

## Hillman & Bond, Copy Letter Books, April 1913 -Jan1914

Summarised by Research Team members, Diane Shaw (DS) & Julie Faber

**NB** Much of this letter book is taken up by work done for the Bullen family from Catherston Leweston especially relating to the sale of parts of the estate belonging to a deceased relative who had been resident in Ontario, Canada. This is not covered in these notes as it is outside the scope of the Lyme Regis Museum (DS).

### Addresses

Mrs E (?) Adams, Uplyme  
Mrs H E Ames, 10 Valotta Grove, Plaistow, London E  
Mrs Arnopp, 30 Outram Road, East Ham, London (DS: Co-heir to land in Lyme/Uplyme)  
Miss Ann Austin, Rocombe Valley, Uplyme  
Mr Bartlett, Hook Farm, Uplyme  
J H Berry, Cement Works  
Mrs Bond, Saint Heliers (burnt down in the Silver Street fire)  
Mrs Bond, The Little Bungalow, West Hills,  
Mr S Bosence, No22 Broad Street, (new address?)  
Mr F Boswell, Eagle House  
Mr C Bowditch, Coombe Street  
Mr G J Bowditch, Windsor Terrace  
P J (?) M Bowman Esq., The Chalet, Stile Lane  
Mrs B Broom, 11 Millgreen Court  
M Budgett Esq., The Grove  
Mr W B Burrough, Draper  
Mr Caddy, Lewesdon  
Mrs Helen Camplin, 47 "Church Street  
Mrs Chapple, Church Street  
Mrs Cheshire, Coombe Street  
Mr Edwin Coombes, Sherborne Lane  
Mr Cooper, Belmont  
Mr Corbett, Summerhill  
Mr Joe Curtis, Church Cliff  
Mrs Davis (?), Holmsdale  
Miss Davis, Holmesdale  
Mrs Dunster, Broad Street  
Miss (?) A Ernst, Silverleigh  
Mrs Escott, The Red House  
Mrs Foxwell  
Mr Gordon, Portland Lodge  
Mrs Guppy, Cobb Lodge  
Mrs Hallett, Silver Street  
Mr J Homyer, Coombe Street  
Mr W Hook, Millgreen Court  
J H Jenks Esq, Herne Lee  
J Wilkie Johnstone Esq., Bell Cliff  
Mr Lane, Spring Cottage  
T.C. Langdon Esq., Cobb Lodge  
Messrs Langford and Randall  
Mr Leaver (?), Sherborne Lane  
Mr Ley, Ivanhoe, Woodmead Road,  
Mrs Ley, The Rosary, Pound Road  
Mrs Long, Church Street  
Mrs Love, Woodmead Road  
Miss Mead, Colmers, Uplyme

Miss Mollett, Fowey, Launchycroft, Uplyme  
R H Moss, Cathole Farm, Uplyme  
Henry Osborn Esq. Marine Parade  
Mrs Paine, Temple House  
Mr Parke, Uplyme Rectory  
Miss B M Reeves 223 Abbotsford Avenue, West Green, London (owner of Glenmire & an adjoining cottage in Church Street)  
Mr Peter Robertson, Bogota, Woodmead Road (L R!)  
Mr Russell, Royal Lion Hotel  
Mr Salter, Baker, Uplyme  
Mrs (or Miss) Shakespear, Little Tivoli  
Mr W H Spiller, Slopes Farm (owner of Slopes Farm, Mrs O Drummond)  
Mrs Stocker, No12 Sherborne Lane  
Mr G Truscott, L R  
Mrs Turner, Bank House Broad Street  
Mr H E Warren, Silver Street  
Mr R Warren, Church Street  
Mr A Wiscombe, Bootmaker  
Mr A Wiscombe  
Mr Fred Wiscombe, Church Street  
Mr C Wood, Sherborne Lane

### April 1913

To Collisson Pritchard & Barnes Letter re Dr T J Holmes Will Trust asking them to get a signature from Miss Skinner re payment of the Trust's dividends.

Mr Salter, Baker, Uplyme, "Dear Sir, We should be glad to receive a cheque for the rent of land due to Mrs Arnupp and Mrs Ames the 25<sup>th</sup> March last. Yours faithfully, Hillman and Bond"

Mr Parke, Uplyme Rectory, "Dear Mr Parke, I have now received the enclosed from the Admiralty which will conclude the winding up of your son's estate. I will let you have a note of my charges during the next few days. Yours sincerely, Harold John Ramsbotham."

