

1. Parish: Kenton

Meaning: Royal manor or Cena's/Cyna's homestead (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Loes

Deanery: Loes (-1914), Hoxne (1914-1972), Loes (1972-)

Union: Plomesgate

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Plomesgate R.D. (1894-1934), Hartismere RD (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,229 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay soils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 22 pigs, 3 ½ acres meadow, 2 cobs, 19 cattle, 56 pigs, 6 beehives, 80 sheep, 25 goats
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, barley, oats
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Railway clips northern boundary
Moderate sized ribbon type developed along road to Bedingfield. Church situated to west of settlement.
Secondary settlement at Kenton Corner.

Few Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – approx. 22, 1801 – 29, 1851 – 58, 1871 – 57, 1901 – 52, 1951 – 47, 1981 – 50

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Bedingfield, Debenham, Monk Soham and Bedfield
1981 Carrier passes through to Ipswich Thursday and Friday

Rail: 1912 Rail station: Haughley-Laxfield line (Mid Suffolk Light)
opened (1904), opened for passengers (1908), closed for goods (1912) closed completely (1952)

9. Population:

1086 — 25 recorded
1327 — 36 taxpayers paid £2. 16s. 6d (Includes Earl Soham)
1524 — 34 taxpayers paid £11. 6s. 4d.
1603 — 80 adults
1674 — approx. 27 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 243 inhabitants
1831 — 261 inhabitants
1851 — 301 inhabitants
1871 — 289 inhabitants
1901 — 242 inhabitants
1931 — 181 inhabitants
1951 — 136 inhabitants
1971 — 142 inhabitants
1981 — 150 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

1254 Valued £10
1291 Valued £8
1535 Valued £8
Valued £8. 15s. 8d. Priests stipend £6. 13s. 4d. (1546)
1601 Valued £8
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £147 p.a.
Vicarage house built (1856)
1891 Tithes commuted for £154. 14s. 6d. to impropiator and £150. 5s. to vicar. 33 acres glebe
1912 Nett value £105. 33 acres glebe and residence.
Incumbent also curate and sequestrator of Ashfield with Thorpe

Patrons: Lady Gawdye (1603), Kird Henniker (1831)

11. Church **All Saints**
(Chancel, nave, S. aisles, N. & S. porches, W. tower)

1086 Church + 30 acres, valued 5a.
12th cent. S. Doorway
14th cent. Tower and chancel
14/15th cent. Main structure
15/16th cent. S. aisle with attached S. porch
1872 Chancel and chancel arch rebuilt. General restoration

Seats: 150 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 1 person described as 'notorious Browniste' and had not
attended church for 7 years
Incumbent does not wear surplice

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 82 acres held by Brictrmer under patronage of
Edric
1086 Manor of 82 acres belonging to Robert Malet and held by
his mother
1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Woodbrown under patronage
of Edric
1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Robert Malet and held by
William Goulafre a free man

Kenton Manor

13th cent. Sir Peter Braunch inherited by marriage from the De
Limsey family
13th cent. Ivo de Kenton owns (linked to Kettleburgh)
1451 Thomas Garneys owns
1774 Sir Joshna Vanneck owns (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1791 Thomas Mills owns (linked to Gt. Waldingfield and Sutton)
1909 Robert Nesling owns

Sub Manors:

Suddon Hall

1428 William Haningfield owns
1524 John Garveys died seised
Passing into the Garneys family (absorbed by main
manor)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,496 rental value
1891	£1,225 rateable value
1912	£1,043 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1891	Land sub-divided
1912	Not recorded

17. Resident gentry:

1891	Rev. W.J. Benson MA
1912	Rev. G. Allan MA

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 yeoman
1550-1599	4 yeoman, 1 carpenter
1600-1649	5 yeoman
1650-1699	8 yeoman, 1 millwright, 1 cordwainer, 1 tailor
1831	54 in agriculture, 6 in retail trade, 1 professionals, 2 in labouring, 17 in domestic service, 3 others
1844	Victualler, blacksmith, shoemaker, wheelwright, 12 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, school teacher, station master, wheelwright, 9 farmers, 2 bootmakers, publicans, asst. overseer

19. Education:

1818	Incumbent teaches 20 scholars
1833	1 infant day school (7/8 attend), 1 daily school (7/8 attend), 1 Sunday school established (1822) (10/15 attend) National school built (1859), average attendance (1912) 52

20. Poor relief:

1776	£83. 4s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£171. 13s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£455. 8s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£391. 6s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£370. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£375. 10s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Church and Parish Lands:

1840 Property + 16 ½ acres let at £16 p.a. applied to church repairs and parish expenses

Garneys Charity:

1684 by will of Wentworth Garneys. Property and land (22 acres) let at £31. 10s. p.a. applied to church repairs and distribution among poor families in Kenton and Debenham

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Crown public house

24. Personal:

Friar Nicholas Kenton (d.1468) born in the parish. Distinguished writer, theologian and orator. Chancellor of Cambridge University(1445) elected to Provincial Carmelite Order (1444), resigned (1456) 'Nicholas of Kenton' by F.S. Stevenson. PSIA Vol. XIII p.20

Garneys family of Kenton: East Anglian Miscellany (1931) p.37

25. Other information:

Kenton Hall: (16th cent.) mullioned and transomed windows. East Anglian Miscellany (1919) p.81

Typescript of Parish Registers: 1538-1812

Archaeological Sites:

Med. moated sites (CRN 4081, 4082, 4083, 4084, 4085)
Rom. pit/pottery (CRN 4086)

Stray finds: Neo. axe (CRN 4088)

Scatter finds: Rom. pottery (CRN 4087)