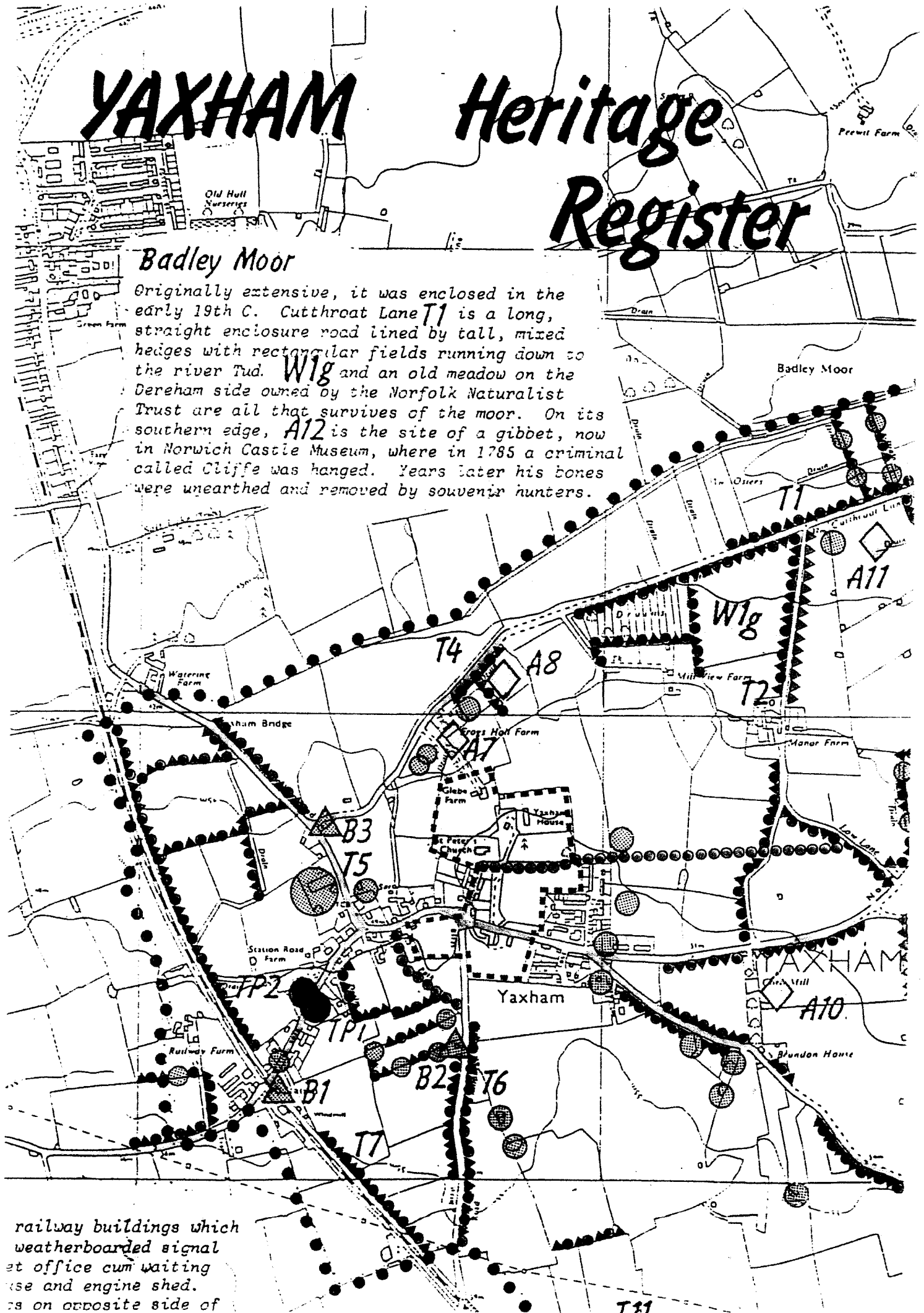


# YAXHAM Heritage Register

## Badley Moor

Originally extensive, it was enclosed in the early 19th C. Cutthroat Lane T1 is a long, straight enclosure road lined by tall, mixed hedges with rectangular fields running down to the river Tud. W1g and an old meadow on the Dereham side owned by the Norfolk Naturalist Trust are all that survives of the moor. On its southern edge, A12 is the site of a gibbet, now in Norwich Castle Museum, where in 1785 a criminal called Cliffe was hanged. Years later his bones were unearthed and removed by souvenir hunters.



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# Introduction

This Register contains a list of sites in the Parish which are of some conservation interest. The first section deals with those which are legally protected - Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Tree Preservation Orders and sites of Special Scientific Interest - and the full official description is included for each site. The second section deals with sites identified by various surveys, which although of local interest, are not protected and in the main, are unlikely to be. Again each site is briefly described.

The Register should be used in conjunction with the Heritage Map at 6" to the mile scale on an O.S. base for the whole Parish, together with a 25" to the mile inset for the village. All sites in the register are marked on the map and given a number for easy cross reference. The more important sites are named and briefly described. In addition the map contains information on public access - the public rights of way and common land are clearly marked and sites open to the public are identified. As and when new sites are discovered or more information is available for those sites already identified, both the register and the map will be updated.

