


**Date**

**Ellingham**

**Kirby Cane**

1770	James Johnson, one of his Majesties' Coroners for the county of Norfolk, died September 29th, 1770, aged 60 years; and Elizabeth, his wife, who died July 25th, 1791, aged 87.	 <p data-bbox="1234 644 2069 767">Robert Wilson, 4th Baron Berners was responsible for the major face-lift given to the hall at this time. The facade was brought up to date in the Georgian style with sash windows replacing the mullion windows of the Catelyn era. He lived at the hall until his death in 1838.</p>
1772	Miller, Lincoln Matchett, took out insurance on the mill for £1,500.  John Wesley preached at Loddon and in 1776 at Beccles (and found it dull.)	
1777	A 32 acre farm (10 acres copyhold to the manor of Ellingham Nevilles) of arable and meadow let at a yearly rent of £33-13s, with farmhouse, 2 barns, stables and other outbuildings, and a cottage. It has "beneficial rights to commonage".	
1778		Estate of 6 acres of arable with 1r 34p of hempland and right of commonage, in occupation of John Lincolne sold. 1780-82 John Wall licensed to Kirby Cane, priest/curate.
1782	There was a recurrent problem with smuggling on the river, so much so that the proprietors of the Bungay Navigation posted a reward of £10 for information leading to the prosecution of "Watermen or others who may steal, sell, conceal or embezzle corn, flour, coal, liquor or merchandise from their keels, wherries or any craft or off their staithe or at any warehouse near the river and £20 for information on any receiver of stolen goods, if lawfully convicted". The Petty Sessions, formerly held at Haddiscoe were kept at Brooke by the Chief Constables for hiring servants.	
1783	Martha Osborn sold her dwelling-house in Stockton, and about five Acres of Land, more or less, almost all Freehold, with the right on three very extensive Commons, viz. Geldeston, Kirby, and Ellingham.  American Independence meant Britain could no longer transport criminals to America. When the government stopped flour supplies to the troops, Gooch and Cotton were bankrupt.	

