



TRACING THE HISTORY OF 1 CASTLE ROAD

Where is 1 Castle Road or Craigside or Cragside?



Between North Rd and Castle Rd



What was there before the property?

The Saltwood Tithe Map from 1842 identifies 1 Castle Road as field number 195, a small field owned by Charles Fagg and occupied by William Conley, who used it for pasture.



Tracing the History of Your House.

1 Castle Road

1 Castle Road- Extensive research by various members of the Hythe Local History Group suggests that we may have been investigating the wrong property and its owners/tenants. According to the land registry, the land was sold by the Mackeson's to Daniel Lyth in 1903.

Wm Blakiston purchased the land behind the property in 1890, but he resided at 1 Castle Road, also known as Buona Vista, until the construction of Pioneer Villa. His daughters lived in 1 Castle Road (Buona Vista) as tenants of their father, but they later bought 2 Castle Road, as referenced in Lloyd George's Domesday of 1910.

Due to the development of Hillcrest Road and the addition of new houses, the house numbers on Castle Road have been changed. Originally numbered as follows: 1 Castle Road became 3 Castle Road and is now 5 Castle Road. The adjoining house, which was originally numbered 2 Castle Road, is now numbered 7 Castle Road.

Sheila's house, previously known as Craigside or Cragside, North Road, and Churchill, is now referred to as Craigside or Cragside at 1 Castle Road.

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HM Land Registry



Title Number :

Edition Date : 15 May 1997

A conveyance of the land in this title and other land dated 4 April 1903 made between (1) Annie Adair Mackeson, Henry Mackeson, and George Laurie Mackeson and (2) Daniel Stringer Lyth contains covenants, details of which are set out in the schedule of restrictive covenants hereto.

Schedule of Restrictive Covenants

1. The following are details of the covenants contained in the Conveyance dated 4 April 1903 referred to in the Charges Register:-

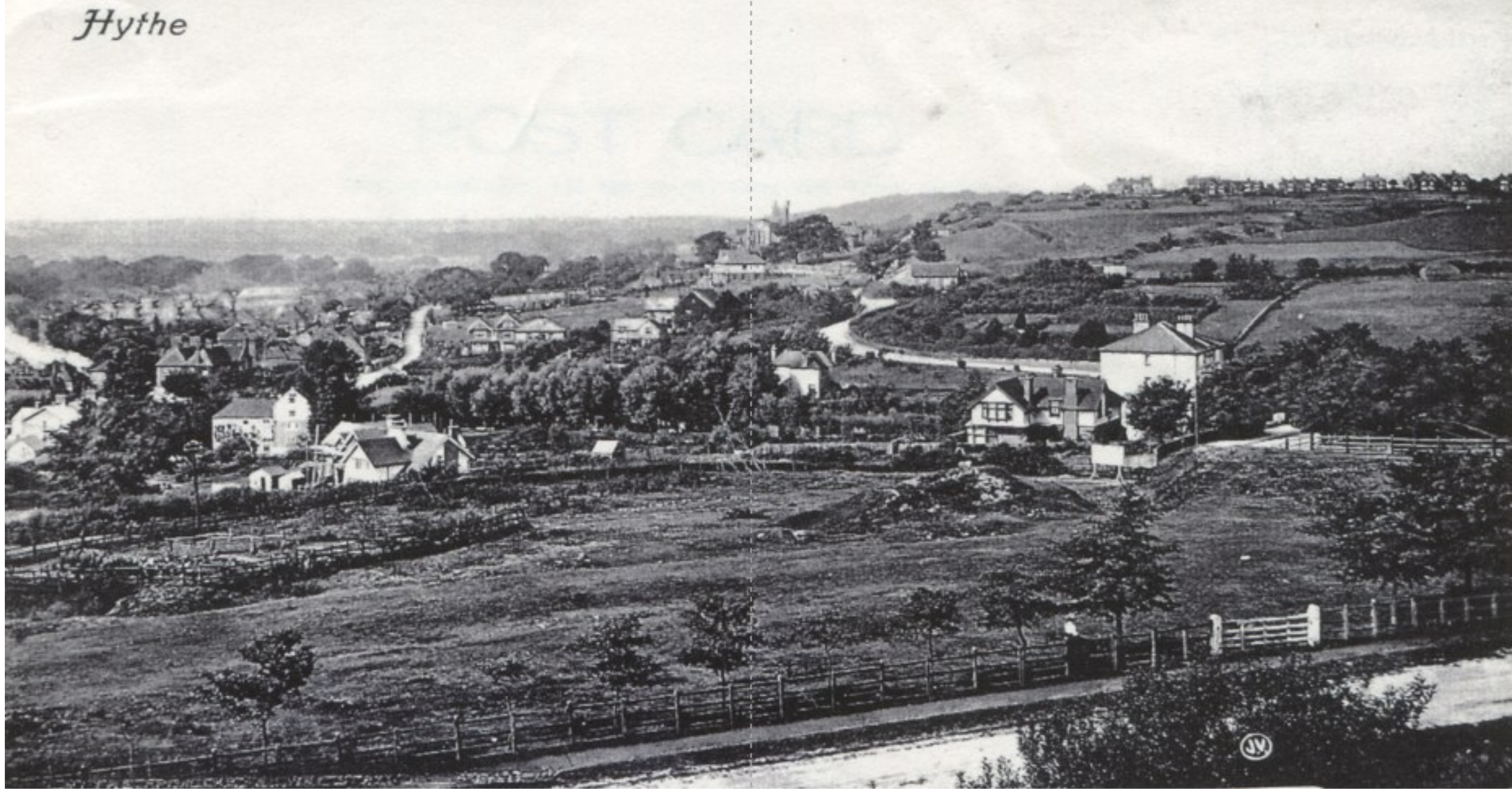
"AND the said Daniel Stringer Lyth for himself his heirs executors administrators and assigns hereby covenants with the said Annie Adair Mackeson, Henry Mackeson and George Laurie Mackeson that he the said Daniel Stringer Lyth his heirs executors administrators or assigns will at all times hereafter observe and perform the conditions and stipulations in relation to the said hereditaments hereby assured which are contained in the Schedule hereto to the intent and so that the said conditions and stipulations shall run with and be binding on the said hereditaments hereby assured into whosoever hands the same may come but the said Daniel Stringer Lyth his heirs executors administrators or assigns shall not be personally liable for any breach thereof after he or they shall have parted with the said hereditaments.

