

WEALD IRON RESEARCH GROUP

Winter 1973/4 scheme for revising information on water-powered sites included by E. Straker in Wealden Iron (1931).

The following points are designed to produce a rapid survey of these sites, many of which have not been visited in recent years. You will be aware that Straker's site-comments were unsystematic, and, beyond this, modern developments such as tree clearance or planting, bulldozing, or building, have made major changes.

Please ensure an adequate National Grid Reference. ✓

1. Name of site. State if that used by Straker is in any way misleading.

IRIDGE FURNACE, SALEHURST.

2. National Grid Reference (2 letters, 6 figures).

TQ 749277.

Straker 320

3. Access. State problems of terrain or land-use. (If the name of owner and tenant is easily available, this could be useful.)

Public F.P. leading to site.

4. Features on the ground.

Main Dam

Length c. 90 yards

Height (estimate from both upstream and downstream sides if possible.)

Upstream 7 feet

down - 10/11 feet

Condition (i.e. gaps, erosion etc; are there any good cross-sections in bulldozed gaps? If so, do these show the construction materials used at different stages?)

From the S. end at 5 yards is a small gap in the bay which is opposite what appears to be a wheel pit, may represent the collapse of a tunnel for the mill race stream. 45 yards further on the bay is cut by the stream and beyond that is 40 yards before it reaches high ground. In the S. bank of the stream is a very good section of the bay. It appears to have been all made at one time and has no slag on the top or in its construction. It bends E.W. at its N. end. See diagram.

Pen-ponds - is there any evidence for dams upstream from the main supply pond?

None seen

Mine pits - are there any close by?

None seen

The area below the dam

Clear indications of buildings, wheel-pits, sluices, etc.

Behind the bay, ~~at~~ 5 yards from the S. end is a round pit which looks like a wheel pit and from it runs a new dry leat which can be traced 250-300 yards running parallel to the present stream before joining it.

Just N. of this a bank projects E. from the bay and of the N. side of it a slight mound has projecting from it many burnt stones & bricks, burnt clay and is probably the furnace site. The bank is probably a loading ramp and there is a possibility that, as it separates the furnace site from the above described "wheel pit", the "wheel pit", its leat may really represent a weir & its channel. See diagram

5. Slags and cinders. (Keep samples.)

- Blast furnace slags (glassy). How much?

What is the general colour range? (In particular are there significant quantities light in colour?)

No great quantities but it can be found scattered behind the bay and in the stream

- Forge cinders (generally rusty, bubbly, but varying widely in forms.)  
How much?

No

Are there many large cakes ("Furnace bottoms") over, say, 18"x 18"?

No

- Ore - any scatter?

Yes, some scattered.

- Purple shelly limestone - any?

Yes.

Other surface finds (pottery, clay pipes, timbers, etc.) Note these

No

6. Are there any buildings, industrial, domestic or agricultural, apparently dating from the likely period of the site? Note briefly.

No

7. Has the site been re-used (e.g. corn or fulling mill)?

Probably not

8. Do you know of any published or unpublished excavation which may have taken place? Note details, in particular of the excavator and location of finds in the case of unpublished work.

No

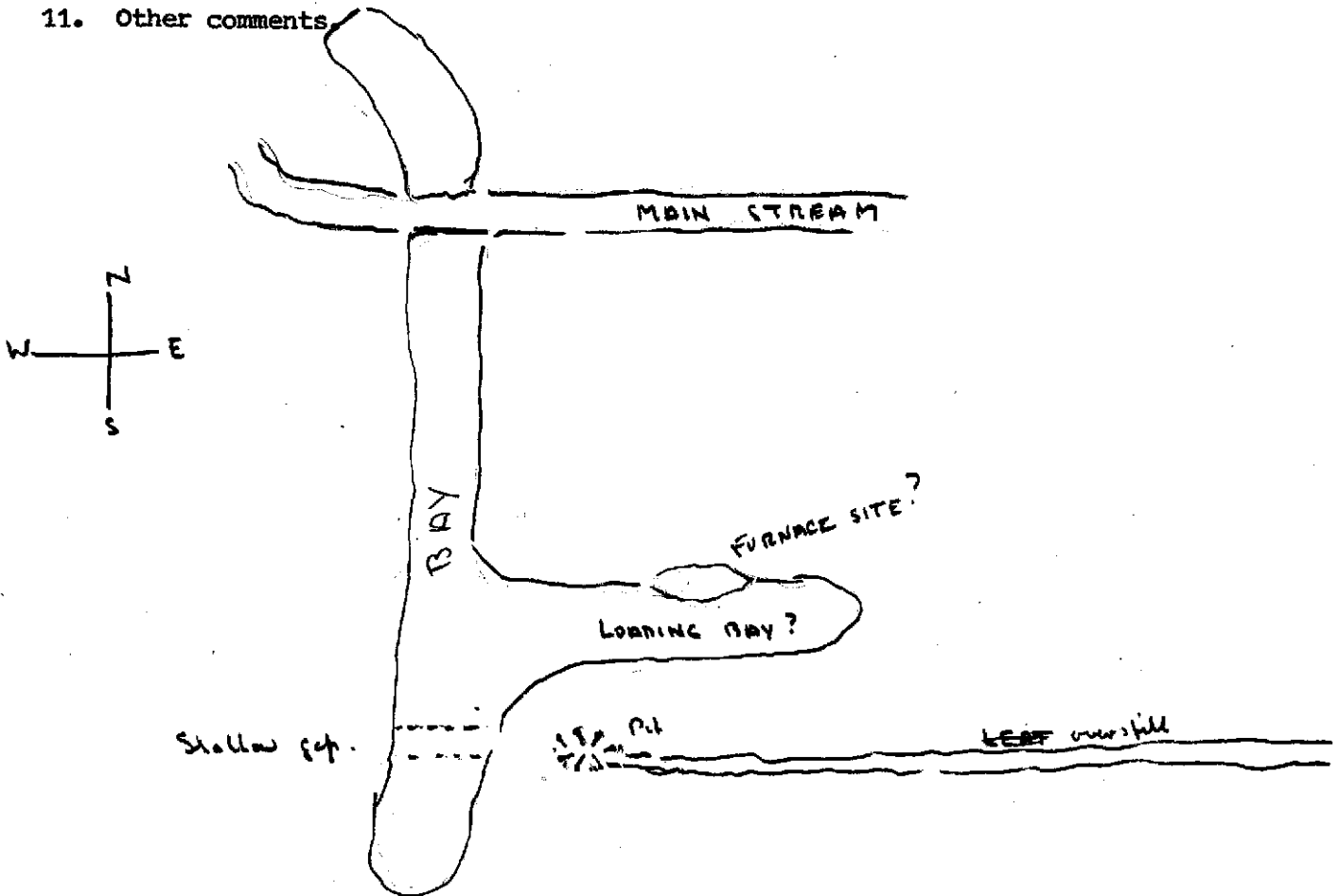
9. Is the site apparently threatened in any way?

apparently not.

10. Do you know of any documentation missed by Straker? State details and whereabouts, if known.

No.

11. Other comments



Richard Barnes  
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IRIDGE

DRIFTWAYS FARM  
HURST GREEN  
ETCHINGHAM  
SUSSEX  
HURST GREEN 221

ETCHINGHAM  
HURST GREEN  
IRIDGE  
QUEST, RS

20th May '71

Dear Mr Cleere,

Please find scantily filled form that you left me to fill in, unfortunately that is all the information I am able to give to you.

The work of clearing that part of the first dam on the left of the stream will be starting in June, and we will of course contact you if we make a 'find'!

If you, or any of your colleagues should wish to revisit the site please feel free to telephone us at any time,

Yours sincerely

Richard Barnes.

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SITE QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Field Work

- a. Site Name (accepted name, derived from Straker or other source - state which). **IRIDGE [Straker]**
- b. National Grid Reference (2 letters, 6 figures). **SP320**
- c. Accessibility (state difficulties, or name of owner or agent to whom any prior written application may be necessary) **AREA EASILY ACCESSIBLE, HOWEVER SITE IN WOODS, WITH SOME UNDERGROWTH.**
- d. (Owner, ~~and tenant if let (see above also)~~)  
**MR. R. S. BARNES  
'DRIFTWAYS' HURST GREEN, SUSSEX.**
- e. Main features visible on the ground (state if these differ from published descriptions - due, for instance, to later ploughing or building).
- f. Are there any buildings, industrial, domestic or agricultural apparently dating from the likely period of the site? If so, describe, give location, and any published descriptions or references.
- g. Has the site been re-used (e.g. Corn mill)
- h. Surface finds.  
Iron  
Ore  
Slags/cinders - what type? if sampled, where kept?  
Pottery  
Other

- j. Has any excavation, published or unpublished, ever taken place? Have you any details, in the case of unpublished work, of the excavator or location of finds? *NO*
- k. IS THE SITE THREATENED IN ANY WAY? *YES. APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF THE LARGER DAM TO THE LEFT (FACING DOWNSTREAM) OF THE*
- l. Other comments. *STREAM. HOWEVER, NONE OF THE SECOND DAM OR, POSSIBLE SITE OF FURNACE.*

## II. Documentary Work

No questionnaire, particularly on documentary material, can hope to be comprehensive. Collections of estate papers contain many miscellaneous and unpredictable items, which only examination of catalogues in the Record Office will disclose.

The use of exact location of the site will often serve as a focus for search for scattered material whose existence might not always be expected.

### a. Bibliography:

Published references to manuscript document sources:

Have you discovered whether anyone has worked on such sources?

- b. Was the site ever part of a large estate? *YES. IRIDGE PLACE*  
Are archives from such an estate deposited accessibly?

(These might comprise manorial records (useful in the medieval period for relevant occupational surnames, found in charters, leases, Views of Frankpledge, etc) estate accounts, maps and surveys, deeds and leases, correspondence etc.)

