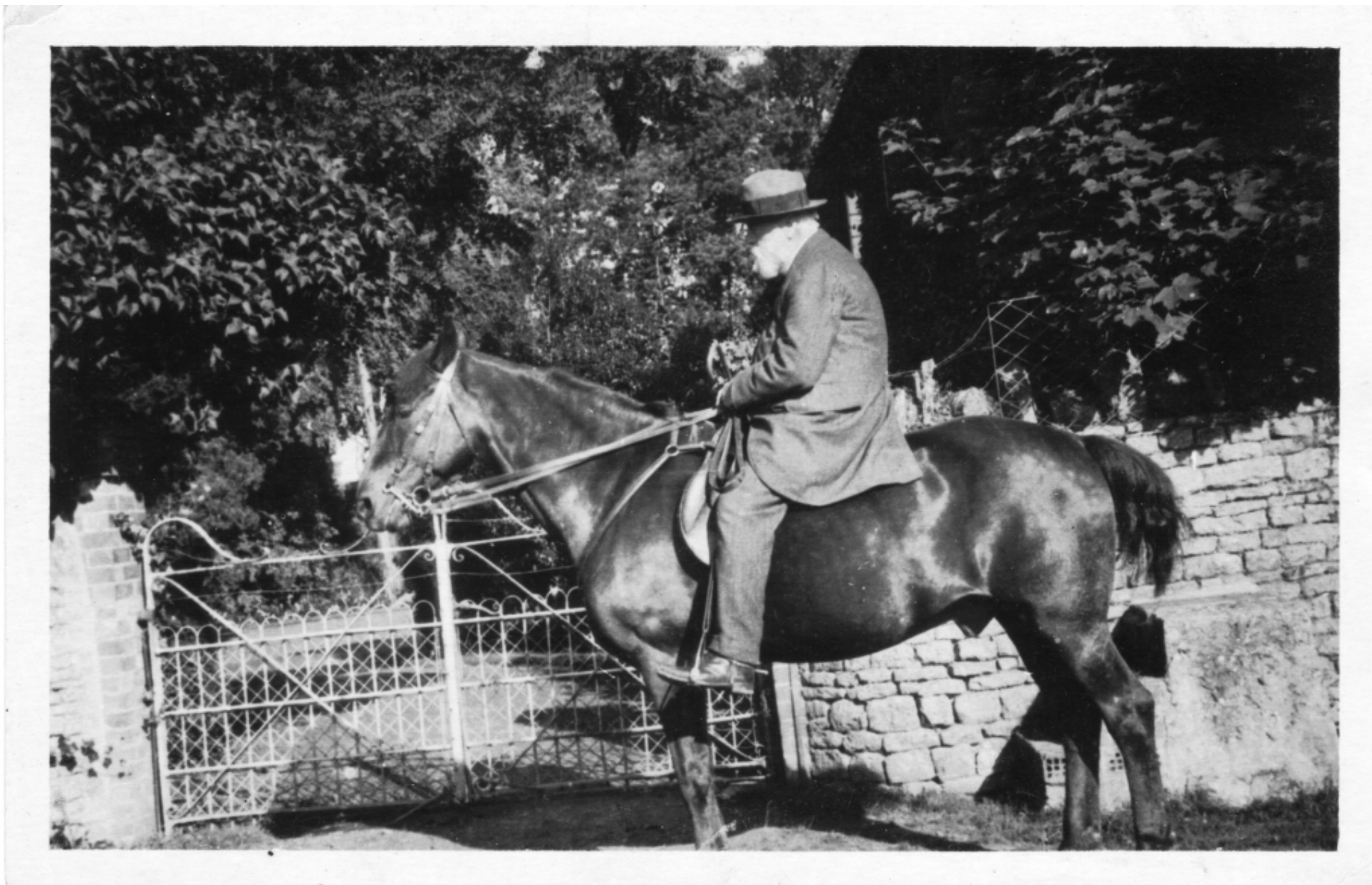




Henry Campion riding a horse, c1910

Pictured at Bletsoe Castle by the gates which separate the garden from the yard. These gates were still in existence in 2000, although the mounting block to the right has now gone.

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Henry Campion on his 80th birthday outside Frank Sweetland's shop at 81 Tavistock Street, Bedford, Saturday, 13th November, 1915

The exact significance of the picture did not emerge until connected with Henry's 80th birthday; he presumably had the photograph taken to give to his friends and relatives. The majority of the Campion family photographs prior to this date were by Sweetland. During his short career in Bedford, Frank Sweetland took this picture and many local portraits and postcard views. Some of the postcards can be seen in the shop door window just to the right of Henry's feet. It is believed that Sweetland came to Bedford in the early 1900s, then traded from 18 Ford End Road c1905, 84 Hurst Grove from 1908, 79 Harpur Street c1910, and finally at 81 Tavistock Street from c1914 to c1916. Frank and his family subsequently moved to Bournemouth and took up residence in Oak Road. At the time of his death he was moderately wealthy, having acquired several seafront properties and opened a grocery store. His wealth was reputedly the result of a patents he held on a design of camera shutter and possibly a bicycle freewheel. Frank Sweetland Cocks died in a road accident in Bournemouth in June 1936 aged 65 (Bournemouth Registry District. volume 2b, page 964). His daughter, Bertha, died 11th January 1978 in Bournemouth, never having married.

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