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Wolfhamcote Inclosure Award (contd.)

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The Roads (shown in red)

There can be little doubt about the position of the awarded roads. In the case of the public road to Sawbridge watermill, this has had to be deduced from the description of John Clarke etc. allotment, as the Mill was no longer in existence at the date of publication of the O.S. map. The description of Elisabeth Walker's allotment appears to indicate that the awarded line of the Sawbridge to Wolfhamcote road lay along the northern and eastern sides of the allotment immediately adjacent to Sawbridge, and the line is shown in broken red at this point instead of across the field. The positions of Deadman's Gate, Watson's Gate, Casford's Lane, Church Walk Gate and Church Lane at Wolfhamcote are clear from the descriptions of the awarded roads. The first road is shown on Yates' 1787 and Greenwoods 1822 maps as going in a straight line towards Grandborough Fields Farm Footways (shown in green) and not as shown on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map

There can be little doubt as to the line of the first two mentioned awarded footways. The third and fourth mentioned footways cross the area in which difficulty was experienced in designating the allotments. Consequently, only the eastern end of the fourth mentioned footway is shown. The fifth mentioned footway is not printed on the O.S. map and its precise course therefore in doubt. The sixth footway to Grandborough is clear, but the seventh and eighth footways are not printed on the O.S. sheet, although the latter could well follow the awarded bridle road from Wolfhamcote to Daventry. The remaining three footways seem clear.

Field names and old enclosures (marked in blue)

The approximate position of a number of "closes", "furlongs" and other "places" are deducible from the descriptions in the Award, but the exact extent of any of them is unknown. At the north west corner of the area, the allotment of John Mieres, Vicar of Grandborough, is described as lying within Heavencroft Closes which are part of the Lakes Closes, in Grandborough. The position of the latter is readily ascertainable from the plan of the Lake Meadow in dispute between Grandborough and Willoughby in 1791, County Ref. Z 166L. A little to the south west the position of Foxley Hedge was obtained from the description of the 9th mentioned awarded footway which is described as crossing Meer Furlong. Along the south west side of the area, the position of Ten Acres Furlong was obtained from the description of William Masters allotments, while that of Salloway Furlong was obtained from the description of the second awarded road, as confirmed by the description of the second awarded road in the Flecknoe Inclosure Award (q.v.). Further to the south east, Great Tom Amy is mentioned in the awards to both John Arnold and Elias Thornicroft. Pitt Furlong and South Hill were deduced from the description of the last awarded footway which crosses three fields, but the wording "into and over the allotment of Euseby Holmes and across South Hill etc." seemed to imply the position of the two fields as shown. The position of Letts Close north of Euseby Holmes Homeclose was obtained from the description of that allotment, while the approximate position of Cox's Lees is derived from the description of the second mentioned footway which is described as joining the Flecknoe - Wolfhamcote cart road "at the north east corner of Cox's Lees within that allotment", the allotment concerned being that of the three Greens. The rather vague description of Justinian Raynsford's allotment gives the likely positions of "Bryley's Heeth", "Waith Hill Hedge" and "The Daleholes". The position of the ancient enclosure called "The Mottyard" at Wolfhamcote seems less clear, but there can be no doubt about the "Buryfields" where there is a Berryfields Farm in existence. South of Sawbridge the position of Millits Leys was obtained from the description of the private road awarded to Edward Masters which led from the Sawbridge - Lower Shuckburgh road at the north west corner of Millits Leys along the west side of the allotment to John Masters. Of the position of Bears Croft Close at Sawbridge there can be no doubt from the descriptions of the

two or three allotments away to the north. The position was not helped by the allotments of Thomas Raybone and Edward Short. The position was not helped by the cardinal points of the compass only being used to describe the allotments in that area. If, however, the name of Edward Short is substituted for John Turner in the allotment of Edmund Masters, the whole lot falls into place. At the north east end of the area, the areas of the three fields west of the allotment to J.N. Raynsford add up to the awarded areas of the allotments to Elisabeth Cleaver and John Langham, but the areas of the three individual fields do not in any way correspond. For this reason, there is no ^{positive} boundary shown between the two allotments. As the next allotments to the west are those of Richard Cleaver, a possible explanation is that when the Award was made an arrangement between the Cleaver family and John Langham was effected before the creation of the field boundaries as shown on the O.S. map.

