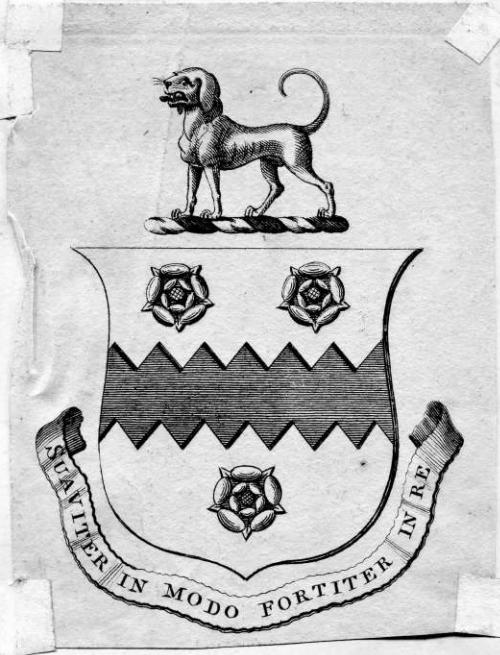






PRESHAW HOUSE.

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Richard Bowden Smith



South Front of Preshaw House

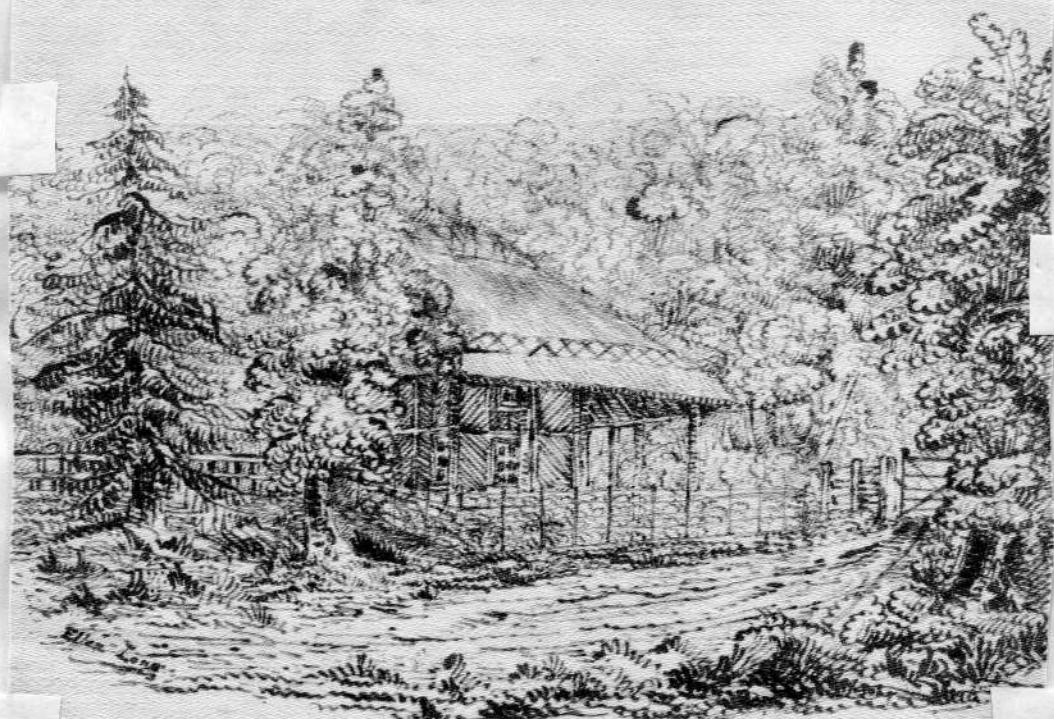
Of what I remember
of Lyndhurst
and the neighbourhood
nearly 50 years ago.

When my husband and I
came to live at Lyndhurst at
Vernalls (which is a very old gabled
house about 300 years old) we were
not strangers as my husband was
born in the old house at Brockenhurst
where his father & grandfather lived, in
for many years dating from 1779.
In 1850 Lyndhurst was a very
pretty rural village, we were
settled in Vernalls in 1856 having
left Barley Cottage. In those days a
license to shoot in the New Forest was
granted by The Queen and £1 only to pay
yearly. My husband had one granted him,
by my father asking Lord Palmerston for it.



