1. Parish: Snape

Meaning: Pieces of land or poor grasing (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Plomesgate

Deanery: Orford (1785-1914), Saxmundham (1914 -)

Union: Plomesgate


Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically (1785) to create Friston with Snape
Blything Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. Area: 1,981 acres land, 30 acres tidal water, 123 acres foreshores (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

a. Deep well drained sandy soils, some very acid, risk wind erosion
c. Some deep peat soils associated with clay over sandy soils, high groundwater levels, risk of flooding by river.

5. Types of farming:

1086 Wood for 6 pigs, 6 acres meadow, 1 mill, 2 cattle
Problems of acidity and trace elements deficiencies

1500–1640 Thirsk: Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop

1804 Young: ‘this corner of Suffolk practices better husbandry than elsewhere’…identified as carrot growing region

1818 Marshall: Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass.
5. **Types of farming (cont’d):**

1969  Trist:  Dairying has been replaced with arable farming

6. **Enclosure:**

1860  248 acres of Church Commons in Snape enclosed under General Acts (1859)

7. **Settlement:**


8. **Communications:**

Road: Roads to Benhall, Sternfield, Friston and Tunstall
1844  Carriers to Woodbridge and Ipswich
1891  Carriers to Woodbridge Monday, Thursday and Saturday
1912  Carrier to Woodbridge Monday, Thursday, Saturday  Site of toll-gate at junction of Grumford Land with the Aldeburgh to Ipswich Road (1948)

Rail: 1891  3½ miles Saxmundham station:  Saxmundham – Aldeburgh line opened (1859), line to Aldeburgh closed for goods (1959), closed for passengers (1966).  Spur from Saxmundham to Leiston still operational
1912  Rail station for goods only opened (1859), still operational
8. **Communications (cont’d):**

**Water:** River Alde: navigable to Snape Bridge for vessels of 100 tons (1844)
1844 Regular trading vessels to London Wednesday ‘Alde Estuary’ by W.G. Arnott (1952)

9. **Population:**

1086 — 72 recorded (includes Domesday vill of Becclings)
1327 — 36 taxpayers paid £2. 0s. 3d. (includes Friston)
1524 — 34 taxpayers paid £2. 16s.
1603 — 124 adults
1674 — 37 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 402 inhabitants
1831 — 514 inhabitants
1851 — 576 inhabitants
1871 — 546 inhabitants
1901 — 529 inhabitants
1931 — 603 inhabitants
1951 — 557 inhabitants
1971 — 590 inhabitants
1981 — 541 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Vicarage (with Friston)**

1254 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £5. 5s. 7½d.
1603 Vicarage valued £5. 5s. 7½d. Incumbent also holds Freston
1831 No glebe house. Gross income £194 p.a. (curates stipend included with Aldeburgh) Incumbent also holds Vicarage of Aldeburgh
1844 2 acres joint glebe
Vicarial tithes commuted for £124. 4s. 9d. p.a. (1848)
1891 Incumbent resides rent free at Snape House. 2 acres glebe at Friston and ½ acre glebe in Snape
1912 Joint nett value £195 with residence

**Patrons:**
R.H.W. Vyse (1831), Col. T.H. Vyse (1844), H.H. Howard-Vyse (1891)
Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth (1912)

11. **Church**

**St. John Baptist**
(Chancel, nave, S.porch, W.tower)

1086 Church + 8 acres, valued 16d.
12th cent. Door jambs to blocked N.door
circa 1300 Traces in nave and chancel
11. **Church (cont’d):**

14\(^{th}\)/15\(^{th}\) cent.  Main structure
1597  Chancel decayed in thatching
1643/44 Pruitanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 4 popish pictures and took up 4 brass inscriptions
1864/1905 Restorations

Seats: 300 (1915)

11a. **Other religious institutions:**

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<td><strong>For Benedictine Monks</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>1099</td>
<td>Manor of Snape given to Abbot and Convent of St. John, Colchester. Priory was cell of that Abbey</td>
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<td>1155</td>
<td>Cell complete</td>
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<td>14(^{th}) cent.</td>
<td>Pope granted independency. Disputed by Henry IV. Priory continued as cell of Colchester</td>
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<td>1508</td>
<td>Cell of Butley Priory for one year only</td>
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<td>Granted to Cardinal Wolsey</td>
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<td>Dissolved</td>
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<td>1535</td>
<td>Valued £99. 1s. 11½d. Situated to west of Snape Bridge. Some remains visible ‘snape Priory’. Victoria County History Vol. II p.79/80 Illustration of Seal. Victoria County History Vo. II p.72</td>
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12. **Nonconformity etc:**

Primitive Methodist chapel built (1862)

13. **Manorial:**

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13. **Manorial (cont’d):**

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<td>Circa 1791</td>
<td>William Wentworth owns (linked to Friston)</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth owns (linked to Friston, Haslewood and Aldeburgh)</td>
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**Sub-manors:**

**Courtlets/Cantlets**

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<td>John Okolte owns</td>
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<td>1431</td>
<td>William de la Pole owns (linked to Aspall, Cotton, Debenham, Dagworth, Wattisfield and Creeting St. Olave)</td>
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<td>early 18th cent.</td>
<td>Sir Henry Johnson</td>
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<td>circa 1791</td>
<td>William Wentworth owns (absorbed by main manor)</td>
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**Bekling**

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<td>1408</td>
<td>Michael de la Pole owns (linked to numberous manors throughout Suffolk)</td>
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**Tastards**

