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## Foxcote No 60 Sydney Buildings



*No 60 today as it is today*

The plot of land to the south of No 54, the last Georgian house in the road, remained with the Bathwick Estate until the 1930s. In **1934** a lease was obtained by **Mr F J Cashnella** and permission for him to proceed building eight detached houses was granted.



*A section of the approved building plans dated 22.09.1934*

In **1936** two sisters, **Gertrude Laura Mathews** and **Katharine Mary Mathews**, pay £695 to Francis John Cashnella, of No 7 Cambridge Place Bath (the builder), to lease the plot and erect a dwelling to be known as No 60, with a 999 year lease dated from 29 Sept 1934 to the Bathwick estate to be paid at £4 10s annually in 2 half yearly payments.



### *The Lease*

The sisters are shown in the Post Office Directories as living in their property from 1937. In **1943** Gertrude Mathews dies and in **1944** the remaining sister, Katharine Mathews, sells to **John Brewer Pobjoy** for £1,500.

John Pobjoy is listed as residing at No 60 until **1961**. In March of that year he draws up a will appointing Leonard Haines, Nables Farm Draycott, Nr Chippenham [farmer], John Raymond Holbrook, 3 The Firs combe Down [retired engineers draughtsman], and two solicitors from 4/5 North Parade Bath: James William Denning and Edmund Saville Monckton as executors and trustees. He died in December and probate was finally granted in **March 1962**.

The property is sold in **June 1962** to **Philip Anderson Wooster** and his wife, **Barbara Jean Wooster**, for £3,400.

In **1970** the Barringtons at No 59, purchase a strip of land from the Woosters. Following this, proposed extensions to No 60 for a playroom, laundry, study and an additional bedroom are approved.

The Woosters sell to **Mrs Jill Mary Norton** in **1976** for £19,950

**Neil Leonard Carpenter** and **Jean Roe Carpenter** then acquire the property and also, in **1979**, the leasehold from the Bathwick Estate for £67.50. The property is now freehold. **Colin James Rivers** and **Elizabeth Joanne Rivers** then purchase the house. [Date unknown but listed in the 1982 Register of Electors.]

In **1984** the Rivers sell to **Mrs Sheila Macgregor Mundle** for £68,750. A letter dated 6th August 1984 to Mrs Mundle from her solicitors Stone, King and Wardle of 13 Queen Square says that "Mrs Rivers may like to stay on as a tenant".

The present owners purchase No 60 from Sheila Mundle in **2008**.

*With thanks to the present owners for making their deeds available*

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