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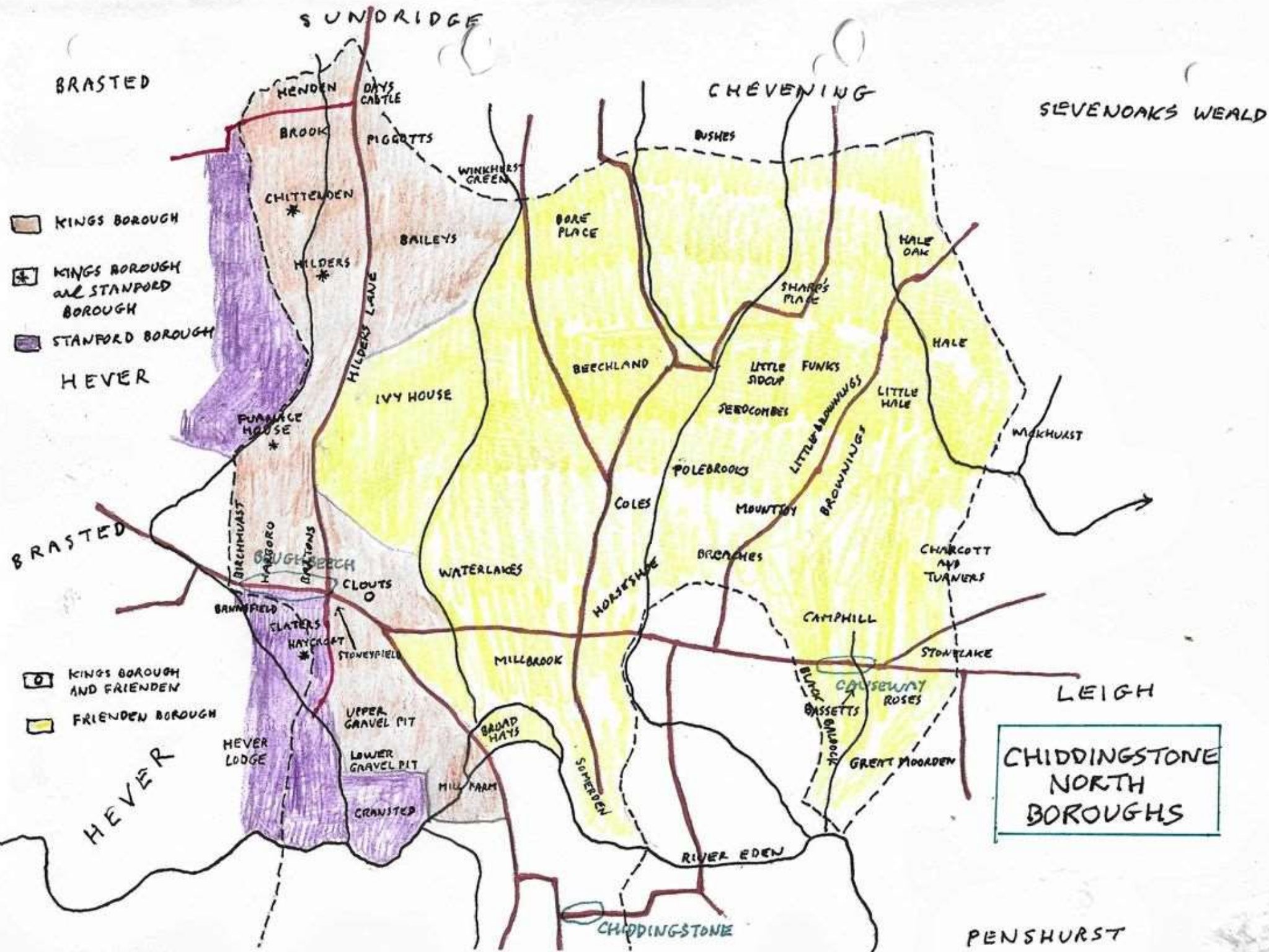
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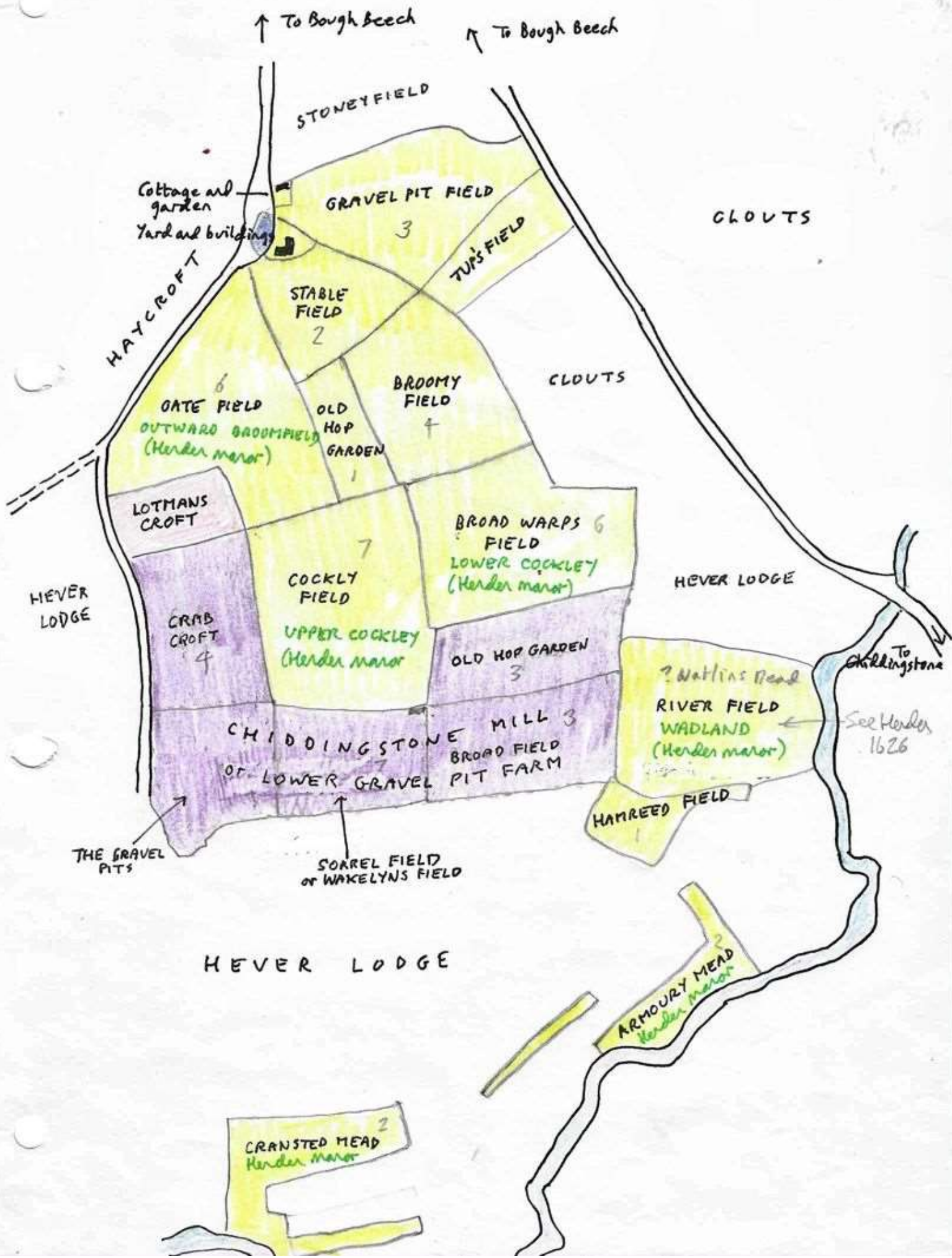
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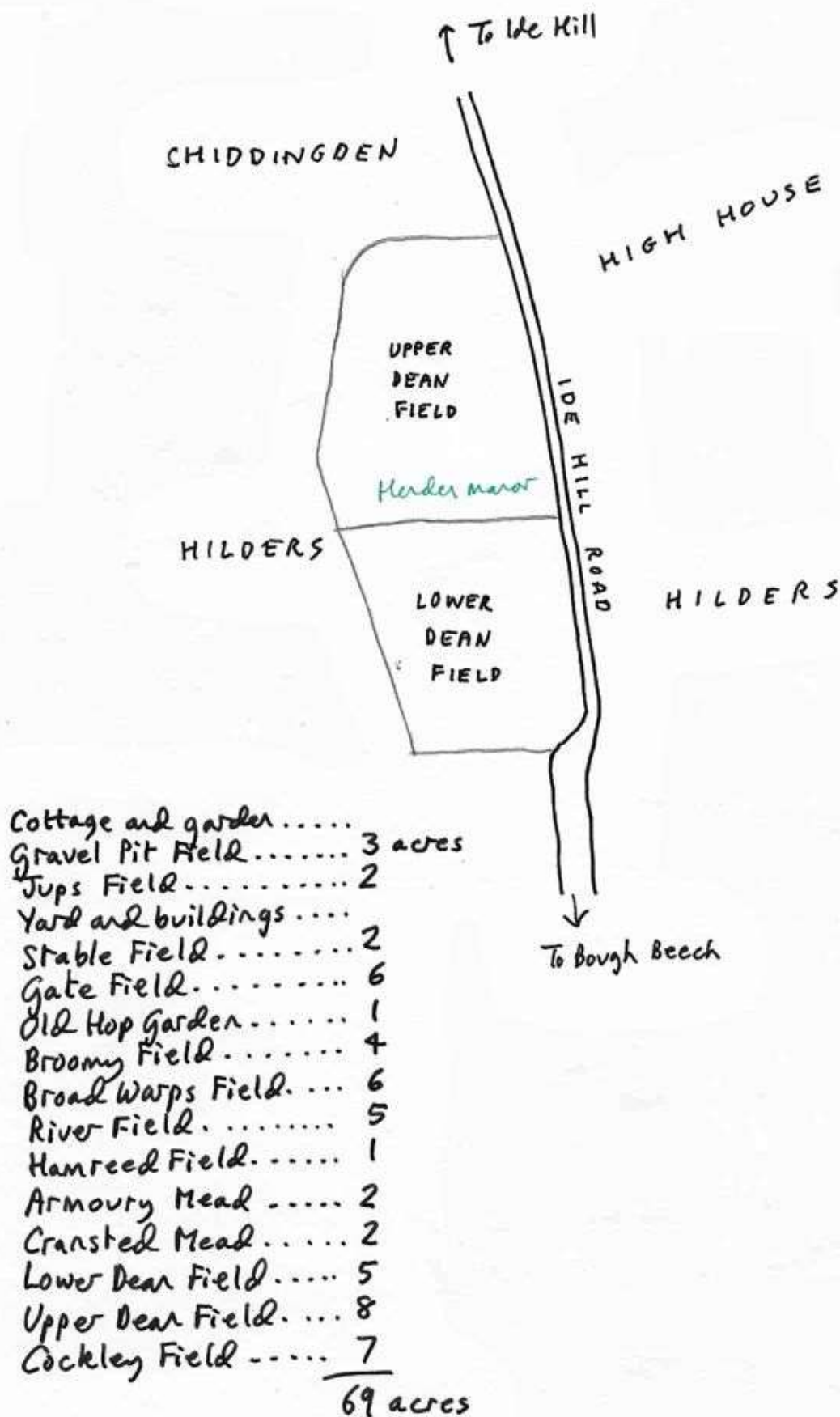
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GRAVEL PIT FARM



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(UPPER) GRAVEL PIT FARM (HAWCROFTS)*

Chiddingstone parish

Kings Borough

Some of it belonged to Herda Manor.

The land to the south was also called Gravel Pit.

c 1542 Some of Gravel Pit appears in the following record, which also covers land to the south.

Six parcels of land, wood and meadow called Herles and an adjoining field called Davys Field ?

6½ acres of meadow ground lying in two meads called Cranstead Mead and the Army [Amery].

Four parcels called the Bromes.

A field called Cockull Fylde

A close called Sorells Croft and a croft called Little Wode and Sorell

A meadow called Morants Hope.

An acre of meadow ground between the river and Somerden Mead. In Chiddingstone.

(Manor of Herda rental).

1619 Lands of heirs of Thomas Hoskins lay to west of Chiddingstone Mill land.

1626 Lease. Charles Hoskins of Oxley, Surrey, esq, leases for 21 years to Adam Medhurst of Chiddingstone yeoman at a yearly rent of £25 all those several pieces of land in Chiddingstone, namely three pieces called Botleys Brooms, two pieces called Cockley Fields, one piece called the Lower Wadlands, two pieces called the Dorefields, 5 acres in a meadow called Cranstead Mead, 2½ acres in Armorye Meade, 1½ acres called Morants Hope, 1 acre in Somerden Meade, all of which were lately in the tenure of Robert Streetfield.

166 Adam Medhurst crossed out (dead) and replaced by Clement Bersden.

1657 Lands of John Seyliard and his son Thomas lay to the north of lands later described as Chiddingstone Mill.

1658 Mr Hoskins

Thomas Medhurst

(Kings Borough 25 acres)

1677-1701 Sir William Hoskins

1677-89 Robert Abraham

1698-1716 Robert Peerless

* The Kent Archives gives the alternative name of Hawcroft but Hawcroft could be part of Harboro.

1708 Tithe commutation.	Robert Peerless.	Rent £32
Hithergate Field	5 acres	Pasture 7s 6d 28 acres
Further Gate Field	5 acres	
Middle Broony Field	6 acres	
Upper Dane Field	6 acres	
Lower Dane Field	6 acres	
Upper Copley Field	6 acres	Wheat £1-10s
Wadlands	5 acres	Oats £1-16s 12½ acres
Lower Copley Field	5½ acres	
Little Broony Field	2 acres	
Hops	1700 hills	17s
Somerden Mead	1 acre	Hay 6s 2½ acres
The hope just above Webs Mill	1½ acres	
Part of Copley Field	½ acre	
		<u>£4-16s-6d</u>

Stock upon pasture : 6 cows, 2 working oxen
2 horses, 9 lambs, 9 sheep

In the Emmercy 2 acres } to be taken in kind
In the Cransted 5 acres }

1719 John Cronk 17s rate

1725 Charles Hoskins, gent Robert Streetfield
1731 (Kings Borough Land Tax 25 acres)

1722-34 Charles Hoskyns

1737 Mr Hoskyns

1740-43 William Hoskins esq 1722-37 Robert Streetfield 17s rate

1756 Map of Haverham shows Mr William Streetfield for Gravel Pits

1746-62 Charles Hoskins esq 1740-59 William Streetfield gent

1765 Heirs of Mr Hoskins Mr Young

1767-77 1767-77 Robert Nightingale

1780-1836 John Warde, esq 1788-1809 Nicholas Nightingale
for Gravel Pits

1812-26 Henry Mitchell
for Gravel Pits

(Upper) Gravel Pit Farm (continued)

1829-51 James Young

1838 Tithe Award. Mrs Susannah Ward, widow. James Young for Gravel Pit Farm.

1839 John Ward

James Young (Upper Gravel Pits)

1841 Census

Ann Aynscombe (55) independent
Philip Dearden (35) miller
John Seal (30) ag lab.

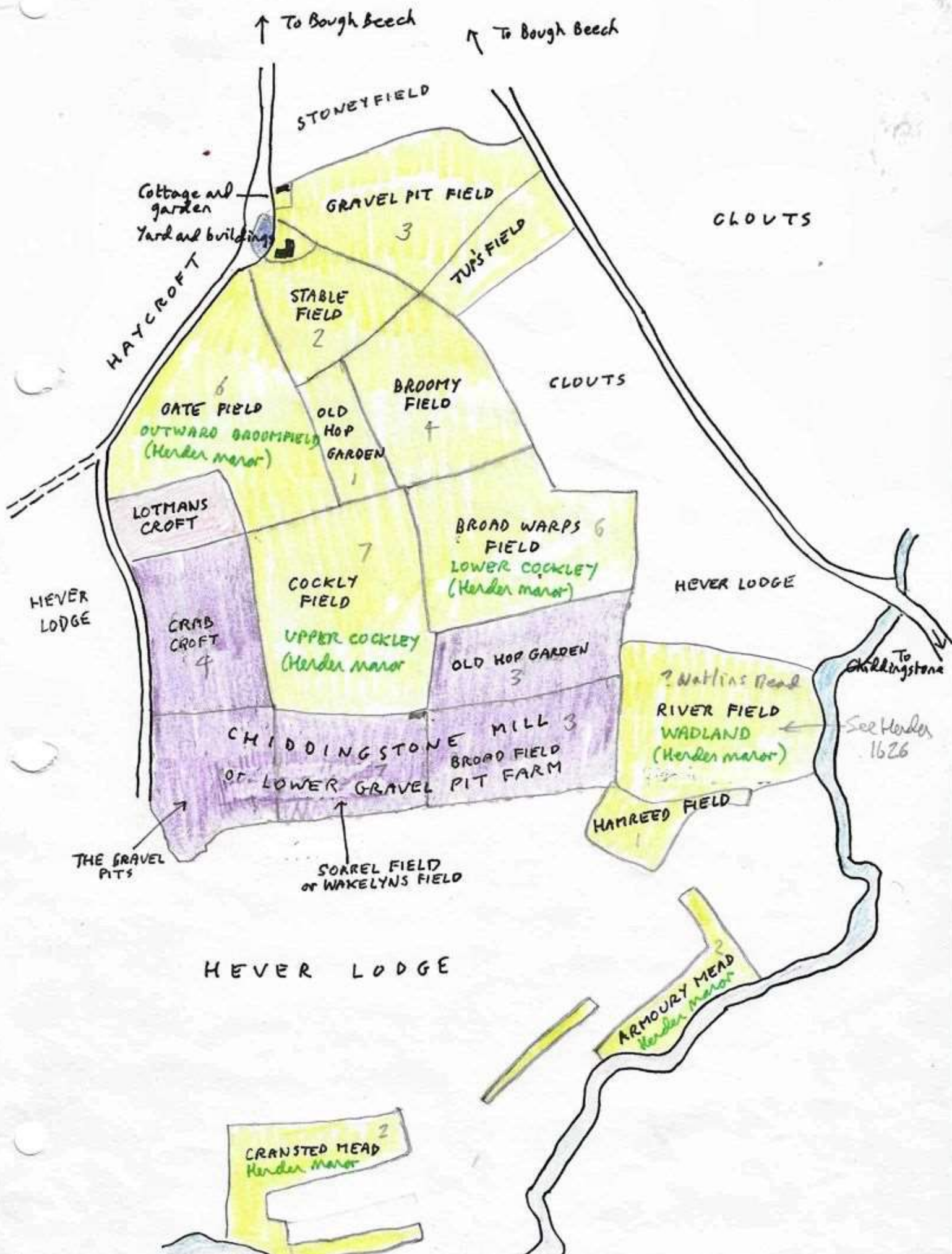
1845-51 John Ward

James Young (Upper Gravel Pits)
He also farmed Lower Gravel Pits.

1851 Census

Jonathan Staples (39) ag lab
Michael Smith (51) ag lab
James Aynscombe (33) master shoemaker
and families.

GRAVEL PIT FARM



LOWER GRAVEL PIT

Chiddingstone parish

Kings Borough

Manor of Sunbridge Weald: Certain lands called Crabcroft, the Gravel Pits, the Sornell Field also Wakeing Field, one little parcel of land lying at the lower end of the Broadfield, the Broadfield and the croft, 4 acres of meadow lying in Cranstal Mead and 3 acres of meadow lying in the Hlony Mead, containing [altogether] 34 acres. 1s.

The above abbreviated as Crabcroft etc.

Some of it may have belonged to Herden manor.

The land to the north was also called Gravel Pit.

1525 Sir Thomas Boleyn exchanged land with John Tebold of Seale in Kent, yeoman. He received a Terenent with appurtenances called Cransted with certain lands called the Bromys lying and being in the parishes of Chiddingstone and Hever.

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6½ acres of meadow ground lying in two meads called Cransteal Mead and the Amy [Amery].

Four parcels called the Bromes.

A field called Cockull Fylde

A close called Sorells Croft and a croft called Little Wodeland Sorell.

A meadow called Moravants Hope

An acre of meadow ground between the river and Saverden Mead in Chiddingstone parish.

1589 Thomas Willoughby of Chiddingstone esq, sells to Thomas Browne of Chiddingstone, forgeraster, for £1094 various properties including:

a) Lands called Cransted Lands and Gravel Pits, 22 acres in Chiddingstone, occupied by Thomas Holmden and Thomas Browne, part of which abutteth to the highway there leading from Bowbeeche to Cransted House full west, another part to lands of Charles Walgrave esq southwest, lands of said Charles northeast, a croft of Henry Moodye full north.

b) 7 acres of mead in several parcels in Cransted Mead and a mead called Le Americ in Chiddingstone occupied by Thomas Taylor, Richard Moodye and Thomas Browne.

c) A croft of pasture or mead, 2½ acres, in Chiddingstone, occupied by Thomas Taylor, abutting to lands called Perryfield in the occupation of Lady Burgh east, the highway Bowbeeche to

Chiddingstone west.

1590 Thomas Browne of Chiddingstone, forgermaster, mortgaged the lands above to Thomas Harflect of Otford, gent.

1597 Release of the lands to Thomas Harflect esq

1597 Thomas Harflect, late of Otford, gent, sold to Thomas Hadilowe, citizen and saltier. Thomas Hadilowe appointed John Davyes citizen and haberdasher to enter the lands on his behalf.

1657 John Reeve of the Inner Temple, nephew and heir of William Reeve, late of Chiddingstone, gent, sells to Richard Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, gent:

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- a) Parcels hitherto called Cransted Lands and Gravel Pits, and now called Crabrofts; the Gravel Pitts, Sotwell Field alias Wakehyn's Field, the Broad Field and the Little Croft at the lower end of the said Broadfield, 22 acres, occupied by James Speed. Whereof part abutteth upon the highway there leading from Bowbeech to Cransted House west, other part abutteth to lands of Sir Henry Waldgrave and Charles Hoskins esq, deceased southwest and northwest, land of John Seyhaud esq, and Thomas his son north.
 - b) Seven acres of mead, of which 4 acres are in several parcels in Cransted Mead, 3 acres of the said 4 acres join to Cransted Bridge at the upper end of the said mead, the other mead lyeth at the lower end of the said mead and changeth every year; and 3 acres, residue of the 7 acres, are in Alnery Meade, one acre lying against Alnery Mead gate, the other 2 acres at the lower end of the said Meade, occupied by James Speed.
 - c) A croft, 2½ acres, abutting upon Perryfield (now Richard Streatfeild) east, highway Bowbeech to Chiddingstone church west, in the occupation of James Speed.

1658 Mr Streatfeild for Cranstedland. James Speed (Kings Borough Land Tax 400s)

1675 Richard Streatfeild, gent for certain lands called Crabroft etc (Sundridge Weald 1s).

Lower Gravel Pit (continued)

1677 Will of Richard Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, gent.
To son Robert all the land I bought of Mr John Reeves and now in
the occupation of James Speed called Gravelpits or Cransted
Lands, the Crabcroft, Sortellefield or Wakelynsfield, Broadfield,
the little croft at the lower end of the last, the Mill Croft,
7 acres in Cransted Mead and the Almerweald, all in Chiddingstone.

Robert Streatfeild was a grocer in London, dying in 1703.

1689

Edward Melhurst for Cransted Land
(Kings Borough Land Tax 4 acres)

1689, 1697, 1701 Robert Streatfeild for certain lands called Crabcroft etc
(Sunbridge Weald ls).

1698 William Streatfeild gent for Gravelpit Land (churchwardens' accounts)

1704 Henry Streatfeild the elder of Chiddingstone, gent }
William Streatfeild of Haver, gent } brothers
Thomas Streatfeild of Severnocks, gent
John Streatfeild of Pershurst, gent

Gerald Townsend of Christington, Cheshire and Sarah his wife,
late widow of Robert Streatfeild, citizen and grocer.

Reciting the will of Robert Streatfeild dated October 8th 1703 leaving
to his wife and brothers all his lands, tenements and real property,
including the newly erected barn and Cransted Land formerly called
Crab Croft etc.

Family settlement, the property being conveyed to trustees to settle
the one croft of meadow or pasture containing 2½ acres on Henry
Streatfeild and the rest of the property on William Streatfeild.

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1698-1710 William Streatfeild of Haver gent.

1707 William Streatfeild, gent, for certain lands called Crabcroft etc.
(Sunbridge Weald ls)

1709-37 Robert Streatfeild.

1721, 1729, 1737 Robert Streatfeild of Haver Place for certain lands called
Crabcroft, etc. (Sunbridge Weald ls).

1725 Robert Streatfeild for Cranstead Land (Kings Borough Land Tax 4 acres)

1731 Robert Streatfeild for Gravel Pits (Kings Borough Land Tax 4 acres)

1733 Robert Streatfeild for part of Gravel Pits (assessment for repairing church)

1733 Robert Streetfeild, gent, for part of Gravel Pits (Land Tax £7)

1737 Robert Streetfeild, gent, for Gravel Pits (Chiddingstone rates)

1743 Robert Streetfeild of Haver Place who held certain lands called Crab Croft etc (1s) has died. By will he devised the premises to his son William Streetfeild. (manor of Sundridge Weald)

1740-59 William Streetfeild for Gravel Pits. Died 1761.
He was also Tenant to W. Hoskins for Upper Gravel Pits.

1743 William Streetfeild of Haver Place for Crab Croft etc
(Sundridge Weald 1s).

1752 William Streetfeild of Haver Place for Crab Croft etc, occupied
by Henry Whapham (Sundridge Weald 1s)

1762-80 Mr Henry Whapham for Gravel Pits

1770 William Streetfeild is dead, leaving issue one son, —
Streetfeild, an infant. Barbara Streetfeild of Goggon, widow
of Robert Streetfeild, father of William, is now seized for
life by virtue of her marriage settlement.
(Sundridge Weald 1s).

1778 William Streetfeild, an infant son of William Streetfeild
deceased, for Crab Croft etc.
(Sundridge Weald 1s)

1780 Mr Charles Wakefield, the second husband of William
Streetfeild's widow Sarah Henry Whapham.

1788-98 William Streetfeild
[of Holder House,
Southborough]
the infant above

1783 Robert keeps for Gravel Pits.

1788 Richard keeps for Gravel Pits.
He also held the Malt
and also Wallis Field.

1798-1812 William Streetfeild.
[Actually Mrs Charles
Wakefield, widow]
Mrs Streetfeild in 1804

1806 Mrs Wakefield late the widow of William Streetfeild of Pershurst
for Crab Croft etc late in the occupation of Henry Whapham,

Lower Gravel Pit (continued)

now of Richard Keeys. (Sundridge Weald 12)
ditto 1812

1814 Executors of Mrs Wakefield

1817 Widow Wakefield has died since the last court seized of certain lands called Crabbe Croft etc, late occupied by Henry Whapham and now Richard Keeys. Henry Streatfeild esq of Chiddingstone is now seized thereof. (Sundridge Weald 13).

