

1. Parish: Cransford

Meaning: Cranes ford (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Plomesgate

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

Union: Plomesgate

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Plomesgate RD (1894-1934), Blythe RD (1934-1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. Area: 1,202 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
 - b) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clay and fine loam over clay. Some calcareous clay soils

5. Types of farming:

1086		6 acres meadow, 17 pigs, 46 sheep
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp.
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, roots, barley, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1983 River Alde forms natural boundary to the north for part of its length. Small ribbon type development along Gt.

Glemham – Badingham Road and extending also into Bruisyard. Church centrally situated.
Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 26, 1801 – 28, 1851 – 70, 1871 – 54, 1901 – 47, 1951 – 51, 1981 – 64

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Bruisyard, Gt. Glemham, Badingham, Framlingham and Parham
1891 Carrier to Aldeburgh on Thursday and to Woodbridge on Friday. Same for 1912

Rail: 1891 3 miles Framlingham station: Wickham Market – Framlingham line opened (1859), closed for passengers (1952), closed for goods (1965)

Water: River Alde: navigable river to Snape Bridge

9. Population:

1086 — 20 recorded
1327 — 27 taxpayers paid £2. 14s. (includes Swefling)
1524 — 10 taxpayers paid £1. 1s. 6d.
1603 — 74 adults
1674 — 32 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 210 inhabitants
1831 — 323 inhabitants
1851 — 309 inhabitants
1871 — 226 inhabitants
1901 — 181 inhabitants
1931 — 176 inhabitants
1951 — 160 inhabitants
1971 — 212 inhabitants
1981 — 230 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
Portion of St. Faiths £1
1535 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1603 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1713 48 acres glebe
1831 Curate, stipend £60 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation.
Gross income £305 p.a. Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of Aspell
1844 Tithes commuted for £330 p.a.
Rectory house built (1848)
1912 Nett value £233. 44 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Feoffees of Duke of Norfolk (1603), Mrs. Chevallier (1831), G. Pooley (1844), Mrs. Watson (1912)

11. Church St. Peter
(Chancel, S. vestry, nave, N. porch, W. tower)

14/15th cent. Tower
Almost entirely rebuilt (1864)
1874 Interior restoration

Seats: 160 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Nathaniel Goodwin ejected from Ministry at Cransford
(1642/43)
Baptist chapel built (1838) seats 400

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Ulf a free man
1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Count Alan
1066 Manor of 90 acres held by Cus a free man under
patronage of Edric
1086 Manor of 90 acres belonging to Robert Malet
1066 Manor of 80 acres held by Azor under patronage of Edric
of Lxfield
1086 Manor of 80 acres belonging to Hervey of Bourges

Cransford al Cransford Hall

1316 Robert de Ufford died seised (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1396 Edmund Mondevile owns
1483 Robert Banyard owns
1572 Thomas Lyatt owns
1599 Thomas Garneys holds although it appears to have been
sub-divided (linked to Wilby)
1742 Henry Alexander owns
1774 John Corbould owns
1832 Sir George Leman Tuthill owns

Sub-Manors:

Vicedelence/Visdelieu/Fidlers Hall

Anciently held by Thomas Visdelieu

14 th cent.	Robert de Rendlesham paid castle-guard rent to Framlingham Castle
1433	Theophilus Shardelow owns
1536	Thomas Rous owns (linked to Burgh and Clopton)
1578	William Rickthorpe owns
1609	George Mace/Mase owns
1631	Francis Warner owns (linked to Wickhambrook)
1829	Rev. Dr Kilderbee owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,523 rental value
1891	£1,200 rateable value
1912	£964 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	Land sub-divided
1912	Lord Rendlesham and T.P. Borrett, principle owners

17. Resident gentry:

1844	Rev. E.C. Alston MA
1891	Rev. H. Watson MA
1912	T.P. Borrett JP and Rev. H. Watson MA

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 husbandman
1550-1599	1 yeoman, 1 glover
1600-1649	9 yeomen, 2 linen weavers, 1 weaver
1650-1699	5 yeomen, 1 cooper, 1 clerk, 2 spinsters
1831	62 in agriculture, 11 in retail trade, 9 in domestic service
1844	Shoemaker, 2 blacksmiths, 2 wheelwrights, school master, joiner/shopkeeper, corn miller, 9 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, school teacher, carpenter/wheelwright, blacksmith, 5 farmers, 2 farm bailiffs, shopkeeper, carrier, poultry dealer, thatcher, bootmaker

19. Education:

1833	2 daily schools established (1826) (36 attend) 1 Sunday school established (1830) (42 attend)
1844	School master recorded Church of England school built (1854), 65 attend (1891), enlarged (1902), average attendance (1912) 76

20. Poor relief:

1776	£55. 17s. 7d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£149. 1s. 5½d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£594. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£446. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£494. 8s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£503. 7s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Dammant's Charity:

1729 by will of Andrey Dammant: 10s. p.a. to vicar for sermon on Good Friday and 6s. 6d. quarterly applied to distribution of 12 2-penny loaves fortnightly. The extra expense defrayed by the vicar.

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

'Cransford and the Rope family' by Rev. H.E.G. Rope Suffolk Review Vol. 2 p.133

25. Other information:

Memorial slab to Christopher Eachard, Vicar of Cransford (d.1743).
PSIA Vol. XXV p.306
'Manor of Cransford Hall'. Suffolk Review Vol. 2 p.137
Cransford Hall: Neo-Tudor building (late Victorian) replaced earlier
'genteel villa residence' in existence (1832)

Archaeological Sites

Med. moated sites (CRN 2077, 2078)
Stray finds: Neo. Worked flint (CRN 2079)