

*F.W. House a Trace acquisition of this house*

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*Answered 13/10/93*

Dear Lady Stevens

BENEFICE: WITHERIDGE, THELBRIDGE, CREACOMBE, MESHAW, EAST AND WEST WORLINGTON

DIOCESE: EXETER

EAST WORLINGTON OLD PARSONAGE HOUSE

Thank you for your letter of 1 October which has been passed to me at the Church of England Record Centre which incorporates the Records Section of the Church Commissioners.

I regret that we have no information about your house. As you may know parsonage houses vest in the incumbent of the benefice concerned and the Commissioners and their predecessors have only been involved with them to a limited extent since 1776. Unless the Commissioners or their predecessors had been asked to assist in the provision, repair or improvement of a house or had been consenting parties to a sale or purchase we may have no information. I am afraid that is the case with your house. Although the Commissioners' predecessors did assist in the provision of houses many were built or acquired without reference to central church authorities and this seems to have been the case with your house.

Yours sincerely

*Gwen Jones*

**MISS GWEN JONES  
RECORDS SECTION**

*Note Small "Church House" - was school house - had probably been used by visiting R.C. priests before the Reformation. It is possible that the farmer of F.W. House & land handed the property over to then Parson in the mid XVII in lieu of Tithe. Perhaps he had to sell, or had got into trouble during the Civil War. (Financial)*