

North Crawley 1773



An everyday story of Country Folk ??

Enclosure was not an everyday story of country folk

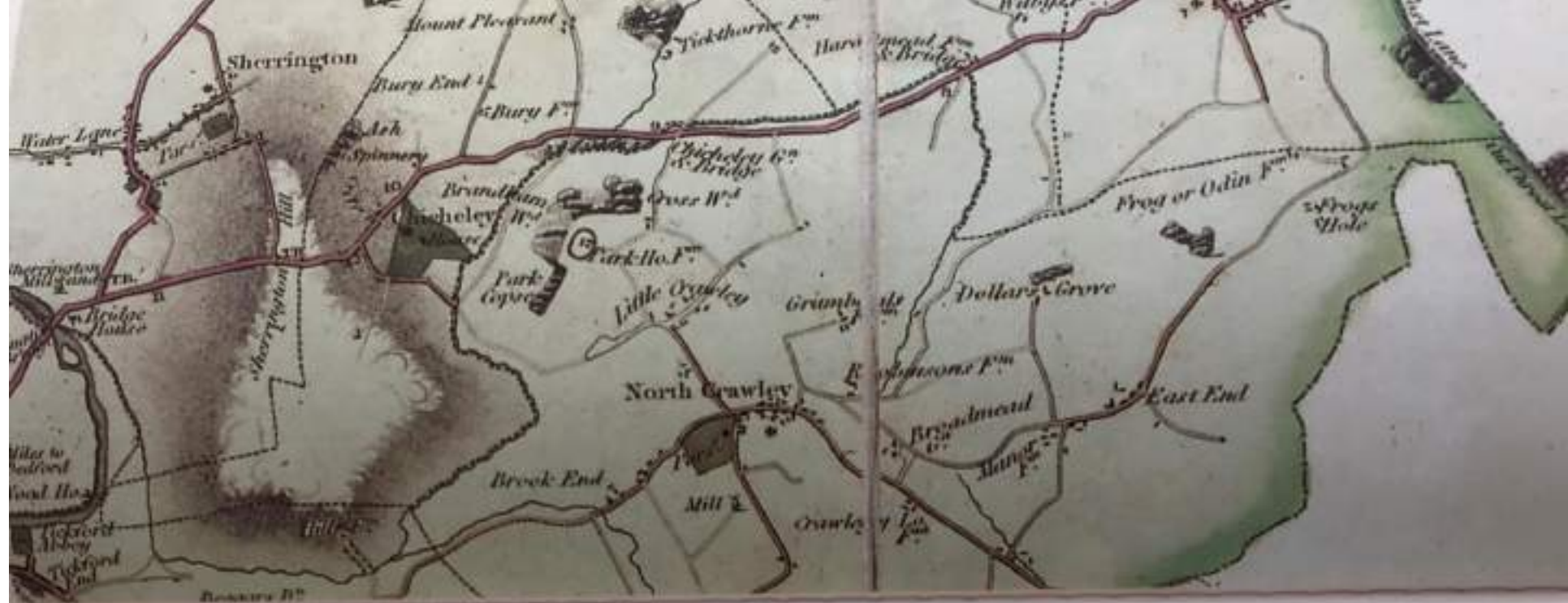
- It was a radical change in peoples lives that had endured for hundreds of years
- It was the destruction of the Open fields system with communal meadows and seasonal customs
- It was a rationalisation of the open fields system and complicated rights of pastorage
- It brought into cultivation uncultivated land and waste ground and commons to the benefit of rich landowners and yeoman farmers and owners of Rectories with church tithe rights.

Lets get in the Tardis and go back intime

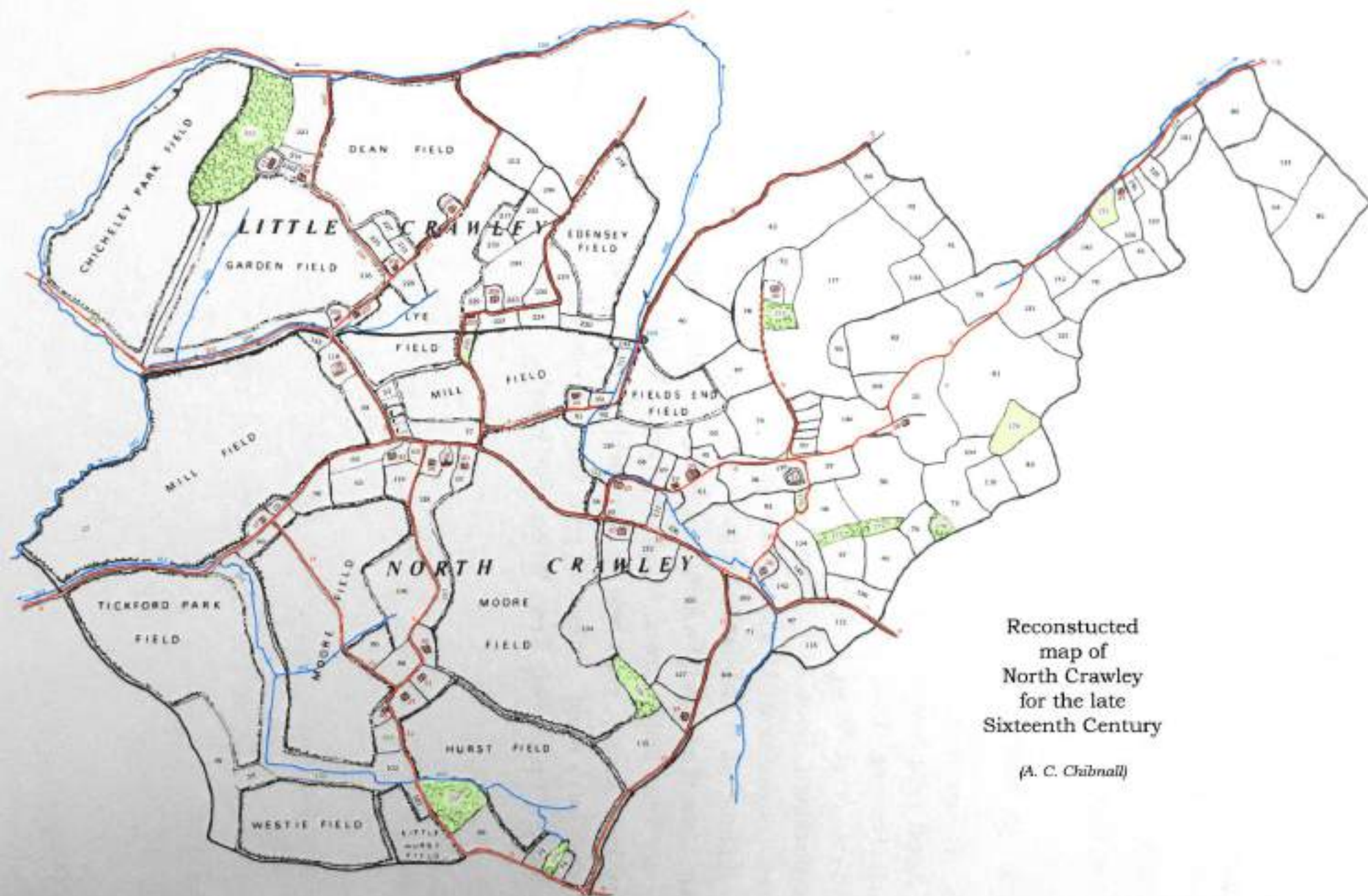


2021 back to 1773

- 2021 a vehicle is sent by man out of the Solar System deep into outer space sending back messages
- 1989 World Wide Web
- 1969 Man on the Moon
- 1941 The Jet Engine
- 1940's First Computers
- 1927 Television
- 1903 First Flight by Wright Bros
- 1835 Act of Parliament for local railways Wolverton Works
- 1800 Grand Union Canal severs Great Linford from Little Linford
- 1795 The Grand Junction Canal Act