M Budgett Esq., The Grove,  
"Dear Sir, (Re) Tudor House, Holmes' Trust. We have heard from our client, Mrs Van (Von?) Mehmen(?) who is entitled to one half share of the securities held under the above trust as follows:- 'As regards the Cottage Hospital I hope later to be able to send them an instalment but at the present moment I am at great expense with my son's education which will terminate shortly. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Mr Ley, Ivanhoe, Woodmead Road, "Dear Sir, (Re) Foxwell's account. In reply to your letter of yesterday, we have seen Mr Foxwell...and he is prepared to accept 10/- to be paid on Monday morning and afterwards £1 a month as he has had to wait a long time for this account. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Letter to Messrs Joseph Brutton and Sons Ltd, Brewers (Yeovil) re Mr J Grabham, off Beerhouse, Cobb

Mr  
, Silver Street, letter re conveyancing of Rhode Hill, Lot 37

Letter to Savings Bank Department, Blythe Road, West Kensington, London re David Hooper, "Dear Sirs, The above named depositor died on the 27<sup>th</sup> ulto. And we shall be

obliged if you will make up the enclosed Deposit Book to the date of death and return to us as we require the information for Probate. Yours faithfully, H and B."

Mr R H Moss, Cathole Farm, Uplyme "Dear Sir, (Re) Cathole Ceiling. I have now heard from Mrs Arnopp as to the ceilings and she considers you ought to bear half the cost of repairing the fallen ceiling and I think this is not unreasonable and I hope you will agree to this (the half amounts only to £2-15) as she has been put to a heavy expense on the roof and also with some of her other property. If you consent to this suggestion I feel sure she will definitely agree to a fresh lease on the old terms perhaps for 10 years and shall be glad to hear from you. Yours faithfully, HJR"

Mrs Paine, Temple House "Dear Madam, I have now heard from Mrs Arnopp and as she and her sister are laying out over £15 on repairs to your house they cannot see their way to a reduction of rent, but if you wish they will let you have a three years agreement on practically the old terms. Yours very truly, HJR."

Mr Parke, Uplyme Rectory "Dear Mr Parke, I enclose a note of the charges in connection with the winding up of your son's estate. Would you like to have the letters of Administration to keep? Yours sincerely, HJR"

J H Jenks Esq., Herne Lee letter re 'Home for P Robertson'

J H Berry Esq., Cement Works, "Dear Beny, (Re) Dorset (?) House. In reference to the proposal you made of letting Dorset House to Albert Garth(?) for a fish shop, I'm afraid, after thinking it over that I can't really allow it to be let for such a purpose as I think it might be objectionable to some of the neighbours and also would do no good to the property. Yours very truly, H J R"

Mr Parke, Uplyme Rectory, "Dear Mr Parke, I have heard from Messrs Stanley and Co of Bristol and they agree to take £5 in full satisfaction of their costs instead of £9.10.2 originally claimed..."

Mr Fred Wiscombe, Church Street, "Dear Sir, I have now heard from Mr Bruton (?) who is willing to purchase the shelves but suggests you should buy the counter yourself – he will not anyway. I believe Mr Grabham would sell it for about 25/-. Yours faithfully, HJR"

Mr J (?) C Mills, Pooles Court, LR, letter regarding A T M Bond, decd. paying an account of £7/12/6.

G(?) K Jenks Esq., Herne Lee, LR, letter regarding tenancy of 'house in Woodmead Road'

### **May 1913 (p 83)**

Mr W Caddy, "Dear Sir, (Re) Cottage in Higher Sea Lane, Charmouth. Mr J Thoms of Charmouth has handed us your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. And instructs us to say that he is prepared to give £160 for the cottage above belonging to Mr Bowditch..."

