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This book attempts to capture fragments of history from a house. We purchased 11 Sun Street in June, 2009, following the death of the previous owner, Charlie Clark. Charlie had lived most of his 80 years in this house, and his parents had lived there before him. Although many of the belongings had been cleared away by the time we saw the house, I felt the presence of his long life in the quality of light, the colours and patterns on the walls and floors, the emptied spaces.

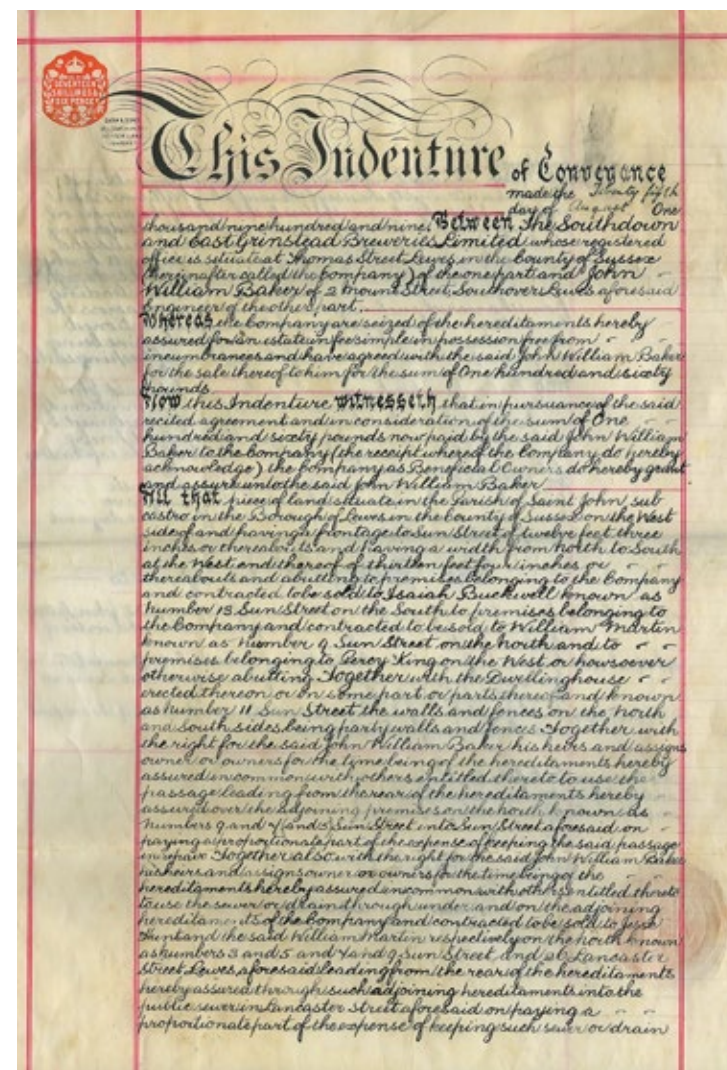
Renovation meant peeling away layers and years, as an archeologist might, to reveal paints the original inhabitants had surrounded themselves with. These colours surprised me with their vibrancy and beauty.

We brought the house into the 21st century, installing central heating and hot water, a bathroom and a modern kitchen – amenities that had never existed there before. The walls were repainted and the wood floors were uncovered. The resulting simplicity of the spaces continued to inspire me, as did the light shining through old glass, revealing patterns and shapes within the clean white rooms.

The introduction and chapter openings have been taken from a document used for the purpose of probate in 1958. It catalogues the house and its contents at that time.

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Situate in a convenient position close to the centre of the Town.

A terraced cottage nearly 100 years old having a slate roof with brick front, flint rear wall and brick with weatherboard extension.

VALUATION

for

PROBATE

of

FURNITURE, EFFECTS AND PROPERTY

belonging to the late WILLIAM H. CLARK of 11, SUN STREET, LEWES, SUSSEX who died on the 30th October, 1958.

GROUND FLOOR

Sitting Room about 10' x 10' with fireplace and cupboard.

Grandfather clock by J. Irish, of Steyning.

Sideboard.

Four dining chairs.

Small occasional chair.

Overmantle.

SITTING ROOM







Kitchen about 9' x 7'6 with Cooking Range.

Four Kitchen chairs.

Occasional chair.

Kitchen table.

American wall clock.

Kitchen utensils and crockery.

Wearing apparel and personal effects.

KITCHEN











Scullery with sink and copper. Point for gas cooker.

SCULLERY





FIRST FLOOR







Bedroom 1, about 11' x 11' with fireplace.

Grained Chest of drawers.

Light Mahogany chest of 3 long and 2 short drawers.

Single Oak bed and bedding.

Two bedroom chairs.