Beechwood

There were a number of licensees
then about a hundred, though many
of them did not shoot, though they
liked the honour of having the privilege
of going in the Forest. our nearest
neighbour was the Curate in charge Mr Lucas
who was then a widower with 3 children
and his sister and Aunt lived with him.
His house was called the Red house, and
had just in 1855 been bought by Admiral
Aitchison from Captain Breton whose
family went to live at Southampton.
Mr Lucas was there some years and
married one of Sir Charles Burrard's daughters.
Mr Wilks bought the house after Mr Lucas left
and pulled it down leaving a piece of it
for a lodge, he built a new house and it is
called Brooklands, and lived there; & sometimes
let it till Colonel Powell bought it some
20 years ago. We rented Vernalls of
Admiral Aitchison and bought it off
him in 1860. Mr Wilks bought the Red house
of ad' Aitchison for £4,500 in 1866.



The Lodge, Freshwater.

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Our neighbour on the other side of
the road was Mrs Gore the authoress
of many novels now out of date the
Banker's Wife was the best. Her house
was called Linwood; I do not know
who she bought it of, but Sir Charles
Phillips lived there who was a large
contractor in the Peninsula War. The house
was a plainly built comfortable house, with
2 very good reception rooms on the ground
floor. Mrs Gore was very fond of our
little boy Walter & sent for him every day
to find places in her maps about the
war in 1859 Solferino &c. She became
very blind and died in 1861. Her daughter
married Lord Edward Tyrone, and they were
with her a great deal at Linwood. Her son
John sold the place to Lady Surtees who pulled
the house down, and built a new one in
a worse position, I think it was sold
about 1868 it is called Stydd House
It was sold again to Mr Gaffrays the
present proprietor.

Wilverly House



Wilverley House

was built by W Buckworth Powell who took 50 acres
out of Foxlease, which is a very pretty park & house.
We often went to see Mrs Powell there, she gave dinner parties, balls
and other entertainments till she died
in 1865. Her son Buckworth Powell sold
it to Mr Stevenson for £23,000 in 1866.

The Stevensons who are very, very old
friends of ours have now in 1900 again
sold it to Mr Hahls.

Formerly a Mr Warde lived there, a family
of the name of Pickering lived there next,
somewhere in the beginning of 1800.
Wilverley is a separate estate formerly part of
Foxlease, Cuffnalls

An exceedingly pretty park and nice
house. It belonged to the Right Hon Sir George
Rose who there received King George the 3rd
in 1804; he had bought it of Sir Thomas
Tancred Bart. Sir Edward Poore bought it
and lived there till Mr Hargreaves bought
it in 1856. Mr Hargreaves died at Rome
in 1862. Mr Hargreaves died in 1872.

My husband recollects going in a
carriage from Brockenhurst to Lyndhurst

Mintland Manor



To see King George the 3rd arrive
at Cuffnells; my husband was
then 4 years old, he said his
principal recollection was that of
being very thirsty.

Rosiere.

This charming little estate is very
old, I believe it must been built by
a Dissenter, as the Baptist Chapel, and
the ground it stands on must have
been part of the estate.

Lord Erroll who died in 1819 lived
in the house. Admiral & M^r Dashwood
lived there some years; They had very
handsome daughters, one married to
Lord Manners, another to M^r March Philipps
some more daughters & several sons.

Admiral Dashwood had only one arm -
but he used to go out shooting in the
Forest, & was a very good shot. Mrs
Dashwood died in 1859 then there was
a sale of the furniture & the house left

Roxiere



empty. Lady Erroll bought it, she told me that she gave £2000 for the house and 7 acres of land in the year 1861; she died in 1864. Mr and Lady Margaret Lushington lived there till 1892 when Mr Lushington died.