The Heritage Map and its accompanying register is one of a series being prepared for selected parishes in the District. The purpose of the exercise is to provide local people with information about their own local heritage in the hope that they will develop a greater awareness of their environment. As part of this, the map and register should be regarded very much as a framework which provides the necessary incentive for people to produce their own more detailed and personal Parish Heritage Map. This would involve surveys of such features of local interest as hedgerows, farm buildings and wayside flowers; researching aspects of local history such as field names, shops and trades; and producing a photographic record of traditional buildings and architectural details. The range of information is considerable and a series of advisory leaflets will be produced by Breckland Planning Department, suggesting how you can set about collecting it.

By extension it is hoped that local people will feel encouraged to make some practical contribution to the care of their heritage by forming action groups to plant trees, tag saplings, walk and sign post footpaths, adopt and manage a wildlife site (scrub clearance, pond clearance, coppicing woods etc.); repair a local monument, put on an exhibition of local history or architectural photographs etc.

It is also hoped that local residents will keep a regular check on all sites whether protected or not and report any damage or threat to the District Council concerning trees, footpaths and traditional buildings; the Nature Conservancy Council (Tel. Norwich 620558) concerning wildlife sites and the Norfolk Archaeological Unit (Tel. Dereham 860528) concerning archaeological sites.

\* This is based on an idea for Parish Maps set out by Common Ground in its book "Holding Your Ground". Common Ground is a national organisation.

## *Protected Sites*

## *Listed Buildings*

*Lists of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest are compiled by the Department of Environment under Section 54 of the 1971 Town and Country Planning Act. Each building is fully described and graded I or II\* or II. (the great majority are Grade II). Buildings are added to the list on the recommendation of an historic buildings field surveyor using a standard set of criteria based on age and architectural importance. No building may be demolished, partly demolished or altered in such a way that its character is effected, without firstly obtaining Listed Building Consent from the District Council.*

*The original lists were compiled in the 1950's and omitted many buildings of importance by todays standards. Many are now being added as the result of a current survey of Listed Buildings in Norfolk. The new lists are available for inspection at Council Offices in Dereham and include the following buildings.*

Parish church. Medieval and later. Flint and ferruginous conglomerate rubble with limestone and ferruginous conglomerate ashlar dressings. Some brick. Slate and lead roofs. West tower; nave with south aisle and south porch; chancel. Late C11 or early C12 circular west tower with quadrant pilasters. Signs of blocking to west at ground level but otherwise no visible sign of original openings. Late-Medieval west window of 2 lights and a flat headed lancet above. 4 early Perpendicular bell openings of 2 lights with straight super mullions flanking soufflets. Post-Medieval crenellated parapet with moulded brick cornice and copings. Original north wall with ferruginous conglomerate ashlar quoins to east and west. 2 staged late-Medieval buttresses with blind tracery, one Decorated 2-light window, 2 C15 3-light windows with angular tracery and a plain chamfered north doorway. South aisle west window of 2 multi-cusped lights and one surviving carved label stop. 3 restored 2-light south windows and a 3-light east window. Late-Medieval porch. South doorway of 2 hollow-chamfered orders. 4 2-light cusped clearstorey windows with a centrally placed sundial. Chancel south wall with a rood stair projection connecting to south aisle; some coursed conglomerate and flint probably pertaining to original church; 2 restored 2-light Decorated windows and a priest's door. Some repairs in brick. C19 3-light east window in Decorated style. 2 C19 2-light windows to north. Interior. Norman semicircular headed tower arch with chamfered imposts, ferruginous conglomerate quoins and roughly cut voussoirs. Contemporary upper doorway formerly leading into ringing chamber from roof space. C14 4-bay south arcade of alternating foiled and octagonal piers. Arches of 2 hollow-chamfered orders. Chancel arch wave and double ogee moulded on polygonal responds. Modern chancel piscina and Medieval south aisle piscina with trefoil arch. Late-Medieval arch braced nave roof with roll-moulded principals, purlins and wall plate. Contemporary eastern bay of south aisle roof with traceried spandrel and some surviving paint. Heavily repaired chancel screen and a re-positioned screen in south aisle with some original tracery. Elaborate C15 octagonal font displaying blind tracery and niches with miniature rib vaults beneath crocketed ogee arches.

Table Tomb  
immediately south  
west of south west  
corner of porch

Table tomb. C18. Limestone. Fielded stone panels and Baroque corner balusters. Broken top slab with an inscription.

## YAXHAM

Yaxham House

II

LB3

Former rectory. 1820-22. Designed by Robert Lugar. Colourwashed brick with slate roofs. Italianate villa style. 2 storeys. Symmetrical entrance facade of 3 bays of sash windows with glazing bars. Outer bays slightly advanced and pedimented. Large central open porch with 2 pairs of unfluted Doric columns supporting a plain entablature. 2-leaf part-glazed front door. Ground floor windows and front door with flat hoods on scrolled consoles. Very wide eaves with shaped and paired brackets. South facade of 2 bays with easternmost bay projecting and canted. East facade of 3 bays of sash windows with glazing bars. Lateral ground floor windows originally tripartite, (the southernmost has been reduced and converted into French windows). Hipped roofs. Service wing to north.

