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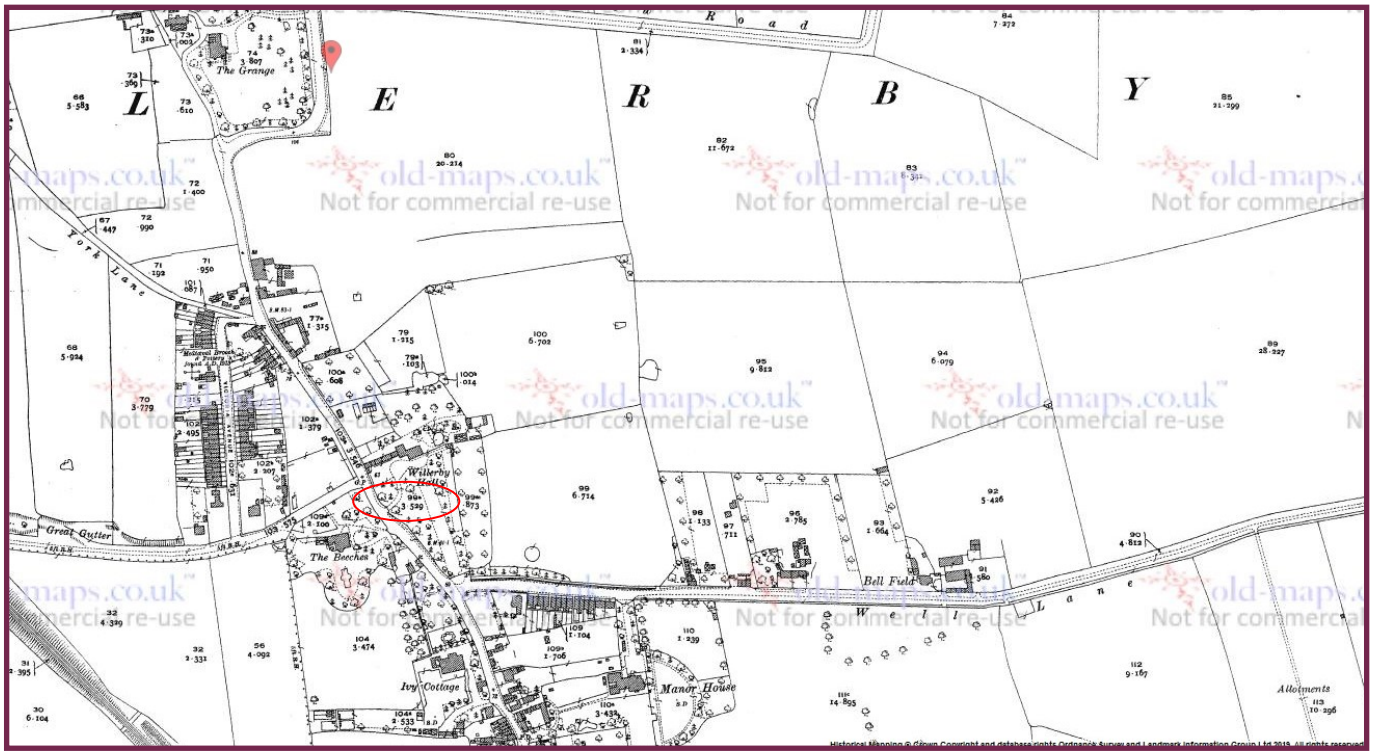

A map of Willerby Hall in 1927. Ten years later, after the death of John Henry Fisher, the estate was sold off.

After John Henry Fisher's death in 1937 the Hall was sold off. The five children were now adults with homes of their own. In 1939 Ellinor, his wife, was living in Newland Park in Hull and she eventually moved to Sutton. She died in 1959. The Hall was used for offices and then later was divided into many apartments. The surrounding grounds were developed into what is now Derrymore Road and Ellerker Rise.

