



THE THREE CHIMNEYS

THE SEVEN YEARS' STAGGER

A map tracking the path French prisoners took between Sissinghurst Castle and The Three Chimneys during The Seven Years' War (1756-1763).

THE SEVEN YEARS' STAGGER MAPS THE JOURNEY FRENCH PRISONERS WALKED BETWEEN THE THREE CHIMNEYS AND SISSINGHURST CASTLE DURING THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR (1756-1763). IT IS SAID THAT UP TO 3,000 FRENCH PRISONERS WERE KEPT AT NEARBY SISSINGHURST CASTLE. THE HELD FRENCH SEAMEN WERE PLACED ON PAROLE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA AND WERE ALLOWED OUT AS FAR AS THE PUB BUILDING. AT THE TIME, LOCALS REFERRED TO THE PUB AS THE 'THREE WENTS' (OR THREE WAYS) BUT THE PRISONERS CALLED IT LES TROIS CHEMINS. THE UNIQUE NAME OF THE THREE CHIMNEYS THEREFORE DERIVES FROM THE FRENCH TERM FOR THE JUNCTION OF THREE ROADS.

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