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TREASURY SOLICITOR TO
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AND REPLIES RE COUNTY
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Correspondence as to

County Maps

WALTHAM ABBEY.

CORRESPONDENCE as to County Maps.

Major Watson

TREASURY SOLICITOR,
Law Courts Branch,
ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,
S T R A N D, W.C.

WALTER MARTIN

CORRESPONDENCE AS TO DEEDS

TREASURY COLLECTOR

ROYAL COURT OF JUSTICE

ST. PATRICK'S



TREASURY SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Law Courts Branch,
276, ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

26th September 1904.

Sir,

Waltham Fisheries.
River Lea.

In this case I am concerned for the War Department in preserving their right to the Fishery in the old River Lea at Waltham conveyed to the Crown by John Walton in 1795.

A Question has arisen as to the Boundaries of the Counties of Essex and Middlesex at Waltham Holy Cross the point being whether the County Boundary is marked by the centre of the old River Lea or by the Bank of the River. It appears that the Corporation of London were at one time the Conservators of the River Lea before the Lee Conservancy Board was formed and I shall be greatly obliged if you will inform me whether there are any records of the Corporation with regard to the River Lea and particularly any Old Maps shewing the County Boundaries. The dates I want are 1795 and 1808 but anything earlier or a few years later would be of service. If there are not any such Maps or records in your possession shewing the ancient Boundaries of the County perhaps you could tell me the earliest Map or record you have or refer me to someone who could give me some information on the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. Reil

For Treasury Secy

To the Town Clerk,
London.

*See also letter
to C of P for name*

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. M. Reil
For Treasury Solr

The Clerk of the Peace,
for the County of Middlesex & [Essex.]

TREASURY SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Law Courts Branch,
276, ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

26th September 1904.

Dear Sir,

Lea Fisheries.
Waltham.

In this case I am concerned for the War Department in preserving their rights to the Fishery in the Old River Lea at Waltham Abbey conveyed by John Walton to the Crown in August 1795.

I understand from papers in the possession of the War Department that Messrs. Hare & Co. the Agents to the Treasury Solicitor had some correspondence with you in the Month of September 1882 with reference to the matter and I would refer you to your letter to Messrs. Hare of the 14th September 1882 in which you state that you have in your possession Maps of Essex and Herts dated 1750. I should be glad if you will inform me whether you are still in possession of these Maps and whether the County Boundaries are indicated thereon. The question to which my attention at present is directed is whether the Boundary of the County of Essex runs amid stream ^{or} on the Bank of the old River Lea and if so which Bank. I shall be glad of any information you can give me and perhaps you will give me facilities for the inspection of the Maps in question I have also to ask you whether you have in your possession the Original Grant of the Manor of Waltham from the Crown or any copy of same. Have there been any inclosure Awards with Maps which would shew the river at more recent dates. The dates I particularly desire information as to are 1795 and 1808 But of course if their have been changes of Boundaries

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since I desire to follow them up if possible. Who is now the Lord of The Manor? I assume that the Title of the Lord of the Manor in 1795 could easily be proved from documents in your custody if necessary.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience Can you give me any information as to who are the Stewards of the Manors of Enfield and Sewardstone with whom I desire to communicate.

Yours truly,

E. M. REID,

for Treasury Solicitor.

W.C. Metcalfe Esq.,

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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

Shire Hall,

C H E L M S F O R D .

29th September 1904

Sir,

Waltham Fisheries.
River Lee.

With further reference to your letter of the 26th instant, the only Map here which I think would be of service to you is one of 1772 - 4 which shews the boundary of the County at that time. Near Waltham Abbey the boundary seems to be first on one bank of the River, then on the other, but I think your best plan would be to inspect it.

Alderman E. A. Fitch, of Brick House, Maldon, has, I think, the best collection of County Maps and would, I feel sure, give you any assistance in his power. Probably the Clerk to the Conservators of the River Lea might be able to give you valuable information.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HERBERT W. GIBSON.

The Treasury Solicitor,
(Law Courts Branch,
276, Royal Courts of Justice,
L O N D O N, W.C.

Office of the Clerk of the Peace,
Guildhall,
WESTMINSTER, SW

29th September 1904.

Sir,

River Lea.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst.

I have had a search made for any old maps in my custody relating to the River in question, and apparently the first maps deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Middlesex related is the year 1812, but these I am afraid will be of no use to you, as only a few sections of the River are shown, and no County boundaries are marked.

In the year 1849, a large set of plans were deposited with the Clerk of the Peace, which dealt with some proposed improvements, and on these plans, the County and other boundaries are fairly well marked.

If these plans are of any use to you, they can be inspected here at any time between the hours of 10 and 6

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. NICHOLSON.

Clerk of the Peace.

The Treasury Solicitor,
Law Courts Branch,
276, Royal Courts of Justice,
LONDON, W.C.

10, Lupus Street, S.W.

29th. September 1904.

Dear Sir,

Lee Fisheries. Waltham.

In reply to your letter of the 26th. inst. I beg to state that I am willing to render you what assistance I can on the subject.

In the first place, I was appealed to a few years ago by Captain Kirby of the Government Powder Mills at Waltham and produced to him the maps of Essex and Herts to which you refer and from which I believe he took some memoranda. These maps are not now in my possession and the Manor Court Rolls are in the possession of Mr. C.F.E. Yessopp of Waltham Abbey, the present Steward of the Manor.

I send for your inspection all extracts in my possession shewing presentments in 1672-3 as to the Powder Mills. I am unable to leave home owing to age and infirmity, but shall be glad to see you here and give any further information in my power on the subject.

Yours truly,

WALTER C. METCALFE.

The Treasury Solicitor,
Law Courts Branch,
276, Royal Courts of Justice,
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MANOR of WALTHAM HOLY CROSS

VIEW of FRANK PLEDGE with COURT BARON.

27th. MAY 1672.

Among the presentments of the Jury are the following:-

Pena "Also they present that RALPH HUDSON has erected a powder mill near a certain bridge called Hook's Marsh Bridge upon land pertaining to the Inhabitants of Upshire and Hallefield to the great nuisance of the inhabitants there, and of all others passing by the footway leading by the said Mill and the barges lying and there constantly being and to the great danger of the inhabitants and of their cattle daily passing the said Mill, and has obstructed the way leading from Hooks Marsh to Edmonsee to the great damage of the inhabitants they being deprived of the accustomed way. Therefore it is ordered that the said Ralph Hudson without delay shall remove the said Mill and restore the said ~~order~~ under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady of the Manor for every week the same shall continue £5."

MANOR of WALTHAM HOLY CROSS &c.

29th. MAY 1673.

Hudson in mia "Also they present that Hudson gent. will not remove his powder mill which is a great nuisance to the inhabitants and to travellers there passing according to the order of the last Court therefore he is amerced at £40.

Nocce Norne marsh Also they present that Ralph Hudson gent in shutting up the water has done so to the nuisance of the footway leading by Norne Marsh to Chestnut and it is ordered by the Court that the aforesaid Ralph Hudson shall sufficiently repair the same before the first day of June next under pain of forfeiting to the lady of the Manor £5.

Cousil

Also they present that the aforesaid Ralph Hudson has done great harm to the Marsh called Norne Marsh and to the hoppet called Norne Marsh Hoppet by cutting the turf for the mending of his banks, and it is ordered that he shall not do the same under pain of forfeiting to the Lady of the Manor for every time so offending £5.