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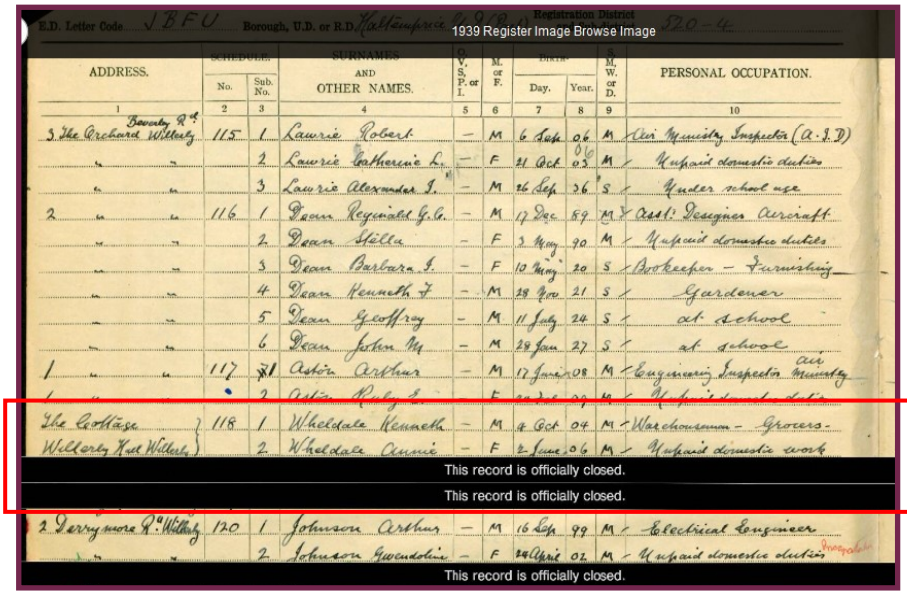
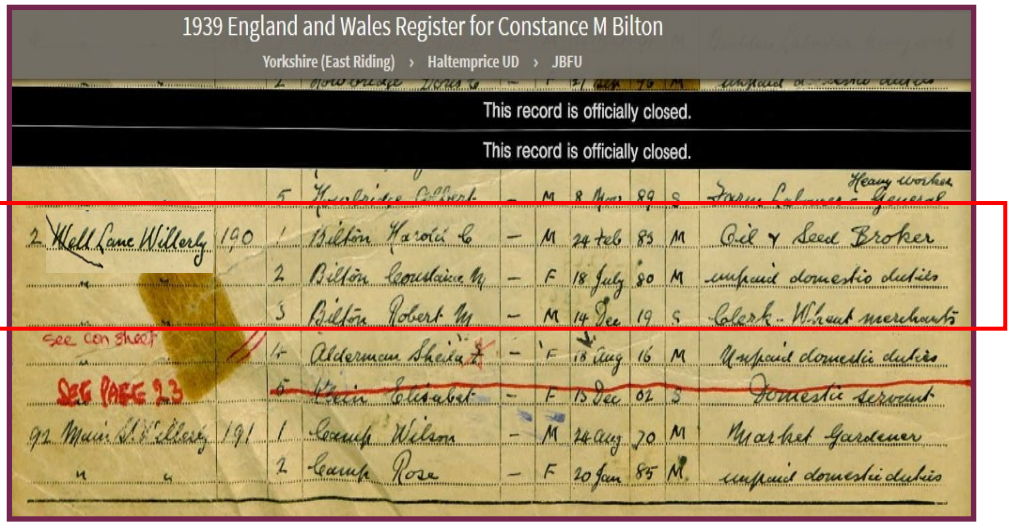
In 1939 we see that Derrymore Road is mentioned in the Registration taken at the beginning of the 2nd World War. Willerby Hall is only mentioned with reference to 'The Cottage of Willerby Hall'. In a separate entry in the 1939 Registration Constance Mabel Bilton nee Fisher is shown living at 2 Well Lane. These two addresses seem to come together in Constance's Notice of Probate in 1960 when she died. In it her address is given as The Cottage, 2 Well Lane.

BILTON Constance Mabel of The Cottage 2 Well Lane Willerby Yorkshire (wife of Harold Craven Bilton) died 4 April 1960 at 62 South Street Cottingham Yorkshire Probate London 3 February to the said Harold Craven Bilton company director. Effects £534 4s. 1d.



The two entries on the 1939 Registration.

It begs the question: were these two addresses separate houses in 1939 or for some reason were there two entries for the same house?



