

From Pastureland to Saltwood Barracks and Castle Road



Formerly Nos. 1 & 2 Castle Road

Introduction

Today, Nos. 1 and 2 Castle Road stand as reminders of a residential landscape that emerged from a much earlier history. Before any permanent houses appeared, this strategic hillside was completely open, rural terrain belonging to the traditional manorial estates of Kent, used for centuries exclusively as peaceful agricultural pasture land for grazing livestock.

The hillside formed part of Saltwood Barracks, a military encampment established when Britain faced the threat of invasion by Napoleon's forces. While the Napoleonic Wars did not officially start until 1803 and lasted until 1815, the initial military threat to Britain—and the reason the barracks were constructed here in 1797—began much earlier when the French Revolution broke out.

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Saltwood map 1842



Following the closure of Saltwood Barracks, the buildings were dismantled and the land eventually passed into private ownership. For more than half a century, however, the former barracks ground remained open pasture, with no residential development taking place.

It was not until the latter part of the nineteenth century that this land began to change, as the old military ground was gradually transformed and the development of Castle Road took shape.

Among the properties that emerged from this transformation was *Buona Vista*. Its history is closely connected with the changing use of this land, from manorial pasture to military encampment and, eventually, private estate.

To understand how this came about, we must first look at the historical evidence for Saltwood Barracks and the military community that once occupied this ground.

The Transformation of the Former Barrack Ground

Although the barracks buildings had disappeared, the land remained under Government ownership, controlled by the **Board of Ordnance**, until **19 August 1834**. On that date, approximately **66 acres were sold to Jesse Pilcher of Cheriton for £3,920**, transferring the former military ground into private ownership. *(Ref 1)*

Jesse Pilcher (1800–1873) was a prominent local landowner who lived at Cheriton Court, also known as Cheriton Manor. His purchase marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the site. For many years, the former barrack ground remained largely open. As Hythe expanded during the Victorian period, the land was gradually divided into building plots, roads were laid out and houses began to appear. By the **1890s**, William Collins Blakiston had purchased a plot offered with a house to be built upon it, marking an important stage in the development of **Buona Vista**.

A 1917 newspaper reference to **“The Barrack Ground”** shows that the area’s military past remained in local memory. The former barrack land subsequently became part of the developing Sandling Estate, in an area associated with present-day Hillcrest Road, Brockhill Road, Castle Road and Lookers Lane.

Thus, a site once occupied by military huts and a hospital was transformed into a residential landscape, providing the setting for the later story of Castle Road and the Blakiston sisters.