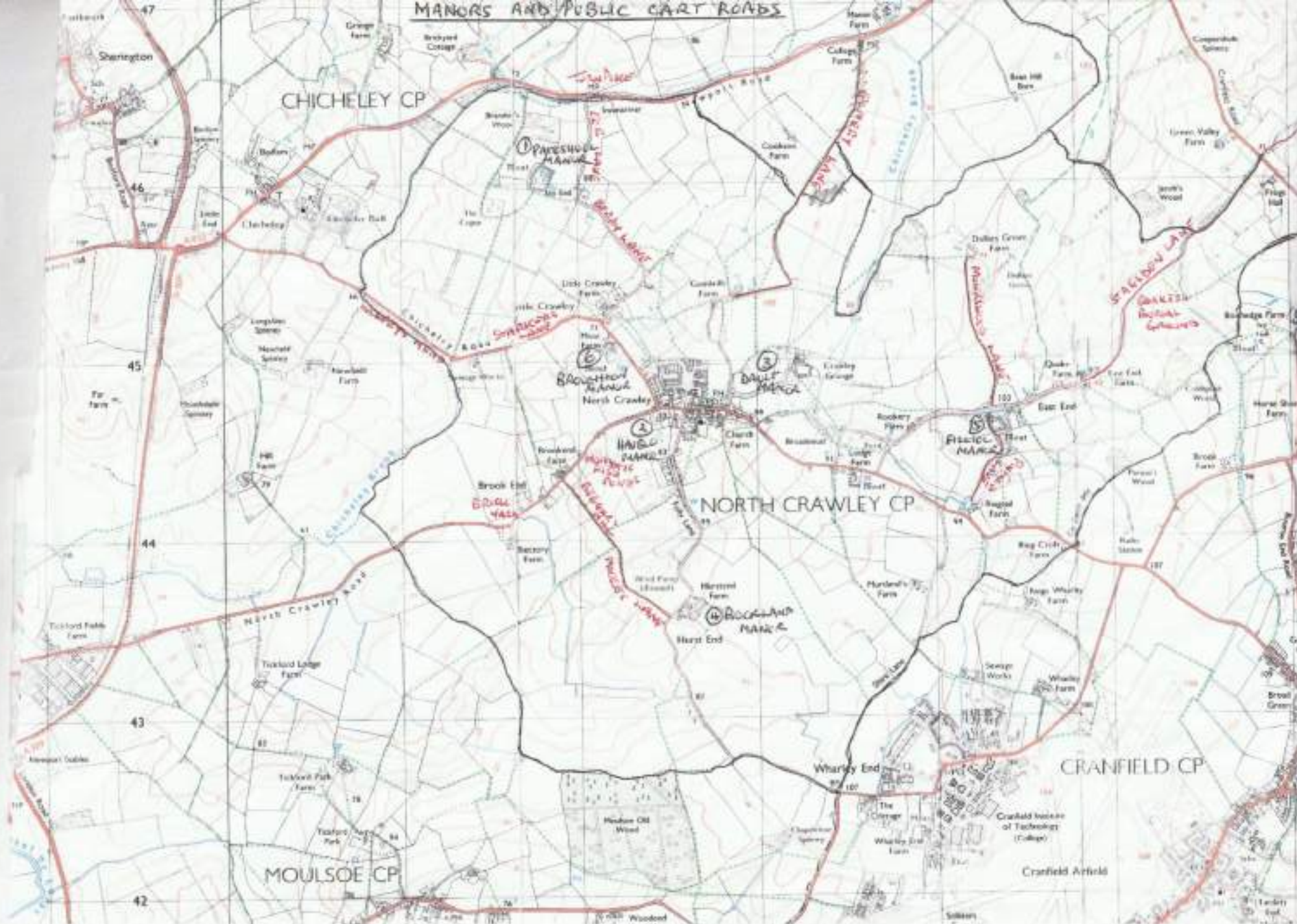




Reconstructed
map of
North Crawley
for the late
Sixteenth Century

(A. C. Chubnall)

MANORS AND PUBLIC CART ROADS



Bedford to Newport Turnpike Road 1754

- First trust £2200 invested (Duke of Bedford invested half)
- By 1765 it had been upgraded except for 1.5 miles at Swans River between Hardmead Turn and Chicheley where Chicheley Brook flooded each year and made the road impassible
- In 1766 the Duke put in more money but badly underestimated the work needed and traffic deserted the road for Leighton Buzzard , Aylesbury route
- Trust ceased in 1773 but re-established in 1814

Gob Lane Turnpike-Bedford Road

- Joseph Coleman the biggest Bedford Grocer in wagons with 54 Cheeses
- Cheeses from Leicester down canal to Linford wharf
- By wagon to Bedford
- Typical Turnpike Toll List
- Wagon 6d
- Horse 1d
- Coach & 4 Horses 1/-
- Score of Oxen 6d
- Score of Hogs 3d
- Score of Sheep 1p

Travel Conditions

- From 1669 Farmers with Carts and Horses were bound to give 6 days a year to repair roads
- The average speed for post was 3 mph for years
- Turnpike Roads raised the average speed to 10 mph
- Fine Trotting Horses were used for the mail.
- From 1780 innkeepers hired them out to travellers from their “posting house” premises

Who can we see in North Crawley?

- Richard Lowndes talking to Henry Higgins at Bakers Bushes, Little Crawley
- Henry Higgins about the Monarchy - George 111 (Farmer George)
- Elizabeth Brandon to her daughter about her marriage to John Goodman
- William Foskett about the proposed Enclosure of North Crawley Common Fields and Meadows
- Rector Thomas Lowndes letter to his cousin Richard Lowndes
- Catherine Lowndes Stone at Little Crawley Farm

Richard Lowndes by Thomas Gainsborough
sold for £12500 in 2010



Richard Lowndes to Henry Higgins

- You know I'm the Lord of the Manor and owner of Crawley Grange and a big Estate here
- You are always stirring the peasants up against me
- Just because you have a house in Bakers Bushes that entitles you to vote
- You never vote for me and my Tory Party
- You are always voting for the Whigs and that Duke of Grafton and the other big Whigs

Reality

- Reverend Charles Cole had to call a meeting in the Cock to placate villagers about the exploitation of Open Field meadows by the big landowners
- Only 1 adult male in 12 was able to exercise their vote and certainly no women
- Richard Lowndes inherited the Crawley Grange Estate and the Manor of Great Crawley from his Grandfather, William Lowndes to keep it out of the hands of his spendthrift son Robert.
- Richard Lowndes was MP for 45 years but never faced an election as there was an elite carve up of the seats in Buckinghamshire
- The Whigs were in power for 50 years of which the Duke of Grafton was one

Georgian Society

- Dominated by the Land Owning Aristocracy.
- The House of Lords was at least as powerful as The House of Commons and the King was a member
- Powerful Squirearchy
- Church of England
- Yeoman Farmers
- Small Cottagers
- The Poor

Henry Higgins – Just like that!!



Henry Higgins reply

- I've never cared for you Richard Lowndes.
- I lost all respect 28 years ago when Bonnie Prince Charlie marched with his army south as far as Derby 130 miles from London
- When someone said they were in Northampton you packed up all your silver plate and went into hiding at Wootton
- I can't stand that German Monarchy, why do we have to pay all this money to keep them?
- What are they doing for this country?

Georgian England

- Queen Anne in 1714 left no male heir as required by Parliament
- George 1st of Hanover only spoke German and loved hunting
- His wife committed adultery and so he locked her up for life.
- George 2nd never saw his mother again and was at loggerheads with his father so the press could write what they liked causing freedom of speech in England and the cartoons of Hogarth and Gilray.
- George 3rd “Farmer George” was born in England and spoke English and was popular with the people.
- He had a model farm in Windsor and encouraged modern agricultural methods . Most Parishes in England were “Enclosed” during his long reign, He acceded in 1760 but by 1811 was suffering from “madness” and replaced by the Prince Regent and died in 1820.



George, Queen Charlotte and their six eldest children. George, Prince of Wales, and Frederick, Duke of York, stand beside their father; William, Duke of Clarence, holds a cat; Edward, Duke of Kent, plays with a dog. The Queen holds the infant Princess Augusta, while Princess Charlotte stands alongside.

King of England ,France, Ireland and So Forth

- King of France was a fiction going back to Plantagenat days when we held territories in France
- Ireland was always mentioned but NOT North America, India and the Caribbean
- And so forth related to his electorate in Hanover
- Population 6.75 million English and Welsh
- 3.25 Million Irish
- 1.25 Million Scottish



George bought Buckingham House for Queen Charlotte in 1762, extensively renovating and adding to it. Fourteen of their fifteen children were born there.



12. The King's Octagonal Library at Buckingham House, where he kept some of his 80,000 books and where he met Samuel Johnson in 1767.



