

The "Millers Cottage" dates back to the reign of William III (1688-1702). Built in 1695 the original building has since undergone many changes and transformations but still manages to retain much of its original charm and character.

The premises were still grinding wheat to serve its original purpose until the last Miller to occupy the cottage, one Michael Slaughter Woolett, left in 1842. It is at this time that the premises first became a public house and was registered officially as The "Millers Cottage." The Millers has been licensed to sell beers, wines, and later spirits, ever since.

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TAVERN GHOST STORY. LICENSEE HAS NO FEAR.

Mr. Jack Edmeades, a Kent footballer, recently became licensee of the Miller's Cottage, an ancient tavern standing on Windmill Hill, Gravesend, England.

Many people do not envy him, for the Miller's Cottage has the reputation of being haunted. But Mr. Edmeades and his young wife are not in the least perturbed.

Centuries ago the Miller's Cottage was the home of the miller who worked in the neighbouring windmill. History has it that he met an untimely death in the mill, and that since it was pulled down years ago his ghost stalks the Miller's Cottage.

Previous licensees say that strange noises have been heard in the building at dead of night, but investigation has failed to elucidate the mystery.

NOOKS AND CRANNIES.

Councillor H. A. Hodge, a former mayor of Gravesend, says that when he slept in the front bedroom he frequently heard a noise similar to water dripping on the floor.

"Drip-drip-drip, it went on monotonously," he told an "Evening Standard" correspondent. "When I turned the light on it stopped. Although I do not believe in 'spooks' it was certainly strange."

The Miller's Cottage contains numerous nooks and crannies, and one room has seven doors leading to it. The miller's ancient grindstone is used as a doorstep.

Mr. Edmeades' customers are already telling him, not without some exaggeration, of the weird happenings that have taken place in the Miller's Cottage.