

A History of Landford in Wiltshire

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Picture of Brooklands taken in 1997

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Section 1 – The history of Brooklands

The historical notes from the history of St Andrew's Church, Landford, contains the following information.

At the beginning of the present century a Mr. Brown purchased a piece of waste ground, contiguous to some land belonging to a family named Morgan, and built upon it a small cottage. About the year 1850 Mr. Henry Thomas bought the cottage and the land belonging to Morgan's farm, and considerably enlarged the house giving the name of "Brooklands" to this residence.

This historical note is confirmed by an examination of the 1839 tithe map for Landford. Brooklands Farm originally occupied the land either side of Pound Hill, bounded to the south by the river Blackwater. The farmhouse and a large barn were situated in Glebe Lane. The farm was owned and occupied by Richard Morgan. The land on the west side of Pound Hill contained some 8 acres of arable land and another 1½ acres of meadow. Roughly half an acre had already been sold and was occupied by Mary Brown. The property was listed as cottage, garden, outbuildings and orchard. [*Comment – the original name of this cottage was Bridge Cottage – JM*]

The various census records and notices posted in the *Salisbury & Winchester Journal* provide a brief history of the occupation of Brooklands.

1841 - Mary Brown was listed as the head of the household and she is said to be of independent means. She has staying with her John Davis and Mary Milloway, both also of independent means. They also have a maidservant. It is interesting to note that in 1841 Brooklands Farm was owned by Frances Morgan, so presumably her husband Richard had died recently.

A Notice in the Journal states that Samuel Brown of Landford died on the 18 Feb 1827 in his 60th year, implying that he was born c1768, so he probably built the cottage c1810. A further Notice in the Journal states that Mary, relict of Samuel Brown of Landford, died on 7 Nov 1844 aged 70, beloved and respected by all who knew her.

1845 - A further Notice states that the Household Furniture and various articles connected with the painting and glazing business, plus various out-door effects, the property of the late Mr Brown, would be auctioned off on 24th and 25th April 1845. So Samuel Brown was a tradesman. The cottage was put up for auction initially on the 3 May and again on the 21 May 1845. The sale particulars are quite descriptive –

The House, pleasantly situated on an eminence, contains two parlours, four bed-rooms, kitchen, dairy, pantry, and cellar. Detached is a stable, fuel-house, and other outbuildings. Flower and Kitchen Gardens, and an excellent Orchard, well stocked with choice, luxuriant fruit trees adjoin. The Property is Freehold, and in good repair. Rates and taxes are very low. The Church and Post-office are within a few minutes' walk. The purchaser will be entitled to an unlimited Right of Pasture and Fuel from Landford Common and to extensive Rights from the New Forest.

1846 – A Notice in the Journal dated 5 Aug 1846 again refers to the auction of Landford Bridge Cottage, now in the occupation of Mr F E Ball.

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1851 - Henry Thomas was living at Bridge Cottage along with his wife, a son and two servants. They also had a medical student visiting that day. Henry Thomas is described as a farmer of 19 acres, which confirms that he purchased the whole of the land belonging to Brooklands Farm, including the pasture bordering onto Landford Common named Morgan's Mead. The 1839 title map shows that Richard Morgan held some 18.86875 acres to be precise. The census gives the address as Bridge Cottage so presumably that was the name given to the original cottage by the Browns and having enlarged the property, Henry Thomas renamed it Brooklands. His son George who was 5 in 1851 was born at Bridge Cottage, which suggests that Henry Thomas may have bought the property as early as 1846.

A Notice in the Journal dated 25 Jan 1851 mentions that Henry Thomas, Esq. had been erecting a new house.

1861 – The address is now given as Brooklands, still occupied by Henry Thomas, his wife, an adult daughter and one servant. His occupation is now given as “Landed Proprietor”.

There is a Public Notice in the Journal dated 23 Nov 1861 referring to a transfer of land between Countess Nelson and Henry Thomas. This followed the inclosure of Landford Common, much of which was allocated to Countess Nelson. Henry Thomas had purchased land belonging to Richard Morgan of Brooklands Farm, some of which bordered onto common lands. Henry Thomas wished to consolidate his own land holding to form an estate around Brooklands, which meant obtaining land belonging to Countess Nelson. Therefore a land ‘swap’ seems a logical solution. According to the agreement, Henry Thomas exchanged approx. 15 acres of his land for 10 acres and a cottage belonging to Countess Nelson. A full copy of the Notice is given at the end of this section.

