

CHAPTER 7

EXODUS FROM COVENTRY

John and his family were thoroughly to enjoy their time at Little Melton and their life there can be illustrated by the following extracts from John's diary:

1883

Nov. 8 - Blanche Thrower of Hethersett (called Anne) came as housemaid at 8s.10d. to be raised if she stays beyond 6 months.

Nov- 20 - Albert Fox came as groom & gardener at £11 a year.

Nov. 28 - Buried poor Thos. Symonds who died from the kick of a horse. Bought a bay colt for 40 of Mr. F. Low Vet Surgeon. 14 1/2 hands: 7 yrs. old:

warranted.

1884

Jan. 28 - George & Arthur Robinson, two sons of Dr.

Haynes Robinson of Norwich, & two Whittingales from

Coventry came as pupils.

June 11 - went to Archdeacon's visitation at Hingham

with Mr. Deacle & Dr. Richards.

Aug. 11 - T. Jeffcoatt came on a visit till 16th.

1885

Jan. 1 - Went to Coventry. Stayed at Uncle Henry's

(Quadrant) till 5th, then to Warmington Rectory (Taylor's) for a week.

Jan. 13 - Left Warmington for Aston Vicarage

(my brother Alfred's).

Aug. 4 - Ernest went to Mr. Robinson's, Norwich,
to be
fe?dy for starting the next morning to Wales (with
Tudor Eyton & the Robinsons), & Miss Minster
arrived.

Oct. 13 - School.
(indoors). H.- Bailey came as coachman

School.

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1886

Jan. 20 - in parish. Evg. had a dance - 32 young
people
- Sir Hugh Bevor [a relation of his wife],
P.Piggot,
H. Turner, Backs, Bullards, MurieI Green &c.

Aug- 2 - went to London from Wymondham
11.35 to stay

with good friend T. Jeffcoatt met De, and we
drove to
his club - dined - visited Grosvenor gallery then
to 20
Coleherne Road.

Aug. 3 - Went to the Exhibition
Theatre to see "Harbour Lights".

- Evg. at Adelphi

Aug. 4 - Went to the Stores. Called on Miss Low.
to the Exhibition. Saw the illuminations.

Aug. 5 - Visited Natural History Museum, South
Kensington Museum, Exhibition. Evg. Dined with
George
Finch & T. J. at Club, then with former to Globe
Theatre to see "The Pickpocket",.

Aug. 6 - stores - Japanese village - Little trip
down
the Thames - Evg. went with T. J. To Comedy
Theatre saw
"Turned Up".

Arg. 7 - Returned home.

Oct. 4 - Dined at Earlham Hall (Ripley's) to meet Bishop Moule of Mid China & c. Amusing.'

1887

June 21 - Queen's Jubilee. General Holiday.

Service &

address at Church 2. Full congregation. Then planted

memorial tree in centre of village near the church.

Delivered short speech. proceeded, accompanied by

Hethersett Band & concourse of villagers to Mr. R.

Andrew's Farm where every man, woman & child able to be

present was regaled with a good dinner of beef, plum

pudding, beer & c; afterwards races, sports, dancing & c

were indulged in. A very enjoyable & memorable day for

all.

1888

Jan. 2 - Married H. Bailey (my coachman) to Ada West.

June 4 - went with Julia & Hermine to GL. Shelford near Cambridge. Took lodgings with Mrs Greaves, The Limes. (Comfortable). To Camb; called on Ernest, A. Green &c.

June 7 - To Camb. twice. Australian match.

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June 9 - To Camb. Went to Senate House to see degrees conferred on Prince Albert Victor, Marquis of Salisbury, & other celebrated men. Prince & Princess

of Wales & 3 daughters there. Got good place near platform. Ernest one of guard of honour as a volunteer. Afterwards met the Archbishop of Canterbury who was very friendly & introduced his wife (for the second time). Altogether a good day.

Aug. 13 Heard by telegram of the death of Uncle Henry who died at 1 p.m. today.

Aug. 14 - Went to Coventry - Stayed at C. W. Iliffe's.

Aug. 15 - Visited Aunt - saw Uncle in his coffin - not much changed.

Aug. 16 - The 'funeral reading - of the will - I with my brother Alfred & C. W. Iliffe executors. . All nephews & neices with 2 or 3 exceptions equal legatees after Aunt's decease.

