

LOCKYERS FARM, Polecat Lane, Copsale

A Philip de Lockyer is mentioned in documents dating between 1254 and 1276.

E W Hornung, whose family lived at West Grinstead Park, based his 1899 book entitled "Raffles" on a jewel thief who lived at Lockyers Farm. Apparently this local "Raffles" used the footpaths across the fields to reach Southwater Station for his trips to London, where he would carry out his exploits. There was a hiding place under a stair step in which he used to conceal his haul.