Flaskells

This was a small thatched cottage opposite Rosiere. In the year 1856 two old ladies lived there, we called them the butterfly ladies, as they went about in the Forest collecting moths & butterflies and had a very good collection. The house belonged to Dr Hurn who gave it to his daughter Mrs Gates on her marriage. As nobody cared to repair the roof, the old ladies told me they were obliged to go upstairs to bed with umbrellas over their heads. One lady was a widow and her sister was unmarried, I cannot recollect their names.



Forest Bank

Chawes

names. Mr Cecil Fisher lived there
for a time in 1864. Mr Nunn did
repair the house for Rev^r: Baynes
who came to be Curate in charge for
Lyndhurst in 1866. Mr Gater sold
the house to Mr Bryan who built
a large house with many good rooms
in it.

Hill House

This is the house next to Flaskells, &
was Dr Nunn's own house with surgery.
He died in 1867, and his son Arthur came
into the property. He sold it to Mr Smith Wright
who again sold it to ^{Mr Sankay who sold it to} Mr Gossen who
has nearly rebuilt the house

Forest Bank.

A very old house, it was called Ports,
as Mr Port lived there many years before we
knew Lyndhurst. One of his daughters married
Mr Waddington of Llanover, Monmouthshire.

Cuffmellor



Mr & Mrs Waddington's daughter married
Mr Hall who was made first Sir Benjamin
Hall, & afterwards Lord Llanover. I met
a Miss Port at Llanover once who asked
me about the house at Lyndhurst.

This house also belonged to Dr Sum whose
wife was Miss Nightingale. Mr Nightingale
was an estate agent, he had a hump back
he was agent to my grandmother Lady
Northesk, and when I was a little child
I used to be frightened at him when I
saw him at Longwood. In 1856 Lady
Erroll was living there, and her daughter
Lady M. Lushington with her children resided
there with her. Lady Erroll was very fond
of our little boy, who used to amuse her very
much by his talks about astronomy & history
and her old butler discoursed astronomy with
the child. Lady Erroll was blind, but was
wonderfully cheerful. When she left Forest
Bank, Mr Ade & her son Mr Hamilton Ade
came here in 1862. Mr H. Ade travelled
a great deal, made pretty sketches, and



The Bird's nest
built by Miss Dickson
(Dolores)

wrote many novels. W^r Leighton staid with them, and painted the fresco in the Church of the Ten virgins, he painted it by bits, and it was covered up with curtains till it was finished. Mrs Aide gave very unpleasant parties; sometimes they let the house and went away, so that I have known many people who lived there for a short time. The house belonged to Dr George Nunn, who sold it to Mr Morrison Captain Norris, he has now in 1900 sold it to M^r Chawnes.

Dr Blaker rented it of W^r Nunn for 7 years Mr George Nunn died about 1890, & all his houses were sold; the one he lived in Queen's Cottage he sold to Mr Edwards, and it remained empty till W^r Austin bought it & rebuilt in 1899. Miss Dickson (Dolores) lived there some years till she built The Birds Nest, and she died there. It became the property of her niece Miss Burnaby who sold it to the Crown. It is now let to Gen^t Bushman.



Queen's House.

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Mr Cumberbatch who married my husband's niece Miss Bowdoin Smith lived there when we came to Vernall in 1856 and lived there for many years, his wife had many children and died in 1877. Mr Lascelles who succeeded Mr Cumberbatch came in 1879 or 1880. The house was then much modernised, and improved

Elcombs.

