

ALMA COTTAGE (opposite the Hen and Chicken)

In 1835, Thomas Jenner, the landlord of the Hen and Chicken, enclosed a slip of waste ground on the opposite side of the road to his beer house. He held it as a garden and orchard and sold it in 1862 for £ 15 to Thomas Shrubbs, bricklayer of Cripplegate, who probably built the house. West Sussex Record Office Archives The Crimean Battle of Alma was fought on 20th September 1854, when the British, French and Turkish troops confronted the Imperial Russian Army at the River Alma. Could this have a connection with the naming of the cottage? Between 1871 and 1881 it was occupied by retired farmer, John Etheridge, his wife Alma and their family.