



The New Inn at Steephill.

Thomas Rowlandson

1791

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Situated in the *Undercliff* in the south of the island between *Niton* and *Ventnor*, the *New Inn*, run by *Mrs Grove*, was one of the most popular inns and stopping points on the island.

The seated visitors (included here are *Henry Wigstead*, *Samuel Howitt* and *Thomas Rowlandson*) would have had a fine view of the sea from here.



View of Mr Tollemache's House at Steephill.

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Samuel Howitt

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The view looks west towards *Niton* along the *Undercliff*. *Marine Cottage* was owned by the *Hon. Wilbraham Tollemache, Earl of Dysart*, and was often visited by tourists on the island in the late 18th century.

The cottage was originally built by the *Hon. Hans Stanley*, a Governor of the Island. The estate was purchased at a later date by *John Hambrough* who demolished the cottage to build *Steephill Castle*, which has now also been demolished.



Steephill.
Samuel Howitt

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View of *Steephill* showing *Mrs Grove's* inn. This was a popular inn of the time and it is likely that all riding tours of the island would have stopped here for refreshment.

The inn was located on the *Earl of Dysart's* estate in the late 18th century. This estate changed hands in the early 19th century and *Mrs Grove* was asked to leave. She later took up the lease of the *New Inn* at *Ventnor*. Note the dovecot in the gable-end of the right hand building.



Crab Niton, near Steephill.

Circa. 1790s

The present village of *Niton* off the south coast of the island was formerly called "*Crab Niton*" to distinguish it from another island village called "*Knighton*" (pronounced *K-Niton*).

The name obviously refers to its fishing associations.

The building in the picture has not been firmly identified yet, it may be "*Kings Farm*" or perhaps another location in the *Undercliff*.



The Coast at Steephill.

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View of the coast at *Steephill*. The name "*Stupele*" is found in the 14th century. It may refer to a lofty rock in the vicinity.



View from the garden at the New Inn, Steephill.

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Near Steephill.
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Steephill in Niton.
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Circa. 1790s
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View of the village of *Steephill* in *Niton*. Some drawings in the collection were clearly executed quite hastily. This may be an example.



Steephill.
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View of Steephill showing the English Channel in the distance.