

7th August 1878 - Land Acquired

An Agreement made this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878 between Graham Moore Mitchell Esquire of No 50 Park Street in the County of Middlesex Esquire hereinafter called the Landlord by William Shurge of No 34 Corn Street in the City and County of Bristol Land Agent of the one part and Alfred John Keary Gentleman Francis Henry Phillips Gentleman and John Betherington Tailor all of Chippensham in the County of Wilts hereinafter called the Tenants of the other part. The said William Shurge on behalf of the said Graham Moore Mitchell Esquire Doth hereby let unto the said A. J. Keary F. H. Phillips and John ~~Shurge~~ Betherington and they the said A. J. Keary Francis H. Phillips and J. Betherington Do hereby take of the said Graham M. M. Esquire All that piece of land abutting on the River Avon with so much of the said River estate in the Parish of Chippensham in the Coy of Wilts as marked out by pegs and is intended to be partly enclosed and ~~is a~~ ~~both~~ ~~is~~ ~~also~~ ~~containing~~ ~~by~~

admeasurement Eight perches or thereabouts on the following terms and conditions named

The term of the Tenancy to commence as from the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June now last past and to continue from year to year until the same shall be determined by three Calendar months notice in writing given by either party to the other to determine the Tenancy on either of the usual Quarter days.

The said Tenant agree to pay to the said Landlord for the said plot of land the yearly rent of Ten Shillings sterling payable quarterly on the usual quarter days the first payment thereof to be made on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December next

The Tenant shall pay hear all rates taxes which shall be chargeable on the said piece of land except the Landlords Property Tax

The Tenant shall use the said piece of land for the purpose of a Bathing place in the River Avon and for no other purpose

The Tenant shall on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept next enclose the said piece of land from the adjoining field by means of a close Boarding of the height of not less than 7 feet from the ground covered with gas tax.

The Tenant shall be at liberty to erect a Shed on the said land not exceeding 10 ft. in height to the crest

of the roof to be used for the purpose of dressing & undressing in.

The Tenants shall remove the said sheds & board fence at the end of the tenancy & leave the ground properly levelled & the post holes filled in.

The Tenants shall not commit or suffer to be committed any trespass on the lands of the Landlord on either side of the River.

The Tenants shall use their best endeavours to preserve order and decency in the use of the said plot of land as a bathing place.

Witness my hand

Signed & sealed by J.H.P.  
in the presence  
of James Rose.

Frank H. Phillips.  
Alfred J. Kearney.  
Ino K. Thornton.

by A. J. R. / J. W. H.  
B. Milkhill