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YAXHAM

BRAKEFIELD GREEN

Holland's Hall

II\*

LB4

Farmhouse. Late C16 and later. Brick with black header diaper pattern and pantile roof. 2 storeys with attic. Central 2-storey porch with an elaborately moulded brick 3-centred arch on semicircular responds with polygonal capitals. Spandrels formed by a rectangular hood mould. Truncated polygonal angle shafts. C18 2-light mullion and transom first floor window and a crow-stepped gable. Original window openings with chamfered reveals. 4 C18 3-light mullion and transom windows with metal casements and leaded glazing to right of porch. One original 3-light chamfered mullion window to left of porch at first floor level, one C18 2-light casement window, one C19 4-light window and a C20 ground floor window. Crow-stepped gables with one original gable-end stack with a pair of truncated angled shafts and moulded brick 'boules' at inter-stices. 2 axial stacks, the central one probably C18. Rear facade with several blocked windows, 2 3-light C18 windows and 3 modern windows. Modern extensions. Interior. Several roll-moulded bridging joists at ground floor. Principal first floor rooms originally open to clasped purlin roof with wind bracing.

YAXHAM

NORWICH ROAD  
(south side)

Boronia Cottage

II

*LB5*

Cottage. 1611 scratched in east gable. Rendered timber frame with decorative plaintile roof. South facade faced with brick. 2 storeys with attic. North facade with 4 C19 2-light casement windows with horizontal glazing bars. Boarded off-centre front door with a small sloping hood on shaped brackets. Off-centre axial stack with 4 inter-connecting angled shafts.

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YAXHAM

NORWICH ROAD  
(north side)

Willow Farmhouse

II

*LB6*

Farmhouse. Late-Medieval with C16 and C17 improvements. Modern additions. Timber frame, rendered clay lump and brick. Pantile roof. Double pile plan; the rear pile timber framed with floors and stack inserted; the front pile early C19. Exterior reveals nothing of special interest. Inserted C16 roll-moulded bridging joist continued onto cornices. One exposed 5-light mullion window at first floor with roll mouldings, hollow chamfers and surviving wooden stay bars. One partially exposed ovolo-moulded mullion window. Parts of timber frame exposed of heavy scantling with original infill. C16 or C17 axial stack. Modern roof.

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## *Glossary*

arcade,	a row of arches supported on columns
ashlar,	squared stones laid in regular courses, used in masonry walling or wall facing
cant,	an oblique line cutting off the corner of a rectangle
chamfer,	an angle or edge cut off diagonally
chancel,	the eastern end of a church reserved for the clergy, sometimes raised a step or two above the nave or separated from it by a screen
clerestorey,	that part of an aisled church above a range of arches where a row of windows lights the interior of the nave
cornice,	a horizontal projection, usually moulded, crowning an external wall or, internally, forming the junction of a wall and a ceiling
culsp,	an ornamental projection, carved on the underside of an arch
dentil,	a small block, or brick, used in rows to make ornamental cornices, resembling rows of teeth
dressings,	blocks of stone, or bricks, used to make the corners of buildings and around the frames of doors and windows
fenestration,	the arrangement of windows in a building
fluting,	ornamental, narrow grooves
frieze,	in a panelled room, the space between the top of the panelling and the ceiling
galleting,	chips of stone or flint pressed, for decoration, into the mortar joints of a wall
impost,	the upper course of masonry, or brickwork, upon which an arch rests
jetty,	a feature in timber wall construction, where projecting floor beams provide a base for an upper storey
lozenge,	any diamond-shaped figure
modillion,	a small ornamental bracket, used in rows under a cornice
mouchette,	a motive in ornamental tracery, a curved dagger shape
ogee arch,	a pointed arch of double curvature, the lower curve being convex and the upper concave
patera,	a circular ornament sunk into a plane surface
pediment,	a triangular gable, derived from classical architecture, used as a decorative feature above doorways and windows



Perpendicular Style, the final phase of Gothic architecture, in England, from about the mid 14th to the mid 16th Century, so called because vertical and horizontal lines predominated in the design of its tracery

pier, a column of stone, or brick, supporting an arch

pilaster, a flat column built into the face of a wall as a decorative, rather than a structural, feature

piscina, a stone basin, contained usually in a carved niche on the south side of the altar

platband, a flat, rectangular moulding

plinth, the square or moulded projecting base of a wall or column

segmental arch, an arch of which the contour is a segment of a circle, but less than a semicircle

skewback, the sloping surface on both sides of a segmental arch which takes the thrust

spandrel, the space between two adjacent arches and the horizontal moulding above them

tracery, an arrangement of intersecting stone moulded bars forming a decorative pattern in the head of an arched window

tumbling-in, a feature of some gable ends, where brickwork is laid in short triangular sections to expose to the weather only the more durable ends of the bricks

## *Tree Preservation Orders*

The District Council is empowered under Section 60 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, to serve Tree Preservation Orders on individual trees, groups, areas and woods which are in sound, healthy condition, and which, in the opinion of the Council, are of amenity value to the general public. They must therefore be in a prominent position, and may be under threat. Each Order consists of an O.S. Map usually at 1:2500 scale, on which the trees are marked, together with a written schedule which described them by species. Anyone wishing to top, lop or fell any tree covered by an Order must firstly obtain written consent from the Local Authority. Dead, dying or dangerous trees are automatically excluded. Full details of each Order are available for inspection at Council Offices in Dereham.

**TP1      Station Road**

Tree Preservation Order served in 1980 on 1 walnut tree.  
Preserved for amenity value.

