

CROMER HYDE

Copy of a letter of 23 September 1973 from W J Rudd (addressee not given) which lists occupants of Cromer Hyde (as shown Kelly's Directories) from 1907-1938, and notes that the White family (the first recorded at Cromer Hyde) were previously at Morden Hall Farm.

Copies of correspondence between W J Rudd and the London Borough of Merton from February-March 1974 about the transfer to Merton Historical Society of two hopper-heads at Cromer Hyde when it was demolished.

A typed note which reads as follows:

"CROMER HYDE (193 Central Road)

The house "Cromer Hyde" was built in 1906 by Oscar James White, a member of the White family who for a long time owned Morden Hall Farm. Another member of the family, Albert Kidman White, lived in a house called "Gosmore" the site now occupied by the R.A.C.S. store. The first reference to this house appears in Kelly's Directory of 1909.

Oscar J White appears in the Directories of 1907, 1909, 1911 followed by Kenrick B Murray 1913, 1915; Cyril Baynes 1918, 1922; Col P E Hodgson, DSO 1924, 1927; Septimus Beven 1930, 1934, 1938.

Apart from the White family and Beven, nothing is known of the other occupants of the house.

On demolition the writer was able to secure the hopper heads of the rain pipes of the house, on application to the Principal Chief Officer (letter Ref: EC/IF dated 5th February, 1974 refers). These heads which were acquired for the Merton Historical Society, bear the date "1906" and the initials "OJW" (Oscar James White).

Morden Hall Farm

Kelly's Directories give the following sequence for Morden Hall Farm (in Merton parish): Albert White 1868, 1871; Mrs White 1872, 1874, 1876; Oscar J White 1895, 1899, 1903-5-7-9, 1911-13-15; William Henry Stone 1918, 1922-24.

W J Rudd, Merton Historical Society. 1975"

Typed sheets:

- One giving entries for Morden Hall Farm in the censuses of 1871, 1881 and 1891, with footnotes suggesting reasons for naming houses in Morden Cromer Hyde and Gosmore.
- Transcript of article in Merton and Morden News 29 July 1955 reporting the death of Septimus Beven (formerly a councillor, active in the purchase of Morden Park, churchwarden of St Lawrence) [recorded at Cromer Hyde in the 1930s], with notes on information from the Register of Electors about occupants of Cromer Hyde.
- Transcript of article in Morden Parish Magazine September 1955 of "Tribute to Septimus Beven" and of entries in the magazine about his burial, the funeral of his wife Gertrude (1962) and her obituary. (File also includes photocopies of pages in the parish magazine for all but the last of these).
- Information about Kenric Bright Murray, recorded at Cromer Hyde in the 1910s.

Handwritten note of occupants (?) of Morden Hall Farm from 1868 to 1924 [presumably taken from Post Office Directories]

Handwritten note, on one side with a note of entries for Cromer Hyde and Gosmore in Kelly's Directories for 1907-38; on the other, a table showing occupants (?) of Cromer Hyde, 193 Central Road (seemingly divided into flats in the 1960s), seemingly taken from register of electors 1945-1975.