1817-29 Henry Streatfeild

— A book begun in 1723 and added to at later dates Quittants owed by Henry Streatfeild.

Manor of Sundridge Weald.

Chiddingstone Mill, occupied by Richard Keeys, late Mrs Wakefield.

Moor for Crabtree Croft, the Gravel Pits. and the Sorrel Field lying at the Town end of Broad Field with 4 acres of meadow in Cransted Head. Three acres of meadow in the Alnery containing 34 acres late in the occupation of Henry Whapham and since of Richard Keeys.

1829-51 Henry Streatfeild.

1832 Henry Streatfeild seized of the above. Now dead. Succeeded by his son Henry Streatfeild.

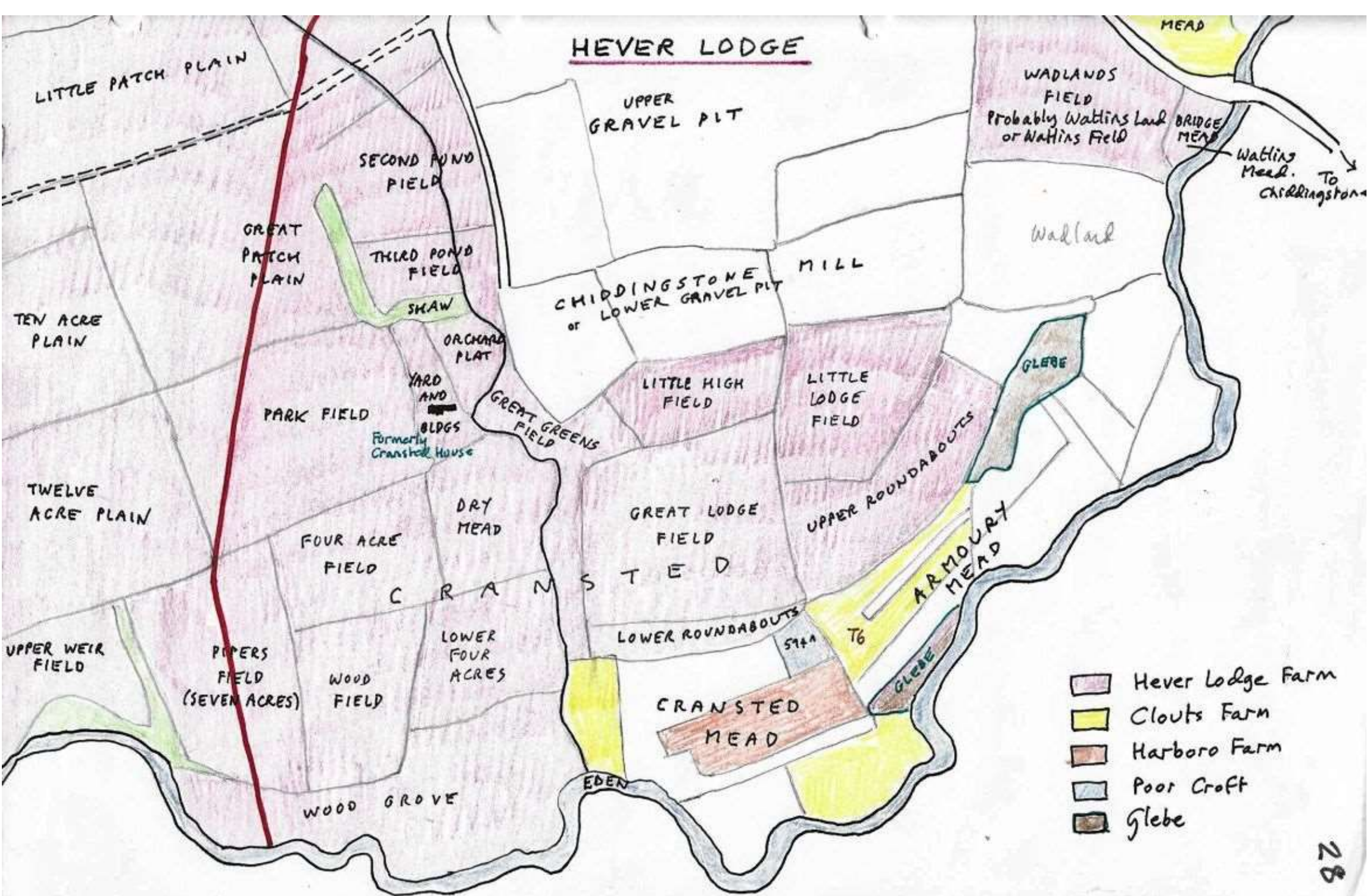
1830-51 James Young, who also held the Mill and Upper Gravel Pits

1835 Tithe Award. Chiddingstone Mill Farm.

Henry Streatfeild

James Young

Old Hay Garden, Broad Field, Sorrelly Field, Crab Croft Field, West Head, Great Hamstead Field, Little Hamstead Field, Armoory Head (part), Cransted Head (part).



HEVER LODGE

Mostly in Hever. The extension into Chiddingstone is indeterminate. Usually owned and occupied in conjunction with Grinstead.

1658-89 Sir Charles Waldegrave
3rd baronet

1662-82 William Vivian, gent.
(Stanford Borough Land Tax £24)

1684-89 Sir Henry Waldegrave
1st baron Waldegrave

1688-1707 John Ashdown of Hever Lodge
(Stanford Borough Land Tax £27)

1689-1715 Sir James Waldegrave
2nd baron Waldegrave
and later Earl Waldegrave

1708-28 Robert Streatfeild, gent.
also for Grinstead Farm

1715 Hever Castle estate sold to
William Humphreys, 1st
baronet, Lord Mayor of London

1715-35 Sir William Humphreys

1730-42 Richard Burfoot
also for Grinstead Farm

1735-37 Sir Orlando Humphreys.

1737-46 William Bell Waring,
husband of Mary, daughter
of Sir Orlando

1748-49 Thomas Gore, second
husband of Mary,
daughter of Sir Orlando

1745 Charles Gore, MP for Hertfordshire
and uncle of Thomas Gore.
Married to the widow of
Orlando

1749 Hever estate bought by Timothy Waldo, a rich lawyer and merchant.

1749-86 Timothy Waldo, who died
in 1786. He was succeeded
by his widow Catherine
Lady Waldo. (1786-1806)
and then by his daughter
Jane. (1806-29)

1745-59 William Streatfeild
for Hever Lodge

1759-65 George Young
for Hever Lodge

1767-80 Richard Humphrey

1788-99 Mr John Humphrey

- Jane, daughter of Timothy Waldo. She married George Medley, MP for East Grinstead, and wealthy wine merchant, who died in 1796.
- 1799-1807 John Humphrey (murdered 1807)
- 1808-09 Mary Humphrey, widow, who married Henry Rowed
- 1811-21 She was described as Jane Medley, widow, of Clapham
- 1811 Mrs Rowed
- 1812-17 Henry Rowed
- 1818-47 John Humphrey (son of above)
- 1829 Jane Medley devised Haver Lodge to the use of Jane Waldo for life, remainder to Edmund Wakefield Mead Waldo. (Will PCC)
- 1829-40 Jane Waldo of Clapham, spinster, coisr of Jane Medley.
- 1838 Tithe Award. Jane Waldo 91 acres in Chiddrington, including Cransted John Humphrey.
- 1840-51 Edmund Wakefield Mead Waldo
- 1847 All the live and dead farming stock, crops, household furniture, and effects of Mr John Humphrey sold after seizure by the Sheriff of Kent. See under Cransted for details.
- 1847-51 Charles Marchant
- 1851 James Marchant

CRANSTED

Chiddingstone parish

Kings Borough

Frequently owned and occupied in conjunction with Haver Lodge and Haver Park.

1525 Sir Thomas Doleyn exchanged land with John Tebold of Sele in Kent, yeoman. He received a tenement with appurtenances called Cransted with certain lands called the Bromys lying and being in the parishes of Chiddingstone and Haver.

This may be Cransted and part or all of Gravel Pit.

* 1538. See end

1589 Thomas Willoughby esq, sold to Thomas Browne properties including Cransted Lands and Gravel Pits, 22 acres in Chiddingstone.

This is Lower Gravel Pits.

Part of which abutted to the highway there leading from Bowbeeche to Cransted House full west, another part to lands of Charles Walgrave esq, southwest. *This must be Cransted.*

1561-89 Charles Walgrave owned Haver Castle and presumably Cransted. He was the son of Sir Edward Walgrave who appropriated Haver after the death of Anne of Cleves. Charles was Privy Councillor and Master of the Queen's Horse. When his father fell from power Charles lost all his appointments and retired to Haver Castle.

1589-1644 Charles was succeeded by Sir Edward Walgrave. He was created 1st baronet Walgrave of Haver Castle.

1644-58 Sir Henry Walgrave
2nd baronet.

1657 John Reeve sold to Richard Streatfeild Lower Gravel Pits which was bounded to the southwest by the lands of Sir Henry Walgrave.

1658 James Speed for Cransted Land
(Kings Borough Land Tax 12 acres)

1668-84 Sir Charles Walgrave

1677 Sir Charles Walgrave John Speed (Land Tax £20).

1684-89 Sir Henry Walgrave 1689 John Speed for Cransted.
(Kings Borough Land Tax 12 acres)

1689 Lord Waldegrave

John Speed (Land Tax £20)

1689-1715 James Waldegrave
1st Earl Waldegrave

1698 John Speed. £20.

1677-1707 John Speed

1715 Hever Castle sold to
Sir William Humphreys
1st baronet, Lord Mayor
of London.

1710-1728 Robert Streatfeild gent
for a farm late used by John Speed
for Cransted Farm
He was also the tenant of Hever Lodge

1715-35 Sir William Humphreys

1724 Sir William Humphreys, but for Cransted House, occupied by
Edward Humphrey and Robert Streatfeild
(Survey of church seating).

1735-37 Sir Orlando Humphreys

1731-43 Richard Burfoot.
for Cransted Farm and Hever Lodge.

1748 Orlando's daughter Mary
was married to Thomas Gore

1745 Charles Gore

1741 The Hever-estate was bought
by Timothy Waldo, a rich
lawyer and merchant.

1749-65 George Young
for Cransted and some of the
tine for Hever Lodge

1749-86 Sir Timothy Waldo

1767-80 Richard Humphrey
for Cransted and Hever Lodge

1786-1808 Timothy was
succeeded by his widow
Catherine, Lady Waldo
and then by his daughter
Jane who married George
Melley.

1788-99 Mr John Humphrey
(junior 1794-97)
for Cransted and Hever Lodge

1799-1808 John Humphrey

1788 George Melley esq

The last mention of Cransted in the assessments was in 1797.
After that it was merged into Hever Lodge.

WATLINS LAND

Probably Wadlands Field at the bridge. Next to it is Bridge Mead which may be Watlis Mead.

1765-94 William Seal for part of Watlis. [part of Hever Lodge]

1797-1805 William Seal and Thomas Seal for part of Hever Castle.

BUT 1805 Richard keeps for Watlings Land (no value)

1809-1821 Richard keeps occupied Watlis Field, rated at £5-10s
John Larkin of The Chequers occupied Watlis Mead 15s.

1824 John Humphrey of Hever Lodge occupied Watlis Field, rated at £6-5s (to include Watlis Mead)

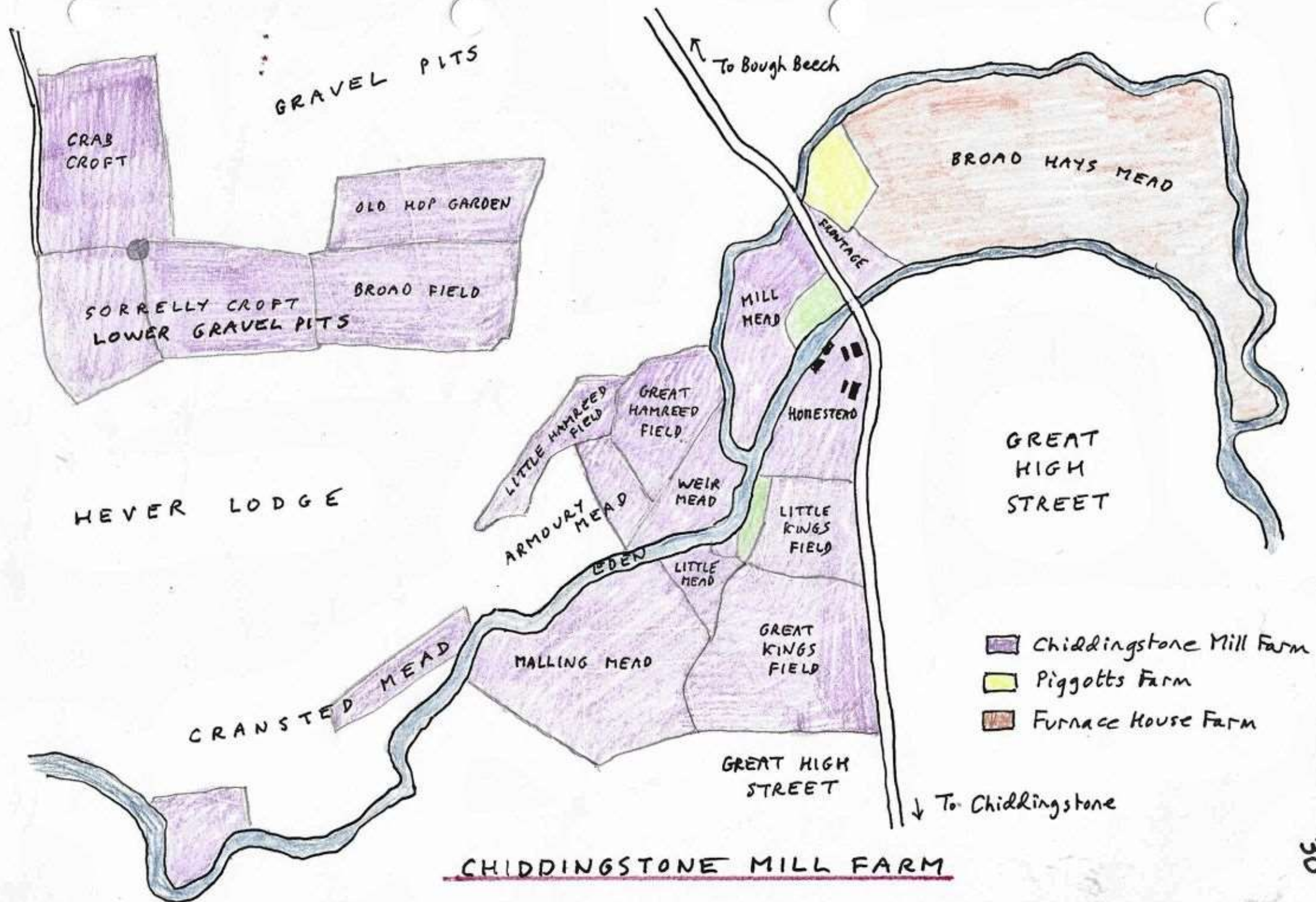
1838 Tithe Award. Wadlands Field and Bridge Mead were part of Hever Lodge.

1538 Thomas Earl of Wiltshire to Robert Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, yeoman
Conested, Varney Croft, croft at Hever Park pale, Haddefylde,
Little Lely Field, Dewe lands, Waddelands and Westmead in
Chiddingstone, meadow in Hever above the great bridge next to the
cawsey.

POOR CROFT

TA 594 (Poor Croft) and TA 594[^] (part of Crasted Mead).
 See maps for Boughbeech and Waterlakes, and for Haver Lodge.
 Chiddingstone parish.
 No Manor identified but one would expect Sundridge Weald.

- 1756-1773 David Aynscombe of Little Millbrook may have held it.
 From 1762 he also owned Haycroft.
- 1777 John Ashdown may have held it.
- 1783-86 Widow Aynscombe may have held it
- 1791-94 Heirs of widow Aynscombe may have held it.
- 1797 James Aynscombe for Haycrofts and perhaps Poor Croft.
- 1797-1811 Heirs of David Aynscombe, occupied by James Aynscombe
- From 1809 James Aynscombe is recorded for Haycroft and Poor Croft (rates)
- 1809-21 James Aynscombe
- 1824-39 John Aynscombe. In 1825 Tenant of the Poor of Chiddingstone.
- 1838 Tithe Award. Chiddingstone Parish. John Aynscombe
- 1839-51 John Aynscombe (Hay and Poor Croft)
- 1839 John Aynscombe
- 1842-51 William Denton (Hay and Poor Croft).



CHIDDINGSTONE MILL

Chiddingstone parish
Manor of Sundridge Weald 1s 5d.

Kings Borough

1488 Will of Sir John Alfeigh, (PCC). 1st Sec end

1601 Thomas Waters (Sundridge Weald 1s 5d)

1619 Sale 1. Thomas Waters of Chiddingstone, yeoman, to
2. Robert Streatfeild of Pershurst, yeoman, for £100.

Two messuages, two water mills called Crasted Mills, one barn, two cottages, one close, two gardens, one orchard and a parcel of land called Millmeade, Watermeade, Kingfield, Weave Croft and Little Amrye, 24 acres, in Chiddingstone, to the kings way Chiddingstone church to Severoaks east, lands of Thomas Seyliard esq south, lands of heirs of Thomas Hoskins [Uppergrave Pit] and Charles Waldegrave [Crasted] west, to the river there north and south.

1630 Death of Thomas Waters, gent. Will (PCC).

1633 Thomas Waters (Sundridge Weald 1s 5d)

Possibly Thomas, the son of Thomas Waters.

1647 Robert Streatfeild for Chiddingstone Mill, late Thomas Waters (Sundridge Weald 1s 5d)

1651 Death of Robert Streatfeild of Chested, yeoman. Will (PCC).
The mill seems to have gone to his second son Robert.

1654 Death of Robert Streatfeild of Crasted and Pershurst. No will

1673 Division of lands

1. Sara, relict of Robert Streatfeild of Pershurst, yeoman.
2. The three sons of Robert, namely William Streatfeild of Delaware, yeoman, Richard Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, yeoman, Thomas Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, yeoman.
3. John Childers of Tonbridge, yeoman.

John Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, yeoman.
To William two Crasted mills, Wellmeade, Watermeade, King Field, Weave Croft, Little Amrye, 24 acres occupied by Robert Serles and John Board. An annuity of £15 from it to Sarah for life.

1675 Heirs of Robert Streatfeild for Chiddingstone Mill, late Thomas Waterh. (Sundridge Weald 1s 5d)

1689-1706 William Streatfeild of Delaware 1686-1710 Thomas Webb

1689 William Streatfeild Thomas Webb
or the occupiers of the lands belonging to the Mill (Kings Borough Land Tax

1689-1701 William Streatfeild of Delaware for Chiddingstone Mill 20 acres
(Sundridge Weald 1s 5d)

1706 Death of William Streatfeild. Succeeded by his son Robert.

1706-37 Robert Streatfeild of Delaware or Cowder for Chiddingstone Mill (Sundridge Weald 1s 5d)

1713-19 John Webb

1724 Robert Streatfeild John Durrant
for Chiddingstone Mill House (Survey of church seating)

1725, 1731 John Durrant for the Mill
(Kings Borough Land Tax 20 acres)

1733 Mr Robert Streatfeild John Durrant
(assessment for repairing the church).

1722-33 John Durrant

1734-37 Michael Bassett for the Mill and other lands (rates)

1737 Robert Streatfeild of Cowder who held Chiddingstone Mill has alienated it to his son Robert Streatfeild of Delaware or Burwash.

1737- Robert Streatfeild of Burwash for Chiddingstone Mill.

1740-43 Widow Bassett

1746-65 Richard Keeps

1765 Death of Richard Keeps. Succeeded by Richard Keeps.

1765-88 Richard Keeps

Chiddingstone Mill (continued)

- 1782 Death of Robert Streatfeild of Burwash. Will (PCC). "To my great-nephew William Streatfeild of Rood Lane, London, all my messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments at Chiddingstone now or late in the tenure of Richard Keeys."
- 1782-98 William Streatfeild of Holder House, Southborough.
- 1788 Death of Richard Keeys. Succeeded by Richard Keeys.
- 1798 On the death of William Streatfeild he was succeeded by his mother Sarah, who had remarried Charles Wakefield of Pershurst, surgeon
- 1788-1827 Richard Keeys for the Mill (combined with Lower Gravel Pits).
- 1798-1805 Charles Wakefield of Pershurst, surgeon, in right of his wife Sarah (Thorpe), the widow of William Streatfeild of Hever Castle. Charles left the property to Sarah with remainder to Sandeforth Streatfeild, who was William's nephew.
- 1805-12 Sarah Wakefield, widow of Charles. She outlived Sandeforth who died in 1809.
- 1813 For sale. Valuable freehold residence, farms, water corn mill and lands, with immediate possession of the residence and of the remainder at Michaelmas. [and other properties]
Chiddingstone water corn mill and farm with a capital head of water and two spacious water wheels, the whole containing nearly 700 acres of fertile and productive meadow, pasture, hop gardens, water and wood land. By order of the Trustees and executors of Sandeforth Streatfeild, esq, deceased.
(Heraldstone Journal May 4th 1813).
- 1813 Henry Streatfeild bought Chiddingstone Mill and the adjoining land, occupied by Richard Keeys, from the heirs of Mr Sandeforth Streatfeild. He did not have possession of the Mill until 1813.
(Letter dated c 1820).
- 1817 Widow Wakefield has died since the last court seized of the mill, occupied by Richard Keeys. Henry Streatfeild esq of Chiddingstone is now seized thereof. (Sunderidge Weald 1s 5d)
- 1814-29 Henry Streatfeild.

1829-51 Henry Streatfeild

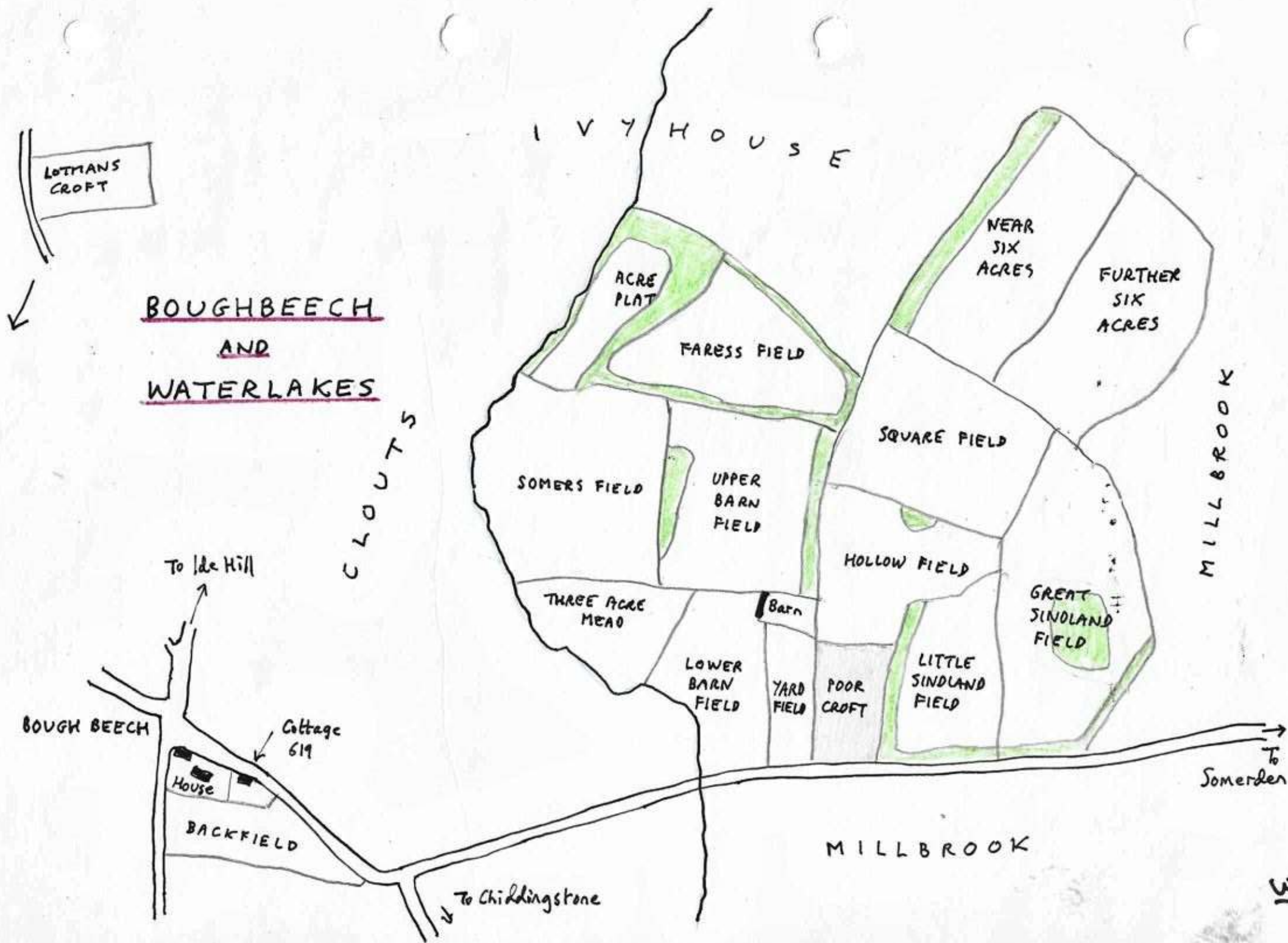
1829-51 James Young for the Mill
(combined with Lower Gravel
Pits).

1838 Tithe Award. Henry Streatfeild for Chiddingstone Mill Farm
(includes Lower Gravel Pits). Occupied by James Young.
57 acres.

1841 Census. Mill House. James Young, aged 45, miller, and family.

1851 Census. Mill House. James Young, aged 57, miller and farmer
of 450 acres employing 16 men, and family.

1488 Will of Sir John Alfegh (PCC). "I will that [my daughter] Agnes
shall have soon after my decease a tenement and rent in Pershurst
called Southe with appurtenances and my mill at Chiddingstone
called Cranstede Mill with the appurtenances in fee simple. And
if she die before she come to the age of 21 then I will that the
said tenement and rent called Southe and also the said mill be sold
by my executors."



WATERLAKES

Chiddingstone parish Friender borough
 Manor of Sundridge Weald: Waterlakes 2s 6d.