13. George founded the Royal Academy of Arts, and had its original members painted by Zoffany in 1772. Among others in this picture are Giovanni Cipriani, the American-born Benjamin West, Paul and Thomas Sandby, William Chambers and Joshua Reynolds.

Politics and Events Circa 1773

- Lord North was Prime Minister
- Government had to control The East India company in India but gave them a deal in America to pay a reduced amount of duty on tea imports
- America Rebelled and culminated in George Washington beating British Army and American independence
- The Boston Tea Party on 16th December 1773 threw 298 Tea Chests into the sea worth £10994 in protest against British taxes
- We were at war with the French
- Josiah Wedgewood had set up his factory in Staffordshire and built a village for his workers
- Thomas Chippendale was fully operational
- William Cowper published “The Olney Hymns” in 1779

Horse Racing in 1773

- Racing was held at Bury Field Newport Pagnell between 1720 and 1788 but not revived again until 1828.
- The Champion racehorse of 1773 was Pot 8 o's winning 34 out of his 38 races.
- You could write your betting slip, Potatoes, Pot 00000000 or Pot 8 o's
- He was sired by Eclipse a legendary thoroughbred and every horse running in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park in 2020 was descended from Eclipse
- They knew about breeding and bloodlines in horses cattle sheep.
- Bess of Hardwick lost 3000 guineas at Newmarket in one afternoon.

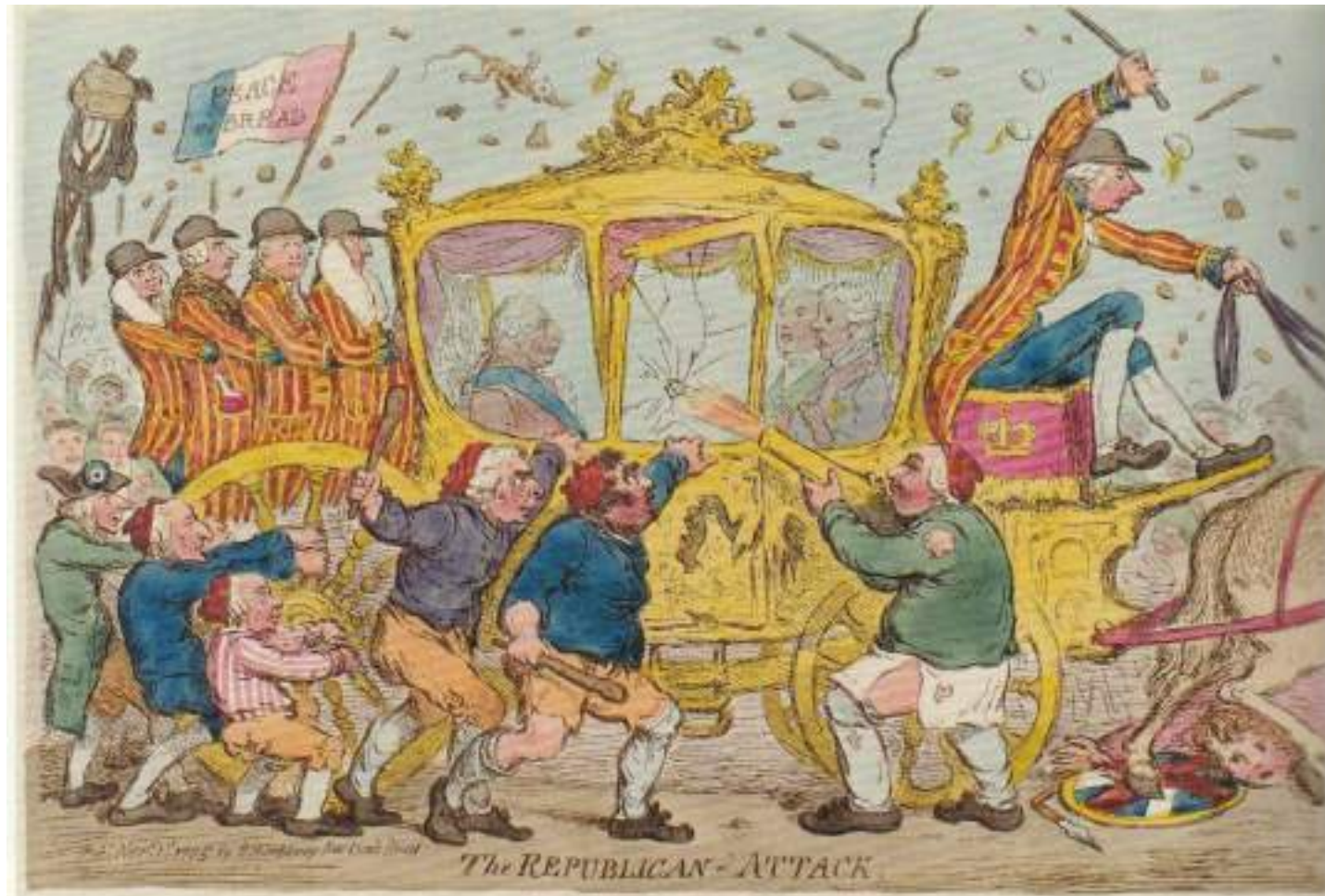


45. A satirical print of the King and Queen dressed as a farmer and his wife watching in astonishment as two geese suck a cow's udder. The King's interest in progressive agriculture, on which he wrote well-informed articles for journals, earned him the nickname 'Farmer George'.

A Hogarth cartoon on the marriage of the Prince of Wales and Mrs Fitzherbert in 1785.

The King and Queen are shown entering his bedroom with the Act of Parliament forbidding the marriage of royal princes without the Kings consent.





46. Gillray's satirical depiction of the attack on George's coach on his way to open Parliament on 29 October 1795. Here it is Charles Fox, Richard Sheridan and the radical Whigs who make up the mob stoning the coach.



8. The 3rd Duke of Grafton failed to heed the warning signals from the American colonies.

Elizabeth Brandon at Brook End



Elizabeth Brandon to her daughter in Brook End

- Waal my gal, what ever are we going to do with you?
- That John Goodman has got you in the family way and he ain't got a farthing to his name.
- You had better tell him that if he marries you he can have the 3 acres of land the Rector says we can have when they finish enclosing the Open Fields.
- You never know in 250 years time it will be known as Goodman's Field and they might get planning permission for a shed to keep some Alpacas

The Brandon Family Tree

Elizabeth came from Willen where she married Thomas in 1714

They had 17 children but many died young

Elizabeth had lost her Husband Thomas in 1772 after 58 years of marriage and died herself in 1774.

They were Yeoman Farmers who owned land, apart from having an allocation in the land awards at Brook End , Elizabeth had to pay 5s3d for a pightle in Up End because she had not enough open field land to compensate for the release of Tithes on the Pightle

Elizabeth's son Thomas luckily survived and a further 8 generations of Brandons brings us down to John in 2022

1 ACRE equals A FURLONG (220 yards) x A CHAIN (22 yards) equals 4840 square yards equals 1 strip of a ridge and furrow field

1 ACRE equals 4 ROODS

1 ACRE equals 160 PERCHES

1 ROOD equals $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ACRE or 1210 square yards

1 ROOD equals 40 PERCHES

1 PERCH equals 30.25 square yards

ELIZABETH BRANDON (Widow)

