

## THE DOWER HOUSE, HALLOW GREEN - Grid Ref: SO 8283 5812

c1900



c1920



The earliest reference to a dwelling on this site is from the Rent Rolls dated 1441 when it was described as a 'garden cottage'. It also features on the 1747 Doharty map.

A dower house is usually a moderately large house on an estate, which was occupied by the widow of the later owner. The widow, often known as the "dowager" would move out of the larger family house on the death of her husband. Interestingly over the years widows have occupied the house, three of which had connections with the clergy. Ownership passed to Miss Bramwell who willed it to the church in 1950 as a home for retired clergy and their family until 1999. Miss Bramwell was "high church" and built an addition to the rear of the property for use as a chapel.



c1980

Over the years the Dower House has been extended and at one time became two cottages. It represents a good example of Victorian architecture, particularly its fenestration with tiled weathering over, which contributes to the character of the area. It's rendered and painted pebbledash enables it to blend in well with neighbouring properties. It has now reverted to a single family home.

*Source: Worcestershire Records Office, UK Census; Hallow History Group*