What dates do such collections - or isolated items - cover?

What are the main classes of record surviving?

- c. Do Parish Registers survive for the locality (16th century and after?). Do they refer to the occupations of the persons named, or of their relations?

- d. Have Wills and Probate Inventories for the area been collected in the appropriate County Record Office?



- e. Do any indications of the site - e.g. field names, ponds, - appear on the tithe appropriation map kept in the County Record Office for the area ?
  
- f. Persons found to have owned, leased or worked the site (with dates and maximum details.)
  
- g. Supplementary information.

III. Layout of Site

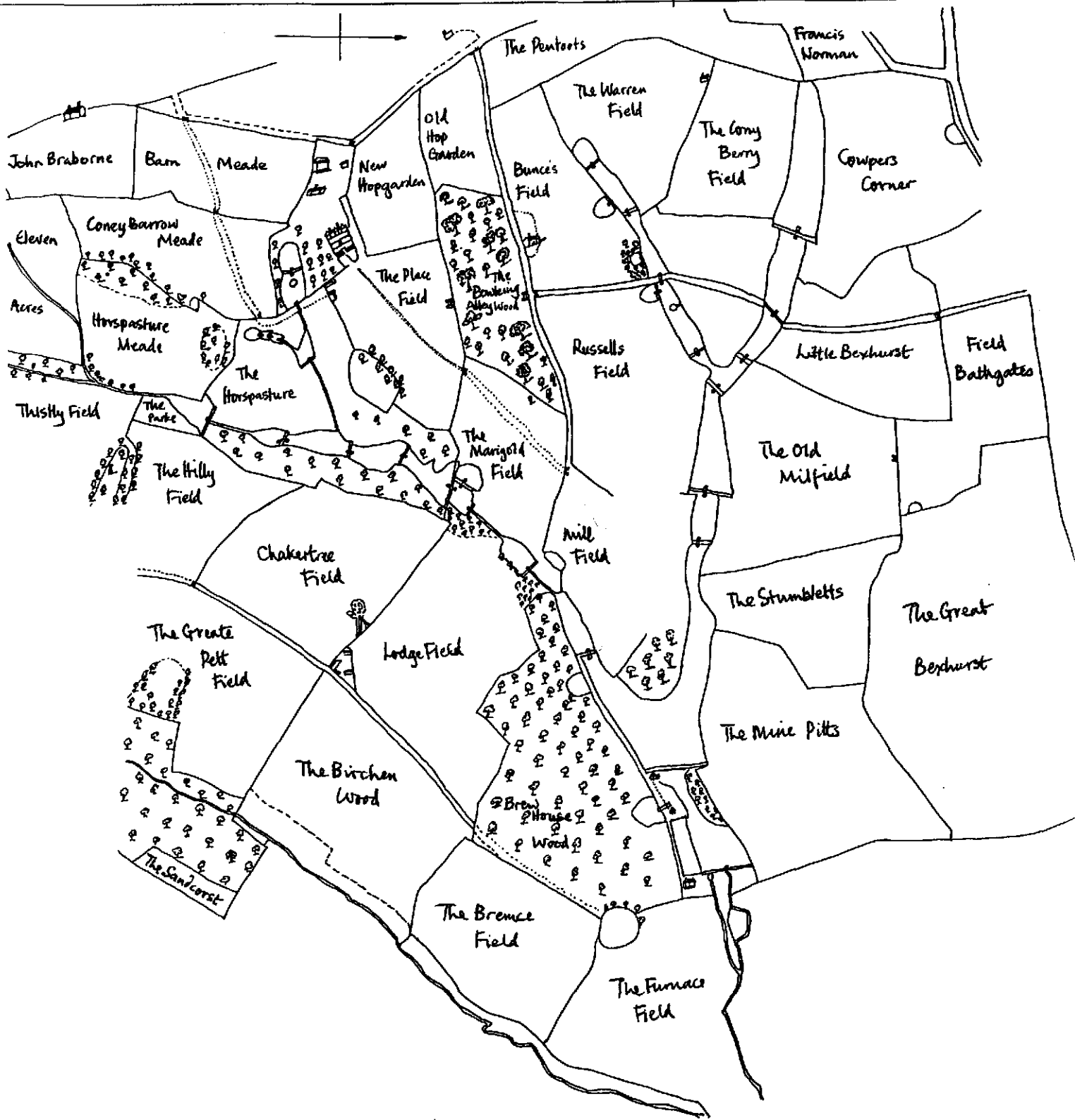
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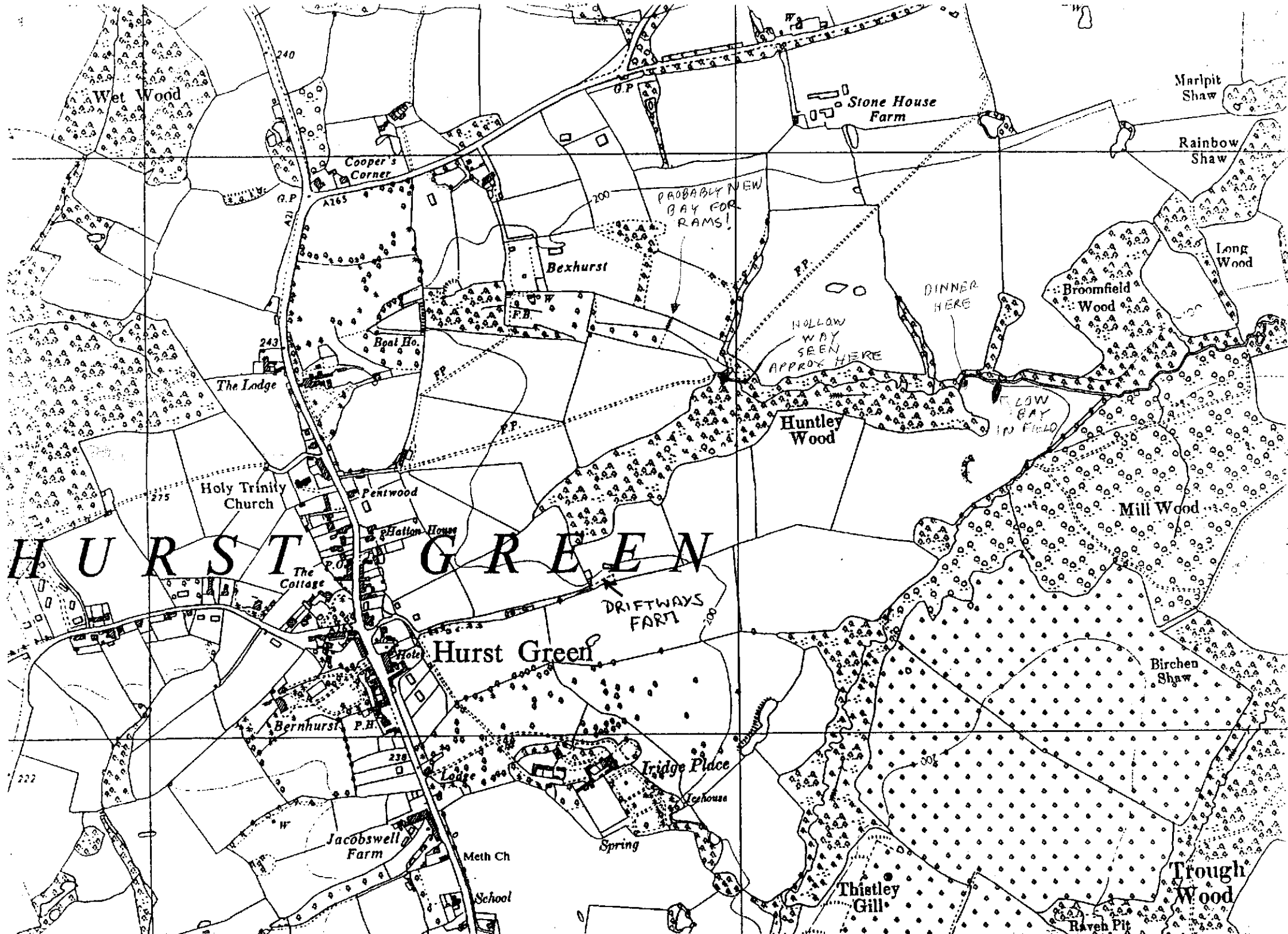
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Pottery  
Other





# HURST GREEN

Hurst Green

Wet Wood

Stone House Farm

Marlpit Shaw

Rainbow Shaw

Cooper's Corner

Bexhurst

Long Wood

DINNER HERE

Broomfield Wood

The Lodge

HOLLOW WAY SEEN APPROX HERE

Huntley Wood

LOW BAY IN FIELD

Holy Trinity Church

Pentwood

Mill Wood

Hallon House

The Collage

DRIFTWAYS FARM

Birchen Shaw

Bernhurst P.H.

Hurst Green

239

Tridge Place

Jacobswell Farm

Spring

Meth Ch

School

Thistley Gill

Trough Wood

Raven Pit

240

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275

222

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D2/RE/551

Dear Jeremy,

***Iron Industry of the Weald (2nd edn, 1995)***

Thank you very much for the Cleere & Crossley, received yesterday; please don't worry about the delay - I know about the proper channels in these matters!

I quite agree that the reprint is justified, and I think the whole thing has been excellently produced; the index - for us the key thing of course being always in a hurry in the searchroom - is superb, as one might expect.

As it happens, I have got a couple of extras.

The first is p362, Vauxhall Furnace. Although I haven't looked at it myself, the founder should be *Richard*, not Robert True. Mark Gardiner looked at it for me, as I'm revising an SAC article in which the True family features.

Rather more importantly, we have just bought a magnificent map of the Iridge Estate in 1637, which shows the furnace with its wheel and all the water-engineering in great detail; the reference is ACC 6732/2

I really must get round to writing that Newick note for *Wealden Iron*. I feel that the map merits a piece as well, but I don't feel qualified to discuss the technical aspects of the thing; any ideas?

