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## ARCHIVE UPDATE

### RIVER HOUSE

Transcription of the Deeds of River House, kindly donated by Joyce, is continuing. The earliest document is dated 1881 but recites the conveyancing history of the surrounding land from 1855. The documents are written in copperplate on vellum and are somewhat difficult to comprehend.

The Indentures of the sale and mortgage of River House to Samuel South have been transcribed and the history seems to be:

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| 15 July 1912  | Samuel South of Langhedge House 43 Snells Park purchases "Freehold hereditments and premises at Devonshire Hill, Tottenham, Middlesex" from W Jennings and H Hornby for a price of £4, 100                                 |
| 15 July 1912  | the purchase is partly financed by a mortgage of £3,000 at a rate of 4.5% from S Pedley and C May (of solicitors, Pedley May and Fletcher)   |
| 26 March 1915 | Samuel South of 43 Snells Park buys the abandoned bed ("one rood and five perches") of the New River, which runs through the garden of River House for £ 10  |
| 11 July 1916  | by a payment of £500, the mortgage debt is reduced to £2,500   |
| 26 May 1920   | Samuel South (of River House), joint executor of the estate of the "before named Samuel South [died 2 January 1919], redeemed the outstanding mortgage "out of moneys forming part of the Estate of the said Samuel South" |

From the above information, and the recollections of Gladys, who confirms that her grandfather (Samuel(1)) lived at 43 Snells Park, it is apparent that when Samuel(2) moved to River House with his family in or around 1915 it was owned by his father.

Any comments?

### BRUCE CASTLE MUSEUM

Contact has been made with the Local History Officer at Bruce Castle. They have the South pots and harness yoke but say that the deeds and ledgers, donated by Samuel(3) following the sale of the potteries, cannot be traced.

Arrangements are being made for a Saturday afternoon visit, probably during July, for private viewing of photographs, maps of Devonshire Hill area.

### RICHARD SANKEY & SON

Contact has been made with Richard Sankey of Nottingham, original owners of potteries. Their archives were lost in 1980 fire. No reply to letter sent to them. Company no longer owned by the Buxton family.

### RECENT MATERIAL

Peter

35 mille negatives of potteries' photographs

Brenda

newspaper articles

photographs

sale of potteries' papers

Rotary address at funeral of Samuel(2)

ephemera

Kathleen

photographs

Many thanks!

ERATTA

Certain of the pages of the South scrapbook have been updated with revised dates etc. Please replace with the enclosed and let me know of any mistakes spotted in the scrapbook.

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