**TP2      Station Road**

Tree Preservation Order served in 1980 on 7 oak trees, as a result of a planning application.

**TP3      Drive to Yaxham House**

Tree Preservation Order served in 1982 on 22 beech,  
1 scots pine, 9 yews and 2 holly.  
These trees were under threat of felling.

## *Un Protected Sites*

## Archaeological Sites

The Norfolk Archaeological Unit at Union House, Gressenhall maintains a County Sites and Monuments Record. Each site and find has a record card filed on a parish basis and plotted on a series of 6" O.S. sheets. To date there are over 22,000 entries. The system may be consulted by prior arrangement with the Records Officer (Tel. Dereham 860528) and has been used to identify the following sites.

- A1 Large amounts of medieval pottery including Grimstone Ware, also 16th - 17th Century pottery found 1982. Norwich Castle Museum. Record No. 10892
- A2 Base of medieval pot, found 1967. Now in Norwich Castle Museum. 3069
- A3 Most important archaeological site in the village; finds indicate continuous occupation from the 8th Century through the 17th Century up to the present. Finds include medieval pottery, Middle-Saxon Ipswich Ware, Late Saxon Thetford Ware and prehistoric flint tools. More importantly there was a 16th - 17th Century pottery production site. Also found was an iron spur, 16th - 17th Century and large lumps of blast furnace iron slag. 19812
- A4 Silver penny of Coenwulf of Mercia 796-821 made in Canterbury, found in 1961. In Norwich Castle Museum. 3067
- A5 Four pieces of medieval pottery, found 1985. Now in Norwich Castle Museum. 21548
- A6 Earthworks of various ditches and enclosures, revealed by aerial photographs in 1982. 22444
- A7 Top half of a quern (corn mill) probably Roman, made in Hertfordshire pudding stone, found 1962. Norwich Castle Museum. 3070
- A8 Possible moated site, may have been a small farm, medieval pottery and oyster shells found 1962. Norwich Castle Museum. 3068

- A9 Coin of Edward 1st, minted in London in 1280, found 1980. 16551
- A10 Windmill, a post mill was built in 1810, by 1904 only the round house remained, in 1860 a tower mill was built next to the post mill. The tower mill was last powered by wind in 1922, when the sails were removed and the auxiliary steam engine replaced by diesel in 1920. The old machinery was removed in 1940 and the tower used for storage. 13777  
(Ref. 'Norfolk Corn Windmills' by Harry Apling).
- A11 Flint axe, could be Paleolithic or Neolithic; a very unusual find. Found in 1983. 19153
- A12 Once part of Badley Moor, site of a gibbet where in 1785 a criminal named Cliffe was gibbeted, his body was left hanging for 50 years then buried. Soon after the bones were ploughed up and taken by souvenir hunters. The gibbet is now in Norwich Castle Museum. 12293



(Unwin Collection - Miss F. Last)

Yaxham Mill  
c. 1900

The ogee cap is horizontally boarded and carries a ball finial. The gallery is built of wood but the mill has an iron stage.

## *Distinctive Buildings*

*This list is not the result of a systematic survey, but includes buildings identified as "worth conserving" on the Conservation Area maps produced by the District Council, together with others in the parish known to be of local interest. They include examples of Victorian public buildings such as schools, chapels and railway stations; farm buildings, estate cottages and other vernacular buildings.*

*The social and/or economic history of these buildings and others yet to be identified is an area requiring further investigation and the following list may easily be extended.*

- B1      Group of Victorian railway buildings which have survived remarkably intact, including the signal box, waiting room, station masters house and engine shed on south side of Station Road; forge and granary buildings on north side. Original crossing gates. Open 1857 to Wells Wymondham to Fakenham line still open as far as North Elmham for goods traffic. Closed to passenger traffic in 1960's.
- B2      House on Whinburgh Road, notable for inscription on bargeboards facing the road "Stranger should this catch your eye, do a favour passing by. Bless this house ere you begone, and I shall bless you passing on".
- B3      Mid 19th.c. workshop on corner of Cutthroat Lane with house attached. May originally have been a builder's depot as it is now; a coachmakers or some other craft. Workshop windows and arched waggon entrance still intact.
- B4      National Board school 1845. Appearance rather spoilt by roughcast render but original "Tudor" style mullion windows survive.
- B5      Pair of late 19th.c. estate cottages at corner of Church Lane. Pantile roof with alternative bands of scalloped and straight tiles. Cluster of diamond shaped chimney stacks. Red brick with hood moulds to windows. One original porch survives.
- B6      The Elms - Large late Victorian house. Decorative pantile roof as B5. Distinguished by tall, ornate "Tudor" chimneys in barley twist and chevron patterns. Large gables and casement windows under label-stopped hood moulds. Rendered walls. Decorative ridge tiles.

- B7** Church Rooms - Late Victorian building with main roof of corrugated pantiles, ridge tiles with saw tooth decoration. Lean-to with rendered walls and asbestos roof, but with original square-headed windows with shaped brick mullions, trefoil threaded.
- B8** Early 19th.c. threshing barn (3 bay). Red brick and pantile. Coped parapet gables. Central waggon entrance with catslide pitched roof and coped parapets.

