

WHITEHOUSE FARM

Freehold of the Manor of Bexhill.

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7350 0911)

Originally called Nepps after the 16th century owner. The land has been developed mainly in the 1930's but the farmhouse survives as 30 Pembury Grove and has been surveyed by David Martin. Report No 494, see copy attached.

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

<1567	Nepps (1)
<1567	Robert Shoesmith (1)
1567	Manor Rental describes this as being called 'Le Nepps' Messuage and 12 acres of land. John Sickle tenant. (1)
<1668	Burkhams (2)
<1668	Wenhams (2)
1668	Richard Alchorne sold to John Brightis Messuage, Barn and 30 acres (2)
1673	Manor Rental shows John Brightis with Nepps Mess Barn 30 acres (3)
1681	Death of John Brightis seized of Nepps, left to widow (4)
1686	Death of Dorothy Brightis, daughter Mary wife of William Hollands inherits (4)
1707 Jul 5	Indenture between Wm Holland of the City of London gent & John Holland of Boreham Street Mercer, the two sons of Wm Holland late of Hastings and Mary his wife, the daughter of John Brightis late of Bexhill, yeoman and John Savory of Hastings Maltster and wife Mary and Thomas one of their sons..... All that Messuage with Barn, outhouses, orchard, garden, arable, pasture and meadow land in the occupation of John Britt. Also 2 acres in the tenure of Thomas Holland. (18)
1711 Jul 7	John and Wm Holland assignment of Whitehouse Farm alias Nepps to John Savory and Mary his wife & Thomas their son. Within is Mary Holland (daughter of John Brightis) settlement on the Whitehouse als Nepps land on her son William. (19)
<1727-1730	John Fowler tenant (16)
1730-1734	Thomas Butler tenant (16)

- 1734-1737> Widow of Thomas Butler (16)
- 1738 Nov 14 Mortgage Mr Thomas Savory to Edward Milward. Tenant Widow Butler(20)
- 1740 Widow Butler was assessed for Poor Rate on Whitehouse land (5)
- 1747 Nov Edward Milward to Richard Tutt Assignment of Mortgage (21)
<1749 Thomas Wilson (17)
- 1749 Samuel Prior, corwainer, Tenement Barn 30a Nepps (17)
- 1751 Thomas Savory to Richard Tutt. Deed Poll for £200 In tenure of Widow Butler (22)
- 1753 Farm purchased by Henry Mayo. House and land called Nepps, 35 acres (6)
- 1789 Oct 21 Death of Rev Henry Mayo (15) 1802Manor Rental. The wife of Richard Pursglove with Nepps, Mess Barn and 30 acres, Malthouse Croft als Whitehouse Croft (7)
- c1808 The Duke of Dorset's Survey has Pursglove the owner with George Hammond tenant with 33a of freehold land, now called Whitehouse. (8)
- <1812> Stephen Holland paying Land Tax (9)
- 1823 Manor Rental the wife of Richard Pursglove with tenement barn and30 acres called Nepps or Whitehouse Farm, late Sarah Bakers. Also Catherine the wife of John Vernon 2 tenements, 1 barn 5 acres Nepps (10)
- <1823> Land Tax John Collins owner, Thomas Linden tenant (9)
- <1827> Land Tax James Collins owner, Thomas Linden tenant (9)
- <1831> Farm Plan shows this as Mr Collins Land (11)
- 1833 Land Tax James Oliver owner/occupier (9)
- 1842 Jun 22 Death of James Oliver who held freely at a rent of 6d (14)
- <1843> Jesse Oliver onwer/occupier (12)
- 1842 Poor Rate. James Oliver's Executors House & land Burnt House and Whitehouse 74a 1r 26p. (13)
- 1844 Jesse Oliver admitted as tenant to tenement, barn and 30 acres. (14)
- 1852 Jun 24 John Routh bought from Jessee Oliver farm & 32 acres also Malthouse now Whitehouse Croft at Sidley Green 2 acres (23)
- 1853 Jun 23 John Routh died his daughter Hannah Cain Routh takes over Whitehouse Farm and Whitehouse Croft (23)
- 1857 Jun 4 Hannah Routh now holds the freehold (23)



Two views of Whitehouse Farmhouse in Pembury Grove taken 1989

SOURCES

- 1) Maidstone Record Office KAO U269 M20 Bexhill Manor Rental
- 2) ESRO ADA 57
- 3) ESRO ADA 49 & 58
- 4) ESRO ADA 58
- 5) ESRO DR/B33/1
- 6) ESRO D165/1413-1423
- 7) ESRO RAF Box
- 8) ESRO AMS 5819 Duke of Dorset's Survey
- 9) ESRO Bexhill Land Tax LLT
- 10) Bexhill Museum Manor Rental 1823
- 11) Bexhill Museum Farm Plan 1831
- 12) ESRO TD/E 141 Tithe Award
- 13) ESRO PAR 240/30/13
- 14) ESRO ADA 67
- 15) ESRO ADA 64
- 16) ESRO AMS 5641/2 Rev Ott Tithe Book
- 17) ESRO ADA 62
- 18) ESRO D165/1416

19) ESRO D165/1417

20) ESRO D165/1421

21) ESRO D165/1422

22) ESRO D165/1424

The D165 reference represents a bundle of Whitehouse deeds, some of which are very fragile.

23) ESRO ADA 68