



Appledore Archive

Memories and Milestones from Appledore's Past

Miss Mollett's
Tea Rooms,
Guest House &
Antiques
Emporium at
Old Way House
c1933



Miss Jessie Mollett

Jessie Blanche Mollett was born in 1881. Well known in art circles as an authority on antiques, she moved to Appledore in 1921.



She owned several properties in Appledore, but is best remembered for her Tea Rooms, Guest House and Antiques Emporium at Old Way House.

In an interview with the Kentish Express in 1965, Miss Mollett recalled "In the 1920s Appledore was a very quiet and out of the way village with no through traffic. Life was very primitive but we had good shops for such a tiny place. Our water supply came from wells, and when it was analysed, it was found unfit to drink. But still I seem to have come to no harm at 83".



Jessie lived in Appledore until her death in 1970, but she is not forgotten. Today, just across the road from Old Way House, her name lives on at Miss Mollett's High Class Tea Room.