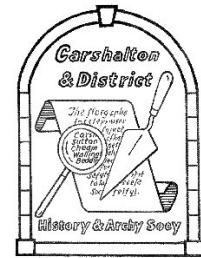


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Local History Note 7



THE LIMES: a lost Carshalton mansion.

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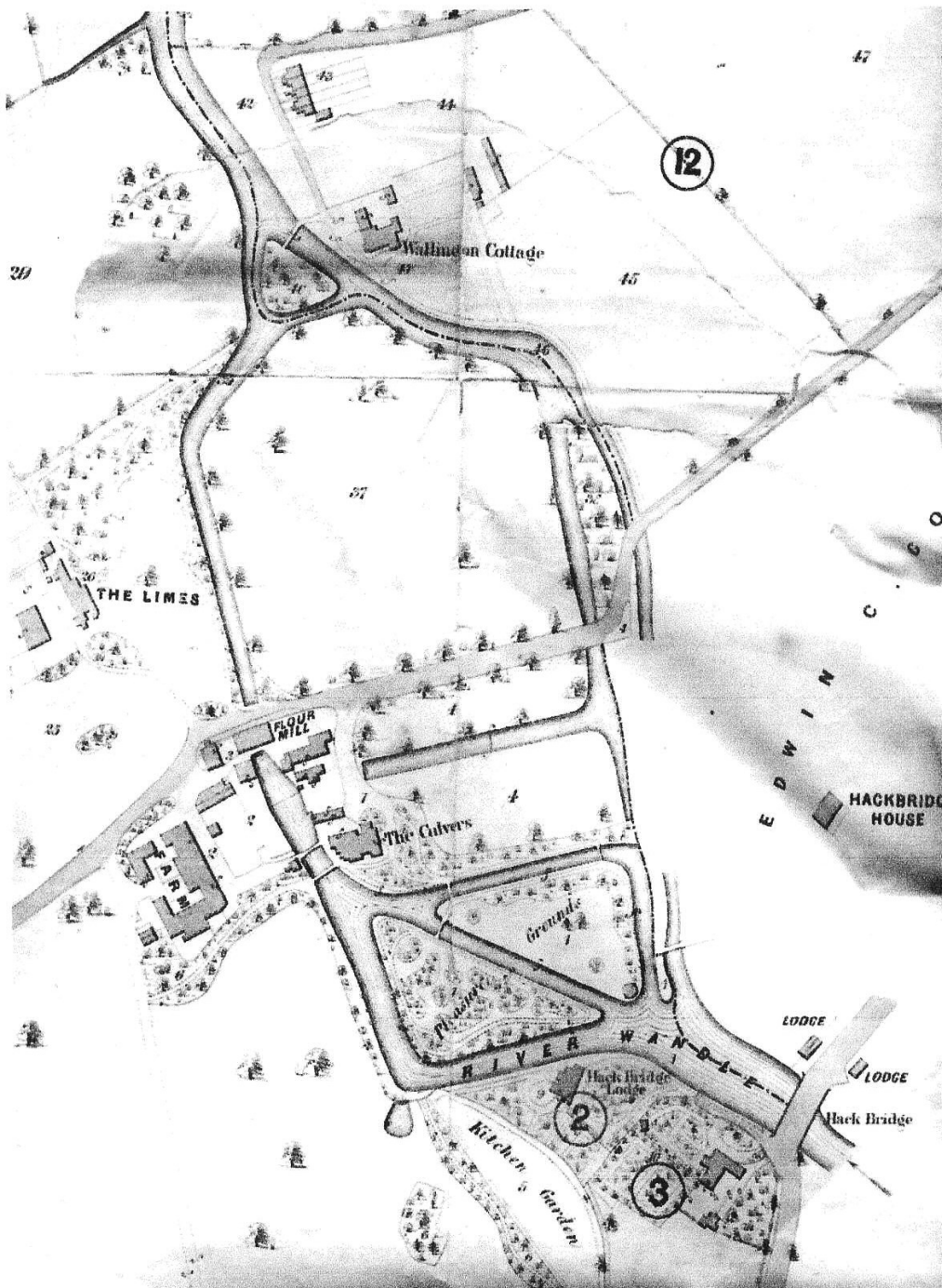
Engraving of The Limes in the 1866 Culvers Estate sales catalogue.

The Reynolds' family built The Limes about 1786. An early form of the un-named house is shown on the Reynolds Estate Plan of 1808 as parcel 33.

