

HACKWOOD'S FARM

Freehold of the Manor of Bexhill

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7360 1040)

The early name for this property was Le Weeks and Le Hekewood Wiste. This should be read in conjunction with Banks Farm (P5/74) as Hackwoods later became known as Banks and it is very confusing. Hackwoods as a farm in it's own right has now gone, the land being still undeveloped (2000) is used with another holding. The acreage has varied over the years from about 20 to 41 acres. In the 19th century Hackwoods takes on the name of Banks. The two properties were adjacent to each other and a study of the plan attached will help in the understanding of this matter.

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

- <1567> John Perching held 'Le Hekewood Wiste', tenement & 30 acres (1)
- <1673> John Bourner 'Hackwood' Barn and 20 acres (2)
- 1801 May 13&14 See Indenture in Court Bool
- <1802> Richard Neves, Barn and 20 acres (3)
- <c1808> Richard Neves 41 acres (4)
- <1823> Sarah Neves widow 41 acres (5)
- 1829 Jun 10 Mary Hammond, widow, presented her freehold to the Manor Court, rent 3s, containing 20 acres with apputenances late Malbranks before Neves before Milwards. (9)
- 1843 Tithe Award nows calls this 'Banks Farm' Lodge etc with Mary Hammond snr as owner and Mary Hammond jnr tenant. This was now farmed with Freezeland Farm and was later sold with Freezeland Farm, which was also owned by the Hammonds (6)
- 1848 Jul 11 At a sale by Auction at the Bell Hotel this property consisted of a Barn, yard and lodge and 23 acres of land. There was no mention of a house. This was sold by the Executors of George Hammond. (7)
- <1861> Steven Neve tenant aged 56 farming 18 acres (10)
- c1890 A brickworks was in one of the fields NGR TQ 7345 1046

SOURCES

- 1 Maidstone Record Office KAO U269 M20
- 2 ESRO ADA 49 and 58 Manor Rental and Court Book
- 3 ESRO RAF Box Manor Rental
- 4 ESRO AMS 5819 Duke of Dorset's Survey
- 5 Bexhill Museum Manor Rental
- 6 ESRO TD/E 141
- 7 Bexhill Museum Sales Particulars
- 8 ESRO Sussex Directory
- 9 ESRO ADA 67 page 23
- 10 PRO Census Returns