

Summarised to  
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# THURSLEY

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1975

## 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.

THURSLEY (See Comments)  
or Horse Lane Hammer, Fu + Fo.

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

SU 91640<sup>4</sup> 916403 SU 92041<sup>4</sup>

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

Main road  
or Bridle path

4. Features on the ground.

Main Dam

Length

250 ft. = 107 = 100 m.

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

10 ft

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?)

Down here, frequently repaired and now in some state of instability

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

*See comment*

Mine pits - are there any close by?

*No.*

The area below the dam

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

*Damen Mere Several depressions & generally marshy ground at N end. Small sluice with penstock below bay due to present spillway*

*Hammer Pond - completely silted up.*

Surface irregularities

*Original spillway at Southern end app. from rest of site by high bank.*

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?)

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

*Found cemented ledge in present spillway 1 large fragment 1ft diam*

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

- Ore - any scatter?

- Purple shelly limestone - any?

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

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

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

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?

No

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

No

11. Other comments.

A series of pen ponds, from above Cosford House, finally terminates in Daven Mere. Another series is associated with the South<sup>E</sup> arm of this last.

The Hammer Pond, which appears to be cut in two by the main road, occurs in the middle of the first series of ponds and there is a feet running away down between the arms of Daven Mere but which terminates in a natural gully feeding the Mere.

The logical explanation of these complex works - and also the confusion of names - is that there are two hammer sites: The earlier site, being at the Hammer Pond, subsequently had to build an extended tail race to overcome water backing up from the highest pen pond of the lower site.

Three sites

Forge circles in bank of stream below bay

Warren Place

where is site of  
2<sup>nd</sup> furnace/forge?

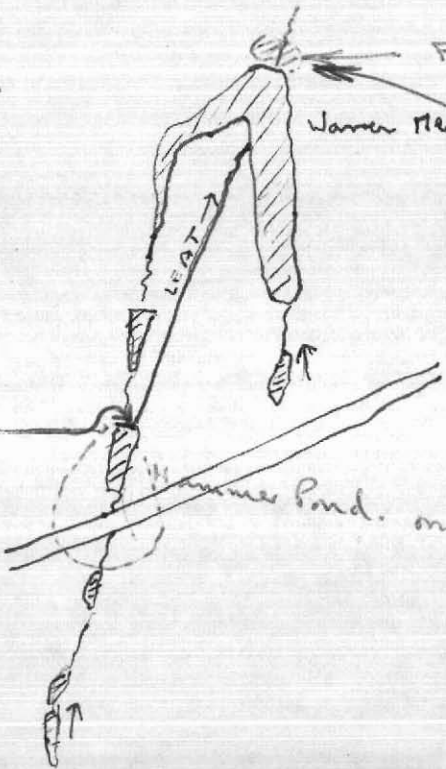
Edge of Forge?

Yes!

A.3

hammer pond. originally much larger

No furnace slag found



FORGE CINDER IN  
MANK STREAM

LOWER HAMMER  
(LATER SILK MILL)

OLD HALF MOON  
ON  
HAMMER HOOPS  
(GONE)

UPPER HAMMER

OLD ROAD (GONE)

HALF MOON (NEW)

SITE FOWL POND

TURN PINE ROAD

SAVED ON  
6<sup>th</sup> Ordnance 1870

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- 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

Please sketch the visible features and attach any relevant photographs.

This is a confusing series of sites owing to landscape changes since they were in operation. New ponds, including Warren Mere have been made and and the old ladder - Portsmouth road straightened by a turn pipe diversion. There were 3 working sites and possibly 4.  
(Information mainly from J.E. Pettit, unpublished MS.)

1. Upper Hammer (furnace and furnace) ~~Forge~~. SU 916403

Bay L. 117 m. H. 3 m. Uses water from W. stream entering Warren Mere. Water system. Pond silted up. 800 m channel running N to the ~~E.~~ <sup>W</sup> stream entering Warren Mere may not be contemporary. Fossil found. <sup>handing</sup> Fossil found.

Working area. ~~Fossil found~~. Probably at E. end. Fossil under found

2. Lower Hammer. Forge. SU 917409.

Water system. Uses water from W. stream, downstream of Upper Hammer.

Working area. Forge under in spillway.

near silk mill

3. Horsebane Hammer (Cold Harbour) Forge. SU 920406

Water system. served by E. stream. Working area. Forge under in stream.

