

Land and farms ownership 1050-2015

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Livestock directory entries

- Coates Herd Book 1861, 1871

by *H. Strafford*

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- Horseheath field names 1896

by *Catherine Parsons*

extract from 'Some Recollections of a Cambridgeshire Parish'

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- Farm map 1965

by *Tony Cornish*

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Land and Farms Ownership

The first recording of land ownership in Horseheath is in 1086 in The Domesday Book, which states that two and a half hides, given by the King, were held by Count Alan Rufus, a Frenchman who had succeeded Eddeva the Fair in 1066 and was later created 1st Earl of Richmond. When he died the ownership reverted to the King and from the late 12th century most Horseheath land was held by the de Veres, Earls of Oxford, who retained overlordship till about 1600, with the feudal system of many layers of landlords and tenants in operation. The largest part, later Horseheath Hall Estate was held by a succession of tenants including the de Audley family starting in 1249, whose descendants sold the lease to the Alington family, who went on to occupy all the manors in Horseheath by 1550.

In 1611 the overlordship passed to Charterhouse, which was founded by Thomas Sutton, a Castle Camps man, who had grown very wealthy and went on to found the school of the same name. The Tenures Abolition Act 1660 abolished knight service, converting all free tenures to socage tenure, under which rents were paid, and had huge constitutional significance in terms of the shift away from feudalism.

The names of the manors naturally changed over the 600 years before individual farms appeared but here are some rough locations:

Bower-hall – north-east of the parish bordering West Wickham

de Horseth – east of the Church

Horseheath – central/south. The de Audley manor house was rebuilt as Manor Farmhouse

Limberys/Limburys – south-east around Limberhurst Farm

Carbonells - south around Cardinals Barn (name corrupted to Cardinals in 1700's)

Jacobs - around Audley Way

Goodreds/ Goodredges – probably north-west

In the mid-1600's College farmhouse was built on land owned by the fellows of Pembroke College. In 1700 the Bromley family, later Lords Montfort, bought all the Alington land. In 1726 the Horseheath Hall Estate included, besides the park, 1,000 acres of farmland in the parish, divided

among five farms. In 1770 Limberhurst Farm covered 275 acres; Church Farm, opposite the church, had 255 acres; Manor Farm with land in the south of the parish had 430 acres; and Lower Cardinals Farm, by the Shudy Camps road, covered 268 acres. Later the western third of the park was added to Church Farm and ploughed up, while the remainder, mostly left under grass, became Park Farm.

In the 1770's Horseheath Hall was demolished and Henry Batson bought the remains of the Hall along with the Horseheath Estate in 1783. Horseheath Lodge was built by his son, Stanlake Batson in 1800 on the site of a former farmhouse called Owl's Hall, using bricks from Horseheath Hall for the foundations, cellars and garden walls. No enclosure award was made under the various Acts from 1750 to 1860 as the Parish was under one owner. The Estate consisted of 2,400 acres in 1872. The fourth generation of the Batson family, also Stanlake, ran into money difficulties before he came to the age of inheritance, so the Lodge passed into the hands of mortgagees in the 1880's and was tenanted until the Estate was broken up in 1925, when Thomas Wayman Parsons bought the Estate, but sold off several parts including Church Farm and later Horseheath Lodge.


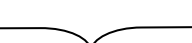
The 1940's brought changes in ownership on most of the farms. In 1942 the Haylocks bought Limberhurst Farm, having previously rented it. In 1946 Tony Cornish bought Park Farm, which he later enlarged with the land from Limberhurst and Church Farms. In 1948 Arthur Marshall bought Horseheath Lodge, which included a 150 acre farm, where his wife Rosemary developed a prize-winning herd of Jersey cattle. In 1949 Arthur Tinney moved into Manor Farm, Tom Blackmore bought College Farm and Jim Blanden took over from his father at Mount Farm. In the 1960's Manor Farm was bought by the Vestey family. In 1989 Park Farm including the former Limberhurst and Church Farms' land was sold to Alan Covey, who had bought the Streetly Hall Estate a few years earlier. He went on to buy the remains of the College Farm land in 1990, leaving no farmers living in the village and most of the farmhouses sold. In 2007 Horseheath Lodge and Farm was sold to Amanda and Michael Chapman and in 2012 was sold again. In 2014 Horseheath Parish contains 1992 acres.

