

Studwell Lodge, Droxford

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Notes from a meeting of Gordon Hope, Stuart Attrill and Michael Chandler held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 to review the Studwell Lodge Archive (held by the current owner, Michael Mcgeever)

BRIEF HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP

Henry Keppell acquired the copyhold (query as to when it changed from a copyhold to a freehold?) of Studwell Lodge in 1843 (known from Manor Court at St. Martin). He sold it to (Sir) Graham Bower(s), who owned it in 1857 (documented in the Archive (blue folder). Also referred to in a diary entry 'moved to Droxford Sat. 14 November 1857').

From Sir Graham's diary: Sir Graham Bower expressed an interest in Studwell Lodge and on 17th June 1857 – went to Keppell's house. On 23rd June went to "Maerell" (?) about Keppell's house. On 29th June Mr. Maerell 'thought it would take around £800 to £1,000 to make the place comfortable and would not recommend it'. Also from Sir Graham's diary: 'The pews were too cold and badly placed and he could neither see nor hear the clergyman.'

Sir Graham Bower was born circa 1809 and died circa 1910 - (NB: check gravestone for exact dates). His son Graham Bower died circa 1923 (from letter issued after his death).

It appears from the archive records that Graham Bower had two sons: (1) Jim Bower (who, according to a letter dated 07 March ?? died in 1880); and (2) Jack Bower (referred to in a letter dated 28 February 1894).

J.G Bower – Anglo American association etc, circa 1927.

DOCUMENTS PHOTOCOPIED FROM THE ARCHIVE (see scanned copies attached to this report)

Studwell archive – documents 1 to 12 per summary (of which numbers 2,3,6,9 and 10 photocopied

Bower (formerly Bure) family tree (2 pages A4)

Tithe map No. 140 (now Studwell Lodge) showing copyholders from 1556 to 1843 (3 pages A4)

Letter dated September 1926 from Richard (Dick) Barry to Graham Bower (2 pages A4)

Fair copy of letter dated 26 June 1923 from Graham Bower to (?) The Star, Johannesburg re South Africa – can be published on his death. This letter was returned by The Star on his death (3 pages A4)

Press report, Miss Maud Bower (South Africa resident?) concerning the dedication of a plaque to her parents Sir Graham Bower and Lady Maude Laidley Bower (1 page A4)

Appointment of J.G. Bower as Engineering Assistant based in London for Anglo American Corp.S.A. Letter dated 29 September 1927 (2 pages A4)

1881 British Census for Studwell Lodge showing John Bower, Mary Bower and three servants (1 page A4)

Article 'My Time at Studwell Lodge And in The Village of Droxford' posted by Herry Lawford of Meonstoke in 2008 (3 pages A4)

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DOCUMENTS NOT PHOTOCOPIED FROM THE ARCHIVE (largely political or relating to the Bower family)

Two maps of South Africa in 1888 showing sphere of influence

Graham Bower 'The Nation in Arms'. Potted history of warfare, the need to find a new way (conclusion missing?). Related to (published) 'The Laws of War' appeal for more law and order in the combat zone and the governing of prisoners

Law of the Nation (?) Bill (response Graham Bower and International Law – formation of the United Nations?)

Graham Bower 'The Laws of War' galley proofs - appeal for more law and order in combat zones and for prisoners of war

Ernst Law to Graham Bower in connection with article on the dissolution of parliament. Also, Leading Countries and Borrowing Nations article (Graham Bower?) covering Trade, Treaties, Debt and War

Graham Bower - Political (1) Answer to a liberal pamphlet on unemployment, (2) exploration of industrialisation, and (3) land distribution and wealth creation. Also - Personal (1) Mother's father (Hickson), and (2) the Irish famine

Graham Bower 1919 (?). Galley Proofs International Law Association, Vice Chairman Sir Graham Bower. Also British Maritime Law Committee

Outline of the history of the Sudan (by Graham Bower?). Undated (latest date mentioned is 1920)

Speech (?) by Graham Bower (?). Beginning and conclusion missing and very battered. No date (immediately pre WWII?). Promoting neutrality?

Two copies of a speech (?) by Graham Bower (?). Possibly immediately pre war (1930's) re decline of civilisation owing to repressive bureaucracy.

