

## Mary Laurie, Butlers Farm

I have previously mentioned during the War, Butlers Farm owned by the Laurie family was the centre of operations by the USAAF.

There were three daughters including Mary, the oldest born in 1924

In 1955, Mary emigrated to South Africa to continue her Nursing career.

Sometime during the 1980`s, she returned to the UK with her husband living at Hadleigh in Suffolk.

In 1989, some 34 years after leaving our shores, she published an autobiography on her time in South Africa, from her arrival to her departure back to the UK

For some considerable time, I routinely searched the internet for a copy, but all to no avail.

Then in August 2022, I found a copy at an Independent Bookshop which I immediately purchased.



On the mashie course at Athlone Park in Durban.

This is the only photograph I have seen of Mary in her later life.

Left:- Mary with her husband playing Golf.

Mary died in Hadleigh but, I could find no date for her death

It may have been around 2000.

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