4. Forge? SU 920412.

Fossil under has been found in the stream bank just N. of Warren Mere

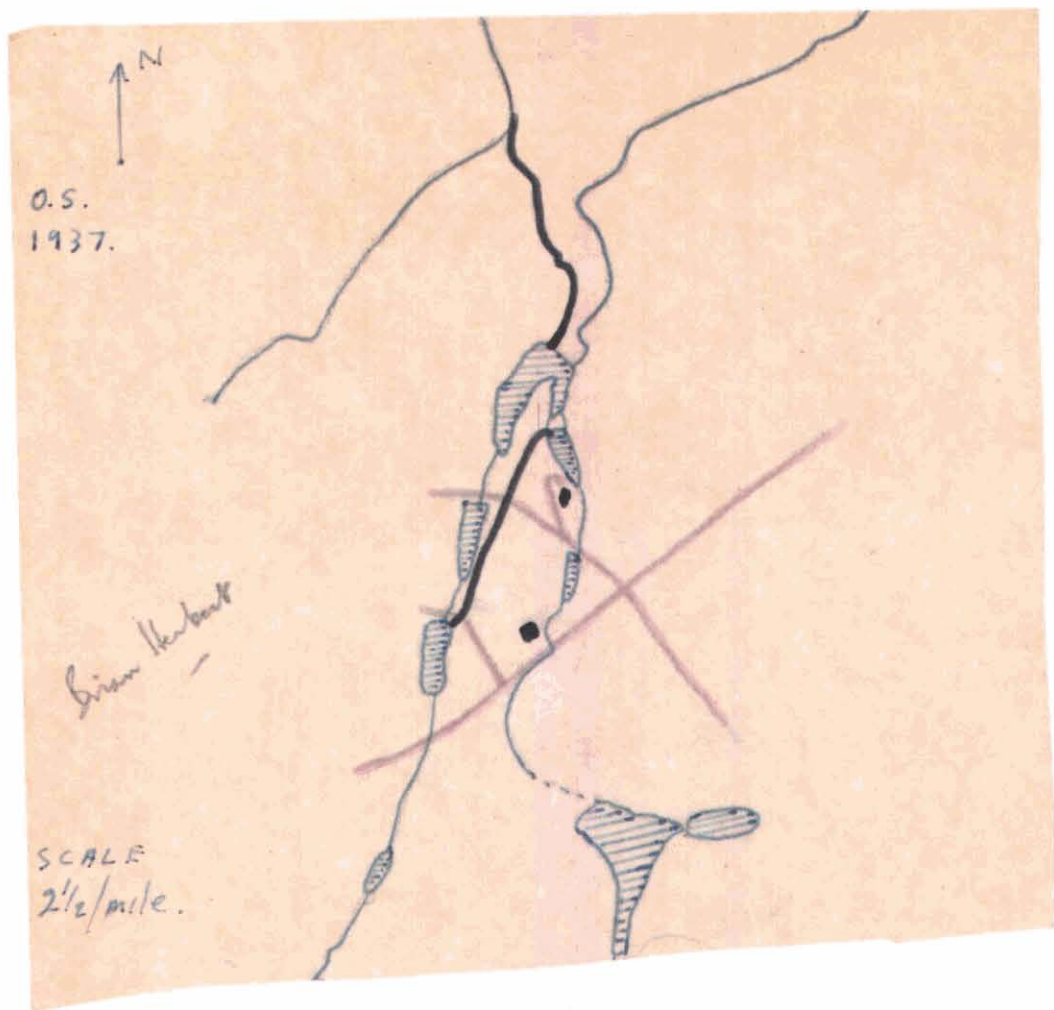
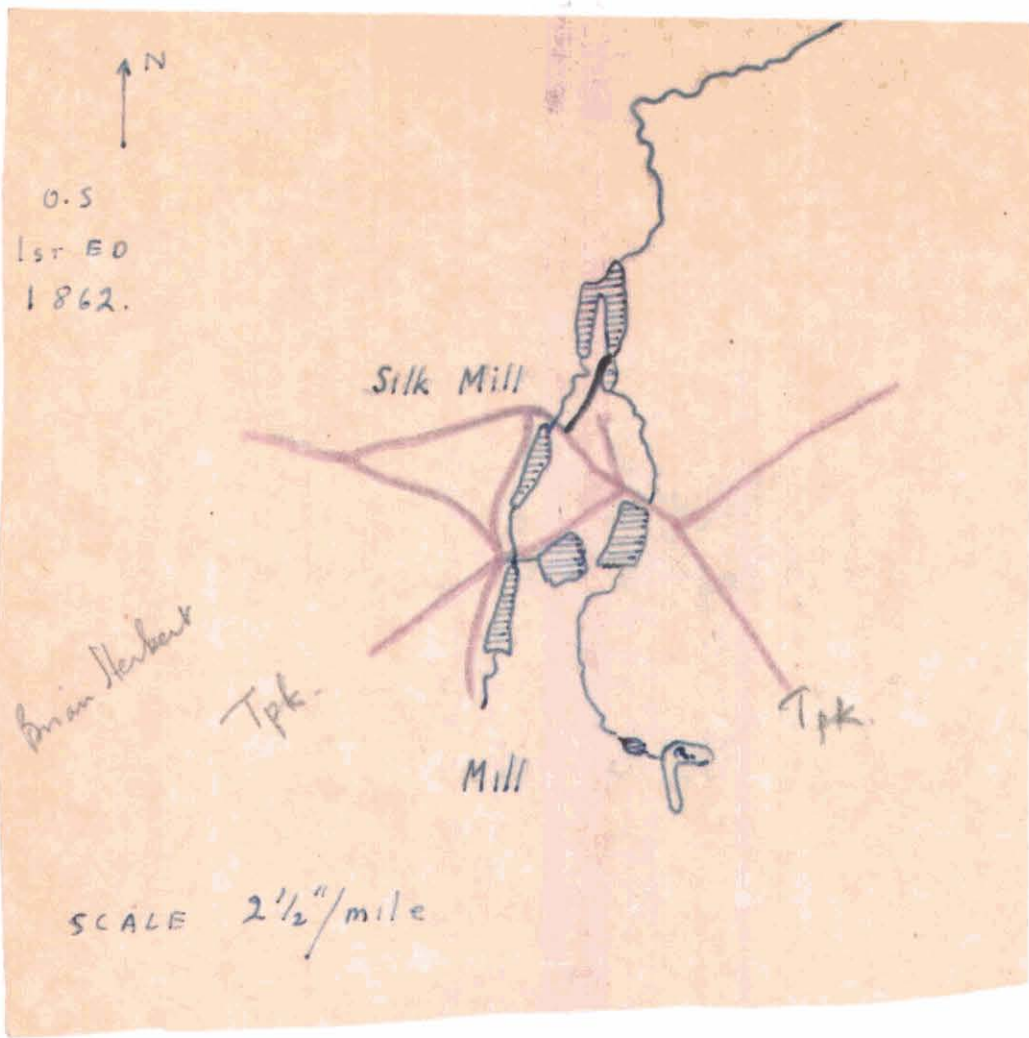


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1766  
1830



THURSLEY IRONWORKS THREE SITES

I. THREE SITES

- THURSLEY: a) Upper Hammer (finery and furnace)  
 b) Lower Hammer (forge, later Silk Mills)
- THURSLEY: c) Cold Harbour or Horsebane Hammer (below New Pond)  
 WITLEY (forge)

II. GRID REFERENCES

My comments

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|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| a) Straker                    | SU915401    | Hammer Pond            | In fact at tail-end of (Upper) Hammer Pond   |
|                               |             |                        | Why didn't he give ref. for the Silk Mills site (Lower Hammer)?  |
| b) OSAD                       | 1) 91494014 | Hammer Pond            | In fact at tail-end of (Upper) Hammer Pond.  |
|                               | 2) 91704078 | Pond Bay, Forge        | = Lower Hammer   |
|                               | 3) 91554036 | Two Hammer             | 3) In fact Fowl Pond; possible pen-pond to Upper Hammer.   |
|                               | 4) 91684075 | Ponds                  | 4) Apparently an alternative reference for Lower Hammer.   |
| c) WIRG                       | 920413      | Forge site (the only?) | In fact refers to Forked Pond downstream; this was a stew pond; a document of 1666 says of it: "lyeinge belowe the said hammer". <u>Below.</u> |
| d) JP with help of B. Herbert |             |                        |  |
|                               | 1) 91604030 | Upper Hammer           | Maps etc. give "Hammer Pond" just above.   |

A recent visit showed no slag or cinder but much building waste. Site was on EAST side of the head as field-names and maps indicate.

- 2) 91824078 Lower Hammer, later Silk Mills  
 Forge Cinder in leat (spillway or head-sluice?)
- 3) 91554036 Fowl Pond, possible pen-pond to Upper Hammer. Now dry and bay-remnants minimal.
- 4) 92004056 Cold Harbour or Horsebane (band shows the dialectal increscent (excescent?) 'd' as in 'gownd' and perhaps Cold in Cold Harbour. Below New Pond.  
 Forge-cinder found in stream.

