

A D. Notes lun. of Hatchingill 1595.

Was built in the 37th year of Elizabeth I. in 1595 was  
and remained for many years 2 farm dwellings, forming 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, Hympne  
and Stanford, until his death in 1634 after which his  
estate passed to his son, William of Hympne.

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  
descendancy to his son, Thomas, also of Stanford.

Thomas Hammond in 1668 sold these two dwellings &  
with 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 Hympne  
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 "Hells Inn". She died in 1858 and her son Robert became the licensee, he stayed until 1881, after which he sold to one Silas 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 Marden took over the tenancy. He remained here until 1975 when the present tenant William E. Lipka took over. - P.T.O.