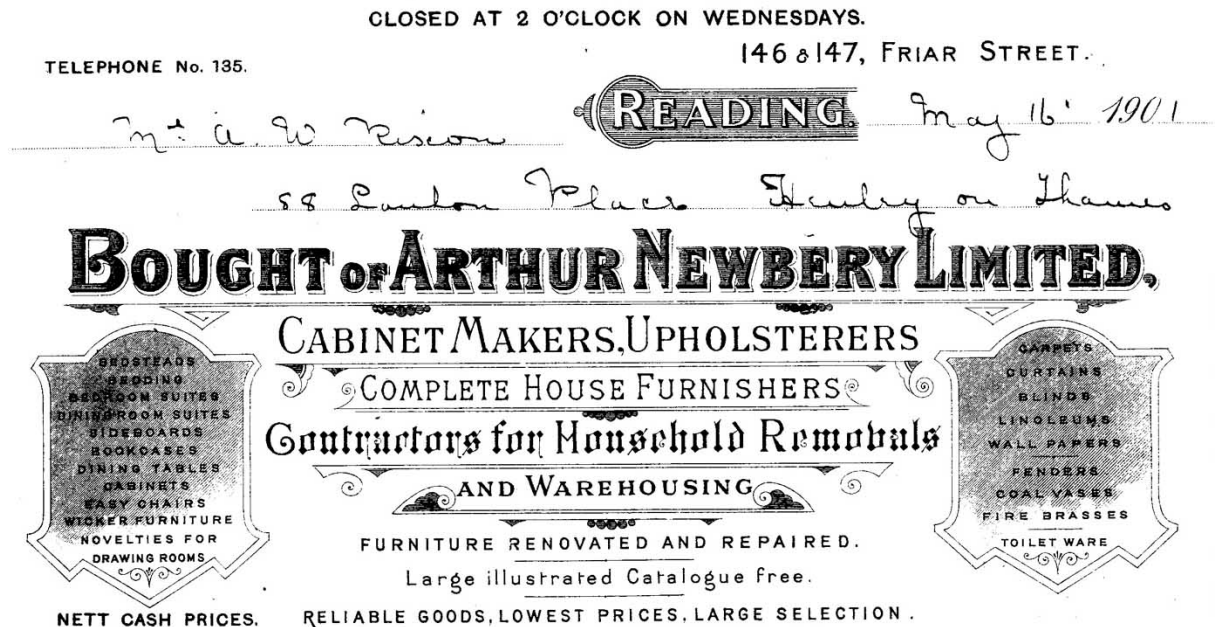


# Setting Up House In Henley

In 1901 my grandfather, Alfred William Rixon, married his first wife and set up house in Henley. Among his documents is a receipt for the contents of the house, bought from Arthur Newbery Ltd in Reading. The receipt is reproduced below:



	£	s	d
4'6" Bedstead	1	6	11
Wool mattress		18	11
Wool mattress		15	11
Bolster		3	9
2 Pillows		7	0
1 Bedstead		18	6
Wool mattress		15	11
Wool mattress		11	6
3 ft Combination bedstead		17	11
Wool mattress		13	6
2 felt pads		5	11
1 felt pad		2	3
Wool bolster		2	7½

Pair birch toilets	2	5	0
1 set of ware		7	11
Kitchen table		11	9
Set of dinner ware		19	11
½ doz glasses		2	9
½ doz glasses		1	11
Set of jugs		3	9
Galvanized bath		2	8½
Slop pail		3	6
Saucepan (8)		3	9
Saucepan (5)		2	3
Oval pot (2)		4	11
Enamel pan		2	4
Tin pan			3
Iron kettle		3	9
Tin kettle		1	3½
3 Flat irons		3	1½
1 Flat iron stand			4½
Fry pan			9½
Coal scoop		2	8½
Coal shovel			6
Meat cover		1	0
Tin bowl		1	11½
Colander, skimmer		1	6
Pair dish		1	6
Soap dish			6½
St shoe brushes, pan brush		3	3½
1 Stove brushes		2	4½
Round brush			4
Carpet broom		2	6
Jug (enamelled)		1	11½
Tray		1	6
9 foot bamboo poles		4	6
2 foot bamboo poles		3	11
2 brackets		1	3
Bread pan, lamps		4	5½
File 6", co mantel	1	10	5
Bamboo tables		4	11
Couch in leather cloth	1	16	6
6 Kitchen chairs	1	1	0
2 Cane seat chairs		7	0
2 Cane seat chairs		5	7
Dining table	2	2	0
Towel rail, table		5	8
Commode, Fender	1	3	0
Kitchen fender, set steel		9	3
Fender, steel		7	0
Chair, bedstead & cushion		14	10
Candlesticks			6
Chimney glass, brasses		12	10
1 Carpet	1	15	6
1 Rug		6	11
Tapestry carpet	2	7	0
1 Rug		5	11
Carpet		18	9

1 Rug		2	9½
Stair carpet	1	9	½
Rod		3	9
Linoleum		15	6
Cloth		4	9½
Ditto		2	9½
2 Mats		3	1
3 Ditto		7	1½
Mat		4	6
	36	7	5



After he married his second wife, he bought a house in 1929 at a cost of £350. This property was once part of the Phyllis Court estate, owned by the Mackenzie family. It had four bedrooms, on the top two floors, a single storey kitchen, and a dining room and sitting room on the ground floor. There was an outside toilet at the rear of the kitchen.

The photograph shows my grandfather outside the house in Rupert Place in the 1950s.



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