



Dockle Farm

Grade II Listed building.

Circa 1800. Two storeys. Slate valley roof. Pebbledash covered. Gable end brick chimneys. Three windows, outer tripartite, glazing bar sashes. Central pilastered door piece with flat hood. Six panel door, upper 2 glazed. Rear slightly later, mid C19.

Dockle Farm was situated on what is now the Bridge End Road.

It is believed to be site of the house of Henry de Dochill in 1278.

A 1796 Enclosure Award was given to Martha Jones and current house built around then.

Local paper shows Howard Edgar Hunt's 9-month-old child of Alfred Hunt dies here. 26-11-1877 hay ricks are set fire to by George BOURTON, labourer, he had previously been sent to prison for stealing manure from evidence given by Mr Hunt. Although there were footprints leading back to his house no other evidence was found so he was acquitted. *Hampshire Advertiser* 23-01-1878. Howard goes into Liquidation in 1878, *The Western Daily Press* 09-01-1878. by

By the 1881 census it had become a dairy farm in 1881 with William J Whiteman as the farmer here. 1897, 18th December Mr Whiteman's prize heifer was sold to Mr E Morse for £25 10s.

1898 Kelly's Directory has Fraser Hayes as farmer.

The 1901 shows that ownership had passed to Herbert Ernest Wildern with his wife Sarah and is shown in residence there in the 1936 Electoral Roll, 1939 Register and in also in the 1951 Street Directory, he died in 1982. His son Cyril sold the farm to Pressed Steel to become the social club in 1975.

1908 COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS - Herbert WILDERN, Dockhill Farm, Stratton St. Margaret, was summoned for removing the carcass of a pig without giving notice or obtaining permission. – Alfred JACKSON, butcher of Stratton, said he bought the pig from Mr Wildern on August 4th. The bargain was struck a few days before, and on August 5th he sent his men over to Dockhill Farm to have the animal slaughtered. The carcass was dressed on his (witness) premises. Edward KNAPP proved being sent by Mr Jackson, his employer, to see about the pig. Defendant said he had not got a licence, because the policeman was out. He said he would get one and added: "You can go down tomorrow and kill it there." -P.C. Smith spoke to defendant's premises being declared a swine fever infected place. – Edward Day, Stratton Green, said he agreed to buy seven pigs from defendant, who told him he could not move them, but he was willing that they should remain on the place. – Defendant said he believed he

was keeping within the strict letter of the law, and if he had done wrong it was in ignorance. *The Faringdon Advertiser 3rd October 1908*

1930 shown as resident in Kelly's directory.

1936 his son Cyril came 3rd with one of their Dairy Shorthorn heifers at the Royal Show at Bristol. It was also his son Cyril who sold the farm to Pressed Steel, later to become the social club in 1975.

The buildings were taken over by British Leyland and became the Pressed Steel clubhouse and is now 'The Dockle Farmhouse' pub owned by Wetherspoon's group.