

Nace Halford's Store



This photo from late in the 19th century records an unknown event at Nace Halford's store. Nace, in a derby hat, is seated on a nailkeg at the far right of the porch; we believe that his wife, Christine (Rourke) is the lady in the black dress, seated between the centre posts, looking towards Nace. The other members of the group remain unidentified.

An interesting detail in this photograph is the partial view, between the right corner of the store and the horse, of the first brick church in Maidstone which, after the construction of the present building in 1874, was bought by Charles Kavanagh and was used as a carriage shop and home for his family.

It is clear that this store underwent renovations as well; it was later only one storey high.