

**HENNIKERS FARM**

Origin of name	From a field called Hen Acre
Location	Buckholt Lane
Manor	Buckholt

**PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR 7450 1045)**

This property was once part of Buckholt but became a separate holding, date uncertain.

There are two semi-detached cottages in Buckholt Lane called Hennikers Farm. In the vicinity of Hennikers there was a field called (Hens Acre) shown on the Buckholt Farm Survey of 1753. The owner at this time was Francis hare Naylor of Herstmonceux. (1) See Buckholt Farm for more details.

There was a large bloomery in Little Henniker Wood, of early perhaps Roman type. A bank some four or five feet in height, at the base of which is a little rill, running from a swampy spot. This shows that a great deal of cinder has been dug, but a considerable quantity remains. (2)

There was a pheasantry in Cole Wood for the Normanhurst Estate and one keeper, George Reid, lived in one of the Henniker Cottages, Mr Bull was keeper after Mr Reid. (3)

In 1950 The Gillingham family were tenants of Buckholt and later Henniker. Mrs Gillingham was still living there in 1992.

This is a list of deeds held at the East Sussex Record Office in Lewes referring to Henniker Farm. The reference numbers refer to the ESRO filing system.

A5643/1/60/1. Lease of Little Henniker land.

Indenture made 18<sup>th</sup> May 1895 between Thomas Lord Brassey of Bulkeley Cheshire and Normanhurst Court Sussex of the one part and James Adams of Sidley, brickmaker of the other part ..... Three pieces of land containing 24 acres 7 perches.....

A5634/1/60/2. Indenture made 18<sup>th</sup> May 1895 between Thomas Lord brassey and David Clark of Freezeland, Farmer..... All that and those cottage buildings land and premises called Hennikers (part of Buckholt) containing 27 acres 1 rood and 28 perches .....Tho hold the saod cottages buildings and land from 11 October 1895 for one year paying £30 to be paid half yearly .....

A5634/1/60/3. The Executors of Mr David Clark surrenders his tenancy of Henniker Farm to Mr E. Mepham of the Watermill Catsfield on 11 October 1912. Witness Fanny Clark and Thomas Bodle dated 17 June 1912.

A5634/1/60/4. Agreement made 4 July 1912 between Thomas Allnutt Brassey Viscount Hythe of Normanhurst Court Catsfield and Ernest Mepham of the Watermill Farm Catsfield, Farmer. Whereby the landlord lets to the tenant, the cottage land and premises ....known as Henniker Farm containing 40 acres 2 roods and 38 perches from 11 October 1912 for a yearly tenancy of £45.

A5634/1/60/5. 29 December 1915 Mr Mepham asks the Estate Office at Lewes to be allowed to break up a piece of land south of the buildings on plot no. 144 on the O.S. Map containing one and a quarter acres, he gets permission from Powell & Co land agents.

A5634/1/60/6. I Ernest Mepham of Henniker Farm....do give the cottage, buildings, land and premises which I rent of Hugh Sydney Egerton Esq of Mountfield Court Robertsbridge under an agreement made 4 July 1912. Do surrender .... And part of Cole Wood....on 11 October 1924.



Hennikers Cottages 1990

## SOURCES

- (1) ESRO SHE 2/4
- (2) Wealden Iron : E.Straker
- (3) Mr Bert Kiff.