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**PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DWELLING AND NEW ACCESS**  
at  
**THE STUDIO, COAST ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4RN.**  
for  
**Mr J Jay.**

**Photographs and evidence of independent residential use of  
The Studio**



To whom it may concern.

I, Mark Clough, do solemnly swear that the following facts are true to the best of my knowledge.

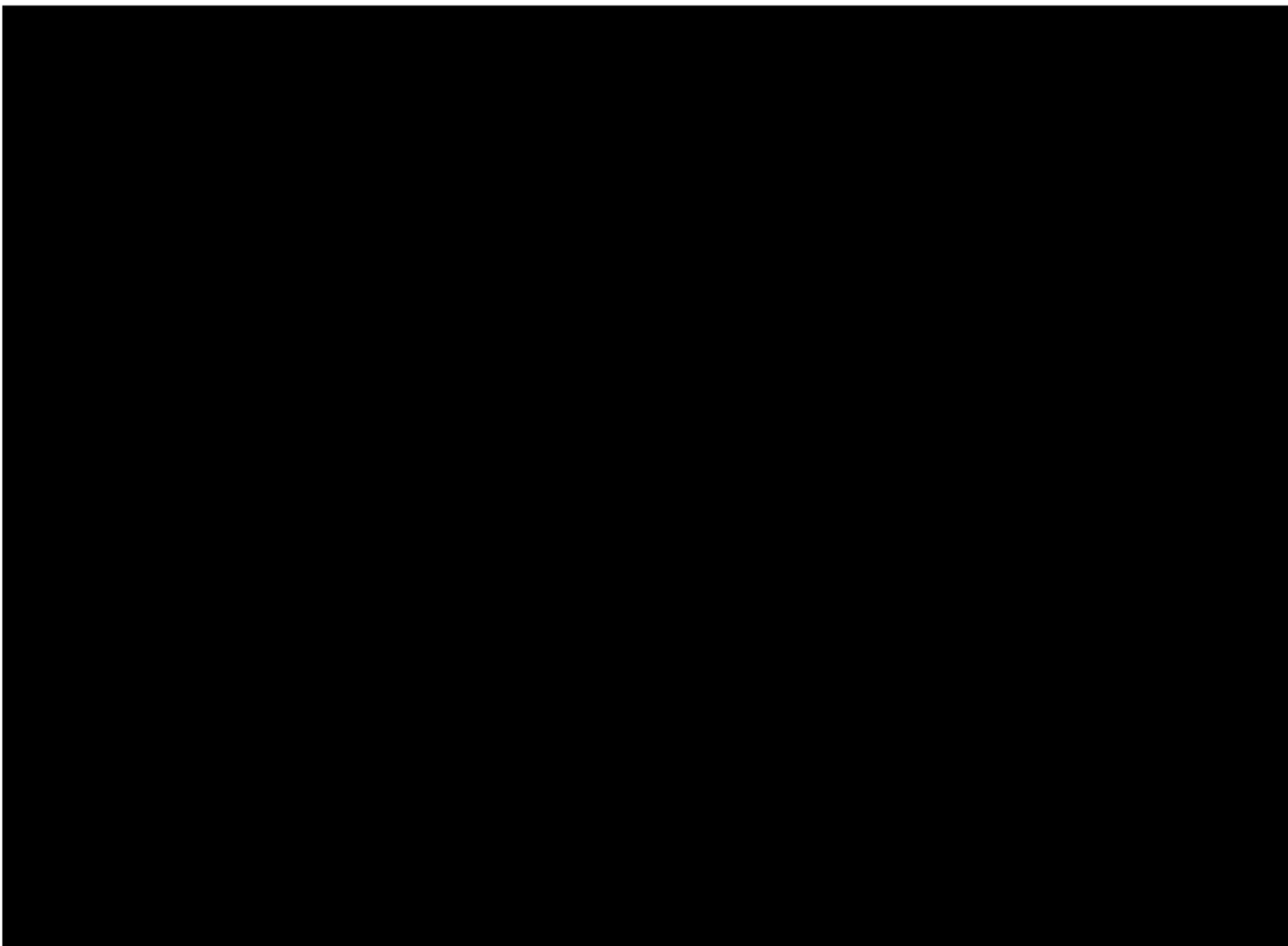
I understand that there has been a query about the status of a dwelling in which I resided for over twenty years. On 07/11/1994 I moved into a property known as The Garden Hut which is located to the south of the B3157 coast road to the east of Burton Bradstock. I had previously been residing at a property in Puncknowle, a nearby village.

