

House History of Myrtle Cottage, Laurel Cottage and 12 Castle Square



Myrtle Cottage, Castle Square

Bought in 1853 by Robert Aldworth Newton (died 25.8.1879), Myrtle Cottage, Laurel Cottage and 12 Castle Square were described as... “six cottages & a blacksmith’s shop”

In 1887 they were sold to Selina Burgis for £550 and described as “7 messuages cottages” with “yards, gardens and outbuildings” Selina died 14.11.1911. Selina was the mother of Eliza (died 4.5.1918), Emma and Ellen. The property then passed to Eliza and her sisters.

It is believed that Myrtle Cottage was sold separately with 12 Castle Square in Feb 1926 to Gerald Aldridge. Laurel Cottage was now a separate property owned by Robert Henry Pettit (Draper) jointly with Ellen Burgis and Jack Mortimer in 1947.

Mrs I G Parks owned Laurel Cottage at some stage, as she sold the driveway of Myrtle Cottage to Gerald Aldridge in 1957. When Gerald Aldridge died in 1976, Myrtle Cottage passed to his widow Edith Mabel Aldridge. Geraldine Hunt purchased Myrtle Cottage in 1985 and dealt with Gerald & Mabel’s daughter Geraldine Gilbey. Ms Hunt opened up the lovely small inglenook fireplaces in

Dining and Sitting rooms. The original Aga in the kitchen was converted to gas, and the original outbuildings remain the same.

Geraldine Hunt 25.10.2009