

## **Thomas Osborne Stock (c1776- 1849)**

### Known facts

Gentleman, wife Jemima (c1780 – May 1847)

Tonbridge Tithe (don't know date) lived Calverley Est (3599) (owner John Ward),

1841 Census - Independent of Hygena Cottage Up/Gn,

Pembury Tithe (1838-44) - tenant of plot 376 (owner Dan Fowler),

1842 Bagshaw,

1845 gave £5 to Pembury New Ch Fund, in PO directory

Tithe plot 376 is what I think was Copping Crouch Croft. This was a 1acre plot at the NW corner of Copping Crouch Green and its history can be traced in documents in Maidstone from 1528. It can be assumed it was named after the Copping family who lived in Pembury in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and were very rich. This site now comprises 7 & 9 Lower Green Road, the Catholic Church & the modern houses behind.

9 Lower Green Road is very old and it was modernised c1820 with a handsome Georgian front extension that now forms 7 Lower Green Road. The building would have been a single unit when Stock lived there and certainly fits with his subsequent move to Calverley Park.

Harcourt house is the big house on Hastings Rd next to the Almshouses. The enumerator then went down that side of the Green, past Goddens Cottages that were 5 but are now 3 (I think there were 1 or 2 more cottages in this area as well then) and then crossed over the road and back up the other side of the Green.

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