1890

Feb. 13 - Willie Lack [future son-in-law] thrown from a cart in Norwich and badly injured in the head.

Aug. 10 - Heard from Sir J. Richey of Bailey's accident at Norwich - wagonette being smashed.

Aug. 18 - Heard from Armev (nephew) of the death of his mother Mrs . C . W. Soden on Saturday Aug. 16th .

Aug. 19 - Went to Kirk Whelpington. Arrived at Knowe's Gate 1/2 past 7. Found Charles & family fairly well.

Aug. 20 - Attended poor K's funeral. Many clergymen and friends present, I being the only relative except the family.

Oct. 22 - Received letter from Sir B. Dixie offering to nominate me to the living of Brantham, Suffolk, if the authorities of Emmanuel would accept his nomination.

It appeared, however, that Sir B. Dixie had first nominated a Mr. Boyce, whom the College refused to

accept; he then commenced legal proceedings against the

College & the governing body gave way. The living

after a time lapsed to the Bishop who appointed a Mr.

Cole, a low Ch. clergyman. In this matter I felt the

Bp. had not treated me very fairly, because the patron

of the Living (which was a very good one) had offered

it to me, & the College was willing to accept me, but

the Bp. refused to institute me, giving no reason. Of

course his predilection for one of pronounced low church views is well known.

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1891

Oct. 15 - Mrs. Bishop (aged 86) & Mrs. Bunn Senr. had their cottages burnt to the ground, struck by lightning. Afterwards collected £14.11.6. for the sufferers as compensation for loss of furniture &c.

Nov. 26 - Received the offer of the Living of Thwaite St. Mary through my friend the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dec. 1 - With Julia to Thwaite to inspect Church, house &c. Not favourably impressed, so declined it.

1892

Jan. 18 Heard from Mr. Bright-Smith his willingness to buy The Villa at L. Shelford for £450. Agreed.

1893

Mar. 27 - To my great astonishment I heard of J.

Sheepshank's appointment to the Bishopric of Norwich.

So surprised was I that I searched the pages of Crockford for another cleric of the same name.

Of

course I wrote congratulations and received a very nice

reply from Mrs. Sheepshanks.

Ju1. 13 - Attended the Bishop's installation & first sermon at the Cathedral, & went to a reception at the

Palace afterwards . Met Mrs . A. Rotherham, the Bishop's sister there.

Aug. 2 - After examining the Wymondham

Grammar School

went to the Prize Distribution. Read my report as examiner. Rider Haggard (the celebrated author) presided, & gave away the prizes. Lunched with Callis

the Head Master with Mrs. Soden, Rider Haggard & others.

Aug. 23 - Went with Mrs. to stay with my brother Alfred

at Scamblesby Vicarage. We were met at Donington-on-Bain by Alfred & Jenny.

Aug. 31 - Called, with A, J & E at Scrivelsby Court,

the house of the Champion of England, Dymoke. Dined at

Asterby Rectory (Graham's). Met Ash & party.

Sep. 26 - Drove to Hethersett Station to meet the

Bishop (Sheepshanks) who arrived at 4.47: brought him

home & strolled about the grounds till 6 when we

dined

(en famille). Had our service at 7.30 the
Bp. preaching.

I read prayers, Canon Co11ett, R.D., & Rev.
A. W. Callis Head Master of Wymondham Gr.
School read

lessons. Anthem & appropriate hymns were
sung, Jue

playing the harmonium. Church crowded.

Decorations

very much admired. After service neighbouring
clergy &

their wives came to the Vicarage to meet the
Bishop &

for refreshments &c. J. Rose arrived on a visit.

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Nov. 22 - Went with Mrs S & Hermlne to
Norwich. Mrs. S

& myself lunched at the Palace a family party:
found

Mrs. Sheepshanks very agreeable.

1894

May 2 - Went with Mrs. S Hermine to Norwich. Attended opening of Choir at Cathedral. Aftn. with Mrs. S to Cfre Palace reception to meet the Archbishop & Mrs. Benson. Heard of Bp. Pelham's death the day before. Received. letter from Mrs. Mumford offering me the living of Rishangles, for which there were 200 applicants.

May 4 - Went with Julia & Hermine to Rishangles and accepted the living.

May 16 - Went to Norwich. Called at the Palace to see Bishop re Rishangles. He proposed I shd. hold Redlingfield as well as Rishangles. Not settled.