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Whittick", with a horizontal line underneath.

Christopher Whittick

*senior archivist*

BRICK FROM THE SITE OF IRIDGE FURNACE (1606-1654)

(Field contact: Christopher Rees 9.3.1997)

Assume date of brick to be c1650

Dimensions: 215 x 100 x 56mm

Weight: 2.35kg (damp); 2.30kg (dry)

Condition: clean moulded surfaces on three sides but on one 215 x 100mm surface considerable signs of wear and/or spalling were apparent. There was no evidence of vitrification.

Composition: dense well-made low-porosity brick of dark red colour from well-mixed clay which came from the lower Wadhurst Clay beds. Kiln-fired probably at 1150°C. Typically low in silica and high in alumina and contains numerous inclusions of iron which had 'run'. Examination of a crushed sample showed the silica grains to be rounded. The iron inclusions had been reduced and were strongly magnetic - at least  $Fe_2O_3 + Fe_3O_4$

Comment: It is fairly obvious that the brick had been used in a blast furnace lining, probably in the middle to upper bosh area. The eroded flat side must surely indicate the manner in which the lining had been laid i.e. on edge. There is no evidence of what mortar was used but this was probably a clay slurry from the same beds.

One must comment on what appear to be small nodules of iron over the surface of the undamaged 215 x 100mm side. This presumably was the side facing away from the wear and tear of the furnace burden.

A possible explanation might be that both ferrous dust and charcoal had been blown behind the lining and, settling on this face of the brick, continued to react to the strongly reducing atmosphere (as would be present at that level of the shaft) and so concrete themselves as a thin metal lining on the surface of the brick. The temperature at that level would be just over 1000°C and enough for the reaction to take place.

By the time (c1650) that this brick lining was probably installed, there had been about 100 years of brick-lined furnaces in this immediate district and it seems reasonable to assume that here we would see 'best practice' in use.

Any further information that can be gleaned during site investigation would be of value e.g.

- 1 How were the bricks laid and which bond was used?
- 2 What mortar was used, if any?
- 3 Was there a shell of brick backed by masonry or was there a double brick layer bonded together?
- 4 How far down did the brickwork extend?

Source of bricks: There were several brick kilns locally at around this time which could supply suitable 'all clay' bricks.

Method used for superficial examination:

- 1 The dimensions were recorded
- 2 The brick was weighed 'weather damp' and dry
- 3 The internal structure was examined by breaking the brick
- 4 A 30gm sample was ground in a mortar to approximately 50 mesh
- 5 The crushed material was placed on a glass plate and subjected to a low-power magnet
- 6 The crushed material was placed under a petrological microscope which was adjusted to show up the silica crystals

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Dear Jeremy,

I'm sorry I missed you after the outing on Saturday. I had some further thoughts about the position of the two lower bays. Looking at your sketch plan I am not sure that the area between them was flooded.

Engineers at that period avoided placing dams across the lower slopes of wide valleys and most were found on smaller streams where the valley was steeper. The reason for this was the risk of 'overtopping'. One constantly finds they used a system of contour drains from smaller dams or weirs upstream.

If one looks at the South side of the valley one can see what looks like a track but I think is a contour drain. If you remember I pointed this out to you with willows growing in it when we were walking down there but we thought it might have been a drainage ditch. I note that it is actually shown to start at the small dam further upstream by the "Mill field".

I suspect that it ran down to the furnace from there.

As with Topsy, early mill systems tended to grow and I imagine that both streams once had their own mills (hence the field names) but more power was needed later to run the furnace and they were superseded.

Don't bother to reply to this as I will see you before long but I hope it helps with your assessment of the site

Yours,

  
John Mew.



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3713/

John Wilgose of Iridge in Salehurst, esq, to Edward Stradlinge, kt, John Cowper, esq, John Culpeper, esq, Nicholas Annesley, esq, Humphrey Staverton, gent and George Porter, gent  
JW's son John Wilgose has married Grace, daughter of Brian Annesley of Lee by Lewisham in Kent, esq

- 1 capital messuage and site of the manor of Iridge in Salehurst with the rents and the demesne lands late occupied by William Turwitt, esq and Richard Colman
- 2 demesne lands (300a) occupied by JW (from the farm of Richard Colman as far as JW's furnace - N: land of Robert Walshe called Bexhurst, land of Richard Boyes late Edmund Robertes; E: land of John Culpeper esq, part of Wigsell demesnes; a whappleway through and across Wigsell Lands; land of Robert Stevens called Tylers; S,E: land of Robert Stevens; S: land of JW called Hassockes; S,W: land of JW occupied by John Wibley and Robert Braban; lands of Samuel Newington, Robert Braban and of William Saunders called Marian Crofte; W: a green lane entering at a pound, leading to the forestall gate of the manor of Iridge; N,W: land of JW occupied by Abel Ingleton and Richard Bowyer; W: land of Robert Walshe called [*blank*])
- 3 such land of the Farm of Ponts (65a), occupied by William Turwitt or Robert Graunt, as lie in the borough of Iridge
- 4 a farm in which Abel Ingleton dwells, and a messuage and farm in which Richard Bowyer dwells, and all the land in their occupation
- 5 two farms, lands and tenements of Hackwoodes and Poulters, occupied by Alexander Averi and Joan Scoles, widow
- 6 two tenements in which John Walker and Thomas Baker dwell
- 7 the manor of Lowden and Cassingham in Rolvenden, High Halden, Benenden and Biddenden and an annuity of £4 from lands in Brenzett, all in Kent, messuage and farm called Caterells in Easthamstead, Berkshire and the manors of Carnelloyd, Llancarvan, Moulton, Lyndmerston and Lechecastell in Glamorgan and all JW's other land in England and Wales, reserving the moiety of the manor of Marden in Kent
- 8 lands and tenements called Upper and Nether Ockham in Salehurst, lands and tenements in Salehurst, Hollington, Catsfield, Sedlescombe, Mountfield and Whatlington

*reserved from 2 above:* the furnace and a watercourse issuing and descending out of various ponds within the premises, in the manner and form in which it has previously been used for the necessary use of the furnace, in such a way that the fish might remain and not be harmed, and reserving the wood on the premises, with reasonable ways to the furnace

*recites* agreement between Brian Annesley, JW and his son John Wilgose, 14 Oct 1587

EAST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE

**DUN**                    **ARCHIVE OF THE ROBERTS FAMILY OF BOARZELL IN TICEHURST  
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**Title deeds: Fowle family**

Cartulary and deeds of the Manor of Iridge and Iridge Place in Salehurst

21/1                    Cartulary of John Wildgoose of Gray's Inn recording his accumulation of the Iridge estate, 1557-1586

also contains: accounts of Lucy Roberts, 1701-1724

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1                    list of contents of pp 5-41

2                    attached: vouchers for a farm in Westfield, 1709

3                    rough accounts, c1700

4-5                  Conveyance for £440, 3 Apr 1557

Martin Brabon of Hastings to John Willgose of Grays Inn, gent  
the manor of Iridge at Iridge with all the messuages and land belonging to it  
called Iridge, Watteshese and Wiggesheldes Lands (300a), in Salehurst, which  
belonged to MB's grandfather William Brabon at the time of his death  
except a messuage called Drinkers, two pieces of land called Burkenfillde and  
Wymandfillde (10a), an acre in a great meadow called Boghesell and 3a of wood  
belonging to the fields, and except a lease for ten years from 25 Mar 1551 at £12 and a  
sale of the wood and underwood by MB to his brother Richard Brabon

warranty includes MB's wife Elizabeth

W: Roger Mandood [*recte* Manwood], William Sliwright, William Clarbooke

7                    Feoffment as above; MB appoints Edward Dunke and Thomas Tailour, yeomen,  
attorneys to deliver seisin; W to seisin: William Colepeper, Francis Champ., Richard  
Brabon, George Affo., Ralph Hepp; 6 Apr 1557

8                    Bond in £500 to keep the covenants in the above; 3 Apr 1557

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9              Confirmation by trustees, Jul 1557

Roger Manwood, gent and John Colepeper, gent, to John Willgose, gent  
the manor of Iridge and a messuage, two barns, a garden, two orchards, 150a  
land, 100a pasture, 150a wood and 20s rent in Salehurst, recovered by RM and  
JC against JW in Trinity term, rot 328

W: Christopher Harflet, Francis Woolliche; W to seisin: William Colepeper, Richard  
Braban farmer there, Henry Robines

10             Conveyance for £80, 25 Mar 1566

John Couper of Salehurst, yeoman, to John Willgose of Salehurst, esq  
1             a messuage called Clarkes with an orchard, at Hurst Green in Salehurst  
(N: alongside the lane called Green Street)  
2             a barn and two crofts called Pentotes and Colbrondes and Tomfullers  
3             pieces of land and wood (20a) called Brockesland (E, S: alongside  
JW's land and the land called Green Street; N, W: the lane from Hurst  
Green to Hawkhurst)

W: John Colepeper, Martin Colepeper, Walter Colepeper, Thomas Colepeper, Robert  
Brabon, Thomas Newington

11             Conveyance, 24 Oct 1560

Robert Fuller of Salehurst, husbandman, to John Willgose of Salehurst, esq  
1             a messuage, barn, garden and 16a called Brakeslande lying together at  
Salehurst  
2             a piece of land called Tomfullers Field (5a) in Salehurst

W: Thomas Newington, Henry Stilman, Thomas Boorne, Henry Sheafe, Edward Pare

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12            Conveyance for £40, 21 Jan 1581

Zebulon Newington of Tudeley in Kent, tailor, to John Willgose of Iridge [in Salehurst], esq

two pieces of arable and pasture called Tolherst and Hashockes (7a) together at Hurst Green in Salehurst (W: highway from Bodiam to Flimwell; S: land of Robert Stevens; E, N, W: JW's land)

