

STREET FARMHOUSE : 230 – 238 Canterbury Road

Indenture : 1841

25 January 1841

For the sale of '**Rose Cottages**'

Vendor :

Elizabeth Wootton, widow of **Peter Wootton**, tailor and draper, who had bought the property in 1826

Purchaser :

William Thorpe, bricklayer of Birchington
Richard Busbridge, a well-known local man, who held several offices in the community. He probably acted as the mortgager.

Elizabeth, together with her brother **Richard Norwood** of Broadstairs, had been left the properties in her husband's will. Richard had, however, died in 1830.

There were other properties included in the will and the sale, besides 'Rose Cottages', and the whole lot were to be sold by auction, in four lots, at the **Powell Arms** on **Tuesday 15th December 1840**. Lot 4, which was '**Rose Cottages**', did not reach its asking price, and the highest bid was only for **£190**. At this point **William Thorpe** offered **£215**, which was eventually accepted.

The property at this time was divided into three tenements (23rd line down of the long lines of text). It appears that some of the land on the S.W. side was sold off to **John Friend Esq.**

The text states that the house was 'formerly in the occupation of **Christopher Coulver** and afterwards in several tenures and occupations of :

Thomas Darby
Turner Gisby
William Hollands

It is now in the tenure of :

..... left blank

Darby widow

..... left blank then – **Emptage** and the said **William Hollands**

Lands which abutted the grounds being sold were **John Friend of Brooksend** and **William Besley**

Apart from the vendor and purchasers' signatures at the end of the document, there is an extra one :

Erasmus Sympson of Birchington