Mrs Chapple, Church Street, "Dear Madam, (Re) Mrs Crane. Please let me have the amount 1/5 due from you to the above this week as you did not do so last Saturday as promised. Yours faithfully, HJR"

Mrs Camplin, Church Street, "Dear Madam, (Re) Yourself and A Lane. Kindly let us have a further instalment of the amount due from you to Mr Albert Lane this week without fail, otherwise a summons will have to be.....yours faithfully, H and B"

Dr Cooper "Dear Dr Cooper, (Re) Churchyard Committee...J Curtis...The above called today and states that at present he does not consider himself your tenant but is willing to

become so if he can fence off the land to erect a small shed in any place he pleases...yours sincerely, HJR"

A J Woodroffe Esq., JPCC, Ware

"Dear Sir, (Re) Mrs Arnopp and Mrs Ames Land in Parade. I am duly in receipt of your letter of yesterday in regard to the above and in reply beg to inform you that my clients will not consider any offer under £300 and within the last few days returned (?) an offer of that amount. Yours faithfully, HJR"

Mr Chas (?) Bowditch, Coombe Street, letter re completion of cottage at Charmouth, "We have now completed the purchase of the above and herewith send you our cheque of £158-19-0 being amount of purchase money less 1 guinea our charges in the matter...Yours faithfully, H and B"

Mrs Davis, Silver Street,

"We should be glad to receive your rent of Glenmire to Lady Day as Miss Reeves is now pressing for the amount....In regard to the cottage adjoining held by you on a monthly tenancy we are instructed to give you notice that the rent will be raised by 6d per week. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Miss Osborn (no address) I should be very greatly obliged if you could supply me with the following information. (1) The date of the death of Jane England, wife of Joseph England and mother of Samuel England, Mary Osborn & Jane & Anne England. (2) The date of the death of Jane England, daughter of the above & the contents of her will.

I presume you have no deeds showing how the late Gaius Osborn became entitled to a half share of Madeira Cottage. If you have I should be very glad if you would let me see them.

Mr Forward and Sons, *[DS: solicitors of Axminster]*, letter regarding No8, No9 and No10 Marine Parade purchased by Mr E Clarke

Manager, Wilts & Dorset Banking Co, L R, Re Mrs L A Davis, We are instructed to wind up the estate of the above deceased *[DS Lucy Ann or Anna Davis was the second daughter of Henry Franks Waring a L R solicitor]*

Mrs Arnopp "Dear Madam, (Re) land in Parade. We have had a further inquiry for this land and we would be grateful to hear at what price you and Mrs Ames would be prepared to sell as he has not made us any offer but would like to hear your price and we mentioned that you had received offers of £250 and £300... Yours faithfully, H and B"

Mrs Stocker, "Dear Madam, We have been consulted by your father who states that you have recently abused him in his house, and we are therefore instructed to inform you that he must forbid you the house in future. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Letter re Argyll House, Marine Parade, LR

"Dear Sirs, We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday and send you herewith a copy of the conditions of sale...The property is old but fairly well built and in fairly good structural condition about £90 was recently spent in improving the drainage of this and the neighbouring property...The rates and taxes are payable by the tenant who holds a yearly tenancy on the usual terms, the rates amount to about £8 per annum...being about the largest house in the Marine Parade. Our clients...will accept £500 for the freehold....yours faithfully, H and B"

Messers Forward & Sons "Dear Sirs, We have seen Mrs Long (Lang?) today and she has paid up 1/6 towards this amount. Her children are now suffering from measles and we really believe she cannot at present pay any more and I hope you will allow her time. We enclose postal order for 1/6. Yours faithfully, H and B"

June 1913

Mrs Arnopp, "The gentleman has agreed to give £550 for the land in the Parade and has instructed me to carry through the conveyance....

Letter re Drill Hall in Lyme Regis; Dear Sir, I have taken over the management of the above Hall from Mrs Bond and beg to state the following days are vacant...at £2/2/- per night.

Letter to Chief Accountant, Bank of England

"Dear Sir, (Re) Eastern Bengal Railway Debenture Stock, Account Bacot (?) and Leigh. We are instructed to inform you that Mrs Annie Bond formerly of Pyne House, Lyme Regis to whom the dividend of the above is paid has changed her address to 'The Little Bungalow', West Hills, Lyme Regis. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Mr Milward, Launchycroft, Uplyme, LR

"Dear Milward, (Re) Westhills. Miss Allen called here today and instructed me to write you that she is prepared to purchase a strip of land 12' by 80' at the back of the house occupied by herself and Miss England on the following conditions:- Miss Allen to pay £25 for the land and your solicitor's charges in connection with the conveyances, also to fence the land, this she is willing to do if you will be satisfied with her shifting the present fence to her new boundary and she will plant a live hedge inside. Miss Allen will also covenant not to build on the plot, though it is presumed that this would not include a small hut such as a tool house or a moveable greenhouse. I should be glad to hear from you in the course of the next few days. Yours faithfully, HJR"

Mr S Bosence, c/o No3 Southcote Road, South Norwood, London

"Dear Sir, (Re) Lane to Yourself. We will certainly insert words allowing you to carry on trade as a bootmaker."