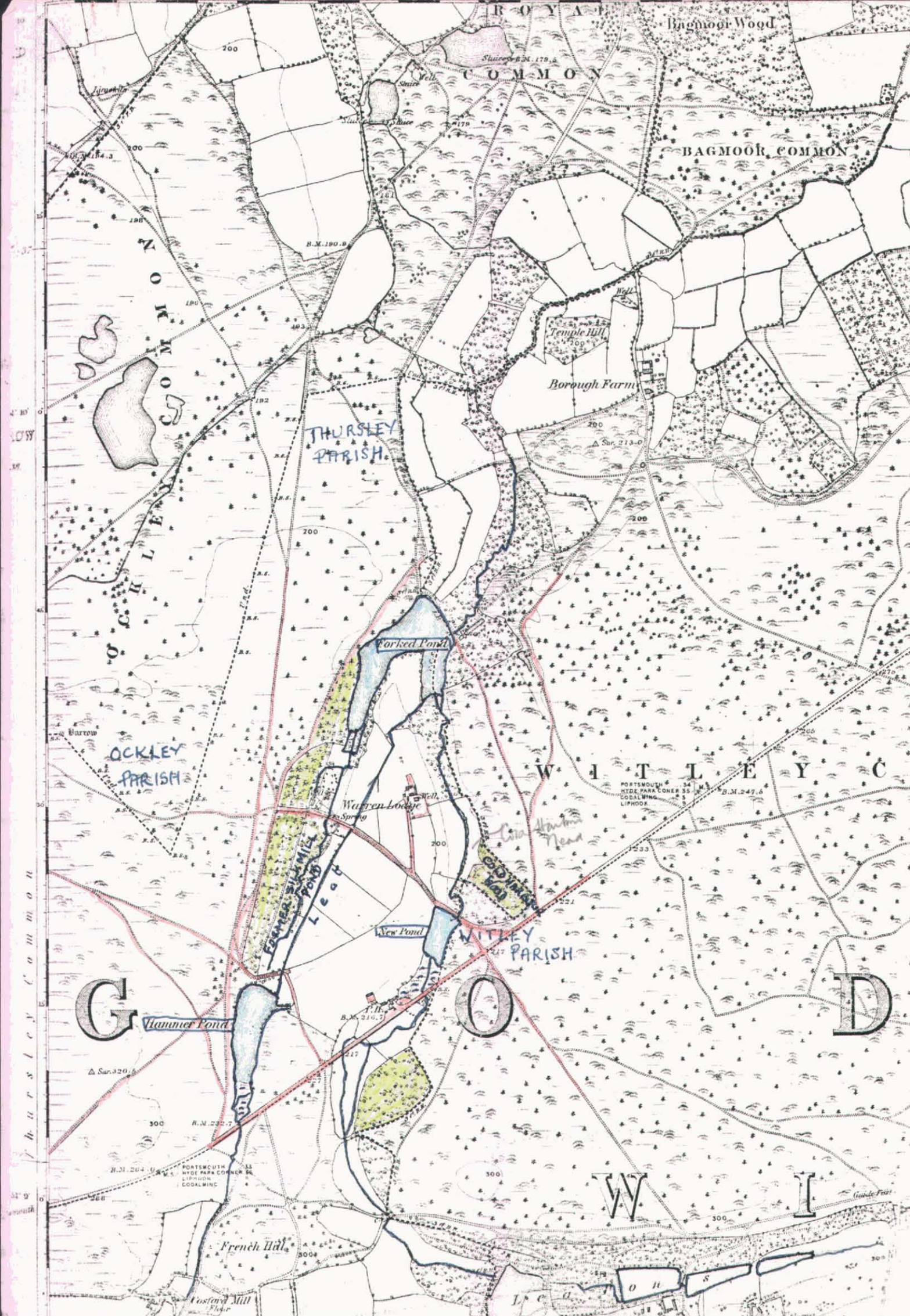
Thus there were THREE SITES.

Tithe Maps for Witley and Thursley show Cold Harbour in Witley and CH Wood and Mead in Thursley. This discovery makes clear why the documents or some of them, refer to a site in Witley and Thursley: no other of the sites fits this.

Horsebane is Hemlock water Dropwort, poisonous to animals and causing palsy causing palsy in horses. Common so not a diagnostic if found on a site.

(In fact there is some at Upper Hammer)!





Bagmoor Wood

ROYAL COMMON

BAGMOOR COMMON

WITLEY COMMON

THURSFLEY PARISH

Borough Farm

OCKLEY PARISH

WITLEY COMMON

Warren Lodge

WITLEY PARISH

G

Hammer Pond

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L. C. A. R.

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Handwritten blue text: FORMER MILL POND LEAD

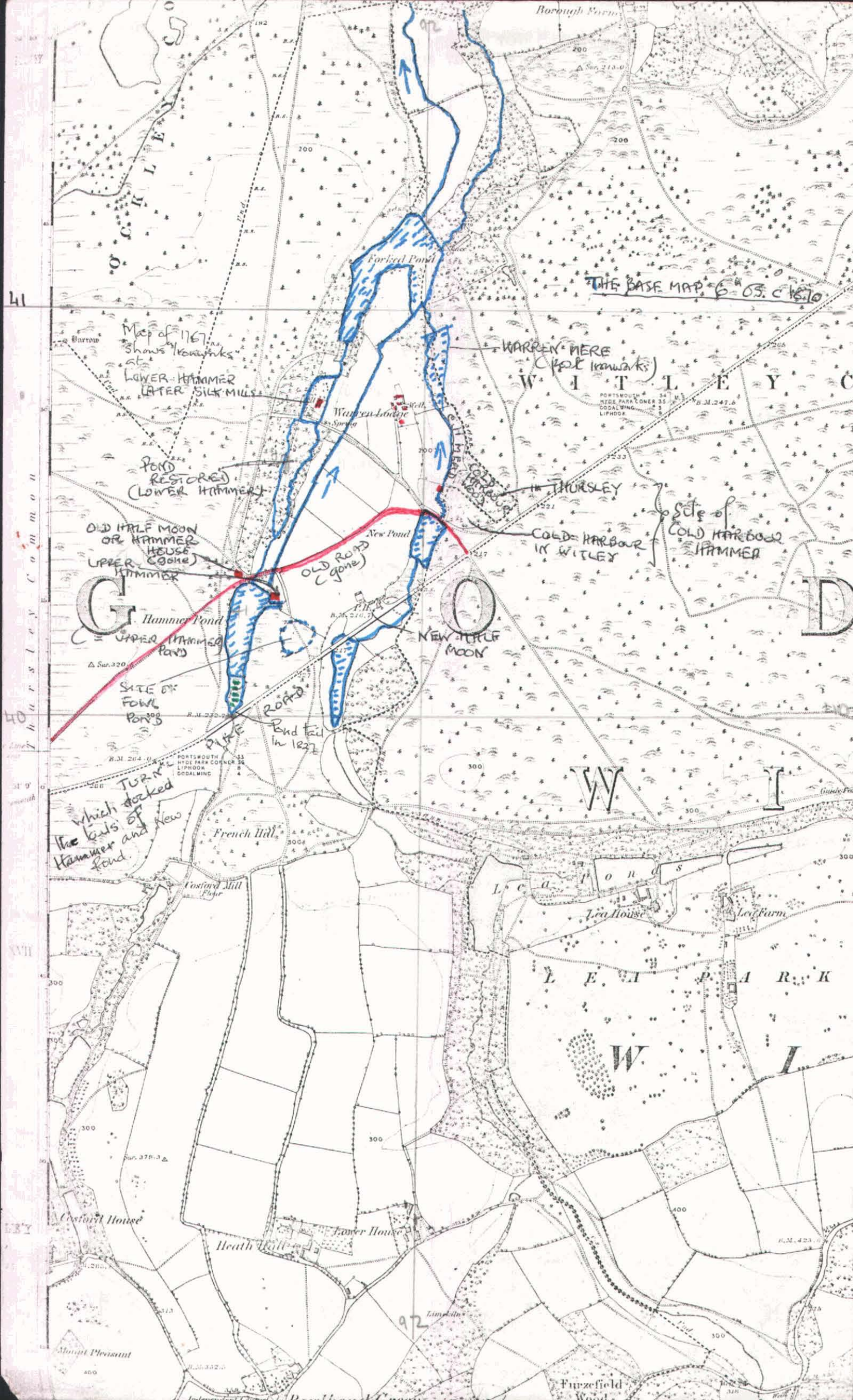
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French Hill

Costers Mill

Map title: WITLEY COMMON



THE BASE MAP 6<sup>th</sup> OS. C 1610

Map of 1767  
Shows Ironworks  
at  
LOWER HAMMER  
LATER SILK MILLS

WARREN MERE  
(FOR IRONWORKS)

POND  
RESTORED  
(LOWER HAMMER)

OLD HALF MOON  
OR HAMMER  
HOUSE  
UPPER  
HAMMER

New Pond  
OLD ROAD  
(gone)

