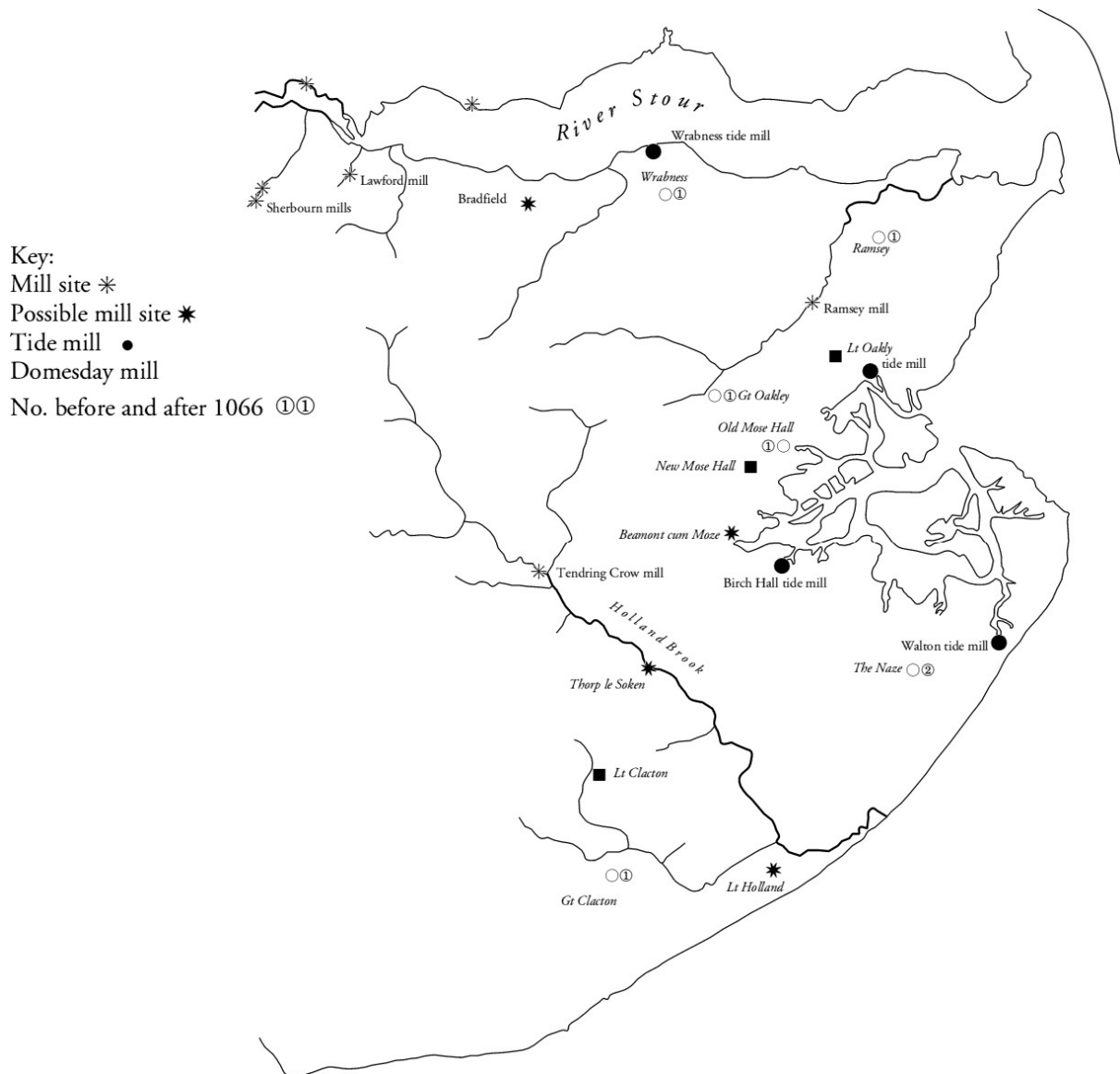


RIVER & TIDE MILLS OF THE TENDRING HUNDRED



WRABNESS

Wrabenasa

In the lands of St. Edmunds, now one mill. [8,11]



Wrabness tide mill.

William le Blund in the reign of Henry iii held in the manor of Wrabness land and a water mill for which he paid the Abbott 10 marks a year. In 1418 John Hendearich citizen of London held of the Abbott the Manor of Wrabness with a sea water mill. [Morant v1, p491]

1264 manor of Wrabenasse - water mill [Inq post Mort, 4 Jun 48 Hen iii]. 1282 water mill held of the abbot of St Edmunds [Inq post Mort 10 Ed i]

A possible location for the tide mill is to the west of Wrabness Hall in the bay at the head of Sluice Rill in Jacques Bay.

