



Breach Farm

Sited on the border with South Marston it covered 28 acres.

Believed to date back to 13th Century (Esterbreach). An Enclosure award was granted to Harry Ovens in 1796. Owner in 1831 Harry Ovens (28 acres.) In the 1841 census William Burdock is farmer, in 1851 John Collett, in 1861 William Collett, and 1868-1871 John Collett. On 3rd March 1877 W. J. Collett was advertising for a Strong boy and a girl as farm servants. In the 1881 census has William Jacob Collett as farmer here, in 1887 he gave notice not to Trespass, Hunt or Sport on his lands and in 1889 he was advertising two cottages to let and looking for a servant & cowman. According to the 1890 North Wilts Directory he was still resident and in March 1891 he was advertising for a Cowman. Reported in local papers with Henry Manners the farmer, in 1894 Fanny Osmand his domestic Servant was assaulted by two local youths on her way back from delivering eggs to the vicarage and in 1896 William Garland a 24-year-old labourer was charged for taking apples and eggs from his employer. In both the 1901 Census and 1911 Kellys Directory record Henry Manners as still being the farmer. In 1902 Henry Manners was brought up in court, charged with supplying diluted milk, he had been fined 5s and 40s costs, but this was overturned at appeal. *Swindon Advertiser 09-05-1902*. John Crook Manners in 1918 & 1920 when there is an outbreak of Foot & Mouth (*The Western Daily Press 04-02-1920*). By 1927 Wilts County Council were owners, but H & J C Manners were still shown as resident in *1928 Swindon Directory* and 1939 Register, by the end of 1939 the land had been taken over for an airfield for Vicar's Armstrong. The 1948 Street directory shows Mr. W. Weston in residence. Eventually demolished when Honda took over the site. Mr Keylock had cows on this land in 1970's.

OPC Note:

Map showing farm location.

