

Marchweek

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

Definition of Marchweek by Rev J A S Castlehow, "place on the boundary".

From an advertisement in the Exeter Flying Post of 11th September 1817:-

"A tenement, called Marchweeke in the parishes of Witheridge and Washford Pyne; comprising a commodious farmhouse. With other conveniences for the farming business, and about 70 acres of meadow, pasture and arable land (be the same more or less) including three acres or thereabouts of orchards in the occupation of the said John Ven, and also THREE COTTAGES belonging thereto, one occupied by a Tenant, and the other two unoccupied."

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Owners

From Land Tax records 1780-1832

Year	Owner	Tenant
1780	Arthur Venn	Arthur Venn
1790	Widow Venn	Widow Venn
1815	John Venn	John Venn
1832	Richard Cumins ^[1]	George Thomas

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1861 From the census of that year John Voysey was farming Marchweek.

1878 From a directory the farmer and possibly owner was Walter John May.

1881 The census of this year lists a March Wick, which is assumed to be Marchweek. James Elworthy was given as Dairy Man.

1885 Will of Catherine Ann Cumins – her husband was to have the income of one moiety for his lifetime, the other moiety to be in trust for their daughter Catherine Cumins, who died in 1888.

1901 In the census Philip May, age 42, is listed as the farmer.

30/8/1915 the Cumins sold Marchweek, which included Little Marchweek land and cottage to the tenant Philip May for £1,000, he took out a £600 mortgage. Philip May dies in Sussex in 1938 leaving Marchweek to his sons I. W. and W. H. May, the latter selling his half to his brother for £850. The property passed through a number of the May family.

23/6/1945 Mrs Maynard bought Marchweek and 73 acres for £3,100.

19/3/1948 Mrs Maynard sold the two cottages and 19 acres of Little Marchweek to Mr P Maynard of Thelbridge Cross Inn. At the same time Marchweek, now comprising 54 acres, was sold to Mr E Kelly.

1/5/1954 Mr P B Copley sells to Mr Ernest Kelly 12.375 acres of “land known as Tidlakes, otherwise Lower Marchweek”.

16/2/1965 Marchweek and Tidlakes sold to Kenneth Webber and Elizabeth Ann Troake

[1] Also owned Westcott.
