

Newhouse

The following information is derived mostly from source material collated by John Usmar in 2007 as part of his study of the Witheridge Outliers.

At the same location as Berry Cleave and Sowdon's Cottage, the first known occupants were John Mildon, a farmer of 100 acres, and his family listed in the 1841 and 1861 census.

An advertisement in the Exeter Flying Post on 30th March 1864, read:

"Lot 1 A Messuage and Farm called "Woodington" sitate in the parish of Witheridge, comprising newly built Farm House and Outbuildings and about ninety one acres of arable, meadow, pasture and orchard Land, now in the occupation of Mr Richard Frankpitt, as tenant thereof. The Land Tax is redeemed. "Woodington" is situate about nine miles from Tiverton and seven miles from Crediton.

Lot 2 A Messuage and Tenement called "New House", adjoining the last lot and also situate in the parish of Witheridge aforesaid, comprising a newly built Dwelling House and Outbuildings and about twelve acres of land, now in the occupation of Mr John Mildon, the owner thereof."

Charles Down and his family were listed in both the 1881 and 1901 censuses. From directories by 1930 Gilbert Thomas occupied Newhouse and by 1939 William Henry and Frederick John Arscott were living there and farming the land.