

FREEZELAND FARM

Holden of the Manors Of Bexhill and Buckholt

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7270 1030)

The old farmhouse has been demolished, it was situated hard on the land called Freezeland Lane. The Oast House has been converted and some of the other buildings survive. The early history has not yet been investigated.

At a sale of the property on 11 July 1848 it is described thus: It consisted of Farmhouse, Barns Oasthouse, Stable and other farm buildings being part freehold and part copyhold. 36 acres 3 roods 18 perches of good land. A portion of the land comprising 13 acres and 33 perches is a copyhold inheritance holden of the Manor of Buckholt and is subject to an annual Quit Rent of 1s 8d and to a fine or heriot certain of 3s 4d on death or alienation payable to the Lord or Lady of the said Manor. A further portion 6 acres 3 roods and 20 perches is also copyhold inheritance holden of the Manor of Bexhill subject to a heriot of the best live beast on death or alienation and to an annual Quit Rent of 8d payable to the Lord or Lady of the Manor of Bexhill. (1)

Freezeland and Banks were farmed together in the middle nineteenth century and they were valued on 21 July 1883, the report being sent to Sir Anchitel Ashburnham and reads thus:

'We went over this property on the 19th inst and find it comprises of a farmhouse, cottage, oasthouse and several enclosures of arable, pasture and woodland and one piece of market garden ground, the whole containing 66 acres 3 roods 15 perches. Part is copyhold but most freehold and some portions of that are liable to Manorial Customs, heriots, fines and quit rents. Our Valuation of this property is £3,540 sign J.W.C. Vidler Son and Clements. (2)

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

1801 May 13>	George Hammond purchased (1)
<1833>	Mary Hammond owner, Thomas Hammond tenant (3)
<1843>	Mary Hammond snr owner, Mary Hammond jnr tenant (4)
<1848>	Executors of George Hammond, Thomas Hammond tenant (1)
<1861>	Mary Hamond widow aged 55 farmer of 50 acres emp 2 men and 1 boy(6)
<1891>	John Quaife tenant in house number 1 aged 62 carter (6)
<1891>	William Franks in house number 2 aged 54 general labourer (6)
<1898>	John Quaife and William Golding tenants (7)
<1909>	Albert Carey tenant (7)
<1916>	George Hobden, Freezeland House Dairy (7)
1950's	Mrs Woodward owner, Mr Cole tenant of converted oast (5)



Freezeland farmhouse and converted oast 1950's
Loaned from Peter Cole.

SOURCES

- 1 Bexhill Museum Sales Particulars
- 2 ESRO A5643/1/3 Sales Particulars
- 3 ESRO Land Tax
- 4 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award
- 5 Mr Peter Cole
- 6 PRO Census Returns
- 7 Bexhill Directory