

PASSING OF AN Old ANCIENT 1928 KENT HERITAGE.

RE-SELLING THE DERING DOMAIN.

There is always something pathetic about the passing of ancient heritages, and the sharp raps of the auctioneer's hammer at the sale of the Surrenden-Dering estate, at Ashford, on Thursday, stirred discordant feelings in those of a sensitive temperament. The family claim as the original title deed, a Saxon grant by Godwin, Earl of Kent, dated 1016; this being in the possession of Sir Henry Dering, who has quite recently left the district and is now living at Hythe. The property has been recently purchased by the vendor, Mr. T. Place, of Northallerton, Yorkshire, from Mr. Arthur C. Rampton and Mr. Percy W. Rampton, who recently purchased the same from Sir Henry Dering.

The estate comprises about 3,185 acres in six parishes, the mansion overlooking one of the finest deer parks in England. The village of Pluckley was included, practically in its entirety, in the sale. The furniture, ancestral pictures, etc., as well as the live and dead stock, will be sold next week.

The sale was conducted by Mr. Alfred J. Burrows (Knight, Frank and Rutley), with whom were John D. Wood and Co., who formerly was agent for the estate and who stated that—there being no bidders for Surrenden-Dering as offered in blocks—the auctioneers had been in close negotiations quite recently for the sale of the mansion, which he thought would be disposed of in the very near future.

He also announced that the Recreation Ground at Pluckley had now been purchased by the Parish Council and that the vendor had given back £50 of the purchase money, as well as giving the site of the Girls' Friendly Society Hut.

The only lot purchased by Sir Henry Dering was the manor of Tinton (£310), other manors being sold as follows:—Surrenden, £25, Mr. O. Dan; Pluckley, £10, Mr. O. Dan; Little Chart, £25, Mr. Vernon Dean; Pivington, £15, Mr. R. B. Amos. The Manor of Shereland was unsold.

The first lot offered was the Forge at Pluckley, which was bought by Mr. J. Wood (tenant) for £375; other lots being offered as follows:—Fig Tree Cottage, Pluckley, £450, Major M. Chance, of London; wheelwright's shop, Pluckley, £230, Major Chance; Luckhurst Farm, withdrawn at £2,400; apple orchard (3a. or. 26p.), £550, Colonel Gossett, Pluckley; tiled cottage, Pluckley, £335, Mr. G. T. Wise, of Surbiton; cottage at Forge Hill, £135, Major Chance; shop at Forge Hill, with plot, withdrawn at £160; cottage, Forge Hill, £70, Mr. G. Reeves, of Whitstable; cottage, Forge Hill, £60, Mr. G. Reeves, of Whitstable; field, 2r. 30p., £60, Major Chance; pasture enclosure, 1a. 1r. 9p., £95, Major Chance; The Nursery (3a. 2r. 39p.), withdrawn at £175; enclosure of arable land (13a. 1r. 30p.), withdrawn at £425 but later sold to Major Chance; semi-detached cottage, withdrawn at £60; brick cottage adjoining, withdrawn at £60; four cottages adjoining, £200, Mr. G. Reeves; pair of cottages adjoining Church Gates, withdrawn at £225; allotment ground (1r. 27p.), £55, Mr. H. N. Dering, of Croydon; Yew Tree Cottages (four), £635, Mr. G. T. Wise; saddler's shop, £75, Mr. G. T. Wise; the Georgian residence, Sherland House and Sherland Farm (213a. 3r. 25p.), withdrawn at £7,500; Sherland Farm, withdrawn at £5,750; pair of cottages, Shipland Corner, £540, Mr. Walter Bridge, of Tunbridge Wells; small holding (4a. 3r. 4p.), close to Jennings's Farm, £400, Mr. D. H. Gaskain, of London.