- 1462 Richard Forde and others appoint attorneys to deliver three parcels at Quaterlake in Chiddingstone to William Holderby alias Nicholas senior of Chiddingstone.
- 1524 Richard Wysthley mortgaged Waterlakes to William Water.
- 1527 Richard Whysler alias Taylor of Chiddingstone yeoman grants to Richard Scoryer and others all right in various properties including Waterlakes.
- 1528 Richard Scoryer of Chiddingstone yeoman grants to Richard Whysler alias Taylor of Chiddingstone husbandman the same properties including Waterlakes late purchased by Richard Scoryer of Richard Whysler.
- 1537 Richard Whysler alias Taylor of Chiddingstone releases to Richard Scoryer all right and title in above lands.
- 1578 Death of Robert Sulyard of Brasted, gent. Will (PCC). To his brother Nicholas the lease of Waterlakes that he had of Mr Cromer.
- 1580 Marriage settlement of William Seyliard of Brasted. (SD)
- 1584 Death of Nicholas Seyliard of Gabriels. No mention of Waterlakes in his will (PCC).
- 1601 Thomas Seyliard for Waterlakes (Sundridge Weald 2s 2d).
This could be Thomas Seyliard of Delaware, born 1585, son of William Seyliard and Dorothy, daughter of William Cromer of Tunstall. Thomas died in 1650.
- 1616 Thomas Seyliard esq for Waterlakes (Sundridge Weald 2s 6d)
Sells to John.
- 1633 John Seyliard for Waterlakes (Sundridge Weald 2s 6d)
- 1647 John Seyliard for Waterlakes (Sundridge Weald 2s 6d)

- 1654 1. John Seyliard of Salmonds in Pershust and Thomas his eldest son.
2. Robert Holman of Perdhill in Bletchingley and his daughter Mary.

In consideration of a marriage intended between Thomas and Mary has settled on Mary in case she should happen to survive Thomas. Numerous properties including: All those lands, meadow, pastures and woodlands called or known by the names of Waterlakes otherwise Quarterlakes, Synderhill, Syndercroft and Silvercroft with the barn thereupon built in Chiddingstone, 75 acres, now in the occupation of Thomas Birs by gent at a yearly rent of £28 which last mentioned premises the said John Seyliard heretofore purchased from his brother Thomas Seyliard esq deceased.

This could
equally
be Funks

1662 Widow Beecher
(Friender bridge assessment)

1664 Widow Beecher or Henry Beecher
(Friender bridge assessment)

1665-72 John Stratfield for Waterlakes.
(Friender bridge assessment).

1668 Death of John Seyliard of Pershust. Will (PCC).

To his son Thomas the timber, timber-trees and pollards upon Waterlakes farm which had been reserved to him in the above settlement.

He appears to have been succeeded by his son Thomas.

1668-73 Thomas Seyliard of Salmonds.

1673 Death of Thomas Seyliard. Will (PCC). To son Thomas those two farms called Waterlakes and Bowbeech in Chiddingstone and Haver. John the elder son took most of the inheritance. Thomas was a doctor of medicine and was dead before 1686.

1675 John and Thomas Seyliard, gents, for Waterlakes.
(Sundridge Weald 236d). Also 1689

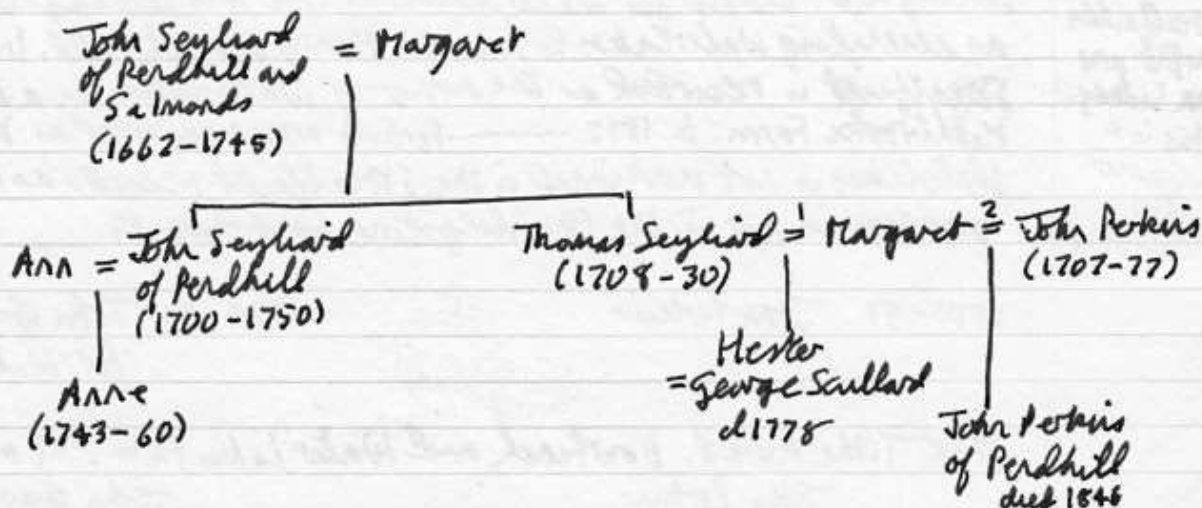
Other land of Thomas descended to John (Tyhurst 3d)

1675-1745 John Seyliard of Perdhill and Salmonds.

For Waterlakes 1697, 1701, 1707, 1721, 1729, 1737, 1743

Waterlakes (continued)

- 1678 Robert Cackott and Robert Abraham
- 1681 John Seyliard, gent 1681-89 Robert Cackott for Waterlakes
- 1693-1728 John Floyd for Waterlakes.
- 1723 John Seyliard, occupied by John Floyd and William Edlow for a house at Bowbeech. (Church seating)
- 1730-37 George Medhurst
- 1740 Widow Redhurst
- 1743-88 Richard Gasson. Died 1788
- 1749 Death of John Seyliard of Perdhill and Salmonds. He was succeeded by his son John.
- 1749-50 John Seyliard of Perdhill.
- 1750 Death of John Seyliard of Perdhill. Will (PCC). To his wife Ann he left various lands including Salmonds and Watstock in Perdhurst and Bowbeech and Waterlakes in Chuddingstone occupied by Richard Gasson. Also Four Elms in Haver.
- 1750 John Seyliard was succeeded by his infant daughter Anne. She died in 1760 aged 12 and the property passed to Hester Seyliard, cousin to Anne, who was married to George Scullard of London esq.



- 1752 John Seyliard who held Waterlakes has died. The premises descended to his daughter. (Sunderidge Wealth 2s 6d)

1764 John Seyliard esq is dead. — Seyliard was his son and heir who is also dead. — Seyliard was his daughter and heir who is also since dead, an infant. Ann, the daughter and heir of — Seyliard brother of the said John Seyliard is her cousin and heir. She has since intermarried with George Scullard esq who is now seized.

(Manor of Tyhurst).

The name Ann seems to be incorrect and should be Hester.

1770 — Scullard esq holds in right of Ann the daughter of John Seyliard esq lands called Waterlake.
(Sundridge Weald 256d) *Incorrect.*

1761 Settlement by George Scullard of the Inner Temple, London, on his wife Hester. Refers to Waterlakes.

1771 Assignment of a mortgage referring to Waterlakes.

1774 Assignment of the mortgage.

1774 Covenant for levying and declaring the uses of a fine by Ann Stratfield.

1775 Death of George Scullard. Will (PCC). He bequeathed all his property to his wife Hester.

1780-97 Widow Scullard

1788-1824 John Gasson
for Waterlakes

The Sundridge Weald manorial record from 1778 to 1790 has Ann Stratfield widow for Waterlakes. In 1790 Ann Stratfield is recorded as alienating Waterlakes to her son Harry Stratfield. In 1798 Harry Stratfield is recorded as the owner of Waterlakes on a map of Millbrooke Farm. In 1812 — Perkins was recorded as the owner. Waterlakes is not mentioned in the Stratfield records as one of their possessions nor in the Chiddingfold assessments.

1801-51 John Perkins

1824-51 John Gasson
for Waterlakes

1838 Tithe Award. Bowbeech and Water Lakes Farm. 81 acres.
John Perkins

John Gasson

1841 Census. Waterlake Farm.

John Gasson, aged 50, farmer and family.

*
See below

Harry
Stratfield's
mother was
Ann Sidney.
This is a
confusion
with
Millbrooke

Waterlakes Farm (continued)

1851 Census. Bowbeech Farm. John Gasson, aged 61, farmer of 110 acres, with family.
 1851 John Perkins or his executors.

Waterlakes Farm includes Backfield and Lotmans Croft.

- * 1814 Mrs Ann [Hester] Scullard is dead. The premises descended to her step-brother John Perkins of Perdhill in Godstone [actually Bletchingley] and of the Stock Exchange. Tenant John Gasson (Tyhurst 3d)
 She is reported as having given the estate to John Perkins after her husband's death, and he is recorded as holding Waterlakes as early as 1801.

BACKFIELD AND LADMANS CROFT

These were recorded in the Tyhurst manorial records from 1636 as part of Waterlakes.

- eg 1656 Court Baron of manor of Tyhurst.
 John Seylauid esq, and Thomas Seylauid get his son hold a messuage with land, 2 acres, at Bowbeech, another parcel called Ladmans Croft, 1½ acres, in Chiddingstone, by fealty, suit of court and yearly rent of 3d, and 1½ acres in Cransted Meade at 2d.

1859 31st Oct Conveyance in fee of a piece of freehold meadow land known as Allotment Cross [Ladmans Croft] in Chiddingstone. Devises in Trust for sale under the will of Mrs Mary Kenrick deceased, late of Verrell [Perdhill] near Bletchingley, widow, dated 25 Aug 1846. All that piece or parcel or plot of meadow land commonly called Allotment Cross containing 1 acre abutting on the east side of a certain road leading from Bowbeech Farm house southward to Chiddingstone and Hever, and being a portion of Bowbeech Farm now in the occupation of John Gasson a yearly tenant. Identified as TA 622. Conveyance to William Brook, draper.

MILLBROOKS OR SOMERDEN

Parish: Chiddingstone

Borough: Frierden

Manor of Bowsell: Millbrooks alias Paynes (td)

Bore Place is a seat which, with the manor of Millbrook, was anciently as high as the reign of King Henry III the estate of a family which assumed its surname from hence. The manor continued until John Bore in the time of King Henry VI conveyed Bore Place and the manor by sale to John Alphen. John died in 1489; his daughter Margaret married Sir Robert Rede, Lord Chief Justice of the common pleas. When Sir Robert died without male issue his four daughters became his coheirs, of whom Bridget, the eldest, was married to Sir Thomas Willoughby, Chief Justice of the common pleas, and on the partition of his estates had the seat Milbroke and his other possessions in the parish allotted for her share. The grandson of Sir Thomas, Sir Percival Willoughby, in the beginning of the reign of James I, alienated Bore Place and Millbrook to Mr Bernard Hyde of Mitling Lane, London, merchant, afterwards one of the commissioners of the customs to King Charles I. (Hasted)

- 1511 Fine. Sir Robert Rede, knight and others (plf) to Cecilia Berdesley, widow (def). Morsity of the manor of Melbroke with appurtenances and 100 acres of land, 26 acres of mead, 100 acres of pasture, 50 acres of wood, 14s rent in Chiddingstone, Pershurst, Heve and Brasted for 100 marks.
- 1551 Fine. Richard Knewett, esq (plf) to Anthony Knyvett and Bridget (def). Manors of Bore, Mylbrokes and Smythe Street and 20 messuages.
- 1639 Thomas Willoughby esq has alienated to Barnard Hyde esq a parcel of land called Millbrooks alias Paynes in Chiddingstone and occupied with Bore Place, once Poulebrooks and afterwards Goldsmiths (manor of Bowsell td) Barnard Hyde is dead (died 1631); his son Barnard succeeds.
- 1643 Barnard Hyde esq for Millbrooks alias Paynes in Chiddingstone sometime Poulebrooks and after Goldsmith's. (Bowsell td)
- 1656 Death of Barnard Hyde. Succeeded by his son Barnard Hyde, as noted by Bowsell Manor in 1665 and 1684.
1662 Widow Beckett. 1664-81 Jessupp Beckett
- 1685 Death of Sir Barnard Hyde of Bore Place. Succeeded by his brother

Humphrey Hyde of St Anne's, Westminster.

1681 Humphrey Hyde

1687-1713 John Overy.

1713-16 George Childer

1713 George Childer for Somerden
(Frierden bridge assessment)

1716 George Childer for the farm
late used by John Overy (rates)

1719 Death of Humphrey Hyde. Will (PCC). Whereas I have formerly mortgaged Milbrooks Farm to my daughter Elizabetha King then by the name of Copley for £600; now the Tenant is to pay the interest as it comes due and is to have remitted to him the Ten shillings for the yearly two days work for his Team, and also the fat ducks he is to bring according to a covenant in his lease.

1719-29 John Hyde
of Sundridge

1719-28 William Medhurst
for Somerden Cross Farm (rates)
William Medhurst straying.
of Millbrook House

1721 William Medhurst put gates across the road from Somerden Cross to Somerden Green to prevent cattle straying.

1723 John Hyde
(Survey of church seating)

1724 John Hyde the younger of Sundridge to William Medhurst of Chiddrington, yeoman for 15 years at £77-1s per annum and 2 capons, 6 chickens, 8 ducks. Tenant to plant Ten new apple Trees a year, collect quitrents for the lord, and to do two days Team work for the lord. Tenant not to cultivate meadow or more than 30 acres of arable in the last three years, or sow oats after oats. Tenant to pay rates and taxes but if land tax rose above 2s in the pound to have a rent rebate.
Manor of Millbrook, lands called Cowthlands and Pollingland and 2½ acres of meadow in East Cransted Mead in Chiddrington and Pershure.

1729 Death of William Medhurst
of Somerden.

1730-37 Widow Medhurst for
Somerden Cross Farm.

1729 Death of John Hyde. Succeeded by his son John Hyde.

1729-40 John Hyde.

1733 John Hyde
for Somerden

widow Medhurst for Millbrook House

1740 Death of John Hyde of Bore Place. Will (PCC). To my loving brother Stroud for life Bore Place and also the manor of Melbrooke and Melbrooke Farm, remainder to my nephew Barnard. To nephew Barnard, son of my brother Stroud for life an annuity of £14 payable out of that messuage or farm called Melbrooke in Chiddingstone and Pershurst, now occupied by widow Medhurst

1740-41 Stroud Hyde, who died in 1741.

1741- Barnard Hyde

1743-45 Mr William Hook for Somerden.

1746 Agreement between Barnard Hyde of Millbrook Farm and Henry Streatfeild of Somerden Green Farm to straighten the boundary fence.

1748 Barnard Hyde of Bore Place to Samuel Overy of Sundridge yeoman for 14 years at £180 per annum. Tenant to erect a new shed for lean bullocks in the yard and a new pump and pens for suckling calves at the end of the lower barn. Veralty clauses against Tenant cultivating meadow or more than 90 acres of arable in any one year and at the end of the term not leaving [more than] 24 acres sown with clover or cow grass and 11 acres with wheat. Messuage or farm called Millbrook alias Somerden.

1749-56 Samuel Overy for Somerden

1757-94 John Woodhams for Somerden

1757 Lease on same terms as above for a messuage or farm called Millbrook alias Somerden. Barnard Hyde to John Woodhams of Pershurst, yeoman.

1760 The map of Millbrook Farm shows it as belonging to Henry Streatfeild. Bounded west by the heirs of Mr Heath (Clout), northwest by the heirs of John Seyhard (Waterlakes), north by Sir Thomas Farnaby (Ivy House), northeast by the heirs of Mrs St John (Coles), and southeast by the heirs of W. Streatfeild (Somerden Green).

1762 Henry Streatfeild let Millbrook and Somerden Mead in Chiddingstone to John Woodhams at £80 per annum (Streatfeild rental accounts)

1762 Death of Henry Streatfeild in testate.

Succeeded by his sons Henry and Richard Thomas Streatfeild, infants.

1782 Release by Richard Thomas Streatfeild to Henry Streatfeild. Manor of Millbrook with Millbrook or Somerden Farm, Court Lands, Polling Lands and $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of meadow in East Chested Mead or Somerden Mead in Chiddingstone and Pershust, let for £75 per annum.

1782-1829 Henry Streatfeild

1797-1815 Michael Woodhams
for Millbrooks, Somerden etc

1818-21 Henry Streatfeild esq
for Millbrooks and Somerden.

1829-51 Henry Streatfeild, son
of the above Henry Streatfeild

1823-51 Robert Hale
for Somerden.

1830 Exchange between Henry Streatfeild and the Trustees of Maria Streatfeild's jointure removing certain properties in Brasted, Ederbridge and Cowden from the settled estate and substituting property in Chiddingstone and Pershust. Among the properties conveyed by Henry Streatfeild were:

The manor of Millbrook, Millbrook Farm now called Somerden Farm and land formerly called Court Lands and Polling Lands in Chiddingstone and Pershust containing in all 155 acres, consisting of the site of the farmhouse, yards and garden (3 rods 27 perches), the orchard (3 rods 14 perches), Barn Mead Orchard (3 acres) and a shaw to the east, Cock Oak (5 acres), Little Field (3 acres), Hop Garden or Hurdle Field (6 acres), formerly divided into Hop Garden Field (3 acres) and Hurdle Field (3 acres) and a part of the land now joined to another piece of land (9 acres), Upper Potlands (9 acres), Lower Potlands (7 acres), also Little River Field (6 acres), Ridgy Field (5 acres), Upper Ox Pasture (5 acres), Lower Ox Pasture (9 acres); also land formerly called Great River Field (4 acres), Long Field (10 acres), Ten Acre Mead (10 acres), Sixteen Acre Mead (16 acres), Harpit Field (10 acres), Bushy Croft (9 acres), Twelve Acres (13 acres), land on south side of Hop Garden or Hurdle Field (9 acres); also a piece of land (3 acres) part of which formerly belonged to Hop Garden or Hurdle Field and the other part of which was called Bear Croft, meadow ground (1 acre), part of Hope Mead near Somerden Green, cottage and land near Somerden Green (3 rods 24 perches).

This coincides with Millbrook Farm as it was in 1760 and excludes

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Millbrooks or Somerden (continued)

Somerden Head to the south.

1838 Tithe Award. Henry Streatfeild Robert Hale
(Millbrook. Also Coles and Horseshoes Farms 224 acres)

1841 Census. Robert Hale, aged 50, farmer and family. Somerden.

1851 Census Robert Hale, aged 62, farmer of 230 acres employing
4 men, and family. Somerden Farm

POLLIN LAND

This appears to be part of Millbrooks and some of it was later called Potlands. Together with Woodgatefield, Story Croft and Milbrooke Mead it amounted to 60 acres which was a substantial part of the extent of Millbrooks in 1760 (113 acres approximately). The land to the west may have been called Courtland.

1540 Death of William Woodgate of Chiddingstone, yeoman. Will (PCC). To son Christopher his tenement called Woodgate tenement with the appurtenances lying in the parishes of Chiddingstone and Pershust and all other lands, pastures, woods, crofts, meadows etc contained in a deed made in 1538.

1556 Will of Robert Willoughby (unlocated). To son Thomas a parcel late purchased by Sir Thomas Willoughby his father from one Ware, 8 acres, named Woodgate's Field and Woodgate's Field Croft in Chiddingstone, to lands of Dame Bridget his mother called Polling Fields.

Before 1589 Thomas Willoughby of Chiddingstone esq, mortgaged Pollin Lands etc to Thomas Foster of Westerham (or Sanderidge?) yeoman for £300.

1589 4th January. Thomas Foster of Westerham yeoman conveyed the mortgage to Edmund Chapman of Westerham yeoman. Lands called Pollin Lands, Woodgate Field, Story Croft and Milbrooke Mead, 60 acres in Chiddingstone, bounding south to land once Lord Burgh's called Stone Croft [This must be Story Croft or Peace Croft, later part of Lower Potlands Field], south and west to the lands of the heirs of William Ware [? Courtland], south and east to Brode Eye [Broad Hays], east to Polbrooke meade [?], west to the land of Thomas Willoughby esq, formerly in tenure of Richard Taylor and now of Thomas Taylor [again Courtland?], north to the highway from Bowteech to Pershust; east to a certain lane there leading towards Chiddingstone - all of which I formerly bought from Thomas Willoughby of Chiddingstone, esq.
Thomas Willoughby continued to occupy the lands at £30 per annum.

1594 1st October. Thomas Willoughby borrowed £400 from Thomas Browne.

1594 12th October. The executor of Edmund Chapman of Westerham (Robert Heath of Sanderstead, gent, Robert Leigh of Ederbridge, yeoman) to

Thomas Willoughby and Thomas Browne ironmaster for £200 Pollinlands, Woodgatefield, Stoney Croft and Mylbrookes Mead, 60 acres in Chiddingstone.

1594 Thomas Willoughby and Thomas Browne executed with Pollinlands etc George Laske of Chiddingstone, servant of Thomas Willoughby, and George Lusted of Lingfield, yeoman, to various uses. (15th October)

1594 4th March. Thomas Browne of Chiddingstone ironmaster sold to Steven Theobald esq for £400 Pollinlands, Mylbrookes Mead, Stoneyfield and others, 60 acres, late the land of Thomas Willoughby and now in his occupation or that of his assigns.

1609 Stephen Theobald of Scale esq bought a messuage called Somerden 30 acres from William Ware of Severnolds, cordwainer. [This lies to the south of Pollin Land].

1609 Polling Lands lay north of Somerden (Survey of Stephen Theobald's land).

1617 Death of Stephen Theobald. Will (PCC).

After this Pollin Land must have followed the history of Millbrooke which in 1639 was recorded as having been alienated by Thomas Willoughby esq to Barnard Hyde.

1724 John Hyde junior of Sundridge esq, leased to William Medhurst of Chiddingstone yeoman

- a) Messuage or Tenement and manor of Millbrooke
- b) Lands called Court Lands and Polling Lands.
- c) 2½ acres in East Chested Mead.

The map of Millbrook Farm in 1760 shows Pollin Land as part of Millbrook Farm

1782 Release by Richard Thomas Streatfield to Henry Streatfield of Millbrook or Somerden Farm together with Court Lands and Polling Lands.

1830 Henry Streatfield conveyed Millbrook Farm now called Somerden Farm and land formerly called Court Lands and Polling Lands.

SOMERDEN GREEN

Chiddingstone parish

Manor of Sundridge Weald: A messuage and lands at Somerden Green formerly Stephen Theobalds. (8s 0½d)

One rood in Somerden Mead (2d)

Manor of Chiddingstone - Cotham: Certain lands called Wavefield also Wellfield, Hanging Croft, part of Somerden Farm (1s 4d).

1572-83 William Ware listed among the homage (Chiddingstone - Cotham Manor).

1585 William Ware who held Wavefield alias Wellfield at 16d has died and left the property to his eldest son William Ware.
(Chiddingstone - Cotham manor 1s 4d)

1585 Will of William Ware of Chiddingstone, yeoman. (PS). He left his property to his wife Elizabeth for life and then to his son William.

1608 1. William Ware of Severoaks, shoemaker, and Clemence } sons of William
John Ware of Chiddingstone, husbandman } Ware, late of
Salomon Ware of Gravesend, waterman } Somerden, yeoman
Stephen Theobald of Scale, esq. for £250

Messuage called Somerden near Somerden Green in Chiddingstone with the field next the house, Upper Field, Hither Weave Field, Furthur Weave Field, Pease alias Story Croft, Beave Croft, two acres of mead in Somerden Mead, Hither Hope and Furthur Hope, 30 acres.

1609 William Ware of Severoaks, cordwainer &
Stephen Theobald of Scale, esq.

All right to a messuage called Somerden at Somerden Green in Chiddingstone and in the field next the house, Upper Field, Hither Weave Field, Furthur Weave Field, Pease Croft alias Story Croft, Lower Lays, Hamnell, the Hemp Garden, Calves Leaze, Beave Croft, two acres in Somerden Mead, the Hither Hope, Furthur Hope, 30 acres adjoining the house.

1609 A survey by Giles Cornwell of the farm of Mr Stephen Theobald at Somerden:

One close buttung upon the lane east and Polling Lands north 1-3-0

A close butt upon Polling's north, river west 2-0-20

A little close abutt upon the east, north, river west 0-2-21

A meadow plott butt upon the east, north, river west and south 2-2-16

A close butt upon the meadow south 2-1-32

A close butt upon the lane east right against the Wells house and upon a little parcel that used to be laid for watering the same and other

closes 3-0-16

A close built upon the lane east and the east north 3-0-13

A close built upon the lane right against Goldsmith's house 3-1-12

The close next the house 4-0-20

Two acres of meadow in Somerden mead 2-0-0

Total 25-0-30

1614 Steven Theobald for certain lands called Warefield alias Welfield late of William Ware (Chiddingstone-Cobham 1s 6d)

1616

William Bursto, gent
(Sundridge Weald 8s 0½d)

1619 Will of Stephen Theobald of Scale (PCC). His nephew John Godder held his house and land at Somerden Green on lease at £16 per annum. Stephen left it to him subject to a rent of £6 per annum, with reversion to Edward and John Mitchell, two of the sons of his daughter Katherine and her husband Edward Mitchell esq.

1619 Stephen Theobald esq, who held lands in Chiddingstone called Wareland alias Welfield at 16d is dead. By will bequeathed to — Mitchell.

1632 Theobald Mitchell esq a tenant of the manor (Chid-Cobham 1s 4d)

1633 Heirs of Stephen Theobald (Sundridge Weald 8s 0½d).

1639 Edward Mitchell of Horsham left Somerden Green to his sons Edward and John Mitchell.

1647-89 John and Edward Mitchell (Sundridge Weald 8s 0½d)

1653 Theobald Mitchell gent held lands called Weerfield alias Welfield in Chiddingstone at 1s 4d. He is dead. Heir unknown (manor of Chiddingstone-Cobham).

1662-78 Widow Hever (Froden rates)

1669 Mr Mitchell of Horsham (Chiddingstone-Cobham 1s 4d)

1673 Lands of Mitchell lay north of Somerden Mead
(Edward Whitaker to Ralph Pexley, 8 acres)

1677 Mr Mitchell

widow Hever (Land Tax £5)

1679-81 Jeremy Hever

1689-1713 Robert Mitchell

Stephen Streetfield

1697-1707 Robert Mitchell (of Wallingham) (Sundridge Weald 8s 0½d).

