

TWENTIETH CENTURY

102 Minnis Road

Notes made from deeds of 102 Minnis road in 2009.

INDENTURE for sale of land

3 July 1886 Four member of the Norton family sold the land to Henry Breton

13 July 1886 Breton included to John Cresswell in the land deal

15 July 1886 Joint ownership between Norton's, Breton & Cresswell

3 May 1893 Breton & W. Norton sold land

(+) to Wigan, Mercer, Tasker & Co.

12 Sept. 1894 Names on document as below

Theodore Norton

Ada “

George “

Mary “

Lewis “

Bertha Beddoe Owens

Clara Smith Bushbridge

Ruby Barratt

Sam Mercer, Henry Tasker, Wm. Mercer, John Wigan, Randall Mercer

11 July 1894 Ralph Norton + Wm Norton to William Day

24 Oct 1896 William Day to Ralph Horton

24 Oct 1896 Another large group of joint owners (16 in all)

14 Feb 1900 Wigan etc. **(+)** George Augustine Petter to the Lands Syndicate Ltd.

15 Feb 1900 Lands Syndicate Ltd. + Francis Gwynne Wheatley & Petter to Thomas & Charles Preston

10 Aug 1901 Preston's Wheatley & Petter to Lands Syndicate Ltd

4 Nov. 1902 Conveyance from Lands Syndicate Ltd to J.P. Fairweather for a small piece of land at the rear of the main plot

26 Oct 1906 Between John Henry Spurgin and Lands Syndicate Ltd.

27 Feb 1907 H. Wm. Dawson of the Sea View Hotel bought the main plot of land for £145. In the purchase, an extra plot of land to the left was added (Plot 169 label for the whole plot)

27 Feb 1920 Conveyance from W J Dawson to W. James Baker (Sea View)

15 Aug. 1923 Conveyance of the small piece of land at the rear of the site from J. F. Fairweather to I. D. Kennard (see 1902 map)

19 July 1930 W J Baker sold part of the land to Mrs Kathleen Hawkes

24 May 1932 Legal Charge from Mrs K Hawkes to the Isle of Thanet Building Society

22 July 1930 Conveyance of land from W J Baker of the Sea View Hotel, to Mrs Kathleen Hawkes

28 July 1930 Irving Debock Kennard, 86 Northdown Rd Margate – Professional Musician bought some of the land from Walter James Baker (formerly of the Sea View Hotel – Proprietor. “**Seacroft**” (104 Minnis Road) was already standing on the left (North) side of the plot at this date, occupied by Mrs K Hawkes.

30 July 1930 Conveyance of the land from I.D. Kennard to Mrs Kathleen Hawkes

14th May 1934 Conveyance endorsed K. Hawkes to M. Butterworth

3 July 1934 Note on the back of the Mortgage deed, giving Mrs Hawkes address as still at “Seacroft”, states the sale includes a Plot on Minnis Road and Plot 169a on the Grenham Bay Estate (land originally from Lower and Little Gore End Farms, which were being sold off at this date). Mrs Hawkes was the wife of local builder Charles Hawkes and she ran an Estate Agency from the specially designed front office of her new property. She took out a mortgage to secure the property in 1934.

1934 Kathleen Hawkes also bought “Seacroft”, then “The Malthouse” in Minnis Road and “Norton” & “Bretton” in St Mildred’s Avenue, all from W. J. Hollands

1934 Sometime during 1934 Mrs Hawkes husband, Charles, built “Twentieth Century” on the north corner of St Mildred’s Avenue and Minnis Rd.

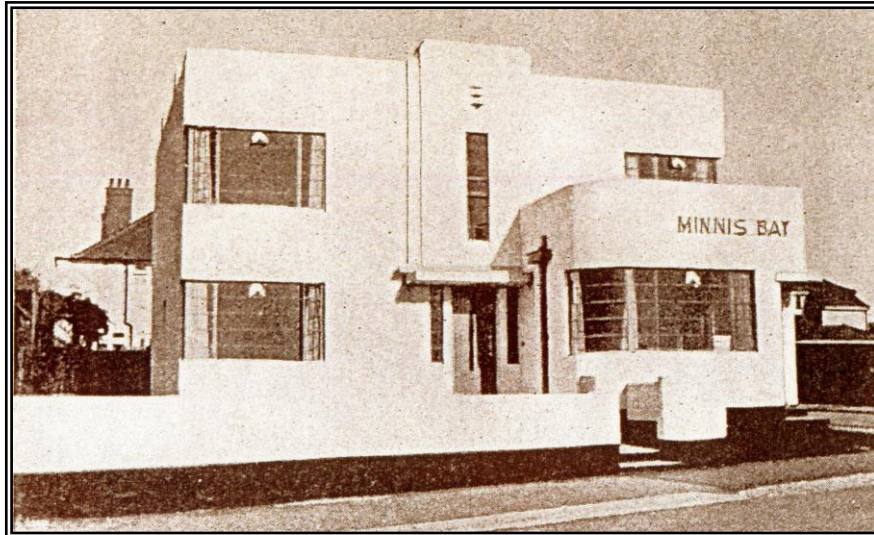
1939 Mrs Hawkes sold Twentieth Century to Ruby, Baroness Carson of Cleve Court, Minster - widow. Her plan was to turn it into a Private Convalescent Home as the property already had the extra piece of land at the rear, which would have given it a garden, or provided space for extending the living area

1 July 1959 Transferred Twentieth Century From Ruby Baroness Carson to Irene Stock for £2,000

1963 Tudor David Gates took out a mortgage of £4,000 to buy Twentieth Century from Irene Stock. Gates had previously lived at 8 Shakespeare House, Lyme Grove, LONDON N 9, and is listed as a 'freelance writer'.

1982 Gates was still at Twentieth Century – by then it was being called “The White House”.

1991 Mr Peter & Mrs Helen Boles bought “Twentieth Century” / “The White House” - 102 Minnis Road, Birchington



The room on the right (with *Minnis Bay* mounted on it) was the site of Mrs Hawkes Estate Agency. The entrance to it was on the right corner, the steps of which are still visible, although the door has been filled in.

Scans of plans dated 1902 (Fairweather – a small piece of land)
 “ 1939
 ” 1959



102 Minnis Road in 1999