

MR. HARRY MUNDAY'S CONVERSATION.

Recorded by Barbara Aitken, 19/1/60.

Barings, the London bankers and corn merchants, bought Norman Court and became one of the Broughton lords of a manor about 1778, bringing with them some members of the Hammond family, celebrated London woodworkers and builders, one of whose textbooks Munday has - at the lecture here on Old Houses, he recognised the source of the lecturer's diagrams.

A father and son Hammond were - in modern terms - architect, clerk of works and estate agents to Norman Court, and at the time of the Enclosure seem to have cribbed a bit of land in Dog Lane higher up than the Knob and levelled it to build cottages. (This was an encroachment on the property which in Munday's boyhood belonged to the Whicher family, who owned several small parcels of land in Broughton.) H.M. supposes that the dated house was built then, for it is Norman Court property and has the initial H.

The Lewington's house was not Norman Court property. He remembers it belonging to the Owles family. The house burned down: Munday's father built the present house and his initials are cut on a brick in the rear; the wide open fireplace in the kitchen shows how easy it was to get wood then. After that the tenant was Burge who married George Petty's second daughter; there were various owners and finally Knapman bought it on his own account. This Burge was a nephew of the Coopers - at least, he used to call Mrs. Cooper aunt. Gibbins and Cooper, at Knoll Farm, were mechanical agricultural engineers. When agricultural depression came and a corresponding decline in agricultural machinery repairs, they left Broughton, and Burge took over what was left of their business.

Queenwood College burned down in 1901; and the apparition of old Wilburr's ghost to Neaves the keeper was already a matter of common knowledge two years later.

When Stockbridge Races were flourishing, and the Prince of Wales (Edward VII) attended there fairly regularly, there were large numbers of horses in training at Chattis Hill and at Danebury. You would see a string of forty out at exercise. Each of those establishments kept its own shoeing smiths.

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Futchers of Salisbury tell me they know of no connection with Futchers the Broughton tailors.

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