

# POND HALL, HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK

Pond Hall was the childhood home of the Cooley children just after WWI. There had been a house on the site since 1068 when the Domesday Book was compiled for William the conqueror but the house the children grew-up in was a large rambling tudor structure.



Pond Hall in 2008 from a Strutt & Parker realty brochure

While there are documents touching on the Hall back to the 1300's the current structure was likely built or expanded by Sir Henry D'Oyly in the 1500's. The house came into the hands of Tollemanche family in the early 1700's until it was sold in 1845.

In 1917 Harry James Cooley and his family moved into Pond Hall and were the tenants until the 1960's. Their last child, Diana was born there in 1919. The house was large and rambling and many times added to and reconstructed. It was a wonderful place for the nine Cooley children and there are many stories including hunting for secret passages and smugglers tunnels etc. The [www.pondhall.org](http://www.pondhall.org) site is full of memories of a family and their lives in and about this historic house.

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The connection to the Whitlock family is through the Cooley family and is detailed on our WHITLOCK 50 chart, The Whitlocks of Pitton, Wiltshire #4. Harry James Cooley's mother was Vashti Wearn whose grandparents were Stephen Read and Harriet Whitlock. In turn Stephen Read also had Whitlock ancestors and was the son of George Read and Sabinah Whitlock. While the Read family is detailed on the WHITLOCK50 chart, Harriet Whitlock's family is part of the WHITLOCK03 chart. The entanglement of Pitton and Farley families is legendary and this family's interconnection between various Pitton families just illustrates this point.

We often say the Pitton Whitlocks and their descendants "populated the world", therefore our thanks to Fran Sinclair for the great website, keeping these memories alive, sharing pictures and detailing the history of her section of the Pitton tribe.

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