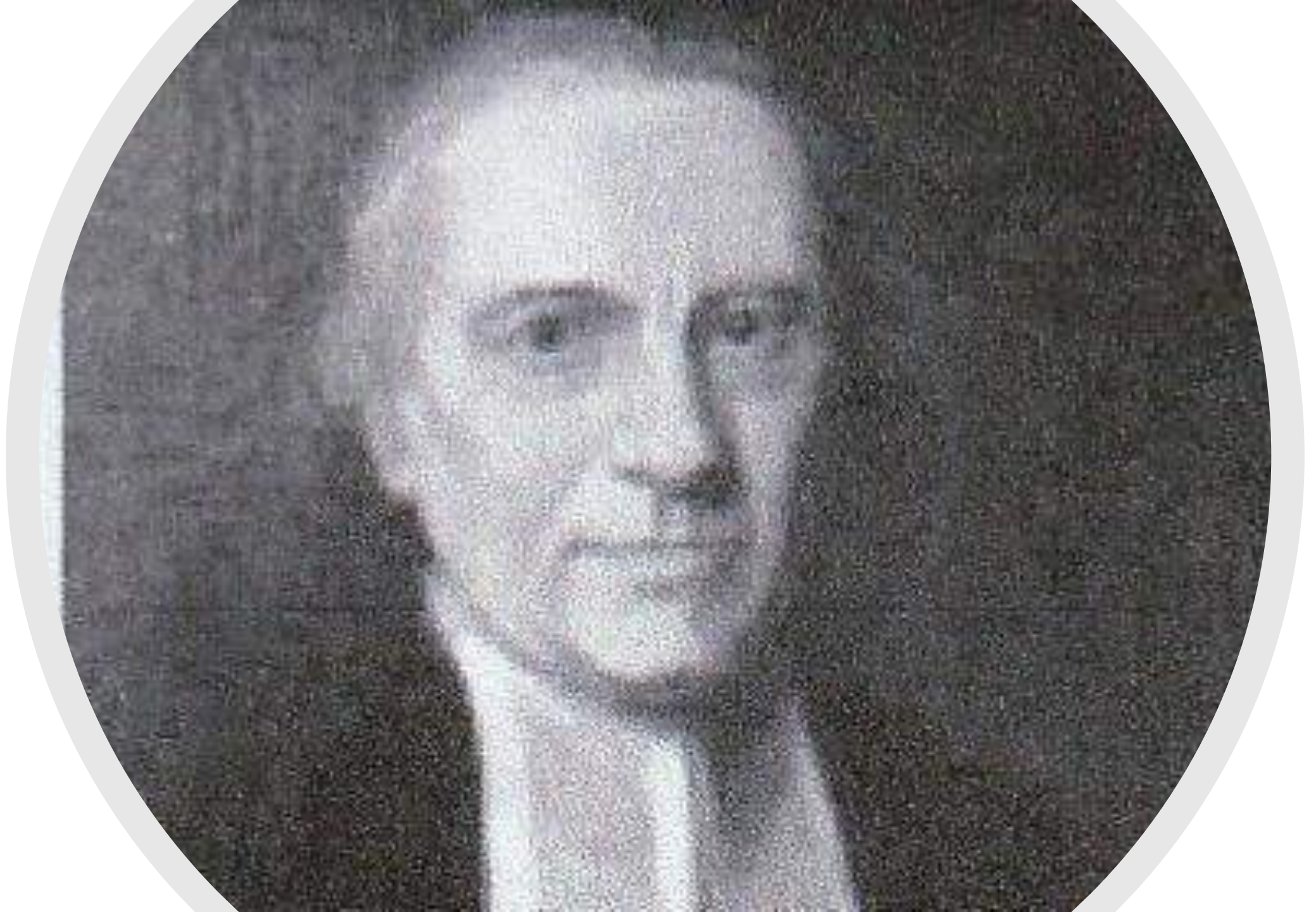
In lieu of all her lands and Right of Common the lands intended to be divided and inclosed in settlement on her daughter the WIFE of JOHN GOODMAN a deduction for discharging old inclosures to Tithes to THOMAS LOWNDES

A parcel of land situate in the MOORS FIELD containing 3 ACRES – 29 PERCHES bounded on the EAST by an allotment to RICHARD LOWNDES on the SOUTH by an allotment to CHARLES CHESTER and exchanged on the WEST by the allotment to RICHARD LOWNDES and on the NORTH by HOME CLOSES or PIGHTLES at BROOK END belonging to RICHARD LOWNDES, CATHERINE LOWNDES STONE and ELIZABETH BRANDON

The hedges, ditches and fences on the WEST next to the allotment to RICHARD LOWNDES shall be maintained by ELIZABETH BRANDON

The Drivers of Enclosure

- Improvements to Breeding & Management of Livestock
- Improvements in Farm Machinery
- New Crop Rotations
- Prices rose in 1760's to 1790's because of Poor Harvests
- Landlords wanted go ahead Farmers with no restrictions to increase rent yields
- A growing population needed more food production
- Enclosure rationalised the Open Fields system with Rights of Pastorage
- It Brought uncultivated land and commons into cultivation



William Foskett of Hurst End to William Barratt Richard Lowndes Tenant

- The cheek of these Gentry trying to take all our land off of us, pretending Enclosure has to happen to increase food production.
- All the villagers with small holdings are going to be wiped out and will be deprived of putting food on the table
- Some will have to go to the Workhouse in Newport or Bedford.
- Bedford Workhouse can only afford to give them meat 4 times a week.
- If I don't object to this scheme my son will curse me forever.

William Foskett

His Grandfather had been Commissioner for Bucks under Oliver Cromwell, and when no marriages were conducted in Church during the Commonwealth period he married couples in Newport registry office

His Uncle born in North Crawley founded the Baptist College in Bristol and was an important figure in the Welsh Chapel expansion

William had a very large amount of Open Field and also rented land from a London resident Frances Rigg making a large farm

Unhappy at losing Finalls Ground opposite Hurst End Farm where many of his ancestors were buried he was the only resident opposing Enclosure

After Enclosure land increased dramatically in value with Freehold occupation and his farm was advertised for sale in The Northampton Mercury in 1779

He died in 1785 and is buried at “Whinnels” in North Crawley, his son John was a butcher in Cranfield

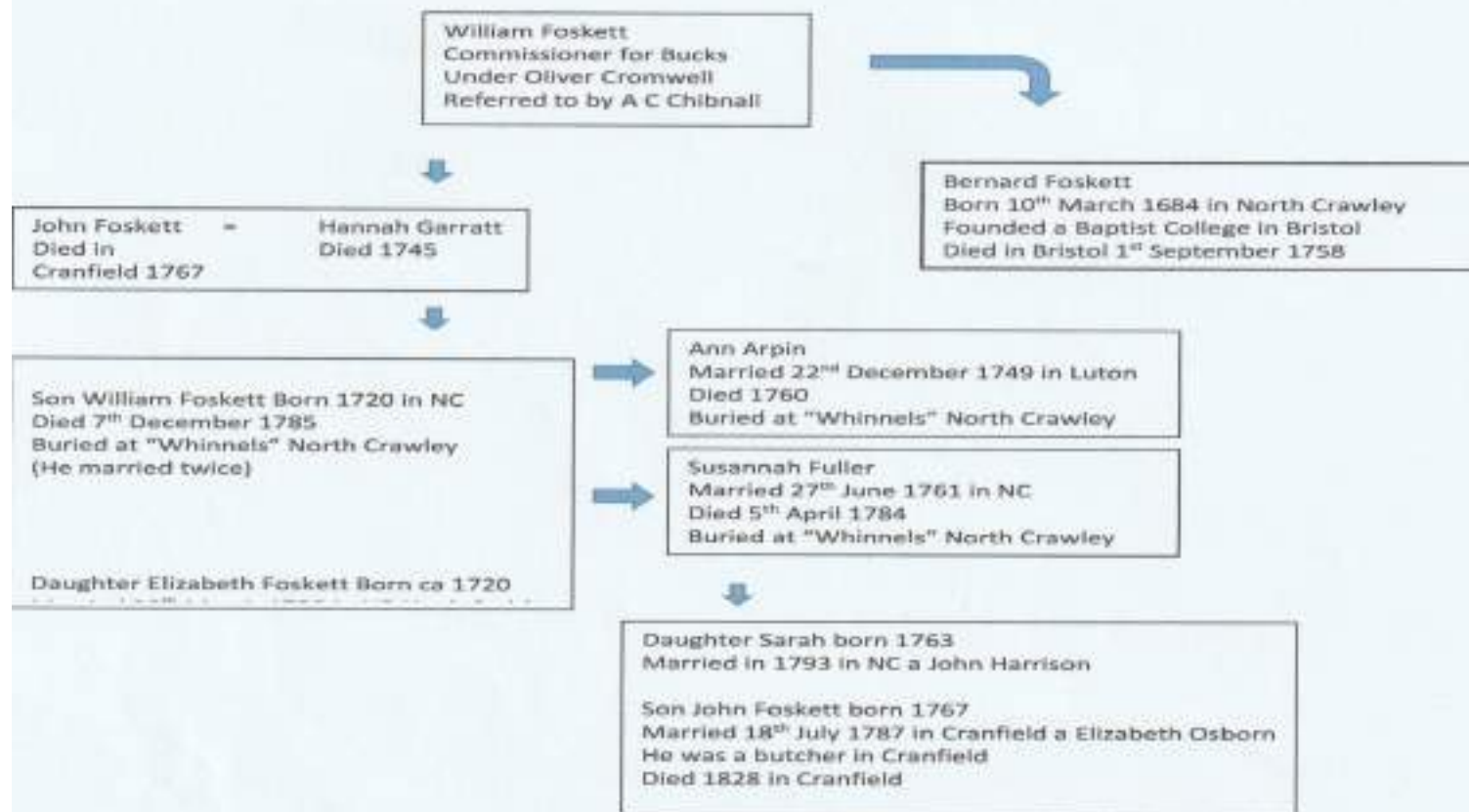
WILLIAM FOSKETT

In lieu of all his lands and Right of Common and a deduction for discharging all his old inclosures from Tithes and added to and comprised in the allotment to THOMAS LOWNDES two parcels of land