Somerden Green (continued)

- 1700 — Mitchell of Horsham, gent, who held Weerefield also Wellfield in Chiddingstone, now in the occupation of Stephen Streatfeild, gent, is dead. Robert and Walsingham Mitchell his sons inherit.
(Chiddingstone - Cobham 1s 4d)

- 1707 Chiddingstone tithes for Stephen Streatfeild

Wheat	1 acre	4s
	4 acres	12s
Oats	4 acres	8s
Barley	1 acre	4s
Hay	8 acres	15s
		<u>£2-3s</u>

- 1712 Lease. Robert Mitchell of Petersfield esq, and his brother Walsingham Mitchell of Horsham gent to Stephen Streatfeild of Chiddingstone gent for 11 years at £15 per annum and 2 capons. Messuage called Somerden Green and 30 acres in Chiddingstone. Penalty clause against cultivating more than 10 acres in the last four years.

1716 Death of Stephen Streatfeild.
Succeeded by his son William

- 1717 Walsingham Mitchell who held half of Warefields alias Wellfield and Haring Croft lying in Chiddingstone now in the occupation of William Streatfeild is dead. Robert his brother holds the other half (Chiddingstone - Cobham 1s 4d)

- 1719 Robert Michel of Petersfield esq, and Theobald Michel of Horsham, clerk, nephew of Robert Michel, lease to William Streatfeild of Chiddingstone gent a messuage or tenement called Somerden Green, 30 acres, in Chiddingstone for 21 years at £16-10s per annum and two fat capons or two fat live pullets.

- 1722 Conveyance of Somerden to Henry Streatfeild.

- 1723 Quilnicks owed by Henry Streatfeild.
Certain lands called Warefield alias Wellfield, Haring Croft, part of Somerden Farm late Mitchell's, occupied by William Streatfeild.

- 1727 Robert Mitchell esq and Theobald Michel, clerk, aliened Warefields alias Well Fields and Haring Croft, part of Somerden Farm in

Chiddingstone in occupation of William Streatfeild to Henry Streatfeild, lord of this manor.
(Chiddingstone - Cotham 1s 4d)

1722 William Streatfeild, lessee of Somerden Green in Chiddingstone leases to Henry Streatfeild of Chiddingstone a way from a bridge of the said Henry through the farm, at a peppercorn rent.

1723 William Streatfeild to Henry Streatfeild. Lease of land for a way. All that piece or parcel of land leading from Somerden Head to the highway across the field next the house of Somerden Farm and the Upper Field next adjoining containing in width two rods and in length about 50 rods and a little piece at the upper end which is laid open to the lane, which said premises are in Chiddingstone and planted with two rows of oaks.

1729 William Streatfeild to Henry Streatfeild. Lease of 20 rods in Further Wave Field as now forced off for a gravel pit with a way to the same. Peppercorn rent (abatting 3s off William's rent to Henry. In 1732 the above gravel pit was increased to 42 rods (abatting 3s off William's rent to Henry

1724-40 Henry Streatfeild William Streatfeild (rates)

1737-43 Henry Streatfeild (Sunderidge Weald 8s 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d).

1742

Death of William Streatfeild

1742 Henry Streatfeild leased Somerden Green Farm to Mary Streatfeild, widow

1743 Henry Streatfeild

Widow Streatfeild (rates)

1743 Damage done at Somerden Farm by widow Streatfeild viewed by Sidney Streatfeild and William Martin.

In the House Field four Yew Trees stripped

Upper Field 9 Hanging Croft 7 Hope Head 1

Further Wave Field and Lower Lays 3, also 3 pollards and 11 standards cut down.

Rails all cut and carried off and the hedges very badly made. Wheat and peas carried off - no dung laid on.

The widow Streatfeild promised to pay 5 guineas for the damages above mentioned.

Somerden Green Farm (continued)

1744 Henry Streatfeild leased Somerden Green Farm to Sidney Streatfeild.

1745 Henry Streatfeild, esq Sidney Streatfeild, gent

1745 Death of Sidney Streatfeild.

1746 Henry Streatfeild in his own occupation. Warefields alias Wellfields, Hanging Croft etc. (manor of Chiddingstone-Cobham)

1749 Henry Streatfeild (rates)

1752 Henry Streatfeild (Sundridge Weald 8s 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d)

1752 Particulars of the estate of Henry Streatfeild.
Somerden Green Farm in Chiddingstone, 27 acres, occupied by George Bevan and W. Streatfeild. Rent £16-10s per annum

1760 Map of Millbrook Farm showed land to south (Somerden Green Farm) occupied by the heirs of W. Streatfeild.

1762 Henry Streatfeild let Millbrook and Somerden Mead in Chiddingstone to John Woodhams at £80 per annum. (Streatfeild rental accounts).
However John Woodhams had been recorded at Millbrook since 1759.
John Woodhams for Somerden (= Millbrook) £3-12s
more (= Somerden Green) 14s

1762 Death of Henry Streatfeild. 1759-91 John Woodhams.

1770 The heirs of Henry Streatfeild, esq, seized of one rood in Somerden Mead (2a) and a messuage and lands at Somerden Green formerly Stephen Theobalds (Sundridge Weald 8s 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d).
Henry Streatfeild is dead. Henry Streatfeild and Richard Thomas Streatfeild, being infants, are his two sons and heirs.

1778 Henry Streatfeild and Richard Thomas Streatfeild, sons and coheirs of Henry Streatfeild deceased. (Sundridge Weald 2d and 8s 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d).

1782 Release by Richard Thomas Streatfeild of the manor of Millbrook with Millbrook or Somerden Farm, Court Lands, Polling Lands and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of meadow in East Cherted Mead or Somerden Mead in Chiddingstone and Pershurst, let for £75 per annum.

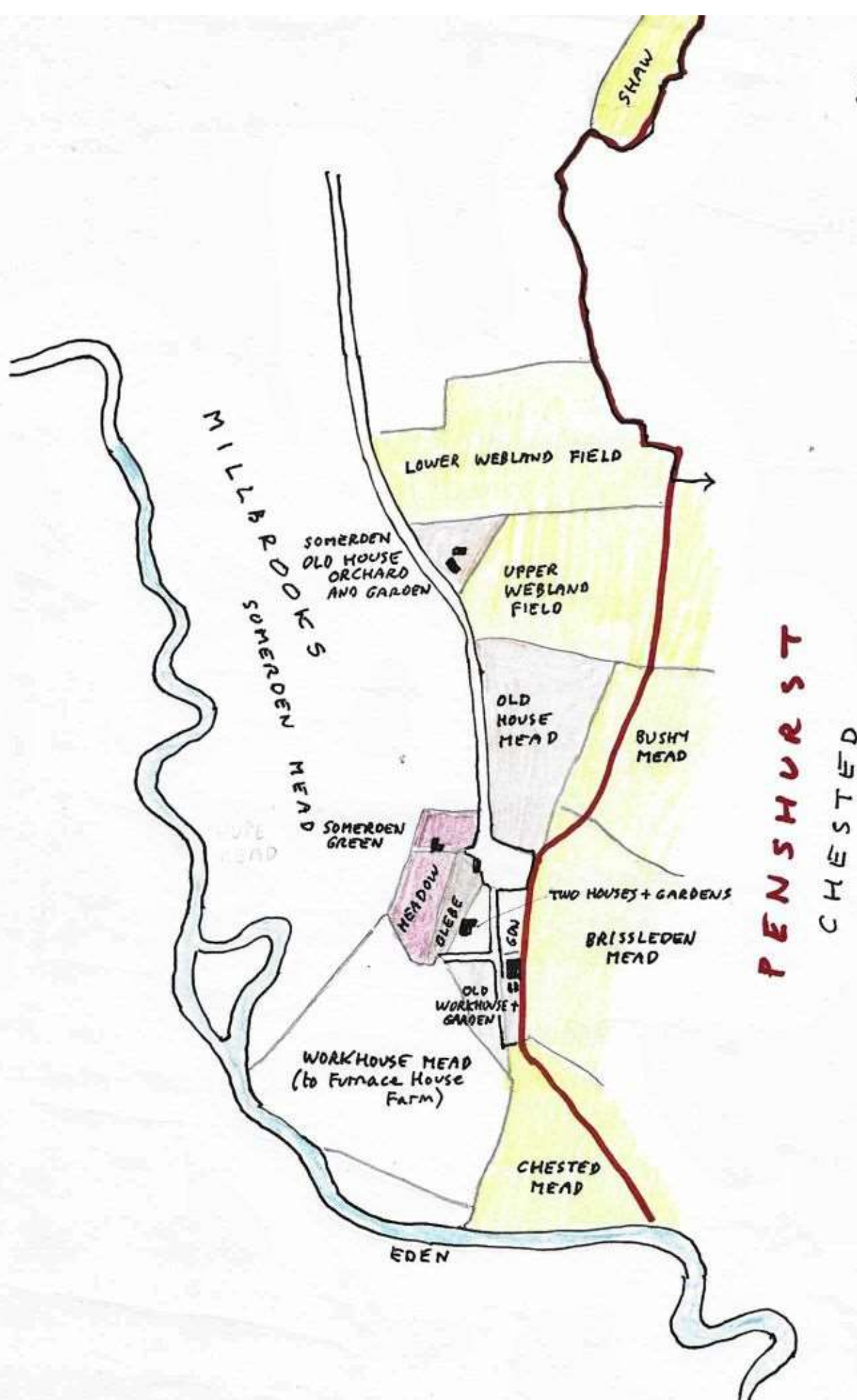
1779 For the barring of all estates Tail and for vesting the same in

Henry Streatfeild. All that messuage and farm called
Somerden Green Farm in Chiddingstone, 27 acres, occupied
by Thomas Hoyle and John Woodhams.

1782-98 The Streatfeild rent book gives
John Woodhams for Millbrook Farm and Somerden Head £75
For Somerden Land in Chiddingstone £15

1795 John Woodhams was succeeded as tenant by Michael Woodhams
(Streatfeild accounts)

From this time Somerden Green Farm was part of Millbrooks.



OLD HOUSE

House, orchard and garden TA 579 Old House Mead TA 578
 Chiddingstone parish

Before 1795 Henry Streatfeild

John Woodhams

(presumably part of Somerden Green farm).

Henry Streatfeild had allowed John Woodhams £4 per annum out of his rent in lieu of a cottage in Old House Meadow near Somerden Green pulled down. This remuneration was withdrawn after Michael Woodhams succeeded his father in 1795

Before 1795-1829 Henry Streatfeild

1801-1851 Geoffrey Stidolph.

1829-1851 Henry Streatfeild

In 1801-05 outbinder

1824 house and shop, mead.

1836 Somerden Old House

1838 Old House Farm. (Tithe Award)

1841 Godfrey Stidolph, Turner, listed in the Census but his address not given. Aged 65, with family
 1851 Godfrey Stidolph, Turner, aged 75, with family, at "Weblands".

SOMERDEN GREEN

House and meadow (TA 577B). Meadow (TA 577C)
 Farmed with a piece of glebe land belonging to the parsonage.

Chiddingstone parish.

Probably part of Somerden Green farm until late 18th century.

1608 Messuage called Somerden with the field next the house.

1609 A close built upon the lane right against Goldsmyth's house.

1619 Will of Stephen Theobald of Scale (PCC). His nephew John Godden held his house at Somerden Green.

1722 Conveyance of Somerden to Henry Streatfeild.

1723 William Streatfeild to Henry Streatfeild. A way leading from Somerden Head to the highway across the field next the house, and the Upper Field next adjoining.

1770 The heirs of Henry Streatfeild esq seized of a messuage and lands at Somerden Green formerly Stephen Theobald's.

1779 For the barring of all estates tail and for vesting the same in Henry Streatfeild. All that messuage and farm called Somerden Green Farm in Chiddingstone, 27 acres, occupied by Thomas Moyce and John Woodhams.

1782-98 Streatfeild Rent Book. Thomas Moyce for Somerden House at £2-10s per annum.

1780-1829 Henry Streatfeild

Thomas Moyce
 died in 1785 or 1787

1791-1825 John Moyce.

In 1797 John Moyce agreed to pay £4 per annum rent

1829-51 Henry Streatfeild

1836-39 William Moyce.

1838 Tithe Award. Somerden Green house and meadow, 1 acre.

Henry Streatfeild, occupied by William Moyce.

Also the glebe Anthony Charles Payler, occ William Moyce.

1891 Census

widow
Ann Moyce, aged 60, independent, and family

1851 Census

John Moyce, aged 37, wheelwright, and family

COTTAGES AT SOMERDEN GREEN

Includes the almshouse and 'two houses and gardens TA 5770)

1825 Details of the poor people of Chiddingstone in the almshouse.

John Coomber (44), cooper and family

Sarah Howe, widow (74) with Hester (43), mantua maker and possibly Phoebe (36) with children.

Ann Langley (27)

Robert Seal (61), labourer and wife Milly

Jane Simmons (31), wife of John Simmons, gardener

John Wickerden senior (56), husbandry, and family

Edward Holmes (56) and wife Ann

John White (72) and wife Elizabeth

Edward Daniel (68)

John Vingo (72)

George Wickham (77)

Elizabeth West (59)

Ann Langley (27). Mary Langley (4 months)

Catherine Langley (62), deaf and dumb.

Mercy Nye (26).

1836 Cottages at Somerden Green.

John Coomber, tenant of the parish

Stephen Hider, tenant of the parish

Robert Seal, tenant of the parish

John Wickerden senior, tenant of the parish

John Wickerden junior, tenant of the parish

Presumably living
in the former
almshouse
buildings.

1838 Tithe Award.

Two houses and gardens. owned by Henry Steatfield, occupied by John Wickerden, James Jenner, John Woodhams and Ann King.

1841 Census. Somerden Green

William Best (25), schoolmaster, and family

Michael Cardin (55), gardener, with William Moyce and family

John Humphrey (25), police constable, and family

Henry Cutcher (45), agricultural labourer and family

Ann King (55), independent, and family

John Woodhams (40), agricultural labourer, and family

Elizabeth Jenner (25), pauper

John Wickerden (70), ag lab and Theobalds family

1841 Census. Late Union House. John Frost (60), excavator.
In 1839 William Young occupied the Union House £5
whereas most cottages were rated at £1 to £2.

1845 Most of the cottages are unlocated
Rates Michael Carder £2-10s
William Coulstock £1-15s
Card (or occupant) Union House £10

1847 William Coulstock, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £1-15s
Rates Henry Cutcher, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £1-15s
Michael Carder, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £2-10s
Thomas Winter senior, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £1-15s

NB Tenants of the parish would not have paid rates.

1851 William Coulstock, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £1-15s
Rates Henry Cutcher, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £1-15s
Michael Carder, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £2-10s
Widow Winter, tenant of Henry Streatfeild £1-15s

1851 Census. Michael Carder (48), Sawyer and family
Henry Butcher (55), ag lab and family
George Mills (30), ag lab and family
Susannah Winter (58), widow of labourer and family
James Winter (28), ag lab and family
William Coulstock (43), ag lab and family

No mention of "Union House".

1734 John Hyde of Bore Place, lord of the manor of Hildbrook, to the
churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Chiddington.
Two parcels of land part of Somerden Green not exceeding
one acre for the purpose of building a workhouse and
to be fenced off from the rest of the green.

SOMERDEN MEAD (FURNACE HOUSE)

pre 1673 Joseph Studley inherited half of the property from Mary Marshall and sold it to Edward Whittaker.

Robert Stead clerk sold half of the property to Edward Whittaker

- 1673 1. Edward Whittaker of Westerham, gent
2. Ralph Petley of Riverhead, gent.

Parcel of meadow called Somerden Mead, 8 acres, to lands of Mitchell north, to the Clappers going from Somerden Green to Chiddingstone church east, lands of Sir Thomas Selbyard south, lands of Sir Bernard Hyde west.

- 1694 1. Ralph Petley of Riverhead esq
Thomas Petley, gent, his eldest son
2. Thomas Gifford of Fawkeham, esq
George Petley of Otford, gent.

Witnesses that the said Ralph and Thomas Petley for 5s sell

- a) A messuage in Godstone called Bindley Heath
b) Furnace Farm.

- c) A parcel of meadow called Somerden Mead, 8 acres.

[This was a fictitious sale relating to a marriage contract].

1752 Charles Petley sells to his mother Jane all that one piece of meadow called Somerden Mead 8 acres.

1838 Workhouse Mead belonged to Furnace House Farm.
8 acres, TA 168A.

BEAR CROFT

1749

Lease, 1. Sir Charles Farnaby, bart to

2. John Bonkes of Chiddington, farmer

a) Fowkes alias Sharpes Place.

b) Culfields

c) 10 acres of meadow in Chested Mead

d) Clapper Mead 2 acres

e) 1 acre 1 yard in the Common Mead near Somerden Green.

f) 3 yards of mead near Somerden Green at the backside of the house formerly in occupation of Jeremy Heaver.

g) Bear Croft, 2 acres.

1818 Farnaby conveyed them to Henry Streetfield.

LITTLE SOMERDEN MEAD

Chiddingstone parish.

1733-52 Thomas Streatfeild

1756-59 William Streatfeild

1762 Rev Mr Austin.

MESSUAGE WITH 15 ACRES IN FIVE PARCELS NEAR SOMERDEN CROSS

Chiddingstone parish

Frederic borough

Manor (probably): Messuage and 3 acres of meadow in Millbrook Mead
(Sundridge Weald 6d)

"Messuage and five parcels of land (15 acres) near Somerden Cross in Chiddingstone. 1 acre of meadow in West Cherted Mead in Pershurst, 3 yards of meadow in Millbrook Mead in Chiddingstone and part of 2 acres of meadow in Harshope in Pershurst and Chiddingstone."
(Entry in Kent Archives catalogue V908/T134)

[This property has not been located].

1647 Barnard Heyde for a messuage and 3 roods of meadow lying in Millbrookes meadow and 1 rood lying in Somerden mead.
(Sundridge Weald manor 4s4d).

1662-75 Stephen Streatfeild (Frederic assessments).
(Stephen was the second son of Henry Streatfeild)

1675 Death of Stephen Streatfeild. Will (PCC). The farm is not mentioned by name. Bequeathed to his son Stephen.

1675 Heirs of Stephen Streatfeild (Stephen Streatfeild, gent). A messuage and 3 roods of meadow lying in Millbrookes meadow and 1 rood lying in Somerden mead. (Sundridge Weald manor 8d)

1684 Mortgage by Stephen Streatfeild to Dorothy Streatfeild of Stepney, spinster, of the Somerden Cross or Green Farm, purchased by his father Stephen from the Seylard family.

1685 Mortgage by Stephen Streatfeild to Henry Streatfeild of the same.

1675-1713 Stephen Streatfeild 1687-89 Thomas Melhurst

1689 Stephen Streatfeild for a messuage and 3 roods of meadow lying in Millbrooke Mead and 1 rood lying in Somerden Mead.
(manor of Sundridge Weald 8d). Also 1697, 1701, 1707

1716 Death of Stephen Streatfeild. He had one son, William.

1716 Marriage settlement.

1. William Streetfeild of Chiddingstone, gent.
2. Robert Streetfeild of Haver gent
Peter Wright of Severoaks, cutler.

Marriage between William Streetfeild and Mary his now wife.

Messuage where William Streetfeild now dwells with five parcels belonging near Somerden Gos. Also one acre in West Chested Mead in Pershurst, 3 yards in Millbrook Mead in Chiddingstone. All his share in Marshhope in Pershurst and Chiddingstone, the last in occupation of Jeremiah Dives.

1716-40 William Streetfeild (rates).

However manor of Sundridge Weald:

1721 Thomas Streetfeild gent for a messuage and 3 rods of meadow lying in Millbrook Mead and 1 rod in Somerden Mead (8d)

1724 William Streetfeild for Brookes (survey of church seating)
[This is in Chiddingstone North. There was another Brookes in Chiddingstone South, inhabited by William Streetfeild of Pershurst].

The map produced by John Donald based on estate maps shows Bears Croft and all the Chiddingstone land to the south and east of the road as belonging to William Streetfeild

1729 William Streetfeild, son of Stephen, gent, for a messuage and 3 rods of meadow lying in Millbrook Mead and 1 rod in Somerden Mead. (Sundridge Weald manor 6d)
ditto 1737

1742 Death of William Streetfeild.

1743 William Streetfeild, son of Stephen Streetfeild, who held one messuage and 3 rods of meadow in Millbrook and 1 rod in Somerden Mead (Sundridge Weald 6d) has died. By will he devised it to his widow Mary.

1743-52 Mary Streetfeild, widow (Sundridge Weald 6d)

1743-59 Widow Streetfeild (rates). for her house and lands.

1764 Death of Mary Streetfeild, widow.

Message and lands near Somerden Cross

- 1762 William Streetfield.
 [It is not clear who he was. Mary was succeeded by her two daughters, a moiety each.
 Anne was married to Thomas Dobbs of Chiddingstone
 Mary was married to Thomas Hollamby of Pershurst.
 There is no record of this in the manorial accounts].
- 1766 Ann Dobbs to Thomas Medhurst of Leicester Square, poulterer, of her moiety of the property for £250.
 Message with five parcels, 15 acres belonging, near Somerden Cross. Also one acre in West Cherted Mead in Pershurst and 3 yards in Millbrook Mead in Chiddingstone.
- 1767 Thomas Medhurst of Leicester Square, Soho, poulterer, sold the above moiety to Thomas Hollamby of Chiddingstone, yeoman, for £300. Thomas Hollamby already owned the other moiety.
- 1768 Mortgage by Thomas Hollamby and his wife Mary to Mary Skinner of Penbury widow.
- 1769 John Hollamby and his wife Mary sold the message and lands near Somerden Cross in Chiddingstone to Ann Streetfield.
Thomas Hollamby had a wife Mary but John Hollamby was also involved.
- 1774 Ann Streetfield of Chiddingstone, widow of Henry Streetfield, left Millbrook or Somerden Farm in Chiddingstone to her son Henry. (Will PCC).
- 1778 Ann Streetfield for one message and 3 acres and 1 rood of meadow in Millbrook Mead, late occupied by Thomas Hollamby. (Sundridge Weall 6d)
- 1779 Ann Streetfield, widow, released to her son Henry Streetfield a message and lands near Somerden Cross in Chiddingstone, 1 acre of meadow in Cherted Mead in Pershurst, and 3 yards of meadow in Millbrook Mead in Chiddingstone, let for £18 per annum, and purchased in 1769 from John Hollamby.

PARROCKS CROFT, BITMANS CROFT

Chiddingstone parish

Manor: Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d. Bitmans and Parrotts Crofts

The most likely location is southeast of Somerden Cross. The relationship with a messuage with 15 acres near Somerden Cross uncertain.

1575 The bailiff is ordered to summon Elizabeth Goldsmith widow, relict of Nicholas Goldsmith, so that she may show by what title she holds lands called Parrotts Croft, Bitmans Croft and Thome Jeffreys croft.

Nicholas Goldsmith had granted them to trustees to hold to the use of himself and his wife Elizabeth for life, remainder to Robert Goldsmith their son. (Chiddingstone - Cobham)

1614 Robert Goldsmith for Parrotts Croft, Bockmans Croft, Tong Ferrer and an acre of mead adjoining and a parcel of meadow called the Hamm.

1622 Robert Goldsmith who held Parrotts Croft, Bartmans Croft, Tong Ferrer and an acre of mead adjoining and the Hamm at 2s 6d is dead. He left them to his wife Elizabeth.

1639 Elizabeth Goldsmith, widow, Edward Allen and — his wife hold lands called Parrotts Crofte, Bartmans Crofte, Tonge Ferrers and one acre of mead adjoining and a parcel of mead called le Hamm formerly the Tenement of Robert Goldsmith, for life with remainder to Hope Allen and his heirs. (Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d)
They have aliened them to Josias Johnson.

1653 Josias Johnson has aliened to John Seyliard senior esq, five parcels called Bitmans and so much of Parrockes Croft as lieth in Chiddingstone at 2s 6d.

1654 1. John Seyliard of Salmonds in Pershure, esq
Thomas Seyliard his eldest son.

2. Robert Holman of Pondhill in Bletchingley and his daughter Mary.

Witnesses that the said John Seyliard in consideration of a marriage intended between Thomas and Mary has settled on Mary in case she should happen to survive Thomas various properties including Waterlakes.

Also all that messuage or Tenement called Somerden with the barn and all other the outhouses and buildings, yards, gardens, orchards and one parcel of land to the said messuage or Tenement adjoining in Chiddingstone 4 acres. Also Bitmans or Bartmans, 9 acres, Parrotts Crofts, 2 acres.

Three yards of meadow lying in Polbrooks Mead.

One yard of meadow in Chiddington lying to the river there on the west and south, to the lands of Barnard Hyde esq, on the north and to the lands late of Stephen Theobald esq deceased on the east and south, now in the tenure of William Wickerden at a yearly rent of £16, which messuage, lands and premises were formerly the lands of Robert Goldsmith deceased and were purchased by the said John Seyward from one John Johnson.

1662 John Seyliard gave the premises to Thomas his son. They sold it to Stephen Streatfeild (Chiddingstone - Cobham) Five parcels called Bitmans also Parrock Crofte in Chiddingstone, held at 2s 6d and three hens.

1669 Stephen Streatfeild, gent. (Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d)

1675 Death of Stephen Streatfeild. Succeeded by his son Stephen.

1684 Deed not executed. Probably mortgage for £1200.

1. Stephen Streatfeild of Chiddingstone gent
 2. Dorothy Streatfeild of Steprey, Middlesex, spinster
- Various properties including:

Messuage called Somerden wherein Stephen Streatfeild now dwells, 4 acres in Chiddingstone, purchased by his father Stephen from the Seyliard family. Bounding to land called Biograves north and east, Somerden Green south, highway Chiddingstone church to Somerden Cross west.

Also Bitmans alias Batmans and Parrocks Crofts

Three yards in Polbrooke Mead and a yard of mead in Chiddingstone.

1685 Probably a mortgage.

Stephen Streatfeild of Chiddingstone gent to

Henry Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, gent.

Various lands including:

Somerden messuage and 4 acres occupied by Stephen Streatfeild.

Bitmans or Batmans, 9 acres in Chiddingstone and Pershurst.

Parrocks Croft, 2 acres, at Throwden in Chiddingstone.

Security for £1500.

