



Huge Estate Sold

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The Penruddocke family settled on the estate in the 13th century and sold it in 1930 to George Cross, who made a fortune in London hotels during the Edwardian era. He died in 1972 and stipulated in his will that the estate be sold as a whole and not broken up into lots.

Many of Compton Chamberlayne's 200 residents attended the auction in hopes of getting a look at their new squire. But they still do not know who he is.

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