

# PULVERTAFT PAPERS

A Newsletter on the Pulvertofts & Pulvertafts

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## EDITORIAL

I include in this issue the first of what could develop into an occasional series of articles about the houses in which the Pulvertoft family of Lincolnshire lived. Despite the fact that there were Pulvertofts in Lincolnshire for over six centuries, the physical evidence is sparse. Of course there are many written records most usually associated with their births, their marriages and their deaths, but - when it comes to nameplates - only "Pulvertoft Hall" near Gedney and "Pulvertoft Lane" in Boston spring to mind. For this first article on the family's houses I have selected Pulvertoft Hall.

If readers know of other houses or buildings with which members of the Pulvertoft family were associated, I would be pleased to hear from them with whatever details are available. I will add the details to my records and the house names I will add to my list which, I have to confess, is shorter than I would wish.

PULVERTOFT HALL - GEDNEY

The only reference to the Pulvertofts of Lincolnshire which appears in the modern series of Ordnance Survey maps is "PULVERTOFT HALL" of Gedney Fen. For the purist, it can be found on Sheet 131 at grid reference 401217; for the motorist, you simply turn south from the A17 at Gedney, fork right at Gedney Broadgate and drive for a mile into Gedney Fen.

The fens are now, of course, well drained and have become extremely fertile agricultural land and it is in this setting that the three storey brick-built farmhouse stands at the junction of Broadgate and Cade Drove. See pages 44 & 45.

The deeds which relate to the property are held in the offices of a firm of Spalding solicitors who were good enough to allow access to them. Some of the early ones show quite clearly for which branch of the Pulvertoft family the house was built, even though they do not give the exact date.

Amongst the papers is the notice of sale which is reproduced opposite - if for no other reason than to show the art of the printer in 1870 - with hardly two lines being of the same typeface. Its attached plan shows how the 130 acres were to be auctioned in ten lots - some freehold and some copyhold - while an 1871 covenant to surrender and release the legal rights and conveyance states that the freehold parts of the estate were formerly copyhold of the Manors of Gedney Welby, alias Scroope; and Gedney Burlion and the copyhold parts were held of the Manors of Gedney Abbott and Gedney Pawlett.

Many of the documents in the solicitor's bundles describe the transfer of interest in these manors in the first half of the 19th century.

**GEDNEY & LUTTON, Lincolnshire.**

**Particulars, Plan, and Conditions of Sale**

OF

**THE PULVERTOFT HALL**

**E S T A T E,**

SITUATE AS ABOVE

AND COMPRISING A

**FIRST-CLASS RESIDENCE,**

WITH

**YARDS, GARDENS, and suitable Agricultural BUILDINGS.**

ALSO

**TWO LABOURER'S COTTAGES,**

AND

**130a. 1r. 28p.**

(MORE OR LESS,) OF VERY RICH

**GRAZING AND ARABLE LANDS,**

With Two Common Rights in the Salt Marsh of Gedney,

Late the Property of Mr. JOHN SNUSHALL, deceased,

Which will be offered for **SALE** by **PUBLIC AUCTION,**

BY

**Messrs. COLE and KINGSTON,**

(Who are jointly concerned on this occasion.)

**AT THE BULL INN, LONG SUTTON,  
ON FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1870,**

At 3 for 4 o'clock in the Afternoon,

In 10 Lots, or such others as may be then determined upon.

To view the Estate apply to Mr. Thomas William Snushall, Gedney; and for further Particulars to Mr. Wright Copping, Whaplode, or Mr. Henry Cole Bailey, Tydd St. Mary, (the Trustees for Sale); the Auctioneers, Long Sutton and Spalding, or at our Office in Wisbech.

**FRASER & WATSON,**  
SOLICITORS.





