

# After the Great War...

## FARMING IN BLEASDALE in the 1920s



A Miss Entwisle bought **NEW HOUSE FARM** sometime between 1918 and 1921 and renamed it "**Sunflowers**".

She developed the premises as a poultry farm and furnished the farmhouse with stylish, modern furniture but in August 1923 she put the entire property up for sale.

"SUNFLOWERS FARM," BLEASDALE, Near GARSTANG (five miles from Brock or Garstang and Catterall Stations).

**E. G. HOTHERSALL & SONS, LTD.,** are favoured with instructions from Miss ENIWISLE (in consequence of having sold the farm) to **SELL** by AUCTION, on TUESDAY NEXT, August 14th, the Whole of the Well-bred POULTRY and APPLIANCES and the Excellent HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, viz:—

**500 HEAD** of HIGH-CLASS PURE-BRED UTILITY POULTRY, comprising: White Wyandottes, White Leghorns, Buff Orpingtons, Black Leghorns, Arconas, and a few R.I. Reds, from Thomas's, Camp's, Sharp's, and Holt's strains, and include 300 (1922) Pullets, 150 early hatched Chickens, and 50 Ockerels, many very suitable for stock birds; four Buff Orpington Ducks and one Drake, 1922.

Two SECTIONAL HEN CABINS, 15ft x 9ft., complete with nest boxes, dropping boards, and perches; six do., do., 6ft. x 4ft.; four Chicken Cabins, all strongly made and recently new; three 150-egg Gloucester Incubators, new this season; five Sharp's Pyramid Hovers, Broody Coop, four Valor Perfection Oil Drums, with brass taps; about 15 galls. Creosote, zinc Wheelbarrow, Ladder, quantity of Blue Slates, quantity of Wire Netting and Boarding, Drinking and Feeding Troughs, Tools, and the usual Appliances.

N.B.—The Birds are very healthy, and the Cabins and Appliances are equal to new, the whole being worthy of special attention. Buyers bring their own crates.

The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE includes: Oak 3ft. 6in. Sideboard, Jacobean design; Chesterfield Settee, with dron end, in tapestry; two oak Reclining Chairs, oak stained Dining Table, two Axminster Carpet Squares, 3 x 3; Axminster Stair Carpet and Rods, Combination oak Bedsteads, Jacobean design, with Dressing Table and Washstand en suite; ash Washstand and Dressing Table, iron Single Bedsteads, Angora mohair Hearthrugs and Doot Mats, Toilet and Crockery Ware, Fire Steels and Curbs, Oil Cooker and Stove, Blankets and other Bed Linen, Window Draperies, and other household effects.

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*"When Mrs Keighley lived at New House it was a shop. She made her own ice-cream - it was damn good! From the cabin in the garden she sold pints of tea to hikers."*

*From an interview with Jack Wilkins, 5th September 2005*

Early 1950s (Note the cabins in the garden)



Thomas J. Keighley was the farmer at New House Farm in 1926. Eventually, it became part of the Bleasdale Estate.