1870 – A Notice in the Journal dated 12 Mar 1870 regarding the estate of the late Henry Thomas states that he died about 23 Dec 1869 and his Will proved 2 Mar 1870. It says “formally of Landford and lately of Melcombe Regis in Dorset”, so he had clearly left Brooklands some years before 1870.

1871 – Brooklands was occupied by Martha Harrow the housekeeper and cook, plus two maids and the coachman. As the estate was still awaiting probate in 1870, it may well have been awaiting a new tenant or to be put up for sale.

1877 – A Notice of Sale by Auction on 27 Sep 1877 of the Household Furniture, valuable Oil Paintings and other effects. More details given at the end of this section. Although the house was occupied by Miss Ansted about 1872, there is no notice regarding a sale of the cottage, suggesting that Miss Ansted leased the property from the Thomas family. This is more than likely when you consider that Henry Thomas's son George Nunn Thomas moved into the property following her death.

1881 - Miss Ellen Ansted (Annuitant) now occupied the house along with her cousin Miss Jane C Wild (Annuitant), two housemaids and the coachman.

1889 – Miss Ansted died on 2 Jul 1889, and her Will was proved on 27 Dec 1889. Her estate was declared to be £44,000, much of which was distributed to various benevolent charities. Her household furniture and other possessions were put up for sale on 5 Nov 1890. A handsome clock

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tower was added to the National Schoolroom as a memorial of to the late Miss Anstey, at a cost of about £200.

1891 - George Nunn Thomas (Retired Army Officer and son of Henry Thomas) with his wife Louisa Frances Thomas, daughter Lilian Louisa Margaret Thomas, son Arthur Francis Thomas (Naval Cadet), a niece and two domestic servants. The gardener (James Small) and his family appear to live in a separate cottage, probably Brooklands Cottage on Pound Hill.

1901 – George Thomas had died in 1900 and the house was occupied by his widow Louisa Frances Thomas and daughter Lilian, along with a cook and housemaid. This census confirms that the gardener James Small and his family occupied Brooklands Cottage.

1909 – A Notice in the Journal advertises for sale on 22 Dec 1909 the surplus Household Furniture and Outdoor Effects, as Mrs Thomas was leaving the property.

1911 – There does not appear to be an entry for Brooklands or Brooklands Cottage in the published details for the 1911 Census. The reason for this omission is not known at present.

The records for St Andrew's Church mention that Miss Ellen Ansted purchased a double grave in 1881 and then a single grave in 1887. It also states that she had lived at Brooklands for 15 years, suggesting that she occupied the house about 1872/73.

An entry in the church records dated 1921 state that Colonel Lethbridge DSO bought Brooklands in 1919 from the Hon. Mrs Blood, who had previously bought it from Mrs. Thomas. Presumably this was Louisa Frances Thomas who occupied the house in 1901. Colonel Lethbridge sold Brooklands in 1933 to a Mrs Muspratt and Miss Methuen.

The house was let for a period of one year to a Mr Travers and his two daughters in either 1936 or 1937.

The actual date for the sale of Brooklands to successive owners is not currently known, but the succession of owners is probably as follows.

Mrs Muspratt and Miss Methuen purchased the property in 1933. They in turn sold it to Colonel and Mrs Pyke in 1949. Following the death of Colonel Pyke in 1981, the property was purchased by Mr Alan Haikney in 1982 who had business connections with the Optica aircraft built at Old Sarum. He planted a vineyard in the grounds of the house. The property was then sold in 1997.

At some point the house was owned by a Mr & Mrs Smith who sold it to Mr Philip Culliford who died in 2011. Subsequently Mrs Culliford sold the property to Mr & Mrs Price in 2013.

