

Brighton and Hove



DISCOVERING THE HISTORY OF HOVE

My Project
Gabrielle Conroy

History of Hove



Hove Town Hall
Built 1882.....

..... burned down 1966



My History of Hove project: Conway Street



[The Regency Society and The James Gray Collection](#)

Conway Street, Hove

More specifically interested in:

- Number 100 Conway Street where my Great Grandparents lived and reputedly, my father was born.
- 102-105 Popular Laundry Services where my Grandfather worked, driving the laundry vans

Street memories:

- The corner of Conway Street and Ellen Street Corner shop bakery
- The bus depot at the east end of Conway Street
- The original Goldstone Primary School, looking over the wall, watching the children playing in the school playground.



House Memories

Visiting my great grandmother,
Mary Ann Hayler, in the early 1960s



- Gaslights on the parlour wall
- Flat irons on the hearth, beside the coal fire
- Outside toilet with square wooden seat
- The rag and bone man and coal man in the street
- A ghost story associated with the house

Memories – pleasant and not so pleasant, but still nostalgic!



Useful Sources:

- Asking relatives
- Photographs
James Grey, Regency Society
- Internet – registers and censuses, sites
eg: My House My Street
- Family History web sites
- Street Directories
- Maps
- 2nd Hand bookshops
- Newspaper archives
Brighton and Hove Gazette
- The Keep – Brighton, Hove and East Sussex Archives



From Kelly's directory 1951

Conway Street in 1878

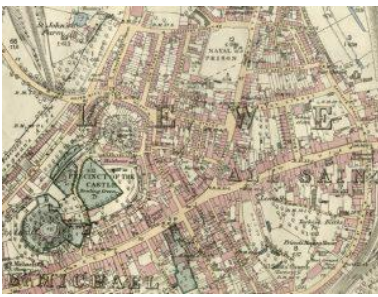
Buildings listed in 'Pages Street Directory' as:

"Mitchell, S.	Steam Saw Mills
Andrew A.A.	Coachsmith
Eliot, Mr J.	Conway House
Blandford and Co.	Builders
	Mission Hall
	and small houses"

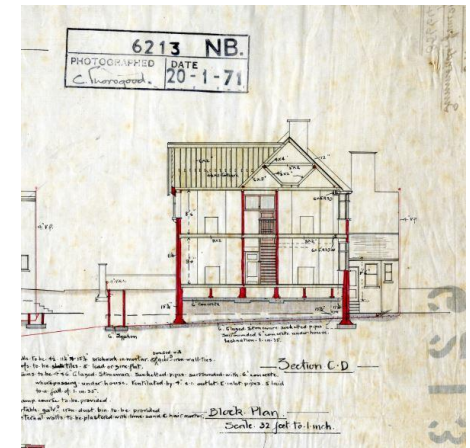
1911 Census

1939 Register

URL of this page: <http://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=18042/K3942/171041>



- 'Tracing the History of Your House' leaflet can be downloaded as a guide to major sources:
<http://www.thekeep.info/help-2/keep-leaflets-guidance-notes/>
- A guide to online ordering:
<http://www.thekeep.info/help-2/online-ordering-at-the-keep/>
- Free one-to-one drop in surgery for house and local history research



Specified Wednesdays

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

A specialist member of staff can provide short one-to-one sessions, to help with getting started.

Old Maps



Map 1932

Left to right:

Bakery

100 Conway Street.

Laundry.

Ellen Street

School.

Bus depot.

Who owned the house?

Landowner:

Mr G.Kerridge

Architect:

F.P. Choat

Planning
notice 1877

To do

- Order Deeds of house from the Keep
- Look again at plans – verify 'plot 1' was 100 Conway Street
- Find council plans for knocking down house and what would replace it

Official Form, L. 3.

Town and District of Hove.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.
HOVE COMMISSIONERS' ACT, 1876.

NOTICE OF INTENDED BUILDING.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT OF HOVE.

TAKE NOTICE, that I intend to erect a new building, the particulars of which are set forth in the accompanying plans, and in the description below.

Position or locality Conway St. Hove

Nature of intended erection Dwelling house (ONE)

Open space at the rear or side exclusively belonging thereto 14'7" Width. 15'9" Depth. 221 Square feet.

Number and position of W.C.'s One on 9d. fl. level back yd. four feet 9" above ground.

Means of drainage Down waste pipe to public sewer

Water supply Constant pressure

Thickness and materials of which walls will be built 9" brick in mortar. 110 1/2 lb. of flint

Materials with which roofs will be covered Slates

Name and address of owner Geo. Kerridge 30 Blatchington Rd.