The owner of the property, Jeremy Jay, was an acquaintance of mine and he had recently inherited the property which included two other dwellings in the same land parcel. As his main residence was in Wiltshire he wanted me to provide an element of security for the whole site by residing permanently in The Garden Hut as my main residence.

The accommodation consisted of a main living/bedroom area, a kitchen and a bathroom with a sink and an earth closet. Mains electricity was connected and a supply of mains water was connected to the kitchen sink and bathroom sink.

I was resident at the property for twenty years between 1995 and 2015 after which time I was partially resident at my parent's property in Stoke Abbot as I was providing care for them. My permanent address remained and still remains as The Garden Hut. I am now no longer permanently resident at the property but some of my furniture and belongings remain in the property.

I believe that the true status of the building is that of a permanent independent dwelling which has served as a sole or main residence for in excess of four years through my occupation of the building as my home.





## To Whom it may Concern

I solemnly swear that the following facts are true to the best of my knowledge.

The Building known as the Garden Hut was built in the early 1920's. It was given to my mother by my great Aunt, Miss Curtis, together with the bungalow Burton Mere and another wooden building we call the Museum, which is a two room wooden building within the same cutillage, which has been unoccupied since about 1939. My Aunt, my mothers' sister, lived in the Studio, which is next door..

The Garden Hut has always been used as a dwelling, although it has been frequently unoccupied.

It comprises a main bedroom/ living room, a kitchen and a bathroom with a sink and an earth closet as there is no mains drainage or septic tank.

The original water supply was from a 500 gallon water tank on the south wall which was filled with rainwater and this fed the hand basin in the bathroom and the sink in the kitchen. This was discontinued when mains water was connected in the 1960's and the tank was later removed.

Mains electricity was connected in the 1960's but I only have a few bills from the period 2015/16.

In the 1950's. I stayed there with my parents on holidays. Following my fathers' death, my mother moved down to live in Burton Mere, and although I was usually away at boarding school,I stayed in the Garden Hut during the school holidays.

After leaving school and going away to work or college, I stayed in the Garden Hut whenever I came to visit my mother and aunt. This was quite frequently, both because it was a nice place to stay and also because my mother and aunt were becoming quite elderly and needed increasing support.

From about 1989 to 1993, although I was living in Wiltshire, my then wife and I used to spend as much time as possible at the Garden Hut, as my Mother and Aunt were then in their early 90's and becoming quite frail. They both died in early 1993.

I inherited Burton Mere and The Studio in early 1993. As I had a full time job in Wiltshire at this time I was anxious not to leave this isolated property empty and unoccupied. I agreed that Mr Clough who I knew quite well could live in the Garden Hut on a temporary basis and he could keep an eye on the place when I wasn't there.

