

A D. North Lynn of Hokenhill 1595.

Was built in the 37th year of Elizabeth I. in 1595 was designed to have year 2 farm dwellings, being part of a considerable estate. The first built the dwellings formed the estate of one Thomas Gayle of Folkestone who possessed of them with other properties and lands, in Folkestone, Lynne and Stanford until his death in 1634 after which his estate passed to his son, William of Lynne.

William Gayle possessed them until 1645 when in that year he passed them by sale with other properties to one Peter Rooke of Capel near Dover, in whose hands they remained until 1654 when he disposed of them to one George Hammond of Stanford who possessed them until his death in 1686 when after they passed by right of descendency to his son, Thomas, also of Stanford.

Thomas Hammond in 1668 sold these two dwellings & both land adjoining and other properties nearby to one William Coates of Stanford in whose possession they remained until his death in 1692 when after they passed to his nephew Richard Coates esq. of Lynne who upon his death in 1734 and by the terms of his will bequeathed them to his children Richard and Florence, who in 1763 sold off some six acres of arable and pasture and two acres of woodland adjoining the dwellings, and in 1771 upon the death of his sister Richard Coates sold the two cottages to one William Tapsell Tanner and hide dealer of Folkestone.

For this duration of time from their day of founding, these dwellings were tenanted or leased to a number of farmers. In 1640 one Thomas White farmer and his family resided in one cottage, while

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Esau Miller and his family resided in the other. In 1686, Frederick White son of Thomas occupied one cottage while Samuel Beste the other. During this period the cottages were commonly called Gayle or Gale cottages, probably after Thomas Gayle.

By the turn of the eighteenth century most of the land belonging to and adjoining the cottages had been sold off. In 1823 they were owned by Robert Tapsnell son of William. At this date at the eastern end of Etching Street there was adjoining the slaughterhouse a beer house licenced to one Thomas Fox to sell ales and ciders. Both the aforementioned buildings were in a state of dilapidation and in 1849 were condemned. Thomas Fox had died in 1847 and his wife Mary had become the licensee.

In 1851 she was granted a lease on one of the cottages here and in that year moved her family and her business here and with the consent of the owner licence was transferred to these premises. A premises which in 1853 upon being granted a full licence she called the 'New Inn'. She died in 1858 and her son Robert became the licensee, he stayed until 1881, after which he sold to one Elias Rookes, common beer seller of Etchinghill. He in 1890 sold to one George Butler, a carrier to the parish of Etchinghill. He remained here until his death in 1928, where upon his son Ernest took over for him. He stayed until his death in 1944, when his wife Mrs Emma Eliza Butler took over for him. She stayed until her death in 1965, after which her son-in-law William Mauder took over the tenancy. He remained here until 1975 when the present tenant William E. Lipka took over. - P.T.O.