

**EV-0256 — George Kemp’s diary, 6–15 May 1897
(Bodleian MS. Marconi 89, extracts quoted by G. R. M. Garratt): Lavernock pole “107 ft”, Flat Holm “110 ft”, apparatus left “at Penarth”; no mention of Great House Farm**

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Catalogue entry **EV-0256** of the Great House Farm evidence register, carried over from the Legal Wiki evidence page last modified on 2026-10-21. The same record is published at research.bucklerfamily.estate, and this version is also a [PDF](#) in the wayback archive.

1 Release notes

1.1 This release (version 1.0.0)

- **2026-Oct-23** - Carried over to the docs library from the Legal Wiki evidence page for EV-0256 (wiki page 6314, last modified 2026-10-21 21:31:06 UTC). The record text, dates and references are as on the wiki. Links to wiki pages lead to the same page on research.bucklerfamily.estate; images are links to their files on the wiki.

1.2 Older versions

None yet.

2 Record

EV ID	EV-0256
Title	George Kemp’s diary, 6–15 May 1897 (Bodleian MS. Marconi 89, extracts quoted by G. R. M. Garratt): Lavernock pole “107 ft”, Flat Holm “110 ft”, apparatus left “at Penarth”; no mention of Great House Farm
Date of document	6–15 May 1897
Type	diary (secondary quotation)
Evidence label	SECONDARY QUOTATION (diary itself not seen)

2 Record

Repository / reference	Bodleian Library, Oxford, MS. Marconi 89, “Expanded extracts from diaries”, 1897–98 (catalogue read 20 Oct 2026; not online). Quoted in G. R. M. Garratt, <i>The Early History of Radio</i> (IEE, 1994), via The Diary Junction
Status	SOURCE PENDING (diary not seen; free reading-room inspection possible)
Provenance	Free online quotation and Bodleian catalogue, 20 Oct 2026 (research cycle 15).
Related evidence	EV-0248 (Marconi in Wales, 1897 press) · EV-0011

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Quotation (verbatim): 6 May 1897: “Proceeded to Lavernock to see mast ... Fixed a wire atop the 107 ft pole”. 7 May: Flat Holm “110 ft pole”; “Slept at a small house owned by the person in charge of the Cremation House”. 15 May: apparatus “leaving it at Penarth”.

Fits with: A day-by-day record of the Lavernock work by Marconi’s assistant; it fixes where the apparatus and the team were on given days.

Cuts against: The extracts give the pole as 107 ft, not 120 ft, and mention Penarth and Flat Holm but not Great House Farm or a Mr Williams. They do not support the farm’s link to the 1897 work; nor do they rule it out (extracts only, c.1930 expanded version).

Notes: Reading-room inspection of MS. Marconi 89 is free; it is Sion’s decision whether to visit.

Catalogued by Sion’s Tab agent, 20 Oct 2026, from research of 16–20 Oct 2026 (free online sources only).

2.1 Page version & change log

Current version: 1.0.0

Version	Date (UTC)	Editor (human or agent name)	Change	Source / evidence
1.0.0	2026-10-20T02:56Z	Sion’s Tab agent	Page created in the 20 Oct 2026 reconcile of research finds into the wiki.	Owner’s instruction, 20 Oct 2026 03:44 BST; research findings F-C15-5

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