July 25 - Attended at the Palace. to be instituted by the Bishop, then went with E. F. S. to Rishangles.

Aug. 9 - Went with Mrs. S to Rishangles beyond Eye.

Drove to Wymondharn, took train to Forncett, thence to

Eye, drove 5 miles to Rlshangles,- Nice church, good

house, but very lonely. Returned at 2.48 from Eye, &

at Forncett had to take a fly to Hethersett.

1896

Jan. 25 - Bailey went to Eye for wine

Apr. 10 - went with Mrs. S to dine at Hestley Hall (Haywards)

Apr. 17 - Mrs S & Jue to Aspall Hall {Chevallier's} then Mrs. S & I went to Occold - Todds.

1897

Jun. 22 Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Day. Every man, woman & child except 5 in the Parish of Rishangles were feasted. A good dinner of beef, mutton, home-brewed ale, ginger beer & lemonade, plum puddings, pickles, salad & c at 2.30: and at 6 all sat down again to tea at wh. an abundance of the best bread & butter & plum cakes was supplied. The proceedings were opened by singing the national anthem: then grace was sung, & the people fell to. The arrangements of the committee were excellent; 12 carvers were appointed (who could wield their implements well). Waiters & waitresses were told off who performed their duties so that everyone was well attended to. When all were satisfied

sports of various kinds were indulged in during afternoon & money prizes given. After tea music dancing interspersed with glees & solos: and the entertainment was wound up with a few notes of

thanks & cheers were given for the Queen, ladies & the Rector.

Everybody was well pleased & satisfied.

Jul. 12 - Drove to Eye. Alfred [brother] and Ernest arrived.

Jul . 13 - Nellie, Katie , Harry Finch, and W. Lack arrived. Miss M. Steward (bridesmaid] also came.

Jul. 14 - Hermine married to Wm. Lack. The ceremony passed off well. The bride & bridegroom left for London en route to North Wales. Had reception

after
wedding largely attended.

Ju1. 26 Alfred & I started for Coventry. He stayed at Rugby with Mr. Hobbes. I went to Dr. Iliffe's, Willenhall House.

Jui. 27 met Alfred at Coventry at Browett's office with Iliffe & E. Green &c. for consultation. Evg. to Whittingdales Auction Rooms for sale of Vernon Street

property. it was bought by Mr. Liggins for £10,000.

[Vernon St. was at Highfields, the weavers' new town in

Coventry and probably Henry Soden's property] .

Aug' 4 - With Mrs. S & Jue left Eye at 7.30 for Stratford-on-Avon via Cambridge & Blisworth.

Arrived

between 4 & 5 p-m. proceeded to the Old Vicarage where

we stayed. To take the duty for a month.

Aug. 8 - Took full service Stratford-on-Avon.

Aug. 23 Mrs. Flower called.

Aug. 24 With Mrs & Jue to Mrs. Flowerrs.
Avonbank .
Beautiful house & grounds.

Aug' 25 -: with Mrs S & Jue to Wednesbury for
the
marriage of Armev (nephew) to Louie Smith. I
took the
chief part in the ceremony. Streets & church
thronged.
Grand service; handsome church. Kind Rector.
Returned
to Stratford same night.

Aug. 27 - Li11y & Queenle Soden (neices) came
to stay a
fev days.

1898

May 9 - Went with wife to the Warren, Hingham
to stay
with Hermine & W. L . Enjoyed ourselves fairly
well,

notwithstanding the wet & cold weather.

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1899

Feb. 14 - Heard today of the birth of
granddaughter
[Valerie] , Hermine's child, born on Sunday Feb.
12th at
Little Melton.

Doing well. She was baptised at Rishangles on
Easter
Sunday, 2 April.

At Rishangles John was much better off than at
Little Melton.

The stipend, at £284 a year, was three times that
of his previous
parish, and as well as this there were 72 acres of
glebe land
attached to the vicarage, bringing in some
additional income.

John and Fanny therefore lived a pleasant, leisurely life, visiting and receiving friends and relations, entertaining and being entertained.

John's diary records lunch and dinner parties almost every week, and in Summer garden parties were held by all their friends. The two girls had an equally busy social life of their own. It must not be supposed, however, that John's social life was in any way allowed to interfere with his clerical duties, which he attended to assiduously, taking his Sunday services without fail, preaching in all the neighbouring churches and regularly visiting his parishioners.