Abbreviations: a.- acres, c.- about

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1810			1818 John Fitch		1812 Stanlake Batson	<i>Carnels Green Farm</i> - 1813 - Robert Ruse quit 1813 William Sanxter			
1820		1828 Charles Kemp		1827 John Kemp died - tenant		1829 - William Sanxter died			
1830		1830 to be let 1837 John Siggs	1830 Daniel Fitch quit	1830 M.Mason quit	1834 Stanlake Batson (Jr.)				1839 S.R.Batson - lessee
1840		1840 John Siggs quit 1842 336 acres 1848 -William Parken quit 1848 Grimwood Cooke	1838 Daniel Fitch	1842 to be let - 280 acres 1849 for sale	1848 William Parken quit	1842 <i>Cardinals Green Farm</i> - John Shippey quit 1847 Richard Willings	1847 William Purkis		
1850		1851 Grimwood Cooke	1851 John Webb - tenant			1851 “	1851 “		
1860		1864 “			c.1869 Christopher Parsons	1862 - ...Willings quit 1864 Samuel Smith	1861 William Purkis – tenant 1280 acres		
1870	1871 SRB died 3500 acres Executors.of S.R.Batson - owners 1871-1877 George Brewis - tenant	1871 53 labourers 1879 Alfred Kent – tenant	1871 “ 500 acres 1875 Grimwood Cooke -owner John Webb - tenant 1880 500 acres JW retired		“ 1879 Christopher Parsons	1872 Samuel Smith died	1871 “ 52 labourers		1877 Exors.of S.R.Batson
1880	1880-1887 William G. Craven- tenant 1886 Horace Farquarson ? (1888 S.H.Batson bankrupt)	1881, 1883... 1600 acres 100 men, boys and girls	“ 1883 G.Cooke	1883 G.Cooke	1881 “ 520 acres 22 men & boys 1884 Creditors of S.Batson	1881 James Willings 101 a., 4 men & boys	1881 William Purkiss 450 acres 17 men & boys 1883 W.Purkiss.Jr. 1885 W.Purkis Jr. quit		

	Heath Farm/ Horseheath Lodge	Park Farm	Church Farm	Limberhurst Farm	Manor Farm	Carbonells/ Cardinals Farm	Mount/ Lower Cardinals Farm	Rose Farm	College Farm
1890	1892/4 Colonel Sullivan - tenant 1895 Paddocks Farm	“ 1896 “	1892 G.Cooke bankrupt 1892 TWPParsons 470 acres		1896 Christopher Parsons	1891 “	1892 W.Purkis Sr. executors quit	Rose Farm 1896 William Howard	
1900	1905/1908 Miss Adele Solari - tenant	1900 Alfred Kent –tenant 1901 & 1904 T.W.Parsons - tenant	1900 &1904 TWPParsons		1900 &1904 Christopher Parsons 1905 Ernest Parsons	1904 William Kiddy	1904 & 1908 William Howard	1900 ” 1904 Charles Goodjohn	
1910	1914-17 Major Thomas B. Phillips - tenant 1917 TBP left	1916 TWP	1912 & 16 TWPParsons		1916 Executors of C.Parsons	1916 John Flack Covill - 71 acres 1917 115 acres	William Howard	1912 Charles Goodjohn 1916 Jabez Cornwell	
1920	1920 & 1922 Thomas Schofield – tenant The Paddocks 1922 Capt.Newman	1922 TWP  1925 440 acres 1929 TWP	1922 TWP  1925T.Wayman Parsons total 1016 a. 1926 Allen, Bertie & John Kettle 145 acres	Before 1925 TWP owner J.Badcock - tenant 1925 259 a.	1922 & 29 Exors. of C. Parsons	1922 John Covill before 1923 A.Covill 1924 Farmhouse demolished	1922 William Howard 1923, 1929 Frank Howard over 150 acres	1922 John Flack 1925 L'Argie Feakes Hancock 1929 “	
1930	1936 T.W.Parsons 193? Dick Parker	1930 TWP 1933 “	“		1933 Exors of C.Parsons 1934 Charles Schwind tenant 1936 Ferdinand Greatrex - tenant	1936 Frank Howard 1937&1942 Frank Baxter, poultry	1933 “ 1937 William Blanden	1936 George Fisk	1933/36 Hector Kiddy, Jr.
1940	1945 Dick Parker 1948 Arthur (later Sir Arthur) Marshall	1946 Tony Cornish	“	Before 1942 Uel (Dick) Haylock tenant 1942 Uel Haylock ? 327 acres	1949 E.Arthur Tinney		1949 Jim Blanden		1949 Tom Blackmore