BRADFIELD

le dam de Bradefeldemell 1392 PRO catalogue of ancient deeds iv. [Reaney pp330]

A large pond is shown on maps to the north of Millgrove Wood.

Water mill probably replaced by a windmill that stood to the west of the church.

BEAUMONT CUM MOZE

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In the lands of Geoffrey de Mandeville, (given to him by the king, was held by Leofson as a manor), then one mill, now none. [18,30]

A map of Beaumont cum Moze & Gt. Oakly dated 1688 shows a "millfeilde" adjacent to saltings on The "Canfleet water" near New Moze Hall. [ERO. D/DBmP5]

GT & Lt OAKLY

Accleim (Gt.Oakley)

In the lands of Robert Geron, (was held by Aelfric Kemp as a Manor), now one mill. [38,32]

Crown grant of a water mill in Lt Oakly, 1609. [D/Dre Z4]

Deeds of Mill pond farm In Gt and Little Oakly. [D/DE1 M28]

1675; Deeds inc water mill in Lt Oakly [D/DU 689/53]

One landing place, The mill Little Oakly (1565/77). [EAT vol 17]

17/2/1551 Lease granted to Thomas Darcey Knt of the water mill in Lt Oakly, Essex in the tenure of John Thirlethorpe, (Cal of Pat Rolls) {Simmons }

1798 miller invasion returns - Richard Jessup at the watermill [D/DHa 1/10]

1559 will Lt Oakly mentions Giles Blosse at the mill (wills of Essex vol1 no.414)

Gt CLACTON

Clachintuna (Clacton)

In the land always in possession of the Bishop of London, always one fishery, now one mill. [15,3]

1416 mention of fish weirs caled Avvssewere & Le Poll at Westnasse (Gt Clacton) [D/DU 40138]

Ltl Holland

At Little Holland Hall north of the site of the church are the remains of some ancient mill ponds - namely two ponds and a large basin which is embanked at the north end. [Essex Sokens, W Gurney Benham, 1928: pp62]

RAMSEY

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In the lands of Ralph of Baynard, (was held by Aelric Kemp as a Manor), now one mill. [16,33]

Ramsey Water Mill, stood at the head of Ramsey Creek.

Map refs:

(ERO(TM212298)

Warburton map of Essex 1726

A & C 1775 a corn mill with a large pond

1st series 1" O S map mill pond farm.

1749 Emanuel Bowen 1749



In 1393 Richard II made a grant concerning the manor of Ramsey and Frating and a mill called Borfleet mill. [Morant v1, p494] 1642 [ERO. Q/CP 3 ff 131] mill pond bridge leading from Oakly to Ramsey mill, damaged by flood (a foot bridge to be rebuilt as a cart bridge) The water mill probably went out of use with silting of Ramsey Creek and inking of the marsh land. Ramsey Creek is no longer tidal. A windmill was erected to the north of the village in 1840's.

KIRBY le SOKEN

1665, 1687 deeds mention site of grist & fulling mills called *Birchal* or *Burche hall mills* in parish of Kirby. [D/DB T1136]

One landing place, Birch mill 1565/77 [EATvol17]

Nb. Birch mill was part of the holdings of St Osyth Priory.

THORP le SOKEN

In 1493 Thomas Bonour was taxed 5/-for a water mill newly built on a parcel of land in Thorp. [A History of Thorp le Soken. E. A. Wood]

WALTON le SOKEN

Aelduluesnasa (The Naze)

In land always held by the Canons of St. Paul's, now two mills. [11,5]

Walton Tide Mill

Map refs :

ERO. TM255226

Norden 1594

Warburton 1726

A & C 1775

1778 Misterly D/DF1 E1

1765: Walton watermill with windmill lately erected, with pond banks and wharf. [D/DU5/3-55]

1802 mills quay and mill pond- Joseph Hayward of Sudbury, Miller. [D/DU 5/16]

1823. Agreement to form another mill pond at Walton - conveyance of land [D/DU 5/22]

1824 Water mill and mill pond and site of windmill which hath been pulled down. [D/DU5/22]

Deeds:: House and watermill called Walton mill in Walton le Soken 1838. [D/DE1 T163]

1834. Security bond for £1400 on Walton mill-wheels shafts mills stones, going gears, dressing mill, implements utensils & fixtures. [D/DU 5/30]

1672-1700 Admission - watermill [D/DHz T290]

1827-1848 2nd mill pond formally part of 20A called the salting [D/DU 408/3]

one landing place, the mill, 1565/77. [EAT vol17]

sale of mill 1700 [T290/1-5]

1899 [D/DBm M244 p66]

Destruction of mill 1767. JYW The Essex notebook and suffolk Gleaner. 1884

Ipswich Journal:

23/2/1765 :12 June 1784 : 28 July 1787: Aug 1787

1884 sale of Tide mill for £1050 & leasehold of windmill & coal yards wharfs and house. by John Archer. [D/DU 5/31-38]{col}

The mills were worked by John Archer from 1832 and became disused following his death in 1892.