Saltwood Barracks — Military Life and Demise

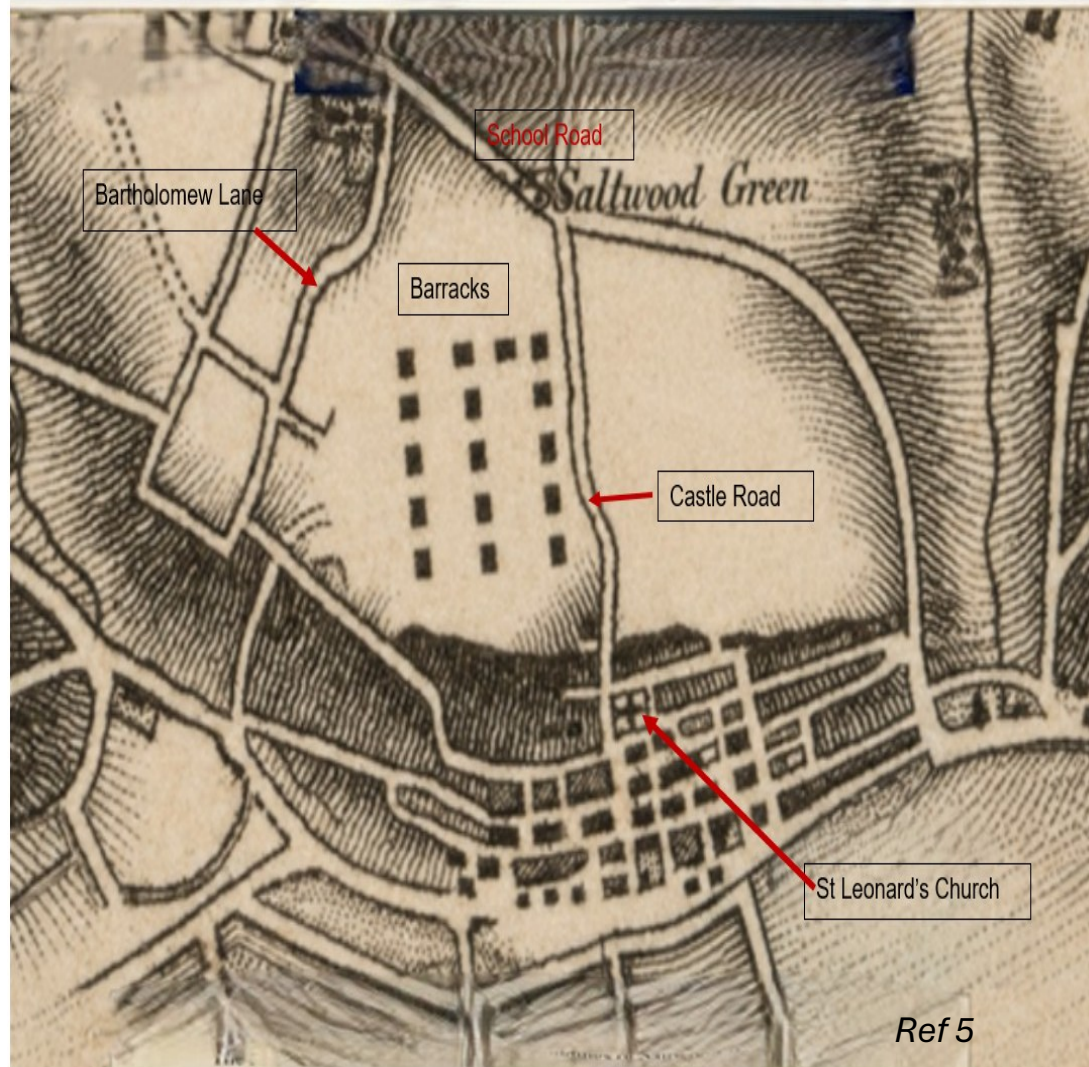
Saltwood Barracks served as a military establishment during the Napoleonic Wars. Military records confirm that in **February 1815**, the site accommodated the **11th Light Dragoons**, together with depots of the **8th and 85th Regiments**.

The Saltwood Church burial registers record **38 burials in 1813, 64 in 1814, nine in 1815 and eight in 1816**, reflecting the presence of a substantial military community and the period of change as the wars ended. Newspaper accounts published in **1914 and 1917** later helped preserve the history of the barracks through historical records, parish registers and local knowledge.

Following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo in 1815, the barracks were dismantled. On **14 November 1816**, auctioneers Ayerst and Reeve held a sale of materials from the military hospital and the officers' and soldiers' barracks. The advertisement listed timber, roof tiles, doors, windows, flooring and other reusable building materials.

The sale provides clear evidence that the buildings were systematically taken apart, bringing the barracks' military use to an end. *(Ref 2)*

Map showing Saltwood Barracks c1813



Picture of Hythe and on the hill Saltwood Barracks.



William Collins Blakiston and His Family

William Collins Blakiston was born in **Marylebone, Middlesex, in 1820**. He worked as a **National School Master**, a respected Victorian profession requiring education, discipline and a strong sense of responsibility.

He married **Mary Hannah Ashton**, and they had four children: **Maria, Clara, Alice and Arthur Blakiston**. The 1851 and 1861 Census returns record the family living at **Thorpe, Windsor**, where William continued his work as a schoolmaster.

