

## THE TOMB IN THE CHURCHYARD - A FOLLOW UP

A visit to the county archive in Norwich has helped us to find out more about the Dennes family. We were very lucky to find detailed particulars of the sale of Thomas Dennes's estate. A list of field names to be auctioned was included and a map confirmed that these surrounded Kettlestone House. This was described as follows in the particulars:-

*'The mansion house was lately fitted up at a very considerable expense and forms a desirable residence for a genteel family being situated in a good neighbourhood'*

The house and 80 acres of land sold for £ 5000 and a further 121 acres sold for £4000. In total the sale raised over £14 000 which in today's money is over £1000 000.

The sale particulars give details of other land and cottages which were to be sold including names of some of the tenants. It will be interesting to try to work out where these were in the village.

Donald Tuck's history of Kettlestone details the owners of Kettlestone House from about 1830 but the mysteries of how Thomas Dennes came to buy it and to whom it was sold remain.

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