

KEWHURST FARM

Copyhold of the Manor of Barnhorn.

The name means Caega's enclosure (OE Caeagn Woro, Kaynworth c1200, Keyworth 1296, Carworth, Kaynworth 1306) There are no later forms to show how, or when -worth was altered to -hurst in this name. (1) Also known as Cowhurst in 19th century.

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7199 0790)

The later farmhouse is now gone. It was built in c1750 by the Cranston family. They called the wood nearby Parsons Wood as one of the Cranstons was in Holy Orders. (2) The present house, now called Kewhurst Manor, was built in 1895 and was converted into flats in 1955.

In the 18th century and presumably earlier, there was a separate holding call CABACK lying to the west of Kewhurst and to the south of the Little Common Road and adjoining Cooden Sea Road on the west. The house and barn to this property were situated where St Martha's Church is now. Richard Fuller had this as copyhold to Barnhorn Manor, owner Sir Thomas Webster. (3) Caback had been amalgamated with Kewhurst by 1840 as can be seen on the Tithe Map. (5)

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

- <1724> John Furner holds by copy paying annually 3 shillings and ten pence, 1 cock and 2 hens gives Heriot and Fine on alienation or death.
- <1740> William Prior tenant (4)
- <1843> Trustees of Edward Cranston owner, Henry Reeves tenant (5)
- <1887> Thomas Bunn occupier (6)
- <1895> George Elliker (6)
- <1898> Edwin Unsted (6)
- <1891> Mary Ann Bunn aged 63 Widow (7)
- <1902> Edwin and Albert Unsted and J. Wood (6)

SOURCES

- 1 The Place Names of Sussex Judith Glover
- 2 Bexhill Chronicle 15 Jan 1897 page 6
- 3 ESRO BAT 4421 Survey of Barnhorn Manor 1724
- 4 ESRO Poor Rate
- 5 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award
- 6 Bexhill Directory
7. Census 1891