Supplementary information regarding land obtained from Countess Nelson in 1861

HEREAS FRANCES ELIZABETH DOWAGER COUNTESS NELSON, of LANDFORD HOUSE, in the County of Wilts, and HENRY THOMAS, of LANDFORD, in the same County, Esquire, being respectively interested under the provisions of " The Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange and Improvement of Lands, in the Land and Hereditaments set forth in the Schedule hereunder written, with the Easements

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and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and being desirous of effecting an Exchange of the same, have made application, in writing, to the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales, to direct enquiries whether such proposed Exchange would be beneficial to the Owners of such respective Lands and Hereditaments, and to proceed with the same under the provisions of the said Acts.

Now the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales, being of opinion that such Exchange would be beneficial, and that the terms thereof are just and reasonable, hereby give Notice that they will cause to be framed and confirmed, under their Hand and Seal, an Order of Exchange in the matter of the said application, unless notice, in writing, of dissent to the said proposed Exchange be given to them by some person entitled to an Estate in, or to a charge upon, the said Land and Hereditaments or any part thereof, on or before the 8th day of March next.

THE SCHEDULE TO WHICH THE FOREGOING NOTICE REFERS.

LAND and HEREDITAMENTS in which the above-named Frances Elizabeth Dowager Countess Nelson is interested, situate in the Parish of Landford, in the County of Wilts, and proposed to be exchanged for the Land and Hereditaments hereinafter specified.

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	In Front of Mr Thomas's House	0	1	34
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214	Ditto	0	3	39
Map dated Sept 5 th 1861				
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	Total	15	3	23

Witness my hand this 14th day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

H. PYNE,

By Order of the Board.

According to the 1839 Tithe Map, Richard Morgan held plots 180-183 (Land immediately north of Bridge Cottage stretching between Pound Hill and the Blackwater), 186-188 (Brooklands Farm and buildings and field bordering Glebe Lane and Pound Hill), 198 (field on the corner of Glebe Lane

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between the Lane and Blackwater) and 212-214 (land known as Morgan's Mead running west to east behind Captain's Copse and bordering onto what was then open common).

The records relating to Landford Lodge show that in 1848 the Greatheed family sold Landford Lodge and Whitehouse Farm to the Dowager Countess Nelson, and in 1859 she sold the Lodge and Whitehouse Farm to James Wigram of Northlands. This left her with a remnant of land south of Whitehouse Farm located between The Pound and river Blackwater. This is the area to the north of what was then Bridge Cottage.

From the church record it states that about 1850 Henry Thomas bought the cottage and land belonging to Morgan's Farm (i.e. Brooklands Farm belonging to the Morgan family) and this is confirmed by the 1851 Census. Clearly Thomas wished to consolidate his land holding further, so he entered into a land 'swap' with Countess Nelson to procure the rest of the land between Brooklands and Whitehouse Farm.

Plots owned by Countess Nelson to be exchanged for those owned by Henry Thomas –

- In front of Thomas's house was land originally purchased by him from Morgan.
- Plot 174, Seven Acres – Large field north of Brooklands that borders the Blackwater.
- Plot 177 - Land south of Whitehouse Farm containing barns, borders Pound Hill.
- Plot 178 - Curtilage of Brooklands Cottage, bordering Pound Hill
- Plot 179 - Land south of Brooklands Cottage, now Highfield Farm

Plots owned by Henry Thomas to be exchanged for those owned by Countess Nelson –

- Plots 212, 213, 214, named Morgan's Mead – Land east of Captain's Copse bordering onto what was then Landford Common, stretching towards the A36.
- Allotments – Plot 11 on 1861 map, an area of some 11 acres. Possibly the site on which Manor Cottages, Lyndhurst Rd were built by Sir Frederick Preston, a subsequent owner of the Landford Estate.

As a result of this exchange of land, Thomas basically now owned all the land that had originally belonged to Brooklands Farm, including the area between The Pound, the Blackwater and Whitehouse Farm.

From the notice for the sale of household contents in 1877

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 15 September 1877

LANDFORD, WILTS. SALE by AUCTION of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Valuable OIL PAINTINGS and other EFFECTS.

MESSRS. WINSTANLEY & GODWIN have received instructions to SELL by AUCTION, on the Premises, BROOKLANDS, LANDFOBD, WILTS, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1877, the whole the Useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PLATED ARTICLES, 17 OIL PAINTINGS (several of great merit, 2 signed " Moreland, 1795"), a small LIBRARY of BOOKS (including 40 vols. Waverley Novels), the entire equipment of Dining and Drawing Rooms, with the ordinary Bedroom Furniture of Four Chambers. The Bedroom Furniture includes mahogany four-post, half-tester, birch, and painted bedsteads, mahogany and painted chests of drawers, mahogany wardrobe, mahogany and painted dressing

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tables and washstands, feather beds, wool mattresses, Kidderminster carpets, mahogany swing glasses, &c., &c.

