

CHANDOS AVENUE
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Note: In the following: admitted = registered owner of,
mess = messuage (dwelling house),
surr = sold

James Bridges (1674 - 1744) 1st Duke of Chandos and Marquis of Buckingham obtained the contract to supply horses and hay to the Army about 1715. In order to do this, he bought up large tracts of land in an arc reaching from Edgware, through Hendon, Mill Hill, Totteridge, Barnet and Enfield. He turned all this land over to grass and made enormous profits. He had a large house Cannons built near Edgware. He was so rich that he employed Handel to play the organ in his private chapel. He had a professional orchestra and choir and Handel wrote the twelve Chandos anthems for them.

The Friern Barnet land records include:

1790

Richard Hilliard admitted to

Pond Field	5 ac	These fields together know as Hemmings lands
Little Field	2 ac	
Further Field	3 ac	
First English Field	3 ac	
Further English Field	5 ac	

those two closes called Cuckolds 2 ac
another close 3 ac

also 2 closes of pasture of 9 acres called Fox Field in Mare Lane in the occupation of Richard Harrison

1791

The Duke of Chandos admitted to a messuage & meadow of 8 acres (formerly Nichols 1748), Hemmings lands of 36 acres in the tenure of Francis Button or Burton, Luckings of 11 acres in the tenure of Wm Trootman (adm 1769)

1820

Duke of Chandos admitted to the Nicholls estate including the Grange (1841 Census Dr George Bury lived there)

1892

The whole estate was sold for development in 1892. Houses in Chandos Avenue were built first from the railway end, with more extensive development from 1920 onwards.