W: Morgan Newington, John Drake

13            Bond in £66 13s 4d for the title as above, W: Anthony Norman, Morgan Newington, John Drake; 21 Mar [*recte* Jan] 1581

14            Conveyance for £50, 30 Oct 1558

Richard Brabon of Salehurst, yeoman, to John Willgose of Grays Inn, gent

a messuage called Drinkers, two gardens and two crofts, and two pieces of land called Wymanerysfylde and Burkhamfilde with an adjoining piece of wood, with a lane from Burkhamfilde to the street, at Hurst Green in Salehurst

W: William Colepeper, Thomas Walker, Thomas Newington, Henry Robins; at Salehurst

15            Conveyance for £50, 14 Apr 1580

John Wennell of Hackwoods in Salehurst, yeoman, to John Willgose of Iridge in Salehurst, gent and his heirs in tail, remainder to his brother Alexander Willgose, esq, and his heirs in tail

piece of land and wood called Tileres Wood (18a) in Salehurst (W: JW's land; N: land of John Colepeper, esq; E: a street called the whapple way; S: land of Robert Stephenes called Tilers)

W: Thomas Jones, Anthony Norman, Francis Dennis

*headed: Wennelles Wood*

16-17            Bond in £100 for quiet possession, excepting a lease for 21 years granted by JW to William Backer; John Wennell to John Willgose, 14 Apr 1580

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18            Conveyance for £66 13s 4d, 14 May 1582

William Benett of Beckley, yeoman, to John Willgose of Iridge, esq  
piece of land (formerly in various pieces) called Belldowne (18a) in Salehurst  
(N: highway from Hurst Green to Bodiam; E, S, W: the ways from Hurst  
Green to Robertsbridge)

W: John Willgose the younger, Anthony Norman, Jasper Rogers, John Skoles

19            Quitclaim by William Bennett to John Willgose as above of Bealldowne, on which JW  
has built a windmill, 25 Nov 1583; W to sealing: George Porter, William Yeldinge,  
Robert Siseley, Alexander Alfraye, 21 Apr 1584

20            Conveyance, 3 Jul 1575

Thomas Walche of Waldron, gent, to John Willgose of Iridge, esq, and his heirs in tail  
a piece of land and wood (4a), part of Bexhurst (in length S: a stream  
separating JW's land and Bexherst; E: land of Richard Boys, late Edward  
Roberth; N, E, W: the rest of TW's Bexherst; W: a footpath from Hurst Green  
to Hawkhurst), with the newly erected boundaries

reserved: free watering for TW's animals

to hold of TW by a rent of 1d

W: Thomas Newington, Godard Foster, Jasper Rogers

*for the original of the counterpart of this deed see 26/38 below*

21            Quitclaim as above to JW by [TW's feoffees] Thomas Selwin of Friston, gent, John  
Brodd of Lewes, yeoman and Richard Allard of Rolvenden in Kent, yeoman; W: John  
Selwin, Thomas Maye; 5 Jul 1575

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22             Conveyance for £180, 1 Jun 1561

Robert Lame of Leeds in Kent, gent, and his wife Mabel, to John Willgose of Salehurst, esq

                  the moiety of two tenements called Pontes and Occham, leased to Thomas Sheparde, and all their other property in Salehurst

covenant that ML is heir to a moiety, and that they will make an clear estate before 12 Nov

W: Thomas Shepparde, Robert Davye, John Scoles, John Thwaytes, Robert Davys

23             Bond in £200 to keep covenants as above, 1 Jun 1661

24-25          Conveyance for £120, 26 Nov 1559

Thomas Morebred of Ticehurst, tailor, to John Willgose of Salehurst, gent

                  his share of two messuages called Pontes and Occham, with 200a, in Salehurst warranty excepts annuity to John Humfreye of Salehurst and the joint life estate of TM's wife Alice; covenant by TM that the property is worth £4 an year, and that his share of the woods is worth £20

26             Bond in £200 as above, W: George Scott, William Skrymshaw; 26 Nov 1559

27             Feoffment as above, 27 Nov 1559

                  1            his share in Pontes and Occham as above

                  2            his share of a rent of 16s from lands by Collettes

W: George Scott, William Skrymshaw

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28-30          Conveyance for £100, 11 Apr 1573

Alexander Jacob of Salehurst and his wife Joan, to John Willgose of Salehurst and John  
Cumber of Cliffords Inn, gent

- 1            their fourth part of two tenements, two gardens, two orchards, three  
              barns, 60a land, 40a pasture 30a meadow, 100a wood 20a furze and  
              heath and 20s rent in Salehurst [called Pontes and Occham - *heading*]
- 2            their moiety of two messuages, two barns, two orchards, two gardens,  
              60a land, 20a pasture and 30a meadow in Westfield

W: John Frenche, William Farren, Nicholas Morgon

*for a recital of a conveyance of 2 above by Wildgoose and Comber to Jacob, 6 May  
1573, see 26/9 below*

31            Bond in £200 as above, 11 Apr 1573

32            Quitclaim of 1 *above* by John Comber of Shermanbury, gent, to John Willgose, esq; 8  
Jun 1573

33            Conveyance, 21 Mar 1568

Robert Brabon of Salehurst, yeoman, to John Willgose of Salehurst, gent, his wife  
Elizabeth for their lives, remainder to John Willgose the younger of Salehurst, gent

two pieces of land and meadow (10a) in Salehurst, which RB's father Richard  
Brabon from RB's uncle Martin Brabon, 20 Apr 1555

W: James Puxstye, Henry Sheafe

34            Letter of attorney of Robert Brabon to John Shepparde to deliver seisin to JW as above;  
21 Mar 1568

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35                    Conveyance for £20, 31 May 1580

William Bacheller of Ticehurst, husbandman, to John Willgose of Salehurst, esq

- 1                    the moiety of a messuage, garden and orchard at Northbridge in Salehurst (N: tenement of Robert Brabon, late Goodgromes; E: highway; S, W: land of William Hayes, tenement of John Gresham)

- 2                    three acres at Ockham in Salehurst (N, W: JW's land; E: highway; S: William Baker's land)

all called Tyllys

W: Francis Dennis, Thomas Benett, John Bacheller

36-37                Conveyance, 1 May 1576

Robert Marchaull otherwise Marchaunte of Maidstone, smith, and his wife Gillian, to John Willgose of Salehurst, esq

- 1                    a messuage, garden, orchard and ½a [*heading* - in Northbridge]

- 2                    the moiety of a messuage, garden and 4a in Salehurst

W: John Paine, William Griffen

38                    Conveyance, 7 Apr 1585

John Dunke of Salehurst, tailor, to John Willgose of Iridge, esq and his heirs in tail

a messuage and adjoining garden called Kikyramondes at Hurst Green in Salehurst (W: highway; N: land of Robert Welshe; S: a footpath; E: land of Robert Welshe)

W: John Willgoss the younger, Morgan Newington, Charles Laington, William Manser



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39             Conveyance for £133 6s 8d, 5 Jan 1586

William Hays the elder of Salehurst, yeoman, to John Willgose of Iridge, esq, and to his heirs in tail

                 a messuage and barn called Poulters, with 22a lying together, part of Poulters, in Salehurst (E: highway; S: JW's land; SW: the Parsonage Grove; W, N: lands of John Burckham), occupied by Alexander Allfrye under a lease from WH

to hold of WH by a rent of 2s; £80 of the consideration to be paid on 29 Sep 1586

W: Anthony Norman, William Hix, Morgan Newington

40             Letter of attorney by William Hays to Anthony Norman to deliver seisin to John Willgose as above; 5 Jan 1586

41             Bond in £200 for quiet possession as above, William Hays to John Willgose, 5 Jan 1586

42-109        Receipts of Lucy Roberts for payments of rent by her tenants (arranged by tenant) and for payments of her annuity by her brother[-in-law] John Roberts, from the death of her husband Walter Roberts, Apr 1700 - Oct 1724





*[Decorative frame containing illegible text, likely a title or description of the estate.]*





## OUTLINE HISTORY OF IRIDGE PLACE (YEW TREE RIDGE)

- 1248 A. TITHING OF HENHURST HUNDRED
- 1314 WILLIAM DE IREGGE (ROBERTSBRIDGE ABBEY CHARTERS)
- ? WILLIAM BRABEN
- 1527 MARTIN BRABON (GRANDSON)
- 1539 APPEARS AS A MANOR
- 1556 PURCHASED BY JOHN WILDEGOS OF LONDON FOR £440 (EST 300 ACRES) MARRIED ELIZABETH CULPEPPER OF WIGSELL BUYS MORE LAND
- 1588 SIR JOHN WILDEGOS (SON) (DIED 1636)  
MARRIED GRACE ANNESLEY OF <sup>Lee</sup> LEIGH IN KENT (FORMER MAID OF HONOUR TO QUEEN ELIZABETH)
- 1613 SIR ANNESLEY WILDEGOS  
MARRIED MARGARET LENNARD (DAUGHTER OF LORD DACRE)
- 1630 ROBERT WILDEGOS (LATER SIR) *bapt 19 Feb 1614 (? 1615) Chevening, Kent.*  
MARRIED LADY FRANCIS (REARRIED AS LADY FRANCIS SALKELD)
- 1649 TITLE GOES TO SISTERS OF SIR ANNESLEY  
CORDELIA (WIFE OF WILLAM BOYS) *bapt 1590 wife, Sandhurst b. 1590 Tidge, Salehurst*  
GRACE (UNMARRIED) *bapt 10 Jan 1598, Margaret's Lee (Leigh) Kent*  
AND 2/3 OF ESTATE IS GIVEN BY THEM TO ANNESLEY FOWLE (SON OF ANNE THE THIRD SISTER AND WIFE OF SIR JOHN FOWLE OF SANDHURST)
- 1656 ROBERT FOWLE (BROTHER)  
MARRIED LUCY FARNDEN (CHILDREN, ROBERT, ANNE, LUCY)
- 1681 LUCY (THE DAUGHTER), WIFE OF WALTER ROBERTS OF BOARZELL INHERITS, BUT DIES 10 MONTHS LATER
- 1684 ALEXANDER FOWLE (COUSIN)
- 1686 INDENTURE MADE BY ALEXANDER FOWLE WITH WALTER ROBERTS SENIOR AND HIS WIFE LUCY (WIDOW OF ROBERT FOWLE.  
ON DEATH OF WALTER (SENIOR) TITLE PASSED TO FIVE COHEIRS,  
JOHN FOWLE AND WIFE DOROTHY  
JOHN THORPE AND WIFE MARY  
ELIZABETH SCHINDLER  
HENRY ADMAN AND WIFE CECILIA  
GEORGE OLLIVER AND WIFE MARY
- 1699 ALL COHEIRS SOLD TO WILLIAM PECKHAM