The Furniture of the Dining and Drawing Rooms comprises rosewood and mahogany 100 dining and card tables, sofa, conch, Trafalgar and arm chairs, walnut chiffonier, with plate glass back, mahogany pedestal sideboard, 8-day bracket clock, a few lots of old china and ornaments, culinary and kitchen requisites, side saddle, double-barrel gun, narrow-wheel cart, and numerous other effects. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Catalogues may be obtained of the Auctioneers, 2, Endless-street, Salisbury.

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Section 2 - Table of Owners and Occupiers of Brooklands

Year	Owner	Occupier
c.1810	Samuel Brown	Samuel and Mary Brown and family
1827	Mary Brown	Samuel died this year
1841	Mary Brown	Mary Brown and others
1845	Mary Brown died	Sale of Household Furniture and then the estate
1845	Mr. F. E. Ball.	Mr. F. E. Ball.
1846		Sale of the estate
1846	Henry Thomas	Thomas family
1851	Henry Thomas	Thomas family
1861	Henry Thomas	Thomas family
1867	Henry Thomas	Thomas family
1869	Henry Thomas	Henry died in Dec 1869
1871	Probably the Thomas family	House Keeper & domestic servants
1872		Miss Ellen Ansted & domestic servants
1877		Sale of Furniture, Paintings and Effects
1881		Miss Ellen, cousin & domestic servants
1889		Miss Ellen Ansted died
1890		Sale of Furniture and Effects of Miss Ansted
1891	George Nunn Thomas	Thomas family & domestic servants
1898	George Nunn Thomas	Thomas family & domestic servants
1900	George Nunn Thomas	Died Dec 1900
1901	Mrs Louisa Thomas	Thomas family & domestic servants
1907	Mrs Louisa Thomas	Thomas family & domestic servants
1910	Mrs Louisa Thomas	Leaves the property
1911	Possibly vacant	Unknown
1915	Percy Hamilton Dean	
????	Mrs Blood	
1919	Colonel Lethbridge	Lethbridge family
1933	Mrs Muspratt & Miss Methuen	Mrs Muspratt & Miss Methuen
1936/37	Mrs Muspratt & Miss Methuen	Mr Travers and daughters
1938	Mrs Muspratt & Miss Methuen	Mrs Muspratt & Miss Methuen
1949	Colonel and Mrs Pyke	The Pyke family
1982	Alan Haikney	Haikney family
1997	Mr & Mrs Smith	Mr & Mrs Smith
????	Mr Philip Culliford	Mr & Mrs Culliford
2013	Mr & Mrs Price	Mr & Mrs Price

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Section 3 – Family connections with Brooklands

Colonel Ernest A. E. Lethbridge (1864-1943) C.M.G., D.S.O and Croix de Guerre.

Colonel Ernest Astley Edmund Lethbridge was born on 26 Dec 1864 in Taunton, Somerset. He was the second son of Sir Wroth Acland Lethbridge, 4th Baronet Lethbridge of Westaway House, Pilton and Winkley Court, co. Devon and Ann Williams Benyon. He was educated at Eton, and at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst; entered the Army 10 Oct 1885; promoted Captain 27 Sep 1893; Major 2 Sep 1904, and Lieutenant Colonel 25 Oct 1913.

He married Ruth Mary Holmes à Court (her second marriage), daughter of Edward Alexander Holmes à Court and Adelaide Sophie Hamersley on 9 Jul 1919. She was the widow of Major Charles Evelyn Forrest (D.S.O.) of the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry who was killed in action on 22 Nov 1915 at Mesopotamia during the First World War. Colonel Lethbridge was the Commander of that infantry unit at that time.