But it cannot be pretended that, in a small parish of only 190 people, with only one church, the duties were anything but light. It certainly left him time to publish two books; Sketches in

Rhyme and Sermons
on Social Subjects (1893). Domestically, although
the Rectory
and its garden were quite large, the
coachman/gardener and two
indoor servants, with help from the village when
needed, were
well able to cope with the work without Fanny
having to do too
much herself. So their lives continued happily
together until
the very end, when John died on 3 March 191,
and was buried in
his own churchyard.

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It was during his time at Rishangles that he
received from Queen
Alexandra aL sandringham a signed fu11-length
portrait photograph
of herself. No explanation for the gift was ever
given to his
children, except that he had been able, at some

time, to do her a personal service.

John left an uncomplicated will. After small bequests of personal and household articles to his children, a token £10 to each of his brothers Alfred and Walter, his niece Catherine Finch, his nephew Henry Lewis Balfour Soden [Alfred's son], and £25 to his "faithful attendant" Henry Bailey, he left the advowson of the rectory of Horham to his son John Ernest. The remainder of his estate was left in trust for his wife Fanny, and the remaining income to be divided between Ernest, Julia and Hermine. On their deaths the capital was to be divided between their children. He left £9,344 18s 3d. Following his death Fanny (and Julia) moved into a house in the Earlham Road at Norwich, where she died in April 1919.

Julia was to remain unmarried, and on a tiny income of about £150 a year she could afford neither to buy or rent a house. She lived in rooms in various Norfolk villages after her mother's death in 1919, and she herself died at the ripe old age of 84 on 8 September, 1950. Like her father and mother she was buried at Rishangles.

As we have already gathered from her father's diary, Hermine married William Lack, a "gentleman farmer", of the Grange, Little

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Melton. Though he was tenant of a large farm he was fortunate to weather the farming depression of the 1930s. They had two daughters but no sons, and Hermine became the longest living of

any of the Sodens, dying just short of her one hundredth year.

Like the other members of her family she was buried at Rishangles.

Ernest (1868-1957) and Amy (-1950)

We have no details about the early life of John Ernest except

what can be learned from his father's diaries, but they do cover the main events:

1868

Sept. 3 - Eleanor delivered of a son; a fine' fat' large and apparently healthy boy. Laus Deo.

Oct. 20 - Baby was baptised [at Holy Trinity Church,

Coventry by Rev. J. Grover, the sponsors Edward J. Finch, Rev. A.J. Soden

& Miss Perkins of Thriplow, Cambs. Child named John Ernest.

1872

Jun. 21 -

Went , accompanied by 4 children, & nurse to Hammersmith...

consulted Heather Bigg (specialist) about Ernest

1877

Aug. 8 - Ernest went to the [Coventry] Grammar School.

1879

Aug. 31 - Ernest ill with scarlet fever. Sent the other children to Miss Cave's.

1881

Mar. 23 - Moved from 2, Barr's Hill, Terrace ' where all my children were born, to Stoneleigh Terrace'

May 19 - Ernest taken most seriously ill from inflammation of the lungs. Dr. Iliffe & Dr. Veagh in constant attendance.

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May 23 - Telegraphed for Dr. B. Foster (Specialist) of Birmingham for consultation with the other doctors. He pronounced the case as not hopeless, but attended with much danger. [Doctors Iliffe and Veagh attended up to two or three times a day, and by June 3 Ernest had recovered] .

On 1 November 1883 the whole family moved to Little Melton, Norfolk, where Ernest was educated privately by his father until he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge in October 1887.

1887

Oct. 1 - Went to Norwich. A. G. Green [a pupil] left

for Cambridge. Ernest through his entrance
examn. at
Emm. Coll. Cambridge.

1890

Jan. 21

Ernest left for Rev. W. L. Hickling to be prepared
for his B.A. degree (The Grove, Frostenden).

1891

Aug. 24 Ernest went to Kew to read with Mr.
Fisher -
The Priory.

Dec. 18 - Ernest returned home from Cambridge
Bacalaureus Artium.

