

CHEESEMANS FARM

Copyhold of the Manor of Bexhill

DETAILS OF PROPERTY (NGR TQ 7461 0792)

This farm has been gone for more than 100 years. The site of the farm house and buildings was used to build the Convalescent Home called East Down House which was opened in 1881. This was demolished in 1988 and the area has been developed and called De Moleyns Close.

- <1567> Thomas Avery owner tenement barn and 30 acres ¹
- <1673> Caleb Shelley owner Messuage barn and 20 acres ²
- <1727-1731
1731-1737> Nicholas Russell ³
Thomas Benskin ³
- 1790 Oct 21 Susannah Sinnock admission on death of Thomas Sinnock late Nicholas Sinnock paying 3s 10d ⁴
- 1797 Oct 30 Susannah Sinnock, widow died leaving property to daughter Sarah late Thomas Sinnocks before Nicholas Sinnocks before Langfords and formerly Saxby's and because Sarah Sinnock is a minor of the age of 15, her guardians Joseph Newington and Benjamin Cramp until she became 21. Heriot a cow compounded at £6 6s. Fines £20.0.6d.
- 1804 Sep 12 Sarah Sinnock surrendered Messuage and lands 20 acres to Lavett Osborne, wheelwright ⁵
- <1808> Lavett Osborne has Cheesemans with 10 acres of freehold land and 19 acres of copyhold land. Lavett is one of three sons of John and Martha Osborne nee Smith. He married Hannah Mitten in 1795. ⁶
- <1823> Lavett Osborne Messuage and residue of 20 acres of land ⁷
- <1843> Thomas Thwaites owner and Stephen Barrow tenant. ⁸

In the middle 19th century lime burning was carried out on Cheesemans land. The lime kiln was at the southern part of todays Sea Road, then Sea Lane, on the west side. Chalk was brought from the quarry at Holywell near Beachy Head and

transported along the coast. Coal was also delivered at that point.



Cheesemans farmhouse and the Smithy from a painting. The building on the left is the farmhouse.

SOURCES

- 1 CKS U269 M20 Bexhill Manor Rental
- 2 ESRO ADA 49
- 3 ESRO AMS 5641/2 Rev Ott Tithe Book
- 4 ESRO ADA 64
- 5 ESRO ADA 65
- 6 ESRO AMS 5819
- 7 Bexhill Museum Manor Rental 1823
- 8 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award