Mary Hannah died in 1885. In 1888, William married **Mary Anne Warren**, a schoolmistress who had a daughter, Clara Warren, from an earlier marriage.

Following his retirement, William moved to Hythe and became involved in property ownership. He **purchased Buona Vista** in Castle Road and purchased a separate plot opposite, where **The Pioneer** was subsequently built. William and Mary Anne eventually made The Pioneer their home, while Buona Vista remained associated with his daughters, Clara and Maria.

1891 census: William and Mary Blakiston, living at Buona Vista, although the enumerator has misspelt and put Bona Vista.

Administrative County of <u>Kent</u>			The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 31		
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District	
of <u>Hythe</u>		of <u>Hythe</u>		of <u>East</u>		of <u>Boro of Hythe</u>		of _____		of _____		of <u>Hythe</u>		of <u>Salwood</u>	
Cols. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U.) or Building (B.)	Number of rooms occupied if less than five	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION		Employer	Employed	Whether employed or unemployed	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot	
194				Charles W. Blakiston	Head	S	36		Solicitor	X			London Hackney		
195	Bona Vista	1		William E. Blakiston	Head	M	40		Living on own Means				Dr. Margitstone		
				Mary A. Blakiston	Wife	M	38						Northampton		
196	Church Cottage	1		Charles Bradley	Head	Wid.	40		Living on own Means				Kent Salwood		
				Catherine Wright	Daughter	Wid.	46		Domestic Servant				Dr. do		
				Mark H. Wright	Son		10		Scholar				Dr. Folkestone		
197	Rock Cottage	1		Sarah Small	Head	Wid.	46		Living on own Means				Dr. Hythe		
				Herbert S. Small	Daughter	S	18						Dr. do		
				Ernest A. Do	Son	S	22		Wine Merchant's Clerk		X		Dr. Bromley		
				Frederick C. Do	Do	S	19		Do		X		Dr. do		
				Percy C. Do	Do		16		Stationer's Boy and Bookbinder		X		Dr. do		

The Development of Castle Road

Following the closure of Saltwood Barracks, the former military land gradually became available for private ownership and residential development. During the nineteenth century, the surrounding landscape changed as land was divided into plots and new houses appeared. By the **1890s**, William Collins Blakiston had **purchased Buona Vista**, a house that would become closely connected with his daughters, Clara and Maria. He also purchased land opposite, where The Pioneer was later built.

Tracing Buona Vista through historical records requires care because **Castle Road's numbering changed over time**. The house was originally recorded as **No. 1 Castle Road**. Around 1900–1901, Craigside took the number 1, and Buona Vista became **No. 3**. A later change, probably in the late 1920s, resulted in Buona Vista becoming **No. 5 Castle Road**, its present address. These changes explain why census returns, directories and other documents may list Buona Vista (Bona Vista) under different numbers, even though they refer to the same property.



Castle Road c. 1890–1891. Photograph by Ben Horton from his home, Cold Harbour, on Blackhouse Hill.

The photograph shows the earliest houses built on Castle Road, including Bona Vista (then No. 1 & no 2)

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Clara Blakiston: Lady's Maid to the Aristocracy

Early Life

Clara Blakiston was born in **Lechlade, Gloucestershire, in 1845**. As the daughter of a schoolmaster, she grew up in a household where literacy and education were valued. Although she did not follow her father into teaching, her upbringing may have helped prepare her for a career requiring discretion, organisation and a high standard of personal service.

By adulthood, Clara had entered domestic service in one of the most prestigious positions open to women in a Victorian household: that of a **lady's maid**.

Service with the Ellis Family

The **1871 Census** records Clara, aged twenty-five, working as a lady's maid in the London household of **the Hon. Mina Ellis, née Labouchere**, and her husband, **Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Ellis**.

Mina was the daughter of **Henry Labouchere, Baron Taunton**, and had married Arthur Ellis, a distinguished army officer who subsequently attained the rank of **Major-General Sir Arthur Edward Augustus Ellis**. He later served as Comptroller of the Lord Chamberlain's Department and as an Equerry to Edward VII.