Name of architect (if any) F.P. Choat

Name of person or firm giving this notice As

Remarks This house is not on block plan & will have no basement

(Signed) F.P. Choat

(Address) 30 Blatchington Rd.

(Date) 16 Nov. 1877

Who lived in the house, when?

I know that:

- ~ Conway Street not shown on 1873 map.
- ~ House numbers below 100 were built pre 1877.

What to do next:

- Find first entry for Henry and Mary Ann who lived at 100 Conway St., in street directories – 1923 earliest directory entry so far....; other tenants..
- Work out if previous tenant was a relative – Edward Ratley (Mary Ann's maiden name) entered in Kelly's 1920 directory (My House My Street)
- Order the Deeds from the Keep
- Establish what the last entry in street directories for 100 Conway Street was, possibly 1966?

Conway Street Demolished.

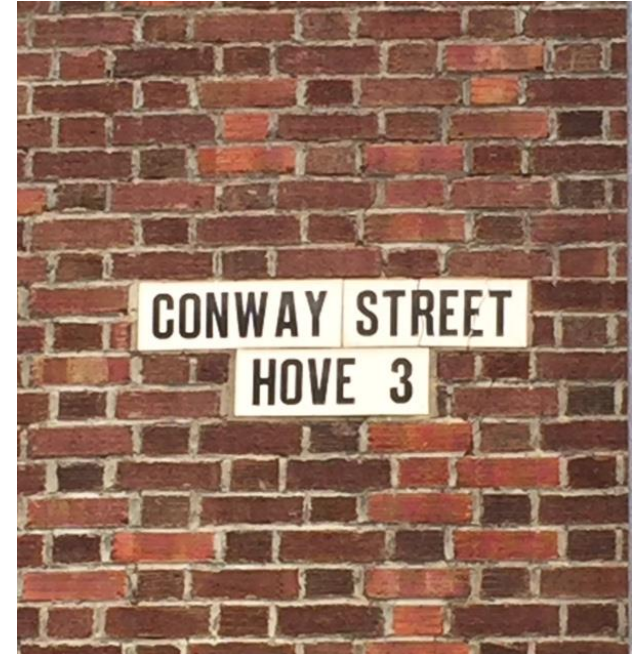


March 1969

This photo was taken in Conway Street looking down Ellen Place (which was built over when the semi-industrial sheds went up) to the back of Ellen House and you can see the south-side terrace in Clarendon Road through the gap between Ellen House and Goldstone House. Low-rise 2-storey flats were later put between each of these two buildings. To the right (out of frame) is Clarendon House and Conway Place is much further to the right - the other side of Conway Court.

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What it looks like now....



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Questions and memories:

- Has anyone any photos of the row of houses in Conway Street that have since been torn down? My granny lived in No. 100 and my dad owned the butchers shop (I think a dry cleaning shop was nearby near the railway bridge in Sackville Road). We left UK in 65 so any photos would be fantastic. I spent many a Saturday afternoon watching the train shunting back and forth.

By Mary-Anne Paul (nee Hayler) (10/09/2009)

- I lived at 6 Conway Place until October 1964. I think Conway Place was completely demolished a couple of years or so later. When we left, the demolition of some of the houses in Conway Street had already started and I remember cars being parked on the remains of these houses when BHA were playing at home. Conway Place was a close with one end backing on to the playground of Goldstone School. I can remember my grandad picking me up as a young child to look over the wall and watch the children playing. I remember a small parade of shops just around the corner from where we lived - there was Bullens the sweet shop and also a bakers further down on the corner. Happy days!

By Martine Royal (15/03/2010)

- There is of course more even today to the street than a large bus garage, with a Salvation Army citadel at the west end and a flight of steps at the east end, which lead up to (near) Hove Station. The site was chosen for a bus garage, at least partly because the railway bridge over Sackville Road was originally low, unable even to let open-topped horse buses to pass. That was rectified in the immediate pre-War years, and services like the 5 could be extended to the growing areas of West Hove, such as Hangleton, as double-deckers.

By Martin Nimmo (23/02/2007)

- Seeing this picture took me back. I was born that year and well remember Clarkes bakery, especially when the horse drawn wagons were parked in Conway Street, and the drivers going to Jack's Cafe on the corner. My passion was horses. When they went motorised, we used to make camps in the wagons. Wonderful days even though there was a war on.

By Sylvia Jones (nee Holden) (21/04/2014)



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<http://www.hovecivicsociety.org/events>

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Talks, campaigns eg Hove plinth and Blue Plaques; conservation, monitoring developments

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