In 1824, William Reynolds was at Carshalton House, Jacob Foster Reynolds was at The Culvers and Thomas Forbes Reynolds was at Wallington Cottage. It is not clear who occupied The Limes before 1833.

William Foster Reynolds, a Quaker, lived at Carshalton House until his death in 1838. The mansion house called The Limes, which was part of his estate, was put up for sale by his executors in 1841. A lithograph of The Limes was made by G Eyre Brooks in 1840. It was shown, un-named, on the 1841 Culvers Estate Plan. The Limes is named on the 1866 sale plan – see print above.

Brief biographies of the known occupiers are given to illustrate the level of society occupying such mansions.



1866 sale plan of The Culver's estate depicting The Limes, The Culvers and Wallington Cottage.

Captain Edward Maxwell Daniell. Occupier c.1833 – 1847.

Edward Maxwell Daniell was the son of James Evance Daniel and Eliza Hodges, born at Marylebone in 1796. As Captain Daniell, he was the commander of the schooner HCS Duchess of Atholl from 1822, when he was newly promoted captain, until at least 1834. She was river built in 1821, was coppered and displaced 1415 tons (1330 tons in the 1827/28 season). There is a painting, in the Picture Collection of the Port of London Authority, of the ship on its maiden voyage in 1822.

In 1824, troops were ordered to embark for India on the East Indiaman, Duchess of Atholl. She departed Deal for China on February 1828, according to *The Asiatic Journal*. The ship's log for 1828 shows Edward M Daniell as commander with a crew and many passengers, mostly HM 4th Light Dragoons and HM Regiment of Foot, on route from Gravesend to Bombay. In 1832 she sailed from England to Bombay harbour in 105 days, a journey of 14,139 miles according to the log.

The London Magazine informs us that in 1825 Capt E M Daniell, of the Honourable East India Company's Service, married Emma Isabella, youngest daughter of Thomas Ferrers of Cowes, Isle of Wight, at St James's, Westminster.

In 1833 and 1838 (8th August), *The Court Magazine* and *The Asiatic Journal* tell us that he was living at The Limes and of the birth of a daughter in each year.

In the 1841 Carshalton census, Edward Daniell was described as a merchant, aged 35, at Limes House. Daniell was appointed a Director of the East and West India Docks in 1842. He was associated with the *Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society* in 1846 and on the provisional committee of *The Railway Register and Record* in 1847. The latter describes him as Captain E Maxwell Daniell at The Limes. He was Chairman of the East and West India Docks for the period 1850-52.

The marriage of his eldest son Edward James to Agnes Maria Aitken of Hadley, Mx, in 1855 was announced in *The Gentleman's Magazine*.

Tragedy befell the family on 27th June 1857 when Daniell's 3rd son, Lieutenant Murray George Daniell, of the 2nd Bengal Light Cavalry, was murdered by mutineers at Cawnpore, India at the age of 39. Captain Daniell was by then living in Gloucester Square.

Sutton Local Studies Centre holds a copy of the 1841 notice of sale by auction of the freehold of The Limes at Garraway's Coffee House by the executors of the estate of William Foster Reynolds on 30th June 1841 and then on 26th July 1841.¹ At that time the Limes was leased to and held by Captain E M Daniel for a term from Christmas 1835 for 21 years. The estate comprised an entirely walled garden, fruit trees, a vinery 40 feet long with vine, fruit room etc., half an acre of orchard, summer and boat houses and 14 acres of land.

John James Joseph Sudlow. Occupier 1847 -

The Legal Observer for 1842 records Alfred Sudlow, clerk, articulated to J. J. J. Sudlow, Attorney, of 20 Chancery Lane, London. According to *Jeweller and Silversmith* by C F Hancock, J.J.J. Sudlow, senior, esq. was of 38 Bedford Row, Bloomsbury and The Limes, Carshalton. Mrs Sudlow was at The Limes in 1847. *The Law Times* for 1860 referred to the death of Mary,

¹ Sutton Archives 48/4/8.

aged 68, widow of the late John J. J. Sudlow of Bedford Lodge, London and Heath Lodge, Weybridge. They are both buried at St. James, Weybridge, he was aged 70.

Dr. Herbert Jenner Esq., LL.D. Occupier c.1851 – c.1866.

The Dictionary of National Biography is informative. Herbert Jenner was born at 38 Sackville Street, Piccadilly, in 1806 and died in 1904. His father was Sir Herbert Jenner. He was educated at Eton and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He obtained LL.B. in 1829, was called to the bar in 1831 and obtained LL.D. in 1835 when he was admitted advocate to the ecclesiastical court of Doctors' Commons where he practised until about 1857. He was a well known cricketer.

