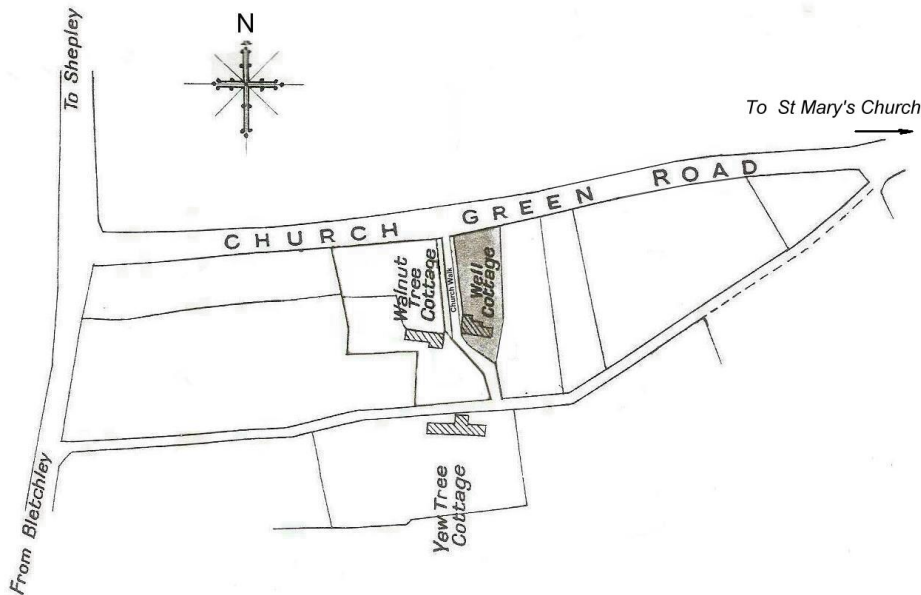


1.The changes in ownership of Well House (pre-1912 to 1981)

Prior to 1912 the 17th Century thatched cottage Well House, Church Green Road, Bletchley, at various times also referred to as Well Cottage or No.14 Bletchley, was part of the estate of Great Brickhill Manor and owned by Sir Everard Philip Digby Pouncefort Duncombe, Baronet. Well House was one of a group of three similarly dated Cottages accessed from the lane known as Church Walk. The other two cottages were Walnut Tree Cottage and Yew Tree Cottage and their general location is shown in the plan of Old Bletchley below which may easily be found on current street maps showing the Old Bletchley area.



The location of Well House (Well Cottage) and the other two nearby cottages in Old Bletchley.



(c1910)

The WELL of WELL HOUSE
Viewed from Church Walk
Photo. by Nora Emily Garner

Sir Everard Duncombe sold Well House together with its garden area and Well, the only water supply at that time, to Thomas Evans Rowland F.R.I.B.A. on the 21st Feb. 1912. Mr Rowland did not buy it for his own use as the sitting tenants, the Jones/Garners, continued to live there. Thomas Rowland died in 1919 but Well House continued to be owned within a Rowland Family Trust until August 1949 at which time it was purchased by Harold Basil Wallis of Solihull for the benefit of the tenants John Garner and his daughter Nora Emily who were Harold's uncle and cousin respectively.



Well House (viewed from Church Walk, c1925)