The roads (marked in red)

The bridle roads (marked in green)

There would appear to be no doubt about the line of any of these. It is, however, interesting to note that the Churchway to Walfhamcote was only awarded to a width of 20 feet, while its continuation in Walfhamcote was awarded to the width of 40 feet.

The footways (shown in green)

Although the first of these to Upper Shuckburgh is shown along the printed line on the O.S. map, this does not correspond with the description which mentions the name of Edward Masters as one of the two allotments through which it passes. Again the name of Edward Masters is mentioned as one of the allotments through which the third footway passes. In the latter case, there is no way in which one can get to Staverton via this allotment.

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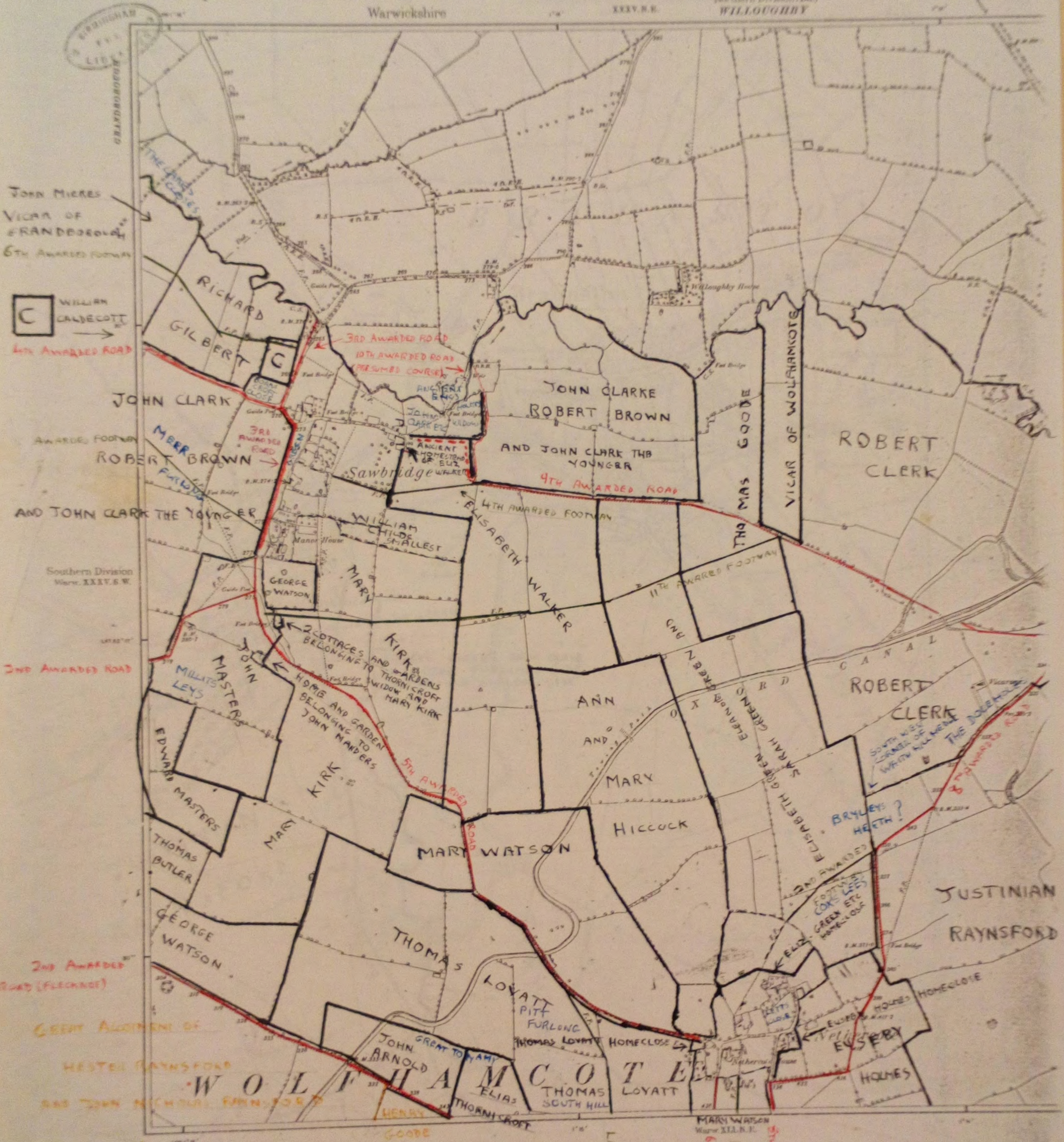
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