

HONIES

Origin of Name: The surname Honey, usually spelt Hony or Huny, was fairly common in East Sussex during the Middle Ages, although confined to humble folk. One such family probably gave this name to that Area of Bexhill which is still sometimes referred to by older inhabitants as 'The Honeys'. (1)

Older names: Hamyes, Homegate, Cortebrook

PROPERTY DETAILS: NGR TQ 7402 0806

The area covered by this property lies to the west of Holliers Hill, Bexhill Hospital being on this land and to the east of London Road.

The Manor Rental of 1521 updated in 1549 show the following. There seems to be two 30 acre plots which are copyhold and one 20 acre which is freehold. In 1567 all the land is freehold. (2)

Is Richards French's 20 acre plot the same as plot 1529 on the Tithe Map called Honies Field with the acreage 19.2.24? If so should the two 30 acres pieces read 3 acres not 30? If so are they plots 1528 and part of 1527 and also is the 2 acre plot of woodland Honies Pit on the Tithe whose acreage is given as an acre and a half?

If the 30 acres of Honies are the same as plots 1527, 1528 and 1529 with 1530 adding up to around 30 acres then where was Cortebrook and what size was it? (3)

In 1802 John Lansdell is shown as having Honies and Courtbrook still only 30 acres.

The modern roads today which fall into this area are:

Part London Road

Woodgate Avenue

Springfield Road

Cambridge Road

Havelock Road and

Beaconsfield Road

Owner/tenant details:

<1567> Richard French as Hamyes Mess and 30 acres,
Richard French 2 acres land
Richard French as Cortebrook.

<1673> Thomas Coleman as Honeys also Homegate tenement and lands

<1802> John Lansdell as Honies and Courtbrook 30 acres

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<1823> John Lansdell Honies and Coarsbrook, Barn and 30 acres
1825 Thomas Larkin as part of Woodgate Farm

SOURCES

1. See Sussex Notes and Queries Vol 15 page 59.
2. West Sussex Record Office Ep V1/2/1 Rental Bexhill Manor 1521 updated in 1549/50.
3. ESRO TD/E 141 Bexhill Tithe Award