The 1851 census for Carshalton shows Herbert Jenner, LL.D., aged 35, in practice, living at The Limes with his wife Maria, daughters Henrietta and Maria and son Herbert. According to *Jeweller and Silversmith* by C F Hancock, 1860, Herbert Jenner Esq., LL.D., was of 10 College, Doctors' Commons and Carshalton.

In 1864 he changed his surname to Jenner-Fust.

The Entomologist's Weekly Intelligencer for 1857 and *The Entomologist's Annual* for 1858 and 1869 list Herbert Jenner, junior, British Entomologist, at The Limes. His interest was British Lepidoptera.

Murray M Johnson, Esq. Occupier c.1861 – c.1879.

Murray Johnson was born about 1818 at the Cape of Good Hope. The 1861 and 1871 censuses show he was a solicitor and attorney living in Carshalton at The Limes. However in 1881 The Limes was occupied on census night only by two servants, namely Mathew Riley, domestic gardener and his domestic servant wife, Elizabeth. Later that year Johnson had moved out and The Limes was occupied by Maurice Beddington. Murray Johnson was still alive in 1883.

In 1865, according to the *Journal of Horticulture and Cottage Gardener*, Mr Harvey, gardener to W Johnson, Esq., The Limes, exhibited at the Carshalton and Beddington Show on the 5th September.

The Jurist in 1867 showed Johnson was a partner in the firm of Upton, Johnson and Upton at 20 Austin Friars. This is confirmed by the Zoological Society which in 1877 listed him as at 20 Austin Friars, E.C. and The Limes. The *Journal of the Royal Geographical Society*, 1880 edition, listed Murray M Johnson as a member from 1876.

The *Commercial and General Directory of Croydon* for 1866 and *Pile's Directories* for 1876–79 listed Johnson at The Limes.

Sale notice in 1866.

The freehold of the Culvers estate in Carshalton and Wallington was auctioned in 1866. The Limes was lot 9. The sale particulars show an engraving of The Limes reproduced at the beginning of this paper.

The total area comprised 55 acres.

Parcel 23. Entrance Lodge, garden, buildings. 24/25. Part of the Park. Pasture. 26. The Limes and Pleasure Grounds. 27. Stabling, Orchard and premises. 28. Kitchen Garden, Gardener's Cottage etc. 29. Mount Pleasant. Mead. 30. Johnsons Close. Market Garden.

31. Footpath Field. Market Garden. 37. Wall Meadow. Mead. 38. Frog Island. Plantation. 39. The River. Water. 86. Further Field. Mead. 87. Footpath Field. Mead.

Maurice (Moses) Beddington. Occupier 1880 – died 1898.

Hannah Maria Beddington nee Neustadt. Occupier until 1899.

Maurice Moses, whose Jewish parents were Henry Moses and Esther Nathan, was born in 1821. He married Hannah Maria Neustadt in 1849 in Birmingham. He changed his name to Maurice Beddington in 1868. *Piles Directory* for 1880 and the 1881 census show him at The Limes in Carshalton. Mr Shoebridge, his gardener, and J McGee were also at The Limes in 1880.

Horticultural journals referred to him in 1888, and to Mr Shoebridge, gardener to M Beddington Esq. of Carshalton, in 1895. He was a wholesale clothier and warehouseman (not in trade). A J.P. and County Magistrate, he was described as a communal worker and philanthropist.

His will, dated 30th March 1896 directed that his daughters should have equal shares in the residuary estate. He died at Carshalton on 9th September 1898, aged 77, a very rich man, leaving more than £1,000,000. Both he and his wife are buried in Willesden Jewish Cemetery.

Pile's Directories list Mrs Beddington at The Limes in 1899. In 1899 she was elected a fellow of the Zoological Society of London, living at 91 Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park. The Beddingtons used both addresses. She died 13th May 1907 aged 78.

Unoccupied. 1900 – 1912.

Sutton Local Studies Centre holds a copy of the 1900 notice of sale on June 20th of The Limes, Culvers Avenue² It must have remained unsold. The Limes is shown on the 1913, 6 inch, Ordnance Survey map but no occupiers are listed by Pile's Directory for the period 1900-10 and only caretakers for 1911 (T Machell) and 1912 (F Harradine). The house was not listed after 1912.

Information has been sourced from:

Sutton Local Studies Centre, the library of Carshalton and District History and Archaeology Society and Google books.

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