Cottage adjoining, withdrawn at £175, later sold to Mr. H. Holden of Charing; Cat's Field (23 acres), withdrawn at £1,400; site of Gander Wood and Broom Wood, sold later to Mr. G. H. Gaskain; timber in these woods, no bid; Monday House, Pluckley, £575, Mr. H. E. Batchelor, Little Chart; Pivington Farm, £5,400, Mr. R. B. Amos (tenant); Prebbles Hill holding, £425, Mr. G. K. Benton; cottage at Kingsland, £125, Mr. R. B. Amos; Kingsland-cottages, £300, Mr. R. B. Amos;

small holding at Shipland Corner (34 acres), £750, Mr. D. H. Gaskain; cottage at Shipland's Corner, sold later to Major Chance; east house and hopper huts adjoining Monday House, not offered; enclosure of pasture with hopper huts, not offered; Greenhill Farm, sold later to Mr. T. Hopkins, of Ashford; Brown's Kitchen, sold privately; Elvey Farm (72 acres), £1,200; Honey Farm (23 acres), £460, and enclosure of pasture (32 acres), adjoining Elvey Farm, £335, Mr. Jesse Buss, junior; enclosure of pasture (7 acres), at Monday Boys, withdrawn at £190; corner pasture field (4 acres), at Monday Boys, £175, Messrs. L. L. and R. L. Slaughter, Egerton; enclosure of accommodation land (19 acres), at Monday Boys, withdrawn at £275; cottage and pasture field adjoining Pinnock Farm, withdrawn at £350; three pastures and arable enclosure (7 acres), adjoining Frith Farm, £140, Mr. Albert D. Buss, Ashford; Mistletoe-cottage, £660, Major Chance; Lambden Farm (103 acres), withdrawn at £1,600; Baker Farm, no bid; pasture and arable field (17 acres), at Pluckley Thorne, £350, Mr. Henry Evenden; Thorne Cottage, £245, Mr. George Brunzer; corner enclosure pasture land (3 acres), withdrawn at £190.

Building plots fronting Lower Thorne-road, withdrawn at £175; small holding (4 acres), at Pluckley Thorne, sold privately; block of three cottages at Pluckley Thorne, withdrawn at £175; Mount Pleasant Cottage, £150, Mr. Sidney C. Clements; pasture field (5 acres), at Pluckley Thorne, £160; Dr. H. E. Littledale, Charing; Victoria-cottages, withdrawn at £375; pair of cottages, Pluckley Thorne, withdrawn at £235; Snag's Mount, sold privately to Major Chance; Malmains' Manor, withdrawn at £1,700; Grey-stones, withdrawn at £1,150; block of pasture and woodland adjoining Malmains' Farm, withdrawn at £750; Court Field (25 acres), withdrawn at £725; arable enclosure (7 acres), formerly Rectory hop garden, £320, Major Chance; one of Hillside Cottages, £400, Dr. H. E. Littledale; building site, Station Road, Pluckley, £20, Major Chance; Rose Court, £1,000, Major Chance; building plots fronting Station Road, Pluckley, no bid; Parsonage Cottage, £320, Major Chance; freehold ground rent (lot 97), £50, Mr. R. Spurgeon Watkins, of Bonnington; corner building site at Firtoll, £40; freehold building sites fronting Station Road, £130, Major Chance; similar plots, £325, Major Chance; building plots at Chamber's Green, £300, Major Chance; Chamber's Green Farm, withdrawn at £1,300; Grove House School, withdrawn at £800; No. 2, The Grove, withdrawn at £600.

Enclosure of grass land, with shaw, at Pluckley Station, withdrawn at £225; freehold ground rent (No. 110), £240, Mr. G. H. King; Chamber's Green Cottages, £480, Mr. G. T. Wise; corner enclosure of pasture (7 acres), near Pluckley Station, £180, Major Chance; Rushbrook holding, Dowle Street Farm, pair of cottages adjoining and freehold ground rent (No. 121), no bids; pasture field (10 acres), not offered; Malmains Cottage, not offered; arable land with pastures (59 acres) at Mill Pond Hill, no bid; enclosure of arable land (15 acres) adjoining Dowle Street Farm and adjoining pasture enclosure (11 acres), no offers; Rooting Manor, no bid; Park Corner Farm and pair of cottages with field adjoining, no bids; apple and plum orchard, with enclosures (21 acres), opposite Rooting Manor, no bid; Rooting Cottages, yard and building adjoining Rooting Manor, hop garden and Benacre Wood, no offers; Coldham Farm (7 acres), withdrawn at £1,300; arable enclosure (25 acres), adjoining, withdrawn at £225.