THE SCHEDULE hereinbefore referred to

1. The said Daniel Stringer Lyth shall forthwith make and for ever hereafter maintain good and sufficient fences next the roads and on the sides of the said piece or parcel of land marked T within the boundary.
2. All buildings shall be constructed in a substantial manner shall be of the value to be named hereafter and all plans and elevations of buildings and of any alterations or additions thereto shall be submitted to and approved by the Vendors Surveyor and his fee of One guinea per house paid for such approval.
3. The cost of any dwellinghouse to be erected on any portion of the land shall be not less than Three hundred pounds for each detached house or if semi detached or in terrace One hundred and eighty pounds per house."

NOTE:- No T marks referred to in Clause 1 above affect the land in this title.

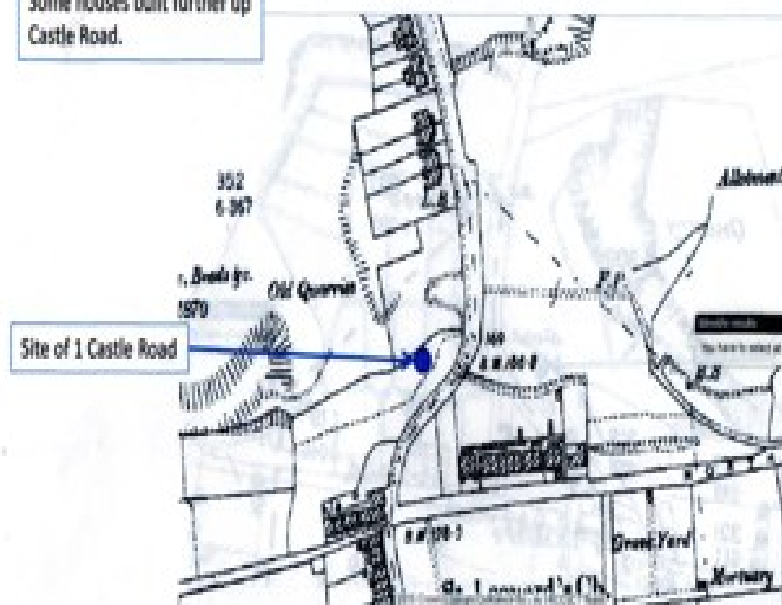
Hythe



Showing newly built houses in Castle Road on the top of the hill to the right.

