

## **PRIMROSE COTTAGE** etc. Canterbury Road (opposite Church)

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Three cottages opposite the Church:

"Built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and depicted on the Thomas Hill map of 1688 as a single dwelling." The article suggests that this was divided sometime in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group possess records showing that both the houses were insured in 1787 for a sum not exceeding £50 for each dwelling. They were insured in the name of William Griggs, the miller who owned the mill at the S.W. corner of Quex Park. One of these Birchington houses was in the tenure of Widow Ayles. The Sun Alliance plaque is still on the wall of the cottage. The property used to be part of Church Hill Farm, bought by John Bridges in 1688 (hence its inclusion in Thomas Hill's map)

The writer states that the farm was farmed by the Neame family for many years, but they were only tenants, as was the case with so much of the land this particular family worked.