

Bridge Farm, Hallatrow

The River Cam forms the parish boundary between High Littleton and Cameley with two exceptions. On either side of the A37 at Temple Bridge, Cameley parish takes two triangular bites out of High Littleton parish. In the bite on the east side of the road lies the residential part of Bridge Farm (or Temple Bridge Farm as it was frequently called).

Bridge Farm can perhaps be described as a periodic smallholding. Between 1881 and 1923 Directories make no mention of any farming operations being carried from Bridge or Temple Bridge Farm.

Kelly's Directories list:

- 1861 John BENNETT, farmer, Temple Bridge.
- 1866 Miss Elizabeth BENNETT, farmer, Temple Bridge
- 1872 Miss Elizabeth BENNETT, farmer, Temple Bridge
- 1875 Miss Elizabeth BENNETT, farmer, Temple Bridge.
- (The 1881 census reveals that Elizabeth BENNETT farmed 40 acres and employed 1 boy.)
- 1923 John ABBOTT, farmer, Temple Bridge.
- 1927 John Joseph ABBOTT, farmer, Temple Bridge.
- 1931 Wilfred Ewart NORRIS, farmer, Temple Bridge.
- 1935 Wilfred Ewart NORRIS, farmer, Temple Bridge.

An examination of the 19th century owners of the plots of land in High Littleton, which made up Bridge Farm in 1928, shows that individual fields were in the ownership of John PURNELL, Richard LANGFORD, Walter BENNETT, William GORE LANGTON, John Ustick SCOBELL and Thomas Collier DUDDEN, all recognised farmers/landowners with more substantial holdings elsewhere. There was no indication of a single holding that one could describe as a farm, apart from at the times noted above.

Since the end of World War I, when John ABBOTT acquired a holding of some 40 acres, farming activities have been carried on at Temple Bridge up to recent times. Much of ABBOTT's holding was once owned by Charles & Rosa GAY of Blacknest Farm. After ABBOTT's death on 22 July 1928 his farm was auctioned.

Estate of J.J. ABBOTT, Deceased.

TEMPLE CLOUD Somerset

Important Sale of an Attractive and Desirable DAIRY FARM known as
"BRIDGE FARM"

In Extent About 42 Acres 1 Rood 19 Perches

Also a Close of Accommodation Land Near Cameley Mill

About 2 Acres 0 Roods 18 Perches

To be Sold by Public Auction at Temple Inn, Temple Cloud

On Thursday, August 30th, 1928 at 7 p.m. punctually

Auctioneers: Messrs. BLINMAN & MILES, Farrington Gurney and Wells. Solicitor: S.C. DAVY, Esq. Temple Cloud, Nr. Bristol.

Particulars

Lot 1

All that well placed and compact Holding known as

BRIDGE FARM

Situate near the Village of Temple Cloud, in the parishes of Cameley and High Littleton and lying on either side of the main road from Bristol to Wells, to which there are considerable and valuable Frontages.

The Dwelling House stands in a pleasant position with S.W. aspect, is substantially built and forms an

Attractive Residence

With Lawn and Flower Garden in front leading to a productive Vegetable Garden adjoining, is approached by a Carriage Drive to the side entrance and contains:

Glazed Porch, Small Hall, 2 Pleasant Front Rooms, Kitchen (with Fitted Dresser), Back Kitchen, Dairy, Outside Ditto (lately new), and Offices on the Ground Floor with 4 Bedrooms on the first floor and 2 Attics over.

The Public Water supply is laid on to the Dairy and there is an excellent supply of Well water available.

At the back of the House and in convenient proximity to same are the

Range of Farm Buildings

Comprising: 3 Stye Piggery, Cow Stall (11 Tie) with loft over, Lean-To Shed at back, 4 Stall Stable with loft over and Lean-To Shed adjoining.

There is also a Cow Shed in the Home Field adjoining the stream and an Open Shed and Yard Enclosure in the Orchard.

The Public Water supply is laid on to the main buildings.

TWO COTTAGES

Containing: Living Room or Kitchen and Offices on the ground floor with 2 Bedrooms over. Outside Wash-house and Closet. Productive Walled-in Gardens adjoin.

The Public Water supply is available from a Stand Pipe.

Now let to Messrs Ernest SWIMMER and Gilbert STOCK respectively at rentals of 3s. 9d. weekly, (Landlord paying rates).

The Land all surrounds the Homestead, comprises good rich Pastures and Orchard and extends to a total area of about

42 Acres, 1 Rood, 19 Perches

being bounded by the River is well watered and is easily approached by the intersecting main road.

Being lately in the occupation of the Deceased this Lot will (with the exception of the Cottages) be sold with

Vacant Possession on Completion

Thus doing away with the delay and expense usually involved in obtaining occupation.

SCHEDULE

<u>1802 Map No.</u>	<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Tithe No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cultivation</u>	<u>Ord. Area (a.r.p.)</u>
<i>[Cameley parish]</i>					
	292	373, 374	Dwelling House, Farm Premises and Cottages		2.26¼
	133	370, 369	Home Mead	Pasture	5. 2. 2¼
	293	375	Orchard		2. 2.17
<i>[High Littleton]</i>					
53)	19	292	Little Home Mead	Pasture	3. 3.19½
)	6	291	Great House Mead	Pasture	5. 0.13½
54	7	290	Orchard		2. 1.26
Pt. 51	Pt. 21	Pt. 294		Pasture	about 12
10	22	295	Orchard		1. 2. 8¼
11	23	296	Spring Mead	Pasture	6. 0.23
9, 12	24	297	Temple Bridge	Pasture	6. 0.31½
8, 13a	25	298	Long Wilderness	Pasture	<u>8. 0.39¼</u>
					<u>42. 1.18½</u>

Timber £36. 0. 0

Hay £110. 0. 0

Commuted Tithe £12. 3s. 4d.

Land Tax £1. 6s. 9d.

The above comprises one of the most desirable Holdings in the neighbourhood.

[A scribbled note suggests that Mr BUTLER purchased Lot 1 for £2,725. 0. 0.]

Lot 2 details [containing 2a. 0r. 18p.] have not been transcribed as it is in Cameley parish on the north side of the River

Special Conditions of Sale

1. The purchase shall be completed at the offices of the Vendor's Solicitor at Temple Cloud Near Bristol on the 28th day of September 1928.

4. The tenure of Lot 1 is freehold.

5. The title as to part of Lot 1 shall commence with a Conveyance dated 29th September 1904 and made between the Trustees of the Will of the late Mrs E.M. CHARD (1) & Rosa Jane GAY (2).

As to a further part with a Conveyance dated 29th September 1912 and made between Arthur STYLES (1) & Rosa Jane GAY (2).

As to a further part with a Conveyance dated 29th September 1912 and made between the Right Honourable Earl TEMPLE and others (1) & Rosa Jane GAY (2). *[OS 295 Orchard 1a. 2r. 8¼p.]*

As to the remainder of this Lot with a conveyance dated the 17th March 1905 and made between Henry POLLETT (1) & Charles Benjamin GAY (2).

[Conditions regarding rights to mine coal etc. & other rights not transcribed].