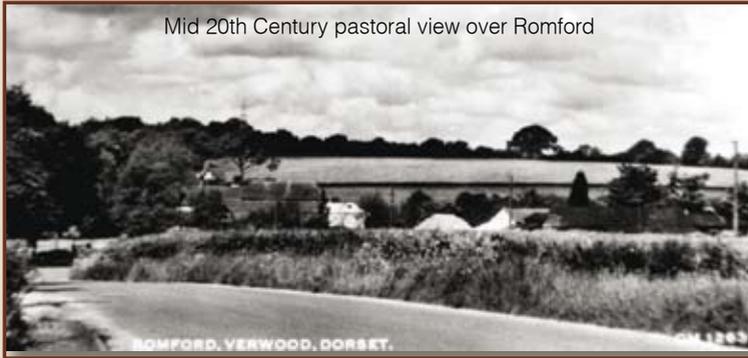


ROUNDBABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

East Farm, Romford



East Farm, Romford lies to the north of the Verwood to Cranborne Road, just inside Edmondsham parish. In the 1830s to 1850s it was farmed by Robert Standfield, first father then of the son of the same name who continued until his death in 1857.

The tenancy then passed to George Ingram whose sister Jane married William Standfield of Verwood Farm. Another sister, Anne Ingram, was later to marry Richard Standfield and yet another sister Elizabeth Ingram had married Henry Andrews of Sandalholme Pottery. Henry was first cousin to George Ingram's second wife, Leah Bailey of the Moor Lodge Pottery.

That these families were so close knit is borne out by the fact that George and

Leah can be found buried next to William and Jane in Verwood Churchyard.

George Ingram's father Aaron worked at Verwood farm but George never aspired to being a farmer.

So by 1891 Frank Standfield, one of William Standfield's sons, was farming East Farm assisted by George and Leah's son George James.

By 1901 George James was working as a carter in the brickyard and by this date East Farm had passed to Frederick J. Luscombe who kept racehorses there in the early twentieth century.

In 1911 Charles and Mary Reeks moved with their family from Sutton Holmes and in later years two of their sons, Tony and Bertie worked the land.

On their retirement in 1972 the Frouds of West Farm, just across the road, took over the farm tenancy and the Waterfield family came to live in the house.

60 odd years later the view has changed somewhat after probable re-alignment of Station Road after removal of the railway and 60 years of tree and hedge growth but the distant trees, hedge lines and pylons are much the same.