THURSLEY

COLD HARBOUR  
IN WITLEY

Site of  
COLD HARBOUR  
HAMMER

Hammer Pond  
UPPER HAMMER  
POND

NEW HALF  
MOON

SITE OF  
FOWL  
POND

PIKE ROAD  
Bnd fail  
in 1827

TURN  
which docked  
the boats of  
Hammer and New  
Pond

French Hall

Costford Mill  
Paper

L E A P O N D S

Tea House

Log Farm

L E A P A R K

W

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Costford House

Heath Hall

Lower House

Furze Field  
Wood

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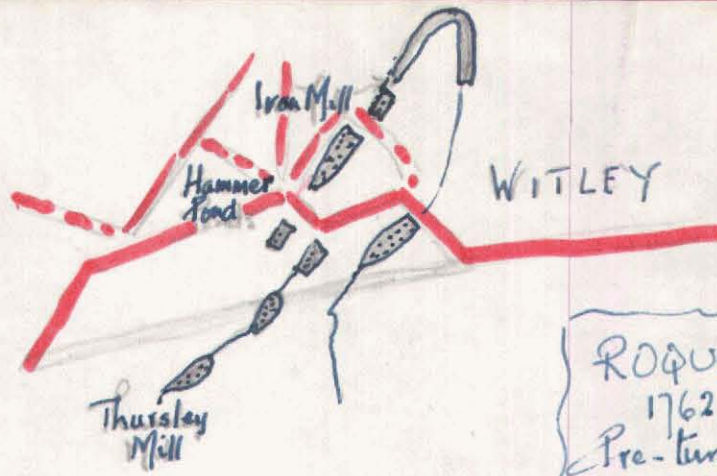
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# THURSLEY FURNACE AND FORGE

LINE OF NEW ROAD

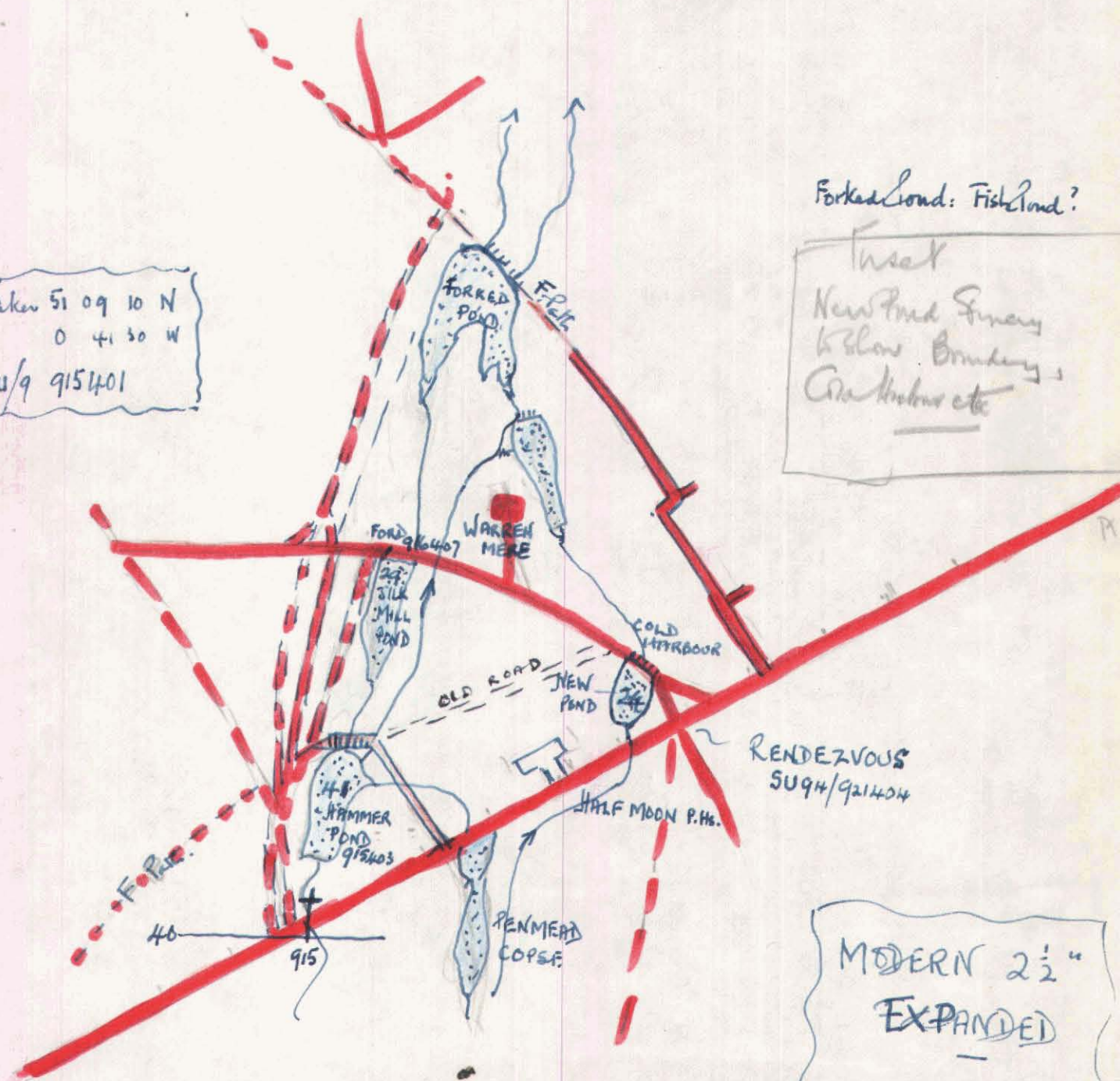


ROQUE  
1762  
Pre-tunpike

SU 94/  
FU ~  
FO ~

Straker 51 09 10 N  
0 41 30 W  
SU/9 915401

Forked Pond: Fish Pond?  
Inset  
New Pond Sundry  
below Boundary  
Cra. Huber etc



MODERN 2 1/2"  
EXPANDED

Which is ~~the pond?~~  
Fowl Pond?