- ? INHERITED BY WILLIAM PECKHAM (SON)
- ? INHERITED BY WILLIAM PECKHAM (SON)
- 1737 GEORGE PECKHAM
- 1788 ELIZABETH MICKLETHWAITE (GRAND-DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM PECKHAM THE ELDER)  
MARRIED JOHN MICKLETHWAITE 1756
- 1803 ELIZABETH WIDOWED TRANSFERS MANY TENEMENTS TO SON JOHN
- 1806 JOHN MICKLETHWAITE (DIED 1824)  
PURCHASES MANOR OF ETCHINGHAM CUM SALEHURST

TO AVOID FUTURE DANGER OF MERGER OF LANDS WITH FAMILY ESTATE IN NORFOLK HE HAS A COMPLICATED WILL DRAWN UP AND LANDS AND TITLES ARE DIVIDED

#### **OLD IRIDGE ESTATE**

COMBINED DEMESNE LANDS OF ETCHINGHAM AND IRIDGE AND MANORIAL TITLE

#### **NEW IRIDGE ESTATE**

COMBINED TENEMENTS OF BOTH ESTATES

#### **OLD IRIDGE ESTATE**

- 1824 SIR SOTHERTON B.P. MICKLETHWAITE (SON)
- 1854 JOHN NATHANIEL MICKLETHWAITE INHERITS (NEPHEW)
- 1856 HENRY SHARNBOURNE NATHANIEL MICKLETHWAITE
- 1894 MAJOR GEORGE NATHANIEL MICKLETHWAITE (BROTHER)
- 1895 CAPTAIN D.G. L'ESTRANGE ASTLEY (GREAT NEPHEW)
- 1909 MR A.H. CHAYTOR BUYS
- 1932 ESTATE AUCTIONED HOUSE ETC. BOUGHT BY MR WILLIAM KNOX (MILL OWNER) MANORIAL TITLE PUT UP FOR AUCTION £90 BUT NOT SOLD
- 1953 MRS KNOX (EDITH) STILL IN RESIDENCE MANORIAL TITLE BY NOW EXTINGUISHED

#### **NEW IRIDGE ESTATE**

- 1856 FREDICK NATHANIEL MICKLETHWAITE
- 1905 REV CECIL MILLS  
MR: J.D. MILLS  
AND PRESUMABLY SOLD OFF BY THEIR HEIRS

## SOME RECENT OCCUPANTS OF IRIDGE PLACE (EX DIRECTORIES ETC)

1870 HUGH JOHNSON  
1878 GENERAL H.W. BLAKE/HENRY MICKLETHWAITE  
1882 ALEXANDER STUART  
1890 MRS SUMNER GIBSON  
1902 MRS PIPER  
1924 MRS DREWETT

## HOUSE POINTS

1585 CHAPEL BUILT ON SOUTH SIDE BY JOHN WILDEGOS. WINDOW WITH 4 LIGHTS INCLUDED THE COATS OF ARMS OF WILDEGOS AND CULPEPPER  
1717 WILLIAM PECKHAM BUILT NEW EAST FRONT. OVER THE DOOR '17WP17'. SASH WINDOWS.  
1932 SOME SERVANTS QUARTERS DEMOLISHED (SOURCE BILL OLIVER)

TRACES OF THE ORIGINAL MANOR ARE JUST VISIBLE IN A CORRIDOR ON THE FIRST FLOOR RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE EAST FRONT, ITS EAST WALL CONTAINS THE JAMBS AND MULLIONS OF AN ANCIENT WINDOW EMBEDDED IN THE PLASTER. THE CHAPEL HAS VANISHED. IN 1717 IT WAS REPORTED TO BE IN RUINS.

## OLD ROAD

ORIGINALLY A SUNKEN ROADWAY LED FROM PENTWOOD (OPPOSITE HARPER AND EEDE) TO THE MAIN GATE. IT WAS CALLED BIRCHENLANE.  
ROMAN POTTERY WAS FOUND ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE LANE

## WATER SUPPLY

IRIDGE HAD ITS OWN WATER SUPPLY PIPED UNDERGROUND FROM RESERVOIRS IN SILVERHILL WOODS. WATER TANKS IN THE HOUSE ROOF WERE FILLED BY GRAVITY.

## CRICKET FIELD

WAS NOT SOLD IN THE 1932 AUCTION. IT WAS BOUGHT BY THE NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION WITH A DONATION FROM MRS DREWETT IN 1933 AND NAMED THE DREWETT CRICKET FIELD. ORIGINALLY THE FIELD HAD TWO TENNIS COURTS AND WAS THE HOME OF THE VILLAGE TENNIS CLUB.

N.B

Great & Little Wildgoose Wood and Minepitt Wood at C. Ta 355350.

— Some early connection with G. variety, perhaps (?)

*F.C.C.*  
27.7.98

1637

ac. ro. ps.  
13-3-06  
The Pentots 65

ac. ro. ps.  
12-1-01  
The warren field

Francis Roman

(3)  
Old Hef=  
garden  
9-8-03

New Hefgarden

ac. ro. ps.  
12-3-22  
Bunces field

(2)  
7-02-17

ac. ro. ps.  
9-1-16  
73

The Piece field

Bowling

62

60

(5)

The Alley

wood

ac. ro. ps.  
12-3-17

Russells field

61

Castle

ac. ro. ps.  
14-3-13

Berkeleys 67

The Charigill

ac. ro. ps.  
20-3-16

The Old Mill field

69

(7)

68

53

Bolton



(8)

*Berghist*

20 10 11  
26 1 07

*The New Pin*

72

49

*Brewhouse*

(33)

*Dead*

45

*The Breence field*

(35)

46

*The Frence field*

(34)

