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Kind regards,

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Sent: 15 August 2026 22:03
To: BP Archive <[email redacted]>
Subject: Reading Room request

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I am writing to enquire about records held within the BP corporate archive relating to the former Great House Farm / Ty Mawr property at Llandough, near Penarth, Glamorgan, South Wales.

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- * property, site and boundary plans;
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The relevant period is approximately 1955-1988, with particular emphasis on 1962-1983.

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Dear Sion,

I have checked our records in relation to your request and have been unable to locate any documents concerning the matter prior to 1955. As explained in your email, this is because bp did not acquire the property until the 1960s.

If you have any other questions do let me know.

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Sent: 20 August 2026 07:51
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Bethany,

Thank you for your reply.

I understand that the BP Archive contains material up to the end of 1954, but that post-1954 material is currently unavailable for external access. My original enquiry did include the later BP acquisition, litigation and registration records, so I understand that those parts of my request cannot currently be accessed.

I would therefore like to clarify what pre-1955 material concerning Great House Farm / Ty Mawr is held within the accessible BP Archive.

The reason this is particularly relevant is that Great House Farm was subsequently acquired by BP Pension Trust Ltd from Western Ground Rents in 1969, and became the subject of BP Properties Ltd v Buckler [1987] EWCA Civ 2. I am researching the underlying root of title and the history of the family's occupation before 2 February 1955, which is a critical date in the subsequent dispute.

Could you please search the pre-1955 BP Archive holdings for Great House Farm / Ty Mawr, Llandough, including references under:

- * Great House Farm / Great House / Ty Mawr
- * Llandough
- * Western Ground Rents Ltd
- * Mountjoy Ltd
- * Bute Estate / Llandough Estate
- * Williams
- * Buckler

In particular, I am looking for any surviving copies or references to:

- * the 1916 yearly tenancy agreement between the Bute Estate and John Williams;
- * the 1924 Llandough Estate sale particulars - DSA/6/701;
- * the 1938 Great House Farm auction particulars - GD/LA/15/255 and DSA/6/1158;
- * the 1938 conveyance from Mountjoy Ltd to Western Ground Rents;
- * the 1949 agreement or correspondence concerning Frederick Buckler and Mary Williams taking over the occupation;
- * the 1953 judgment concerning rent arrears at Great House Farm; and
- * any notice to quit issued before 2 February 1955.

I would also be interested in any pre-1955 plans, title descriptions, schedules of deeds, abstracts of title or other records showing how the farmhouse, garden, farmyard, cottages and agricultural land were described or treated.

I appreciate that some of these documents may have originated with the Bute Estate, Mountjoy or Western Ground Rents rather than BP itself. What I am trying to establish is whether any such historical material is present within the BP Archive, or whether the BP Archive has catalogue references identifying material which may have subsequently formed part of the title history of the property.

If the answer is that the BP Archive contains no pre-1955 material relating to Great House Farm / Ty Mawr, I would be grateful if you could confirm that explicitly. If you can identify relevant catalogue references even where the underlying document is not held, those references would also be very useful.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Regards,

Sion Buckler (Ret'd Sergeant)

Royal Signals Cyber and Electronic Warfare Professional and Life Member

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