

Tithe Map 1842

Bosworth, Rock Cottage and White Horse Inn
Slaugham

Plot	Owner	Main occupier	Description
426 (2 properties)	Henry Martin	James Eade(sic) John Elliott John Chart	2 cottages, garden and yard
429	“ “	James Kibben(sic)	House Meadow
427	“ “	“ “	Eades Meadow
428	“ “	“ “	Great Meadow
551 (looks like 556)	Thomas Neal	Charles Smith	White Horse Inn. garden, etc

“Bosworth”, Slaughtam
As my parents and I knew it

by Mrs Ena Victoria Tulley (1897-1973)

Parents: Arthur Anscombe (1857-1937) and
Catherine Eliza Anscombe (1856-1945)(née Moore)

Grandparents: James Anscombe (1817-1895) and
Philadelphia Anscombe (1817-1892)(née Leppard)

My grandfather and grandmother came to live at Bosworth in 1859, when my father was two years old. When my father married, the house was divided up so that my parents had the front part of the upstairs to themselves; a partition being put across the front upstairs room and my mother cooked and lived upstairs.

Afterwards my grandmother became an invalid for three years and my mother looked after her.

My grandfather would never have the wood ashes taken up from the big, downstairs fireplace in the farm kitchen if he could help it, and my mother said my grandmother would have the wheelbarrow in to take them away in the end, when he was not about.

He had a brewing day and she a baking day once a fortnight. It was not thought necessary to have fresh bread every day in those days.

My grandfather always went to church in his round frock; he was a church warden at Cowfold before coming to “Bosworth”. My grandmother was a regular attendant at church and always sat in the same seat. After their death, my father carried on the farm until 1916. I was born there.

I remember the bacon, herrings and sausages drying in the chimney, and sometimes, after an extra-large fire, they would drip occasionally on peoples’ heads if they were sitting in the chimney corners.

Enormous logs were heaved on to the fire, and in the winter it was seldom out. My father would cover the remaining logs with wood ashes and in the morning, after being raked out, it would flare up again. The old place seemed to come into its own at Christmas time, and many were the visitors we had and many were the carols we sang!

In my young days the outside walls of the house were covered with ivy and it was always trying to encroach on to the Horsham stone roof. I remember the ivy in the upstairs room, which mother used as a sitting room, in one particular crevice it would grow its way every spring. She had shelves for china just there and I have seen the ivy grow through the lattice edge of some desert plates on the shelves. The young spring green looked most attractive, but was very bad for the walls!.

I remember also occasionally the sparrow catchers would come, of which one was always Bob Biggs, bringing ladders which they climbed. They arranged nets over the ivy at night after the birds were asleep, and then beat on the ivy with sticks to frighten the birds out into the nets. The ivy was a handy nesting place near the rickyard, and the birds were very tiresome.

There was an outdoor grapevine growing over the back door which had very small black grapes on it. I don't know if it is still there.

I can still see the dreadful wallpaper in the sitting room upstairs; it had pink geraniums in trails all over it.

My mother kept lovely old dishes on the mantelpiece over the enormous chimney beam. There was also a harpsichord in the farm kitchen. The fireback was dated 1670, but as a child I could never understand the figures on it.

How I remember going into the dairy and skimming off the cream to eat with the fruit pies and not ever going without! How different through the war!

Churning with the old wooden churn, how provoking it could be! It seemed one would be churning for hours, then someone would come along to take a turn and behold the butter had come in a minute!

My grandfather's remedies for colds were Wine Whey or Treacle Possit.

The apple tree in the front garden was planted when I was born and was a Scarlet Pearmain.

The tall pear tree had small hard pears on, my grandmother would put them in a small stone jar in the oven with layers of brown sugar, and they were really beautiful. She kept them for a long time by putting them back in the oven occasionally and in the end they tasted like toffee.

There was a well in the garden, and two small meadows at the back of the house. My father rented the Glebe fields from the Rector for pasture for the cows.

My grandfather died at Bosworth on May 4th 1895 in his 80th year.

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Bosworth is of 15th century origin. The original part is rectangular, facing south. A wing was added to the north in the 16th century making the plan L-shaped.

The Hall appears to have been of two bays and had a solar or buttery wing east of it. If there was a west wing it has been destroyed. Part of the 15th century roof remains in place at the east end of the hall, with a strutted king post and braced central purlin below the collar beams. Much of the roof, including the middle truss, was altered when a heavy chimneystack was built in, in the east bay of the hall, in the 16th century.

Some of the smoke-blackened common rafters are left in place; they are 9 inches by 5 inches laid flatwise. There are also original wide, flat joists in the lower ceiling of the east wing. The room on the side of the west bay of the hall has the timbers exposed inside, including the storey-posts of the former middle truss, and a ceiling beam between the two posts; the ceiling has wide, flat joists.

The fireplace is a very large one with corner seats. The staircase is next north of the chimneystack. Where the late 16th century wing was added, another great chimneystack was inserted intruding on the original east wing; this has wide stone fireplaces back-to-back, and a rebated shaft above. The 16th century wing has open-timbered ceilings, with heavy chamfered beams; it has projecting windows with moulded mullions and transoms in the gabled north end. This gabled wall shows the framing externally but elsewhere it is mostly replaced by brick or tile-hanging.

SLAUGHAM THE GREEN

1.

5405

Slaugham

(East side)

Bosworths

(Formerly listed as

Bosworth's Farmhouse)

TQ 2528 26/171

II 28/10/57

2.

L-shaped timber-framed building. Front or south wing C15, back or north-east wing a C16 addition. The timbering with painted brick infilling is exposed on ground floor. First floor tile-hung. Horsham slab roof with pentice on north-west side of the front. Casement windows. One bay window with wooden mullions on both floors of north wing. Two storeys. Four windows. Crown-post roof inside.

SLAUGHAM THE GREEN

1.

5405

Slaugham

(East side)

Rock Cottage

TQ 2528 26/170

II Listed 11th May 1983

x2.

Small C17 or earlier timber-framed cottage, now fronted with ashlar on ground floor and tile-hung above. Tiled roof. Casement windows. Two storeys.

Three windows.