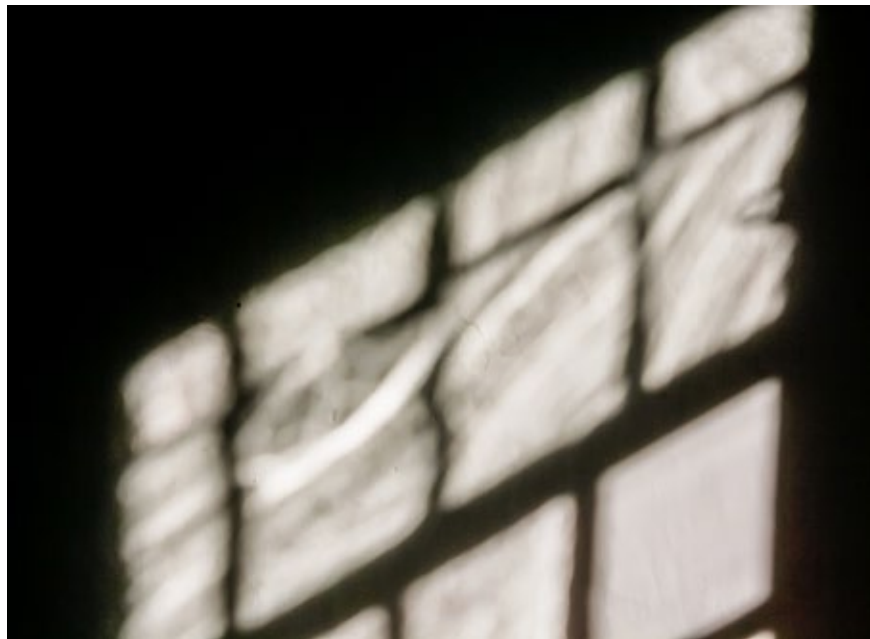
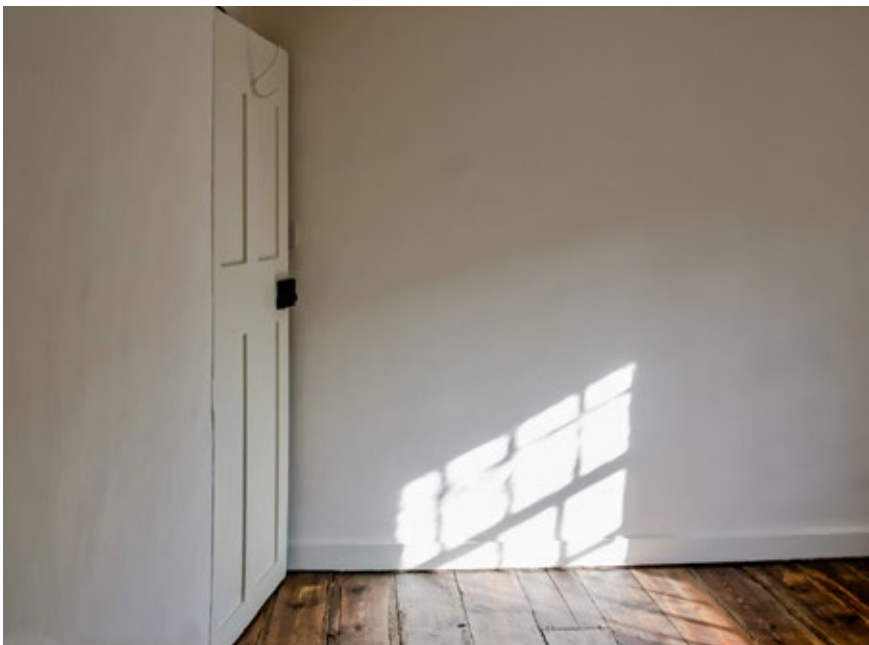
Swing toilet mirror.

BEDROOM 1









Bedroom 2, about 7' x 9' with cupboard.

Light mahogany chest of 3 long and 2 short drawers.

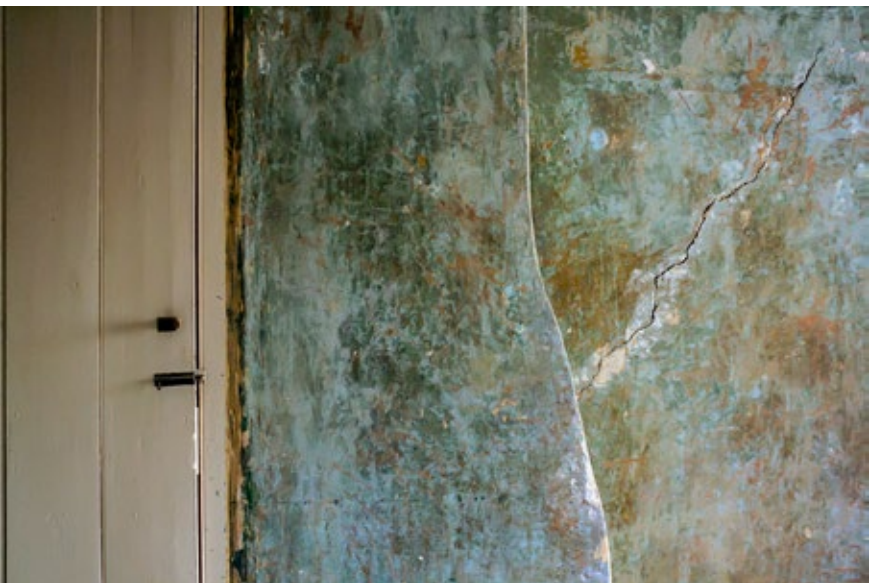
Dressing table with swing mirror.

Wardrobe with mirror to door.

BEDROOM 2









Bedroom 3, about 6'6" x 6'6"

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SECOND FLOOR

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Attic about 14' x 11'.

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CELLAR

