

The Beeches



1881 England Census for John Cariss Strachen
Yorkshire > Willerby in Sculcoates > District 10

Page 4]		Civil Parish [or Township] of		Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town or Village or Hamlet of		Urban Sanitary District of		Rural Sanitary District of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of	
		Willerby								Willerby		Sculcoates				Willerby	
No. of Substrate	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (See Note 1)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birth-day of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-Card-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Insane or Lame (4) Lunatic								
16	Willerby Hall	1	John Henry Strachen	Head	Mar	48	Wine Merchant	Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Elizabeth Strachen	Wife	Mar	46		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Charles Strachen	Son	Mar	19		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Edmund Strachen	Son	Mar	17		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			James Strachen	Son	Mar	15		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Mary Strachen	Daughter	Mar	14		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			John Strachen	Son	Mar	12		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			William Strachen	Son	Mar	10		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			James Strachen	Son	Mar	8		Yorkshire	Willerby								
17		1	John Strachen	Head	Mar	32	Coal Merchant employing a Black 10 Days & 2 1/2 weeks on Hull	Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Fannie Strachen	Sister	Mar	29		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			John Strachen	Son	Mar	27		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			William Strachen	Son	Mar	25		Yorkshire	Willerby								
19	Willerby	1	John Strachen	Head	Mar	32	Coal Merchant	Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Elizabeth Strachen	Wife	Mar	30		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Charles Strachen	Son	Mar	19		Yorkshire	Willerby								
21	Willerby	1	William Strachen	Head	Mar	36	Coal Merchant	Yorkshire	Willerby								
			Mary Strachen	Wife	Mar	35		Yorkshire	Willerby								
			James Strachen	Son	Mar	10		Yorkshire	Willerby								

1881 Census shows John Cariss Strachen and his sister Fannie in the house which is still not identified as The Beeches.. There are only two servants, compared to the six needed by the previous occupants.

The Strachans were coal merchants in Hull doing business under the name of M Strachen & Son.

John grew up on Anlaby Road, didn't marry and by the age of 32 was living in the Beeches. Coincidentally his brother Alexander and family were living next door in Ivy Cottage, (later known as Willersley house) and we can see that John and Alexander's sister, Wilhemina and her husband, had come to visit and were staying in Ivy Cottage. John's sister Frances (Fannie) eventually marries Henry Briggs and lived in Willersley House and later The Beeches.

John is still at the Beeches in 1891. His nephew, George Woods, a hosier and hatter, is staying in the house.

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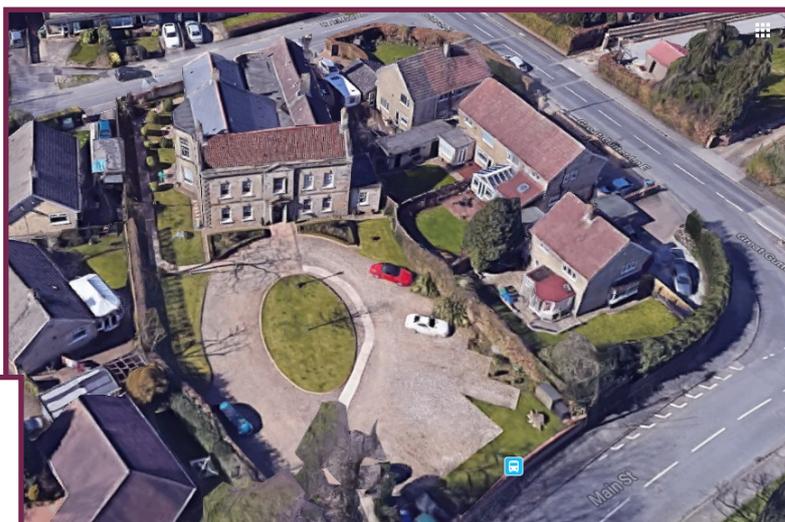
1881 Census John Cariss Strachan

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Relation to head of family</i>	<i>Con- dit.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Where born</i>
Willerby	John Cariss Strachan	Head	unm	32	Coal Merchant	Northallerton
	Fannie -	sister	unm	27		Hull
	Ann Wilson	servant	unm	21	domestic duties	Hull
	Harriet Swanick	servant	unm	22	domestic duties	Hull

1891 Census John Cariss Strachan

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Relation to head of family</i>	<i>Con- dit.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Where born</i>
Willerby						
The Beeches	John Cariss Strachan	Head	S	42	Coal Merchant	Northallerton
	George F Woods	nephew	S	21	Hosier & Hatter	Hull
	Elizabeth Loftby	servant	S	30	domestic servant	North Shields
	Rachel Maskell	servant	S	50	domestic servant	Hull
	Elizabeth Tinfleet	servant	S	17	domestic servant	Grimsby

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The Beeches from the air.
Note the modern houses now occupying what was once the extensive gardens.

