

# THE NAME, GORE

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Gore-end, now known as Minnis Bay, is at the seaward end of the road leading to the coast at the 'Minnis' or common.

From the Oxford Dictionary.

"Gore" a gore is a wedge shaped piece of cloth adjusting the width of a garment. Also a triangular piece of land.

It is Old English from gara – a triangular piece of land.

Perhaps it is derived directly from the Saxon word "Gara" meaning a projecting point of land which in turn comes from "gar" meaning a spear.

As a place name it appears frequently in Kent.

There is **Gore Court** at Tunstall

**Gorestrete** in Monkton parish

**Gore Manor** in Upchurch.

Although the present appearance of Minnis Bay or Gore-end seems so unlike a triangular piece of land, yet in earlier times that interpretation would have been quite appropriate. The oldest maps all show a triangular projection of land which helped for the little Haven into which ships could find shelter and wait before venturing out into the teeth of a storm in the Thames Estuary.

The Gore End or Minnis headland stretched much further seaward than at present, so that "the end of a projecting point of land" would well have described the area.

Gore End – as it probably looked in Roman times