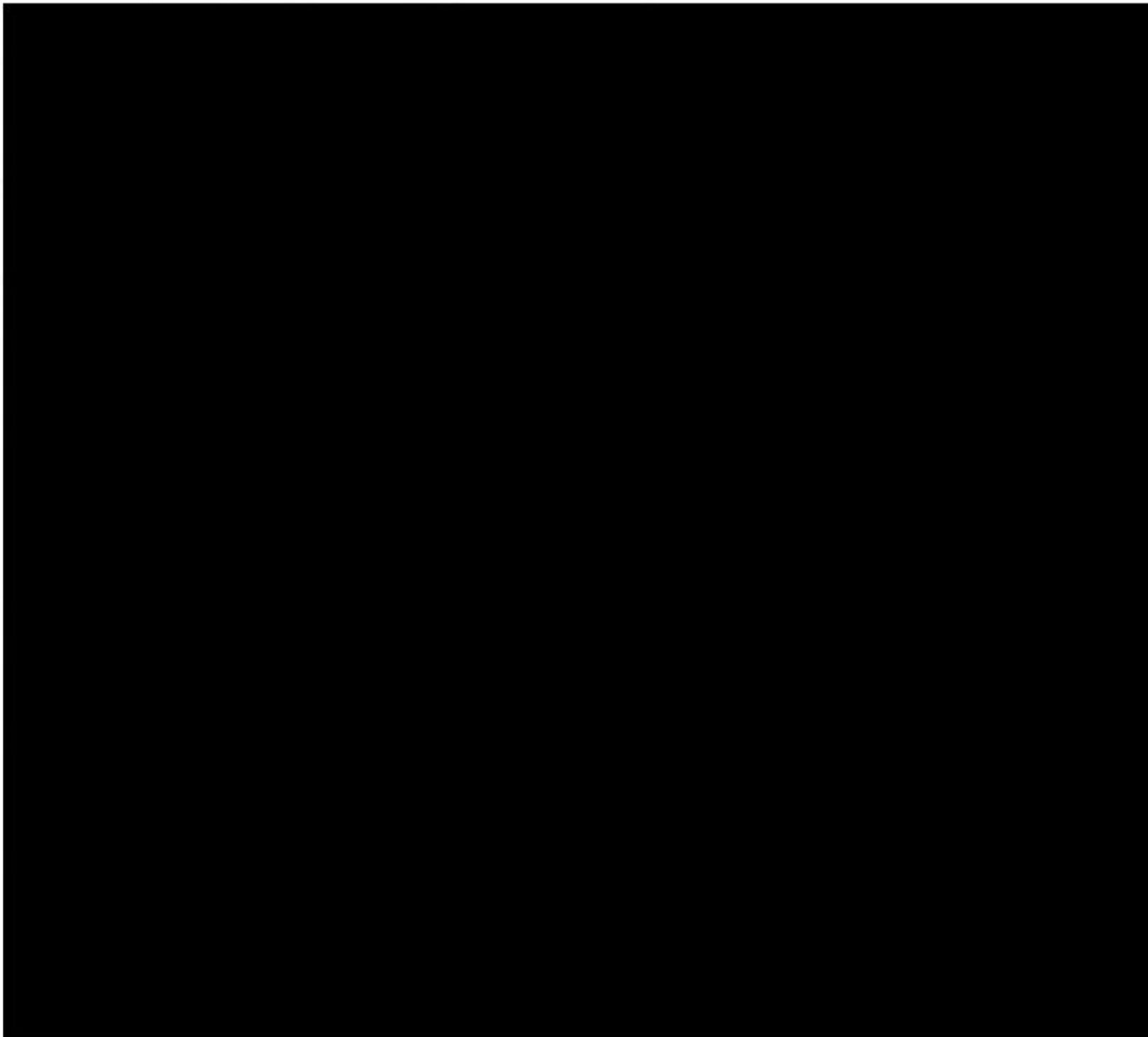
Although I came to live at Burton Mere in 1995 I allowed Mr Clough to continue living there as he had nowhere else to live and letting such a property with no modern drainage I believed might be problematic, particularly bearing in mind the overall state of the building.

For the next twenty years Mr Clough continued to live there full time, as his sole dwelling. In about 2015 his own parents, who lived near Bridport, started to need more support and he visited them often and slowly spent an increasing amount of time there, so that by the end of about 2016 he only returned to pick up his post or to give him a respite from looking after his parents..

Recently, in 2020, although many of his belongings are still in the Garden Hut, I have now got the key back and have repaired the holes that had developed in the kitchen and bathroom roof.

In Summary, the Garden Hut has always been a dwelling, whether occupied or not. It has been used as such for many many years and was lived in continuously for twenty years from 1995 to 2015 on a full time basis.

I submit signed statements from those familiar with some or all of these facts, together with other supporting photos and documents.



