

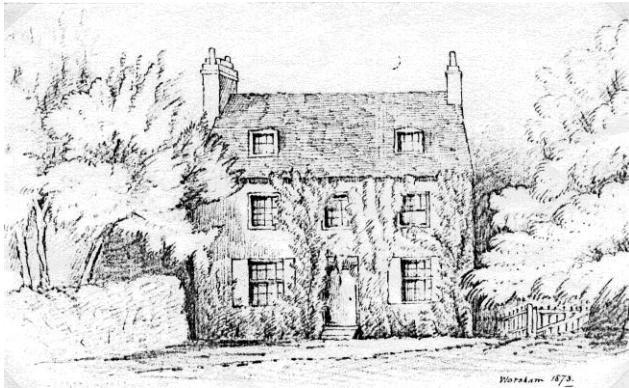
## LOWER/LITTLE WORSHAM FARM

Held Freehold of the Manor of Pebsham

### PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7575 0943)

Lower and Middle Worsham Farms, which are very close to each other, have been farmed as one for a long time. The domestic buildings to Middle Worsham have long since disappeared.

The farmhouse to Lower Worsham was demolished in the 1950's by Mr C.C. Gulliver, owner of all the Worsham land at that time. The old farmhouse dated back to the late 1560's. In 1892, the farmhouse was in the ownership of Mr Francis Burnett and it was he who extended the house on both sides, turning it into the luxurious residence which he called 'Worsham Manor'. He laid out the grounds with tennis courts, croquet lawns and flower beds. Plans of the original house and the enlarged property are held at the East Sussex Record Office (1)



The Old Farmhouse above.

The old farmhouse consisted of:

GROUND FLOOR: Dairy, Scullery, Yard, Oven, Kitchen, Store, Butlers Pantry, Morning Room, 2 Earth Closets, 2 Stairways and room unamed which might be a drawing room.

FIRST FLOOR: Store, 4 Bedrooms, Cupboard, Landing.



The residence from 1892 onwards was owned seperately from the farmland which was in the tenure of the farmer at Glyne Farm. The house and grounds were occupied as a private residence, the staus of farmhouse had now gone.

The house was in the ownership of the Burnett family and their Trustees into the early part of the 20th century but was tenanted by several people.

An article in the Bexhill Observer of 1913 gives this description: The house has an imposing frontage and looks out onto a pleasant lawn and flower beds. The land is 140 acres and in the occupation of Councillor James Gibb of Glyne Manor Farm. Milk was the leading industry and the cowsheds are models of their kind. Another feature is the enormous barn and the roof which has recently been converted from thatch to



galvernised iron. This was refering to the barn at Middle Worsham as the Lower Worsham barn was and still is tiled. These fine cowsheds were used for pigs in later years. See Middle Worsham. It is to be remembered that Middle Worsham and Lower Worsham were one farm at this time.

The farm buildings at Lower Worsham are still in good order and in use (2000) They are three sides of a square layout with Barn and Granary and Cow sheds with a walled stock yard.

The house was unfortunately used by the Canadians in World War II and a great deal of damage was done to it. It had it's final blow when a flying bomb hit it. It came into the ownership of C.Gulliver in the 1930's who demolished it 30 years later. The lovely oak panneling was taken out and placed in the Gullivers Bowls Club building in Knole Road, Bexhill. I understand that this has now been removed.

### OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

	Owner	Tenant
<1833-1858>	Thomas Moorman	James Russell (2)
<1863>	Josiah Moorman	James Russell (2)
<1864>	Samuel Scrivens	James Russell (2)
<1868-1873>	Samuel Scrivens	Sarah Russell (2)
1874	Sarah Russell	Sarah Russell (2)
<1875-1884>	Henry Thwaites	Henry Thwaites (2)
1892>	Francis Burnett	James Gibb (2)
<1897-1898>	Miss Burnett	James Gibb (2)
1899		James Gibb (2)
<1910>	Mr Burnett's Trustees	James Gibb (2)
	& Mrs Brewer, Newport Mon	James Gibb (2)

### TENANTS OF THE HOUSE ONLY

<1899>	Liet. Col. Hervey Bathurst (3)
<1910>	Duncan M. Gray (3)
<1918>	T.W.P. Kempster Esq (3)
<1923>	Edward Weldon (of Weldon's Patterns) (3)

### SOURCES

- 1 ESRO DR/A1/3x340
- 2 ESRO Land Tax for Bexhill
- 3 Bexhill Street Directories, Bexhill Museum