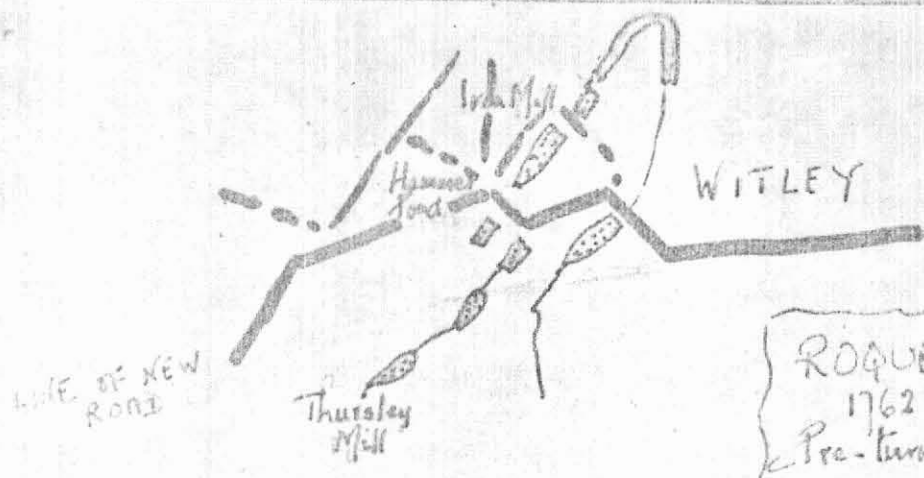
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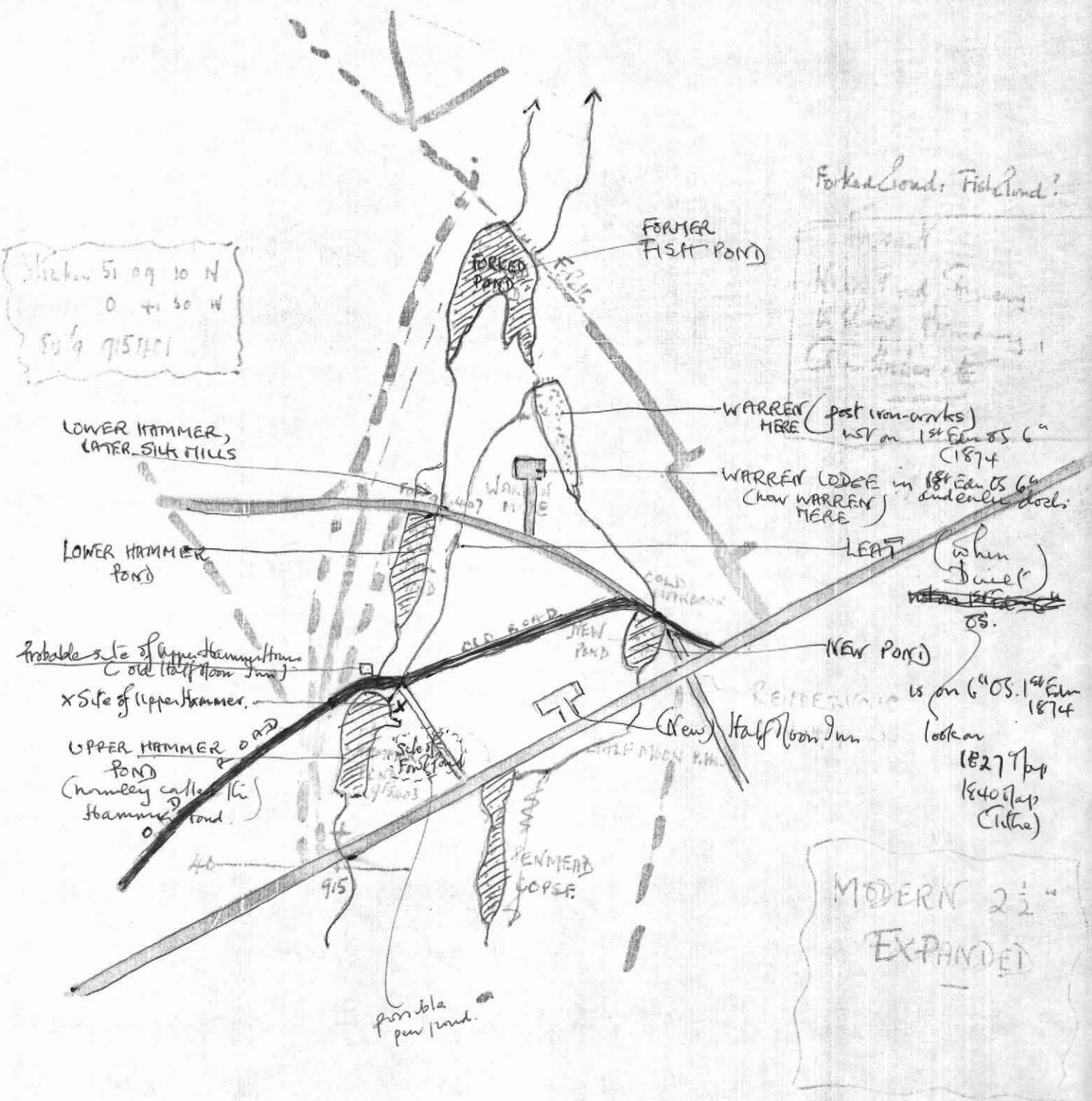
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Pre-tunpike



Forked Road: Fish Pond?

Station 51 09 10 N  
0 41 30 W  
SU 9 95401

*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]*



WARREN HERE (post iron-works)  
NSR on 1st Edn OS 64  
1874

WARREN LODGE in 18th Cen OS 64  
(now WARREN)  
HERE

LEAT (when Drier)  
~~not as 1874~~  
OS.

NEW POND  
is on 6" OS 1st Edn  
1874  
look on  
1827 Top  
1840 Map  
(Lithe)

MODERN 2 1/2"  
EXPANDED

possible pen pond.

*[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom left]*

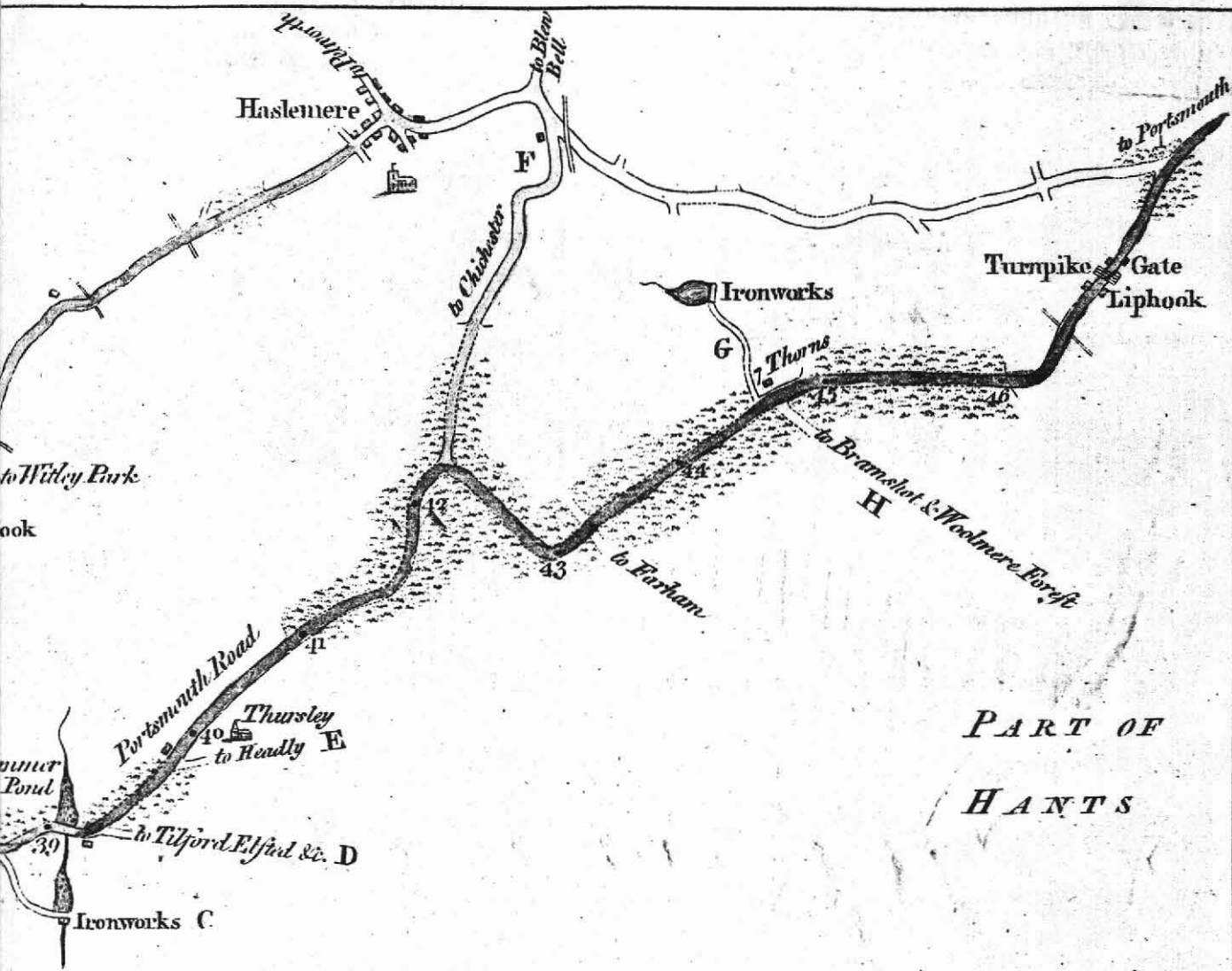
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of that part of the  
SHEET-BRIDGE TURNPIKE ROAD  
from GUILDFORD to LIPHOOK and  
those Roads which have Communication  
therewith out of  
SUSSEX & HANTS.*