<i>1901 Census (John Cariss Strachan)</i>						
<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Relation to head of family</i>	<i>Con- dit.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Where born</i>
<i>Willerby</i>						
<i>The Beeches</i>	<i>Eleanor Grantham</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>cook</i>	<i>Skidby</i>
	<i>Annie Horsely</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>housemaid</i>	<i>Lythe Yorks</i>
	<i>Ada Storr</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>kitchenmaid</i>	<i>Hull</i>

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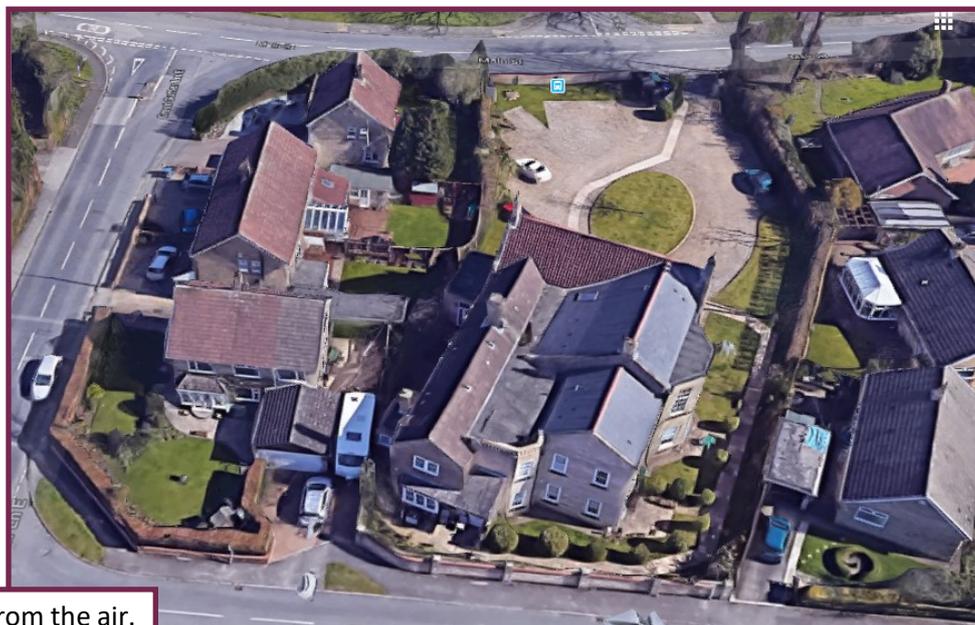
John died in 1907 and it is possible that his sisters, Frances Briggs and Wilhemina Barrett, now both widows, were either living in the house or came to live in the house when John died.

Wilhemina had been living just off Anlaby Road when her husband died in 1896. She then moved to Coltman Street where she lived alone with one servant. She died in 1909 at the Beeches. Frances who had also been living on Anlaby Road, was certainly there in 1911 (re Census) as a widower along with her son Norman, a medical student, and her two daughters, Mabel and Clarice. She was also there in 1914 when son Henry Strachan was discharged from the army because of defective sight and also in 1925 on the marriage of her daughter Clarice. She carried on living in the house until her death in 1932.

UK, Roll of the Indian Medical Service, 1615 -1930 for Norman Briggs

Roll of the Indian Medical Service, 1615-1930

667. **Briggs, Norman.** *b.* 12 Nov. 1891. Leeds and Univ. Coll. Lond. M.R.C.S. 1914. L.R.C.P. Lond. 1914. Ty. Lt. R.A.M.C. 10 Aug. 1914. Ty. Capt. 10 Aug. 1915 to 7 Aug. 1917. Appointed, 8 Aug. 1917. Ranked as Capt. from 17 July 1916. D.P.H. R.C.P.S. Lond. 1925. Major, 10 Feb. 1926. ———. War of 1914-21. France and Belgium, 1916-17; Persia and Persian Gulf, 1918-19.



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<i>1911 Census Frances Briggs (nee Strachan)</i>						
<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Relation to head of family</i>	<i>Condit.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Where born</i>
<i>Willerby</i>						
<i>The Beeches</i>	<i>Frances Briggs</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Wdr</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>Hull</i>
	<i>Mabel Catherine -</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>Hull</i>
	<i>Clarice Mary -</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>Hull</i>
	<i>Norman Briggs</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>medical student</i>	<i>Hull</i>
	<i>Frederick Ernest Audas</i>	<i>visitor</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>disinfectant manufacturer</i>	<i>Hull</i>
	<i>Frances Rands</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>housemaid</i>	<i>Brough</i>
	<i>Eliza Ellerby</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>cook</i>	<i>Hull</i>

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Following the death of Frances Briggs (nee Strachan), the house was occupied by Keith Newland Hillas, a Timber Merchant (W N Hillas & Co). He married Margaret Joyce Smith in 1932 and possibly lived at the

Beeches not long after Frances Briggs died. The couple were certainly there in 1935 when his wife advertised in the Hull Daily Mail for a cook to work at the Beeches. In 1939 Sydney and Lilian Wilmot are working there as gardener and doing unpaid domestic duties! Keith became a major in the Durham Light Infantry and during WW2 he was captured in North Africa and sent to an Italian prisoner of war camp. He escaped when Italy capitulated but was recaptured near the Swiss border and became a prisoner of war in a German Camp. He was released in 1945. He lived at the Beeches until approximately 1959 (he can still be found in the 1959



Phone Book at The Beeches) when he moved to Swanland. He died in 1961.