Ordnance Survey 1897

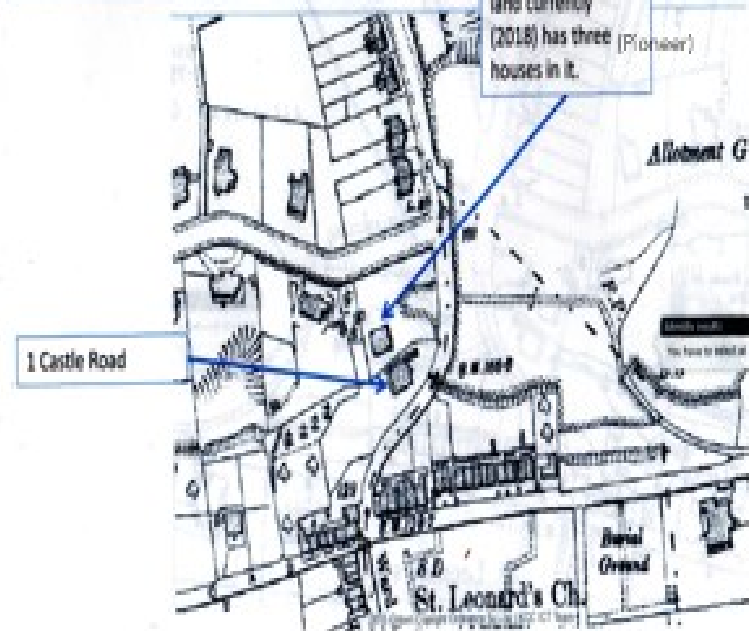
Quarry just behind site now disused.
Some houses built further up
Castle Road.



Ordnance Survey 1906/7

1 Castle Road now built.
Also Hillcrest Road
constructed.

There was a similar
sized house just
behind 1 Castle
Road. Same plot of
land currently
(2018) has three
houses in it. (Pioneer)