## Wildlife Sites

A County wide habitat survey has recently been completed by the Manpower Services Commission on behalf of the Norfolk Naturalist Trust. It has identified a wide range of habitats of wildlife interest (Category C Sites in the survey), including heath, semi-natural grassland, broad-leaved woodland, wet meadows, ponds and fens. Some may, following more detailed investigation, become Sites of Special Scientific Interest, but the great majority will remain unprotected. They are often the most important wildlife sites in any parish and it is hoped that owners will also appreciate their value and leave them undisturbed.

A list of these Category C sites may be consulted at the Council Offices in Dereham.

Wlg

### Manor Farm Marsh

Site runs adjacent to Green Lane between Manor Farm and Cutthroat Lane. Surrounded by mature intact hedgerows and sloping gently down northwards. Dominated by Rush species with a variable herbage. A variable habitat with diverse flora. Mature hedgerow important habitat for some bird species.

The western section is well drained grassland with common grasses including meadow grass, red clover, meadow sweet, barren strawberry and various vetches.

The rest of the site is marshy grassland; species noted include foals watercress, marsh horsetail, bogbeam and cuckoo flower.



## *Landscape Features*

*This list is by no means complete but does include the more important landscape features identified by a brief field survey. A more systematic survey both on the ground and from documentary sources would identify many more local features of landscape interest (hedges, trees, ponds, roadside verges etc.).*

- T1 Cutthroat Lane - enclosure lane running parallel with stream. Long lengths of tall mixed hedges on both sides. Mainly young oak, ash, thorn, maple and hazel.
- T2 Green Lane footpath to Manor Farm - track bounded on both sides by tall, thick, mixed species hedges, which continue south of Manor Farm along Mill Lane and Low Lane.
- T3 Area of small, enclosed meadows bounded by tall hedges with willow, alder and thorn dominant.
- T4 Group of semi-mature horse chestnuts and ash in grounds of Frogs Hall Farm.
- T5 Apple orchard, an increasingly unusual landscape feature.
- T6 Thick mixed species hedges on both sides of Whinburgh Road.
- T7 Section of railway cutting. Steep banks covered by ash, willow and native shrubs which form a landscape/wildlife corridor, repeated north of the station.
- T8 Well-wooded grounds of Boronia Cottage/The Elms, bounded by beech, acacia, oak sycamore and scots pine and including one magnificent Cedar of Lebanon.
- T9 Trees in St. Peter's Churchyard including numerous yews, several mature limes and a group of scots pine at the western end.
- T10 Well-wooded grounds of Yaxham House, originally the Rectory; mainly beech, oak and scots pines.
- T11 Group of oaks surrounded by arable fields on parish boundary.
- T12 Triangular oak copse with understorey of holly.

T13

**Yaxham Wood**

Ancient, semi-natural wood, situated on a boulder clay plateau, above a tributary of the Blackwater River, against the southern parish boundary.

Shown on 1797 map as "Whinbergh Wood" and on 1838 map as "Yaxham Wood". Location and evidence of earthworks - broad woodbank along west, north, and part of eastern edge; small bank in south; ditch around entire wood - suggest that wood is on an ancient, possibly primary woodland site, although it may have been cleared and reverted to secondary woodland.

Simple coppice over most of the wood; very dense. Mostly hazel, elder and elm. Small poplar plantation planted about 20 years ago, with a few conifers along the eastern edge. Rides almost completely overgrown with shrubs.

The ground flora has few species, none of them rare or unusual.

T14

Wooded grounds of Chuckers - mature oak, horse chestnut, lime, ash and holly. More mature oaks opposite by Holland's Hall.

T15

Brakefield Green - Former western end of much larger Mattishall Heath, now only visible as wide roadside verges alongside straight enclosed roads bounded by thick hedges.

T16

Tall, thick, mixed species hedge along one side of Well Hill and first section of Mouse's Lane.

T17

Mature trees in ground of The Croft, including one magnificent beech and several oaks. Old orchard to south of house.



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**MATTISHAM** is a parish and village, with a station on the **Wymondham and Dereham** section of the London and North Eastern railway, 2 miles south from Dereham in the South-Western division of the county, **hundred**, **Mitford** and **Launditch** petty sessional division and union, **Dereham** county court district, **deanery** of **Mitford**, **archdeaconry** of **Norfolk** and **diocese** of **Norwich**. The church of **St. Peter** is a structure of flint with stone dressings, consisting of chancel, nave, south aisle, south porch and a round western tower containing 5 bells: the base of the tower, as well as the tower arch, are of Pre-Norman date, and the chancel is Early English: the building, with these exceptions, is Decorated, with Perpendicular insertions: the very beautiful octagonal font is also Perpendicular, and has been reproduced in that of former church: in 1921 a new altar was placed in the chancel, and the one previously in use was moved to the lady chapel on the south side of the church: at this time a part of the roof of the south aisle was uncovered, and underneath the plaster a beautiful 14th century ceiling was discovered: the windows, some of which are memorials, have been enriched with stained glass by various donors: a parclose screen was given by the rector and Mrs. Trevelyan as a thankoffering for the safe return of their son from the Great War: in 1889 the chancel was repaved, the seats re-arranged, a new organ being at the same time presented by Miss Howlett, of **Mattishall**: there are 280 sittings, those in the south aisle being free.

#### PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Beck Misses, **Whinburgh** road  
 Blofeld Miss, **The Haven**  
 Blyth Rev. Ernest William B.A.  
 (rector), **The Rectory**  
 Dixon Misses, **The Beeches**  
 Irwin Mrs. **The Rookery**  
 Norton Mrs. **Sunnyside**  
 Sewell Miss, **The Croft**  
 Whitworth John, **The Elms**

#### COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
 Aldous Arnold G. tobacconist & post  
 office, **Clint green**  
 Aldous Geo. bldr  
 Andrews Robert Charles, blacksmith

Barker William, farmer  
 Barlow William, shopkeeper  
 Cook Benjamin, pork butcher  
 Cross & Co. corn &c. merchants  
 Curtis Roland, farmer  
 Downes Jas. farmer, **Red House farm**,  
**Brakefield grn**  
 Frish Percy B. builder  
 Garner Walt. **Woolpack P.H.**  
 Goodwin Ernest Albt. **Bush inn**  
 Harvey Cecil, market gardener  
 Hornigold Wm. painter, & post office  
 Hutson Jn. Jas. plumber  
 Jenner Philip H. farmer, **Clint grn**  
 Knight Horace W. market gardener  
 Mallett Herbt. landowner

Meachen James C. farmer  
 Nelthorpe James, wheelwright  
 Nursey Fredk. Wm. frmr. **Willow frm**  
 Palmer John, farmer  
 Parlett Thomas Wm. miller (steam)  
 Reeve Bertie Edwd. poulterer, **Clint**  
**grn**  
 Ribbands Daniel, tailor  
 Rush Horace, farmer  
 Secker Alfred, farmer, **Badley moor**  
 Smith Percy Arnold, farmer  
 Spoilman Cecil, farmer, **Clint green**  
 °Vincent Albt. farmer, **Hollands hall**  
 Williamson Alfd. Hy. farmer  
 Williamson Herbt. frmr. **Railway frm**  
 Woodrow A. M. A. (Mrs.), farmer

In the churchyard is a cross 16 feet high, erected in memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. The register dates from the year 1686. The living is a rectory, net yearly value about £492, including 35 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Ven. W. H. Cowper Johnson, and held since 1927 by the Rev. Ernest William Blyth B.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge. There is a Congregational chapel, in connection with **Mattishall**. The charities include Hardy's gift of 3s. 4d. yearly; Whood's of 10s.; Mountain's Dole, £1. 6s., and Burr's Dole, 6s.; Hall's charity of £1 10s., being the rent of 31. 27p.; Herring's charity of £2 11s. and the fuel allotment of 21 acres, 13 of which are rented for grazing purposes at a yearly rent of £14. 15s; the rent of the remaining lands, comprising about 8 acres, and amounting to £15, is divided between charities and church purposes. The land is owned by numerous small owners. The soil is heavy and very productive; subsoil. clay and brick earth. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots and some land is in pasture. The area is 1,641 acres; the population in 1921 was 401.

Sexton, Lacey James Cross.

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Post Office, **Clint Green**. Letters through **Dereham**.