1637



15	25	35	45	55
10	20	30	40	50

*Scala Horizontalis*

*Chambre (Chambre) Mensurati*



Sittle

ac. 10. ps  
14-3-35

Beckonst 67

ac. 10. ps  
20-3-16

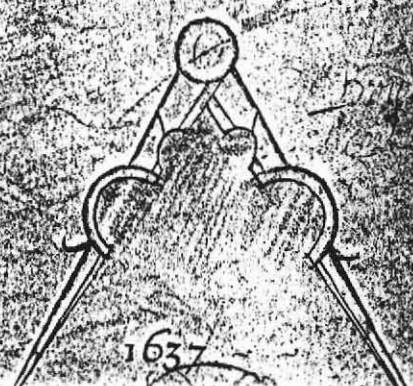
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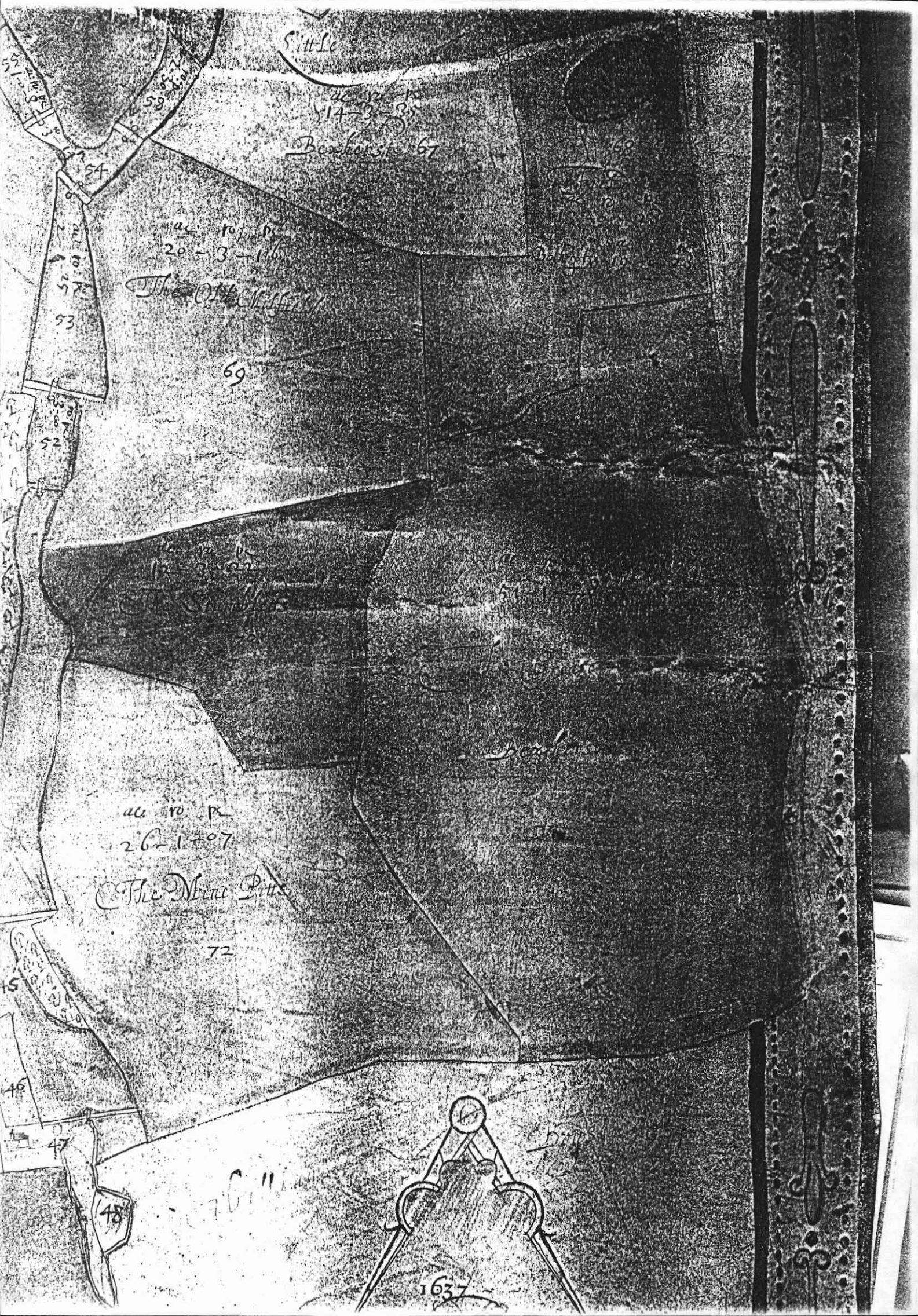
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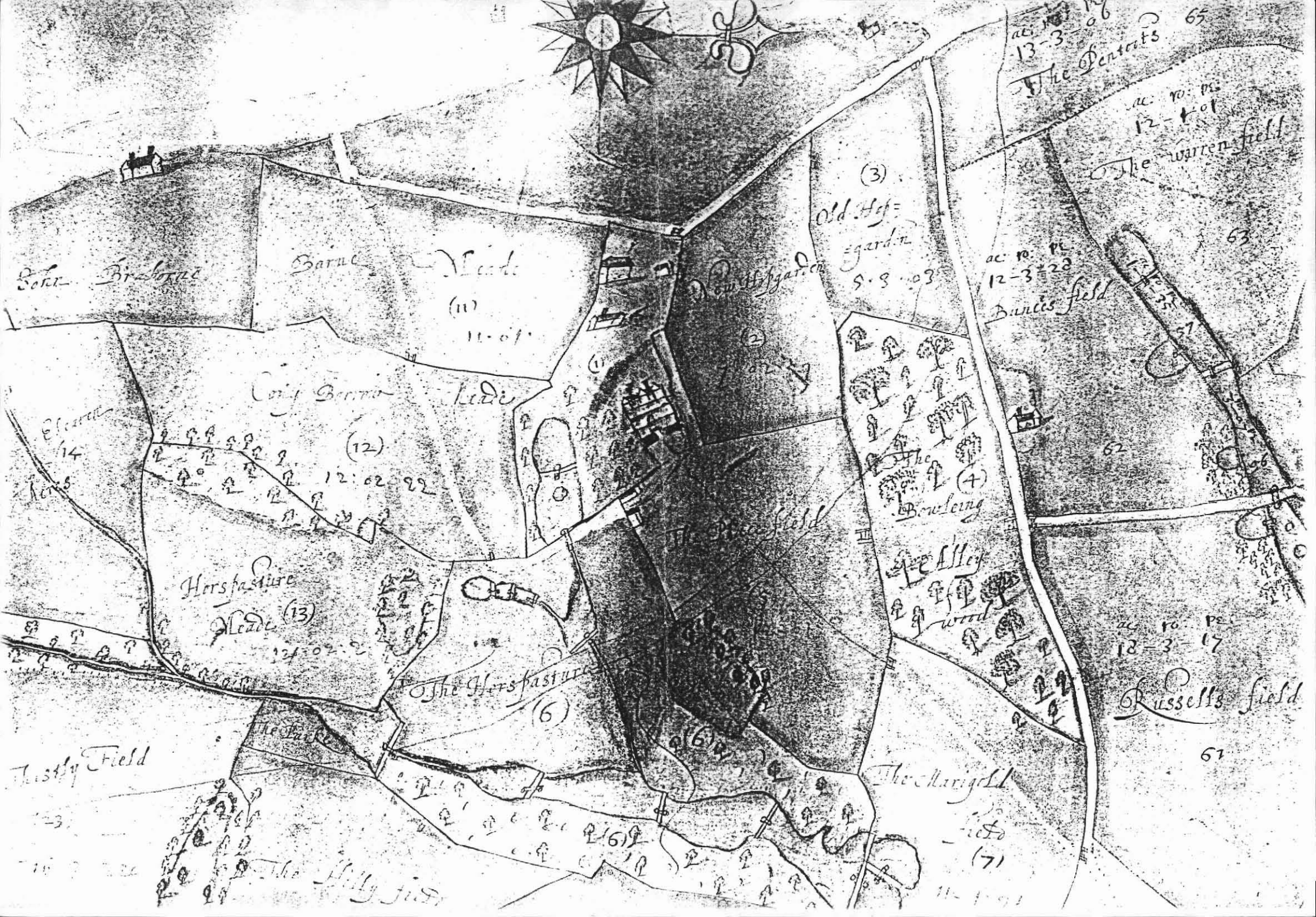
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1637







ac. ro. p.  
13-3-06  
The Pentons 65

ac. ro. p.  
12-4-01  
The Warren field

(3)  
Old Hoj-garden  
9-9-03

ac. ro. p.  
12-3-22  
Bunles field 63

Soken Brabonne  
Barne Mead

Coig Barn Mead  
(12)  
12-02-22

Horspasture Mead (13)  
12-02-22

The Hershasture (6)

The Bowling  
The Alley wood

ac. ro. p.  
12-3-17  
Russells field

Trusty Field

The Charigold  
(7)  
11-1-91

The Hilly Field









(35)

(8)

27

ac to R  
26-1-07

The Mire Pit

72

The Birchen field

The Bruce field

(40)

The Bruce field

(36)

46

46

49

48

47

40



ore ↑

8879  
2.078ha  
5.14

9578  
1.86ha  
.46

7675  
1.555ha  
3.84

? Trackway

? Handstanding  
for ore wagons

Issues

9368  
.567ha  
1.40

Ironworks  
(site of)

Slagheap  
slag on bank

? charging bank?

7062  
.526ha  
1.30

Amvace  
debris  
? building  
material

Sign of  
Damp ground  
vigorous plant  
growth

Channel  
cut into  
nat. valley, side  
dig through  
clay soil  
with slag & cyrenes covered ore

↓ Stoddinson  
8.3.97

m

DOT

8879  
2.078ha  
5.14

9578  
1.86ha  
.46

7675  
1.555ha  
3.84

Issues

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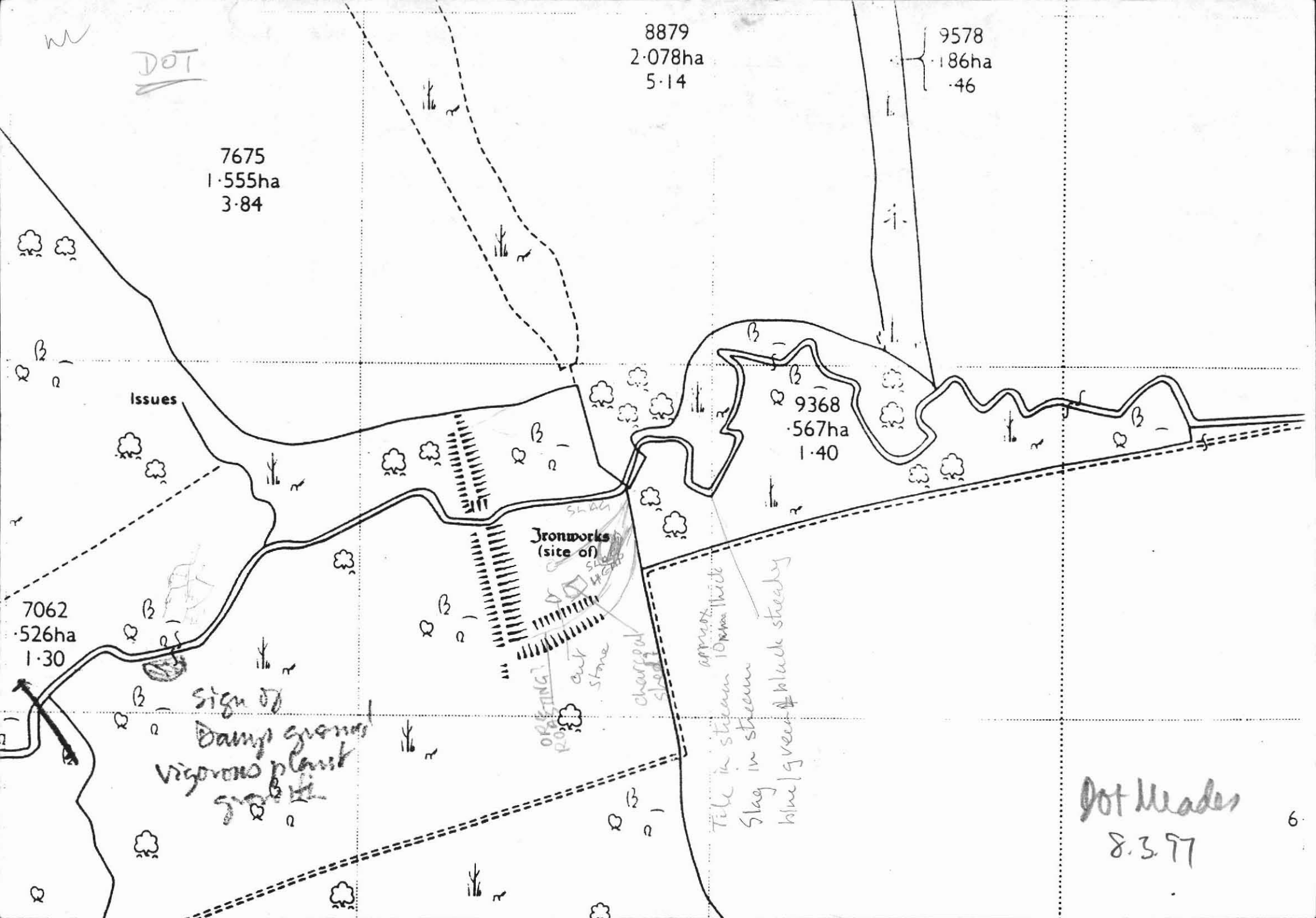
9368  
.567ha  
1.40

