

SOUTHDOWN – 207 Canterbury Road

There were initially five properties in the package of the earliest sales. These consisted of **Southdown House**, divided into two dwellings, (the part nearest the road being a butcher's shop), together with a terrace of three brick-built cottages, called **Chapel Cottages**, built in 1829.

In the oldest deeds to these properties, reference is made to the 'Quaker Meeting House' and 'Quaker Burial Ground', which formerly stood on this site.

1829 – Elizabeth Wootton, Richard Norwood, sold the property to William Tomlin and John Tomlin (gent), William's father.

1829 – When referring to the three cottages, known as 'Chapel Cottages', one of the deed states that :-

'the cottages were erected upon the ground formerly whereon the building commonly called "The Quakers' Meeting House" (and therefore used as such) formerly stood, with the stables, outhouses and buildings, yard, garden and grounds to the same messuage or tenement belonging. And also the Toft¹ or piece or parcel of land formerly used as a Burial Place for the said people called "Quakers" (whereon formerly stood a messuage or tenement), contained by estimation one rood more or less (1¼ of an acre).

All which premises were situate lying and being in the said Parish of Birchington in the said Isle of Thanet in the said County of Kent in or near a certain Street there called Birchington Street, then in the late tenure or occupation of John Reader and then in the tenure of Thomas Clark.

And also that small cottage or tenement with outhouses, buildings, yard, garden and ground formerly in the tenure of Edward Johnson and subsequently of William Philpott.

Abutting and adjoining to land there of James Neame and the King's Highway toward the North, to the premises above described in the East, to land there then of John Friend of Birchington towards the South and to lands of Susanna Tomlin, widow towards the West.

1837 – William Tomlin inherited the property from his father John Tomlin, but he did not actually take it over until 1851.

1855 – Thomas Minter Tomlin, William Tomlin, James Boyle Smith and Samuel Amory sold the property to James Wanstall, butcher of Margate and Daniel Oliphant. In these deeds, the Chapel Cottages are described as 'three new-built messuages or tenements.'

1855 (cont.) – At that date they were described as formerly in the occupation of: James Clark and his wife, Daniel Clark, William Philpott, Thomas Pointer Joseph Clark.

¹ 'toft' – a.) a homestead, or b.) an entire holding, consisting of a homestead and the attached arable land (Collins English Dictionary)

but now in the occupation of:

..... Denby (Christian name omitted)

Widow Clark

Thomas Goodburn

..... Redwood (Christian name omitted)

Thomas Pointer

Thomas Hughes

1877 – Eliza Legg owned the properties and was about to marry Richard Barton. When she married him, she did not make over these properties to him and when she died in 1894, her will made no mention of the ownership of the properties, so her brother's children laid claim to them and won.

1886 – George Frederick Brown (butcher of Margate) and Herbert Foreman (Eating House Keeper of Margate) sold all 5 cottages to Robert Clewley Wanstall, (butcher of Birchington). Robert's father had owned the properties and when he died, he left them to Brown and Foreman (Possibly business associates), with the proviso that his son could buy them for £600.

At this time, the houses were occupied by:

Robert Wanstall – Butcher (the road end of Southdown)

Edmund West – the right rear end of Southdown

Percival Read – 1 Chapel Cottages

Henry Pointer – 2 Chapel Cottages

Aaron Marcus Hurrell – 3 Chapel Cottages

1901 – Benjamin Dawes (tailor) and his sister Miss Florence Dawes sold all five properties to Charles Pemble.

Not long after this, Charles Pemble sold the three Chapel Cottages to Harriet Brown, widow of Birchington.

1922 – Charles Pemble died leaving Southdown to his wife Alice and son or brother Thomas Pemble.

These two people then sold it on to Edward and Alice Tumber, who ran the little shop as a tobacconist and confectioners.

1947 – April : Tumber sold the property to Walter H. Breading

1947 – October : Breading sold it Sidney Gosling and Edmund Levett for £4000.

1949 – Gosling sold his half to Levett

1950 – Levett sold Southdown to William Henry Blakelock

1954 – Blakelock sold it to Herbert William George Aers

1955 – Aers sold Southdown to Frank Wesley Adcock

1957 – Adcock sold the shop to Mrs Rosetta Goldsmith for £3500

1958 – July : Mrs Goldsmith sold the shop to Charles and Edna S. Flint for £3500.

1958 – September : Mr & Mrs Flint sold the shop to William Ewart Riley.

1963 – Riley sold it to Joseph William Harris

1971 – Harris then sol the shop to Jeffrey Huland Walter Mantle

1974 – Albert and Vera Luck applied for and were granted a mortgage on the property

1979 – Ray Butcher bought the properties
Ray Butcher sold Southdown in c. 2005.