Ernest A. E. Lethbridge	b. 26 Dec 1864	d. 29 April 1943
m. 9 Jul 1919, Ruth Mary Holmes à Court		
d. Elinor Anne Mary	b. 6 Jul 1920	d. 21 Feb 1921
d. Diana Ruth	b. 10 Jan 1922	

Ernest Lethbridge fought in the Boer War between 1899 and 1902; was present at the Relief of Kimberley; during operations in the Orange Free State, February to May 1900, including operations at Paardeberg (17 to 26 February), actions at Poplar Grove and Driefontein; during operations in Orange River Colony, May to November 1900; taking part in the operations in Orange River Colony, December 1900 to 31 May 1902. He was mentioned in Despatches twice [London Gazette, 8 Feb and 10 Sept 1901]; received the Queen's Medal and three clasps; King's Medal and two clasps, and was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order [London Gazette, 27 Sept, 1901]: "Ernest Astley Edmund Lethbridge, Captain, Oxfordshire Light Infantry. In recognition of services during operations in South Africa". The Insignia were presented by the King 24 Oct 1902.

He appeared on the Military Overseas census in 1911 in Wellington, Nilgiris, India. He fought in the First World War in Mesopotamia, where he was mentioned in despatches twice and became a POW. He was commander of the 1st Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry from 1914 to April 1916, to the termination of the Siege of Kut. He gained the rank of Brevet-Colonel. He was decorated with the award of the Croix de Guerre. He was invested as a Companion, Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.), dated 3 Jun 1916.

He resided at The Firs, Headington, Oxfordshire when he died in Oxford on 29 April 1943 at the age of 78.

Colonel Maurice Aubone Pyke (18 Sep 1891 – 1981)

Married to Grace Rosemary Pyke (26 Oct 1912 – 1985). Was a Captain in the A.T.S. during WW2 and head of the Hursley Hunt.

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Extracts from Newspapers

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 26 February 1827

Sunday the 18th inst. died, after a few days illness, Mr. **Samuel Brown**, of Landford, in the 60th year of his age, universally respected, and sincerely regretted; a kind husband, and a sincere friend.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 16 April 1827

ALL Persons having any Claim or Demand on the Estate of Mr. **SAMUEL BROWN**, late of Landford in the county of Wilts, deceased,, are requested to send the particulars thereof to Mrs. Brown, of Landford aforesaid, in order that the same may be discharged. And all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to the said **Mrs. Brown** forthwith. Landford, April 12, 1827.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 09 November 1844

Died, Nov 7, 1844, **Mary, relict of Samuel Brown**, of Landford, aged 70, beloved and respected by all who knew her.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 19 April 1845

LANDFORD BRIDGE COTTAGE. MESSRS. HANNEN have received instructions to SELL by AUCTION, on Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th of April, 1845, the neat HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of the above Cottage. Also about Seven Tons of capital Pasture HAY, which may be removed; the materials of a Barn 26ft. by 13ft; range of Cow-pens and Cart-shed.32ft by 13ft.; Workshops, 20ft. by 16ft.; 30 gallons of cider, nine casks, brewing and dairy utensils; quantity of lead, oil, and glass; oil and water-colours; benches, beams and scales, and various other articles connected with the painting and glazing business; and about 100 lots of useful out-door effects, the property of the late **Mr. Brown**.

Catalogues of the whole may be had, five days prior the Sale, at the Shoe Inn, Plaitford; White Horse, Romsey; Crown, Lyndhurst; New Inn, Downton; Messrs. Brodie & Co.'s, Salisbury; at the place of sale and at the Auctioneers' Furniture Warehouse, Fordingbridge.

The House, which is delightfully situated near the turn pike-road from Salisbury to Lyndhurst, contains two parlours, four bed-rooms, kitchen, dairy, and comes with capital Garden, Orchard, and right of pasture for cattle on Landford Common, is be Sold or Let for immediate possession.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. Parker, on the Premises; Messrs. Foot and Radcliffe, solicitors, Salisbury; or to Messrs. Hannen, Estate-Agents, Fordingbridge.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 03 May 1845

GENTEEL FREEHOLD RESIDENCE FOR SALE, AT LANDFORD, WILTS.

Seven miles from Romsey, and ten from Lyndhurst and Salisbury.

MESSRS. HANNEN are favoured with instructions to SELL by AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 21st of May, 1845, at the Shoe Inn, Plaitford, at three o'clock in the afternoon.,— All that substantial, Brick-built and Slated RESIDENCE, known as Landford Bridge Cottage, late in the occupation of the owner, **Mrs. Brown**, deceased.