Statement

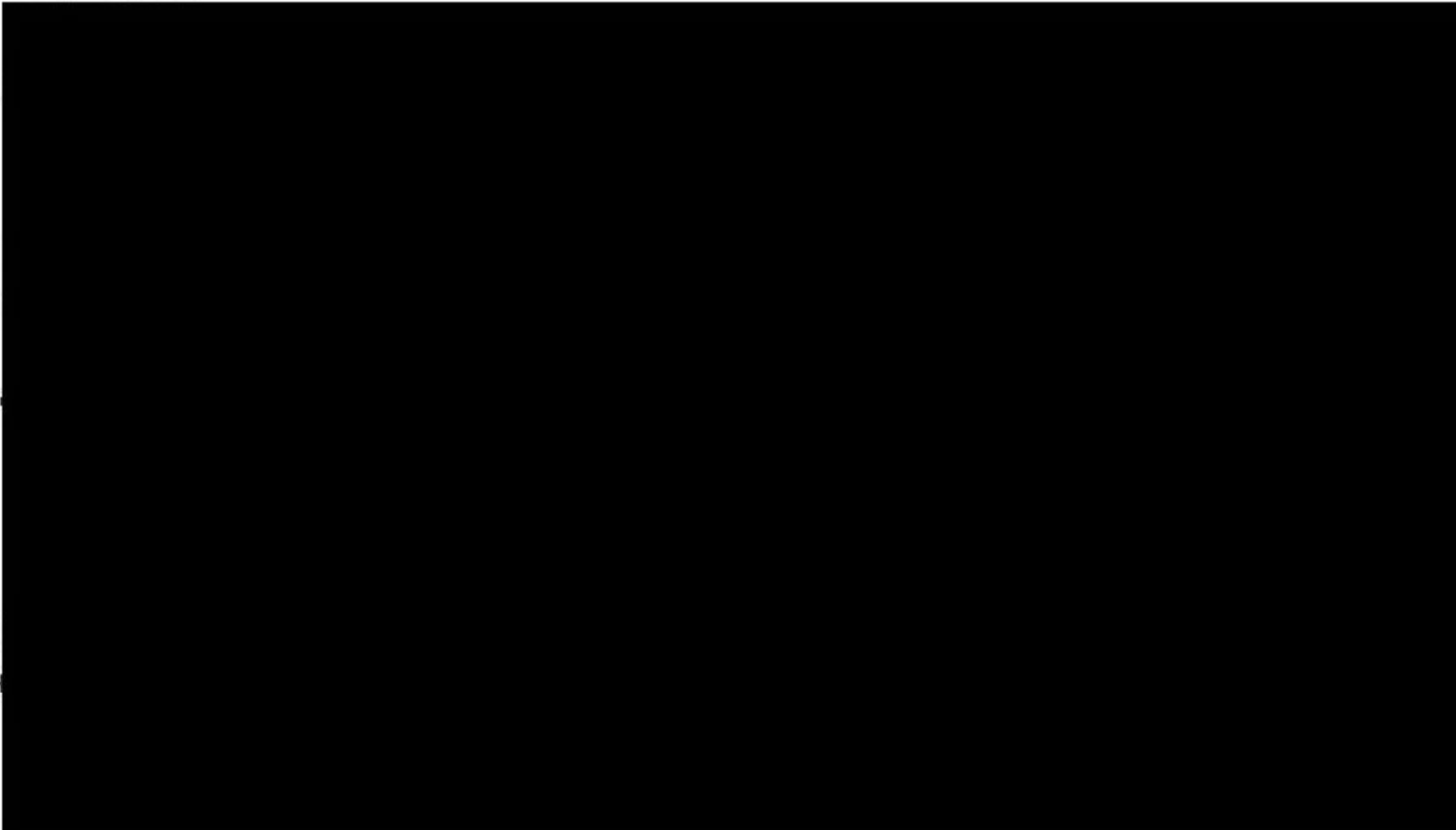
To whom it may concern:

I, Mrs Suzanne Gordon, (formerly Mrs Jay) do solemnly swear that the following facts are true to the best of my knowledge;

During the period of 1990 to 1993, when Mr Jays' mother and aunt were still alive and living alone in the detached property called Burton Mere, Mr Jay and I stayed at the Garden Hut for as much time as possible to support them as they were both aged about 90 years and had become very frail. To be clear, this amounted to usually four or five nights a week and we often spent our holidays there as well.

I know that Mr Jay had lived at the Garden Hut for extended periods and also for weekend stays for many years since the mid 1960's, as I was informed of this by his mother and aunt and also by him, but I was not a witness to this.

After his Mother and Aunt passed away in 1993, we agreed for Mr Mark Clough to live there on a short term basis until he found somewhere else to live. I did not go there after August 1995 at which time he was definitely still living there, but I am given to understand that he has lived there ever since.







**Statement**

To whom it may concern:

I, Ms Stella Hall, do solemnly swear that the following facts are true to the best of my knowledge.

Mr Mark Clough was living at the property known as The Garden Hut during the period 1999 up to and including the year 2014.

I know this, because I was living with Mr Jay at the property Burton Mere, or The Studio, which is within the same curtilage and I visited him at his dwelling on several occasions during this period. I can attest that he was living there full time, as his sole accommodation during this period.

Also, as his next door neighbour with whom we shared a common entrance, I saw him on numerous other occasions.

I have every reason to believe that he continued to live there after 2014, but I was not there to actually witness this.

