

Succession

Paul R Harris
Second Generation

Ernest Harris (Grandfather)





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Mr Mason



Ernest Edward Cook

Grandson Of Thomas Cook

Gave to the National Trust
Montacute

Bath Assembly Rooms Via SPAB

Coleshill and Buscot 3,600 Ac

Bradenham 1.100 Ac

Boarstall Tower

Sold Travel Agency in
1928



Trent purchased 1935

Formed ECT in 1952

Trent included in ECT
in 1961

ECT

9 Estates

Melton Mowbray in the North

Trent in the South

Slimbridge in the West and

Aylesbury in the East

23,500 Acres

1,800 woodland

31 Farm Tenancys

246 Houses / cottages

John Auston Harris

Moved to Trent 1939

Started in own Tenancy in 1951

Part of Church Farm Holding

182 Acres

20 Cows

1 Bull

1 Horse

1 Putt

1985 My Brother took a tenancy on National Trust at Stourhead

Farm assets split 50/50

Handed the Tenancy to me in 1988

397 Acres

140 Cows

90 Followers

3 tractors

Combine

Etc



The Middle Man

An Inbetweener

1st Generation to 3rd Generation Grandfather and Grandson



Land added through purchase

Some to the AHA and some because of law change to FBT

572 AHA	From ECT
139 FBT	

We also farm on FBT with other landlords 184 acres

Contracting agreements on a further 250 acres

Diversification

Cows Sold 1993

Leased Quota

Acquired Sherborne Turf 1994

Started Queen Thorne Landscapes 2000

Now employing 17

Outgrowing Office and Yard

ECT Today

No Generation change or expense

No plans to Farm In Hand

Foster Succession by suitable next Generation

In recent Years 10 sons have succeeded to tenancy

They await the first Daughter

One Tenant is 6th Generation

Education

Started 2000

Break for FMD

11 Education officers across the Estates

Should facilitate 30,000 children this year

Planning for succession

Approached ECT 6 years ago

Told plenty of buildings

Acquired neighbouring field with a barn

Gained planning permission

Built Main Shed 3 years ago

Now built Office and storage



The Future

Son and Daughter

Value of Tenancy?

Time on my Hands?