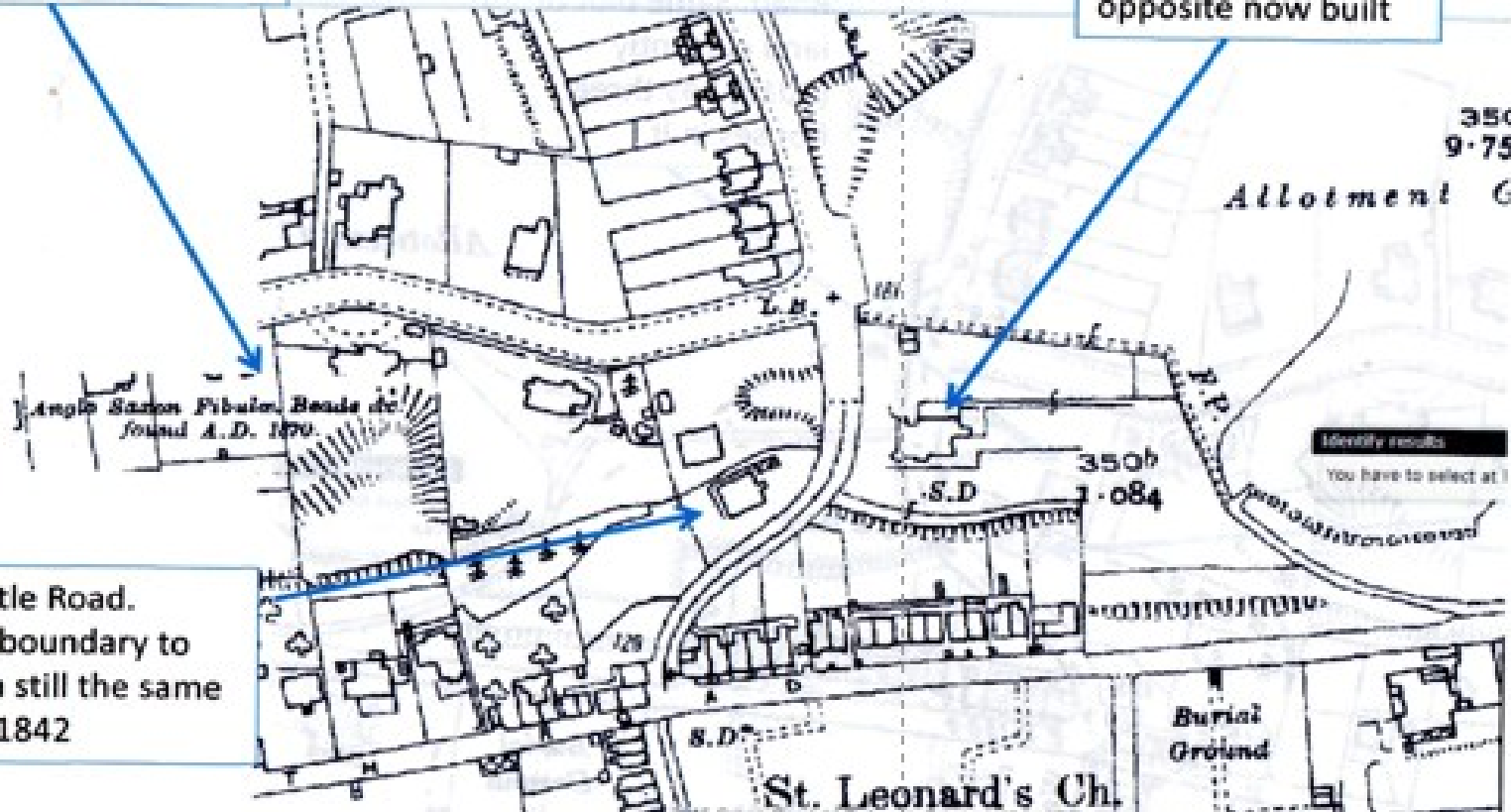


Ordnance Survey 1931

Note Anglo-Saxon items shown as having been found in nearby quarry

Large house opposite now built

1 Castle Road.
Field boundary to North still the same as in 1842



1905/6

Pikes's Directory

CASTLE ROAD.

North Road to Saltwood Castle
(Left from Church Hill)

(Craigside) Lythe, Daniel Stringer
(Pioneer Villa) Blakiston, W. C. Esq.
(Here is Hill Crest Road)

Wall Letter Box

- 1 (Buona Vista) Blakiston, The Misses
- 2 Coen, Samuel
- 3 (Simla) Butler, Frederick William
- 4 (Perugia) Haynes, Miss E.
- 5 (The Nutshell) Sidle, Mrs. R. G.
(L.H.)
- 6 (Rosendale) Day, William
- 7 (Sunrise) Loder, Mrs. (L.H.) uphol-
stress
- 8 (Rockville) James, Walter Richard
- 9 Myers, Henry, Esq.
Myers, Miss
- 10 (Ravenshoe) Hyde, Miss
- 11 (Clovelly) Whiffen, Miss
- 12 (Wave Crest) Richards, H. (L.H.)
and gardener
- 13 (The Cottage) Garraway, Hubert
Emmerson
(Here is Quarry Road)
- 14 (Hillborough) Penney, A. Page, Esq.
(Here is pathway to Saltwood)
- 15 (Summer Hill) Goodyear, Chas. Esq.

This shows Craigside not
as 1 Castle Road.
Lyth misspelt



1906

This map indicates that Craigside is on a large plot.

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1898

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1901

1908,taken from the top of
the church looking towards,
North Rd and Hillcrest Road
Postcard picture





Hythe Reference No. 1629 Map No. 74/115E/10

Situation *Craigside, North Rd.*
 Description *House*
 Extent

Gross Value Land, £ Rateable Value Land, £
 Buildings, £ 1P Buildings, £ 19/10

Gross Annual Value, Schedule A, £
 Occupier *C. Hoddle*
 Owner *D.S. Lyth, 3 Marine Walk, St. Hythe*
 Interest of Owner *Freehold (part owner with British Homes)*
 Superior interests *[Assurance Corporation Ltd.]*

Subordinate interests

Occupier's tenancy, Term *3 years* from *Sept. 1908*
 How determinable
 Actual (or Estimated) Rent, £ *18*
 Any other Consideration paid
 Outgoings—Land Tax, £ paid by
 Tithe, £ *1-10 (about)* paid by *Owner*
 Other Outgoings

Who pays (a) Rates and Taxes (b) Insurance? *Owner*
 Who is liable for repairs
 Fixed Charges, Easements, Common Rights and Restrictions *Restriction in sale agreement made about 7 yrs. ago.*

Former Sales. Dates *See form 19*
 Interest
 Consideration
 Subsequent Expenditure

Owner's Estimate. Gross Value
 Full Site Value } *7/520*
 Total Value
 Assessable Site Value

Site Value Deductions claimed

Roads and Sewers. Dates of Expenditure
 Amounts

1910 Lloyd George Domesday Survey

From the Field Book

Hythe reference 1639.

Location "Craigside", North Road (other information was Craigside on Castle Road)

Occupier- C Hoddle

Owner- D.S. Lyth- living 3, Marine Walk, St Hythe

Interest of Owner. Freeholder. Part-owner with British Homes.

Superior interests. (Assurance Corporation Ltd)

Occupiers' tenancy. 3 Years from September 1908

Rent £18

Description of property:

Brick and Tile house. Entrance porch and passage. Three sitting rooms, a Kitchen, and a scullery combined pantry. WC.

Reference No. _____

Particulars, description, and notes made on inspection
Brick and tile bungalow entrance porch and passage. Three sitting rooms kitchen and scullery combined pantry. WC.

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

Craigside- North Road

.....**HYTHE**.....Reference No. **329** Map. No. **74/15 F**.....