1939 Registration

ADDRESS.		SCHEDULE.		SURNAMES AND OTHER NAMES.		O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH- Day. Year.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
1	2	No.	Sub. No.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
This record is officially closed.											
The Beeches Main St. Wilmsley	A.1	1		Hillas Keith N		-	M	25 Aug	06	M	Director - Insula Imports
-	-			Hillas Margaret J		-	F	22 May	10	M	Unpaid domestic duties
-	-			Wilmot Sydney S		-	M	5 Nov	06	M	Gardener Labourer - heavy work
-	-			Wilmot Lilian E		-	F	3 Dec	00	M	Unpaid domestic duties
This record is officially closed.											

After the Hillas' moved it is believed that The Beeches was owned for a time by a cleaning contractor (Claughtons?). (Francis Davies U3A). I have also found a W. Bottomley in the phone directories of 1961-1963 living at the house.

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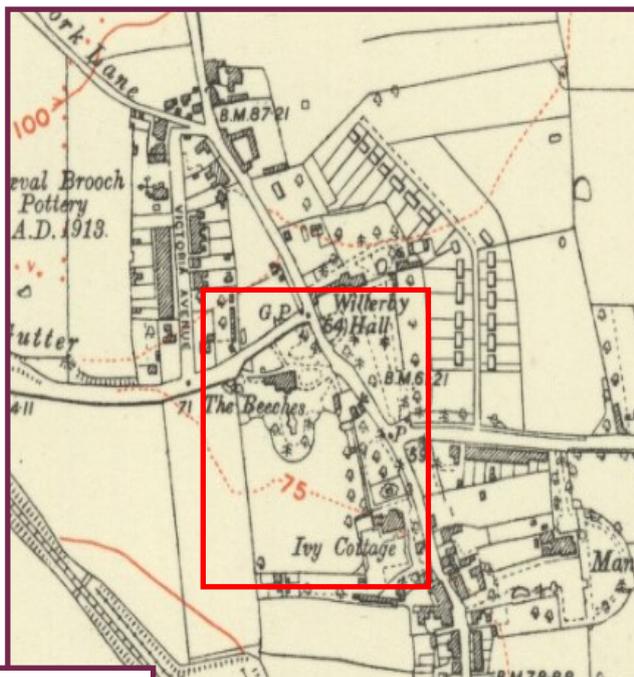
1939 Registration Keith Newland Hillas

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Con- dit.</i>	<i>Birth.</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
<i>Willerby</i>				
<i>The Beeches Main St</i>	<i>Keith N Hillas</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>25 Aug 06</i>	<i>Director—timber importer</i>
	<i>Margaret J Hillas</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>22 May 10</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
	<i>Sydney Wilmot</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>5 Nov 06</i>	<i>garden labourer—heavy work</i>
	<i>Lilian E Wilmot</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>3 Dec 00</i>	<i>unpaid domestic duties</i>

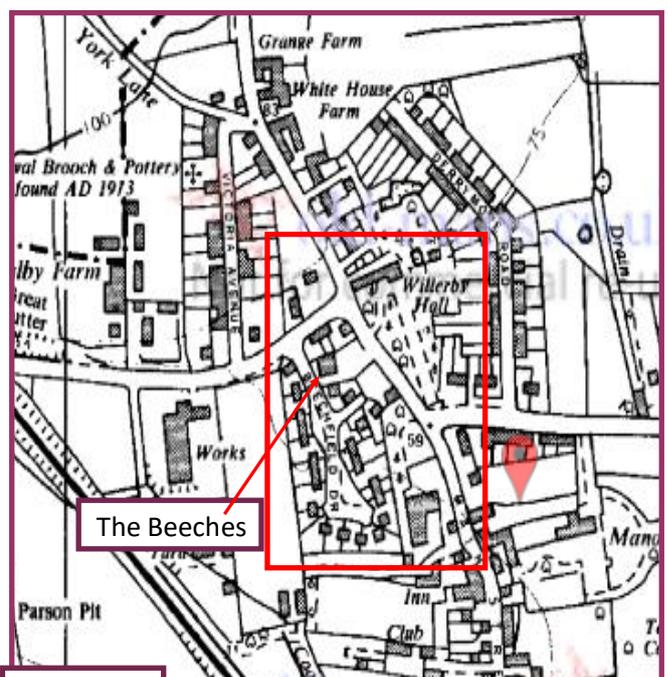
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These two maps show the development and loss of land owned by the Beeches. Up until 1939 its footprint was much as it always had been. However by the 1960s Beechfield Drive had been built upon the former gardens to the west and south, while the houses on Great Gutter Lane to the north completed the takeover.



1939



1965

The Beeches later became a residential care home for the elderly. In the 1969 phone directory it can be found under 'Nursing Homes' as The Beeches Rest Home although this later advert refers to it as a Care Home.

In 2008 it was converted into apartments.

The Beeches Care Home
99 Main Street Willerby Hull East Yorkshire England HU10 6BY

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