Ironworks  
(site of)

Sign of  
Damp ground  
vigorous plant  
growth

approx  
10m wide  
Tile in stream  
Slag in stream  
blue/green/black streaky

Dot Meades  
8.3.97





1 RIDGE

8879  
2.078ha  
5.14

9578  
1.86ha  
.46

7675  
1.555ha  
3.84

2 bears in stream  
just downstream  
of bay

Maybe  
? tail race  
or lake but has ore  
floating  
heath

Issues

9368  
.567ha  
1.40

tail race  
Ironworks  
(site of)

egg-shaped  
stone  
? charcoal  
stone

brickwork

large  
dished  
stone

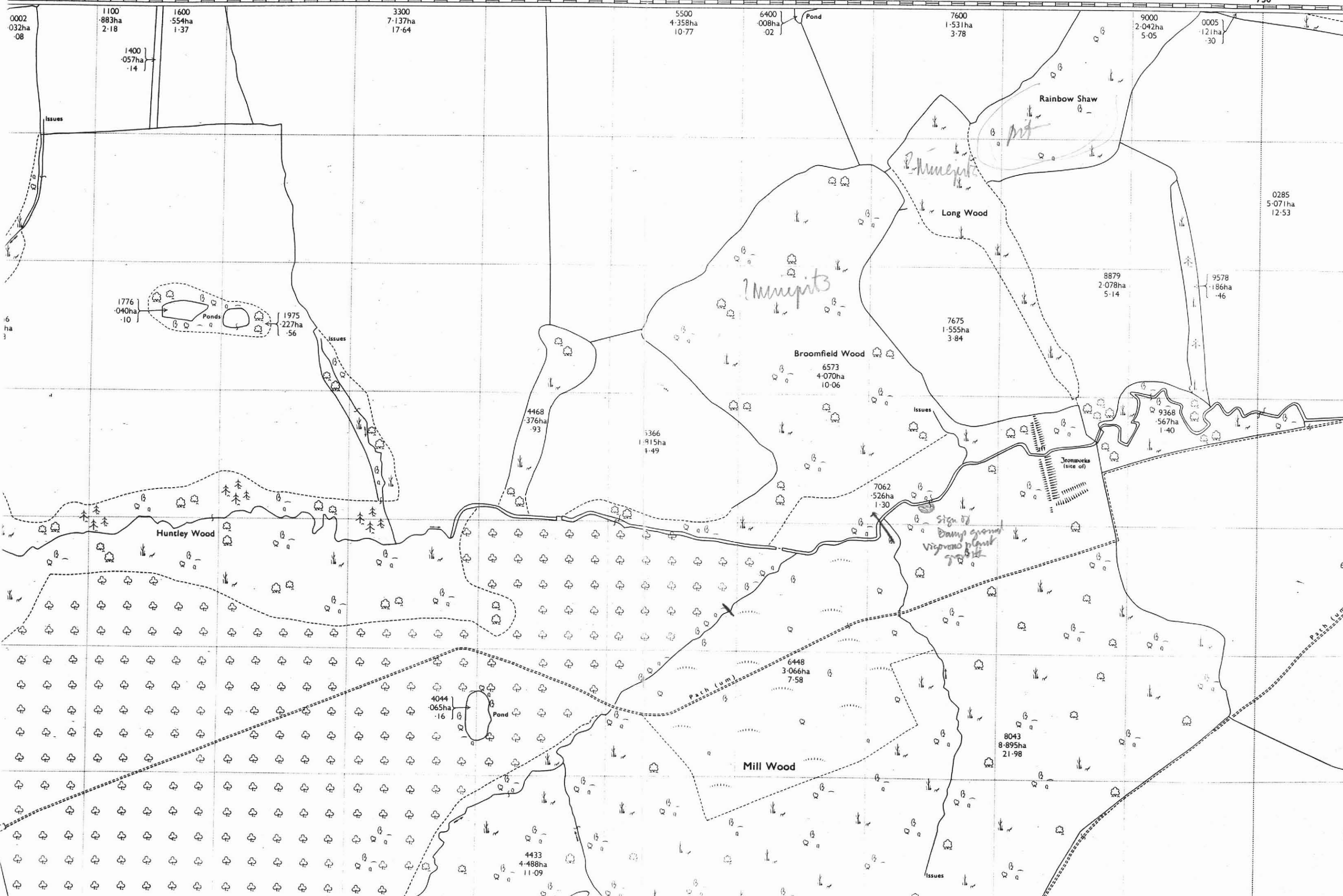
roasted ore  
cyrena etc  
very black

7062  
.526ha  
1.30

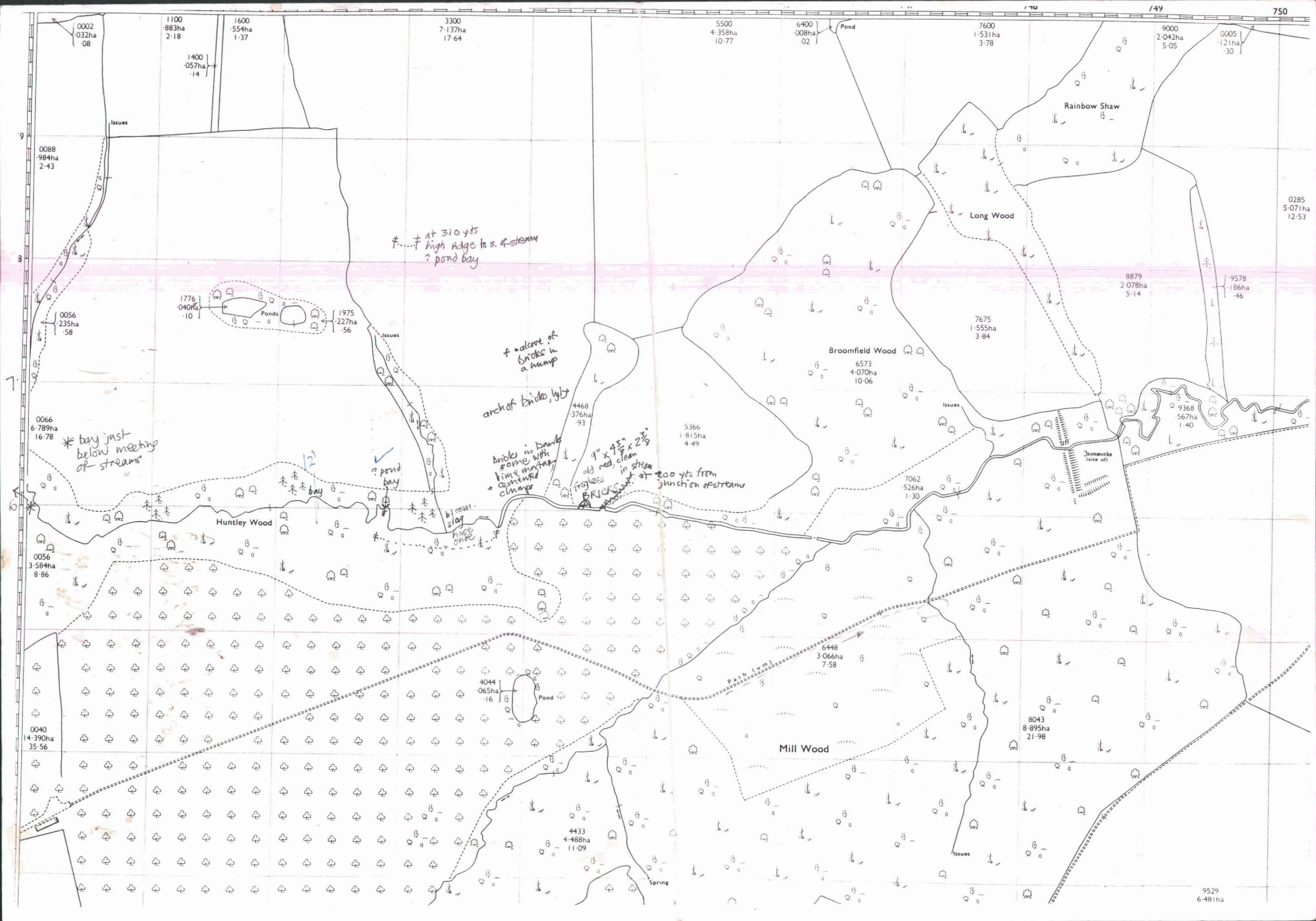
Sign of  
Damp ground  
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growth

MARGARET  
Margaret Tebbutt<sup>6</sup>  
83.97

741 742 743 744 745 746 747 748 749 750







0002 032ha 08 | 1100 883ha 2-18 | 1600 554ha 1-37 | 3300 7-137ha 17-64 | 5500 4-358ha 10-77 | 6400 008ha 02 | Pond | 7600 1-531ha 3-78 | 9000 2-042ha 5-05 | 0005 121ha 30 | 750