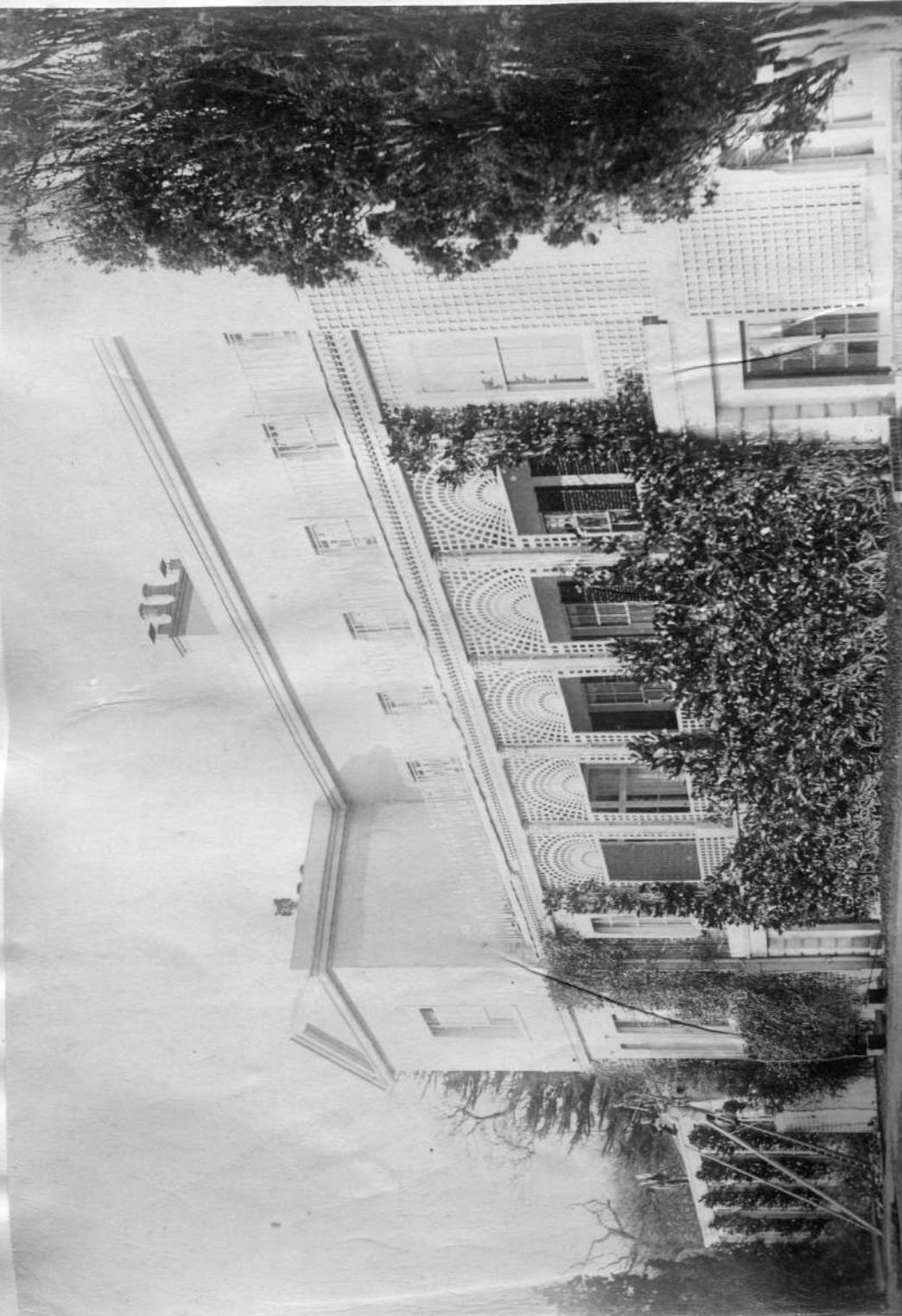
This house was really part of Northwood and was given to Mr Rich Pulteney. It has been let to such a number of people formerly, that it is difficult to remember them all. Mr Sheldon who kept the New Forest hounds lived there about 1852, Sir James Schoedde a bachelor in 1859; he was a retired Gen' l in the Army, and had seen much service. He was a very pleasant

Elmwood



old gentleman, very charitable and very generous. He died in 1861 of a cold he caught going to the early Communion service fasting, he was too old to have done this with impunity. He left a sum of money to Admiral Boultbee to spend in charitable purposes; he also paid back to the Government monies given him for his military services.