Situation **3 Marine Walk St.**

Description **House**

Extent

Gross Value { Land £ **18** Rateable Value { Land £ **14.10**
 Buildings £ Buildings £

Gross Annual Value, Schedule A, £

Occupier **B.S. Lyth.**

Owner **Mary A. Bradley, Barham & Ellen Bradley, Ringwood.**

Interest of Owner **Freehold.**

Superior interests

Subordinate interests

Occupier's tenancy, Term **3 years** from **24 June 1908.**

How determinable

Actual (or Estimated) Rent, £ **22.10.0**

Any other Consideration paid

Outgoings—Land Tax, £ paid by

Tithe, £ paid by

Other Outgoings

Who pays (a) Rates and Taxes (b) Insurance **Landlords.**

Who is liable for repairs

Fixed Charges, Easements, Common Rights and Restrictions

3 Marine Walk Street

Reference No.

Particulars, description, and notes made on inspection

Brick built house and shop with tile roof containing 1st floor shop and shop parlour and one other reception room Kitchen and Laundry 1st floor 4 Bedrooms. loc in small yard at rear 1/22 10/10. Tenant doing inside and owner outside repairs

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

Nil

3 p.

**Details from the 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Survey
for Craigside, North Road (later 1 Castle Road)**

Description:

Brick and tile house. Entrance porch and passage.

Three sitting rooms, kitchen, and scullery, combined pantry, W.C.

1 Castle Road, Hythe

Approximate Gross Internal Area :-

Ground Floor :- 100.82 sq m / 1085 sq ft

First Floor :- 56.77 sq m / 611 sq ft

Total :- 157.59 sq m / 1696 sq ft



First Floor



Ground Floor

1st Owner of Craigside (Cragside)

Daniel Stringer Lyth, DOB 10/09/1862, Surrey, England. Died 25/05/1917 (aged 54)
Folkestone, Shepway.
Saltwood, Shepway District, Kent

The land for Craigside was sold to Daniel Stringer Lyth, the vergers of St Leonard's church, which was nearby, Born in Richmond, Yorkshire, Daniel himself attended a National School and, as a young man, joined the army, serving with the 4th West Yorkshire regiment. The doctor who examined him reported that the whole of his chest was scarred. This is likely to have been caused by burning. Nineteenth-century newspapers abound with stories of children falling into fires, often with fatal results.

He did not like the life and bought himself out but then changed his mind again and re-enlisted in the King's Royal Rifles on 12 July 1886, signing up for twelve years. He was 5 feet 8 inches tall, with dark grey eyes and dark brown hair. He did not immediately settle here, either, and in December the same year spent a month in prison for an unspecified offence. Thereafter, though, he kept out of trouble. Three years later he was sent to Manipur in north-east India, a principedom which was part of the British Empire and almost continually at war with its neighbours, including Burma, which was Daniel's next posting.

He was sent home in 1892 and spent the last six years of his service in the UK, being promoted to Lance-Corporal in 1892. Probably some of this time was at Shorncliffe barracks near Folkestone in Kent, because on 9 May 1893, at St Leonard's church in Hythe, he married a local woman, Hannah Cloke, a dressmaker. A daughter, Dorothy, was born in 1895; another, Christine, in July 1896; and a son, another Daniel Stringer Lyth on 7 August 1898. Exactly a month before, Daniel senior was discharged from the army, having completed his time.

Daniel took the job of vergier and was responsible for the order and upkeep of the church, including its furnishings, and grave-digging responsibilities. He also showed visitors around the crypt at the church, which contained (and still does) an extraordinary collection of skulls and long bones.

