

FUGGLES FARM

Holden of the Manor of Bexhill

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7408 0822)

This small farm of only three fields containing 5 acres 3 roods and 3 perches was once part of a tenement called Honeys. This is shown on the Duke of Dorset's Survey as being adjacent to the Barracks of the KGL. (1) James Fuggle bought these fields in 1799.

OWNER /TENANT DETAILS

Nash
Hollands
Pim

1799 Sep 30 At a Manor Courtthat on the 18 of May last Benjamin Butcher did surrender ... one moiety to which he was admitted under the Will of John Pim at a Court held Oct 19 1779 of All that tenement, barn and three pieces of land adjoining Bexhill Down late John Pim's and before Hollands Before Nashes paying yearly 19d.And also the other moiety of the said Benjamin Butcher ... to the use and behoof of James Fuggle of Bexhill, shopkeeper. (2)

James Fuggle came from Brenchley in Kent, he died 21 July 1821. John Fuggle of Old Hay Farm, Mereworth Kent, son of James Fuggle became owner along with John Fuggle also of Brenchley nephew of James, and Samuel Holland of Bexhill.

1840 Dec 30 The property was sold to Josiah Moorman along with cottages at the junction with Barrack Road and Belle Hill (1 & 2 The Mount, Stone Cottages and other buildings) for £470. The Indenture was made between John Fuggle of Old Hay Farm Mereworth, Samuel Holland and John Fuggle of Brenchley and Josiah Moorman The abutments are the road leading from Bexhill Street to Bexhill Down on the south, the road leading from Belle Hill to Sidley on the west, and to land and premises belonging to James Ockenden and others on the east and running nearly to a point towards the north containing 34 perches. Also all those three other pieces of land situate at or near Belle Hill containing together 5 acres 3 roods 3 perches being part of certain lands call Honeys and abutting partly to a

piece of land of the Earl of Amherst called Lower Crow Mare and partly to land of Thomas Larkin on the north and land belonging to Thomas Breton also formerly part of Honeys on the east and south and partly to land of the said Thomas Larkin and partly to land now or lately used as the garden of the workhouse on the west. The last three pieces of land are now in the occupation of James Britt, coloured green on the plan. (3)

1840 Dec 31 This Indenture between John Fuggle OF Old Hay Farm, Samuel Holland of Bexhill gent, John Fuggle of Brenchley gent, of the first part and the said John Fuggle the son of the second part and Thomas Moorman of the third part and Josiah Moorman of the fourth part and William Scrivens of Hastings of the fifth part. Whereas the said James Fuggle deceased being in his lifetime seized to him the said land and cottages, made and published his Will 8 May 1811 ... he gave and devised unto John Fuggle the nephew, Samuel Holland and John Fuggle the son and All and singular his real estate whatsoever, his wife Mary to have the use of the household goods and rents and profits of his estate and the interest etc (3)

Note: This is a very shortened version of a long and complicated document. This land and cottages are shown on the Tithe Award of 1843 as in the ownership of Thomas and Josiah Moorman. (4)

An idea of the Fuggle family as derived from this document:

James Fuggle of Brenchley Kent married Mary and died 21 July 1821. They had a son John Fuggle of Old Hay Farm Mereworth Kent, who had a daughter Nanny, Nanny married Robert Smith. James Fuggle also had a nephew, John Fuggle of Brenchley Kent.

The three fields mentioned in the above documents became known as Fuggles Farm. The cottages and buildings mentioned were situated just in Barrack Road on the right as you go in from Belle Hill. The buildings may have been left over from the KGL Barracks.

The tenant shown on the Tithe Award of 1843 is James Britt, one field contained a chaise house at this time. (4)

After the death of the Moorman brothers it passed into the Scrivens family. The London Road which runs from Belle Hill traffic lights to Sidley runs through the eastern part of this property. This part was sold for the building of the road 20 Sep 1912 by Miss Ann Scrivens. The rest of the land has subsequently been developed.

SOURCES

- 1 ESRO AMS 5819 Duke of Dorset's Survey
- 2 ESRO ADA 65 Manor Court Book
- 3 The Dunn family papers
- 4 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award