Pasture holding (16 acres), adjoining Park Corner Farm, £500; adjoining pasture enclosure (4 acres), £100; adjoining pasture enclosure (6 acres), £120, Mr. F. H. Colver; Brown Mill Cottage, £350, Mr. A. J. Burrows; pasture field (6 acres), opposite "Brown Mill," £150, Mr. G. K. Benton; pasture enclosure (13 acres), adjoining "Brown Mill," £230, Mr. G. K. Benton; Coldham and Oak Woods and Coldham Alders, with pasture, etc., £510, Mr. F. H. Colver; two enclosures with shaw (24 acres), £360; small holding (5 acres), at Little Chart Forstal, £450, Mr. H. D. Headley; three pasture enclosures, Chart Meadow and Hollybush, with Bishop's Wood (34 acres), £500; two accommodation enclosures, with Sheep Walk Shaw and Chart Meadow Alders (20 acres), £450; timbered pasture, "The Sheep Walk," and range of buildings, no offers; pair of cottages at Little Chart Forstal, £450, Major Chance; block of four cottages, Little Chart Forstal, no bid; semi-detached cottage, at Little Chart Forstal, £230, Major Chance; ditto, withdrawn at £140; enclosure of allotments at Little Chart Forstal, £25, Mr. H. D. Headley; Laundry Cottages, no offer; The Mount, cottage, £200, Major Chance; vendor's interest as lessors of Pluckley Brick and Tile Works, withdrawn at £7,750.

The following properties were among those sold privately:—Baker's shop, Pluckley, Messrs. Lewis and Hyland; the Old Manor, Pluckley, Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Gossett; site of New Stores, Pluckley, Mr. L. P. Headley; a site at Beech Hill, Messrs. Lewis and Hyland; Post Office and General Stores, Pluckley, Lewis and Hyland; Frith Farm, Mr. Frank Buss; the Pinnock, Mr. Frank J. Small; Stone Lodge, Mr. W. W. Gann; butcher's shop, Pluckley, Mr. A. G. Homewood.

SALE MONDAY NEXT & FOLLOWING OCT DAYS. 1928

The Contents of the Mansion of
SURRENDEN DERING,
PLUCKLEY, NEAR ASHFORD, KENT.
Five Miles from Ashford. Two Miles from
Pluckley Station.

RARE ENGLISH FURNITURE,

Including:—

A Tudor Ecclesiastical oak seat carved with Gothic tracery, a James I. oak refectory table, a Charles II. oak secretaire chest inlaid with engraved bone and mother o' pearl, a Queen Anne oyster walnut cabinet, a Chippendale mahogany commode of serpentine shape, a Queen Anne walnut chest on stand, a Chippendale mahogany bureau bookcase, a set of six Queen Anne walnut chairs, Jacobean oak coffers and cupboards; Queen Anne, Chippendale and Sheraton sofa tables, sideboards, chairs, stools, dumb waiters, torcheres, bureaux, side-tables, wall mirrors, longcase and bracket clocks; Persian and other carpets and rugs.

THE COLLECTION OF FAMILY PORTRAITS

by or attributed to

Sir Peter Lely, Cornelis Janssens, W. Wissing, J. Highmore, Sir Godfrey Kneller, Van Somer, T. Hudson, P. Battoni and others.

Mezzotint Engravings, Sporting Prints in Colour.

LIBRARY OF MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE,

mostly in morocco, calf, half morocco and half calf bindings, including English and French Standard Authors, French Memoirs on Napoleon, etc.

Also

Ralf's Naval Chronology, coloured plates, 3 vols., boards uncut; Boydell's Shakespeare Gallery, 2 vols., folio, morocco; Martial Achievements, coloured plates, half morocco, uncut; Naval Achievements, coloured plates, half morocco, uncut; Colour Plate Book of Costume, etc.; Hasted's History of Kent, 4 vols., folio, calf; Eyton's History and Antiquities of Shropshire, 12 vols., half morocco; Annals of Sporting; British Essayists, 30 vols., morocco; Hansard's Parliamentary Debates, half Russia, etc.

The appointments of twenty-seven Bedrooms and Domestic Offices; Linen, China and Glass; Georgian Silver and Plated Ware; Plants in pots and miscellanea.

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