One parcel of land situated in MATTHEWS FIELD containing 22 ACRES – 3 ROODS – 9 PERCHES including all roads and ways bounded on part of the EAST and NORTH EAST by old inclosures belonging to WILLIAM FOSKETT called THE NEW CLOSES on the remaining part of the NORTH EAST by old inclosures belonging to JOHN GOODMAN on part of the SOUTH and other part of the EAST by an allotment to EDWARD WALLIS on the remaining part of the SOUTH by old inclosures belonging to DAVID MORTIER called the NEW CLOSES on part of the SOUTH WEST part of the NORTH and other part of the SOUTH WEST by lands awarded to FRANCES RIGG on the WEST by the HOME CLOSES of FRANCES RIGG and WILLIAM FOSKETT and on the NORTH by lands awarded to WILLIAM COOKE

One other parcel of land situate in TINDERY FIELD containing 59 ACRES – 1 ROOD – 22 PERCHES including all roads and ways bounded on part of the EAST and NORTH by an old inclosure belonging to WILLIAM FOSKETT called LONG CLOSE on the remaining part of the EAST by lands awarded to FRANCES RIGG in MATTHEWS FIELD on part of the SOUTH by old inclosures in NORTH CRAWLEY and MOULSOE on part of the WEST and on other part of the SOUTH and part of the SOUTH WEST by an allotment to DAVID MORTIER on other part of the WEST and SOUTH by the first allotment to LORD EXETER on other part of the WEST and SOUTH by an old inclosure belonging to DAVID MORTIER call SCATCHNG HILLS on other part of the WEST by old inclosures called SCRATCHING HILLS belonging to JOSEPH PAGE on part of the NORTH and small part of the EAST and WEST by the second allotment to LORD EXETER on the remaining part of the NORTH by an old inclosure at HURST END belonging to DAVID MORTIER and on the remaining part of the EAST by a lane leading from HURST END into TINDERY FIELD

FAMILY TREE



Hannah Foscett, William's mother in her Will of 1744 shows that she had loaned him £300, possibly a mortgage on his land of which she forgave him £150 and as her executor, William had to account for £100 to her son in law and £50 to her grandchildren by her daughter who had predeceased her.

William himself also benefitted to the tune of £100 from his Uncle Bernard's Will proved in 1758.

Bernard Foscett himself was a famous Calvinist Baptist preacher as outlined in his funeral address published in 2018. He founded the Baptist College in Bristol.

Thomas Lowndes

- Lived in the vicarage at Astwood where he had been instituted as vicar in 1752
- Became Rector of North Crawley in 1771 but did not take up residence in the old rectory in North Crawley with it's 18 rooms and outbuildings at Broadmead
- Had a town house in the parish of St Margaret's Westminster
- Died 1797 and is buried in St Peters Churchyard Astwood with a plaque in the Church

Dear Sir,

By yours which I was favoured with last night, you seems to express that I am for pushing on ye out for the inclosure of North Crawley. It is necessary we should rightly understand one another. I declare I am quite indifferent whether it is inclosed or not. The morning your gentleman left Newport it was understood on all lands the Bill was to go forward.

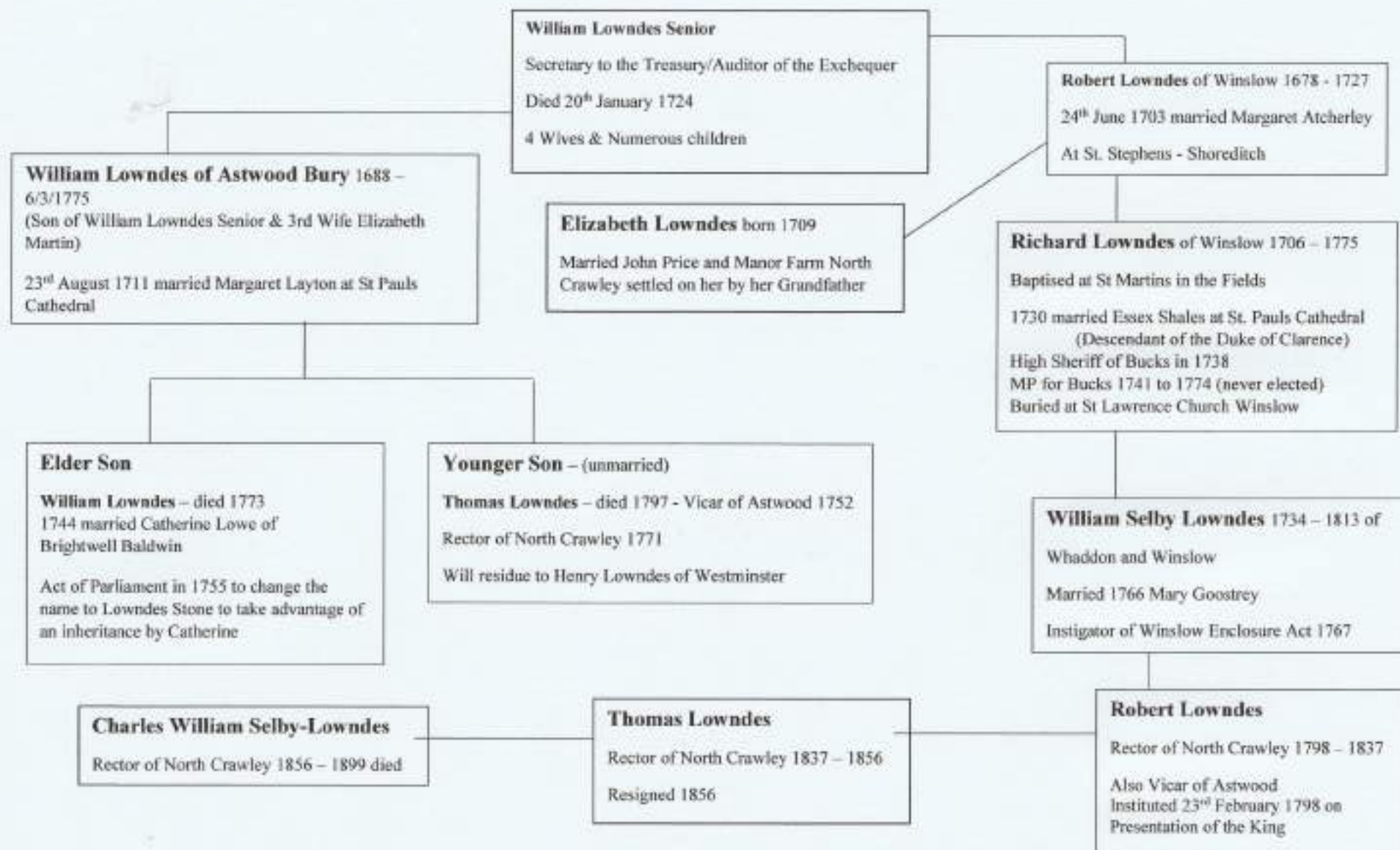
As I declared at breakfast at Newport I think the dissenter Fosketts voice very immaterial your tenant Barratt says, Foskett since told him that if he was not cursed for not agreeing to the Bill while he lived, his son would curse him hereafter.

I believe in general it is the small proprietors that are the greatest objectors to inclosing.

