

**KITEYE FARM also known as Kits Eye**

Held of the Manor of Barnhorn

**PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7290 1000)**

Not a lot of early history is known of this farm as yet. The land can be seen on the plan of the Manor of Buckholt of 1753. (1)

1854 Sir Peregrine Ackland Bt. was owner and tenanted by Walter Duke. This was part of the Park Gate Estate. (2)

Following is a list of deeds held in the East Sussex Record Office referring to Kiteye Farm before the building of the present house.

A5634/1/55/1 Indenture made 31 August 1866 between Sir Peregrine Palmer Fuller Palmer Ackland Bt of Fairfield Somerset and George Morgan of the Thorne Sidley. In the occupation of Joseph Oliver containing 74 acres together with a piece of marshland called Middlebridge also in the occupation of Joseph Oliver containing 8 acres .....

A5634/1/55/2 Indenture made 25 March 1871 between Thomas Brassey of Normanhurst MP and George Morgan of Bexhill Farmer etc as above.

A5634/1/55/3 Indenture made date unsure between Thomas brassey and John Sinden of Sidley Farmer as above in the occupation of George morgan but only 46 acres.

A5634/1/55/5 25 May 1888 between Thomas Lord Brassey and George Noakes of Sidley Butcher land and buildings containing 46 acres ....

A5634/1/55/6 An agreement made between 8 March 1892 between George Noakes and Lord Brassey ..... George Noakes tenant of Kiteye and Cobbs Hill Farms, owing to lack of capitol wishes to give up the tenancy unto Lord Brassey and also give up to him all crops and live and dead stock for a reasonable sum....dated 15 March inst.....

A5634/1/55/8 Indenture made 6 Nov 1894 between Lord Brassey and Thomas Walter of Little Park Farm, Ninfield and of Kiteye Farm Bexhill, farmer ..... All that new messuage, buildings, lands called Kiteye containing 36 acres.....

A5634/1/55/10 To Thomas Walter, Notice to quit 8 Oct 1897...  
I, Sir Anchtel Ashburnham Bt of Broomham Hastings as agent on behalf of Thomas Lord Brassey do hereby give you notice to quit and deliver up on 11 Oct 1898 the possession of all that messuage etc known as Kiteye Farm containing 38 acres.....

A5634/1/55/11 Indenture made 24 Nov 1898 between Lord Brassey and James Albert Adams of Sidley, brickmaker ....All that messuage etc. (Schedule with this deed reads as follows)

I, James A. Adams of Kiteye Farm ... do hereby agree to quit and deliver up ... from 11 Oct 1907 ... the messuage and farm buildings and all those two pieces of land called Little Hennikers ... containing 58 1/2 acres which I now hold of Thomas Allnut Brassey under agreement made 24 Nov 1898 and 18 May 1895 that the said land is let to Messrs Stephen Charles and George Albert Adams from 11 Oct 1907. dated June 27 1907.

The house, which today, is 216 Ninfield Road, was built for Lord Brassey of Park Gate Estate, Catsfield in 1893. It contained two living rooms, dairy, kitchen and earth closet on the ground floor with four bedrooms upstairs. The front view upstairs has two windows and three lights and downstairs two windows with two lights and a porch in the centre. The house today remains fairly unaltered apart from sensible modernization.

The land around the house has been sold for a house on either side and the land has been farmed separately for some time. The property is on the edge of Kiteye Farm still at the time of writing, 1992. There was a well in the back garden which has been filled in and an old tree is growing from it.