

BIRCHINGTON HALL - Laming connection

For some time, I have been trying to trace who owned Birchington Hall between the sale by John Friend in about 1852 (map connected with this is in the Smugglers' Restaurant) and the purchase by the Gray family in about 1880.

Recently we were contacted by a member of the Laming family (pronounced with the long 'a') who have now filled in this gap. James Laming owned the house from 1854 onwards. He was baptised in St John's Church Margate in 1790 and died on 23rd September 1864. His wife Ann (née Noakes) had died seven years earlier in 1857. The great-great grandson of James came to All Saints on Sunday (21st May 2006) with information about the family.