1700 Stephen Streatfeild who held Bitmans and Parrocks Croft in Chiddingstone at 2s 6d and three hens [is dead] and gave them to his son Stephen. (Chiddingstone - Cobham)

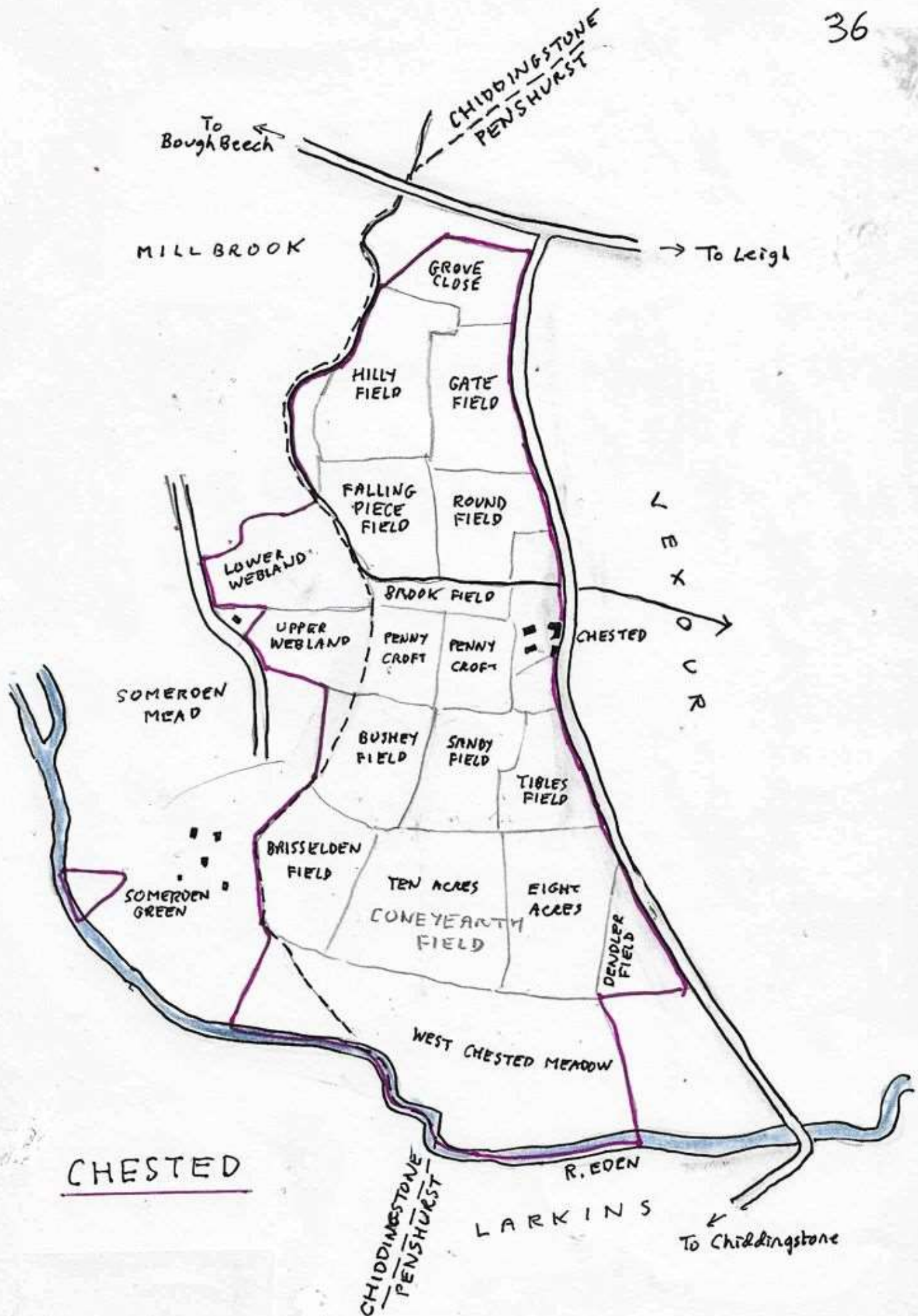
This probably refers back to 1675

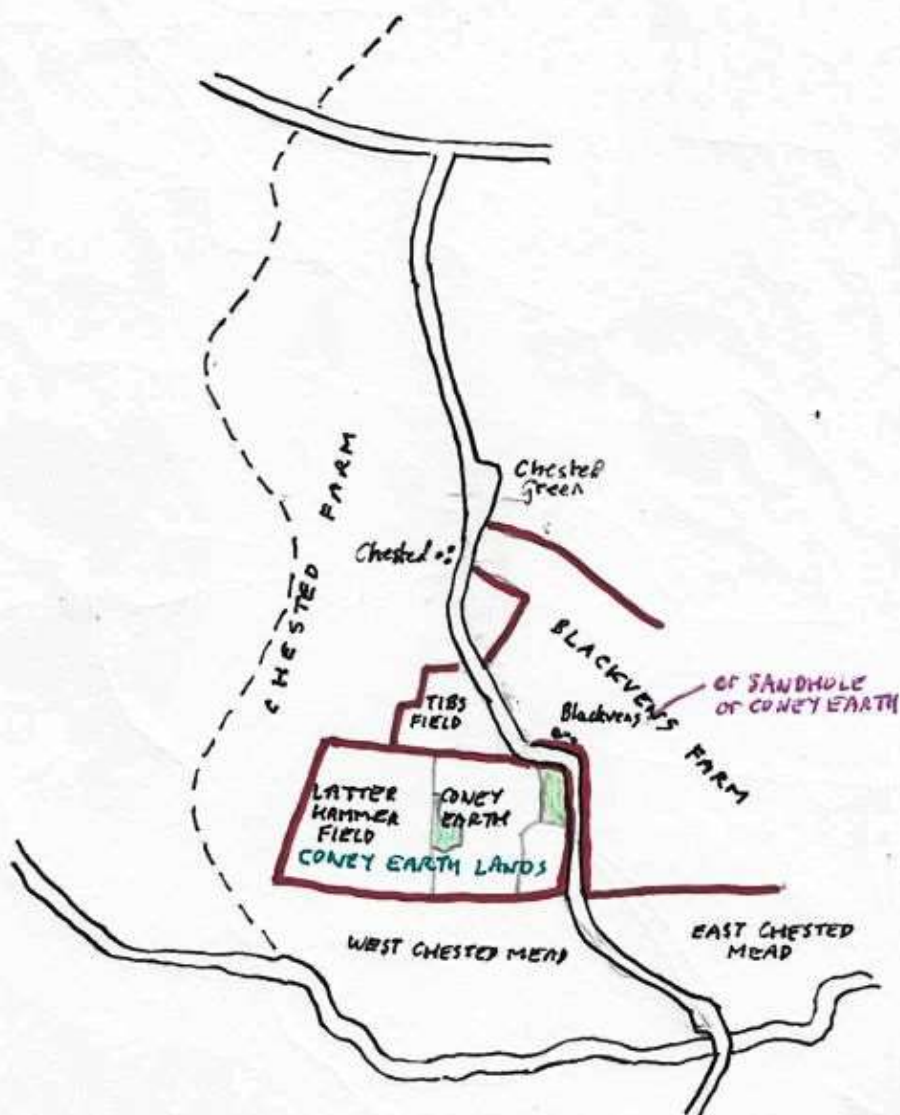
1717 Stephen Streatfeild who held at 2s 6d and three hens five parcels called Bitmans and Parrocks Croft is dead. His son William inherits.

1717 Mr William Streatfeild of Somerden Green. Also 1727

1746 Heirs of William Streatfeild

1760 The map of Millbrook Farm shows it as belonging to Henry Streatfeild, assuming that the premises have been correctly identified. Relationship with 35c unclear.





Coney Earth Lands was part of Vexour Farm
before 1821.

CHESTED

Penshurst and Chiddingstone parishes

1512 On the death of John Alpheu of Boar Place it was found that he was seized of a messuage called Chested and 40 acres of arable and $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of meadow in Penshurst
See will of John Alpheu (PCC 1488)

1585 Richard Streatfeild of Chiddingstone yeoman left it to his son Robert (Will PCC).

1651 Death of Robert Streatfeild of Chested, yeoman. He left Chested to his son Richard. (Will PCC).

1669-78 Richard Streatfeild, yeoman. (Frierder assessments).

1679 Death of Richard Streatfeild of Penshurst. Will (PCC). He left his messuage of Chested in his own occupation to his nephew William Woodgate of Chiddingstone with remainder to William's youngest son Richard.

1679-1713 Heirs of Richard Streatfeild. In 1698-1700 Heirs of Richard Streatfeild or John Woodgate junior.

1713-16 John Woodgate

1719-22 Richard Woodgate, the fifth son of William Woodgate (above) who lived in Chested and died unmarried in 1724. Will (PS). He left Chested and Seedcops now in his occupation to his brother Stephen.

1724-54 Mr Stephen Woodgate

1725-56 Samuel Waite

1754 Death of Stephen Woodgate of Sevenoaks. Will (PCC). He left Chested and Seedcops, occupied by Samuel Waite, to his nephew the Rev Francis Woodgate of Munfield, Frierder, in Chiddingstone.

1759 Messuage called Chested and Land (118 acres) in Penshurst and Chiddingstone mapped by John Bowra of Groombridge. Consisting of: farmhouse, buildings and yard (1 acre), the orchard (1 acre), Barley Croft ($1\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Pickerill Head (4 acres), Clay Croft Shaws

and pit (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Samons Landfields in two severals (5 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Stonyfield (4 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), three pieces of land adjoining Stonyfield (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), a cottage and garden (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre), Drove Derfield and shaws and pit adjoining (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres), The Hamlets in two severals (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), a cottage and garden (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre), Greatfield (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres), cottage and adjoining land (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre), land adjoining (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre), Long Mead (3 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Penny Croft (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Sandfield 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, Bushay Field (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres), Bricfield Field (5 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Chiddingstone Acre at the southwest end of West Chested Mead (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres), 1 acre in West Chested Mead belonging to Chested and chargeable every year, four slips in East Chested Mead (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres).

1759-62 Edward Waites

1765-77 John Kidder

1780-90 Rev Francis Woodgate
of Mountfield, Sussex

1780-1807 Edward Paige
1783 Perryman Paige

1790 Francis Woodgate left Chested and Seedcups in Pershurst and Chiddingstone to his son Stephen, occupied by Paige. (Will 100)

1790-1804 Stephen Woodgate.

1796 Mortgage by Stephen Woodgate of Seal to Robert Durant of Framfield, Sussex.

1804 For sale. Great and Little Chested, 180 acres, in Chiddingstone and Pershurst, occupied by Edward Page, deceased. (sic)
(Hastings Journal)

1805 Death of Edward Page

1805 Conveyance of Chested to Henry Streatfeild

1811-29 Henry Streatfeild

1805-51 Edward Paige

1821 Deed of exchange between Henry Streatfeild of Chiddingstone esq and William Wells of Redleaf, Pershurst.
William Wells gets a hop garden called Barley Croft (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac), Pickercell Mead (4 acres), Clay Croft with pits and shaws (2 acres), Samons Land Fields (5 acres and 8 acres), Stony Field (4 acres), three pieces adjoining the last, one with a pit (2 acres), another with a pit (2 acres) and hop ground with pit (2 acres), cottage now in two with garden; parcel once garden of cottage but now the southwest corner of said hop

Chested (continued)

ground; four pieces in East Chested Mead excluding so much as lies to the westward of the new road; Casement Mead (4 acres), all of which were part of Chested Farm in Chiddinstone and Pershurst occupied by Edward Paige. Also Story Croft (3 acres) now laid with Story Field, and two acres of arable in Pershurst near Chested Green. One acre of Chested Green and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in East Chested Mead being part of a field of 2 acres of which part is now converted into the highway Verow Bridge to Chested.

Henry Streetfield gets: several closes called Corey Earth Field, Denny's Field alias Berfield, Latter Hammonds alias Latterhams, altogether late called the Corey Earth Land, 23 acres, in Pershurst occupied by William Sturt. 4 acres in West Chested Mead occupied by William Sturt. Pit Field, 6 acres.

Banfield, 11 acres, formerly two longfield and upper banfield, except 2 acres lying to the east of the new road. The closed land part of Shot's Green, 1 acre, all in Pershurst and part of Verow Farm, occupied by William Sturt. A slip of land lately staked off from the mead lying between Marshope Mead and the Yumpike road ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre), occupied by William Pickance in Pershurst, hitherto part of Hote Farm. Tefts (5 acres), to highway Verow Bridge to Chested Green east, lands once Richard Beecher and now William Wells south, lands of Henry Streetfield west and north. Great Hopes to said highway east, to river Eden west and south, to West Chested Mead north.

1829-51 Henry Streetfield,
son of Henry Streetfield.

1824 Edward Paige for Chested and
Workhouse Mead (Chiddinstone
takes)

1830 Henry Streetfield released to the Trustees of Maria Streetfield's jointure a messuage with cottages called Chested and 120 acres of land in Pershurst and Chiddinstone and consisting of the farmhouse, yards and gardens (1 acre), the orchard ($3\frac{1}{4}$ acres), Sandfield (5 acres), Bursley Field (5 acres), Brisenden Field (5 acres), Chiddinstone Acre (1 acre), part of West Chested Mead chargeable every year ($1\frac{1}{2}$ acres), a cottage and garden ($\frac{3}{4}$ acre), Great Field (10 acres), Penny Croft (7 acres), Long Mead (3 acres), Ding Field (4 acres), Slack Field (5 acres), a yard ($\frac{1}{4}$ acre), Hilby Field (5 acres), gate Field (6 acres), two pieces called the Hamlets (1 acre), Drove Bar Field (5 acres), orchard ($\frac{3}{4}$ acre), a cottage and garden ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre), a piece of meadow land on the north of the cottage and garden (1 acre). Also several parcels of land called Corey Earth Field, Denny's Field also Berfield, the Latter Hammond alias Latterhams formerly together called Corey Earth Land 22 acres in Pershurst; also 14 acres meadow in West Chested Mead; parcel of land called Tefts (5 acres), parcel of meadow or pasture called Great Hopes (2 acres)

1838 Tithe Award. Henry Streetfield Edward Paige 121 acres.

FOUR ACRES IN WEST CHESTED MEAD

Manor of Chiddingstone - Burghersh. 9d

This could be in Chiddingstone manor. The proprietors appear in the parish records but this could be for another property. It is not clear whether it was in Chiddingstone or Perchurst parish

1489 John Everest senior for 2 and 3 rods (sic) of mead in West Chested Mead (Chiddingstone - Burghersh 9d).

1499 John Everhurst senior of Chested for his mead in West Chested Mead (9d)

c 1500 William Beecher and his wife (9d)

c 1520 William Beecher (9d)

1542 William Beeche (9d)

1572 Richard Beecher for his meadow in West Chested Meads (9d)

1577 Richard Beecher of Chested is dead seized of 3 acres of mead. He gave then by will to his son Richard. A day is given for Richard to produce the will (9d)

1582 Richard Beecher (in manorial records)

1584 Richard Beecher (in manorial records)

1589 Richard Beecher of Chested for 2 acres and 3 roods of meadow in West Chested Mead (9d)

1608 Richard Beecher held a parcel of meadow in West Chested Mead (9d). Now Richard Beecher.

1633 Richard Beecher sold to William Beecher 4 acres in West Chested Mead (9d)

1672 William Beecher is dead. Richard Beecher inherits.

1664 Death of William Beecher of Perchurst, gent. Will (PCC). He left his property to his kinsman Richard Beecher, son of Richard Beecher of Blekingley gent.

1690 Richard Beecher is dead. Edward Beecher a brother inherited who is also dead. Descent to Marie wife of Thomas Northey (9d)

1674 Death of Richard Beecher of Bletchingley, ^{gent} Will (PCC). He left his property in Kent to his brother Edward Beecher.

1675 Death of Edward Beecher of Bletchingley, ^{gent}. He left his property in Kent and Surrey to his sister Marie, wife of Thomas Northey. (Will PCC).

1733 Mrs Northey, occupied by Thomas Bassett of Vexore.
(Assessment for repairing church)
1s 4d. By comparison Little Hilders house and land 1s 9d,
Broadway 3s 4d.

1764 — Northey ^{gent} being seized of 4 acres of land in West Chested Mead once Thomas Bassett is dead. Deborah Northey was his daughter and heir who alienated the same to Thomas Harvey esq.

1764 Thomas Harvey esq, being seized of 4 acres of land in West Chested Mead, occupied by Thomas Bassett, late Northey (9d)

1794 Thomas Harvey esq, being seized of 4 acres of land in West Chested Mead occupied by Thomas Russell is dead. By his will he devised it to his son the Rev Thomas Harvey clerk who is now seized. (9d)

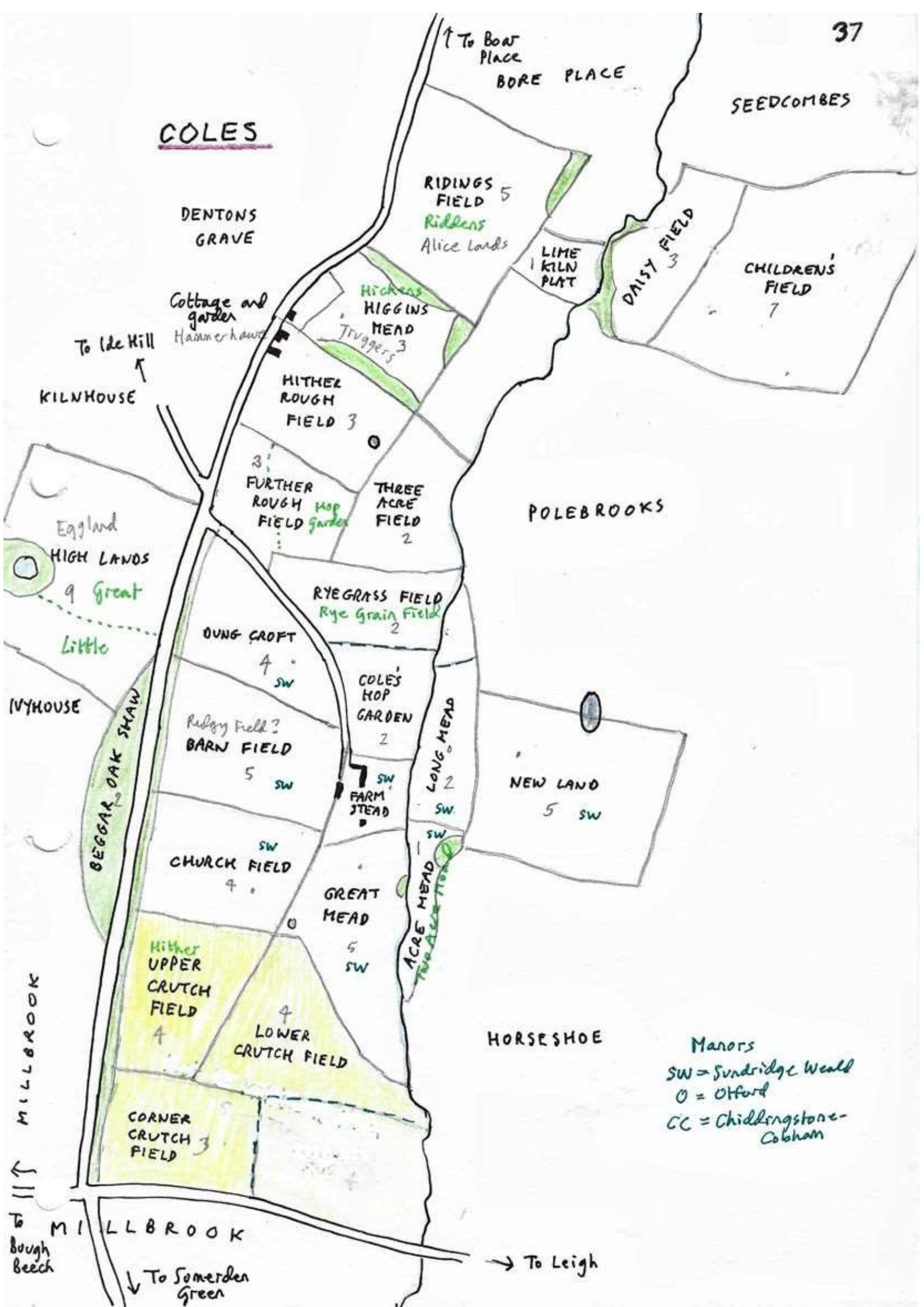
1794 Thomas Russell for breeches and cowlands of which the 4 acres in West Chested Mead may have been part.

1794-1808 Rev Thomas Harvey 1797-1825 William Sturt

1811- William Wells esq

In 1821 there was an exchange between William Wells of Redleaf, Parshurst and Henry Streatfield. Four acres in West Chested Mead occupied by William Sturt, once Thomas Northey, was transferred to Henry Streatfield and became part of Chested Farm.

COLES



COLES

Chiddingstone parish.

Manor of Sundridge Weald:

Manor of Mollbrook: Truggers (42)

Manor of Chiddingstone - Cobham (256d). See under Horseshoe Farm.

1606 Feoffment. 1. John Hollambic alias Nicholas of Coles, yeoman &
2. William Byrshic of Chiddingstone, gent.
George, son of Richard Beecher senior, late of
Cherted, deceased.

for love of his son Richard Hollambic. Coles where I now dwell,
with two fields afore the gate, Dung Croft, Culver Croft, Long Head,
Great Head, five called Smithyans, Newland, three Barnfields,
Ticehurst, two Squire Crofts, and Kersingherst Meade, 80 acres in
Chiddingstone and Pershurst.

To the use of John Hollambic alias Nicholas for life, then

a) As to "two chambers parcel of the said messuage commonly called
Copping Chambers" and of one orchard lying between the brook and
the said messuage - to the use of wife Margory.

b) As to the rest of the messuage and lands - to son Richard

c) After the death of Margory all to son Richard.

Endorsed. For my house called Colles and three parcels of land lying
on the west side of the house, three parcels of meadow and one field
called Newland bearing rent to Sunderish at 13d a year, the two
Droveden Crowstes and Kersingherst mead bearing rent to Otford
at 2s. a year. For Barnfields and Ticehurst and five Smithyans by
estimation 36 acres 2s 6d a year rent to Chiddingstone - Cobham. The
lord's rent for the mansion house of Colles and for the three parcels of
land afore the gate and for the Great Head, Culvercroft, Long Head
and Newland to Sunderish is 13d a year.

1616 John Nicholas als Holombye (Sundridge Weald 1s 4d)

1618 Richard Hollambic did fealty for Barnfield, Ticehurst and Smithyans (C-Cobham

1633 John Nicholls (Sundridge Weald 1s 3d)

2s 6d)

1635 Marriage settlement.

1. Richard Hollambic als Nicholas of Chiddingstone to

2. John Hollambic als Nicholas of Chiddingstone his brother

Thomas Lange junior of Chatham, yeoman.

for affection for John, eldest son of Richard, who is to Mary Elizabeth,
daughter of William, brother of Thomas Lange who was father of Thomas
Lange junior

Messuage wherein Richard dwells called Coles, two barns etc with the
two fields before the gate, Dung Crofte, Culvercroft, Long Head, Great

Meade, five Southhams, Newland, three Barnfields, Tycehurst, two Squire Crofts, two Crouch fields, Carvingest Head, 2½ acres in Chiddingstone and Pershurst.

To Richard for life, then to son John.

1637 Death of John Hollanby alias Nicholas. Will (PS). No mention of Coles in his will

1647 John Hollanby senior for certain lands (Sunderidge Weald 25 40)

1654 John Hollanby (Sunderidge Weald)

1662 John Hollanby senior (Frederick bridge agreement)

also 1664, 1665, 1668, 1669, 1672, 1674 (of Coles), 1676 (of Coles)

1677 (of Coles). 1677 Land Tax (of Coles) £26.

1668 Marriage settlement.

1. John Hollanby alias Nicholas senior of Coles

2. Thomas Weller of Tonbridge gent

Jane Moreley of Tonbridge spinster

for jointure to Elizabeth wife of John Hollanby and for love of his son John who is to marry Jane Moreley.

Marriage called Coles with three Cushfields, Churchfield, Ridgy Field, Duck Croft, Culver Croft, Long Head, Great Meade, Rowgarline, two Southhams, Scarborough Field, Newland, two Barnfields, the Half Acre, 80 acres, all in Chiddingstone and Pershurst.

1672 Lease. John Hollanby alias Nicholas senior of Coles to

John Hollanby alias Nicholas his son of Chiddingstone, yeoman for good causes.

Coles and the fields as in the previous document.

Reserved to John Hollanby senior to "come and go, walk, and be in over and upon the said premises to see and enquire the same." Also to reside for six months "in case he with his family shall at any time want or be unprovided of an habitation or dwelling" in the chamber over the hall and in the said messuage for six months but not longer and in those six months to brew in the brewhouse, to bake in the oven and to use the furnace and any vessels necessary, to fetch water from the pond and "come and sit at and be at the fire that shall be made and kept in the said messuage", leave to stack wood and "to ease and refresh himself and themselves and to bring, hang and dry his and their clothes on the hedges, in the closes, gardens and orchards near to the said messuage" during the six months.

For 40 years at £24 a year.

Coles (continued)

1672 Marriage settlement. Grant of annuity

1. John Hollanby als Nicholas of Coles to
2. Thomas Wakelyn senior of Chiddingstone, butcher
Thomas Wakelyn junior of Chiddingstone, yeoman
Dorothy Wakelyn, spinster, daughter of Thomas senior.

Annuity of £15 out of Longmead 2 acres, Newland 7 acres, two Barnfields 6½ acres, Half Acre 1 acre, Starborough Field 6 acres, two Smithyham 11½ acres, Row garden 1 acre — 35 acres in occupation of the said John Hollanby als Nicholas, part of Coles in Chiddingstone and Pershust. To the Tonbridge-Four Elms highway south, lands of — Morvant and of John Wallis east; and John Cowland east, Richard Streetfield north, James Beecher west, the brook running from Dore Place to Chested south.

1675 John Hollanby the elder of Coles for certain lands.
(Sunbridge Weald 2s 4d)

1678 Death of John Hollanby the elder of Coles, yeoman. Will (PS)
He left his property to his son John.

1679-1700 John Hollanby of Coles (Frederick bridge assessment)

1682-93 John Hollanby of Coles (Land Tax £24)

1688-1701 John Hollanby of Coles (parish assessment)

1697 John Hollanby of Coles (Sunbridge Weald 2s 4d)

1701 Death of John Hollanby of Coles, yeoman. Will (PS).

To eldest son John the Tenement where John Hollanby lived called Coles together with its barns, gardens and orchards, and also six pieces of land called Culver Croft, Long Meade, Newlands, Great Meade, Churchfield and Ridgysfield lying in Chiddingstone. To sons James and Thomas three parcels of land called the Three Gutish Fields. Bounding to the lands of Richard Hayward towards the south and east, and to the highway there leading from Somerden Cross to Severoaks towards the west, situated in Chiddingstone. James and Thomas to have full liberty to water their cattle at a certain pit adjoining to Row garden and to the lands of Richard Hayward.

