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COVERIDGE FARM, WHEATHILL.

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

by Mr. Henry John Duce relating to  
its water supply.

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I HENRY JOHN DUCE of The Green Farm, Wheathill, Burwarton, Bridgnorth in the County of Salop Farmer do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows :-

1. I am well acquainted with the farm known as Coveridge Farm, Wheathill aforesaid which, as I am informed and believe, is the subject of a Contract for Sale by Mr. John Bruce Ewins to Mr. Peter Cameron Melvin and which is delineated and edged blue on the plan annexed hereto. I am also well acquainted with the adjoining farm known as Bradleys Farm which is the property of Mr. Ivor Geoffrey Rowson and which is delineated and edged yellow on the said plan.
2. I am 55 years of age and was born at Coveridge Farm, then part of a larger farm known as Coveridge Fields, of which my Father John Duce had then been the tenant for many years. I believe my Father and his forefathers had lived at Coveridge Farm for hundreds of years. In or about the year 1921 my Father moved from Coveridge Farm to the adjoining farm known as The Green Farm which is delineated and edged red on the said plan, and I then went to live at The Green Farm with him, and have lived there ever since. I have thus lived all my life first at Coveridge Farm and then at The Green Farm. My Father died in or about the year 1926, and I and my two brothers became the owners of The Green Farm on his death.
3. EVER since I can remember, Coveridge Farm has taken its water supply from a Spring in the piece of land on The Green Farm numbered 132 on the said plan and on the Ordnance Survey Map. At some point on Coveridge Farm the water supply pipe serving Coveridge Farm is joined by a pipe which takes the water supply across a further part of Coveridge Farm to serve Bradleys Farm.
4. UNTIL the year 1919 Coveridge Farm, The Green Farm and Bradleys Farm were part of Viscount Boyne's Burwarton Estate. In September 1919, as I have read and believe, the outlying portions, including these three farms, were sold by auction.

At the date of the said auction, Coveridge Farm and Bradleys Farm were supplied with water from The Green Farm as described in the foregoing paragraph. I am informed and believe that the said plan annexed hereto is a photograph (to which the colouring above mentioned has been added for the purposes of this Declaration) of part of the plan issued with the auctioneer's Particulars of Sale for the purposes of the said auction.

5. I believe having been told so by my Father, that the said water supply was installed by the then owner of the said estate about sixty or seventy years ago.

6. DURING the whole of the time since the said sales of Coveridge Farm and Bradleys Farm were completed the said two farms have enjoyed the said water supply as of right without any adverse claim.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED at *Wheatville*  
in the County of *Sarph*  
this *3rd* day of *October* 1960.

Before me,

*J. Peter*

*H. J. Deane*

~~A Commissioner for Oaths.~~

*A Justice of the Peace for  
the County of Sarph*



F. Acton



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