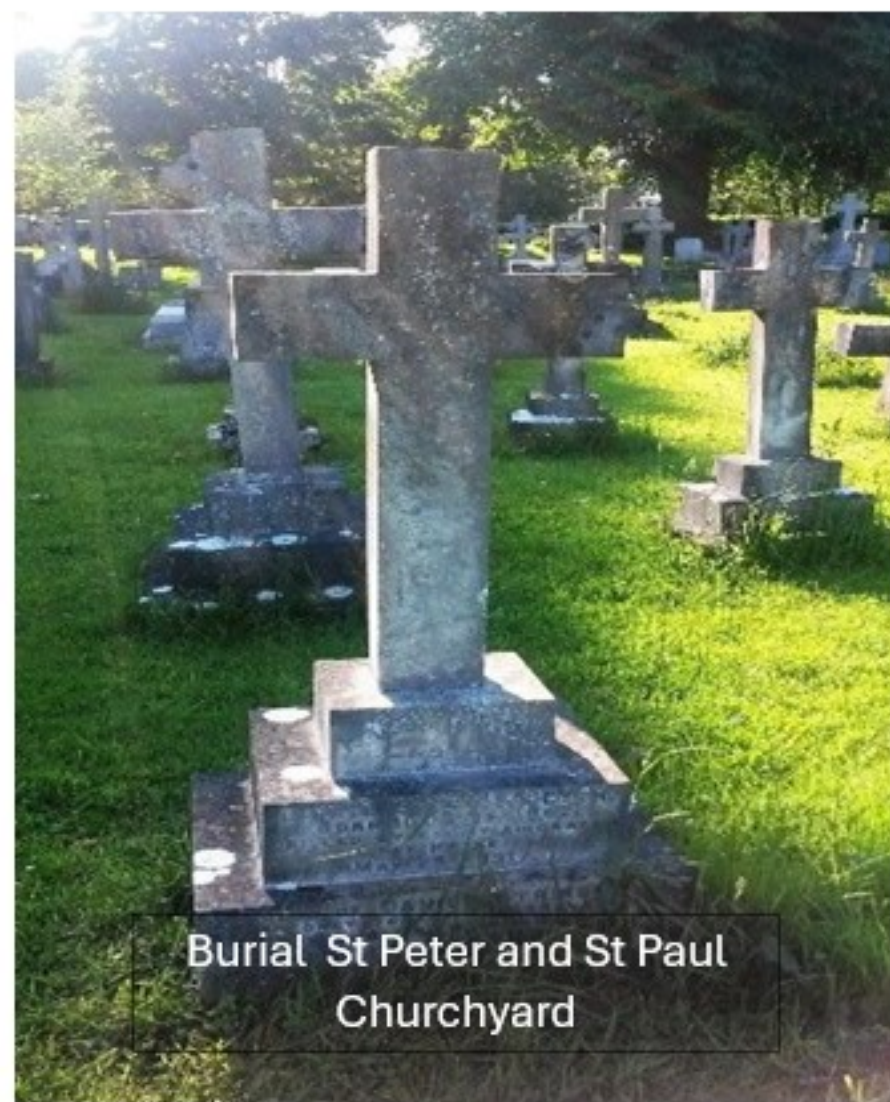
The family lived first in Hythe High Street and later in Marine Walk Street. Here, another son, named for Daniel's father, was born, but little John Robert died aged only seven months in March 1902 and is buried in St Leonard's churchyard. There would be no more children.

Daniel also worked for a while as Town Sergeant, but it was not a long tenure. This may have been because he was frequently at odds with Hythe Town Council and aired his opinions in the local press. In 1912, by which time he had moved to 'Craigside', the Council suggested that as his steps encroached onto the pavement, he should pay an annual 'acknowledgement' of two shillings and sixpence, as was usual. He said it was too much and refused to answer the Council's letters, before offering to pay sixpence. The Council refused his offer and told him to pay the full amount or demolish the steps, which he did. In 1917, he became exercised by the council's plans to remove vehicle access to Castle Road from the south. Another drawn-out battle ensued, which this time Daniel won, with removable posts to which he had a key supplied. He was described in one newspaper report as 'gloomy' and in his obituary as a 'silent and reserved man', though to be scrupulously fair, another reporter said he had seen him laugh.



The years of the First World War were to prove devastating for the family. Just before its start, in July 1914, Dorothy Lyth died aged only nineteen and was buried in Saltwood churchyard ('Craigside' was in the ecclesiastical parish of Saltwood by a few yards).

When war broke out, Daniel was still a reservist but too old to be called up. Instead, he joined the Cinque Ports Battalion of the Kent Volunteer Force as its Second-in-Command. He combined this with his on-going work as a verger. In the early evening of 25 May 1917, twenty-three German Gotha bombers, unable to find their London targets in thick cloud, turned south, followed the railway line to the Channel ports. They dropped bombs on route, including at Hythe, where Daniel was chatting to the vicar, Herbert Dale, just outside the church. Daniel was struck in the thigh by a piece of shrapnel. His femoral artery was severed, and though he was taken to the hospital in Folkestone and operated on, he succumbed that night. Daniel was buried in Saltwood churchyard, the service being read by Herbert Dale, who had survived because he had a tin box in his pocket which deflected the shrapnel which hit him.