1950	“	“	1955 Tony Cornish		“		“	? Oliver Tabram	“
1960	“	“	“		1960's Vestey family		“		“
1970	“				“		“		“
1980	“	“	<div> <div> Tony Cornish 1980 Cornish family 1980 Farmhouse sold </div> <div> 1989 Alan Covey 862 acres </div> </div>		“				“
1990	“		“		“		land split among many owners and farmhouse sold		1990 Alan Covey Farmhouse sold
2000	2007 Michael & Amanda Chapman		“		“				
2010	2012 Adrian and Gillian Bayford		2015“		2015 “	-	-	-	“

Other landowners/ tenants

late 1300's - Adam Bamme 'owned a manor in Horseheath'

early 1400's - Sir John de Argentine left land in Horseheath to his daughter, Elizabeth, who married William Alington

1446 - John Eyre, 1476 - William Eyre

Other farms:

Mill Farm – around the windmill which stood on the A1307 near The new, third Mill House, west of The Old Red Lion. The Windmill was demolished in 1924 and the second Mill House demolished in 2014.

- 1825 - Mr. Lawrence

- 1900 & 1904 - William Hymus

Covills Farm / White Chimneys Farm, at the top of Howards Lane.

- 1900 - Henry Coviell (probably Covill)

- 1901 Arthur Covill

- 1904 - Henry Colvile (probably Covill)

- 1912 - John Covill

- 1922 - Alan Covill

Other farmers:

1811 - Mr.Sanxter
1813 - William and Daniel Kent retired
1822 - James Spencer quit
1832 - Robert Blackman quit
1847 - John Pamment, William Parken, William Willings
1851 - Alfred King, William Wakeling, John Willings at Sherwood Green
1864 - Henry Pearl, Thomas Pamment
1894 - Walter & Charles Butcher
1905 - Major Johnson (Harry Lambert was his asst. keeper)
1916 - Allen Kettle, maybe as tenant at Church Farm, which he bought in 1926
1922 - Allen Kettle
1933 - James Smith, poultry
1938 - A.Tinney (probably at Manor Farm)

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THE BULLS

(17577)

CLUMBER,

Red and white, calved October 23, 1860, bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Sir Charles (16948), dam (Phillis) by Merry Lad (14947), g. d. (Polly) by Scrivener (10791), gr. g. d. (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), — (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), — by Favourite (3769), — by Oliver (2386), — by Albany (13), — by Son of George (273), — by Son of the White Bull (421).

(18554)

PLAYFUL,

Roan, calved December 9, 1859, bred by Mr. John Webb, Horseheath, the property of Mr. H. Webb, Streetly Hall; got by General Neil (16137), dam (Polly) by Scrivener (10791), g. d. (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), gr. g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), — (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), — by Oliver (2386), — by Albany (13), — by Son of George (273), — by Son of the White Bull (421).

