CLOCK PRESENTED BY MRS SUSAN GRAY

A long-case clock, now in the possession of Michael Bundock of Herne Bay, has an inscription in it which states:-

"To the Members of the County Club Presented by Mrs Susan Gray of Birchington Hall November 1896."

The inscription is on a silver plate slightly smaller than postcard size.

The clock was made by Thomas Pegden of Sandwich and made between 1815 and 1820, so was already old when presented to the Club.



It was assumed that it was given by Mrs Gray from her own home at the Hall, but it is quite possible that she acquired it from somewhere else and it was excess to what she required, or even that the Club wanted one and she went out and bought this particular model. She was a very generous woman. By this date her husband had died and her niece was living with her at the Hall. The picture on the left is Mrs Gray as a younger woman in the front grounds of Birchington Hall.

Neither of the photos of the dining room and sitting rooms shows any long-case clock