The family lived at **29 Portland Place**, its scale and two ballrooms. The domestic servants, reflecting the

Clara's position placed her within this to her mistress's personal wardrobe, family provides an important glimpse served during the Victorian period.



London, an imposing Adam-style townhouse notable for household included family members and numerous standing and lifestyle of its occupants.

privileged domestic world, where a lady's maid attended dressing and daily needs. Her employment with the Ellis into her working life and the social circles in which she

Service with the Earl and Countess of St Germans

By 1891, Clara Blakiston had progressed to another **prestigious position**, serving as lady's maid to **Emily Harriet, Countess of St Germans**, wife of Henry Cornwallis Eliot, 4th Earl of St Germans.

Emily Harriet was the sister of **Mina Ellis**, Clara's former mistress. Clara's move to the St Germans household therefore reflects a personal connection between the two families and suggests that her experience and trusted service were valued.

The Earl and Countess lived at **13 Grosvenor Gardens, London**, in a magnificent residence. Their household employed sixteen servants, reflecting the wealth and standing of the family.

Clara's appointment demonstrates how a skilled and dependable servant could build a career within the interconnected households of Victorian high society.



13 Grosvenor Gardens

The Role of a Lady's Maid

A lady's maid occupied a position of particular trust within a wealthy household, working closely with her mistress to maintain her appearance, wardrobe and personal comfort.

Her duties included:

Assisting with dressing and hairstyling.

Managing and caring for clothing, jewellery and accessories.

Sewing, mending garments and ensuring clothes were in good order.

Preparing outfits for dinners, balls and other social occasions.

Packing and organising clothing for journeys.

The role required practical skill, impeccable manners, discretion and an understanding of the social expectations of the household. A lady's maid generally held a higher-status position than a housemaid, with more personal responsibility and often better pay.

For women such as Clara Blakiston, the role offered an opportunity to build a career through skill, reliability and the trust of influential employers.

1901 Census

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the															Page 6
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet					
Hythe, Salcombe		Saltwood, St. Peter's		Hythe (part)		East (part)				Hythe, part							
Coln 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
No of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES				Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	If			
		Inhabited	In Occupation	Not in Occupation	Building									Number of Rooms occupied if less than Five	Males	Females	(1) Deaf and Dumb
39	Barrack Road Cottage	1					Thomas, H. Cutress	Head	M	50		Waggoner on Farm	Worker		Kent. Lymington		
							Aldina A. do	Wife	M	48					do Lymington		
							William G. do	Son	S	20		Shepherd	Worker		do Poole		
							Edith M. do	Daughter		13					do Saltwood		
							Dorothy R. do	Daughter		8					do Saltwood		
40	1 Castle Road	1					Clara Blakiston	Head	S	55		Living on own means			Dorset. Litchfield		
7	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	7	-	-	-	-	Total of Males and of Females...			10	20						

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1901 census Clara Blakiston age 55, at 1 Castle Road, Hythe . Retired.Living on own means.

Maria Blakiston: Service at Windsor Castle

Early Life and Royal Connections

Born around **1844**, Maria Blakiston was the elder sister of Clara Blakiston. The sisters followed careers in domestic service, but by 1871 Maria had secured a particularly prestigious position at **Windsor Castle**, one of Britain's principal royal residences.