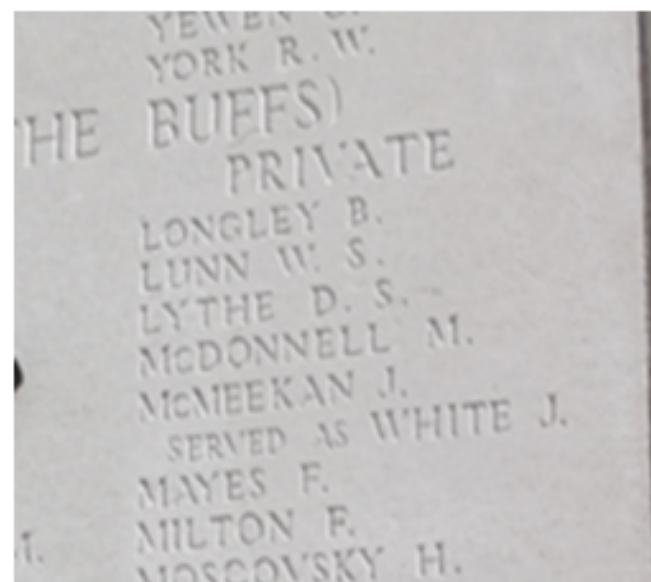
Burial St Peter and St Paul
Churchyard

Daniel junior had by now left home. He was an apprentice seaman with Cardille Turnbull & Sons from November 1914 but was released from his articles when he joined up on 2 March 1915 at Dover. He did his initial training at Aldershot and passed out in June 1915. He was recorded as being 5ft 8 inches tall with a dark complexion and dark brown hair- exactly as his father had been at his age.

He originally asked to serve in the Royal Army Medical Corps and sailed from Southampton on 21 September 1915 to Rouen. He transferred to the Buffs in October 1917 at his own request.

Daniel, again like his father before him, found it hard at first to settle into army life and was often in trouble for minor offences. He was on leave in the UK from 2 February 1918 to 17 Feb 1918 but was killed in action two months later. His body was recovered and his personal effects - a silver watch, a wallet, dictionary, compass and map - returned to his mother. Probably he was buried, though in the turmoil the grave was lost.

Daniel is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium which bears the names of some 35,000 men of the British and New Zealand forces who have no known grave, nearly all of whom died between August 1917 and November 1918 Sadly, his name is misspelt. Both Daniel and his father are named on the Hythe War Memorial.



Hannah Lyth and her daughter, Christine, moved to a smaller house on Stade Street, Hythe, and later to Sussex.

Written by Anne Petrie

SALTWOOD MEMORIAL



BURIALS in the Parish of Saltwood
in the County of Kent in the Year 1917

Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed	
Alice Ellen Phillips No. 1193.	9 High Street, Hythe	April 26 th , 1917	53 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
Charles Albert Gould No. 1194.	Normanton, Eylesfield Road, Hythe.	May 25 th , 1917	49 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
Daniel Stringer Lyth No. 1195.	Craigside, Castle Road, Hythe	May 30 th , 1917	52 years	Herbert D. Dale, Vicar of Hythe	born for 1 more
William James Southern No. 1196.	Park Cottage, Paddings, Saltwood	June 8 th , 1917	69 years	Self Declaration of Hythe	born for 1 more
Lathaniel Webb No. 1197.	Saltwood	June 26 th , 1917	49 years	Self Declaration of Hythe	born for 1 more
William Cloke No. 1198.	16 Church Hill, Hythe	July 24 th , 1917	68 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
Thomas William Dibchie No. 1199.	Saltwood, Castle, Gath.	August 9 th , 1917	68 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
Edwin Jack Burton No. 1200.	Brompton, Hospital, Chelora	August 29 th , 1917	26 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more

BURIALS in the Parish of Saltwood
in the County of Kent in the Year 1917

Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed	
William Richard Newage No. 1201.	Military Hospital, Shorncliffe	August 30 th , 1917	36 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
Elizabeth Wylie No. 1202.	1 Day's Chapel, Saltwood	Sept 1 st , 1917	38 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	full
Elizabeth Mantel Nubley No. 1203.	111 Almondson, Saltwood	Oct 2 nd , 1917	70 years	H. D. Duff, Vicar of Hythe	full
Samuel George No. 1204.	Widleigh, New Road, Saltwood	Oct 15 th , 1917	73 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
Emma Burdett No. 1205.	161 Castle Road, Saltwood	Nov 5 th , 1917	69 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	full
Arthur Allan Golden No. 1206.	Baker's Cottage, Saltwood	Nov 20 th , 1917	62 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	full
Joseph John Nash No. 1207.	1 Lynton, Cottage, Saltwood	Dec 2 nd , 1917	80 years	Arthur J. Galpin, D.D. Rector	born for 1 more
John Dyer No. 1208.	1 Lynton, Cottage, Saltwood	Dec 9 th , 1917	80 years	H. D. Duff, Vicar of Hythe	born for 1 more

1918

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH
TO THE HONOURED MEMORY OF ALL HYTHE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO DIED FOR
THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR.
FATHER INTO THE HANDS WE COMMEND THEIR SPIRITS.



