William Hall & Co.: Surveying in the Family

William Hall & Co. is proud to be built on a long-standing family tradition of engagement in Land Agency and Surveying dating back to the early nineteenth century. The current Principal of the firm, Anthony Hall, is the 6<sup>th</sup> successive generation of his family to practice in the profession.

The unification of the Smith family, long-standing Agents to the Egerton family at Tatton Estate, with the Hall family, founding partners of the highly respected Manchester firm of surveyors Meller, Speakman and Hall, through the marriage of J. Herbert Hall to Edith Smith in 1902, brought together two respected families in the profession.

The surveying tradition was continued by their son Derek Hall, born in 1913. Derek joined the family firm and went on to become a Chartered Surveyor, Fellow of the RICS and Agent to a number of prestigious clients, including Tatton and Dunham Massey Estates.

Derek's son William Hall was born in 1945 and also joined the family firm of Meller, Speakman and Hall (later Meller Braggins), running their Chester office before later setting up his own firm William Hall & Co. in 1986 as a Chartered Surveyor and Fellow of the RICS. The firm is still going strong today under the leadership of William's son, Anthony Hall, with William taking well-deserved retirement in 2017.

Anthony is continuing the family tradition, having qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 2008 and subsequently as a Fellow of the CAAV in 2012. He is resident Agent for the Gladstone family at Hawarden Estate, in Flintshire in addition to acting as appointed Agent for The Gwydyr Estate, The Mainwaring Estate and The Edge Estate.

Further details of the professional achievements of the 6 generations of Halls and Smiths can be found in the family tree below.

Herbert Hall (1848-1914)

Agent to:

The Rendcomb Park Estate, Gloucestershire
The Tabley Estate, Cheshire for Lord de Tabley
The Impney Hall Estate, Worcestershire &
The Ynysymaengwyn Estate, Gwynedd for the Corbett family

J. Herbert Hall (1873 – 1951) Architect & Surveyor at Meller, Speakman & Hall

Agent to:
Grenhall's Brewery
The Church Minshull Estate, Cheshire for the Loyd family
Lord Albemarle & Lord Derby (chief rents)
The Manchester Co-orporation
The Toft Hall Estate, Cheshire for the Leycester-Roxby family

John T Smith Snr (1822 – 1881)

Estate Agent & Auctioneer, Heaton Norris, Stockport

John T Smith (1854 - 1930)

Agent to The Tatton Estate, Cheshire for 50 years to four successive Lords Egerton

Edith M Smith (1880-1964)

Daughter of John T Smith & wife to J. Herbert Hall

Derek P. M. Hall (1913 - 1996) Chartered Surveyor (FRICS)

Meller Speakman & Hall (Later Meller Braggins) Land Agents & Consultants Chartered Surveyor

Agent to:

The Tatton Estate, The Peover Estate and The Chelford Estate, Cheshire for the Brooks family
The Swythamley Hall Estate and The Hare Hill Estate, Cheshire for the Brocklehurst family
The Toft Hall Estate Cheshire for the Leycester-Roxby family
The Middlesmoor Estate, North Yorks for the Ramsden family
The Dunham Massey Estate, Cheshire for Lord Stamford
The Shrigley Hall Estate, Cheshire for the Brabazon-Lowther family
The Little Ness Estate Shropshire for the Silcock family
The Arley Hall Estate, Cheshire for Lord Ashbrook
Ardene Hall, and The Tirley Garth Estate, Cheshire for the O'Brien family
The Mere Estate, Cheshire for the Langford-Brooke family
The Bostock Hall Estate, Cheshire for the Carnegie family

William F. E. Hall, B.Sc

(b. 1945)

Chartered Surveyor (FRICS), Fellow of the RICS & RICS Registered Valuer (Retired 2017)

W H Robinson & Co Chartered Surveyors (1968-1970) Trainee

Meller Speakman & Hall (Later Meller Braggins) Land Agents & Consultants Partner, General Practice Auctioneer and Estate Agent

Chairman of Chester Association of Auctioneers, Estate Agents & Surveyors

William Hall & Co Chartered Surveyors, Land & Estate Agents Principal then Partner, General Practice Surveyor

Agent to:

The Hawarden Estate, Flintshire for Sir E William Gladstone Bt, KG
The Gwydyr Estate, Conwy for Ancaster Estates, Lady Willoughby de Eresby
The Willington Estate, Cheshire for the Tomkinson family
The Edge Estate, Cheshire for the Wolley-Dod family
The Mainwaring Estate, Conwy for the Mainwaring family
The Bretforton Estate, Worcestershire for the Hall family
Chester Diocesan Glebe

Anthony W. J Hall, B.Eng, M.Sc

(b. 1977)

Chartered Surveyor (MRICS) & RICS Registered Valuer, Fellow of the CAAV

William Hall & Co Chartered Surveyors, Land & Estate Agents Partner then Principal, General Practice Surveyor

Agent to:

The Hawarden Estate, Flintshire for Sir Charles Gladstone Bt.

The Gwydyr Estate, Conwy for Ancaster Estates, Lady Willoughby de Eresby
The Mainwaring Estate, Conwy for the Mainwaring family
The Edge Estate, Cheshire for the Lewis family