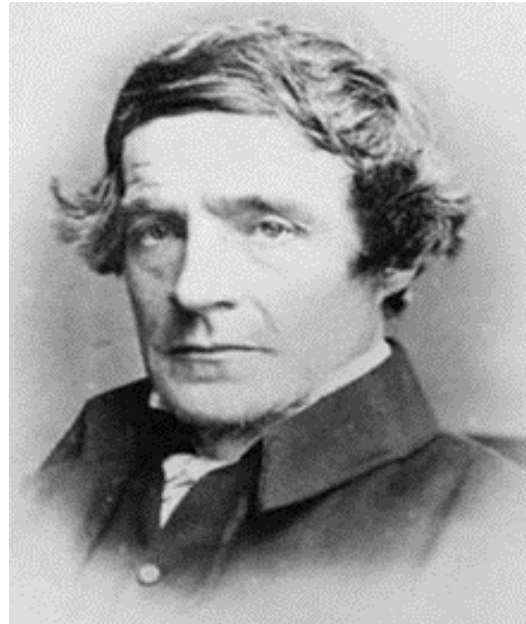
The 1871 Census records **Maria Blackiston (Blakiston)**, aged **27**, as a **lady's maid** in the household of the Very Reverend Gerald Valerian Wellesley, Dean of Windsor, at the Deanery within Windsor Castle.

The Dean of Windsor

Gerald Valerian Wellesley (1809–1884) served as Dean of Windsor from 1856 until his death. He was responsible for St George's Chapel, the home of the Order of the Garter. His position brought him into close association with the Royal Household and the wider world of Queen Victoria's court.

As lady's maid, Maria held a position of personal trust within this distinguished household. Her appointment placed her at the heart of royal life, although it does not in itself establish that she personally served Queen Victoria.

Maria's census entry offers a valuable glimpse into how both Blakiston sisters entered domestic service in making their home together at Buona Vista, Hythe.



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Lady Wellesley: Maria's Mistress

Maria Blakiston served as lady's maid to **Magdalen "Lily" Wellesley**, wife of the Dean of Windsor. Lady Wellesley was the daughter of **General Sir Henry Montagu, 6th Baron Rokeby**, and belonged to an aristocratic family with military and royal connections. Her social standing is reflected in a miniature portrait painted in 1860 by **Annie Dixon**, a celebrated artist admired by Queen Victoria.

As her personal maid, Maria cared for Lady Wellesley's clothing and accessories, assisted with dressing and hairdressing, and undertook sewing and garment care. **Maria's position placed her within the Windsor Castle community**, serving the wife of a senior royal clergyman and working in an environment closely connected with royal and aristocratic life.



1871 Census Gerald Wellesley

The Deanery

Windsor Castle

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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In- habited (U.) or Building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether 1. Deaf-and-Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Idiot 4. Lunatic
Civil Parish (or Township) of		City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Improvement Commissioners' District) of	Ecclesiastical District of	
Extra Parochial Place		Windsor	St. Andrew's Church	Windsor	Within the Walls Windsor Castle		Windsor Local Board of Health District		
1	The Deanery	1	Gerald Wellesley	Head	Mar.	60	Dean of Windsor	Middlesex Chelsea	
			Magdalen Do	Wife	Mar.	39	Clergyman's Wife	Middlesex Marylebone	
			Arthur Do	Son		5	Clergyman's Son	Middlesex Marylebone	
			Margaret Whitburn	Serv-	Unm	54	Nurse	Salop Montford Bridge	
			Maria Blackiston	Serv-	Unm	27	Lady's Maid	Gloucester Ticklade	
			Rachel Wells	Serv-	Unm	27	Cook	Suffolk Harkstead	
			Lucy Lovell	Serv-	Unm	30	Housemaid	Oxfordshire Little Haseley	
			Kelvin Wells	Serv-	Unm	20	Housemaid	Berks Windsor	
			Lizzie Taylor	Serv-	Unm	27	Kitchenmaid	Salop Thruwbury	
			Sarah Laker	Serv-	Unm	17	Scullery maid	London Gloucester Court	
			Alfred Aston	Serv-	Unm	24	Footman	Worcester St. John's	
2	N ^o 4 Upper Cloisters	1	Frederick Anson	Head	Mar	60	Rector of Sudbury & Canon of Windsor	Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Caroline M ^{rs} do	Wife	Mar	45	Richard's Wife	Middlesex London	
			Laura do	Daughter	Unm	25	Daughter in Father's House	Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Frederick H ^{rs} do	Son	Unm	22	Undergraduate of Oxford	Middlesex London	
			George E do	Son	Unm	20	Undergraduate of Cambridge	Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Adelaide M ^{rs} do	Daughter	Unm	17	Student	Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Ernest do	Son	Unm	6	Scholar	Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Harold do	Son	Unm	3		Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Hugh W ^{ts} do	Son	Unm	1		Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Mary do	Niece	Unm	31	Daughter in Father's House	Derbyshire Sudbury	
			Sarah James	Servant	Unm	27	Daughter in Father's House	Middlesex London	
			Dorothy Knowles	Serv-	Unm	44	Housekeeper (Domestic)	Staffordshire Lichfield	
			Sarah Bateman	Serv-	Unm	55	Nurse	Westmorland Ashman	
			Sarah Robinson	Serv-	Unm	35	Lady's Maid Domestic	Derbyshire Longford	
Total of Houses..		2	Total of Males and Females..		9/10				