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<td>1405</td>
<td>William Worstade owns, gave to Snape Priory (absorbed by main manor)</td>
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**Rysing**

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<td>Robert de Rising owns</td>
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<td>1428</td>
<td>William de la Pole owns (absorbed by Courtlets)</td>
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**Scotts**

Believed to have followed same course as Tastards

**Snape Hall**

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<td>circa 1352</td>
<td>Nicholas Launce owns</td>
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14. **Markets/Fairs**

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<td>1618/19</td>
<td>Fair held on 15th August and Our First Lady in Harvest</td>
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<td>1792</td>
<td>Fair held on August 11th</td>
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<td>1805</td>
<td>Fair held on 11th August for horses</td>
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<td>1844</td>
<td>Large horse fair held at Snape Bridge on 11th August (also called Dunningworth Fair)</td>
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<td>1891</td>
<td>Fair on August 11th, obsolete by (1908)</td>
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15. Real property:
   1844   £1,191 rental value
   1891   £2,123 rateable value
   1912   £1,817 rateable value

16. Land ownership:
   1844/1891 Land sub-divided
   1912   Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:
   1500–1549 2 yeomen
   1550–1599 3 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 carpenter, 1 spinster
   1600–1649 5 yeomen, 2 blacksmiths, 6 husbandmen, 1 glasier, 1 carpenter, 1 petty chapman, 1 inn holder
   1650–1699 3 yeomen, 1 blacksmith, 2 husbandmen, 1 smith
   1831   77 in agriculture, 32 in retail trade, 1 professional, 16 in labouring, 12 in domestic service, 4 others
   1844   1700 quarters of barley shipped to Garrett warehouse in Snape yearly, mainly for the London market. Cattle dealer, wheelwright, blacksmith, farrier, corn/coal merchant, book-keeper, pilot, joiner/builder, victualler, schoolmaster, glover, brickmaker, butcher, 4 boot/shoemakers, 2 corn millers, 12 farmers, 3 grocer/drapers, 2 whiting manufacturers, whafinger
   1912   Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster, station master, rabbit warrener, gamekeeper, 2 shopkeepers, 6 farmers, grocer/draper, photographer, 2 farm foremen, miller, carrier, blacksmith/farmer, miller, brick/tile manufacturer, pork butcher, publican, midwife/district nurse, beer retailer/grocer, cowkeeper

19. Education:
   1818   1 day school (13 attend), 1 dames school (20 attend)
   1833   3 daily schools (14 attend)
   1844   Schoolmaster recorded
           School built (1836) near to church by William Long, enlarged (1881), 180 attend (1891)
           Public Elementary school built (1905) as memorial to Newson and Louisa Garrett, average attendance (1912) 115
20. **Poor relief:**

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<td>£36. 0s. 8d</td>
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<td>£190. 8s. 5½d</td>
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<td>£574. 7s.</td>
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<td>1834</td>
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21. **Charities:**

**Lambert's Charity**

1802 by Codicil of Rev. John Lambert: Interest on £200 distributed among those not receiving parochial relief at Christmas

22. **Other institutions:**

1776 Workhouse (20 inmates)
Village Hall built (1923)

23. **Recreation:**

1642 Inn holder recorded
1844 Crown Inn public house
1891/1912 Crown Inn public house and beer retailer

24. **Personal:**

Newson Garrett (circa 1812-1894): began melting business at Snape (1854) and built the Maltings. His home was in Aldeburgh but during the period of winter malting he lived in Snape.


A.J. Swinburne: resident of Snape (20th cent.), former H.M. Inspector of Schools. Author of 'Memories of a School Inspector'

25. **Other information:**

The Maltings: built in ‘functional’ tradition of red and yellow brick with white weatherboarding. 4 hoists. Oldest portion was on quay side
Dates (1859, 1884, 1885 and 1952)
Original building erected (1812093) for Newson Garrett. Converted to concert hall for Aldeburgh Festival (1966/67) Restoration after severe fire (1969/70)
'Snape Maltings Concert Hall – the Next Step' (1970's)
25. Other information (cont’d):

Barrow: survivor of group of approximately 6 such barrows. 3 were excavated (1840 and 1863)
Ship burial found few yards from surviving barrow.
‘Snape Tumuli’. Victoria County History Vol. I p. 628
Illustrations and excavation notes of Snape ship burial. Victoria County History Vol. I p. 326-329
Illustration of cinerary urn found at Snape. Victoria County History Vol. I p. 267

‘Snape: The Short History of a Suffolk Village’ by R.A. Irving (1948)

Snape Bridge demolished (1959)

‘Over Snape Bridge’ by R. Simper (1967)

Snape Quay is actually in the parish of Tunstall

‘Antiquities on Snape Common’. Proceedings of Society of Antiquaries 2nd Series II p. 177

‘Anglo-Saxon Cremation Burials from Snape’ by S.E. West and E. Owles. PSIA Vol. XXXIII p. 47

Snape manor held a water mill and rabbit warren (1530)

Frame of barn at Abbey Farm dates from (14th cent.)

Area known as Gromford/Grumford has also been called Caldwell Green, Cordial Green and Cundle Green.

Lords Demsne lands were divided up as 30% pasture/fen, 7% meadow, 21% close, 21% wood and 21% unspecified. Suggested reconstruction of these lands is on p. 216 PSIA Vol. XXXV