Signed

Date 2

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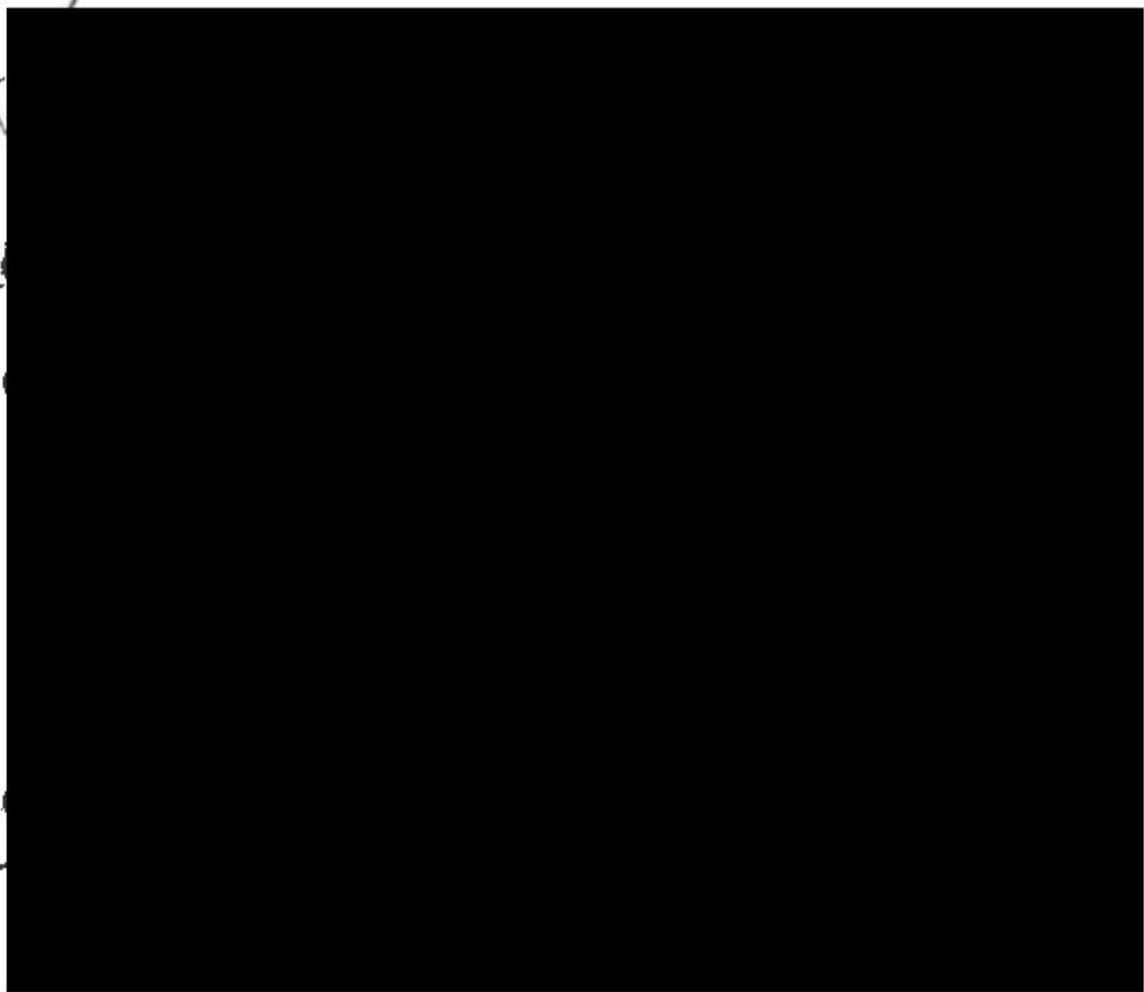
Witness

Name

Signed

Occupation

Date 2





**Statement**

To whom it may concern, I, Mr Richard Hawkins, do solemnly swear that the following facts are true to the best of my knowledge.

I have known Mr Jay since 1980. At that time he was using the property, known as the Garden Hut for most weekends, days off and often for his holidays. I believe that he had used it as his sole, full time residence on many occasions prior to this time.

I know that he and his then wife Sue, used The Garden Hut almost constantly, in the years 1990 to 93 as his mother and Aunt, who lived along the garden, were very elderly and needed support, so at least one of them was there most of the time.

I can confirm that Mr Mark Clough moved from The Red House, Pucknowle, to the Garden Hut in the summer of 1993 after Mr Jay's Mother and Aunt had died.

I have visited Mr Clough at the Garden Hut on many occasions since then and I can confirm that he was living there as his sole accommodation until about 2015/16 after which he had to spend increasing amounts of time supporting his elderly parents in Stoke Abbot although he would return there from time to time for his possessions.

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Two photocopies of two photos from the 1980's  
showing the bungalows in better condition.