Mr W Hook, We have been consulted by Mr L F Bishop Manager of Messers Bradford and Sons Lyme Regis depot as to your leaving his employment without notice, and we are instructed to commence proceedings against you in this matter. As however we think it may be to your interest to call and see us, we will delay taking proceedings until after 4 o'clock to day to enable you to call and see us between 2 & 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Miss Allen, Mr Radford called here this morning and stated that Mr Milward had handed him my letter of yesterday as to your purchasing the strip of land behind your house. He stated that he and his co-owners are unwilling to consider your offer and moreover they will take such steps as to them may seem fit to prevent you acquiring a right of ancient lights. I fear under the circumstances the matter can go no further at present.

Mrs Ames Re Cliff Land Conveyance from yourself and Mrs Ames to Mr Cuthell

Mrs Ames, The purchase of the Cliff Land (Marine Parade?) is completed, and part of the proceeds of the mortgage is to go to Mr Lane to pay off a mortgage "I will obtain the Temple House deeds from him."

Miss Shakespear: Insurance of piano. We send you your policy insuring the piano. The first premium of which is 2½d which we shall be glad to receive in due course.

Letter to Sydney Morse Esq., Solicitor, No1 Kingsway, London

"Dear Sir, (Re) Lyme Regis – County of Dorset Electric Supply Co. Ltd. We are in reply to your letter of yesterday's date as to our Bill of Costs in this matter, but we must say we are more than surprised that you should consider the same in any way excessive. To our mind we have been extremely moderate in the matter but it is not one in which we care to quibble and we are accordingly prepared to accept £16 in settlement... Of course you will

understand that our offer of £16 in settlement is entirely without prejudice, but we still cannot understand another solicitor questioning a bill of costs in this way. Yours faithfully, H and B"

**July 1913**

Messrs Hallett and Collins, Builders,

"Dear Sirs, The Harbour Master informs us that there is a sum of 4/- to be paid by you in respect of (beach?) removed from the western foreshore, but although he has sent you the account, has received no reply....Yours faithfully, HJR"

Miss Davis: Letter re her mother's probate, sent to Miss Davis c/o Sir A Lethbridge (Sir Alfred Swain Lethbridge, Windhover, Bursledon, Hants, husband of Edith Seymore Waring who was Miss Davis's aunt).

Mrs Hallett, Silver Street,

"I should be glad to receive £2-3-0 the amount due to me from your daughter Mrs B E Warburton for half years interest on mortgage for her property in Combe Street. Yours faithfully, HJR"

Letter to Mr Bond's son John Arthur Mallock Bond I at Warriapola Matale, Ceylon re his father's estate.

Mr Corbett (?), Summerhill, LR

"I should be glad if you could let me have the 2/6 extra premium due on your servants (?) policy in respect of the boy employed in your garden. Yours sincerely, HJR"

Dr Cooper, Belmont, LR

"I herewith send you cheque for £50 further on account due to you from the late Mr Bond...Yours faithfully, HJR"

Letter to Messrs Forward and Sons, re No8, No9 and No10 Marine Parade, LR

Osborn & Others to Clarke

"We are now in a position to complete the purchase of the above on either Wednesday or Thursday this week..."

Purchase money	£885-0-0
Less deposit	£ 88-10-0
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Add proportion of rent of the three houses (24 <sup>th</sup> June to 23 <sup>rd</sup> July)	£ 5-0-0
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Proportion of premium on fire policy (23 <sup>rd</sup> May to 23 <sup>rd</sup> July)	10-6
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Amount due	£802-0-6
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Our clients are exempt from property tax and land tax their incomes being under £160 per annum. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Mrs R G Foxwell: Philpot to yourself Letter enclosing a conveyance for the purchase of a plot of land (on Woodmead Road) for signature.

Miss Osborn (c/o Mr Woods Gloucs): "I send you the Conveyance of The Standard Inn & Mrs Rugg's House to Messers Palmer for your signature."