Also to James and Thomas one parcel of land called Burg Croft in Chiddingstone, bounding to the lands of John Hollanby towards the east and south, to the highway leading from Somerden Cross

To Severn towards the west and to the lands of Thomas Streatfeild towards the north.

To sons Richard and William Southyham etc.

1701-21 Keys of John Hollanby (Sundridge Weald 2s 4d)

1704-10 John Hollanby of Coles and his brother
(Chiddingstone parish assessment)

1713-19 John Hollanby and Thomas Streatfeild (parish assessment)
[Dung Croft]

1713 also Freiden bridge assessment £12. also 1724.

1722-25 John Hollanby and John Streatfeild (parish assessment)
[Dung Croft]

1724- also Freiden bridge assessment £19.

1724 John Hollanby at Coles (Survey of Church Seating)

1727 James Hollanby of Chislehurst yeoman to John Streatfeild of Pershurst, gent. Three parcels of land called the Three Crutchfields, abutting to the highway from Leigh to Bowbeed on the south and east and to the highway from Somerden Cross to Severn west, with a right of way to water cattle at a pit for water which adjoined Row Garden.

[Reference to Richard Hayward omitted]

1737 William Heath for lands (Sundridge Weald 2s 4d)

John Streatfeild of Chalket for certain lands late purchased of James Hollanby and Thomas Hollanby but the rent is not yet apportioned. (Sundridge Weald —).

This is Crutchfields and Dung Croft.

John Streatfeild also held Allens, formerly Richard Goldsmith (1s) and a messuage late William Goldsmith (12d)

1740 John Streatfeild of Leigh, yeoman and his wife Ruth to Richard Brown of Bernonsey, fellmonger
Four parcels of land in Chiddingstone called Crutchfields and Duncroft in Chiddingstone which had been purchased by Thomas Streatfeild and his son John from Thomas and James Hollanby.

1728-31 John Hollanby 11s 6d } Chiddingstone parish
John Streatfeild 1s 6d } assessment.

Coles (continued)

1734-43 John Hollanby for his house and land (Coles) 13s 4d
 John Hollanby Tenant to John Streetfield (Allers) 6s
 John Streetfield for Dung Croft 2s

1737 William Heath, gent, for lands (Sundridge Weald 2s 4d)

John Streetfield of Charket for Allers, formerly Richard Goldsmiths (Sundridge Weald 1s)

John Streetfield of Charket for a messuage late William Goldsmith (Sundridge Weald 1 1/2d)

John Streetfield of Charket for certain lands late purchased of James Hollanby and Thomas Hollanby but the rest is not yet apportioned (Sundridge Weald —).

1740 Four parcels of land in Chiddingstone called Crutchfields and Dung Croft which had been purchased by Thomas Streetfield and his son John from Thomas and James Hollanby.

1743 John Hollanby for lands (Sundridge Weald 2s 4d)

1744 John Streetfield late of Charket who held Allers (1s) and a messuage late William Goldsmith (1 1/2d) and certain lands late purchased (—) has died. His heirs are not known (Sundridge Weald).

1744 Release in Trust.

1. John Hollanby of Chiddingstone yeoman to

2. Thomas Baldwin of Plaxtol gent

Robert Baldwin of Plaxtol gent.

Coals wherein John Hollanby formerly dwelt with six parcels Culvercroft, Long Mead, Newland, Great Mead, Church Field and Ridley Field, 35 acres, to sell and pay off one John Whittaker's mortgage of £562-7s-6d.

1745	John Hollanby for Coals	13s 4d	
	John Hollanby as Tenant to ?	6s	Chiddingstone
	John Hollanby for Goldsmiths	13s	assessments
	John Hollanby for Dung Croft	2s	

1749	John Hollanby for Coals	13s 4d
	John Hollanby as Tenant to Mr St John	6s
	John Hollanby for Goldsmiths	13s
	John Hollanby for Dung Croft	2s

1750 Death of John Hollanby of Coles. Will (PS). He left his property to his sons Thomas and Benjamin jointly.

1750 Release absolute 1. Thomas Hollanby als Nicholas of Pershurst yeoman
 Benjamin Hollanby als Nicholas of Chiddingstone yeoman

the sons of John Hollanby als Nicholas of Chiddrington deceased
Harrah Hollanby als Nicholas of Chiddrington, mother of
the above sell to

2. Sarah St John junior of Severoaks, spinster.

Coles with six parcels Culvercroft, Long Mead, Newland,
Great Mead, Church Field and Ridley Field, 35 acres.

1751 Sarah St John the younger of Severoaks spinster leased to
Benjamin Hollanby of Coles husbandman for $11\frac{1}{2}$ years at
£28 per annum and £14 for the first half year.

Husbandman called Coles and six pieces of land called Culvercroft,
Long Mead, Newlands, Great Mead, Church Field and Ridley Field,
35 acres.

1745 1. Francis Brooke of West Helling, gent, to

2. Sarah St John of Severoaks, widow

Whereas John Streetfield formerly of Vexor and his trustee William
Rorse of Severoaks mortgaged the following lands to Sarah St John
and whereas all sorts of other transactions have occurred, now
they are released to Sarah:

c) Cottage called Hammerhawe, 1 acre, in tenure of Edward
Wickerder, then of Gabriel Higgins, to land called Truggers
north, Bore Place - Somerden highway west

d) Truggers, 3 acres, to last mentioned highway west, to Alice
lands north.

f) Childers Land, Highfield, part of Pierce Croft, two Alice lands,
two Eggland, 33 acres, bounding as in other deeds.

g) Ding Croft, 5 acres, to John Hollanby east and south, to
Somerden Cross - Severoaks road west, to late John Streetfield
north.

h) Three Crotch Fields, $15\frac{1}{2}$ acres, to late Richard Hayward south
and east, to Leigh - Borebeech road south, to Somerden Cross -
Severoaks road west, to John Hollanby north.
All in Chiddrington.

1747 Lease. Sarah St John of Severoaks widow to John Hollanby
of Chiddrington yeoman for 15 years at a rent of £15
for the first year and £30 for the remainder of the term.

Seven parcels of land called Childers Land, Highfields, the north part
of Pierce Croft, two parcels called Alice Land, two parcels called
Eggland containing 33 acres. A parcel of land called Dingcroft
containing 5 acres. Three parcels of land called the three Crotchfields
containing $15\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Penalty clauses against cultivating the
meadow or the ten acres of rough ground or more than 35 acres of
arable in any one year; amount of lime or marl to be spread

Cotes (continued)

specified; after three years successive cultivation land to be laid down with seeds and rested for two years; no more than one acre of hops to be planted; hedges to be grubbed up between the two fields sown with wheat and in the rough ground called the Ten Acres, part of which was to be made into a meadow. Eight acres of summer fallow to be left at the end of the term for which Sarah St John should pay 7s an acre.

The leases of 1747 and 1751 cover the whole of the final extent of Cotes

1752-59 Benjamin Hollanby Tenant to Mrs St John

£2-11s-6d = 13s 4d + 6s + 13s + 2s ÷ 2 × 3 i.e. all of Cotes
(parish assessment)

1752 John Hollanby who held lands (2s 4d) has died. His heirs alienated the same to Mrs Sarah Saintjohn the younger.
(Sundridge Weald).

1752 Mrs Sarah Saintjohn widow for
Allens (1s)

A messuage late William Goldsmith (1½d)
Certain lands rent not apporportioned (—).

Mrs Sarah Saintjohn spinster for

Certain other lands late by her purchased of James and Thomas Hollanby which together with what was late purchased of them by Mrs Sarah Saintjohn senior is at the rent of 2s 4d. Occupied by Thomas Hollanby.

1762-80 Thomas Hollanby £2-11s-6d

1770 Sarah St John, widow, being seized of lands formerly Richard Goldsmith called Allens (1s), late John Streatfeild of Charcott and also of a messuage formerly William Goldsmith (1½d), and also of certain lands purchased of James Hollanby and Thomas Hollanby at a yearly rent of — is dead. [Sarah St John of Yolder, Bedfordshire, widow, will PCC 1755]. She by her last will and testament in writing gave and devised the same to Sarah St John spinster who is also dead. By her last will and testament Sarah St John gave and devised the same to Paul St John clerk who has since alienated the same to Ann Streatfeild widow. (Sundridge Weald).

1755 Death of Sarah St John, widow. Will (PCC). In a codicil she wrote that since writing her will she had purchased from Richard Browne the freehold inheritance and equity of redemptions of several messuages

lands and hereditaments situate lying and being in Chiddingstone with their appurtenances which were before in mortgage to me from John Streetfield for securing £1400 and interest. she devised them to her daughter Sarah St John.

1770 Sarah St John spinster also died seized of lands late by her purchased of James and Thomas Hollanby and now occupied by Thomas Hollanby (2s 4d). By her will she devised the same to Paul St John who hath since alienated the same to Ann Streetfield widow. (Sunderidge Weald).

1756 Death of Sarah St John, spinster of Severoakes. Will (PCC)
She devised her property to her nephew Paul St John.

1766 Conveyance to Ann Streetfield from Rev Powlett St John of Wellingborough.
Messuage called Coles and six parcels of land called Culver Croft, Long Meadow, Newlands, Great Head, Church Field and Ridley Field covering 35 acres.
Collage called Hammerhaw and 1 acre of meadow abutting to Truggers on the north and the road from Somerden Cross to Bore Place on the west.

1771 Truggers
Ann Streetfield

Parcel of land called Truggers 3 acres.

Three parcels of land called Kingsfield, Syndercroft and Tye containing 14½ acres abutting on the road from Severoakes to Somerden Cross on the west.

Four parcels of land called Childers Land, Highfield, Pierce Croft, Alice Land and two crofts called Egg Land containing 33 acres.

Parcel of land called Ding Croft containing 5 acres abutting to the road from Somerden Cross to Severoakes on the west.

Three parcels of land called the Three Crutch Fields containing 15½ acres abutting to the road from Leigh to Bough Beech on the south and the road from Somerden Cross to Severoakes on the west.

1778 Ann Streetfield widow for lands as above (Sunderidge Weald)

1790 Ann Streetfield widow being seized of lands formerly Richard Goldsmith called Allers heretofore John Streetfield and late Mrs Sarah St John (1s), also a messuage formerly William Goldsmith (1½d) and also certain lands purchased of James and Thomas Hollanby and certain lands late John and Thomas Hollanby and purchased of them by Mrs St John (2s 4d) and for a messuage and 3 rods of meadow in Hüllbrook late Thomas Hollanby (6d) and also part of Knowlands (5d) and also half an acre of meadow called Close Head late Scullards (1d) and also Scotland Reed, late George Scullard (1s) has since alienated

Coles (continued)

the said premises to her son Henry Streatfeild. (Sunbridge Weald)

1780 Henry Streatfeild esq

Thomas Hollamby (Coles) Land Tax £6-16s

1780-1829 Henry Streatfeild
Streatfeild rent book
William Marchant for
Coles at £58 per annum

1783-1812 William Marchant for Coles
(parish assessment)
also for Bow Place and the
Kiln Farm.

1802 Marriage settlement of Henry Streatfeild and Charlotte Scoones
daughter of William Scoones of Tonbridge his second wife.
Setting an annuity of £400 as a jointure for Charlotte from
property in Chiddingstone. In 1830 Charlotte surrendered the
annuity to her stepson Henry Streatfeild. It was derived from
Coles Farm, a cottage called Hammerhaw and land called the
Crutchfields containing 15½ acres in Chiddingstone, etc.

1814-20 Robert and Jesse Marchant
for Bow Place and Coles.

1821-24 Robert Marchant for
Bow Place and Coles

1825-26 Elizabeth and Edward Leigh
£57-10s rent.

1829 Death of Henry Streatfeild.
Succeeded by his son Henry

1829 John Elverton £57-10s

1829-51 Henry Streatfeild

1832-42 Francis Elverton £57
for Coles and Hickens
(or Higgins)

1838 Title Award. Henry Streatfeild. Francis Elverton. Coles Farm
The three Crutchfields were part of Millbrooks.

1841 Census. Francis Elverton, 65, farmer at Coles.

1845-51 Thomas Reynolds
(for Coles and Higgins)

1851 Census. Thomas Reynolds, 67, farmer of 90 acres employing 4 labourers.

1794
Truggers
Henry
Streatfeild,
occ. Wm
Marchant

LANDS NORTH OF COLES

Manor of Millbrook: Trugges (4d)

Manor of Sundridge Weald: Lands late Goldsmiths called Allens (1s)

1610 Richard Goldsmith of Chiddingstone yeoman & Robert Streetfeild of Chested yeoman for £180

Several parcels called Childer Land, Highfield, the north end of Perce Croft, two other parcels called Alice Land, two others called Eggland.

The first five about to Sir Percival Willoughby and Robert Streetfeild north, to John Carter, Robert Streetfeild and Richard Goldsmith south, highway Somerden to Severoaks west.

Egglands about to Sir Thomas Hoskyns south and west, Robert Goldsmith north, said highway east. *Richard Goldsmith also owned Trugges.*

1615 Richard Goldsmith of Chiddingstone yeoman and Elizabeth to Robert Streetfeild of Pershurst yeoman for £116

Kingsfield, Syndercroft and Tye, 14½ acres together, bounding to the Somerden Cross-Severoaks highway west, lands of John Hollamby also Nicholas south, other lands of said Richard Goldsmith east and north. [Richard Goldsmith owned Millbrook]

1616 - Robert Streetfeild listed in the Sundridge Weald records.

1647 Robert Streetfeild for lands late Goldsmiths called Allens (Sundridge Weald 8d).

Richard Barr for land late William Goldsmith (Sundridge Weald 1½d)
This is Hammerhaw

1651 Death of Robert Streetfeild. Will (PCC). "To son Robert all my lands and tenements which I purchased at several times from Richard Goldsmith deceased. Also two crofts, one called Kings Field and the other Old Howe lying among the said lands which I purchased of the said Richard Goldsmith and containing by estimation 8 acres which said two crofts I purchased of William Everest my late wifes father deceased. All which said lands are situated in Chiddingstone and are now occupied by Robert my son.

[William Everest of Haver died in 1617. Will PCC. He owned a little tenement in Chiddingstone occupied by Richard Tye]

1654 Manor of Sundridge Weald extracts.

Richard and the heirs of Robert Streetfeild. Richard Barr.

1654 Death of Robert Streetfeild. No will. He left a widow Sarah.

1662-76 Widow Streetfeild recorded in the Frierden assessments.

1663 Thomas Barre of Pershust wheelwright

Edward Goldsmith of Wrotham husbandman to

Sarah Streetfeild of Chiddingstone, widow, for £55

Messuage and Tenement or cottage called Hammothaw with a parcel of meadow 1 acre in Chiddingstone, in occupation Edward Wickerden, to lands of heirs of Robert, husband of said Sarah deceased, north and south, lands of James Keester east, Sanderden Cross - Bore Place highway west.

1664 George Alchin of Woolwich, shipwright conveyed the same property to Sarah Streetfeild for £43.

There is nothing to show his interest.

1673 Division of the lands of Robert Streetfeild between his sons William of Delaware, Richard of Chiddingstone and Thomas of Chiddingstone, yeoman. The lands were granted to John Childer of Tonbridge yeoman to the following uses:

e) Cottage called Hammothaw with 1 acre near Chestel Green. Late Richard Beecher, to Richard.

f) Parcel called Truggers, 3 acres in Chiddingstone, to Alice Land north.

g) Kingfield, Syndercroft and Tye, 14½ acres in Chiddingstone

h) Childer Land, Highfield, part of Pierce Croft, Alice Land, Egglard, 33 acres in Chiddingstone.

f), g) and h) to Thomas.

1675 Heirs of Robert Streetfeild for lands late Goldsmiths called Allers occupied by John Wickerden (Sundridge Weald 1st Sarah Streetfeild widow for a Tenement and lands late William Goldsmith 1st 2nd).

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1676-79 Widow Streetfeild for lands called Hagglands (Frierden assessments)

1677-78 Widow Streetfeild £14 (Land Tax)

1681 Widow Streetfeild or Thomas Streetfeild (Frierden assessment £12)

1685 Trugges
Thomas
Streetfeild

1687-1701 Thomas Streetfeild £12 (Frierden assessment)

1689 Thomas Streetfeild for lands called Allers, late Richard Goldsmith also messuage late William Goldsmith (1st and 1st Sundridge Weald)

Lands north of Coles (continued)

1697, 1701 ditto (Sundridge Weald). Also 1707, 1721

From 1701 Thomas Streatfeild cannot be confirmed. He also owned land at Hildon
(Chiddingfold rates and Land Tax)

1710 Thomas Streatfeild of Vexore

1724 Thomas Streatfeild owned Allers (Hammerhaw), occupied by
John Smith (survey of church seating)

1724 Thomas Streatfeild for his own lands (Frieden assessment £12).

1725 John Streatfeild of Vexore.

1726 Thomas Streatfeild for his own lands or John Streatfeild
(Frieden assessment £12).

1729 John Streatfeild of Pershurst, gent
Lands formerly Richard Goldsmiths 1s
A messuage late William Goldsmith 1½d
Three pieces of land called Crutch Fields and one piece called
Bury Croft late purchased of James and Thomas Hollanby but
the rent not apportioned —
(Manor of Sundridge Weald) Also 1737, 1743

1729 Thomas Streatfeild late of Pershurst who held lands called Allers
late Goldsmith (1s) and a messuage late William Goldsmith (1½d)
has died and by will devised the premises to his son John Streatfeild.

1725-43 John Streatfeild of Vexore.
From 1737 for land near Dove Place.

1744 John Streatfeild late of Charcott who held Allers (1s) and a messuage
late William Goldsmith (1½d) and certain lands late purchased (-)
has died. His heirs are unknown. (Sundridge Weald).

1745-49 John Hollanby for Goldsmiths
(parish assessment)

1748 1. Sarah St John by Francis Brooke
2. John Hollanby by his son Benjamin Hollanby.
Lease of Hammerhaw for one year. Tenant not to cultivate any of the
meadow or rough ground of the farm and not to sow above 35 acres
of arable land and leave 9 acres of summer fallow, ploughed three

times, being allowed 7s an acre for each ploughing; clove seeds to be sown with the last corn.

1745 1. Francis Brooke of West Malling, gent, to

2. Sarah St John of Severoaks, widow

Whereas John Streatfeild formerly of Vexor and his trustee William Rosse of Severoaks mortgaged the following lands to Sarah St John and whereas all sorts of other transactions have occurred, now they are released to Sarah:

c) Cottage called Hammerhawe, 1 acre, in tenure of Edward Wickerden, then of Gabriel Higgins, to land called Trugges north, Bare Place - Somerden highway west.

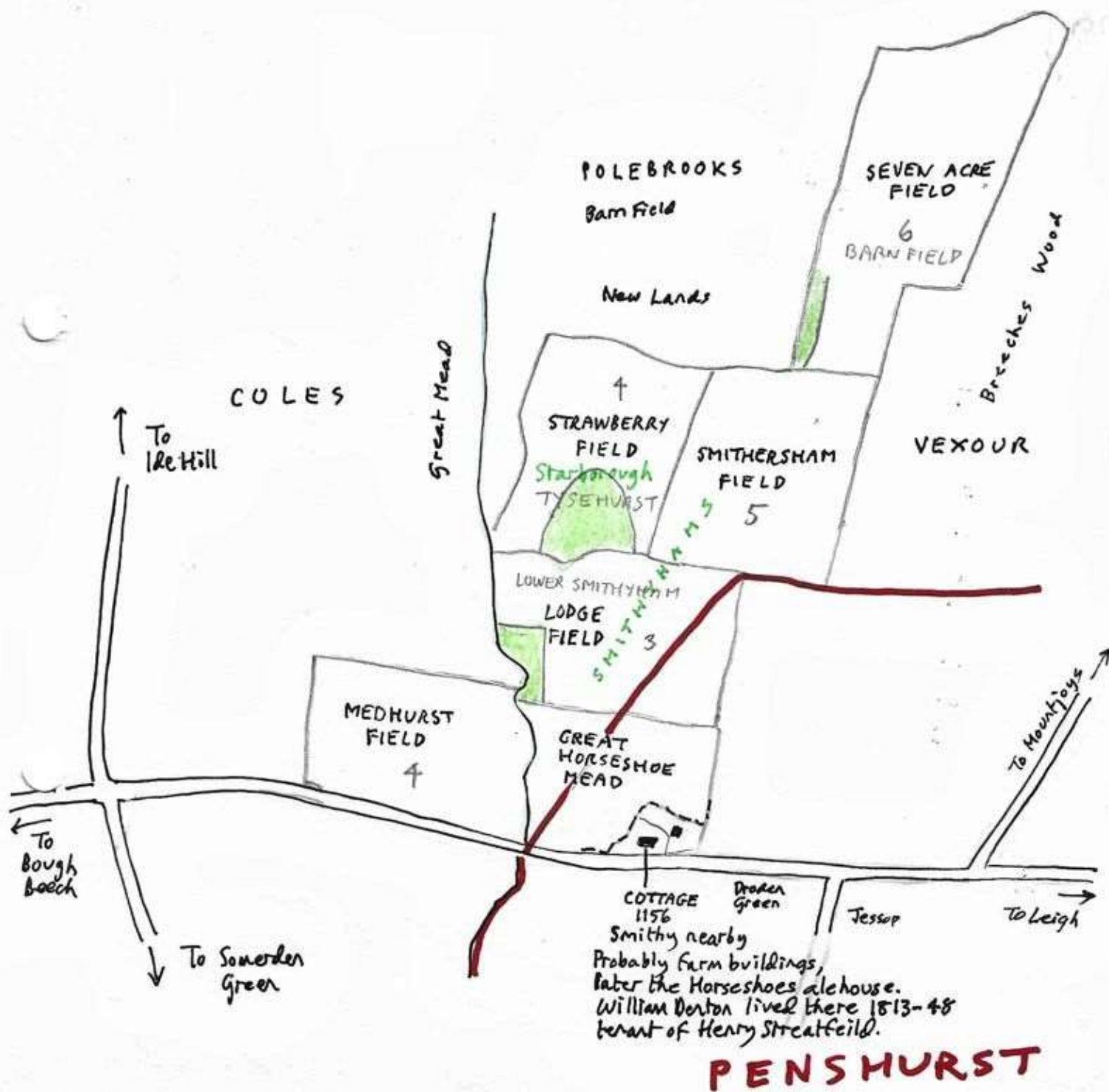
d) Trugges, 3 acres, to last mentioned highway west, to Alice Land north.

f) Childers Land, Highfield, part of Pierce Croft, two Alice Lands, two Egg lands, 33 acres, bounding as in other deeds (1610) etc.

From this time the lands north of Coles became part of Coles

1752 The heirs of John Streatfeild stand foreclosed of any equity of redemption of and in Allers (1s) and a messuage (12s) and Mrs Sarah Saintjohn, widow now holds the premises under such title. (Sunderidge Weald)

HORSESHOE FARM



HORSESHOE FARM (Smiththams)

Chiddingstone and Pershurst parishes.

Barnfields and Tisshurst and five Smiththams 36 acres were stated in 1606 to be in the manor of Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d.

- 1606 John Hollambie alias Nicholas of Coles yeoman enfeoffed William Byrstone of Chiddingstone gent and George Beecher of Chesham with Coles all various lands including five fields called Smiththams, three called Barnfield and Ticehurst for the use of himself and after his death to his son Richard. [See Coles].
- 1618 Richard Hollambie did fealty for Barnfield, Ticehurst and Smiththam (Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d)
- 1635 Richard Hollambie als Nicholas of Chiddingstone enfeoffed his brother John Hollambie als Nicholas of Chiddingstone and Thomas Lunge junior of Chesham yeoman with the lands above for the use of himself and after his death to his son John, who is to marry Elizabeth Lunge, cousin to Thomas Lunge.
- 1639 Richard Hollambie acknowledged to hold three separate parcels of mead called Barnfields, another parcel called Tisshurst and five other parcels called Smiththams, 36 acres, abutting to lands of George Beecher and to a mead called Greatmead and to a parcel called Newland and to two parcels of James Beecher west, to Newland and to land of Robert Stratfield and of Abraham Humphrey north, to highway from Mountjoys to Droden Greene and lands once Thomas Morrants and lands of widow Starford east, to highway from Sander Cross to Pershurst and lands of Thomas Morrant and a Squire Croft south. (Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d)
- 1662 Richard Hollambie held three parcels called Barnfield and one called Tisshurst and five called Smiththams, in all 30 acres, at 2s 6d. He gave part to John Hollambie (1s 8d) and part to Silvester Hollambie (10d). Richard is dead and so is Silvester. His daughter inherited. Enquire as to new boundaries. Chiddingstone - Cobham.
- 1669 John Hollambie of Coles (1s 8d) and John Cowland of Sundridge (10d) together hold Barnfields (3 parcels), Tyshurst and Smiththams (5 parcels). Chiddingstone - Cobham 2s 6d.
- 1669 John Hollambie als Nicholas senior of Coles enfeoffs Thomas Weller of Tonbridge gent and Jane Moreley of Tonbridge spinster for jointure

To Elizabeth, wife of John Hollanby and for love of his son John, who is to marry Jane Moreley.

Messuage called Coles with various lands including Rowgarvie, two Smiththams, Starborough Field, Newland, two Barn Fields and the Half Acre, all in Chiddingstone and Pershurst.

1672 John Hollanby als Nicholas senior of Coles leased to his son John Hollanby als Nicholas of Chiddingstone yeoman Coles and the same lands as above.

1672 Marriage settlement. Grant of annuity.

1. John Hollanby als Nicholas of Coles to

2 Thomas Wakelyn senior of Chiddingstone butcher

Thomas Wakelyn junior of Chiddingstone yeoman

Dorothy Wakelyn, spinster, daughter of Thomas senior.

Annuity of £15 out of Longmead 2 acres, Newland 7 acres, two Barnfields 6½ acres, Half Acre 1 acre, Starborough Field 6 acres, two Smiththams 1½ acres, Rowgarvie 1 acre - 35 acres in occupation of the said John Hollanby als Nicholas, part of Coles in Chiddingstone and Pershurst. To the Tonbridge-Four Elms highway south, lands of — Marrant and of John Wallis east, and John Cowland east, Richard Streetfield north, James Beecher west, the brook running from Bore Place to Cherted south [should be west].

1678 Death of John Hollanby the elder of Coles, yeoman. Will (PS)
He left his property to his son John.

1677 Chiddingstone
North Land Tax
ditto 1688

{ John Hollanby of Coles £26
Richard Wybarn tenant of John Cowland £5
Richard Wybarn (1668-88)
Heirs of John Cowland 1693

1700 John Hollanby of Coles who held two thirds of Barnefields, Tyeshurst and five parcels called Smythams at 1s 8d is dead. His son John inherits

John Cowland who held the remainder of the above at 1s is dead.
His son William inherits.