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GUILDFORD MUNIMENT ROOM  
CASTLE ARCH  
GUILDFORD

LM 1064/9



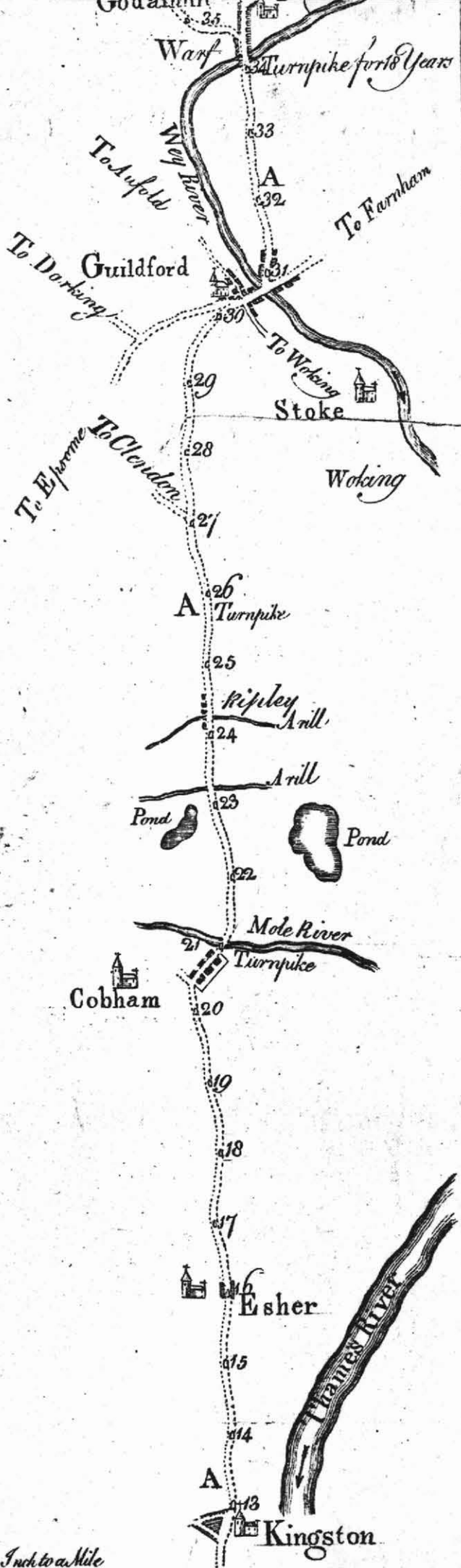
PART OF  
HAMPS

Measured by Tho: Davis Mar. 1767.

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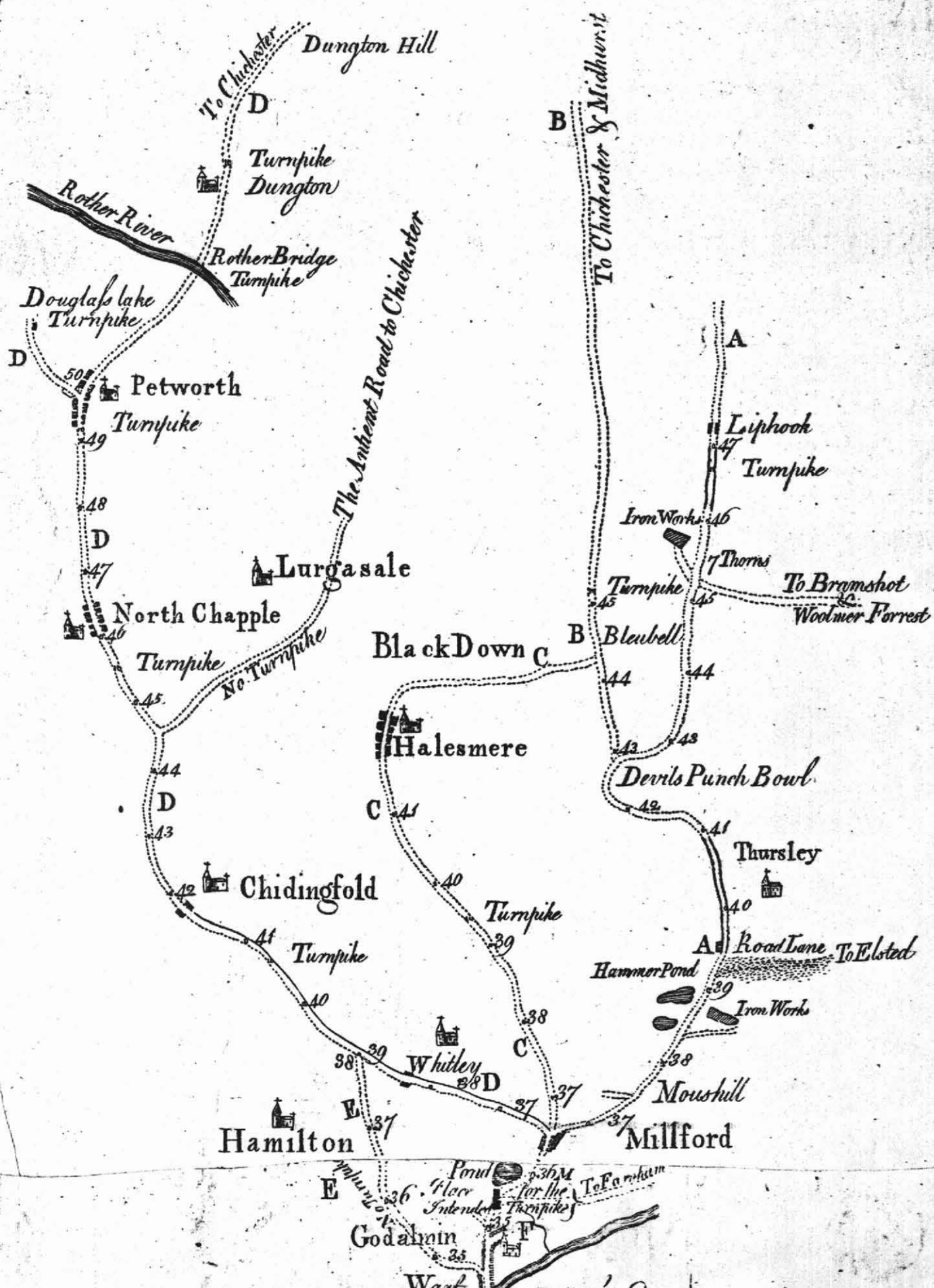


A Scale of  $\frac{1}{2}$  an Inch to a Mile

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GUILDFORD MUNIMENT ROOM  
CASTLE ARCH  
GUILDFORD

LM 1064/6







Surrey History Centre, LM/349/53, 31 Aug 1608

Lease for 19 years

1) Sir George More of Loseley 2) Edward Parker of Waverley, gent. Iron works newly erected on waste ground at or near Burnt Mead, Witley; also pond, streams etc, ground for dumping coals, sows etc, and cottage for workmen.

Surrey History Centre, LM/349/100/1, 15 May 1614

Copy of bargain and sale

1) Sir George More and Sir Robert More 2) Henry Bell of Rake in Witley parish, esq. Manor of Witley with the Court House and all appurtenances and meadow called the Lords Pond, crofts called Bedells Croftes, meadow called the Lords Mead, all manorial rights and profits of court. Iron forges on Witley alias Thursley Heath, workmen's houses, ponds, watercourses, etc, places used for laying 'coals, sows, cinders', and free ingress and egress to and from the iron works, all reserved.