At Cambridge Ernest had a generous allowance
from his father
which enabled him to enjoy an active social life.
He joined the
Volunteers and was in the guard of honour when
Prince Albert
Victor, accompanied by the Prince and Princess
of Wales, received

a degree on 9 June, 1888. In sport , the river was the main attraction; there his small frame and light weight suited him to be a cox, and he not only coxed his college boat but became reserve for the University and was unlucky not to gain his Blue. His upbringing in the Norfolk countryside and daily contact with the farming community decided him on coming down from Cambridge,

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to become a land agent, but his father would hear nothing of it and insisted on him taking Holy Orders. His father's diary, therefore records:

1893

Feb. 9 - Ernest left for Lincoln Theological College

Apparently he did not stay there for long, for we then read:

Nov.20 - Ernest left home for Fakenham (Rev. A. E.

Humphrey's) to read for Holy Orders, but he appeared to

be rather neglected by Mr. H. although his terms were high.

Dec. 13 - Ernest went from Fakenham to Whalley [near

Clitheroe, Lancs.] to see Rev. C. C. Prichard respecting his curacy, and on Dec. 14 proceeded to

Manchester & had an interview with the Bishop, who

agreed to ordain him the following Trinity Ordination.

1894

Jan. 6 - Ernest went to Natland Parsonage,

Kendal, to
read for ordination with Rev. C. Whitaker.

While he was he met and fell in love with his
future wife,
Amy, then in her teens, the youngest of five
beautiful
daughters of the the vicar of Kendal, the Rev.
W.M.Plues.

had been

May 19 - Received telegram that Ernest
accepted for Ordination
at Manchester.

May 20 - At 4 a.m. Ernest returned home
fatigued in
body & dejected in mind, having been refused
ordination
because he felt himself unable to write a sermon
offhand on a given text, although the Examiner
some
hours before had told him they were satisfied.

Jun. 4 - Ernest left for Whalley.

Dec. 21 - Ernest ordained by Bishop of Carlisle and went to his curacy at Renwick in Cumberland. Laus Deo.

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1896

May 30 - In the evening Ernest turned up, having come from Carlisle.

Jun. 3 - Croquet. N. Finch threw a ball which accident hit Ernest on the back of the head, stunning him but not (we trust) injuring him.

Jun. 4 Ernest left for Ulverston intending to spend Thursday night at Lacks, Little Melton.

1897

Jun. 13 Ernest ordained priest at Carlisle.

During 1897 Ernest moved to another curacy at Brathay in the Lake District. He moved again in the following year, 1898, to a curacy at Fincham, between Downham Market and Swaffham in Norfolk. During the same year, on 2 December, his father bought the advowson (right of presentation to the living) of Horham, a few miles from Rishangles, from the rector and patron, the Rev.E. Hanbury Frere, for the sum of £1,000, to enable Ernest to become rector there when the next vacancy occurred. He had not long to wait, for Frere, who had been rector for 50 years (and had had twenty-one children!), died within the year.

John,s diary continues:

1900

Jan. 3 - Jue went to Horham (poor Frere's funeral).

March 29 - With Ernest attended sale at Horham.

March 30 - Ernest & Jue went to Ipswich to buy furniture.

Apr. 14 - Ernest instituted to living of Horham.

Apr. 22 - Ernest read himself in at Horham.

May 21 - Ernest went into residence at Horham.

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Horham in 1900 was a purely agricultural parish, the land a heavy clay best suited to growing wheat, barley, oats and beans, though in the 1930s sugar beet was to become a valuable cash crop. The rector's stipend, being based on tithe, depended on the prosperity of farming, and in Ernest's first year there his income was £353 a year gross and £214 net. Not long afterwards

the living of Athelington, a parish with a population of no more than 50, was added. to Horham, increasing the stipend to about £600 a year. The population, which was to decline later on, was 328. The Rectory itself was a pleasant moated Regency house, built in about 1820, with four main bedrooms and two servant's bedrooms, surrounded by an extensive garden and orchard, and possessing a big timbered tithe barn containing stabling, harness room, coach house, cattle shed and pigsties, with storage for hay and straw. With it were several acres of glebe land to provide hay for the horses and somewhere for Ernest to indulge his interest in keeping pigs and poultry.

