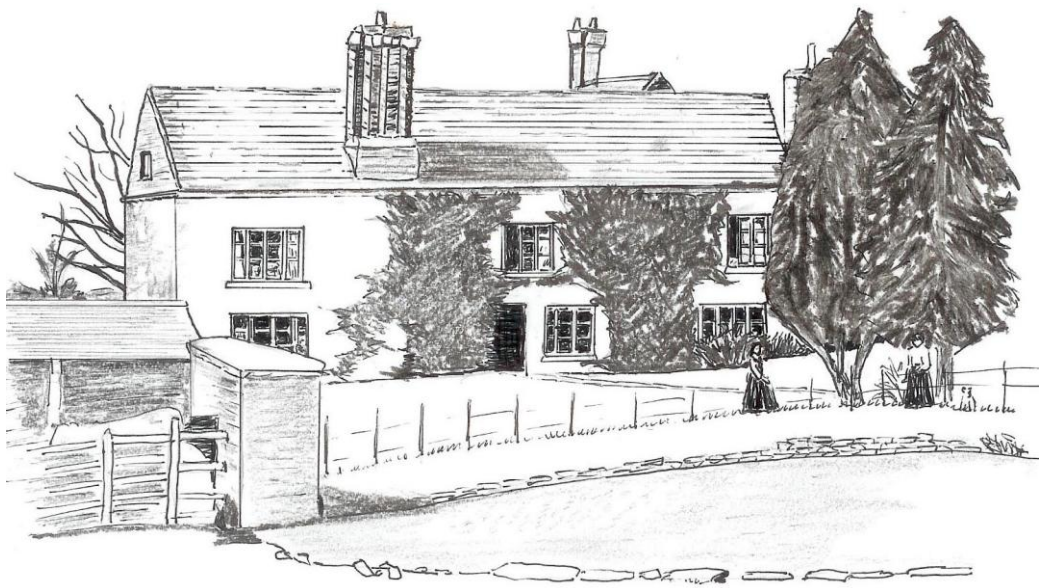


GREAT HOUSE FARM

Formerly known as Southwater Place, Homelands Farm or Hemstraws, Great House Farm dates from 1462 but was much enlarged in the latter part of the 16th century. The interior has an end fire place beam dated 1575 and a bacon-smoking loft in the chimney. There is a Wealden iron fire-back with crests and an iron fireplace floor. A roasting jack and spit remain.

The original front door remains within the 1575 extension.

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By 1805 Sir Henry Fletcher owned the property, then known as Hemstraws, and it was farmed by Joseph Etheridge who paid £ 67 in rent. By 1813 it was known as Homelands but finally known as Great House Farm by 1841. It has been tenanted by the Charman family since at least 1823.