(18657)

PUNCH,

Roan, calved January 1, 1860, bred by Mr. John Webb, Horseheath, the property of Mr. H. Webb, Streetly Hall; got by Sir James Brooks (16981), dam (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), gr. g. d. (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), — (Gulnare) by Oliver (2386), — by Albany (13), — by Son of George (273), — by Son of the White Bull (421).

COWS AND HEIFERS

MARY,

Roan, calved October 14, 1852,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Scrivener (10791), dam (May Day) by The Minstrel (8687), g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), gr. g. d. (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), &c. See Punch, p. 237.

1859, Feb. 12, roan,	C.C. Matchless	Taurus, 17080	Mr. Webb
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MAY DAY,

Roan, of 1849, Vols. x. xi. and xii., pp. 478, 575, 491,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by The Minstrel (8687), dam (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), &c.

1859, Jan. 19, red & w.,	C.C. May Flower	Taurus, 17080	Mr. Webb
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MERRY LASS,

Red and white, calved January 14, 1858,

Bred by Mr. Jonas Webb, Babraham, the property of Mr. John Webb, Horseheath; got by Merry Lad (14947), dam (Miss Abigail) by Scrivener (10791), g. d. (Miss Beauford) by Red Roan Kirtting (10691), gr. g. d. (Celia) by Third Duke of Northumberland (3647), &c. See Chieftain, p. 49.

1860, March 1, roan,	C.C. Young Merry Lass	General Neil, 16137
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YOUNG MISS COOKE,

Roan, of 1850, Vols. xi. xii. and xiii., pp. 586, 503, 601,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by The Minstrel (8687), dam (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), &c.

Produce in	Names, &c.	By what Bull.	By whom bred.
1860, April 13, white,	C.C. Clipper	Gen. Neil, 16137	Mr. Webb

MOLLY,

Roan, calved December 7, 1855,

Bred by Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Wiseton (14015), dam (May Day) by The Minstrel (8687), g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), gr. g. d. (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), &c. See Punch, p. 237.

1859, October 22, roan, C.C.	Young May Day	Taurus, 17080
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Mr. Webb

PHILLIS,

Roan, calved March 4, 1858,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Merry Lad (14947), dam (Polly) by Scrivener (10791), g. d. (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), gr. g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), &c. See Clumber, p. 52.

Produce in	Names, &c.	By what Bull.	By whom bred.
1860, Oct. 23, red & w., B.C.	Clumber	Sir Charles, 16948	Mr. Webb

PINK,

Roan, of 1847, Vols. ix. x. xi. xii. and xiii., pp. 519, 524, 632, 543, 644,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by St. Martin (8525), dam (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), &c.

1859, February 8, roan, C.C.	Profit	Taurus, 17080
1860, January 1, roan, B.C.	Punch	Sir J. Brooks, 16981

Mr. Webb
do.

YOUNG PINK

Roan, calved July 31, 1857,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Marquis of Bute (11788), dam (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), gr. g. d. (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), &c. See Punch, p. 237.

1860, March 18, roan, C.C.	Pearl	E. of H'dw'ke 2, 16964
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Mr. Webb

POLLY,

Roan, of 1852, Vols. xii. and xiii., pp. 546, 646,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Scrivener (10791), dam (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), &c.

1859, Jan. 24, roan, C.C.	Phoebe	Taurus, 17080	Mr. Webb
1859, Dec. 9, roan, B.C.	Playful	Gen. Neil, 16137	do.
1860, Nov. 2, white, C.C.	Miss Paul Pry	Sir Charles, 16948	do.

PRETTY,

Roan, calved June 3, 1856,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Wiseton (14015), dam (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), g. d. (Cherry) by Prince Albert (7358), gr. g. d. (Miss Cooke) by Favourite (3769), &c. See Punch, p. 237.

1860, June 25, red,	C.C. Cherry	L. Royston 2d, 16449 Mr. Webb
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BULLS.