Thomas Lowndes

p.s. I wish I could find time before I leave ye county to wait on you at Hillesden and desire my best respects to Miss Lowndes and Miss Molly so to Major and family when you see them

LOCAL LOWNDES FAMILY CONNECTIONS



How one man transformed a town

WINSLOW 1640-1770
AND WILLIAM LOWNDES

David Noy



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TABLE 12
Crawley Fields and Seasons

		acres	acres
<i>Little Crawley before amalgamation</i>			
<i>Chicheley Park Field Season</i>	Chicheley Park Field		153
<i>Garden Field Season</i>	Garden Field	145	165
	Lye Field (part)	20	
<i>Dean Field Season</i>	Dean Field	104	153
	Edensey Field	49	—
			471
<i>Great Crawley before amalgamation</i>			
<i>Moore Field Season</i>	Moore Field	369	402
	Lye Field (part)	33	
<i>Tickford Park Field Season</i>	Tickford Park Field	140	
	Little Hurst Field	24	
	Great Hurst Field	114	347
	Fields End Field	53	
	Ploughed Allosey (part of no. 40)	16	
<i>Mill Hill Field Season</i>	Mill Hill Field	251	318
	Tindery Field	67	—
			1067
<i>North Crawley amalgamated</i>			
<i>Park Field Season</i>	acres	<i>Mill Field Season</i>	acres
Tickford Park Field	140	Mill Hill Field	251
Little Hurst Field	24	Tindery Field	67
Great Hurst Field	114	Dean Field	104
Fields End Field	53	Edensey Field	49
Ploughed Allosey	16		
Garden Field	145		
Lye Field (part)	20		
	—		—
	512		471
			555

Catherine Lowndes Stone

- William Lowndes of Astwoodbury had two sons William and Thomas.
- William had Little Crawley Farm and married Catherine Lowe of Brightwell Baldwin near Thame who was heiress to a large estate there. It was a condition of her inheritance that she and her husband changed their name to Lowndes Stone.
- William died in 1772 before enclosure but she was on the committee in North Crawley relating to Enclosure.
- Thomas the younger son of William of Astwoodbury was content to be Vicar of Astwood from 1752



WHAT STARTED THE ENCLOSURE OF NORTH CRAWLEY

Northampton Mercury 15th April 1771

On Friday last at the Parsonage House, North Crawley Bucks in the 83rd year of his age, The Rev. Charles Cole, clerk where he resided as Rector 54 years, exemplary in every religious and social duty.

The Lowndes Family

- The Hackett Trustees had appointed a young Rector named Charles Coles in 1717 who lived in the huge mansion of a vicarage at Broadmead.
- William Lowndes senior of Winslow had bought the rectory in North Crawley in 1718 with it's 18 rooms and numerous outbuildings with Hollows Manor and Broadmead Farm.
- The purchase of a Rectory entitled you to appoint the Rector.
- His Grandson Thomas Lowndes, the younger son of William Lowndes of Astwoodbury was appointed Vicar of Astwood in 1752
- They could not appoint the Rector of North Crawley until Charles Coles died in 1771, when Thomas Lowndes was duly appointed.

Notices of the forthcoming Enclosure were put up in St Firmins

- The Parliamentary Process
- The Measurement and Surveyors of lands in the Parish, Open Fields, Waste Ground, Communal Meadows.
- The Appointment of Commissioners

Parliamentary Proceedings

1st Reading of the Bill in The House of Commons 11th February 1772.

A Bill intituled, An act for dividing and enclosing the Open Common Fields, Meadows and Waste Grounds, within the Manor and Parish of North Crawley, in the County of Bucks to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Local Parliamentary Representation

- Richard Lowndes in the House of Commons
- Lord Trevor in the House of Lords
- Lord Carrington in the House of Lords

2nd Reading of the Bill in The House of Commons 17th February
1772

Ordered that the said Bill be committed to the consideration of the Lords, their Lordships, or any five of them to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Princes Lodgings, near the House of Peers and to adjourn as they please.

(Among those present Lord Trevor)

The Lords had the question put, whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

1773 Commissioners were appointed under an order bearing the seal of Lord Carrington.

Appointment of Commissioners

- John Lord of Drayton Parslow
- Thomas Harrison of Stony Stratford
- John Rogers of Carlton , Beds
- Lord Trevor, Charles Chester, Richard Lowndes,
- Catherine Lowndes Stone , William Lowndes, Rev Thomas Lowndes
- Michael Nash, Yeoman (local landowners)
- Public Notice in the parish church
- Old Inclosures exonerated from tithes Surveyors John Rogers of Carlton and John Buckwell of Daventry
- Open Fields surveyed & measured by James King and Joseph Perks of Daventry

NAME	COMMON FIELD GLEBE	IN LIEU OF TITHES OFF COMMON FIELDS	TITHES OFF MEADOWS	TITHES OFF OLD ENCLOSURE	TOTAL ACREAGE
Earl of Exeter					6
Charles Chester					182
Thomas Lowndes	36	197	40	138	411
Lord Trevor					71
Richard Lowndes					240
Catherine Lowndes Stone					167
William Lowndes					47
					1124

<u>THE FIRST SCHEDULE ANNUAL SUMS TO BE PAID FOR OLD ENCLOSURES</u>		
<u>HAVING INSUFFICIENT OPEN FIELD TO EXONERATE THEM</u>		<u>£ s d</u>
SARAH MARSHALL DOROTHY WHITE ANN MARKS & EDWARD SHAW		5.19.0
EDWARD WALLIS		1.4.4
QUEEN ANNES HOSPITAL NEWPORT PAGNELL		0.9.0
THOMAS HARTWELL		0.5.81/2
HENRY HIGGINS		0.2.31/2
REVEREND DOCTOR ATTERBURY		0.11.0
REVEREND PHILIP BIRT		8.5.9
ALEXANDER SMALL		0.9.73/4
JOHN STANTON		0.3.1
WILLIAM TARRY		0.2.8
JOHN CAVE		0.0.2
JOSEPH LUDGATE		0.0.2
JOHN GOODMAN		1.4.6
THOMAS KILPIN		0.0.3
PRISCILLA JOHNSON		0.1.71/2
AMBROSE REDDALL	(GENTLEMAN)	0.12.0
JOSEPH WALDUCK		0.0.4
THOMAS BIRCHMORE		0.0.5
RICHARD VAUX		0.2.01/2
THOMAS SMITH		1.0.9
LEGAL REPS OF ARCHIBALD BUCHANNON		2.10.81/2
THOMAS BASS		2.11.6
JOHN ROBERTS		1.16.2
JOHN KIGHTLEY		0.10.8
FOFSEY		0.0.2
HARPIN		0.0.2
HALL FOR A PIGHTLE OF LATE RICHARD HALL		0.1.1
JOHN SMITH		0.1.8
THOMAS SMART		0.6.101/2
LEGAL REPS OF WILLIAM PLOWMAN		1.5.11/2
JOHN HALL		0.18.71/2
SAMUEL BALDWIN		2.16.10
JOHN CRIPPS		0.0.6
JOHN BOLDING		8.11.11/2
SIR GEORGE ROBINSON		0.3.4
ELIZABETH BRANDON FOR A PIGHTLE AT UP END		0.5.3
JOHN CAMPKIN FOR A GARDEN AT UP END		0.0.2
FREEMAN FOR A GARDEN ADJOINING THE LAST		0.0.2
KNIBB		0.0.2
MASTERS		0.0.2
AUSTIN		0.0.2
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>42.15.41/4</u></u>

Where was Lord Trevor ??





8/12/15

Dear Boy,
your anxious Father
Is ever

Hampden —

ROBERT TREVOR 1st VISCOUNT HAMPDEN

from an original at Wimpole



OLD MANOR FARM.

NORTH CRAWLEY.