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Connection with Queen Victoria

Following Dean Wellesley's death, **Lady Wellesley was appointed an Extra Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Victoria**, bringing her into the Queen's personal household. Although there is no evidence that Maria served the Queen directly, her association with Lady Wellesley connected her to the world of the Royal Court.

The 1901 and 1911 Censuses both record Maria as a visitor in Lady Wellesley's household. This continued association suggests that their connection endured long after Maria's active service, perhaps developing into a lasting friendship. (Ref 7)

By 1911, Maria had retired, bringing to a close a working life that had taken her from domestic service to the distinguished household of Windsor Castle.

Windsor Castle.



Lloyd George Survey

Maria Blakiston's Property Interests

The **1910 Lloyd George Valuation Survey** provides evidence that Maria Blakiston owned property in her own right. It records her as the owner of **No. 2 Castle Road**, occupied by a tenant, Frederick Gait, indicating that she was receiving rental income.

The property was later renumbered **No. 7 Castle Road**.

Importantly, this was **a separate property from Buona Vista**, where Maria and her sister Clara lived. Her ownership of a rented house suggests that Maria had achieved a degree of financial independence after years in domestic service, providing another insight into her life beyond her employment in prestigious households.

<i>Hythe</i>	Reference No. 1691	Map. No. <i>74/11 SE/10</i>
Situation <i>2 Castle Rd.</i>		
Description <i>House</i>		
Extent		
Gross Value	Land, £ Buildings, £ <i>21</i>	Rateable Value
		Land, £ Buildings, £ <i>16.15.</i>
Gross Annual Value, Schedule A, £		
Occupier <i>F. W. Gait</i>		
Owner <i>Maria Blakiston, Buona Vista, Castle Rd, Hythe.</i>		
Interest of Owner <i>Freehold.</i>		
Superior interests		
Subordinate interests		
Occupier's tenancy, Term <i>quarterly.</i> from		
How determinable		
Actual (or Estimated) Rent, £ <i>21</i>		

More information, see (Ref 4)

Buona Vista After William Collins Blakiston's Death

William Collins Blakiston died in 1914, but Clara and Maria continued to live together at Buona Vista.

Both sisters had enjoyed long careers in domestic service, working in distinguished aristocratic and ecclesiastical households. Their careers were remarkable for the daughters of a provincial schoolmaster, and their later lives suggest they achieved a degree of financial independence.

The sisters remained at Buona Vista until the end of their lives. **Their probate records provide a final documentary glimpse into their lives and estates**, bringing the story of the Blakiston family to a close.

BLAKISTON Maria of Buona Vista 3 Castle-road Hythe **Kent** spinster died 15 June 1928 Probate **London** 25 August to Harold George Hugh Blakiston decorative adviser and Clara Blakiston spinster. Effects £936 5s. 7d.

BLAKISTON Clara of Buona Vista, Castle-road Hythe **Kent** spinster died 28 January 1930 Probate **London** 1 March to John William Gambrell solicitor. Effects £1531 12s. 2d.

