** - By this date "Compton" and its neighbour had been built (it appears in Kelly's Directory by 1915, so must have been built by at least 1914). Conveyance of the property to Mr Philip Stone of Upper Gore End Farm.

**1919** - Philip Stone sold "Compton" Mr G Warren and Mrs E I Gearey (a Methodist Minister's wife). Her husband was serving as a Padre to

his Majesty's forces during WW 1 in Turkey at the time of the sale. Warren was a straw hat manufacturer in St George's Street, Luton.

"Compton" had a frontage of 36 feet and depth of 105 feet.

**1922** - Conveyance - George Warren sold "Compton" to Mrs Gearey.

**1927** - Mrs Gearey sold the house to Dr D G G Macdonald. Dr Macdonald had practice in Northumberland Place, Bayswater, London.

**1931** - There was a legal charge on the property of Mrs May Macdonald (widow - deceased) to Mrs E B Rumsey (presumably not an owner, only a tenant for the time being)

**1960-61** - A number of Land Searches were made when Mrs Mary Louisa Cameron sold 14 St Mildred's Avenue to James Francis Amor.

At some point in this period the front garden was dug up and a paved drive was laid. The front wall of burr-bricks was demolished and a new brick wall, topped with iron railings, was built.

**2000?** - Tamara Jefferies was the owner of 'Compton' at about this date

**2003** - The present owners, Mr David and Mrs Clare Larkins, bought the house in the November of 2003