1701 Death of John Hollanby of Coles, yeoman. Will (PS)

He left Coles to his eldest son John

He left Crutich Fields to his sons James and Thomas, bounded to the south and east by the lands of Richard Hayward. [Is this Medhurst Field?]

He left to his sons Richard and William seven parcels called Lower Smiththam, Row Garden, The Little Smiththam, Starborough

Horseshoe Farm (continued)

Field, the Half Acre and the two Barne Fields lying in the parishes of Chiddingstone and Pershurst. Bounded by the lands of Richard Streetfield Towards the north, to the lands of the heirs of John Coward, John Cronck and John Wallis Towards the east, to the highway leading from Leigh to Sanderden Cross, the lands of Richard Hayward and of myself Towards the west and north [should be south].

- 1702 Mortgage Richard Hollanby to Henry Saxby.
Messeuage and land (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres) and also parcels of land called Row Garden (4 acres), Lodge Field otherwise Lower Smithyham (5 acres), Starborough Field (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres), the two Barnefields now is one (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres), Little Smithyham (5 acres), in Pershurst and Chiddingstone.
- 1703 Richard Hollanby settled his moiety of the land on Trustees for the benefit of his brother William Hollanby.
- 1705 Trustees transferred the moiety to William Hollanby.
- 1708 Assignment of Henry Saxby's mortgage to Elizabeth Hilton of Rottingdean.
- 1708 Conveyance by William Hollanby of St Mary Cray Lane to Thomas Wallis of Chiddingstone Yeoman.
- 1717 John Hollanby is dead who held at 15 8d Barnefields, Tysehurst alias Starborough and five parcels called Smithyham. His sons Richard and William inherited the lands and aliened them to Thomas Wallis (Chiddingstone Cotham 15 8d).
- 1715 Assignment of the mortgage to Henry Streetfield.
- 1713-33 Thomas Wallis
- 1734-62 John Wallis for late Hollanby.
- 1765 Heirs of John Wallis for their own land.
- 1768 Mortgage by the daughters of John Wallis to John Look of Severoaks, Carpenter, of the house and land, with a deed to lease the uses of a free.

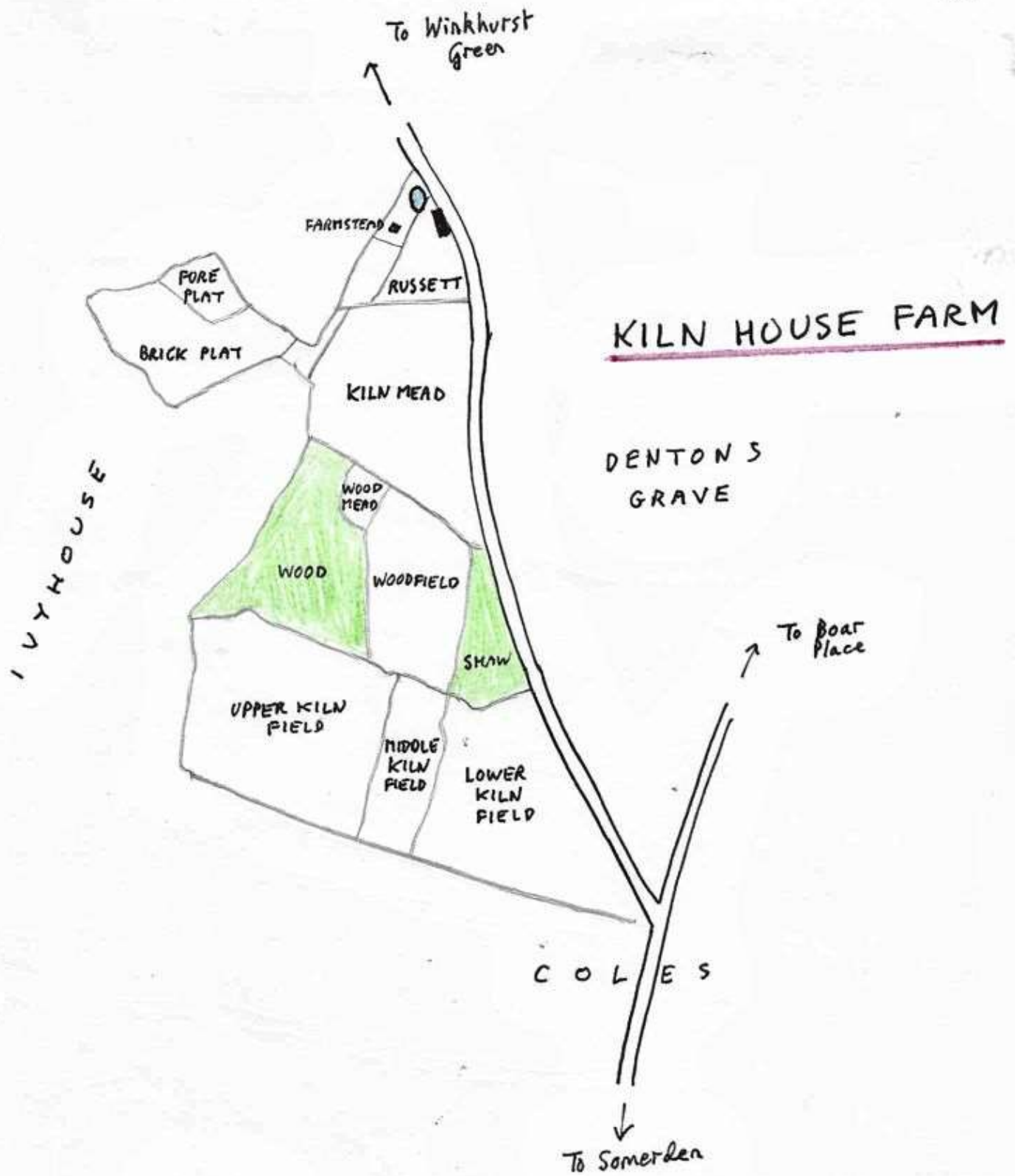
1768 Conveyance to Ann Streatfeild and deed to declare uses of a fine.

1770-95 John Woodhams for land
late John Wallis

1779 Release by Ann Streatfeild to her son Henry Streatfeild of property purchased by her. Includes messuage with yards and gardens containing $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres and lands called Row Garden, Lodge Field otherwise Lower Smythyan, Starborough Field, two Barn Fields now one, Little Smythyan in Pershurst and Chiddingfold let for £12 per annum and a cottage and orchard let for £3 per annum all purchased in 1768 from William Carter of Pershurst, yeoman

1795-1815 Michael Woodhams

From this time Smythyan became part of
Hillbrook Farm under the name Horseshoe Farm.



KILN HOUSE FARM or TILEKILL

Chiddingstone parish

Frederborough

Manor: The Kiln Farm (Sundridge Weald 3d)

1647-81 John Hollanby the younger (manor of Sundridge Weald 3d)

1670 Death of George Derton, possibly buried in Derton's Grave Field. The coroner was sent for. Why was he not buried in the churchyard? Suicide? He may have occupied one of the cottages which in 1740 no longer existed. In 1723 John Derton lived at Kiln House, possibly in the same cottage.

1687-1707 Thomas Reeve or the occupant. The well

1688 Thomas Reeve or widow Baker or the occupant

1689 Thomas Reeve for the kiln and certain woodlands.

1704 Thomas Reeve for woodland and Edward Latter

1707 Thomas Reeve for woodland and Edward Latter for Kiln Farm

1713 Heirs of Thomas Reeve or their tenant. Possibly this is Thomas Reeve of Severnside, timber merchant. Will (PCC)

1716-22 The occupants of Kiln Farm

1721-37 Thomas Spence, esq., who bought the kiln from John Reeve, gent.
(1725-31)

1723 Thomas Spence, occupied by John Jacob, John Derton and John Reeve.

1731 Thomas Spence leased the kiln to John Hollanby of Chiddingstone yeoman for 21 years at £15 per annum.

1740 Conveyance and marriage settlement to Henrietta, daughter of Thomas Spence deceased and Anne Spence, widow, of St James, Westminster, on her marriage to Thomas Powys of Lilford, Northampton. All that messuage or tenement commonly called or known by the name of Tilekill, set lying and being at Chiddingstone together with all barns, stables etc and also all those six closes or parcels of land called or known by

the names of Wellfield, Booters Croft, Boshells alias Bushells and Derchland, 29 acres, and also the Tofts or grounds whereon two other messuages or tenements with the orchards and buildings formerly were standing together with the yards gardens etc set lying and being in Chiddingstone.

1750 Death of John Hollanby.

1751 Release by Thomas Powys of Lilford to George Kebbel of Shoreham yeoman for £1400. Various lands including:
Messuage called Tilekill at Chiddingstone with fields as above, 29 acres, which lands were heretofore the estate and inheritance of Henrietta Spence, the only child and heir of Thomas Spence esq, the now wife of the said Thomas Powys.

1752-59 George Kebbel

1750-59 Benjamin Hollanby

1760 Death of George Kebbel of Shoreham, Kent, yeoman. Will (PCC)
He left Kiln Farm to his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Richard Atwood, 28 acres in occupation Benjamin Hollanby.

1760-1804 Mr Atwood

1762-80 Thomas Hollanby

1783-1810 William Marchant (senior)
also of Bow Place and Colles

1807 Richard Atwood who lately held certain lands late John Hollanby (6d) and other lands also late Hollanby (1s), formerly Kebbel's, and also Kiln Farm, occupied by Thomas Marchant (3d) has died, but what disposition he made of his estate is not known (Sunderidge Weekly)

1807-12 Heirs of Richard Atwood.

1810 For sale. Tile Kiln Farm, 29 acres, occupied by Mr Marchant.
(Hardstone Journal May 1st).

1812 Marter, late Atwood, for the kiln farm, occupied by Marchant.
(Sunderidge Weekly 3d)

1812-48 William Marter esq

1814 Thomas Woollett

1815-51 William Dampier

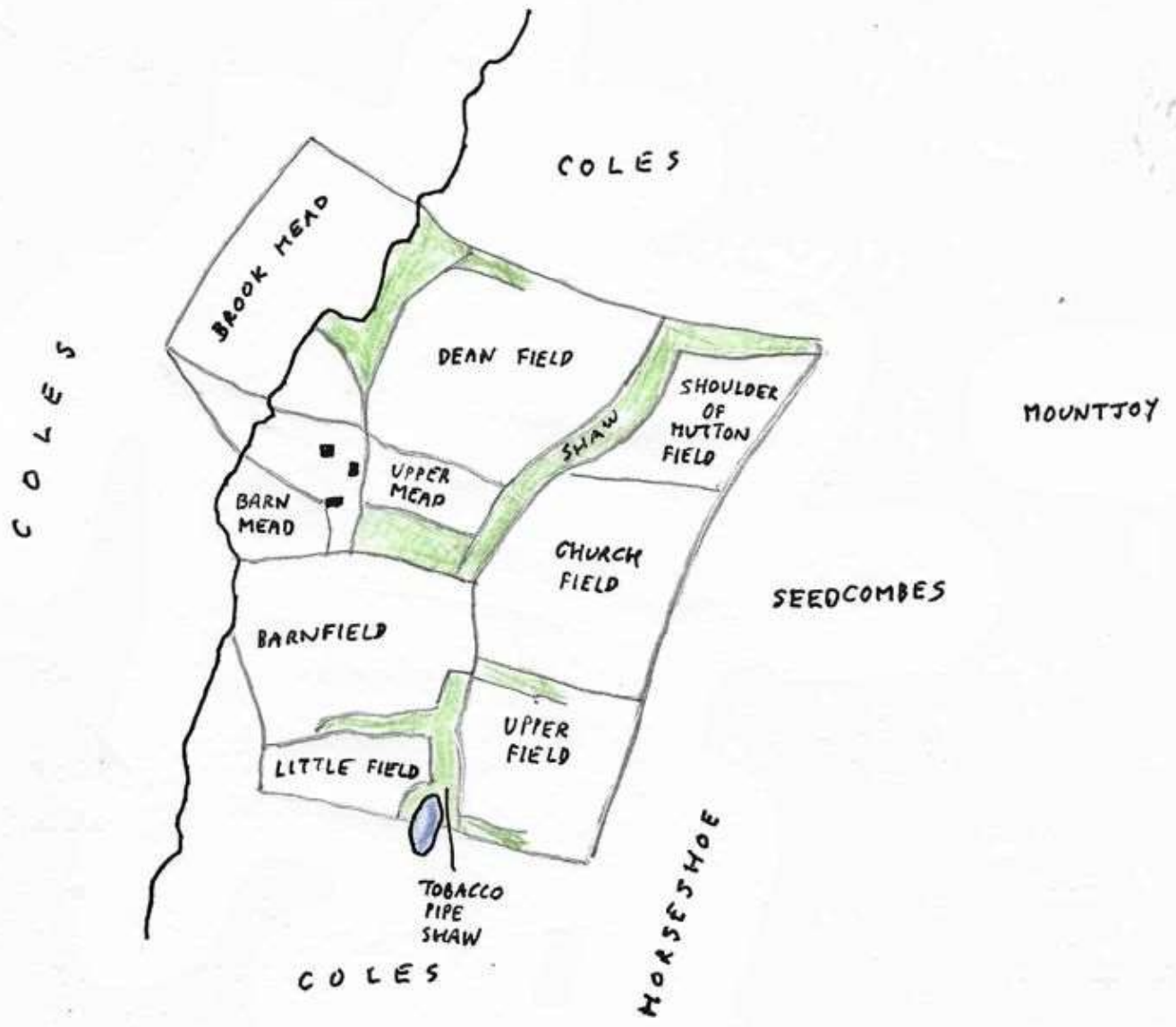
1838 Tile the Award. William Marter, occupied by William Dampier
Kiln House Farm, 30 acres.

Kiln House Farm (continued)

1841 Census : William Dampin, aged 75, farmer, and son.
Also Thomas Everet, aged 30, ag lab and family.

1851 Census : William Dampier, aged 82, widower, farmer of 25 acres.
and son.

1851 Mrs Hawker, occupied by William Dampier.



POLEBROOKS

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Chiddingstone parish

Frieden borough

Manor of Sundridge Weald: A tenement called Polbrooks in Chiddingstone (10d)

1316 John de Polebrook grants to John de Ifeld and his heirs a piece of meadow 4 acres in Chiddingstone in Polebrookmead, its length east-west between John de Polebrook's land and a mead of the heirs of Lawrence de Polde, a mead of Robert de Haspale.

1616 Richard Goldsmith for Polbrock lands (Sundridge Weald 1s 7½d)

c 1638 Jac Goldsmith (Sundridge Weald 1s 7½d)

1647-75 James Beecher for a tenement and lands late Richard Hayward (Sundridge Weald 10d)

1639 Bamfields, Tishurst and Smythans abutted to two parcels of James Beecher west.

1662-69 James Beecher (Frieden assessments)

1672 {? William Turner for James Beecher's farm 3s 2d
Thomas Webb 3s 9d

1677 James Beecher.

1674-81 Thomas Webb.

1679 Will of James Beecher of Tonbridge, yeoman (Dob). To daughter Anne, wife of George Children, my messuage

1687 George Children for Powlbroke (Frieden assessment)

or farm called Polbrookes, 30 acres, in C now occupied by Thomas Webb.

1688 Thomas Webb's widow

1689-1701 George Children for a tenement called Polbrooks (Sundridge Weald 10d)

1688-1701 David Cutts.

1701 Death of George Children of Chiddingstone, yeoman. Will (PS) To his son George Powlbroke, 30 acres, occupied by David Cutts.

1701-1719 George Children

1710 George Childer of Chiddingstone to George Childer of Tonbridge.
Mortgage. See Clouts.

1713 William Hawes.

1722-46 William Heath gent for Pollbrookes.

1721-37 William Heath (Sundridge Weald 10d)

1723 William Heath John Smith and widow Beecher
Pollbrookes. (Church seating)

1746 Admon of William Heath of Leigh granting the administration
of his goods to his sister Mary, wife of John Burgess.

1748 Will of John Burgess the elder of Lingsfield leaving the
residue of his property to his wife Mary (PCC).

1752 John Burgess gent in right of Mary his wife. Pollbrook,
occupied by Barnard Martin (Sundridge Weald 10d)

1749-52 Mr Isaac Burgess for Pollbrookes (Chiddingstone rates)
This is confusing.

1756-59 John Barton

1762-65 Philip Ingram

1767-70 Bernard Martin

1770 John Burgess and Mary are dead. The heir is their son John Burgess.
(Sundridge Weald 10d)

1773 John Barton

1777-1801 Richard Price (also for Clouts)

1778 Robert Burgess of Leigh, gent, for a tenement called Pollbrookes in
Chiddingstone late George Childer, now occupied by Bernard Martin (10d)

1780 Robert Burgess esq Richard Price

1796 Robert Burgess who held Pollbrook late occupied by William
Martin and now by William Price (10d) has died. He willed it to
his wife Sarah who has since married — Harbree esq and they

Polebrooks (continued)

have alienated it to — .

1796-1801 John Edmunds

1801 Samuel Wood

1804-1832 William Weeks

1804-08 Robert Marchant

c 1820 Letter from Henry Streetfield. Polebrooks formerly belonged to Mr Robert Burges of Hall Place, Leigh, occupied by Robert Price. Sold about 1796 to Mr John Edmunds, 42 Kalken Garden, Holborn. About 1801 John Edmunds sold it. George Wood is the tenant.

1836-39 Mrs Weeks

1808-12 George Wood

1838 Tithe Award. William Marter George Wood
Polebrooks Farm. 29 acres.

1840 — Weeks who lately held to her a certain farm called Polebrooks (10d) died seized thereof. Her sons Thomas and Capon Weeks inherited the same and Thomas has since died so that Capon became seized of the entirety of the said premises and since the last court he has alienated the same to William Marter of Knockholt.

1841 Census. George Wood, farmer, aged 55, wife and son.

1838-51 William Marter
(also of Kilk Farm).

1845-47 Joshua Marchant

1851 Robert Marchant junior

1851 Census. William Bartholomew, ag lab, aged 69 and Henry Sturt, ag lab, 25, and their families.

1708 Chiddingstone Tithe. George Children agrees to Rector.

Barn Field 3 acres of wheat 12s

Church Field 3 acres of oats } 15s

Little Field 2 acres of oats }

Marpit Field 1 acre of oats }

The orchard behind the barn 1 } 2½ acres

The orchard behind the house ½ } of hay 5s

The mead 1 }

Clover pasture 5 acres 5s

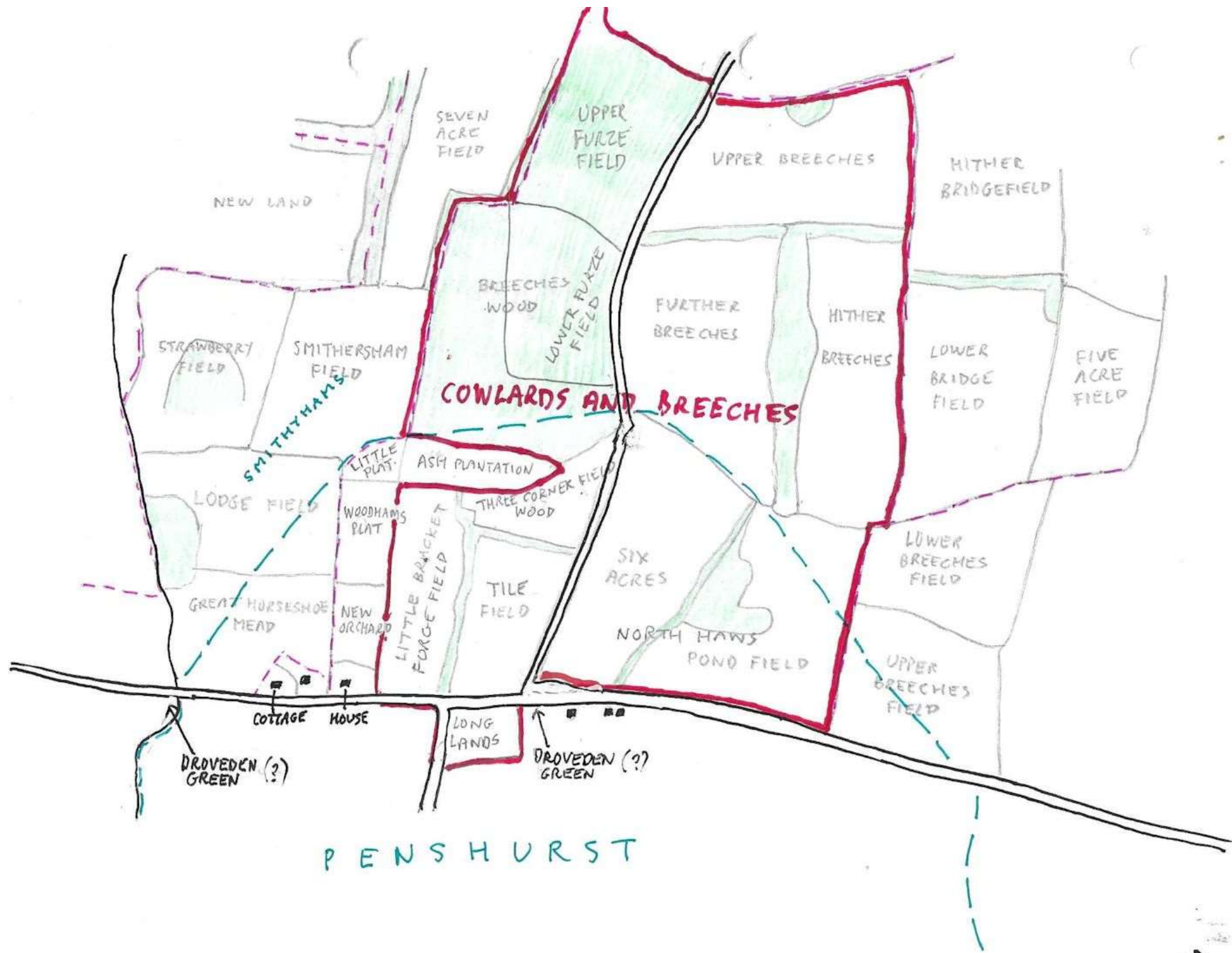
Brook Field 3 acres

These he intends for

Little Two Ave.

Rent something more than 16s per acre.

fallow and for that
reason I am not so
strict as to set any
value upon the profit
he has already received
from the pasture of them



PENS HURST

COWLARDS

Chiddingstone and Pershust parishes.
Manor of Chiddingstone - Cobham.

Friender borough

This property is hard to locate.

1606-62 See under Horseshoe Farm

1662 Richard Hollambie held three parcels called Barnefeld and one called Tisherst and five called Smythams, in all 30 acres, at 2s 6d. He gave part to John Hollambie (1s 8d) and part to Silvester Hollambie (10d). Richard is dead and so is Silvester. Richard's daughter inherited. Enquire as to new boundaries. (Manor of Chiddingstone - Cobham).

1669 John Hollambie of Coles (1s 8d) and John Cowlard of Sundridge (10d) together hold Barnfelds (3 parcels), Tyseherst and Smythams (5 parcels) Manor of Chiddingstone - Cobham.

1672 Marriage settlement of John Hollambie of Coles. His lands amounted to 35 acres and were bounded to the east by the lands of ——— Mortant, John Wallis and John Cowlard.

1677-89 John Cowlard

1668-88 Richard Wybarn (Land Tax)

1693 Death of John Cowlard of Sundridge. Will (PS). "To my son William Cowlard my messuage and land in Chiddingstone and Pershust, now in my occupation and late in the occupation of Richard Wybourne."

1693-98 The heirs of John Cowlard (Friender assessments)

1698 John Cowlard and William Cowlard or the Tenant. (Churchwardens' assessments). John Cowlard senior deceased had sons named John and William

1700 John Cowlard who held a third part of the premises at 10d is dead. His son William inherits (Chiddingstone - Cobham).

1700-37 William Cowlard

1700-01 David Cutts (Chiddingstone rates)

1701 Thomas Woodgate for part of Cowlards (Pershust Land Tax).

1701 Death of John Hollambie of Coles, yeoman. Will (PS). He left to his

sons Richard and William seven parcels called Lower Smithyham, Row Garden, the Little Smithyham, Starborough Field, the Half Acre and the Two Barne Fields lying in the parishes of Chiddingstone and Pershust, bounded to the east by the lands of the heirs of John Cowlard, John Cronch and John Wallis.

1702 Marriage settlement.

1. William Cowlard of Seale, yeoman, a son of John Cowlard, late of Sundridge, yeoman, deceased to
- 2 Thomas Gardner of Hallow, yeoman
- 3 Anne Hayman of Tarbridge spinster, daughter-in-law of Thomas Gardner.

Messuage and five parcels viz Two Squire Crofts, Smithyham alias Bushy Croft, Ticehurst and Barnfield, 20 acres in Chiddingstone and Pershust, in occupation of Robert Holmes.

1704 John Feldwick (rates)

1707 Edward Palmer (rates)

- 1713 William Cowlard holds a third part of Barnefields, Tysehurst and Smithyham in Chiddingstone occupied by Edward Shoebridge (Chiddingstone-Cobham 10d)

1713-33 Edward Shoebridge (rates)

- 1723 A house in Hail Lane. William Cowlard, occupied by Edward Shoebridge and Fortunatus Terry (Survey of Church Seating)

1727 William Cowlard (Chiddingstone-Cobham 10d)

1740-49 Mr Cowlard

1734-65 Thomas Barnett

1745 Death of William Cowlard senior of Ide Hill, Sundridge.

- 1746 John Hollands of Coles (1s 8d) and John Cowlard of Sundridge (10d) for Barnfields (3 parcels), Tysehurst, Smithyham (5 parcels).
Total Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 6d.

1752 Mrs Cowlard

1756-59 William Cowlard

1760 Death of William Cowlard.

Cowlards (continued)

- 1761 Conveyance 1. John Cowlard of Under River, Seal, yeoman
(only son of William Cowlard late of Seal deceased and Anne nee Hayman) and Sarah
2. Thomas Harvey of Tonbridge esq
Messuage and five parcels called Squires Crofts, etc, 20 acres
in Chiddingstone and Pershurst, formerly in the tenure
Robert Holmes and now Thomas Barzett.
This land is alias Cowlards.

