

THE TITHE MAP SHOWS IT AS BEING OCCUPIED BY JOSEPH HART, A SHEPHERD, AND HIS WIFE SARAH, WITH THE RIGHT TO KEEP 120 SHEEP ON WEST MARTIN DOWN. OLD MAPS SHOW A TRACK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HOUSE FUNNELLING THE SHEEP COMING FROM THE DOWN TO 'HOME GROUND', THE LARGE FIELD AT THE BACK OF THE HOUSE NEXT TO THE CHURCH. FIVE FURTHER FIELDS FOR CROP GROWING, SCATTERED AROUND THE VILLAGE, ACCOMPANIED THE SETTLEMENT (FARM SITE).

THE PRESENT HOUSE PROBABLY ORIGINATED AS A SIMPLE 17TH CENTURY HOUSE BUT WAS EXTENDED IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND GIVEN A MORE SYMMETRICAL APPEARANCE. A YARD AND LARGE BARN CROSSED THE LAND BEHIND THE HOUSE TOGETHER WITH AN ORCHARD, PIG STIES AND A GARDEN.