Issues

0088 984ha 2-43

0056 235ha 58

0066 6-789ha 16-78

0056 3-584ha 8-86

0040 14-390ha 35-56

1776 040ha 10 | Ponds | 1975 227ha 56

at 310 yds high ridge to s. of stream  
? pond bay

alcove of bricks in a mump

arch of bricks, lgb

bricks in bank some with lime mortar + cement clumps

9" x 45" x 2 3/4" old red, clean in stream  
BRICKS at 200 yds from junction of stream

\* bay just below meeting of streams

12 bay

? pond bay

blown slag hose chole

4044 065ha 16 | Pond

4433 4-488ha 11-09

Spring

Path (u/m)

6448 3-066ha 7-58

Mill Wood

8043 8-895ha 21-98

Issues

Ironworks (site of)

Broomfield Wood  
6573 4-070ha 10-06

7675 1-555ha 3-84

Long Wood

Rainbow Shaw

8879 2-078ha 5-14

9578 1-86ha 46

0285 5-071ha 12-53

9529 6-481ha



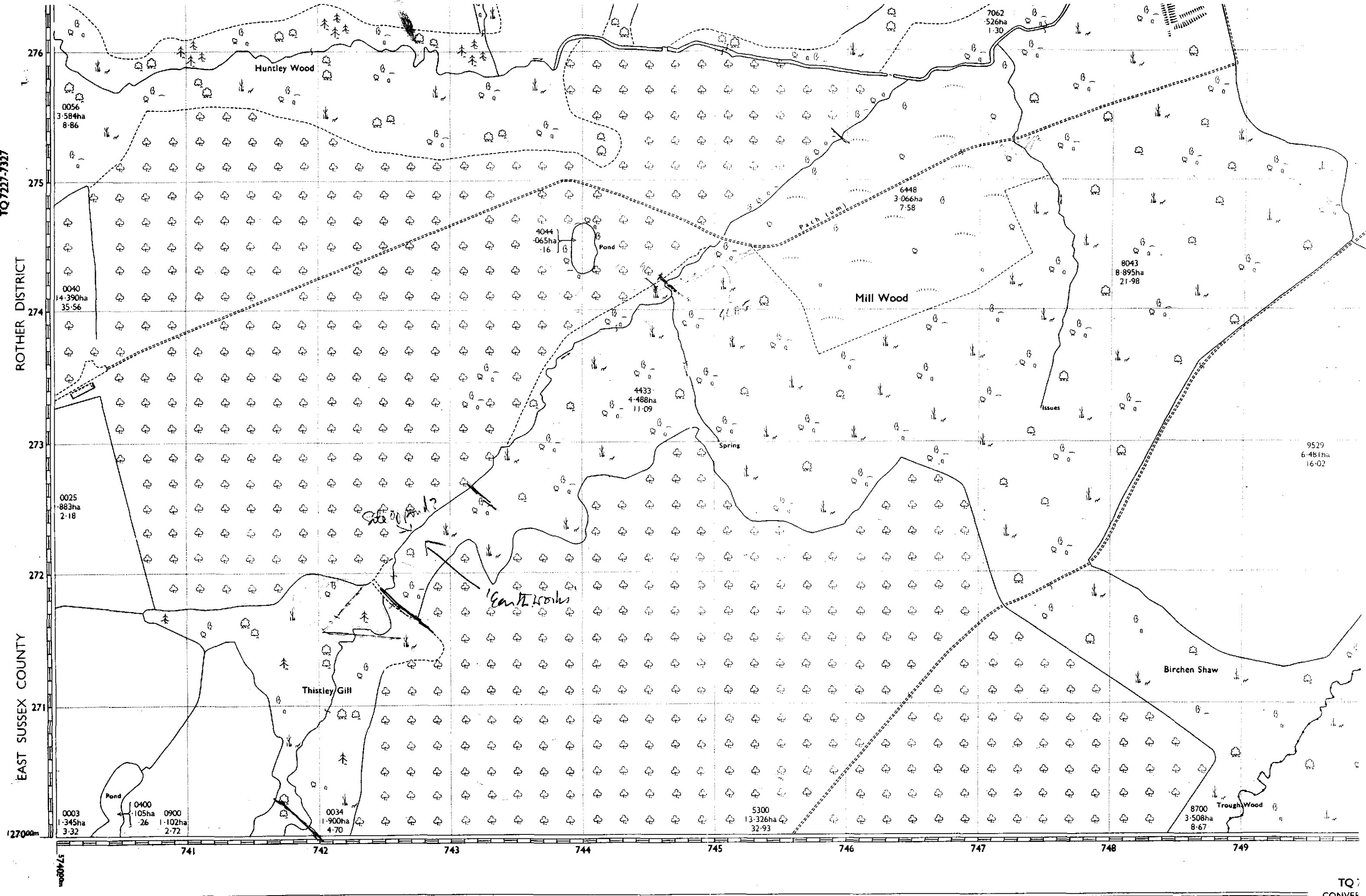




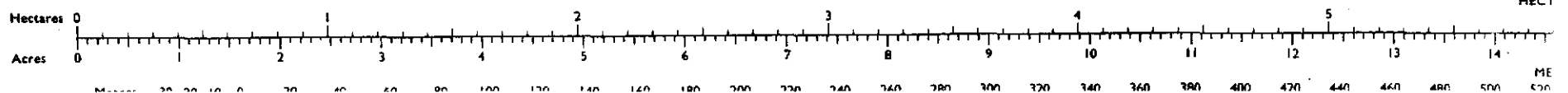
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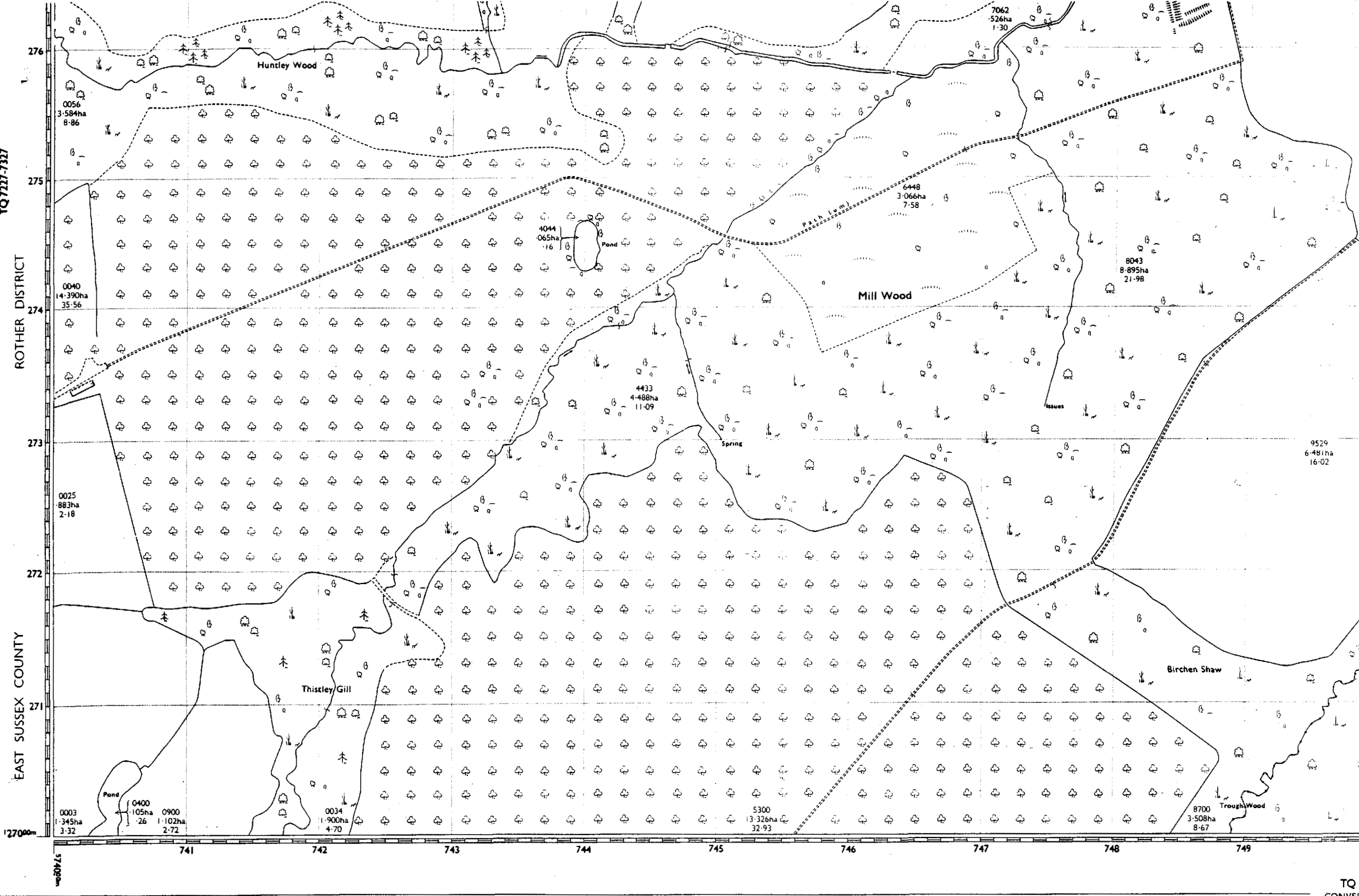
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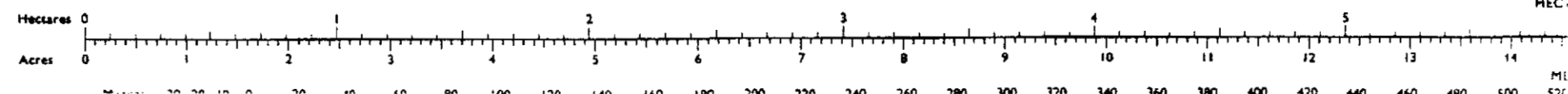
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