

CRAMPS FARM

Copyhold of the Manor of Bexhill

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7435 0895)

The name Cramps was after the early 19th century owner John Cramp. Earlier names 'Wilting' and 'Nepacres'. The farm buildings have now gone and the land developed but the 19th century house is still there.

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

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| <1567> | John Skrast gent. owned in two parts. Cottage and 15a called 'Wilting' and 1 acre croft called 'Pooke Pet'. (1) |
| <1673 | Longlies |
| <1673> | Mildred Jury widow. Messuage barn and 16a called 'Nepacres' (2) |
| <1792 | Bredon |
| 1792 Oct 23 | John Cramp Mess barn and 16a (3) |
| 1823-<1833 | John Cramp Mess barn stable and the residue of 16a. It seems That sometime before 1823 John Cramp sold off part of Holliers Hill Field which was divided into five strips each to contain a House and garden. |
| <1833-<1872 | Thomas Sinden owner/occupier 18½ acres. (5) |
| 1869 Apr 29 | The Cramps Farm Estate was sold and bought by a Hastings syndicate headed by George Veness an estate agent and Joseph Brown, chairman of the Hastings and St Leonards Gas Co. They laid this out as a building estate with St John and St James Roads. The farm house and buildings remained for a while and on the 1873 O.S. Map are shown as Bank House. The plot which contained the farmhouse, stabling and buildings, 85 feet by 150 feet was purchased by Mr Heaver for £360. The corner plot which contained a large frontage and a considerable piece at the rear was to be set out as a public house and was purchased by Mr Saunders for £160. The rest of the land was laid out in plots with various prices and purchasers. The materials of the barn etc were sold as one lot. The total of the sale was £1,830. (6) |
| <1872 | George Burry Clement land on the south of the estate (7) |

SOURCES

- 1 Centre for Kentish Studies Maidstone U269 M20 Manor Rental
- 2 ESRO ADA 49
- 3 ESRO Raf Box
- 4 Bexhill Museum Manor Rental 1823
- 5 ESRO TD/E 141 Bexhill Tithe Award
- 6 Bexhill Chronicle 29 April 1869
- 7 Deeds of Hill Cottage P5/155