Compton Chamberlayne

Compton Hut

Compton Hut, on the old turnpike road in the south-east corner of the parish, was an Inn in 1750; trade presumably declined when the turnpike was allowed to expire, and by 1865 it was in a dilapidated state.

Hospital

Compton Hut was briefly a sanatorium for people suffering from respiratory problems.(1907 &1915 - see Kelly's Directory below)

(Victoria History)

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by Mr Keynes, at the Pembroke Arms Inn, at Wilton, on Wednesday, the 5th day of July, 1837, at four o'clock in the afternoon – All that INN or PUBLIC HOUSE called "COMPTON HUT" together with a Paddock and about four acres of Arable Land adjoining thereto, situate in the parish of Compton Chamberlayne, Wilts, and held by lease under J. H. Penruddocke, Esq., for a term of years, determinable on three lives, aged respectively 38, 36, and 27 years. Yearly quit-rent, 15s.

For further particulars, apply to Mr Swayne, attorney, Wilton, Wilts; and for a view of the property, apply to the occupier.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal - 26 June, 1837)

Schedule	Name	Surname	Relationship	Married/	Sex	Age	Occupation
#				Unmarried			
1	William	Forgett	Head	Married	М	55	Agricultural Labourer
1	Ann	Forgett	Wife	Married	F	48	
1	Sarah	Forgett	Daughter		F	20	
2	Jacob	Shepperd	Head	Married	М	53	Agricultural Labourer
2	Charlotte	Shepperd	Wife		F	47	
2	William	Shepperd	Son		М	20	Agricultural Labourer
3	Thomas	Taylor	Head	Unmarried	М	53	Agricultural Labourer
4	Jeremiah	Baker	Head	Married	М	46	Agricultural Labourer
4	Ann	Baker	Wife	Married		44	
4	Elizabeth	Baker	Daughter			11	Scholar

The 1851 Census lists the following occupants at Compton Hut:

Schedule #	Name	Surname	Relationship	Married/	Sex	Age	Occupation
#				Unmarried			
4	Jeremiah	Baker	Son		М	8	Scholar
4	James	Baker	Son		М	6	Scholar

The 1871 Census lists the following occupants at Compton Hut:

Schedule #	Name	Surname	Relationship	Married/ Unmarried	Sex	Age	Occupation
67	James	Read	Head	Married	М	77	Ag. Lab. (not employed)
67	Caroline	Read	Wife	Married	F	67	
68	George	Harvey	Head	Married	М	48	Ag. Lab.
68	Charlotte	Harvey	Wife	Married	F	47	
68	Luke	Harvey	Son	Unmarried	М	15	Carter Boy
68	Noah	Harvey	Son		М	12	Carter Boy
68	Tom	Harvey	Son		М	7	Scholar
69	Charles	Major	Head	Married	М	37	Engine Driver
69	Eliza	Major	Wife	Married	F	44	Formerly Laundress

The 1911 Census lists the following occupants at Compton Hut:

Schedule #	Name	Surname	Relationship	Married/ Unmarried	Sex	Age	Occupation
	Frederick Clement	Barnes	Head	Married	М	29	Carpenter & Dairyman
	Edith Anne	Barnes	Wife	Married	F	28	Assisting in the business
	Samuel Deny	Barnes	Son		М	4	
	Doreen Ellen	Barnes	Daughter		F	2	
	George	Dolmes	Servant	Single	М	17	Milkman
	Ellen	Hillier	Visitor	Widow	F	68	Laundress
	Charles	Hillier	Visitor	Married	М	40	Dairyman
	Stanley Charles	Hillier	Visitor	Married	М	7	

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The 1907 & 1911 Kelly's Directory lists Clement Barnes as the resident of Compton Hut, Compton Chamberlayne – "Apartments for Down Air – 620 ft. above sea level."

The 1915 Kelly's Directory lists Compton Hut as "Dowager Lady Pembroke's home for consumptives; 620 ft. above sea level."

During 1917, the Australian Imperial Forces War Diaries for 14th Training Battalion, based at Hurdcott, record that Training Companies proceded to Compton Hut to carry out their training routines.