



Montgomery. Friday 20 September 1974

Dear John. Good to hear from you once again. We often think about visiting my Cousin at Farnham (now retired from teaching at the Grammar School and involved with the Farnham beech) and having a quick look at Bridge but you are so far away, alas! I heard from the people at Bridge Place recently and was glad to learn that "Richard's Avenue" - the trees we planted - are still there!

Now to your questions. I have a small collection of ^{late} the deeds relating to the house - mortgages and deeds by Brasno family to the Taylors. In addition there are three drawings by William Schellinks - Amsterdam Bridge Place, the

Garden. Bridge-Place and village of Bridge and Bridge-Place.

The last two are from the Van der Hem Atlas of the National Library, Vienna.

The first is in the Rijks Prentenkabinet Amsterdam.

Also, in the Witt Collection Constant Ludijk Inda is a view of the bridge at Budge.

All these probably date from the last three months of 1661, when the artist was staying at Budge-Place.

He kept a diary, which has also survived. There is a transcript at Copenhagen (in Dutch!).

The drawings, apart from the drawing in the Witt Collection are reproduced in The Walpole Society: Volume 35/1 & 2.

I commissioned plans and drawings of the house and these are reproduced in Blackmansbury. Peter Melkin has a copy of this.

* P.S. Except the Tithing-map. The Kent Record Office at Maidstone should be able to provide you with a photocopy of this. 1830s or 40s.

* There are no other plans or drawings as far as I know.

Kind regards to you and to our family. Mabel.