The tide mill was pulled down in 1921 and the wind mill fell down of its own accord the very day demolition of the tide mill was completed.

WALTON TIDE MILL

From 25 inch O.S map showing the extent of the tidal lagoon (mill pond) that powered the tide mill







Structure on the site of the old the old tide mill



Willow stakes forming the banks of the tidal lagoon. (photo R.S)



TENDERING

CROW MILLS

Map reffs:

ERO. TM151232

A & C 1775 mark a mill on the south side of the Tendring to Weeley road (Crow Lane) with the mill pond on the other side.

1825 Greenwood, Crowmill.

The site of the water mill is shown on early 25 inch OS maps.

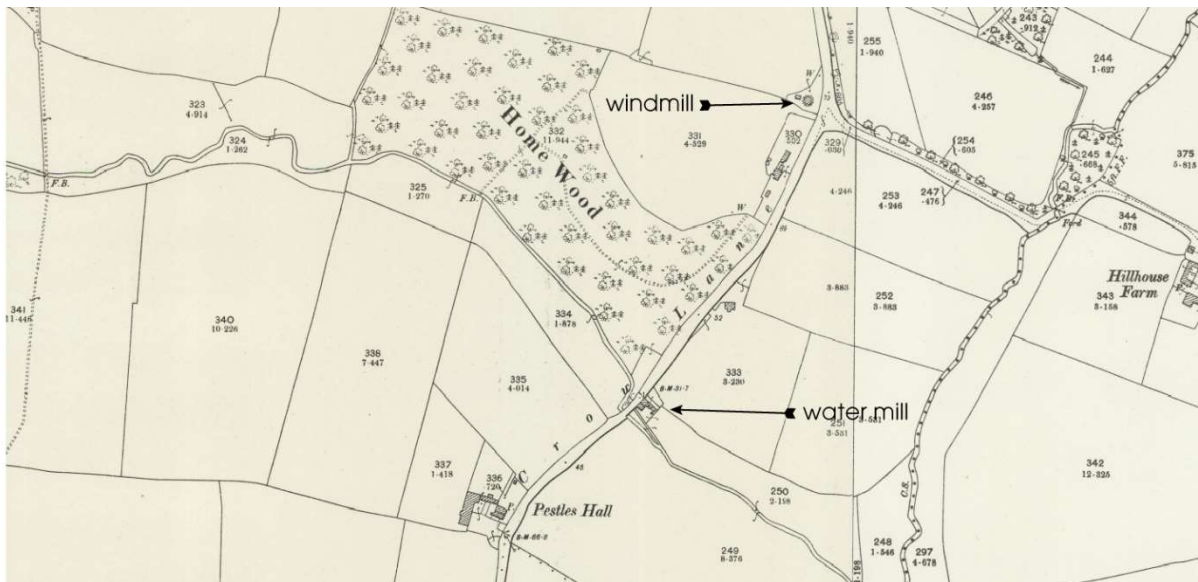
A water mill with messuage and lands in occ of Henry Tanner in Tendring, 1671, [D/DZy1]

Ipswich Journal 1786 :

To be sold: good hanging flour mill, a french stone 4ft dia, a cog wheel 6ft, dia spur whee 15ft 4ins, a fly wheel 3ft 6ins, a pair of wallowing heads 3ft, an axle tree 9ft long, an upwright shaft with all brasses spindle gudgeons etc, shaft with all the brasses spindle gudgeons etc of a water mill lately dismantled. Several of the above articles are little the worse for wear.-- B Pollard, Tendring, Essex.

The water mill was worked with a windmill that stood on higher ground to the north.

The two mills were superseded by Tendring Mills at the northern end of Crow Lane. Worked by wind and steam power. The mills have been house converted, now Mill House.



Crow wind and water mills
25 inch O.S map revised 1896

LAWFORD & MANNINGTREE

Lalefirda (Lawford)

In the lands of the king, (held before by Harold), then one mill, now two. [27,1]^

Sciddinchov (Maningtree, OldHall)

In the lands of the Countess of Aumale, (held before by Aelfric), then one mill and one fishery now none. [2,54]^

The manor of Sindingho possessed in 1279 a water mill worth a mark yearly.