Mrs Ellen Hansford (?) re Argyll House

"The above property having been recently sold to Mrs Margaret Lucy Lee of No77, Banbury Road, Oxford..."

Miss Davis: letter re Lucy Anna Davis to J G Davis c/o Miss Waring, 74 St Ann Street Salisbury.

### **August 1913**

Letter to J Coventry Esq., No80 Coleman Street, London re Mr Woodroffe

"Dear Sir, You may remember our writing you in June 1910 on the question of whether Mr Woodroffe was responsible for payment of the rates on the Keeper's Cottage and meadow adjoining as also Hels Common, and that it was eventually agreed that Mr Woodroffe was not responsible for the rates on the cottage and meadow, but that he must pay them on the common...Yours faithfully, H and B"

T.C. Langdon Esq., Cobb Lodge, LR

"Dear Sir, In reference to our interview of yesterday, we have now seen our clients, but they are in no way prepared to modify their claim against you and therefore unless we hear from you tomorrow with the amount due £2-14-0 we must institute proceedings for recovery in the County Court. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Letter to the Secretary of Lyme Golf Club.

"Would you please increase the first item of this policy to £255. The premises have been enlarged and we understand there are two oil stoves instead of one..."

Mr Robert Peach, Uplyme, LR

"Dear Sir, We find on enquiry at the County Court that you have only paid 3/- of this amount due to the Rhode Hill Estate and unless you let us know by Tuesday next that you are prepared to make arrangements for payment of the balance at an early date, we shall have to take further proceedings. Yours faithfully, H and B"

Mr W Govier, c/o Mr J Govier, No15 Millgreen, LR

"Your wife has seen us to your failing to provide any money for the maintenance of herself and children, and unless you call upon us before Wednesday next and enter into some proper arrangement for payment she will be compelled to take proceedings against you..."

Mr W Gollop, Sherborne Lane, LR

"Dear Sir, Mrs Case called here yesterday afternoon and said that her son would not now carry out the terms of the agreement. Therefore we think the best way will be for your daughter to take out a summons in the Police Court when she is well enough to get about. Yours faithfully, H and B"

### **September 1913 (p 551)**

Mrs Arnopp, East Ham

"Mr Cookson of Yawl Uplyme who lives on property adjoining Cathole Farm asks if you would be disposed to sell him about an acre of land adjoining his property..."

H C W Woolley Esq., Tivoli, LR

"Dear Sir, We now send you the policy on your furniture and should be glad to receive a remittance of 14/6 in due course. Yours faithfully, H and B"

### **October 1913 (p 632)**

Messers Charles Warner & Kirby, Winchester, re St Michael's L R, "Our client Mr Isaac Minchinton has handed us the Contract for the purchase of the above and instructed us to carry it through..." (Vendor was Hopkins)

Mr J Homyer, Coombe Street, "We have been requested by Mr Frank Foote of Coombe Street to apply to you for payment of ten shillings the value of a canary killed by your cat."

H O Bickley Esq, L R re 26 Broad Street "Enclosed please find Tenancy agreement of part of the above for signature by yourself ...."

Mr William Plum, L R: "We send you herewith the apprenticeship indenture of Halliday..."

Mr Ramsbotham is acting for Mrs Arnopp, co-owner of No 6 Sherborne Lane, who has been served by her tenant (Mrs Boswell) with a notice of the existence of a nuisance caused by sewerage from the properties No 48, 49 & 50 Silver Street. He is notifying the owners or their agents that he is instructing Mr W Cooper, a builder, to open up the drain with a view to carrying out the necessary repairs. He points out that as his client's property has no connection to this drain he will on behalf of his client apportion the expense of repairs to the owners of the three houses on Silver Street.

### **November 1913 (p 739)**

Woodside Cottage, Uplyme, sold Sansom to Plume for £165-0-0.

### **December 1913 (p 860)**

### **January 1914 (p973)**

Mr William Down, Secretary to the Advertising Committee, L R: Mr Ramsbotham is requesting recompense for the postage he had spent over the year (8/3d) sending out the Official Guides. (The total number sent out by Mr Ramsbotham in the year was 159).

Mr Joseph Curtis is purchasing a strip of land from the Churchyard where he will keep his boats, and also have the right to send people away who are making a nuisance of themselves in the area of his house.