



PACKBRIDGE COTTAGE

THE COTTAGE DATES FROM THE 16TH CENTURY AND DERIVES ITS NAME FROM THE STONE BRIDGE WHICH WAS BUILT ABOUT THAT TIME TO CROSS THE ALLEN RIVER; THE INHABITANTS OF DAMERHAM WERE OBLIGED TO REPAIR IT. THE WALLS OF THE COTTAGE ARE BUILT OF COB. FRED HACKER OPENED HIS FIRST SHOP IN MARTIN AT PACKBRIDGE COTTAGE AND JUST BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR IT WAS BOUGHT, FOR A SONG, BY MAURICE AND ELEANOR WHITELEGGE. THE WHITELEGGE FAMILY HAVE LIVED IN THE COTTAGE FROM THAT TIME; THEIR DAUGHTER,