In 1572 the manor of Maningtree possessed four water mills. [Morant v1, p461]

A water mill is recorded in Lalleford in 1387. [Morant v1, p460]

Thomas Parker of Ardleigh mentions in his will dated 1/4/1570 a water mill with land in Lawford and Misterly. [Wills of Essex vol2; 759]

1750-1848 land formally site of water mill called Crich mill in Lawford. [D/DU479] messuage called Faytynes or Mynotts & land.

Deeds inc in Lawford 2 mills 1665. [D/DRcT5/8]

Sale cat watermill in Lawford 1807. [D/DRcB18]

Paper relating to sale of property inc Misterly & Lawford mill. 1776-1800. [D/DHwE9] {col }

Lawford Sherbourn mills

Map refs:

Warburton 1726 shows two mills.

A & C 1775 shows one pond feed mill

1573 Dedham T/M161/1-6

1625 Dedham T/M343

Grid ref TM05753175

E.C Vol12, gives photo of one of the mills in 1910.

Ralph Ketter of Lawford, Yeoman, mentions Sherborne mill in his will dated 6/12/1570. [Wills of Essex vol2; 771]

The upper and lower mills in which are four pairs of French stones. The wheel of the upper mill is 18 feet in diameter and 6 feet wide with two pair of 4ft French stones. The frame of the mill is 60 feet long by 18 feet wide. The water when used in the upper mill drives two pairs of stones in the lower mill with a water wheel 18ft in diameter and 5 foot wide.

Ipswich Journal 1828: to be sold-two substantial brick and timber water mills situated within 100yds of each other working two pair French stones.

Ipswich Journal 1842 : Lawford flour mills to be let two over shot water corn mills in oc of Mr Wit Morgan with all the going gear.

SFI No. 43687--1780. John Cook mill, mills timber and tiled, upper and lower mills the lower with stables brick timber & tiled & thatched.

Chelmsford Chronicle : 1834/ to be sold by auction 2 substantial brick and timber water corn mills.

2 May 1807. Sherbern or Cookes in Lawford Nr Manningtree. 2 complete mills upon the same stream a convenient distance from each other in which are 4 pair of french stones water wheel 18 by 6 feet pit wheel 14 feet with all going gears in both. with a capital reservoir beautifully supplied by abundant

stream. fall to both nearly 35 feet capable of grinding upon average 12 loads per week. To be sold by auction 2 June 1807.

Upper mill demolished, lower mill wheel removed in 1930's. Over shot wheel mill weather boarded and tiled.

J. Booker. Batsford Guide to Industrial Archaeology 1980.~Former water mill, now empty. C18/C19. Timber framed and weatherboarded, red brick ground floor. Red plain tile roof. 3 storeys and loft with lucam to north face, outshot lean-to to south. North face. Central lucam on curved brackets, window to north. 3 window range of small paned vertically sliding sashes, moulded surrounds, those to ground floor with segmental heads, central door to first floor, central panelled door to ground floor within segmental head, small vertically boarded door to right. The south lean-to faces the mill pond and the exterior overshot wheel, removed 1930's, was to the east face. Of 5 bays with hanging knees to tie beams. 2 pairs of stones remain in the mill, one by H & C Collins, Milton and the other by Tinsby, Ipswich and 2 stone nuts. The dam wall curves to enclose the mill pond to the south and is of concrete faced brick. The mill stream passed under a bridge to the west of the Mill (not now visible) to drive the waterwheel. Once a partner to a long demolished upper mill.



Post card of the lower mill



6 inch O.S Map surveyed 1875
Show the upper and lower mills

MANNINGTREE
LAWFORD MILL

Map refs :

On the first series 6" map this pond feed mill is marked as Lawford Works (leather)

Grid ref TM10503150

Info refs :

Mill and malt house and kiln in Manningtree. 1735. [D/DC14/3,4]

Misterley. 1782-1872 agreement to lease mill.

[D/DHwT122]

Chelmsford Chronicle 31/10/1783.

1803 conveyance-Trinity Hall farm in Misterly, inc piece of land adj E on road from Manningtree to Tendring W upon mill pond (belonging to Misterly & Lawford mills). [D/DXk55,56]

Sale 1801. sale mill consisting of windmill and a substantial brick water corn mill all nearly new-erected with a millpond. [B149]

The water mill was replaced by Lawford Leather works. The works were disused by 1897 and 1908 the site became a pumping station for the Tendring Hundred Water Works

C1870 photo Lawford Oil mill built on site of Tendring Hundred water works. [D/F31/5]



6 inch O.S map surveyed 1875