The Final Chapter: Clara and Maria Blakiston

Clara Blakiston died in January 1930, aged 84, after living in Hythe for more than thirty years. Her obituary in the *Folkestone Herald* records that her funeral took place at Saltwood Parish Church, where she was buried in her sister Maria's grave. Maria had died about eighteen months earlier, also aged 84.

The report names their brother, A. P. Blakiston, among the principal mourners and notes that the sisters had counted the Reverend "Dick" Sheppard—later Dean of Canterbury Cathedral—among their friends.

Together, the sisters' lives had spanned decades of domestic service in distinguished households before their retirement in Hythe. The obituary provides a poignant final record of their close bond: even in death, Clara was laid to rest beside Maria.

FOLKESTONE HERALD, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1930.

MISS C. BLAKISTON.

At Saltwood Parish Church on Saturday the funeral took place of Miss Clara Blakiston, aged 84, of "Buona Vista," 3, Castle Road, Hythe, who passed away the previous Thursday.

Miss Blakiston had lived in Hythe for over thirty years, and, about eighteen months ago, her sister, Miss Maria Blakiston, also died at the age of 84. The Misses Blakiston numbered amongst their friends the Rev. "Dick" Sheppard, late of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and now Dean of Canterbury Cathedral.

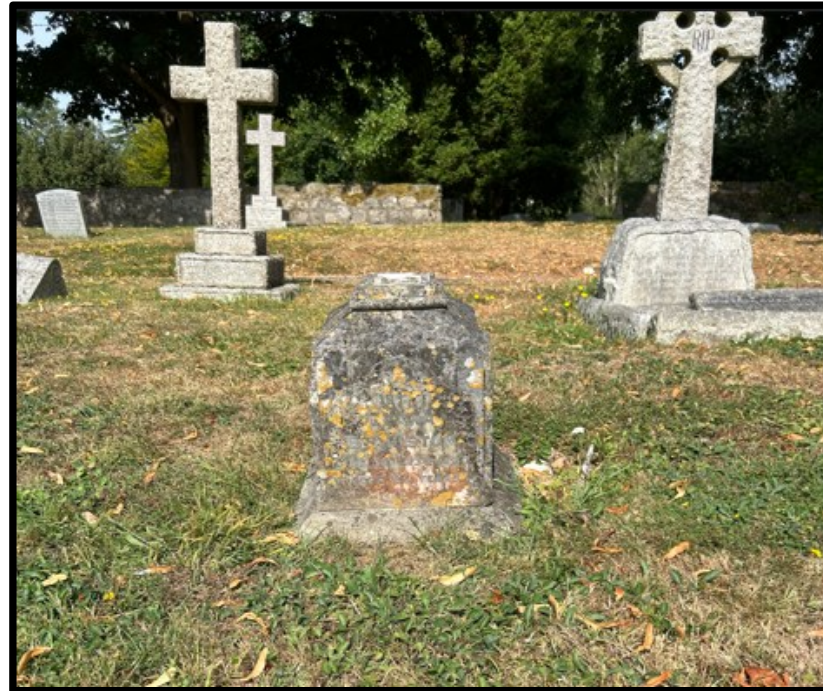
The Rector of Saltwood (the Rev. D. G. Macpherson) officiated at the funeral, the deceased lady being interred in the grave of her sister. The principal mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Blakiston (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Gait, Mr. D. Rolfe, and Mr. J. W. Gambrill (of Folkestone).

Floral tributes were received from Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Blakiston; Mrs. Wilson; Miss Godden; Mr. J. W. Gambrill; Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe; Mr. and Mrs. Gait; Miss Alice Blakiston; and Mrs. Short.

St Peter and St Paul Church of Saltwood

Maria and Clara Blakiston were buried together in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul, Saltwood.

Their shared gravestone provides a final connection between the sisters and the Hythe area they called home during retirement. *(Ref 3)*



Buona Vista: A Continuing Story

Historical records suggest that around 1890–91, William Collins Blakiston purchased the first house on this part of Castle Road and named it *Buona Vista*. He lived there initially, but by the 1901 census he was recorded as living at *The Pioneer*, the property he had purchased on a separate plot opposite.