Consideration: £1,100.

TNA Close Roll, 15 James I, p. 24, No. 1; 17 December 1617

Mortgage

Sir George More to Henry Bell (cites deed of 14 May 1610 in which ironworks are leased by Sir George More and Sir Robert More, his son, to Sir Edward More for 10 Years at £95).

Surrey History Centre, G5/2/326, 17 Dec 1618

Bargain and sale (confirmation of indentures of 14 May 1611)

1) Sir George More of Loseley

2) Henry Bell of Rake.

An iron forge, hammer etc on Witley Heath

Surrey History Centre, G5/2/289, 24 May 1620

Conveyance (counterpart)

1) Henry Bell of Milford

2) Sir George More of Loseley.

An iron forge, hammer, etc on Thursley Heath.

Godalming Museum, PWD/7/2/1, 29 March

[dated to 1579 by Godalming Museum but stated to be of 1623 by Giuseppi (1903, 28), which makes more sense as the ironworks were reserved in the deed of 1614 and stated in 1610 to have been 'lately erected and built']

Release of iron works from Sir George More to Henry Bell of Milford

Release from (1) Sir George More of Losely [Loseley], Surrey, knight, to (2) Henry Bell of Milford, Surrey, esq, of an iron forge, iron hammer and iron work in the occupation of Henry Bell, with all the bellows, hammers, hammer beams, sledges, implements, instruments and tools, and all the workmen's houses, backsides and gardens, and all the ponds and other waters, and all the places nearby for laying coals, cinders, etc.

Surrey History Centre, G5/4/51, 12 Mar 1633

Lease for 60 years

- 1) Henry Bell of Milford
- 2) Anthony Smith his nephew.

Forge called Horsebane Hammers on Witley and Thursley Heath

TNA Chancery Bills and Answers, Charles I, C. 1, 15. 12 July 1641 [cited in Giuseppi 1903, 37-42]  
Lease to Francis Wyatt, then to Peter Courthope and Walter Burrell, sub let to Thomas and James Burrell, brothers to Walter.

Godalming Museum, PWD/7/2/3 [c.1640]

Inventory of equipment and tools included in the lease of the iron works from Anthony Smith [of Rake, Witley] to Henry Penfould, snr, and Henry Penfould, jnr [Lease missing]

With scribbled inventory of 'the tooles which was att the hamers when Mr Dibble left them'

Note on dating: Henry Bell died in 1634, and Smith, his great-nephew and heir, in 1669 (see Percy Woods notes Volume H15).

Surrey History Centre, G5/4/62/1, 3 Jun 1662

Conveyance

1) Anthony Smith of Rack [Rake], Witley

2) John Barmes of Drury Lane, Middx, cheesemonger, and Henry Sadd of London, milliner, trustees of Smith.

Lands in Witley and Thursley, including court house in manor of Witley; ironworks, furnace, furnace hammers, forges with pond streams, workmen's houses, gardens, commodities, tools and implements belonging to the ironworks; Cony manor; mill in Witley called Rakemill, mill house and pond. Other field names specified.

Godalming Museum, PWD/7/2/4, 1 June 1666

Lease of iron works from Anthony Smith of Rake to William Yalden, snr, of Blackdown, Sussex, with inventory

Lease for two years from (1) Anthony Smith of Rake in the parish of Witley, esq, to (2) William Yalden, snr, of Blackdown, Sussex, esq, of 'all that upper forge and upper finery and the lower hammer chaffery and Iron works' called Horsebane Hammer or Cold Harbour Hammer in Witley Heath and Thursley Heath, and the two ponds called the Hammer Pond and the Furnace Pond or Finarie Pond, and all the forge equipment, etc, apart from the fishing rights in the ponds, including making accessible the Forked Pond below the Hammer Pond. Yalden to pay all taxes and dues, Smith to provide wood at a cost of 5 shillings per cord

Attached: Inventory of equipment and tools included in the lease 'to be left ...att thend expiration or other determinacion of the...Lease' (2 copies, 1 of which has become detached).

Godalming Museum PWD/7/2/6, 1 October 1671

Lease of the Newe Pond from Thomas Smith of Milford to Henry Roker, snr, of Witley

Lease for twenty years from (1) Thomas Smith of Milford in the parish of Witley, gent, to (2) Henry Roker, snr, of Witley, yeoman, of the Newe Pond, at a peppercorn rent, for the maintenance of the pond.

Godalming Museum, PWD/7/2/5, 1 October 1671

Lease of the Hammer Pond, the Finary Pond and the Fowle Poole from Thomas Smith of Milford to Henry Roker, snr, of Witley.

Lease for nine years from (1) Thomas Smith of Milford in the parish of Witley, gent, to (2) Henry Roker, snr, of Witley, yeoman, of three ponds called the Hammer Pond, the Finary Pond or Furnace Pond, and the Fowle Poole in the parishes of Witley and Thursley, late in the occupation of the said Henry Roker

Surrey History Centre, G5/2/9, 1681

Lease for 6 years for £10

- 1) Thomas Smith of Milford, gent
- 2) Henry Roker of Milford, yeoman.

An upper forge and lower hammer known as Hursbeane Hammer or Coldharbour Hammer on Witley or Thursley Heath and 2 hammer ponds, Witley, etc.

Surrey History Centre, G5/3/97, 2 Sep 1719

Lease (counterpart) for 21 years

- 1) Thomas Smith of Milford
- 2) Thomas Hamshere of Thursley, millwright.

Message and lands, Warren Lodge and the Upper Forge, in Thursley.

- THURSLEY: a) Upper Hammer and Furnace  
 b) Lower Hammer, later Silk Mills  
 WITLEY } c) Cold Harbour Hammer

FORGE AND FURNACE  
 FORGE  
 FORGE

- OSAD: SU. a) 9149 4014 - Hammer Pond  
 b) 9170 4078 - Pond Bay, forge side.  
 c) 9155 4036 } - Two Hammer  
 d) 9168 4075 } Ponds

.... 1608 ..... c. 1800 [1805  
 = at tail of Upper H<sub>2</sub>O pond  
 = lower Hammer, later Silk Mills.  
 = at head of a)  
 = variant ref. for b).

WIRG: SU. 920413

= below bay of Forked (stew) pond.

COMPILER: After examination of maps, documents, sites, compile suggests:

THURSLEY

- a) 9160 4030 = Upper Hammer - finery and furnace: at east side of head of OS (Upper) Hammer Pond.
- b) 917403 = Fowl Pond (now dry): probable supply pond to a)
- c) 9162 4078 = lower Hammer, later Silk Mills
- d) 9200 4056 = Cold Harbour Hammer in Cold Harbour Wood/Mead below New Pond.

