

CHINTINGS

Copyhold of the Manor of Bexhill

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7420 0756)

This farm consisted of a large field bounded to the north by today's Buckhurst Road, on this field stood a barn very near to the Town Hall Square site. I have never seen mention of a house and other buildings until one of the Court Rolls was found among others referring to Chintings at the Centre for Kentish Studies at Maidstone in May 2002. The land straddled along the coast as far as South Cliff, and can clearly be traced on the Duke of Dorset's Survey (7)

There was a family called Chinting in the 16th century and the entries of marriage, baptism and burial appear in the parish registers for the years 1563 - 1571. Roger Chinting married Anne Averie 26 Feb 1571, they had six children but after that there is no more mention. It is therefore suggested that the family of Chinting held this property and it became known as Chintings from then on. This may also be the reason for it not being recognised as such in the Manor Rental of 1567 as it may have been in the early years of ownership or tenancy of the Chinting family.

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

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| 1567 | This property cannot be identified on the Manor Rental of this date |
| 1581 Sep 14 | Agnes newly widowed (?) surrendered all her right and that of her heirs to a tenement and barn called Chintings and Margaret Busshe and her heirs claimed it. Margaret was to pay Agnes 4 marks annually at the feasts of the Assumption and if she fell into arrears then the agreement was to be null and void. signed Thomas Culpepper. (8) |
| 1581 Sep 14 | Richard Jaxson who held barn and 24 acres called Chintings enclosed by the Lord and that after his death a cow was given as a heriot and that Margaret, now the wife of Gilbert Busshe is his daughter and now is his heir and seeks to be admitted to the said premises and the seisin by the rod was given and Gilbert did homage to the Lord of the Manor. Signed Thomas Culpepper. (8) |
| 1584 Dec 3 | Robert Bedell clerk surrendered Chintings with barn and 24 acres to the use and behoof of Anne now his wife for her natural life and remainder after her decease to Moysey Bedell son and heir of Robert whereupon there came to the Lord a heriot as the roll shows. Anne and Moysey were present in Court and |

sought to be admitted which by the will of the Lord was granted by the rod for the usual rent. (8)

- 1598 March 8 It was reported that Robert Bodel and Anna his wife and Msene Bedel his son and surrendered to the Lord a tenement called Chintings and barn and 24 acres to the use and behoof of Anne, the wife of Thomas Pie and Theodris the kinsman of the aforesaid Thomas. Thomas and Anne were admitted for the life of Anne. (8)
- 1601 June 11 Anna the wife of Thomas Pie, doctor of theology, had held jointly with Theodoris a tenement called Chintings with barn and 24 acres of land, in the last Month of May Anna died. Theodoris was still a minor. Thomas was bound to take care of him ie take him in and give him food and lodging and put into repair the buildings of the tenement. Meanwhile he was to have the tenement as his own until Thoedoris came of age. (The document later states that Anna was the aunt of Theodoris) (8)
- 1611 Apr 8 Thomas Pie held Chintings with barn and 24 acres had died since the last Court and a cow was paid as heriot and that Henry Pie aged one and a half was his heir. He was admitted but he was a minor. ?Edward Pie was charged to give him board and lodging. (8)
- 1613? Sep 25 Enquiry was made whether any claim was made to Chintings of which Henry Pie had died seised and George Pie his brother and heir aged 6 or 16? came forward and through his attorney Bartholomew Stoughton and it was allowed. But because he was a minor it was stipulated that the aforesaid Thomas Heneage gent should take him as his ward until he reached the age of 21. (8)
- 1632 July 7 George Pie gent. out of Court surrendered seisin witnessed by Richard Durrent, John Langford and Richard Martin, tenants of the Manor, Chintings Messuage barn and 24 acres at 3/4d per annum and certain customary lands called Hunts cont 4 acres with its appurtenances 2/8d to the use and behoof of Benjamin Scarlett (8)
- 1651 Aug 12 At this Court by Edward Raynes gent. steward. It is engrossed: At this court it is presented by the homage that out and since the last court (that is to say) 12 April now last past Benjamin Scarlett gent. did surrender a tenement barn and lands cont 24 acres called Chintings late Pie's and paying 3/4 to the use and behoof of Susan Morley second daughter of Robert Morley of

Glynde esq deceased and of her heirs whereupon happens to the Lord a heriot according to a deed 18 November now last past and here in court produced 12d of certain. And now at this court comes the said Susan by Abraham Cooper her attorney and prays to be admitted to the premises. To whom the Lord by his steward granted seisin thereof by the rod to have and to hold to the said Susan her heirs and for ever by copy of Court Roll yearly rent of 3/4 with a fine of 12d certain, but her fealty is respited. signed Edward Raynes. (8)

- <1673> The Lord of the Manor held Chintings and it contained Tenement and barn and 24 acres. (1)
- <1727-1731
1731-1737> Nicholas Russell from Seaford (6)
Thomas Benskin (6)
- <1740> Thomas Benskin is shown as tenant (2)
- 1799 'Chintins' contained 223 acres (3)
- <1802 The Lord of the Manor had purchased this property and it was therefore omitted from the Manor Rentals as it was now part of the demesne land.(4)
- <1843> Earl of Amherst owner, Arthur Sawyer Brook tenant (5)

This now follows the descent of Bexhill Manor.

SOURCES

- 1 ESRO ADA 49 Manor Rental
- 2 ESRO DR/B33/1 Poor Rate
- 3 ESRO QDD/6/E16 and ADA51 XA36
- 4 ESRO RAF Box Manor Rental
- 5 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award
- 6 ESRO AMS 5641/2 Rev Ott Tithe Book
- 7 ESRO AMS 5819 Duke of Dorset's Survey
- 8 Centre for Kentish Studies Maidstone U269 T110/2