Now possessing a home of his own and a sufficient income, Ernest was in a position to marry the girl he had fallen in love with

during his curacies in Cumberland and Westmorland, and so, on 2 January 1902, he was married to Amy Plues at Wasdale Head church. Situated at the head of Wastwater and overshadowed by Scafell and Great Gable, some of the highest mountains in England, there were but two houses at this end of the lake, the vicarage and the hotel and, near the former, the tiny church where they were married by Amy's father, who had been vicar there since 1897. At the conclusion of their honeymoon they drove by carriage from Eye

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railway station to Horham, where they were met beneath a welcoming arch by Ernest's parishioners who unharnessed the horses and pulled the carriage by hand to the

rectory.

The couple quickly started a family. Geoffrey Ingle was born in the October following their marriage, and two daughters followed, Margaret Eleanor and Audrey Winifrid. It was not until 1917 that the last child, Ronald Wilfrid, was born. Geoffrey followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather's in becoming an Anglican priest (though he was later to go over to Rome) and Ronald, perhaps in fulfilment of his father's own ambition, became a land agent and surveyor.

Ernest soon settled down in his new parish but Amy was restless, always longing for her north country mountains and lakes.

Helping her husband in the two parishes, combined with an active social life in the neighbourhood, were some compensation for

living in what was at first a strange environment. Until 1926, when they bought their first motor car, visits to friends were restricted to the distance they could travel by carriage or pony cart, longer journeys to relatives or to London being made by railway from Eye station, 5 miles distant from Horham which, although it had a station on the Mid Suffolk line, had a slow and restricted passenger service. The acquisition of a motor car put them in reach of Ipswich and Norwich for shopping and gave the family an opportunity to explore the delights of Suffolk and Norfolk.

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Ernest inherited his grandfather Thomas's interest in public work. In 1905 he was elected a member of Hoxne

Rural District council, of which he later became chairman, and subsequently chairman of the combined Rural Districts of Hoxne and Hartismere under a local government reorganisation, when he also was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

In 1908 he was appointed chairman of the Tax commissioners for the Hoxne Division, and later of the old Age Pensions Board and the Hartismere Board of Guardians.

He then added the chairmanship of the Roads and Bridges committee of the East Suffolk county council to his many other Public Appointments.

A keen rifle shot and gardener, he became a judge at all the local shows.

Possessing a fine voice, Amy took a leading part in Deanery choral festivals, and was also in demand for public concerts. She was actively engaged in Red Cross work during the 1914 - 18 war and

was later Deanery
President of the Mothers' Union.

Soon after the beginning of the war, and feeling
unable to stand
by when some of his parishioners were being
wounded and killed,
Ernest was commissioned as a second-lieutenant
in the Essex
Regiment. At the time, his battalion was
stationed in Suffolk,
so he was able to, return to Horham to take his
Sunday services'
but when the Bishop discovered he had joined up
he forced him to
resign his commission and return to his clerical
duties'

There became a growing resistance by farmers in
the 1920s,
particularly in Kent and Suffolk, to the payment
of tithe,
despite its incidence being taken into account in
the Price of

agricultural land, and many refused to pay their dues. Because of the acute agricultural depression the freehold value of land dropped by the early 1930s to as little as fifty shillings an acre, and some farmers, however willing to pay their tithe, were unable to do so. The clergy therefore also suffered a loss of income, but Ernest, knowing full well the plight of his farmer parishioners, refused to take the step which was his right, of distraining on their goods and chattels for what he was owed. The situation was only relieved by the passing of the Tithe Act of 1936, whereby tithe payments were redeemed over a period of years and eventually abolished.

The family lived on quietly at Horham up to the outbreak of the 1939 - 45 war. By this time Ernest was 71 (in fact war was declared on his birthday), an age by which most men would have retired. Petrol rationing forced him to lay up his car, food became scarce and rationed, and his gardener/chauffeur left to join the army. To these difficulties was added the construction of a large bomber base in the village, the southern boundary of which adjoined the rectory garden.

The daily noise of heavy bombers taking off and landing, and raids by enemy aircraft, added to the other difficulties, made life intolerable for two old people so, in 1944, Ernest resigned the living and moved in with their elder son at Barsham Rectory near Beccles.

They stayed at Barsham until their other children

resumed a more settled life after the war, and then moved in 1950 to Farnham in Surrey, where Amy died soon afterwards. For the next seven years

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Ernest, now receiving a pension of no more than one-third of his stipend at Horham, lived in turn with his two married daughters and younger son, until he too died at Tilford, Surrey, the home of his younger daughter, Audrey on 12 May, 1957. He was buried alongside his wife in the churchyard at Horham where they had lived for so many years.

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