

Clinch Green Farm

Copyhold of the Manor of Bexhill

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7255 0919)

There were two farms here side by side, with just access space between them. One was called 'Bodingham' with about 56 acres and the other was 'Redham' with 5 to 7 acres.

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

<1567>	These farms cannot be identified ¹
<1673>	Shows 'Pedham' ^{sic} with Messuage and 7 acres of land William Duke owner late Quinnells and 'At Clinchgreen' Mr Newington with barn and 30 acres. ²
<1686 Mar 26	Thomas Copper of Eastbourne, sadler, son of John Copper of Bexhill, Yeoman (12)
1686 Mar 26 >	Thomas Grover purchased with 20a, Simon Coleman in occupation (12)
1705 Apr 16/17	Lease & Release Robert Martin of Bexhill husbandman and wife Elizabeth, William Punnett of Folkestone, Joseph Grover of Bexhill Yeoman to Geo Squire of St Andrews Holborn, Coffeemn. House and barn called Redham and lands (35 acres) (12)
<1727-1734	Joseph Grover 'Redham' ³
1734-1737>	Thomas Grover 'Redham' ³
<1802>	'Redham' Thomas Russell, messuage garden 5 acres and 'At Clinchgreen' John Hamond tenement and 30 acres ⁴
<1808>	'Redham' John Rusell, 21 acres of freehold land & 6 of copyhold. This however is not called Redham on this map. ⁵
<1823	Richard King with tenement and 30 acres at Clinch Green late Harris's and Vallance with messuage, garden and 5 acres 'Redham' late John Russell before Cramps. ⁵
1831	Described on a farm plan headed Bodingham and Redham, clearly shows that there were two properties there. On searching the Rentals for the Manor of Bexhill we find Redham but no mention of Bodingham. However there is mention of a tenement which is 'AT Clinchgreen'. On further investigation it is obviously the farm called Bodingham, but as seen so far the name Bodingham is only shown on the farm plan of 1831. It seems as if these two farms were amalgamated and farmed as one farm in the middle 19th century. ⁸

- <1833> Clinch Green owner Heirs of Thomas Hammond, Isaac Young tenant
- 1839 Tithe Map shows above clearly, the name is now Lower Clinch Green Farm, Thomas Rollason owner, Isaac Young Tenant with 50 acres ⁹
- 1863 Jul 22 William Peppercorn Messuage & garden & three pieces of land called Redham cont 5 acres late Vallences lately alienated the same to Henry Snaith Lane of Bexhill ... 8d rent.
- 1865 The property of Newton Parks. Title Deeds and documents See ESRO AMS 5627
- <1889-1897+ George Hammond aged 57 in 1891 Bailiff (13, 14)
- <1905-1905 John Hammond, bailiff [14]
- <1910-1917 John Hammond jun, bailiff [14]
- 1919 Aug 30 This farm was sold along with Grinses Farm as one lot. They were in the ownership of the late Albert Parks and were sold by Walter Parks at the Devonshire Hotel, Bexhill. Clinch Green Farm is shown on the Sales particulars as 'formerly called Beddingham' and comprised of:
Brick and Tile built cottage, brick timber and slate cow lodge for 21 cows with root and corn rooms adjoining. Brick and slate range of stabling for 10 horses with chaff room, brick and slate barn. Brick, timber and slate granary and manure store adjoining. Brick, weather board and slate built granary with four bay waggon lodge under same. Timber and iron implement lodge of five bays with carpenters shop. Timber and thatched cart shed. Timber and thatched implement lodge. Range of timber and corrugated iron buildings, comprising two open cattle lodges with yards, 4 loose boxes, lambing lodges and yard. This was sold to Mr Glessing for £12 420. (10)
- 1925 Mr Glessing sold this property and the farm land, along with the land of Grinses Farm, and they were made into the Highwoods Golf Course. The Granary was converted and extended to make the present Club House. The farmhouse is still there but now called 'Golf Cottage' and had bay windows added. (11)



Mr Bert Kiff who was an apprentice builder in 1925 helped with the conversion and said that he remembered seeing evidence that there were originally two farms here with just an access space between them.

In the middle 19th century this property was called 'Lower Clinch Green Farm' because there was an Upper Clinch Green Farm. This was also in Ellerslie Lane further south. It seems that the 'Lower' was dropped when the Upper Clinch Green Farm disappeared.

Note: Deeds ESRO AMS 5627 to be studied

SOURCES

- 1 KAO U269 M20 Bexhill Manor Rental held at Maidstone Record Office
- 2 ESRO ADA Bexhill Manor Rental
- 3 ESRO REF Box Bexhill Manor Rental
- 4 ESRO AMS 5819 Duke of Dorset's Survey
- 5 Bexhill Museum Bexhill Manor Rental 1823
- 6 Land Tax
- 7 Bexhill Museum Farm Plan 1831
- 8 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award
- 9 ESRO ADA 69 page 32
- 10 Bexhill Museum
- 11 Bert Kiff
- 12 ESRO AMS 5627
- 13 PRO Census Returns
- 14 Street Directories, Bexhill Museum