

KITES NEST FARM

Freehold and Copyhold of the Manor of Bexhill

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7140 0870)

The Name Kites Nest was Keteneste in 1535 (1)

A description of the house in 1913 reads: One of the quaintest farmhouses in the area and maybe one of the earliest built with massive boulder walls but it has been modernised which has taken much of it's character. There were once two large chimney corners which have now gone. Two rooms had old oak beams. The outbuildings had not been modernised in 1913 and remained intact. This was a large property and originally had 200 acres but half the land was diverted to Howards Farm and Curles farm. Most of the land was arable and very little stock was kept in the early 20th century. (2) The land has now been developed.

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

<1727-1737>	Stephen Sampson (3)
<1740-1754>	Thomas Plum paying Poor Rate (4)
<1808>	Mr Duke owner/occupier 28 acres freehold, 41 acres copyhold (5)
<1833>	Samuel Holland owner/occupier (5)
<1840>	Isaac Young (6)
<1843>	Henry Davey Owner, Samuel Cramp tenant (7)
<1851>	Samuel Cramp tenant 55 acres employing 2 sons (8)
<1861>	Alfred Cramp 39 acres employing 1 man and 1 boy (9)
1874 Oct 15	The property was released by Harriett Davey and others to Herbert Christmas. (10)
<1880	John Weston tenant (2)
1895 Jul 1	Herbert Christmas mortgaged to Edward Andrews Nicholson, Aubrey Hillman and James Herbert snr of Lewes gent. for £3000. (10)
1912 Feb 5	The property was reconveyed to Harriett Davey, widow. (10)
1920 Oct 12	Mrs Davey enfranchised it. (10)
1920 Nov 23	William Poulton Glessing gent. of 29 Albany Road purchased the property. W.G. Duke tenant of 74½ acres and F. Mitten tenant of 2¼ acres (10)



Kites Nest Farmhouse taken from Bexhill Observer August 23rd 1913

SOURCES

- 1 The Place Names of Sussex by Mawer & Stenton
- 2 Bexhill Observer 23 Aug 1913
- 3 ESRO AMS 5641/2
- 4 ESRO DR/B33/1
- 5 ESRO AMS 5819 Duke of Dorset's Survey
- 6 Bexhill Museum Voters List for 1840
- 7 ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award
- 8 Hastings Library 1851 Census
- 9 Hastings Library 1861 Census
- 10 ESRO AMS 5828/8