



View of Freshwater.

Circle of Thomas Rowlandson

Circa. 1790s

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This view is across *Church Place* looking towards the west front of *All Saints* church.

The church was extended extensively in 1874 and the modern building has an additional gable south (to the right) of the tower.



A church and graveyard at Freshwater.

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This view of *Freshwater* shows *All Saints* Church from the south with *Church Place* and cottages to the west. The *Yare Estuary* can be seen in the distance.

Dating from the Norman period, *All Saints* is one of six Island churches mentioned in the *Domesday Book*.

The church is known for its connections with the poet, *Alfred Tennyson*, and many family memorials can be seen.



Freshwater Gate.
Samuel Howitt

1791

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Freshwater Bay, formerly called *Freshwater Gate*, was one of the few safe havens along the southwest coast of the island. This relative safety and its fresh water supply made the bay a popular victualling point.

Freshwater Cave (see below) can be seen to the left of the painting. The building on the right is probably the *Cabin Inn*, frequented by the artist *George Morland*, who was a friend of *Howitt's* brother-in-law, *Thomas Rowlandson*.



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This view probably shows the rear of the *Cabin Inn*. The rocks to the left of the painting are those at the east end of the bay.



Inn at Freshwater.
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This painting illustrates the *Mermaid Inn at Freshwater Bay*.

It was another favourite haunt of the artist *George Morland* (circa 1793). With a history stretching back over 300 years the "*Cabin*", as the local smuggling trade knew it, is now part of the *Albion Hotel*.



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In this view of *Freshwater Bay* the "*Arched rock*" is not visible. It is shown in *Tomkins* print of 1794; presumably the angle hides the nature of the arch.



Freshwater Cave, Freshwater.

1791

Samuel Howitt

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Freshwater Cave was one of the eleven caves between *Freshwater Bay* and *The Needles* that could be visited in the early 1800's. The cave was 120 feet in depth and its arch was approximately 30 feet wide and the same high.

The cave was a popular location for artists. This view looks out onto the southwest coast of the island, showing *Brook* and *Brighstone* beyond.



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This view shows *Freshwater Bay* from *Tennyson Down*, with *Yarmouth* in the distance. The building may possibly be the *Cabin Inn*.



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This view shows *Freshwater Bay* with *Afton Down* to the right. The building may possibly be the *Cabin Inn*. Note the lobster pots and bathing hut.



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View of Freshwater Bay looking westwards.



The loss of the Halsewell, near Freshwater.

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Circa. 1790s

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Picture portraying the loss of the *Halsewell* near *Anvil Point*, on 6th January 1786.

This painting is incorrectly marked "*Peverall Point*" and "*The Halsewell near Freshwater*".

The wreck of the *Halsewell*, a British East India-man, lies three miles west of the *Swanage Lighthouse*, between *St. Albans Head* and *Anvil Point*, Dorset.

The ship sank during a severe storm with the loss of the captain, *Richard Pierce*, and his crew of 166. The loss caused a public outcry when six young ladies travelling on the ship also died.

The painting is unfinished and the outline of human figures can be seen alongside the cave.