(28254) COSTA KING,

Roan, calved March 2, 1869, bred by and the property Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Costa (21487), dam (Cherry 3rd) by Clumber (17577), g. d. (Cherry) by Lord Royston 2nd (16449), gr. g. d. (Pretty) by Wiseton (14015), — (Pink) by St. Martin (8525), — by Prince Albert (7358), — by Favourite (3769), — by Oliver (2368), — by Albany (13), — by Son of George (273), — by Son of White Bull (421).

COWS

AND THEIR PRODUCE.

CHERRY,

Red, of 1860, Vols. xvi. and xviii., pp. 383, 421,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Lord Royston 2nd (16449), dam (Pretty) by Wiseton (14015), &c.

1869, April 11, roan,	C.C.	Cherry 5th	Prolific 2nd, 27213	Mr. Webb
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LILY,

White, calved January 21, 1867,

Bred by Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Clumber 2nd (21438), dam (Xmas Day) by Sir Walter Raleigh (15303), g. d. (Young Miss Cooke) by The Minstrel (8687), &c. See Xmas Duke, Vol. xviii., p. 363.

1869, Feb. 7, roan,	C.C.	Lucy	Prolific 2nd, 27213	Mr. Webb
1870, Mar. 13, roan,	C.C.	Young Lily	do.	do.

LUCY,

Roan, calved February 7, 1869,

Bred by Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Prolific 2nd (27213), dam (Lily) by Clumber 2nd (21438), g. d. (Xmas Day) by Sir Walter Raleigh (15303), &c. See Xmas Duke, Vol. xviii., p. 363.

1870, Dec. 16, white,	C.C.	Lizzy	Costa King, 28254	Mr. Webb
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PHILLIS 3RD,

Red and white, calved January 22, 1866,

Bred by Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Sir Charles (22892), dam (Young Phillis) by Pink May (18545), g. d. (Phillis) by Merry Lad (14947), &c. See Vol. xvii., p. 671.

1869, April 15, roan, C.C.	Phillis 4th	Prolific 2nd, 27213	Mr. Webb
1870, Mar. 28, r. & w., C.C.	Phillis 5th	Xmas Duke, 27839	do.

RUBY 2ND,

Red and white, of 1865, Vol. xviii., p. 720,

Bred by and the property of Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Sir Charles (22892), dam (Ruby) by Clumber (17577), &c.

1869, Jan. 24, roan, C.C.	Ruby 3rd	Prolific 2nd, 27213	Mr. Webb
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XMAS DAY 3RD,

Red and white, of 1865, Vol. xviii., p. 790,

Bred by Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath; got by Sir Charles (22892), dam (Xmas Day) by Sir Walter Raleigh (15303), &c.

1869, Feb. 14, roan, C.C.	Xmas Day 5th	Prolific 2nd, 27213	Mr. Webb
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XMAS DAY 4TH,

Roan, calved December 22, 1867,

Bred by Mr. J. Webb, Horseheath, the property of Mr. S. A. Wilson, Ickleton Grange; got by Archduke (23318), dam (Xmas Day 3rd) by Sir Charles (22892), g. d. (Xmas Day) by Sir Walter Raleigh (15303), &c. See Xmas Duke, Vol. xviii., p. 363.

1870, March 9, ri. rn., C.C.	Xmas Rose	Xmas Duke, 27839	Mr. Wilson
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[Shire Horse Society](#) - 1901

HORSEHEATH SAM - 18818. Alfred Kent, Horseheath Park, Cambridge.

Brown, white star and small white blaze on face, white hind heels. Foaled 1897.
Breeder, Alfred Kent, Horseheath Park, Cambridge.