Ad''l Boultbee built the little Church at Emery Down with the money Sir J. Schoedde either gave him or left him in his Will. Dr Maskew bought the house, and set up as a doctor there, he built a house just beyond his own & called it the Redhouse, he used it as a home for inebriates. This did not succeed well Dr Maskew left the place some time after he had married Mrs Mackenty who was Miss Poore daug. of Sir E. Poore of Cuffnells; he sold Elcombs to Rev P. Sykes The Redhouse was sold to the Miss Burrards when they left Holmfield.



Lisbon

Northerwood

This house was called formerly Mount Royal, as George the 3rd went once to see the view from it. Mr Mitchell, a West Indian proprietor lived there. He sold it to Mr Pulteney who married Mrs ~~Martinez~~.

Mr Pulteney had a large family, he was dead before we lived in Lyndhurst and his son was dead. His grandson who married Miss Stevenson did not live at Northerwood, or very rarely. He let it to Mr Popham and his wife who had 3 children 2 boys and a girl. The eldest boy died at school. Mr Popham took a great interest in the Volunteer movement, and gave dinners to the Volunteers which made him very popular. After he left the Miss Coopers and Mr Slade lived there some years, they were there in 1866. After them Lord Londesborough and his family came and lived there about ten years. It has been lately bought by Mr Kelly.



To let

Foxlease

This house is of some antiquity, it stands in a pretty park of about 100 acres. Mr Pickering lived there when we came to Lyndhurst old Mrs Powell was living there, and we went to many dinner parties which she gave. After her death in 1865 her son Buckworth sold it to Mr & Mrs Stevenson in 1866, they again have sold it to Mr Hahlo.

Beechens, a small house belonging to Foxlease has been inhabited by a number of friends & acquaintances of ours. Mr Fenwick, Mr Blenwhasset, Col & Mr Collier, Major & Mr Downman Mr & Mr Knox, and in looking back we remember Col & Mr Martin Powell living there. It was a very small cottage, but has been added to, & improved at different times.

Glosshays



Glaskeyes

an old gentleman of the name of Buck lived in this house which was not much more than a cottage. Then the Due de Stackpole bought it, and built a very curious house. The library with a very fine ceiling at one end, then a large hall, a winding open spiral staircase, all the steps open ones, rather alarming to go up, a tower with narrow winding stairs and 2 small bedrooms at the top, a large drawing room at the other end of the house; then at that end a plain staircase leading to only 2 bedrooms. It seemed like two houses, or as if one of the inmates had quarrelled with the other and must have separate staircases.

The Due de Stackpole had disappeared when we came to Lyndhurst, I think he died. The house remained empty till the grocer of the street bought it for a small sum of money. He did nothing to the house, only farmed the land, the ceiling of the library

Mrs Reynolds : Every House



partly fell down. In 1862 Mr Castlemann bought the estate of Mr Bugden. He altered & improved the house, he pulled down the spiral staircase. He made the gardens and large glass houses for fruit. There was a lane called Love Lane it led from Gosport lane across to Boltons Bench and did not conduce to the morality of Lyndhurst. Mr Castlemann offered to give a clock to the new Church with £300 if he could be allowed to shut up the lane. There was a trial about it at Winchester & my husband and other gentlemen voted that it should be shut up, many opposed it but it was arranged amicably and the clock given to the Church. Mr Castlemann sold the place to Col Macleay about 1874. Col Macleay farmed and rented my fields for several years. He took such a fancy to make a grand dairy and keeps prize cows that in 1886 he bought my

Dreen's Cottage



fields and farm house & farm yard
and kitchen garden. Then he built
a fine dairy, cowhouses &c and his
beautiful cows got many prizes,
after a time he tired of farming and
let it. The house Glasshayes was
sold, the fine trees cut down, and
now there is an Hotel called
the Grand. This is one of the sad
changes of Lyndhurst.

In Love Lane, there was a small house
inhabited by Mr & Mrs Robertson who
were very good friends of ours, he died
in 1862, and then the house was pulled
down, and two cottages outside
Glashayes built of the materials.

An old man a Mr Lowe came from
America & bought land on the Beaulieu Road
and built Cottages & called them Saratoga.
He built on some seats in Church under
the old galleries and they were called the
Faculty seats, those who had them were
given seats in the New Church which
are also called Faculty seats.