THURSLEY  
 WITLEY

- ? e) 923413 = forge cinder in stream bank below Forked Pond, which was formerly a stew (fish) pond

WITLEY

## FOUNDING, LEASING, SELLING 1608 - 1641

DATE	GMR	GD/WC	MG	NB: ORIGINAL OWNERS: The Moors of Leseley.
[1571]		[SL 76]		Confirmation of Henry Bell in occupation - date <sup>impossible</sup>
1588	LM348/190		MG.	Witley Manor - no mention of ironworks
1605	349/15/3		MG	Mortgage of Manor, iron ore and wood excepted
1608	(53)			Lease of Ironworks, newly erected, to Henry Bell.
1610			Close Rolls 15 Jas I, 24, 1.	Lease of Ironworks lately erected (cited in deed of 1617)
1614 & 1615	(100)	15,285	Close Roll, 12 Jas I, 25, 23 Close Roll 15 Jas I, 24, 1	Sale of Manor to Henry Bell, ironworks excepted.
1617				Mortgage of Ironworks to Henry Bell - see 1610.
1619-20	(132)			Settlement of Manor, ironworks excepted on Henry Bell
1620	98/1,2			Reckonings of payments for carrying timber, etc - William Galden.
1623			"private possession"	Sale of Ironworks to Henry Bell - <u>in Thursley and Witley.</u>
1629			Ipm Series II 526, 54	Settlement of property by Henry Bell on his great-nephew Anthony Smell
1630			Fireback	Still at Rake in Witley " HB 1630
			Chancery Bills and Answers Chas I, c. 11, 15	Dispute. Tenant of ironwork complains about actions of owner Anthony Smell

## CONTINUATION INTO EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

DATE	GMR	GD/WC	MG.	OWNERS: The Smelth of Rake in Witley	1660 — 1720
1660			not		Inventory - probably attached to a lease of earlier than 1666
1666			referred		Lease to Wm Morden of Ironworks
1666					Inventory attached.
1671		SL 72,78			Lease of Hammer Pond, etc by Thos. Smith to Hy Roper Lease of New land in Witley Do Do.
1673					J. Aubrey's reference to Thursley Ironworks.
1681	LM 5/2/9				Lease of Ironworks, etc including Cold Harbour
1719					Garbled version of J. Aubrey in <u>The History and Antiquities of Surrey</u>
1720	LM 5/3/97				Lease of Warren Lodge and Upper Hammer by Thos Smith
1730					Garbled version of J. Aubrey in <u>Magnum Britannia: Surrey</u> i.e. inserted into Camden's MB. Used by Straker.

What Aubrey said in 1673: Bodl. Lib MS Aubrey 4: A Perambulation of Surrey (begun 1673)

"Thursley and Witley: Thursley Forge, f 13E recto:

"In Wytley park are now no Deere, there is Iron-ore, and two forges. ... All Thursley & Chapel belonging to Wytley: two great hammer-ponds belonging to Mr Thomas Smith.

f 240 recto:

"In Thursley or Witley-parish 2 great hammer-mills"

## CONTINUATION THROUGH EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

DATE	GMR	GD/wc	MG	1762 — C.1800
1762	G 9025/5 (Reque) Map			More representation on maps is not an indication that the works were in action. The Rique map shows "Iron Old" at lower site and Hammer Pond at upper site. No Coldharbour
1767	LM 1064/9			"Frig iron [etc] .. brought by Water to Sodalming and carried to the Ironworks, Manufactured there and recamed and pay w <sup>o</sup> tolls." The document is about a project for removing the Sodalming Turnpike.
1768				Stoker, <u>op.cit.</u> , 448: "Wrought iron was sent to London by the [Sodalming] canal." No reference given
c.1800				E.W. Hulme "Statistical History of the Iron Trade" in Transactions of the Newcomen Society 9 (1928-9), 19. One of the audience said Thrusley were sending iron gads to Hull at the end of the 18 <sup>th</sup> c. No Hull Record Office has confirmation of this



## APPARENT DEATH - C. 1800 - BEFORE 1805

SD | WC

1805

Was Malcolm A Compendium of Modern Husbandry (1805).

1, 103: "Mr Nalders' Craps-mills on Hammer-pond Heath."

1838

16, 168

Grant of Warren Lodge, etc: mass of field-names but no clue as to date of decrease of hammer - nor as to which forge had succeeded to c. 1800 (probably Lower Hammer?)

1869

Rates: Thursley: Sy RO P 46 | 1 | 1

"Owen knight and Comp: for Ham<sup>r</sup> ponds""The Smith for Upper Ham<sup>r</sup> House"

No later clue as to Ironworks. Is "Comp:" an indication of "Company" or "Companions". If former, is this the only known use in Wealden Iron - NO

To the Taps &amp; Schedules: Thursley &amp; Wilkey.

List of field names (only in Thursley) which, with Grant of Warren Lodge above and OS Taps, unshrine the WE field names of the dead industrial site.

see also Robyns.  
Mrs Crowley & Co. etc

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THURSDLEY } : Cold Harbour (on Thursley-Witley) HAMMER FORGE  
WITLEY } Hammer (on Thursley-Witley) Boundaries .. 1617? .. 1641? .. 1660-1666 .. 1681 ..

SU : 9200 4056 (below New Pond)

Not be confused with the upper and lower Hammer sites which were in Thursley only.

DOCUMENTS

- 1) Iron Work on Witley Heath
- 2) Iron forge on Thursley or Witley Heath
- 3) Horseband Hammer in Witley Heath and Thursley Heath in the parishes of Wy & Thy or in one of them
- 4) Horsebone Hammer at (as) Cold Harbour Hammer ... in Wy Heath and Thy Heath or in both or one of them
- 5) Upper Forge and lower Hammer known as Horsebone Ha. or Cold Harbour Ha. on Wy or Thy Heaths and two Hammer ponds

- 1) GMR/LM/5/2/326 Mortgage (1617)
- 2) "Private possession" (Guiseppi) Sale (1623)
- 3) Chancery Bills .... Chas I, c.1, 15 (1641)
- 4) GD/WC 16, 151 Lease (1666)
- 5) " " Inventory (1660)
- 6) Tithe Schedule: Thursley (c. 1845)

DOCUMENTS

- a) GUILDFORD MUSEUMS ROOM = GMR, including LOSELEY = LM.
- b) GODALMING PUBLIC LIBRARY Wood Collection = GL/WC
- c) GUISEPPI TRANSCRIPTIONS M. Guiseppi "Rake in Witley" in SyAC 18 (1903). = MG.

THURSLEY } Cold Harbour  
WITLEY } Hammer

HAMMER FORGE <sup>CARD</sup> THREE  
TWO

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### ARGUMENT

1) IRONWORKS IN THURSLEY AND WITLEY }  
OR IN WITLEY }

cannot refer to the Straker sites which are both away from the parish boundary and well into Thursley. Can only refer to an ironworks on the boundary of Thursley and Witley in Cold Harbour Meadow or Wood.

2) COLD HARBOUR HAMMER

3) COLD HARBOUR WOOD

in OS 1st Ed ~ 6" is shown as a "panhandle" in Thursley surrounded on 3 sides by Witley. This could easily lead to the lawyer's repetitions about "in Thursley and Witley" etc.

4) The alternative name of horsebane\* Hammer indicates the presence of Hemlock Water Dropwort which is poisonous and, eaten by horses, causes "palsy" but it is common enough to be a specific argument if found in Cold Harbour area.

\* — band is, of course, dialectal: compare "gound", "scholar", . . . . .

WITLEY: at Wareham House.

BLAST-FURNACE.  
17<sup>th</sup> c?

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(1) "In Witley Park are now no Deere.  
There is Iron-ore and two forges".  
Of course applies to 1673 not to 1714 or 1730.

(2) Slag in stream; large bay across  
which a footpath formerly ran.

(3) Notes report of a furnace in Witley  
in 1784. Holling thinks this date  
much too late.

(4) No field-names appropriate but  
The Roughs - see (6)

(5) Confirms Holling who found a  
piece of bellarmine pot by bay.

(6) The roughs in the Schedule  
are called "Mine-pits" at  
921368, 921369 and 921370 (i.e.  
three fields).

(1) J. Aubrey op. cit., f. 138 recto.

(2) F. W. Holling "Witley Iron Furnace  
in Witley Park" in Sy AC 68 (1971).  
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(3) B. Worssam

(4) Tithe: Witley

(5) WIRC visit led by F. Holling.

(6) Computer.