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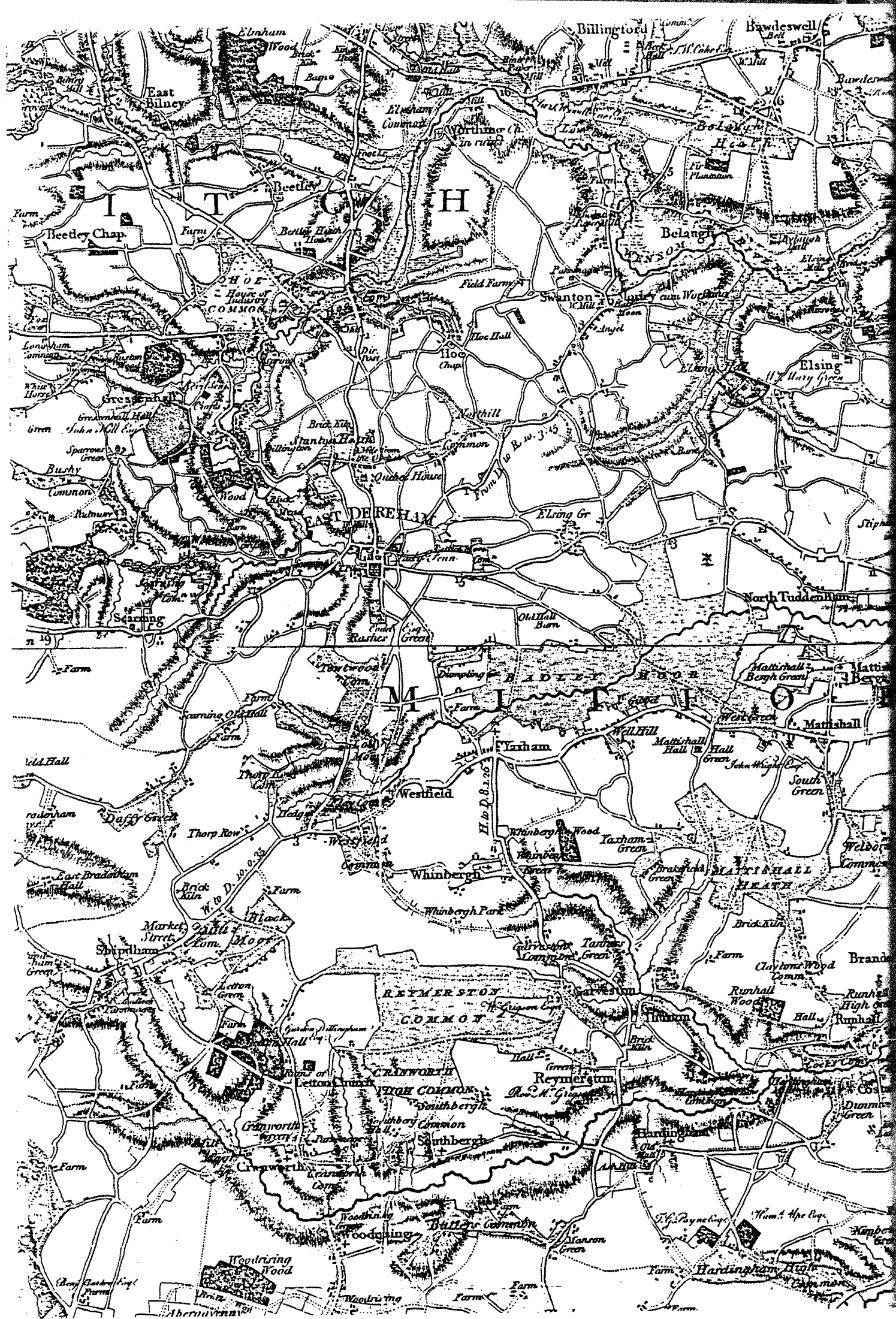
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YAXHAM, a village and parish on the Hingham road, 2 miles S.E. by S. of East Dereham, has 450 inhabitants and 1600 acres of land. Sir W. R. Clayton is lord of the manor, but the soil belongs to W. Collison and several other proprietors. The CHURCH (St. Peter,) is a small neat edifice, with a round tower, five bells, and a remarkable font in the florid Gothic style. The *rectory*, valued in K.B. at £10, was consolidated with Welborne, and the united livings were valued at £722, in 1831; but they have recently been disunited. Yaxham rectory is worth about £500 per annum. The Rev. W. C. Johnson, M.A., is patron and incumbent. The *National School*, built here in 1843, is attended by about 70 children. The *Fuel Allotment*, awarded at the enclosure in 1812, comprises 20A., on which the poor cut turf, &c., and let the herbage for about £5 per annum. The *Town Lands* comprise about 19A., mostly vested with feoffees at an early period for discharging the common burdens of the parish. They are let for £24 a year, which is applied in the service of the church, except £2. 2s., which is distributed among the poor parishioners, who have also the following *yearly doles*, viz., 26s. from Mowting's Charity; 6s., called Burr's Gift; and 3s. 4d., left by one Hardy, out of land called Wren Park.

Fowell Henry, beer seller  
 Gaskin Chas. carpenter & vict. "A"  
 Horn Thomas, shopkeeper  
 Hudson Wm. blacksmith  
 Isbill James & John, carpenters  
 Johnson Rev Wm. Cowper, M.A.  
*Rectory*  
 Johnson Rev John Barham, M.A.  
*rector of Welborne*  
 Spilman Charles, National school

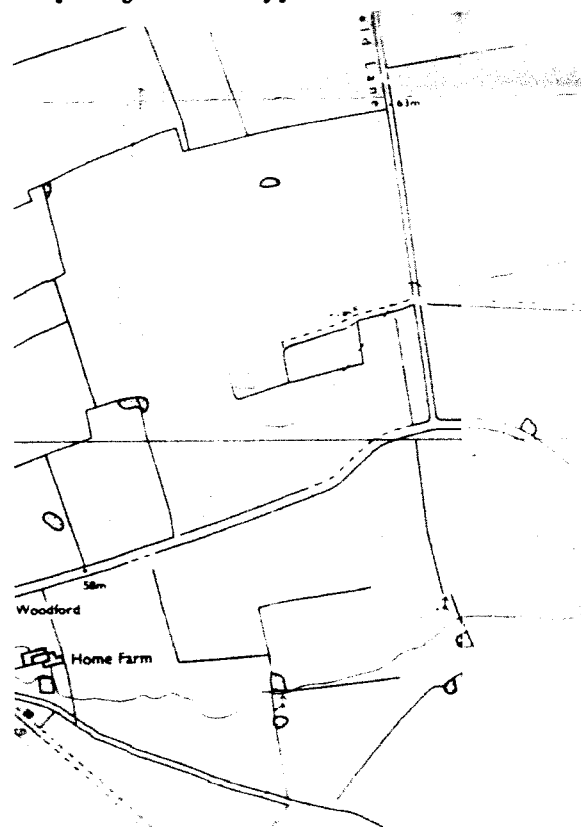
Springall Robert Aldous, corn miller  
 Stimpson John, butcher  
 Tilney Reuben, corn miller  
 Wyett Ann, vict. *Woolpack*  
 FARMERS.  
 Abbs Isaac  
 Coe Henry  
 Hubbard George  
 Mann John  
 Read James  
 Read Robert  
 Stanley John  
 Sussens Joseph  
 Vincent Lacey  
 Williams John





