

## ACTONS FARM

Held of the Manor of Pebsham but is liable to a Heriot on death to the Manor of Bexhill

### PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7501 1025)

This farm is still in operation today (1999) but its history cannot be ascertained prior to 1839 as yet. Actons fell within the Manor of Pebsham and no records of this Manor are available at the East Sussex Record Office. Some old Court Books of the Pebsham Manor are kept at the British Library under the reference Court Book 1492-1625 ADD MS 33-173, ffl-144 and Court Book 1561-1639 ADD MS 33,176. No plans have been found before the Tithe Map of 1839.

A detached bungalow, referred to originally as The Cottage, was built in 1931 by Mr A.J.Collins (plan 5643 at the Planning Office in Bexhill Town Hall). There are previous older footings beneath. There was a change of use from agricultural to non-agricultural use for this cottage by Mr Sydney Message in 1965. This is now being owned separately from the farm.

A new cow house was built in 1932 by the executors of the late Mr Collins.

### OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

<1833>	Owner William Camac, tenant George Thomas <sup>1</sup>
<1843>	Owner Sarah Lushington tenant George Thomas <sup>2</sup>
<1854>	Owner Mrs Norton as shown on the plan of the Park Gate Estate (This is not part of the Park Gate Estate but is shown as an abutment) (3)
1867	A Bill of sale for this farm described as a 'Desirable freehold estate containing a small brick built and tiled cottage, barn, cart horse stable, cart and cattle shed, yards etc together with 46 acres of pasture, meadow and arable land. The yearly tenant was Mr Edward Thomas. This was offered for sale by auction 9 May in the matter of the estate of Mr William Camac Esq. <sup>4</sup>
<1880>	William Thomas tenant <sup>5</sup>
<1901>	William Duke tenant <sup>5</sup>
<1907>	Amos Shoemith tenant <sup>5</sup>
<1909>	S. Cramp tenant <sup>5</sup>
<1916>	W.T.Lambert tenant <sup>5</sup>
<1946	Owned and farmed by Mr Weller of Uper Wilting Farm
1946	Purchased by Sydney Message and farmed by him and his daughter and son-in-law Joe and Kay Slater <sup>6</sup>
1959	Purchased by Joe and Kay Slater <sup>6</sup>

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Actons Barn 1989



Actons Buildings 1989

## SOURCES

- 1 ESRO Land Tax 1833
- 2 ESRO TD/E 141 Bexhill Tithe Award 1843
- 3 ESRO AMS 3447
- 4 ESRO BAT 2140
- 5 Postal Directories Bexhill Museum
- 6 Informed by Mrs Kay Slater in person