Buona Vista subsequently became the home of his daughters, Clara and Maria Blakiston, who spent the later years of their lives there. They had lived in Hythe for more than thirty years by the time Clara died in 1930, following Maria's death around eighteen months earlier.

The house has survived and been well maintained, preserving a link with the early development of Castle Road and the lives of the Blakiston family.

There is scope for further research into the property's later history, including its owners and occupants after 1930. Research into more recent periods should respect the privacy of those still living."

Although the name Buona Vista may no longer be in use, the story of the house extends beyond the Blakiston sisters, with further chapters still to be told.

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**TO CARPENTERS, &c.
FINE MEMEL TIMBER,**
Arising from the HOSPITAL, at Saltwood Barracks,
NEAR HYTHE.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
By AYERST and REEVE,
ON THURSDAY, the 14th of November, 1816,
on the Barrack Ground near Hythe, divided into convenient lots, a considerable quantity of **BUILDING MATERIALS,—**
Comprising girders, 13 inches square, joists, 10 feet by $2\frac{1}{2}$, ditto 6 by $2\frac{1}{2}$, and 6 by 3 inches, quartering, 6 by 6, 6 by 4, and 6 by $2\frac{1}{2}$.
Also, the **TIMBER** of several officers' and soldiers' barracks, consisting of timber, 6 by 6, ditto 6 by 4, ditto 6 by $2\frac{1}{2}$, joists, 5 by 3, rafters, 4 by $2\frac{1}{2}$, one quarter batten floors free from sap, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ floor boards ditto, a large quantity of weather boards, slating board, sashes and frames, 6 pannel bead doors, ditto 4 pannel doors, and ledge doors, a large quantity of slates, tiles, &c.
The sale to commence punctually at Ten o'clock, on account of the number of lots.

(Ref2)

Kentish Gazette, Canterbury, Kent, 2 September 1834

The late barrack-ground, at Saltwood, was sold by order of the Honorable Board of Ordnance, by auction, by Mr. Davies, at the Auction Mart, London, on the 19th instant. It comprises about 66 acres of pasture land, and was purchased by Mr. Jesse Pilcher, of Cheriton, for £3920. The average cost of this land to government, was £100 per acre.

(Ref 1)



Ref 3

Description of the house & interestingly, it says it has a side garden, so no house on the corner at this time

Reference No.

Particulars, description, and notes made on inspection

Modern brick and meaphes tiled stairs with tile roof
Forecourt. Entrance porch and passage containing
on top floor. Three Bedrooms Ground floor one
reception room kitchen and Scullery were in
garden. There is a side garden to this
house.

22p 6yds

Charges, Easements, and Restrictions affecting market value of Fee Simple

Nil

Lloyd George Survey 1910

(Ref 4)

The circled section of the image has been magnified below to show the huts of the Saltwood Barracks. These barracks were located in the area encompassing Hillcrest Road and Castle Road, extending up to Lookers Lane, then onto Brockhill Road, and back down to Hillcrest Road. All of this information was provided by Mike de la Mare.



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Image excerpt from William Mudge's Map of Kent, OS, 1813



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Civil Parish			Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban Sanitary District		Ward of Metropolitan Borough		Road or District		Parliamentary Borough		Town or Village or Hamlet			
4th Day of January 1901			of St. Martin in the Fields		of St. Martin in the Fields		of St. Martin in the Fields		of St. Martin in the Fields		of St. Martin in the Fields		of St. Martin in the Fields			
10th			11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th	
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26th			27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		32nd		33rd	
34th			35th		36th		37th		38th		39th		40th		41st	
42nd			43rd		44th		45th		46th		47th		48th		49th	
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58th			59th		60th		61st		62nd		63rd		64th		65th	
66th			67th		68th		69th		70th		71st		72nd		73rd	
74th			75th		76th		77th		78th		79th		80th		81st	
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