



A 2 bay mid 16 C. timber framed house with end smoke bay, half hipped roof and clasped purlins, with an added late 17 C. timber framed wing, gabled with clasped purlin roof, the whole nogged with ironstone, galleted, and tiled roof.

Smoke Bay House. c. 1550. Two rooms downstairs and two up. Entrance beside hearth in smoke bay. Stairs probably in service room. Large timbers, arching "up" braces, joist posts, half hipped roof, beams channeled with curved stepped stops. Pegged rafters, clasped purlins, diminishing principal rafters, wind braces. Chiselled carpenter marks. They have previously been an ale house.

17 C. Wing probably added when house became an inn, provided accommodation for travellers, with two rooms down stairs and two up, but separate from the house. The two are joined by the large chimney, built into the smoke bay on one side, and up to, but not into the wing on the other. There is a 216" (0.75) gap between the two builds. The gabled roof of the smoke bay remains within the extended roof, with its roost blackened rafters. Roof gabled, timber framing in square panels, "down" braces - straight. Sprie been and joists plain, but may have been plastered. Nogging = ironstone with galleting which is also used in the smoke bay house to unify the whole and possibly replacing the original wattle and daub.

Dendro dated 1541/2. 1543/44 (Smoke Bay House).

'THE GEORGE' OR 'THE LITTLE GEORGE' INN
(NOW GRANGE COTTAGE)

COPY OF LOSELEY MSS No.449;

"THE HUNDRED OF BLACKHEATHE AND WOOTTON:

I WILL'M TICKNOR OF ALDBURY ONE OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE HUNDRED AFORESAID DOE PRESENT UNTO YOUR WORSHIPPS ALL THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO DOE KEEPE ALEHOUSES WITHIN MY LIBERTYE WHOSE NAMES HEREAFTER ENSUETHE VIZ:

IN SHYRE JOAN MABANEK,,,,,,,,,,,,,

OLYVER FRAUNEIS.....

RICHARD PARSON OF ALDBURY KEPETHE AN ALEHOUSE AND HATH SUERTIES AND HIS SIGN IS A WISPE OF HOLLYE."

ABOUT 1576.

THERE WAS A VICTUALLER CALLED THOMAS BAYLIE IN ALBURY IN 1663, AND A PUBLICAN/OWNER CALLED EDWARD SHEPARD IN 1708, AND ANOTHER CALLED JAMES HOMES IN 1743.

THE VILLAGE INN WAS CALLED 'THE WHITE HART' IN 1748 BUT IT HAD BECOME 'THE GEORGE' VICTUALLING HOUSE BY 1790. IN 1794 AN ORGANISATION KNOWN AS "THE SOCIETY OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP" WAS FORMED AT 'THE GEORGE' AND IN 1782 THE LANDLORD WAS RICHARD JARLET. WITH THE TRANSFERENCE OF THE VILLAGE TO WESTON STREET THE FORMER "GEORGE" BECAME THE BAILIFF'S HOUSE. (REF. "THE BREWERIES & PUBLIC HOUSES OF GUILDFORD" PART 2 BY MARK STURLEY).

MR. JOHN BATE CARDALE, AN APOSTLE OF THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH, PUT UP HIS HORSE AND CHAISE AT "THE LITTLE GEORGE" ON FIRST COMING TO ALBURY IN 1832. (REF. ALBURY PARISH MAGAZINE DEC. 1897. 'NOTES AND RECOLLECTIONS' BY NEWDIGATE BURNE).