Letter dated 13 March 1928 from Paul de Auer (Budapest) to Graham Bower. Thanks for support and concerning post war reorganisation

Letter dated 28 February 1924 from Arthur Field to Graham Bower concerning the Anglo Turkish subsidy (1) sorry he is ill, and (2) his letter read out at the last meeting and thanks from everyone for his support

Letter dated 08 February 1923 from Graham Bower to (?). Draft/copy of letter. Graham's position concerning the governance of Mauritius and Reunion

Draft letter dated 02 March 1925, Graham Bower to (?). Response to a pamphlet exploring (1) USA position on the world stage, (2) laws/articles of war

Miscellaneous (1) Letter dated 29 February 1924 to Sir Graham Bower - would like to visit G.M. Macpherson, and (2) Extract on witchcraft and Quakerism (Graham Bower papers: illustrating a pragmatic approach to the USA attitude to WWII?)

Letter dated 14 April 1900 from G. Lenlepion (? Signature unclear) to Sir Graham Bower. Of solidarity/congratulations on Graham being 'sworn in' (as deputy governor?, MP?)

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Letter dated 12 January 1924 from Alfred Hickson(?) to Sir Graham Bower. Reply to letter and congratulations on his re-election as MP

Letter dated 25 March 1915 from Graham Bower to Thomas Baty. Enclosed letter to the Times concerning the treatment of submariners who were perceived as spies - move to change the law. Response from Thomas Baty citing current articles under which submariners operate. Also, definition of a spy.

Postcard (date stamped 11 May 2007) showing a picture of Studwell Lodge with a woman, a child (girl) and a dog. Letter addressed to Mrs Burnett of Powis, Old Aberdeen, Aberdeen. Reads 'I hope George is getting on alright. My uncle (age 98) is a good deal frailer than he was in July. We start for home on Wed. Jean will be sorry to leave dog. B. Farquhar.'

Letters to wife (first dated 18 July 1897) from Graham Bower in connection with the Rhodes enquiry - shows some concern

Blue plastic folder containing (1) Extract from Graham Bower's diary from 12 June 1857 to 14 November 1857 and from 01 January 1859 to 06 January 1859, (2) Letter dated 12 August 1859, sent from Alresford, from N.H. Flint (?) to Lieut. Colonel Bower questioning what part of the tiling in the old roof is likely to cause discomfort in the coming winter, and (3) Booklet '800 Years in Droxford' by Gordon Hope (G.D. Hope)

Eight black and white (probably 19th century) photographs of various members of the Bower family (most not named)

GORDON HOPE'S RECORDS, as given to Michael and Caroline McGeever (all photocopied except where stated)

Explanatory note (handwritten, 2 pages)

Note concerning Palace Meadow (handwritten, 2 pages), together with map

Extract from newspaper covering the death of Sir Harry Keppel, O.M. (Father of the Navy). Also, letter dated 06 March 2015 from Frances Keppel to Michael McGeever

Page showing early career history of The Honourable Henry Keppel (February 1822 to August 1847)

Extract (4 pages) from the Hambledon website (11 September 2014) showing local history

Descent of older houses of Droxford - general background notes by Gordon Hope, dated 21 October 1999 (1 page). Also, copy of 1841 Tithe Map of Droxford village (1 page)

Tithe Map No. 141 (Studwell Lodge) covering copyholders from 1596 (Hock) to 1858 (Henry Keppel)

Enlarged photocopy of the original entry regarding Palace Meadow in the Survey of AD 1551 (referred to in explanatory note above), together with Gordon Hope's translation of this. NB: enlarged photocopy not copied

Copy of Gordon Hope's book (yellow cover) '800 Years in Droxford'

Copy of book Manor Rentals (1551 Droxford, 1546/7 Botley) and Estate Rental (1433 Midlington) by Harold.G. Barstow (pink cover)

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STUART ATTRILL'S RECORDS

Page showing birth and death dates of Lt. Col. John Bower, Mary Bower, Sir Graham John Bower KCMG, and Mary Laidley Bower, as taken from their tombstones in Droxford Church graveyard

Summaries of the Sandfly Passage, Nggela Incident of 1880, in which Lieutenant Bower was killed (5 pages)