

ALMA COTTAGES

The little row was named after the Battle of Alma (20 Sep 1854, the first battle - and a victory for the British - in the Crimean War), so the terrace was obviously built after that date, but we don't have a definite year, as yet. They were already listed in the 1885-6 Kelly's Directory, so must have been there in 1884, when the 85-6 lists were being put together. Thanet House, on the right hand corner of the entry into Alma Cottages, is listed in the 1881 census. The owner of this property in the 1880s said his deeds went back to at least 1870, but couldn't be sure beyond that.

It is thought that Alma Cottages were built after Thanet House, but this is a bit debatable. Adelaide Cottages, which stand at the back of Alma, were built in c. 1873.



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1999 View of the cottages from the Alley