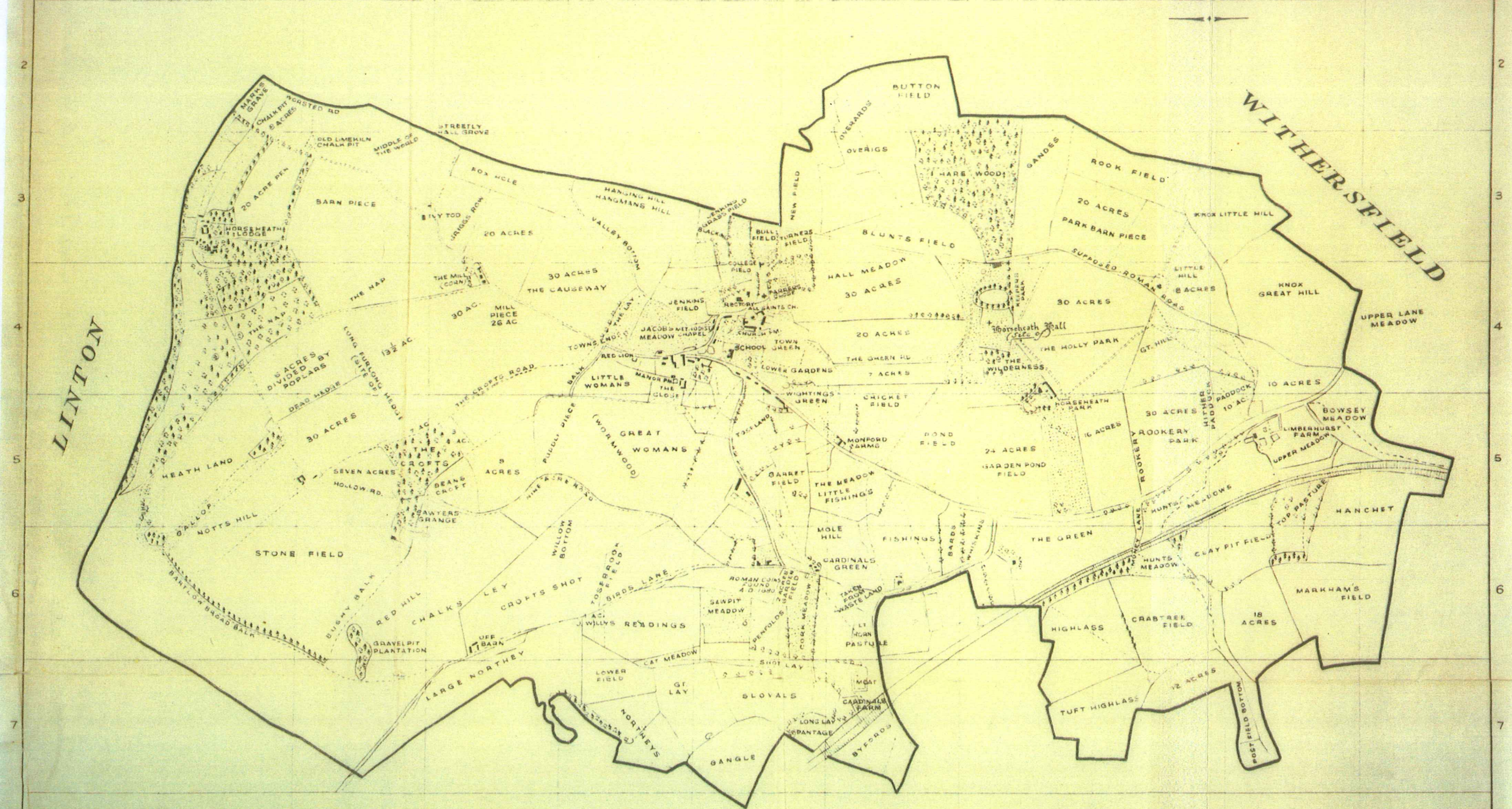
Sire, Orchard Samson (10114).

HORSEHEATH

Field Names

1896

WEST WICKHAM



SHUDY CAMPS

From the Original by Catherine F. Parsons

YARDS 0 500 1000 1500 YARDS

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This map was drawn in 1965 by Tony Cornish, who lived at Park Farm, of his land holdings at Park Farm, Church Farm and Limberhurst Farm in Horseheath. He also owned land in West Wickham Parish at Yen Hall.

