Note on the name of Lime Trees Farmhouse

When Joseph Reade married Jane Garrett, heiress to Alderholt Park, in the early c17th he acquired all the Garrett copyholds in Martin. Since then both of those names have been associated with what is now called Lime Trees Farm.

The 1920 Auction document and map from the village sale identify Lime Trees Farm as Read's Farm. However, the handwritten note on the copy of the sale document in this archive suggests that it was actually called Sparrow's Farm at that time.

In 1863 the Rev. Edward Peacock, who was the principle landowner in Martin at that time, (having married the great granddaughter of Joseph Reade and adding considerably to the land she owned by purchase) wrote a 'History of Martin', illustrated with drawings and photographs. This also confirms that Lime Trees Farmhouse was called Read's Farmhouse.

To confuse things further – the Rev. Peacock says in the caption to his photo below that the house was formerly called 'Garrett's'.