Samuel Wright					7
Joseph Page					22
Trustees & Feoffes of North Crawley Charity					6
William Cooke					44
William Foskett					82
Frances Rigg					55
David Mortier					54
Edward Wallis					1
Ralph Abbott					2
Elizabeth Brandon					3
Benoni Cuthbertson					3
Thomas Moors					1
Richard Sharp					1
Elizabeth Hall					2
Richard Hall					5
Richard Marks					3
Henry Marks					3
John Neal					21
Thomas Griggs					15
Michael Nash					7
Robert Cowley					14
Ann Belsham					4
Edward Shaw, Sarah Marshall, Dorothy White & Ann Marks					1
John Bolding					13
William Barrett					4
Thomas Sandon					93
Robert Andrews					2
					468

Exchanges of Land at Enclosure

- Charles Chester with Richard Lowndes
- Charles Chester with William Lowndes
- Charles Chester with Catherine Lowndes Stone
- Charles Chester with Michael Nash
- (Tidied up Chicheley for Charles Chester)
- Thomas Lowndes with Lord Trevor
- Thomas Lowndes with Catherine Lowndes Stone
- Thomas Lowndes with Richard Lowndes

EXCHANGES of LAND

1. LORD TREVOR has exchanged 30 PERCHES lying on the WEST of an old inclosure belonging to the RECTOR called TEN ACRE CLOSE for an allotment to THOMAS LOWNDES in the MOORS FIELD containing 1 ROOD & 1 PERCH
2. THOMAS LOWNDES with CATHERINE LOWNDES STONE a SLIPE of ground containing 1 ROOD & 21 PERCHES situate on the SOUTH EAST of old inclosures belonging to CATHERINE LOWNDES STONE called DOVE HOUSE CLOSE for an allotment to CATHERINE LOWNDES STONE in MILL HILL FIELD containing 1 ROOD & 21 PERCHES
3. RICHARD LOWNDES has exchanged with THOMAS LOWNDES, SMITHS SLYPE lying near parsonage house containing 1 ACRE – 2 ROODS – 25 PERCHES for an allotment to THOMAS LOWNDES on BERRYSTEAD PIECE containing 2 ACRES – 3 ROOD – 21 PERCHES
4. RICHARD LOWNDES has exchanged with CHARLES CHESTER several parcels of land in the open and common fields of CHICHELEY containing 1 ACRE – 3 ROODS – 36 PERCHES (in the second Schedule with all HADES, BAULKS, RIGHT of COMMON and all other Rights) for the allotment of CHARLES CHESTER in the MOORS FIELD containing 1 ACRE – 2 ROODS – 30 PERCHES
5. WILLIAM LOWNDES has exchanged with CHARLES CHESTER several parcels of land in the open and common fields of CHICHELEY containing 1 ACRE – 3 ROODS – 39 PERCHES (in the second schedule with HIDES, BAULKS, RIGHT of COMMON and all other Rights) for an allotment to CHARLES CHESTER in MILL HILL FIELD containing 1 ACRE – 2 ROODS – 33 PERCHES
6. CATHERINE LOWNDES STONE has exchanged with CHARLES CHESTER several parcels of land in the open and common fields of CHICHELEY containing 6 ACRES (in the second schedule with all HADES, BAULKS, RIGHT of COMMON and all other Rights) for an allotment to CHARLES CHESTER in the GARDEN FIELD containing 5 ACRES – 3 ROODS – 13 PERCHES
7. MICHAEL NASH has exchanged with CHARLES CHESTER several parcels of land in the open and common fields of CHICHELEY containing 1 ACRE – 3 ROODS – 8 PERCHES (in the second schedule with all HADES, BAULKS, RIGHTS of COMMON and all other RIGHTS) for an allotment to CHARLES CHESTER in MILL HILL FIELD containing 1 ACRE – 2 ROODS – 7 PERCHES



The Swearing of the Inclosure Award 1773

John Lord John Rogers Charles Chester
 Catherine Lowndes Stone Thomas Lowndes

Thomas Harrison Richard Lowndes William Lowndes The
Mark of the said Michael Nash

Be it Remembered that at the house of Richard Hall known by the sign of the Castle at North Crawley in the County of Bucks the ninth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy two John Lord, Thomas Harrison and John Rogers the Commissioners named and authorized in and by the Act of Parliament hereinafter mentioned Did administer to each other and take and subscribe the Oath appointed by the said Act before they proceeded to act as Commissioners in the execution of the powers given by the said Act.

Enclosure Works

- Usually they would get quotes from contractors to create the ditches and fencing
- An average cost for the village would be £3000 to £4000 and be shared in proportion
- The allocations of land were usually as near to the persons existing properties
- Sometimes Timber Houses were moved to large allocations of land
- Rectory Farm must have been built at the time to go with the Rectors huge land allocation

Whaddon

March ye 8 1768

Honoured Sir,

The measure of the Sid of Bechley-leys by the Chase
is 138 Pole as is worth Eight Shillings ye Pole Work and Stuff
(work only exclusive of caridge 3s-6d per Pole) to make a
strong Ruff mound with three rails on the Ditchbank as comes
to work and stuff 55 4 0

Work only

24 3 0

I am Honoured Sir your most

Obleiged & obedient

Humble Servant

The Aftermath of Enclosure

- Land Values Increased for Enclosed Land
- Rents Increased
- Villagers who had not been lucky enough to be awarded land were either taken on as common labourers or were in total poverty or the workhouse
- Town Lands awarded to North Crawley Charities were essential for many to live
- It created a pool of labour which if not serving in the forces was not able to be used until the real Industrial revolution developed in the next century with development of the Railways and Wolverton Works

Top of the Pops 1773 - All sing along the Chorus





59. Deaf, blind, suffering from manic depression and latterly also senility, and unsupported by his family, the King lived at Windsor for ten long years before his death.

Dear Sir,

By yours which I was favoured with last night, you seems to express that I am for pushing on ye out for the inclosure of North Crawley. It is necessary we should rightly understand one another. I declare I am quite indifferent whether it is inclosed or not. The morning your gentleman left Newport it was understood on all lands the Bill was to go forward.

As I declared at breakfast at Newport I think the dissenter Fosketts voice very immaterial your tenant Barratt says, Foskett since told him that if he was not cursed for not agreeing to the Bill while he lived, his son would curse him hereafter.

I believe in general it is the small proprietors that are the greatest objectors to inclosing.

Thomas Lowndes

p.s. I wish I could find time before I leave ye county to wait on you at Hillesden and desire my best respects to Miss Lowndes and Miss Molly so to Major and family when you see them

TABLE 13
North Crawley
Hackett-Lowndes Estate Farms in 1722
Arable Land

	Mansion House Farm			Church End Farm			Mrs Eaton's Farm			Brook End Farm		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p
<i>Tickford Park Season</i>												
Park Field	1	2	8	12	0	25	2	0	37	26	0	32
Hurst Field	6	3	2							2	3	28
Lye Field	7	2	23	1	0	23		2	24			
Field's End Field				12	2	6						
part of ploughed Allosey				8	2	0						
Garden Field										4	2	11
	15	3	33	35	1	14	2	3	21	33	2	31
<i>Mill Hill Season</i>												
Mill Hill Field	18	0	6	38	2	32	5	1	6	35	1	14
Eadensey Field	4	1	8									
Dean Field				1	3	26						
	22	1	14	40	1	18	5	1	6	35	1	14
<i>Moore Field Season</i>												
Moore Field	17	2	1	41	3	22	3	1	28	36	2	33
Lye Field										5	3	3
	17	2	1	41	3	22	3	1	28	41	1	36