Hythe Memorial





Kent War Memorials Transcription Project

David W Hughes: Neil R Clark: Kyle D Tallett:

Commemorated on both the Saltwood parish tribute and on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial are two casualties with matching initials and surname, who are a father and son, they are **D.S. LYTH**, and **D.S. LYTH** (Junior). At the time of the 1901 census, the Lyth family resided at 49, High Street, Hythe, Kent. The head of the house was 36-year-old Church Verger, Daniel S. Lyth (Senior), who was a native of Richmond, Yorkshire, married to 38-year-old Saltwood native Hannah Lyth (nee Cloke). The youngest of the family members recorded by the census enumerator was 2-year-old Hythe native Daniel S. Lyth. Regrettably, only Daniel (Junior) has a CWGC commemoration, but with his surname erroneously spelt Lythe. All other official and unofficial data checked, including several years of census entries, show the family surname spelt Lyth. The relevant Medal Index Card entry for Daniel is also spelt Lyth.

LYTH, DANIEL STRINGER. (Senior).

Died Friday, 25 May 1917. Aged 52.

Born in Richmond, Yorkshire, 10 September 1862.

Husband of Hannah Lyth (nee Cloke) of "Craigsides," Castle Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent.

Buried Saltwood (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard, Hythe, Kent.

Sixteen bombs rained down on Hythe during an air raid carried out by German Gotha bombers on the day that Daniel was killed. Reference was made above that in 1901, Daniel was a Church Verger; at the time of his death, he was still the Verger of the parish church of St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent. On 25 May 1917, Daniel was in conversation inside the parish church with the Vicar of Hythe, the Reverend Herbert D. Dale, and Mrs. Dale. Upon hearing the sound of the air raid, the conversation ended abruptly, and the three rushed outside to investigate. As Daniel went outside, a bomb dropped in the churchyard, which shattered several tombstones, resulting in shrapnel and hard pieces of debris being thrown up. One of the pieces of shrapnel hit Daniel in his right thigh, and he was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Folkestone for treatment, but he succumbed to his injuries whilst a patient there later the same day. In addition to his duties as the popular Verger, Daniel was also the former Town Sergeant of Hythe, Kent. In addition to Daniel's death, another Hythe resident was killed during the bombing raid, she being Mrs. Amy Parker of Ormonde Road. Because Daniel and Amy were civilian casualties of the Great War, there is no form of commemoration or remembrance of them by the CWGC, their demise being a perfect example of the injustice of the civilian Great War non-commemorations. A former regular soldier, Daniel had served as a member of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, which had included serving in Burma, and Daniel was still officially on the army reserve at the time of his demise. Prior to the erection and unveiling of the Hythe civic war memorial in 1921, Hannah Lyth requested that her late husband be commemorated on the war memorial next to her late son.

Craigside (Cragside), 1 Castle Road: Owners and Tenants

First Owner-Daniel Stringer Lyth, -1903 to 1917

According to the 1842 Tithe Map, the land was originally used as a small pasture field owned by Charles Fagg. It was later owned by Anne Adair Mackeson, Henry Mackeson, and George Laurie Mackeson until Daniel Stringer Lyth purchased it, as recorded in the land registry on April 4, 1903. We don't know when the property was built. He gave it the name Craigside and lived there intermittently, along with the property at 3 Marine Walk Street.

The 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Survey indicated that Daniel resided at 3 Marine Walk Street, which included both a shop and a residence. His wife, Hannah Lyth, was a confectionery dealer. The survey noted that Craigside was located on North Road and that Daniel was a part-owner along with the British Homes Assurance Corporation Ltd.

He had a tenant named C. Hoddle, who entered a three-year tenancy starting in September 1908, ending in September 1911. Additionally, Daniel had a tenancy agreement with the owners of 3 Marine Walk Street for three years beginning June 24, 1908.

Mrs Hughes A'eth resided at 1 Castle Road in 1913.

From 1909 to 1911, Daniel resided at 3 Marine Walk Street and returned to 3 Marine Walk Street in 1913. He lived at Craigside (1 Castle Road) in 1912, and then from 1914 to 1917.

1918 to 1920, it is believed that the Lyth family still owned Craigside, 1, Castle Road.

Possible 2nd owner

Edith Mabel Cox lived at Craigside from 1921 to 1922.

In 1923, Capt. A. Gun-Cunningham is listed as a tenant, followed by James Girdlestone in 1924, both presumed to be tenants.

Edith Cox returned in 1925 and continued to live there until she died in 1947. The 1939 register revealed that her sister, Lydia Edwards, a retired trained nurse, resided with her.

3rd Owner-Arthur Churchill lived at Craigside from 1948 to 1963.

4th Owner-K.G.N. Ottewell lived and owned the property from 1964 to 1973.

The current owner has been living there since 2015

Sources of Information:

All information was obtained from censuses, the 1939 Register, Pikes & Kelly directories, newspapers, the Lloyd George Domesday Survey (1910), and electoral rolls.



Circa 1910

X 1 Castle Rd Craigside

Craigside 1 Castle Road



Circa 1990's