1767-79 Thomas Harvey. Owned land in Pershurst in 1767

1779 Death of Thomas Harvey of Tonbridge. Will (PCC).
He had a son Thomas.

1780-1801 Thomas Harvey. (not clear if this is the Rev. Thomas Harvey)

1801-04 Rev Thomas Harvey 1791-94 Thomas Russell
In 1791 Thomas Russell was tenant
of Breeches and Cowlards.

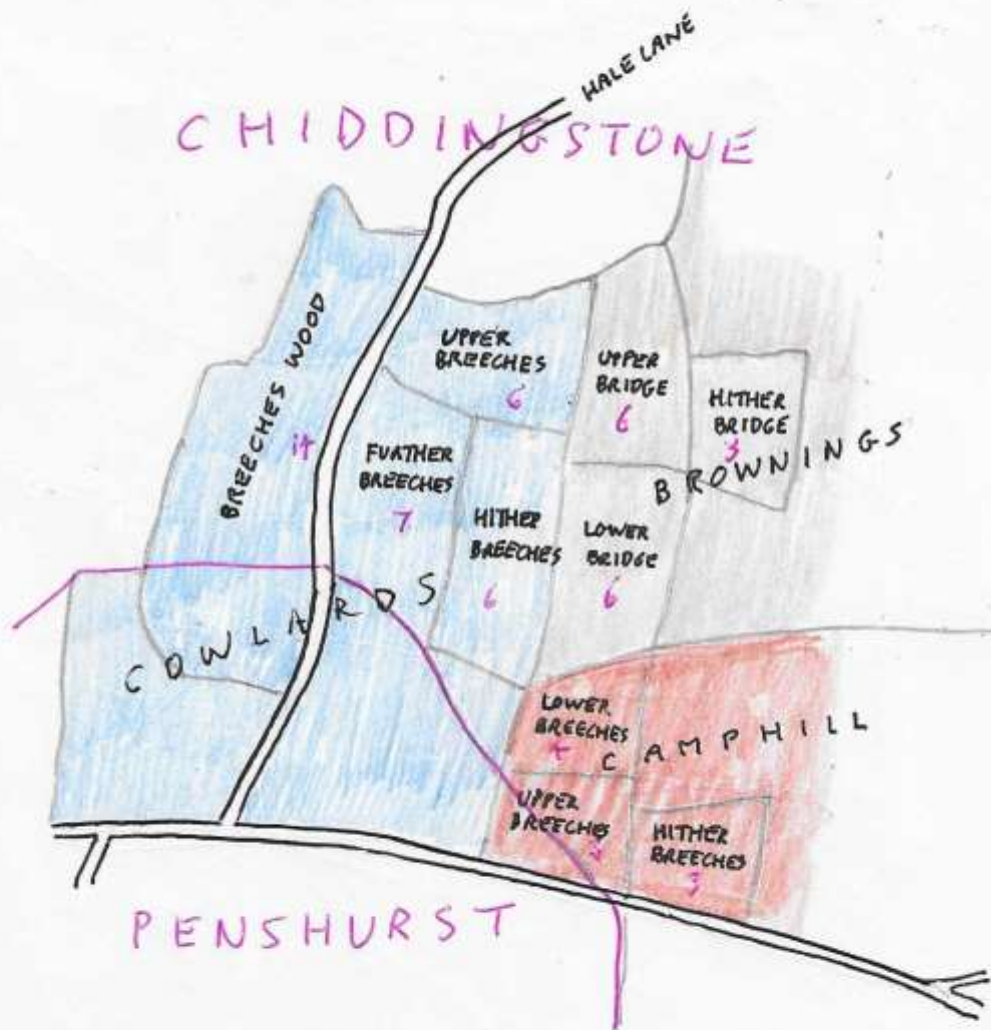
Thomas Harvey was also the owner of Vexow from 1761. Vexow
included the Breeches (Breeches) and Northams.

1804 Rev Thomas Harvey for part of Cowlards etc (Chiddingstone rates)

1809 William Wells for part of Cowlards (Chiddingstone rates).

In 1809 the rates for Cowlards fell from £6 to £2-10s while that from
Breeches rose from £12 to £14. Before 1809 Cowlards appears to extend
from Chiddingstone into Pershurst. In 1809 it may have been reduced
to just Breeches Wood which the owner retained while the rest became
part of Breeches and Cowlards farm. In 1818 the woodland was incorporated
into the farm which was part of Vexow Farm in Pershurst and Chiddingstone.

BREECHES



This map identifies an original holding named Breeches, later divided between Cowlards, Brownings and Camphill.

BREECHES (Breaches)

Chiddingstone parish

Freder borough

Manor: Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d, Haver-Brocas 1s 4d

A study of the field names seems to show that there was once a holding named Breeches that was later divided between Cowlands (part of Vexow), Great Brownings and Camphill. The Chiddingstone-Cobham records refer to the part of Breeches which became part of Great Brownings. The Chiddingstone parish assessments which must be for Vexow refer to other parts of Breeches together with Cowlands. Vexow is mainly in Pershurst parish and apart from the Breeches-Cowlands area the only other part of Vexow in Chiddingstone is half of Lake Field.

pre 1574 James Beecher of Moorden.

1574 Partition of the lands of James Beecher between his three sons Richard, William and Edward. The lands consisted of a messuage called Beechers in Chiddingstone and Pershurst, 180 acres. To Richard nine parcels of land called the Breches, 50 acres, bounded by the lands of Richard Beecher the elder to the west, the lands of John Clarke south, the lands of Mr Rowe east, and the lands of the said William Beecher north. Also a piece of land called Morant's field, 8 acres [which appears to be Wigzells in Mountjoy] bounded west by the Chiddingstone-Severoake highway, north and east by the lands of the said William Beecher, and south by the nine parcels called the Breches. [See map].

1575 Beecher of Brownings (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)

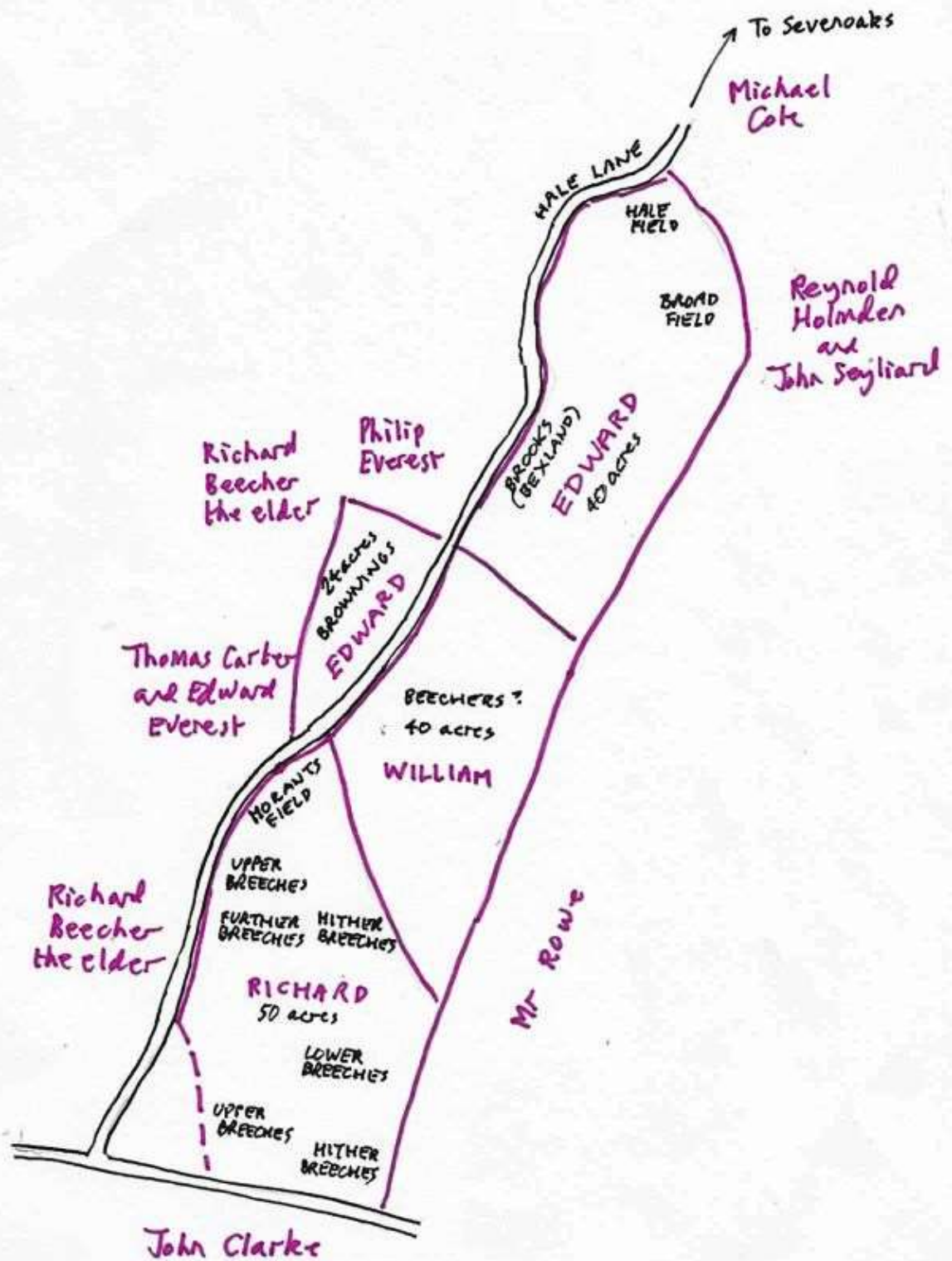
1585 Richard Beecher (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)

1614 — Beecher the younger of Chested for certain lands called the Breeches (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)

1622 Richard Beecher of Bletchingley who holds lands called the Breeches is dead. He left his lands to his wife Elizabeth until her son reaches the age of 21. (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)

1632 Richard Beecher of Bletchingley, gent, who holds lands called Breeches in Chiddingstone is admitted tenant (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)

1662 William Beecher (Freder assessment)



Partition of the lands of James Beecher in 1574

- 1664 Death of William Beecher of Pershurst, gent. Will (PCC). He left all his messuages and lands to his nephew Richard Beecher, son of Richard Beecher of Bletchingley, gent
- 1664-69 Richard Beecher, gent (Frieder assessment)
- 1669 Richard Beecher, gent, for Breeches. (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)
- 1672 William Beecher who late held lands called Breeches in Pershurst and Chiddingstone, 25 acres, has died. By will he devised the land to his nephew Richard Beecher. (Hever Brocas 1s 4d)
- 1674 Death of Richard Beecher of Bletchingley, gent. Will (PCC). He Bequeathed to his brother Edward his messuage and lands in Kent. To his sister Mary and to her husband Thomas Northey he left £5 and household goods. To the poor of Pershurst 40s.
- 1675 Death of Edward Beecher of Bletchingley, gent. Will (PCC). He Bequeathed to his sister Mary Northey all the rest of his messuages in Surrey and Kent.
- 1676 Breeches was inherited by Thomas Northey, citizen and apothecary, who had married Mary, the daughter of Richard Beecher.
(Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)
- 1676 Thomas Northey, gent, occupied by Robert Warner.
- 1677 Thomas Northey, gent, occupied by Thomas Beckett.
(Frieder assessment)
- 1678-81 Thomas Northey, gent. Grace Harling, widow
(Land Tax £8, Frieder assessment).
- 1678 Thomas Northey gent (Hever Brocas 1s 4d)
- 1688 Thomas Northey, gent, for lands called Breeches (Hever Brocas 1s 4d)
- 1694 Thomas Northey, gent, for lands called Breeches (Hever Brocas 1s 4d)
- 1700 Thomas Northey, gent, and Mary his wife, held lands called Breeches, once Richard Beecher's (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s 4d)
- 1705 Death of Thomas Northey of London, apothecary. Will (PCC). No mention in his will of property in Chiddingstone.

Breeches (continued)

- 1708 Thomas Northey still recorded for breeches (Hever-Brocas ls & d)
However Richard Jewell is mentioned in the parish records as far back as 1689.
- 1716 Death of Richard Jewell of Nutfield, gent. Will (PCC).
No mention of Chiddingstone in his will)
- 1717 William Jewell inherited Breeches from his father Richard.
Own occupation. (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s & d)
- 1724 William Jewell, occupied by William Huggidge for Great
Brownings. (Survey of Church Seating)
- 1727 William Jewell is dead. He held lands next Hale Lane called Breeches,
once Richard Beecher's, then Thomas Northey, occupied by
William Huggidge. He devised it to his wife Margaret for life,
remainder to son William. (Chiddingstone-Cobham 2s & d)
- 1730 Will of William Jewell of Bradborne in the parish of Severoaks, gent.
To my loving wife Margaret all my lands and premises in the
parish of Hartley, remainder to my son William. Also all that
my messuage lands and premises situated in Chiddingstone
and Pershurst and now in my own occupation. Also lands
at Bletchingley in Surrey (PCC).
- 1733 Mr Jewell, occupied by William Huggidge. (Land Tax £26-10s)
This must be Great Brownings.
- 1746 Mr William Jewell for a property near Hale Lane occupied by
William Huggidge (Chiddingstone-Cobham)
- | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1733-59 Mr Jewell | 1724-43 William Huggidge | } Chiddingstone
rates |
| | 1745-62 Joseph Beckett | |
- 1762 Death of William Jewell of Severoaks, gent. Will (PCC). He left all
his messuages in Chiddingstone, Pershurst, Leigh and Hartley to
his wife Hester for life, remainder to his cousin Elizabeth Selby.
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| 1765-73 Mrs Jewell | 1765-88 John Tutts |
| 1780 Mr Selby | |

1788 Mrs Selby

For later information see under Great Brownings. However the Hever Brosas part of Breches continues with the same names as for Vexar.

1795 Rev Mr Harvey for land called Breches, occupied by — Russell
(Hever Brosas ls 4d)

1821 J. Wells (should be William Wells) for land called Breches,
occupied by William Sturt. (Hever Brosas ls 4d)

HORSESHOE FARM

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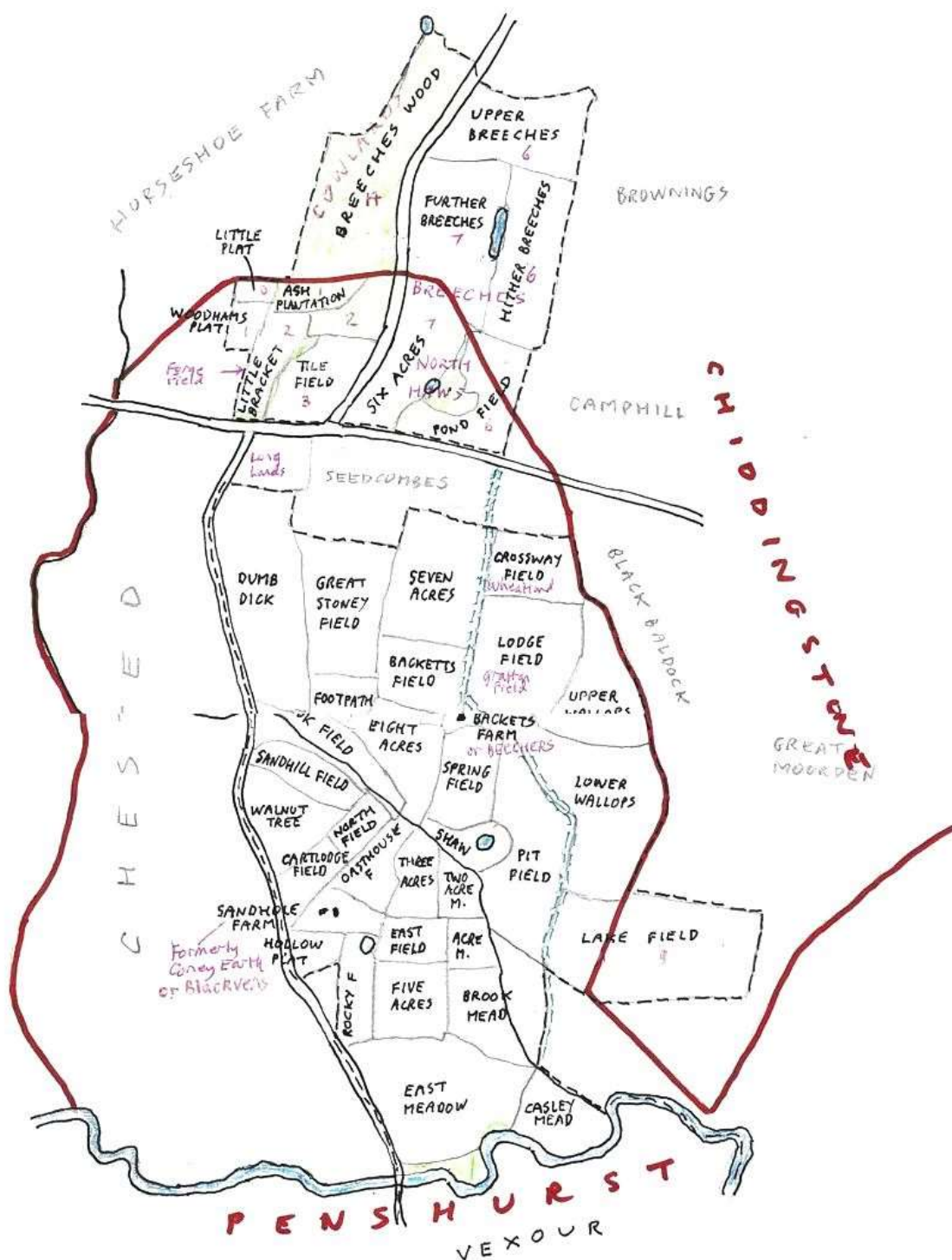
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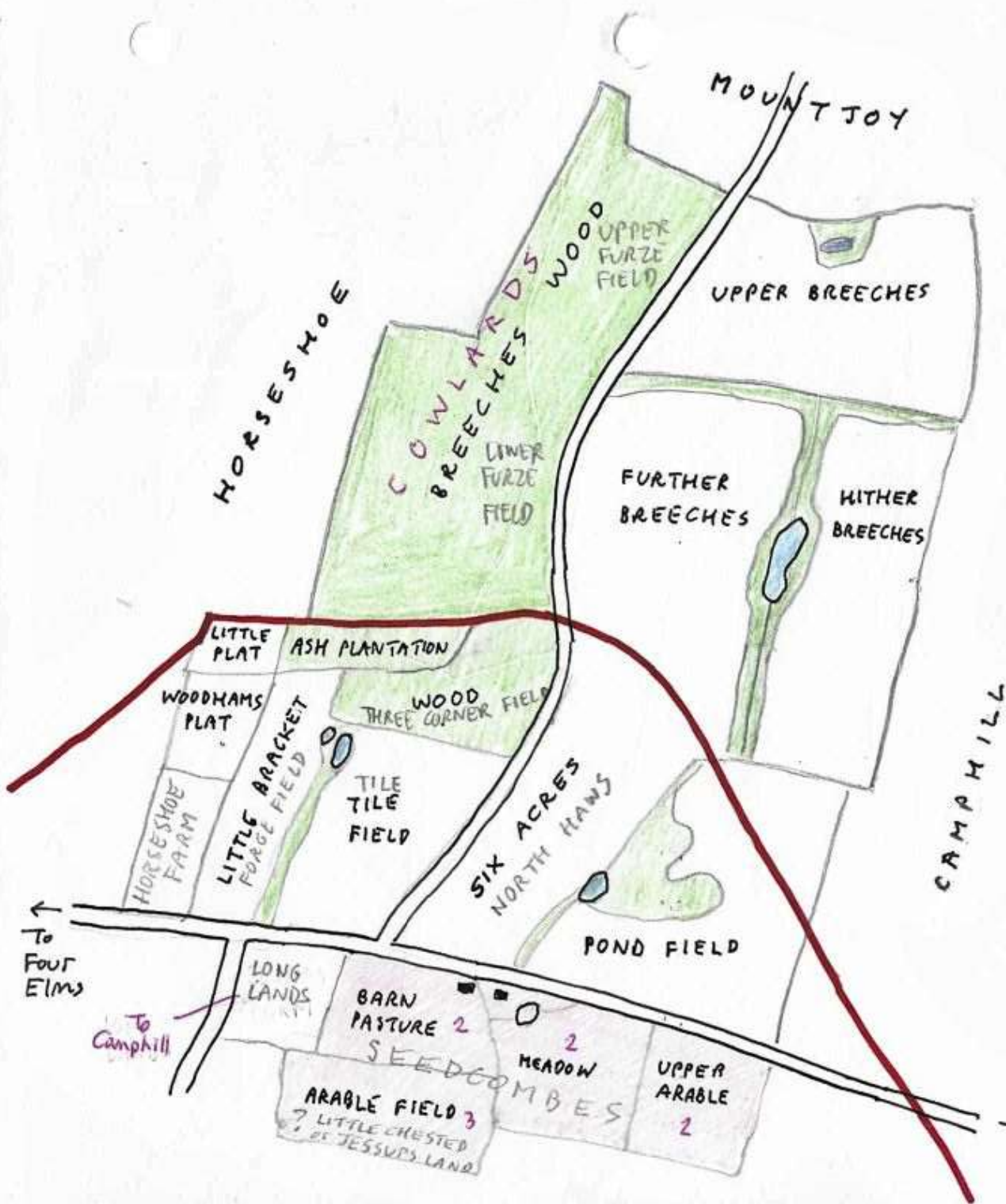
C H E S S D E

PENSHURST
VEXOUR

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VEXOUR FARM (North part)





VEXOUR

Parish : Pershurst and Chiddingstone

Frederick and Pershurst boroughs

Vexow was originally south of the river Eden in Pershurst parish with half a field in Chiddingstone but from an early date it possessed part of Breeches in Chiddingstone. However this part of Breeches was not represented in the Chiddingstone-Cotman manorial records.

1503 Agnes Nysell aliened all her lands called Vexxors (Hasted)

1533 The family of Beecher became possessed of Vexow.

1677 Thomas Beckett occupied Breeches, tenant of Thomas Northey, gent. He also occupied Vexow, but Thomas Northey presumably did not own Vexow but only Breeches (Frederick assessment)

1678-81 Grace Harling occupied Breeches, tenant of Thomas Northey, gent. She also occupied Vexow, but Thomas Northey presumably did not own Vexow but only Breeches (Land Tax, Frederick).

1682 Map of Vexow Farm (TR/1986/1). The map omitted the five Breeches, which were part of Vexow.

1693 Thomas Bassett occupied Breeches and his relatives of the same name continued to do so until 1765.

1699 1. Thomas Sharpe of London, glover
James Sharpe of St Olaves, apothecary and Anne
together with Mary, relict of Peter Sharpe of Stepney, gent
conveyed to Gilbert Spencer junior of Pershurst gent for £1200
a tenement called Vexow and 60 acres in Pershurst and
Chiddingstone.

Soon after 1699 Gilbert Spencer of Redleaf, Pershurst, passed Vexow to Thomas Northey who had possessed most of Breeches since 1675.

1705 Death of Thomas Northey of London, apothecary. Will (PCC).
No mention in his will of property in Chiddingstone.
Succeeded by his son Thomas.

1709 Marriage settlement. 1 Thomas Northey, citizen and apothecary,
eldest son and heir of Thomas Northey, citizen and apothecary.

deceased to

2. Abigail Bickley of Hackney, widow, formerly the widow of Godfrey van Itterne of Bristol, merchant
William Northey of Hackney, esq

3. Deborah van Itterne, spinster, daughter of (2) for £800.

Farm called Vachsome with four parcels of which three adjoin the farm called Barnfield, Upper Field next the house and Pondfield, together 11½ acres, and the fourth is Brookstreet Mead, 6 acres.

Also Great Brookes 7½ acres, Hurts Mead 3 acres, Seyhards Croft ½ acre.

Messuage called the Corey Earth with barns etc with three parcels of upland or pasture ground belonging, 3 acres. 3½ acres in a common mead in Pershust called East Mead. Denny's Field alias Derfield, latter Hammonds alias latter Hams, 18 acres.

4 acres in West Cherted Mead in Pershust

Four parcels called Northams, 15 acres, in Chiddingstone and Pershust.

Five pieces called the Beaches with a barn in Chiddingstone, 25 acres.

All heretofore in the occupation of Thomas Beckett and Robert Batham, suc^r of Grace Harling, and now of Thomas Bassett

1733 Mrs Northey

Thomas Bassett of Vexore (Church repairs)

(She was the nominal owner but the real owner was Mr Northey!)

1752 Death of Thomas Northey, of London, apothecary. Will (PCC), To his daughter Deborah all his messuage and lands lying in Pershust and Chiddingstone which messuage and lands were settled by deed on her late mother Deborah his late wife as her jointure.
Also other lands in Bletchingley and Godstone mentioned

1761 Release. 1. Deborah Northey of St Paul, Covent Garden, spinster, only child and heir of Thomas Northey, late citizen and apothecary by Deborah (née van Itterne) and devisee of the said Thomas Northey &
2. Thomas Harvey of Tonbridge esq, for £1800.
Vachsome and all fields as before.

1761-1801 Thomas Harvey, esq,
See Cowlands

1767-70 Thomas Wells

1773 John Russell

1777-94 Thomas Russell

1801-05 Rev Thomas Harvey

1797-1826 William Sturt

Vexour (continued)

1799 Map of Vexour farm, Halls Land, Corey Earth Land, Beechers or Backetts, Cowlands and Breeches, the estate of the Rev Thomas Harvey

1811-47 William Wells, esq, of Redleaf.

William Wells made his fortune from the sea, firstly as ship's captain for the East India Company, a very profitable posting, and then from running the Blackwall shipyard, which he sold in 1806. At about that time he purchased the then Georgian house of Redleaf. He built up a magnificent art collection.

* 1812 William Skutt for part of Breeches

1829-39 John Dives

1830 William Wells of Redleaf leases to John Dives of Vexour all those two messuages and farms called Vexour in Chiddingstone, Leigh and Pershurst, 284 acres, late in the occupation of William Skutt, son of William Wells, and now of John Dives, for one year and year to year at £160 per annum.

1839 Tithe Award. William Wells John and James Dives for Vexour
(Cowlands)

Vexour Farm was now much larger than previously and had absorbed Sandhole and Backetts farms north of the river. One field projected into Chiddingstone: part of Lake Field. North of the road was Breeches which had absorbed North Haws and also part of Cowlands. I presume that Breeches Wood was once part of Cowlands and was alternately known as Cowlands Wood.

1845 James Dives for Vexour

1847 James Dives, now Nightingale
for Vexour

1851 [Heir of] William Wells, occupied by himself, for land (Breeches).

As there were no dwellings in Breeches it does not appear in the censuses.

* 1815-24 William Skutt for part of Breeches and Moorden.