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The purchaser will be entitled to an unlimited Right of Pasture and Fuel from Landford Common and to extensive Rights from the New Forest.

To view the premises, apply to Mr. Parker at the Shoe Inn, Plaitford; and for any further particulars, to Messrs. Foot and Radcliffe, solicitors, Salisbury; or to the Auctioneers at Fordingbridge.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 25 July 1846

GENTEEL FREEHOLD RESIDENCE AT LANDFORD, WILTS, BETWEEN SALISBURY AND SOUTHAMPTON. MESSRS. HANSEN have received instruction to SELL by AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 5th of August, 1846, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Shoe Inn, Plaitford – All the substantial Brick built & Slated DWELLING HOUSE, known as Landford Bridge Cottage, with the Outbuildings, Gardens, and Orchard thereto belonging, delightfully situate on an eminence by the roadside in the pleasant village of Landford and now in the occupation of Mr. F. E. Ball.

The purchaser will be entitled to unlimited Rights of Pasture and Fuel from Landford Common and the New Forest. For particulars apply to the Auctioneers, at Fordingbridge.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal – Saturday 23 Nov 1861

HEREAS FRANCES ELIZABETH DOWAGER COUNTESS NELSON, of LANDFORD HOUSE, in the County of Wilts, and HENRY THOMAS, of LANDFORD, in the same County, Esquire, being respectively interested under the provisions of " The Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange and Improvement of Lands, in the Land and Hereditaments set forth in the Schedule hereunder written, with the Easements and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and being desirous of effecting an Exchange of the same, have made application, in writing, to the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales, to direct enquiries whether such proposed Exchange would be beneficial to the Owners of such respective Lands and Hereditaments, and to proceed with the same under the provisions of the said Acts.

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H. PYNE,
By Order of the Board.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 26 November 1864

Among the successful candidates for direct commissions in the recent examination held at Chelsea Hospital we notice the name of George Nunn Thomas, only son of Henry Thomas, Esq., Brooklands, Landford, a pupil of the Rev. T. R. Maskew, head master of the Grammar School, Dorchester.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 12 March 1870

HENRY THOMAS, DECEASED. PURSUANT to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Victoria, chapter 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees," Notice is hereby given, that all Creditors and other Persons having any Claims or Demands upon or against the Estate of HENRY THOMAS, formerly of Landford, in the County of Wilts, but late of Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset, Esquire, deceased, (who died on or about the 23rd day of December, 1869, and whose Will was proved by EDWIN THOMAS, of Shaston Saint Rumbold, otherwise Cann, in the said County of Dorset, Esquire, GEORGE MANNINGS, of Downton, in the said County of Wilts, Esquire, and GEORGE WILLIAMSON DANIELL, of Blandford Forum, in the said County of Dorset, Surgeon, the Executors therein named, in the Blandford District Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate, on the 2nd day of March, 1870, are hereby required to send the particulars in writing, of their Claims or Demands to the said Executors, at the Office of their Solicitor, Robert Swyer, situate at Shaftesbury, in the said County of Dorset, on or before the 20th day of May, 1870, after which day the said Executors will distribute the assets of the said HENRY THOMAS, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims and Demands of which the said Executors shall then have had notice, and the said Executors will not be liable for the assets so distributed or any part thereof to any Person of whose Debt, Claim, or

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Demand they shall not then have had notice. And all Debtors to the Estate of the said HENRY THOMAS are requested to pay the sums due from them to the said Executors, at the Office aforesaid of their said Solicitor. Dated this 11th day of March, 1870. ROBERT SWYER, of Shaftesbury, Solicitor for the said Executors.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 15 September 1877

LANDFORD, WILTS. SALE by AUCTION of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Valuable OIL PAINTINGS and other EFFECTS.