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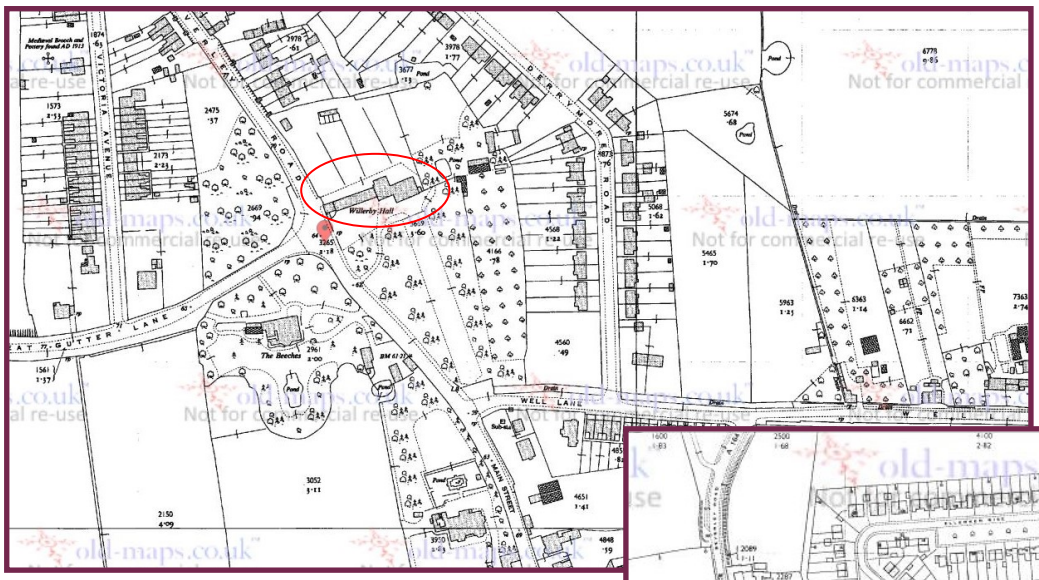
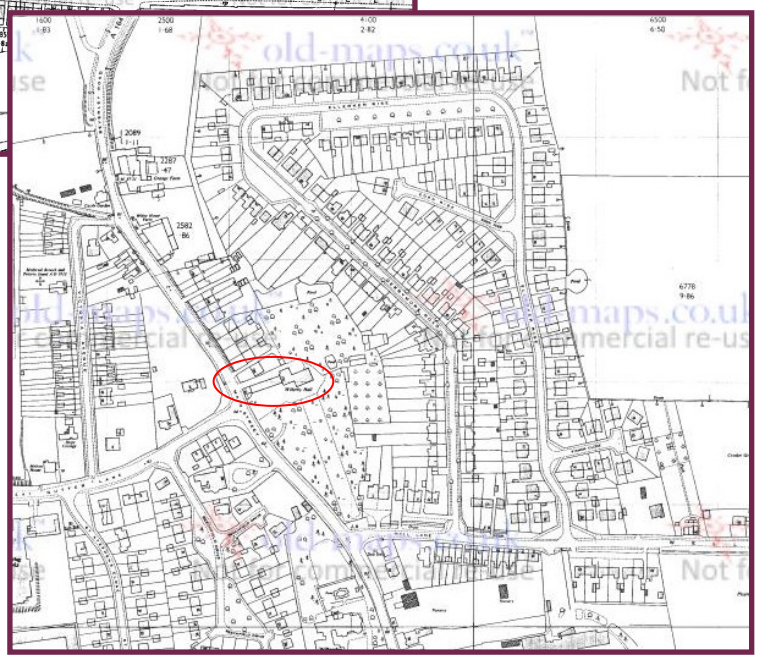
Above: Approaching the Hall from Great Gutter lane in the 70s (a side view)

Left: Approaching the Hall today from Great Gutter Lane. Notice the new development for the apartments.





The building of Derrymore Road and Ellerker Rise was interrupted by the Second World War. However, after the war, development continued apace until by today all the land of Willerby Hall has now built upon. That is apart from what was the 'front garden' which belongs to the Council and has been planted with trees, although some of those trees (redwoods and ginko) may be from when the Hall was privately owned?