

Dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 1910

**GERALD EDWARD FARQUHARSON PHELIPS  
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**THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD**

**AGREEMENT**

**relating to the site of Hunsdon Mill  
Hertford**

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**AN AGREEMENT** made the 26th day of July one thousand nine hundred and ten BETWEEN GERALD EDWARD FARQUHARSON PHELIPS of Stoke Doyle in the County of Northampton Esquire of the one part and THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD (hereinafter called The Board) of the other part WHEREAS the Board in pursuance of statutory powers conferred on them are negotiating (sic) for the acquisition of the Undertaking of the River Stort Navigation (hereinafter called the Navigation) and contemplate improving the condition thereof and keeping the same open for Traffic which which (sic) be to the advantage of the said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelips his heirs executors administrators and assigns AND WHEREAS the said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelips is the Tenant for life under Indenture of Settlement dated nineteenth of March one thousand nine hundred and one free from incumbrances and the only person in any way interested in the site of Hunsdon Mill in the County of Hertford shewn on the plan annexed hereto except the present Lessee of the Mill House and lands situate on the west side of Hunsdon Mill Bridge AND WHEREAS it has been agreed that in the event of the Board acquiring the Navigation the following terms of Agreement shall immediately become operative NOW IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED as follows:

1. This agreement is subject to the Board acquiring the Navigation ~~within~~ on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1911 ~~from the date hereof~~ or within such further period as the parties hereto may agree.
2. The said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelips his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall not draw down the water of the Navigation by any means whatsoever below the present authorised head viz: The authorised head level shall be indicated by permanent iron or stone marks to be fixed by the Board at a point to be agreed by both parties hereto.
3. The said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelips his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall not pen up the water of the Navigation higher than the authorised head level
4. The said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelips his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall not do anything to impede the traffic on the Navigation.
5. The said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelips his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall not levy any tolls on barges passing through the locks on the Navigation
6. The Board and their successors and assigns shall be at liberty to lower the sills of any Locks on the Navigation as they may think fit but in the case of any Locks having sloping sides they shall close in the sloping portion

of such sides

7. The Board and their successors and assigns and the said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelps his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall be at liberty to draw down the water in the portions of the River immediately above or below the site of the said Hunsdon Mill for the purpose of repairs raising sunken barges accidents and for all other reasonable purposes upon giving to the other of them and to all other parties affected not less than seven days written notice of their or his intention so to do. Such notice shall be duly given if sent by registered post to the Engineer of the Board at his office at Enfield Lock Middlesex or the said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelps his heirs executors administrators and assigns and to the other parties affected at his or their last known place of abode or business. In cases of emergency the parties may give such shorter notice as may be reasonably possible under the circumstances.

8. The said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelps his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall at all times hereafter at his and their own expense keep the floodgates sluices and overshots at the site of Hunsdon Mill in good repair and condition and will also work the said floodgates sluices and overshots in a proper manner and so as to maintain the said authorised head level.

9. The Board shall at all times hereafter keep in repair the trunk under the Navigation and shown on the said plan and shall also keep in good order and condition and watertight and to at least the same height as they now are the Banks of the Navigation which are coloured pink on the said plan but such condition shall not make it obligatory on the Board to build any wall or to make or repair any wharfing or campshedding unless they think necessary.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Gerald Edward Farquharson Phelps has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Board have caused their Common Seal to be affixed the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the  
above named Gerald Edward Farquharson  
Phelps in the presence of

*sig:* Guy #####  
The Elms Walton on Thames  
Gentleman

*sig:* Gerald.E F. Phelps



See map below √

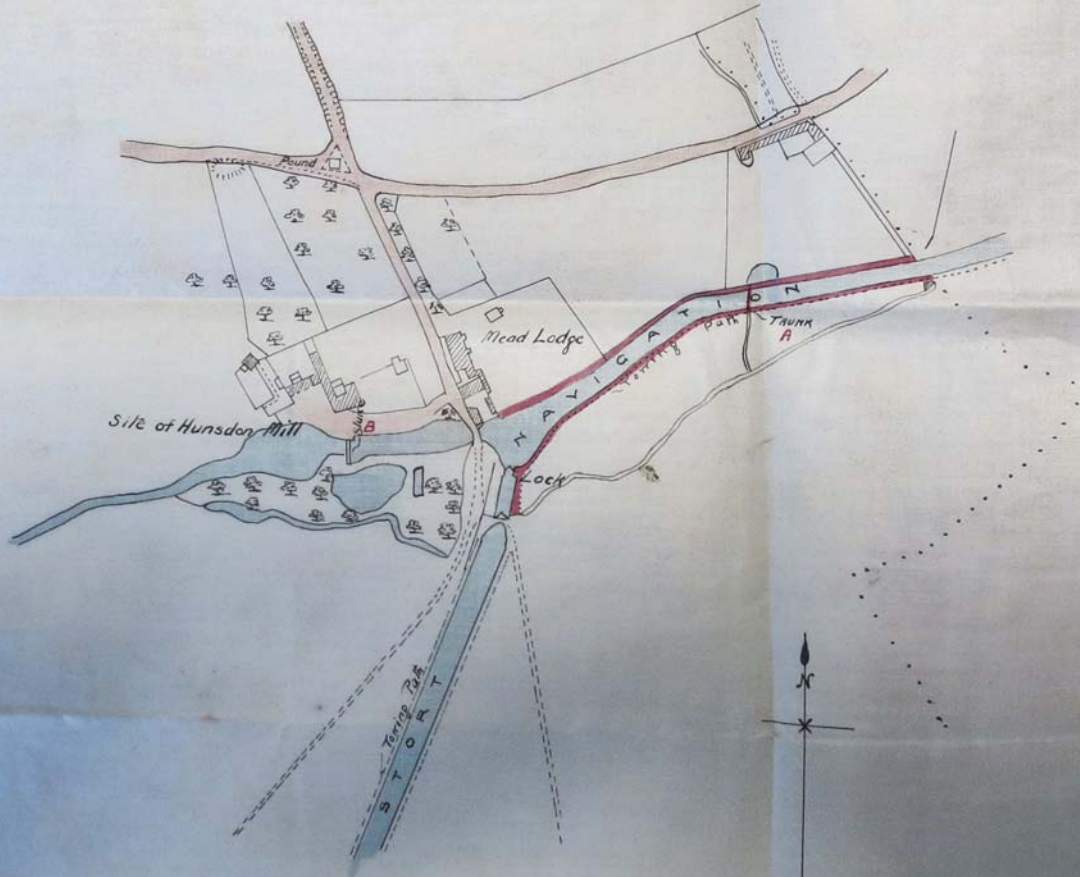
— THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD —

— AND —

— GERALD EDWARD FARQUHARSON PHELIPS —

— TRUNK UNDER RIVER STORT AND BANKS AT MEAD LODGE —

— HUNSDON MILL —



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