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The Furniture of the Dining and Drawing Rooms comprises rosewood and mahogany 100 dining and card tables, sofa, conch, Trafalgar and arm chairs, walnut chiffonier, with plate glass back, mahogany pedestal sideboard, 8-day bracket clock, a few lots of old china and ornaments, culinary and kitchen requisites, side saddle, double-barrel gun, narrow-wheel cart, and numerous other effects.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Catalogues may be obtained of the Auctioneers, 2, Endless-street, Salisbury.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 12 October 1889

LANDFORD. WILL OF THE LATE MISS E. ANSTED. —The will of Miss Ellen Ansted, late of Brooklands, Landford, Wilts, who died on July 2 last, was proved on September 27 by the Rev. Joseph Boord Ansted and Danby Stevens Christopher, the executors, the value of personal estate amounting to over £44,000. The testatrix gives £100 and annuity of £200 to the said Rev. J. B. Ansted and the annuity, on his death, is to be paid to his wife, if she survive him: her furniture and effects, horses and carriages, and £10,000 in addition to other gifts, the said Danby Stevens Christopher, and it is her wish that he shall himself use her carriage horses, and use his best endeavours to have them kindly treated; and numerous and considerable legacies to relatives and servants.

She also bequeaths £1,000 to the Governesses' Institution; £100 each to the Clergy Orphan Society, the Salisbury Infirmary, the National Refuge for Homeless and Destitute Children, and the British Home for Incurables, Clapham-rise; each to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Clergy Relief Corporation, and the Diocesan Institute for Trained Nurses, Salisbury; and £20 each to the City London Lying-in Hospital and Universal Benevolent Institution, Soho-square.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 25 October 1890

BROOKLANDS" LANDFORD, WILTS. GENUINE and UNRESERVED SALE of a Portion of the EQUIPMENT of the above Residence, including handsome Mantel Mirrors in richly-carved gilt frames. Occasional, Chess, Coffee, and Work Tablet in various woods. Whatnots, Cbeffoniers, Conches, Dinner

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Wagon. Hall and other Chairs, Framed Engravings, Prints and Photographs, Brussels, Tapestry. Felt, and other Carpets and Rugs, about 300 Volumes of Books, 6-octave Cabinet Pianoforte in mahogany case; Bedroom Appointments, including Metal Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Wool and Hair Mattresses. Blankets and Counterpanes, Mahogany Wardrobes and Chests of Drawers, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Washstands and Toilet Ware, Commodes, Bidets, &c.; Glass and China Items, Culinary Requisites, &c., &c.; also a well-built LANDAU CARRIAGE by Andrews," Southampton; capital spring MARKET CART in excellent condition, sundry Garden Tools and other Outdoor Effects.

MR. JAMES JENVEY has been favoured with instructions from the Exors. of the late **Miss E. Ansted**, to SELL the above by AUCTION, on the Premises, on Wednesday, November 5th, 1890, commencing at 11 for 12 o'clock. On View the day prior to Sale, from 10 to 5. Catalogues may be obtained of the Auctioneer, Marketplace, Romsey.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 01 November 1890

Landford, The National School.— A handsome clock tower is being added to the National Schoolroom, memorial of to the late **Miss Anstey**, at a cost of about £200.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 15 December 1900

GEORGE NUNN THOMAS Esq., deceased. ALL PERSONS having claims or demands against the Estate of GEORGE NUNN THOMAS late of BROOKLANDS, LANDFORD, in the County of WILTS Esq. deceased, are requested to send particulars thereof to us the undersigned forthwith. Dated this 5th day of December 1900.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Saturday 18 December 1909

WEDNESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 22nd, 1909. " BROOKLANDS," LANDFORD, WILTS. MESSRS. WATERS AND RAWLENCE are instructed by **Mrs. Thomas**, who is leaving, to SELL by AUCTION, on the Premises, on the above date, SURPLUS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND OUTDOOR EFFECTS. Sale to commence at 12.30 precisely. On view the Morning of Sale only. No Catalogues.

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George Nunn Thomas Born in Bramshaw, Hampshire, England on abt 1846. Died 1900, Salisbury
m. Dec 1867 (Exeter), Louisa Frances (bap 23 Sep 1842, Bridport, Dorset), dau Samuel Shering
Kedde and Anne Bradley

d. Lillian Louisa Margaret	(b.1869, Southsea. d. 1923)
s. Edward A.	(b.1874, Netherbury, Dorset)
s. Arthur Francis	(b.1876, Beaminster, Dorset. d. 1935)
s. Charles Samuel Williamson	(b.1877, Netherbury, Dorset)