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group of 19th C. railway buildings which  
tact; including weatherboarded signal  
ing gates, ticket office cum waiting  
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granary buildings on opposite side of  
e opened to Wells in 1857; closed to  
traffic in 1960's but still open to  
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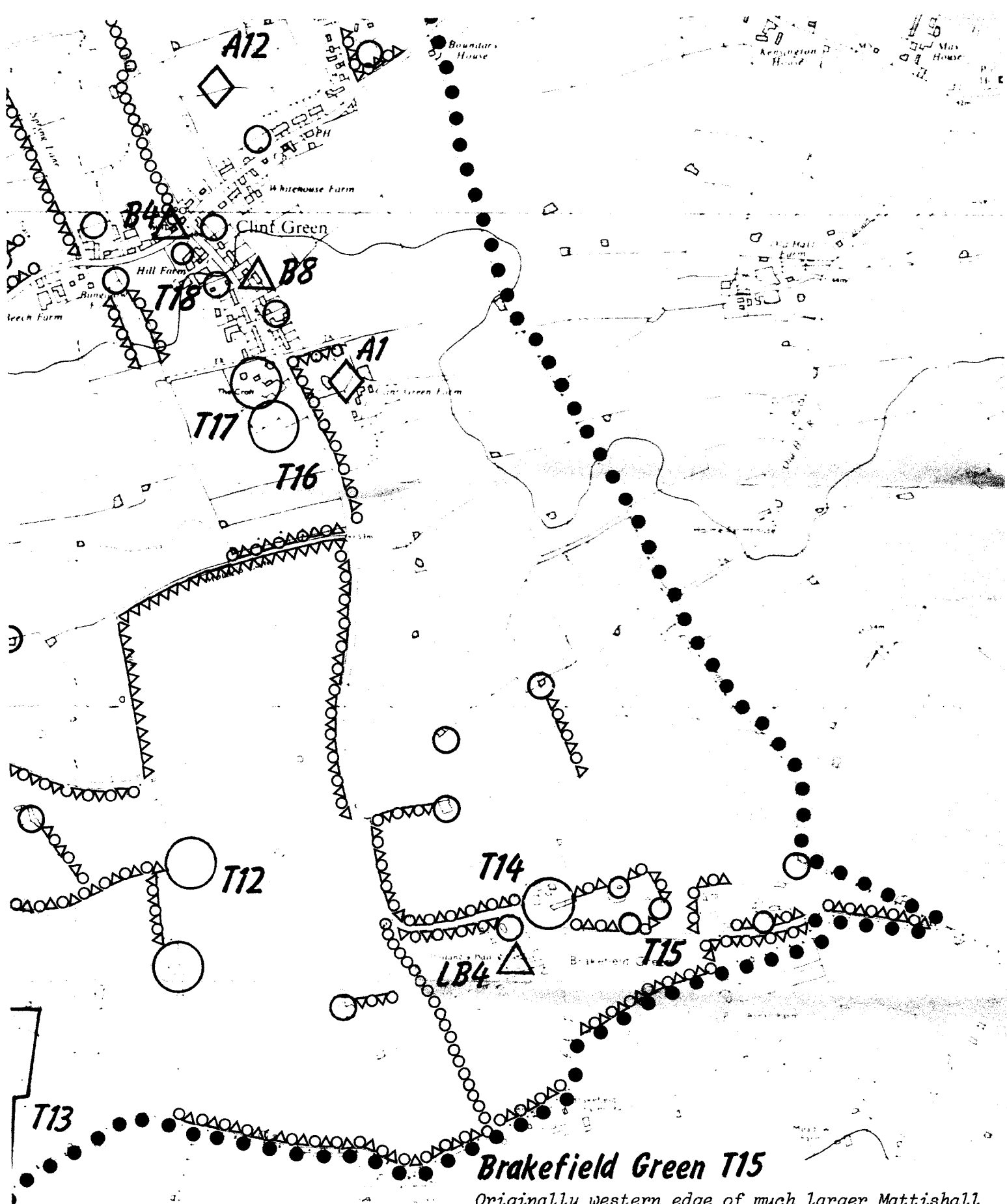
## Yaxham Wood T13

Ancient, semi-natural wood on a boulder clay plateau. Called Whinburgh Wood on Faden's map of 1797 which also showed a lane connecting Whinburgh with Brakefield Green. This track runs along the southern edge of the woods and forms the parish boundary. Evidence of earthworks associated with ancient woods in form of ditch on all sides and broad banks. Possible remnant of original medieval forest, although character has changed considerably. No standard trees, mainly dense hazel and elm coppice. Rides overgrown and poor ground flora.



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ensive, it was enclosed in the Cutthroat Lane T1 is a long, sure road lined by tall, mixed stan- gular fields running down to W1g and an old meadow on the med by the Norfolk Naturalist hat survives of the moor. On its A12 is the site of a gibbet, now le Museum, where in 1785 a criminal was hanged. Years later his bones are removed by solvent hunters.



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### Brakefield Green T15

Originally western edge of much larger Mattishall Heath on Faden's map of 1785. Existing lanes which converge on Hollands Hall are straight with wide, hedge-lined verges and date from early 19th C. enclosure of the Green, boundary of which still traceable along parish and field boundaries. Holland's Hall **LB4** is an important Elizabethan farmhouse. Characteristic brick details include diaper pattern in blue headers, a two storey porch with moulded arch, polygonal angle shafts and stepped gables. Some original chamfered brick openings and 18th C. cross casement

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