TABLE 14
The Open Fields in Astwood

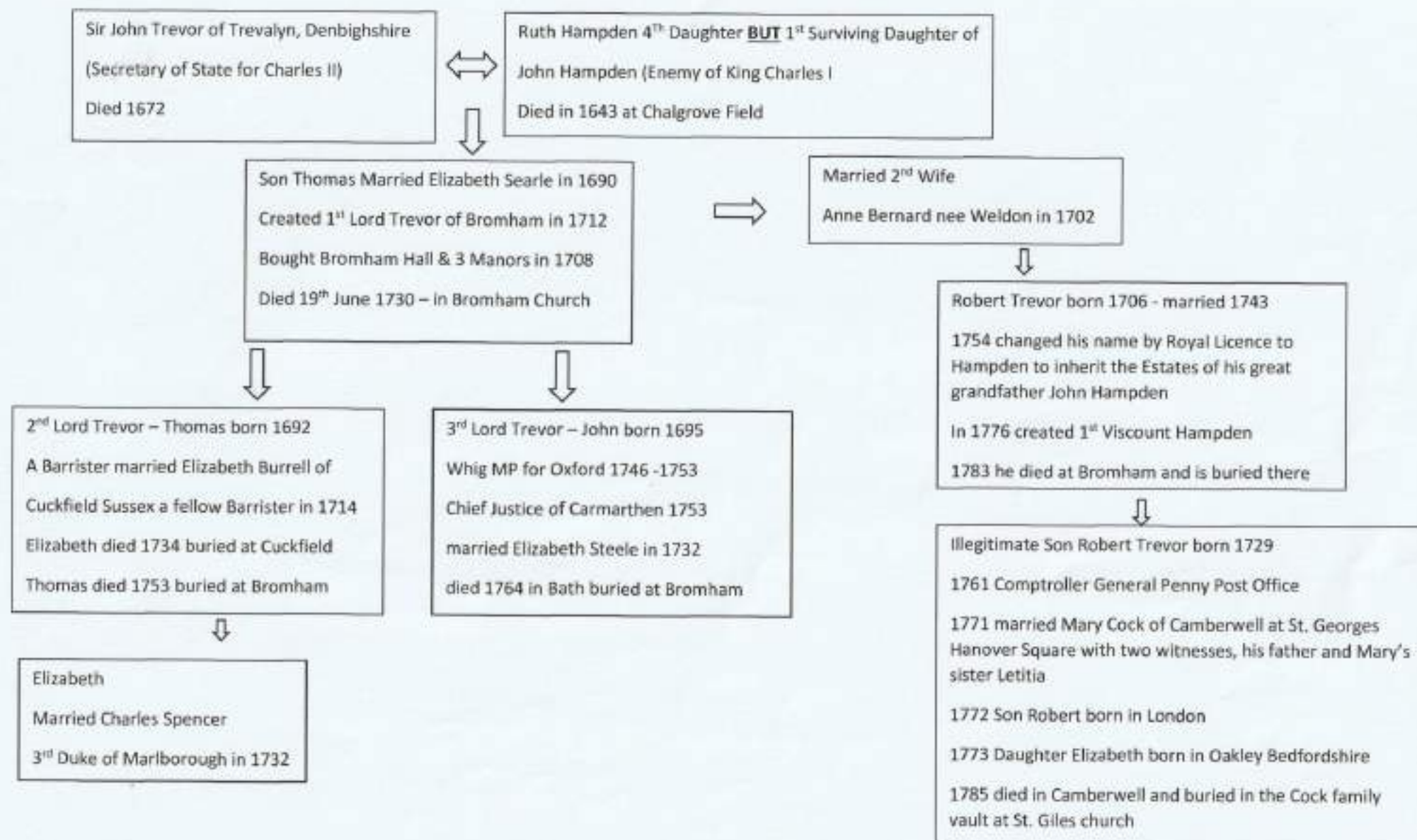
<i>Argent Field Season</i>	<i>Acreage to nearest acre</i>
Argent field	62
Kent's close	19
Nail hill	12
Ley close ¹	25
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<i>East Field Season</i>	
East field	84
Trott's fields	32
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	37
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	153
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<i>Church Field Season</i>	
Church or Stoking field	98
Longlands ¹	18
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	116

¹ At the time of the Inclosure Award in 1840 these two pieces, being in sole ownership, had already been enclosed, leaving 327a. 3r. 13p. to be dealt with.

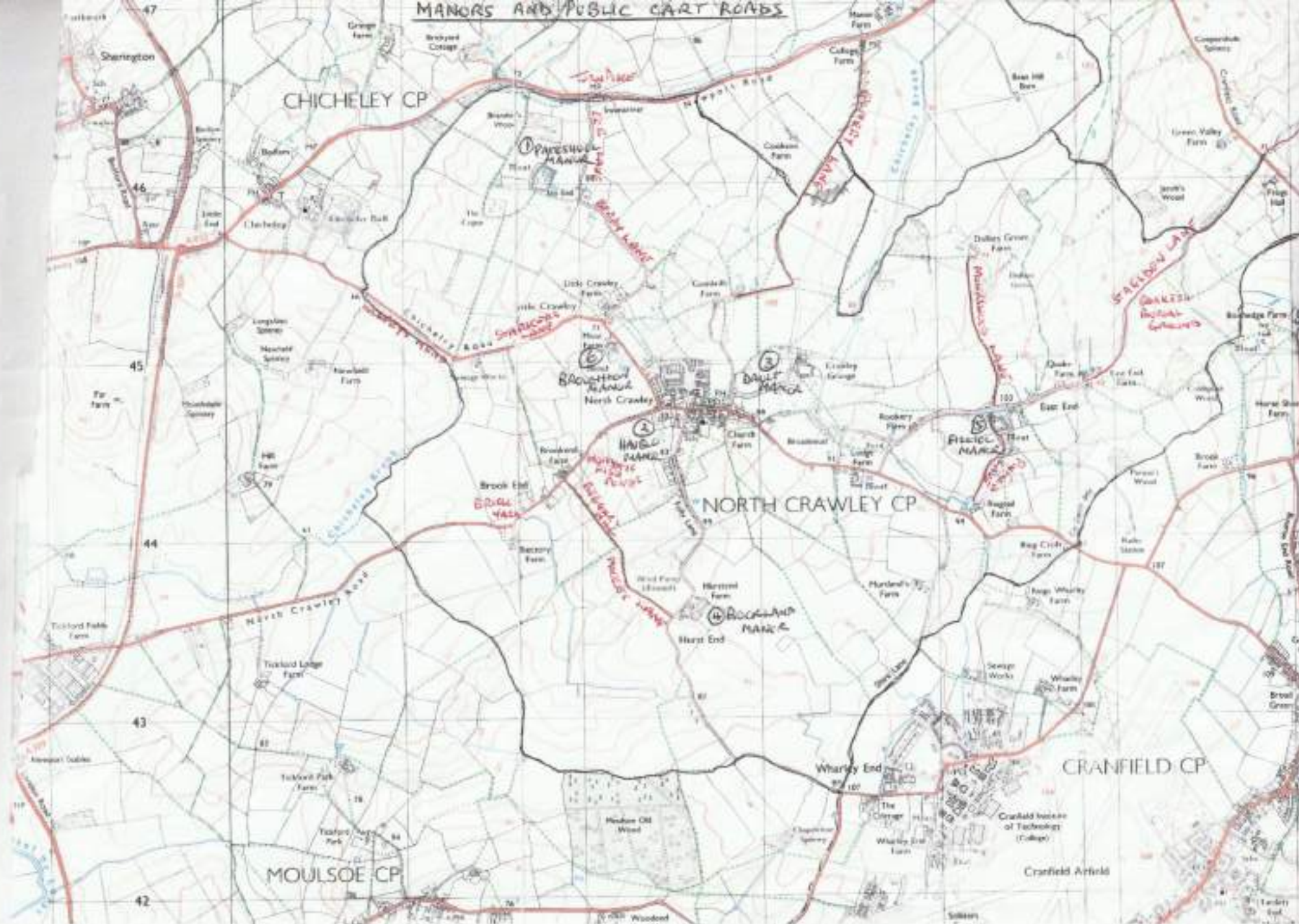
TABLE 15
Tithe Appropriation Award of 1839

<i>Place</i>	<i>Land Owner</i>	<i>Method of payment</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
Astwood Bury	William Francis	Modus	387	16	19	6
	Lowndes Stone					
Astwood Bury		Small tithes only	57	6	0	0
Astwood		Great and small tithes	230	63	15	6
Astwood	Thomas Alexander					
	Boswell	Great and small tithes	527	128	1	6
Astwood	Lincoln College Oxford	Great and small tithes	57	14	11	9
Astwood	Vicar (glebe)	Great and small tithes	3		7	6
Astwood	Sheddon Trustees	Great and small tithes	3		11	0
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			1259	£230	6	9

THE TREVOR FAMILY TREE



MANORS AND PUBLIC CART ROADS



Charles Chester

Charles Bagot was born on the 1st September 1730 at Blithfield Hall in Bromley Staffordshire and educated at Westminster School and became a wine merchant in Oporto, Portugal until he inherited Chicheley in 1755. He changed his name to Chester by a Private Act of Parliament in 1757 in the reign of George II.

In 1765 he married Catherine Legge at St. Georges, Hanover Square and they were to have 5 sons and 4 daughter.

The North Crawley Enclosure Award of 1773 enabled him to secure odd bits of Chicheley that he did not own by Exchanges in North Crawley, Richard Lowndes 1.688 acres, Michael Nash 1.544 acres, Catherine Lowndes Stone 5.831 acres and William Lowndes 2.456 acres.

Apart from the exchanges Charles Chester was awarded 171.031 acres in North Crawley in Chicheley Park Field just across the Chicheley brook boundary and adjacent to the old Pateshull Manor which descended with the Chicheley Estate.

The poet Cowper visited him regularly at Chicheley hall until his death on 23rd may 1793 and he is buried at Chicheley.

BEYOND SHERINGTON

A. C. Chibnall

Phillimore